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Rash of wrecks continues, keeps emergency crews busy

DPS releases some names, withholds others

Anyone who ventures onto any of the highways passing through Schleicher County these days will tell you that traffic has increased dramatically in the past few months. And, unfortunately, so have the number of traffic accidents. A recent rash of accidents has tested the stamina of Eldorado's volunteer first responders while at the same time stretching the resources of their departments.

Last week, Eldorado experienced another round of mishaps, including three major traffic accidents over a four day period, beginning with a fatality rollover on County Road 302 that claimed the life of Matthew Russell, 21, on Sunday, February 25, 2007. That wreck was reported on the front page of last week's Success.

Information on the second two accidents is a bit sketchy since the Texas Department of Public Safety is refusing to release information about some of the drivers and/or victims involved.

One accident, involving a 1999 Chevy Suburban and a 2004 Ford Ranger pickup, occurred at about 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2007, approximately two miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277. That wreck sent a number of people to Schleicher County Medical

Center. Sheriff David Doran was the first to reach the scene where he found the highway blocked to traffic. Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe diverted north and south bound traffic onto County Road 302 (Old Sonora Road) while Schleicher County EMS personnel worked to free injured passengers and render emergency aid.

Two adults and three small children were taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment. A small female child and an adult female, both passengers in the '99 Suburban, were transported by Shannon Hospital's AirMed-1 helicopter to San Angelo. A third patient was later transferred by EMS ambulance to San Angelo.

DPS Trooper Ryan Dalton investigated the accident. He declined to release the name of the driver of the 2004 pickup but did report him as a 48-year-old male from Oklahoma. The Success has since learned the man is from Durant, Oklahoma and that he works for an oilfield service company in Sonora. It is believed the driver of the pickup suffered only minor injuries.

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EMS volunteers loaded the driver of the 2001 Toyota pickup pictured above into an ambulance for transport to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was hospitalized. The pickup was T-boned last Thursday morning at the intersection of U.S. 277 and U.S. 190 by the white 2001 Freightliner tractor trailer rig pictured at right. The truck's driver was also taken to the hospital for treatment. The driver of the Toyota pickup allegedly ran a stop sign

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Traffic on U.S. 277 was backed up for an hour on Wednesday, March 1, 2007, after this 1999 Chevy Suburban collided with a 2004 Ford Ranger pickup two miles north of Eldorado. Two adults and three children were taken to Schleicher County Medical Center by EMS ambulance. The accident remains under investigation by Trooper Ryan Dalton.

Jeffs' Utah empire crumbles, but it's business as usual at the YFZ Ranch

Jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs and several of his top lieutenants in the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS) have been ordered to pay nearly \$9 million in damages to the United Effort Plan Trust (UEP) they once managed.

Salt Lake City judge Denise Lindberg ruled last Thursday that Jeffs and other former trustees of the UEP must

pay \$8.8 million because of their mismanagement of the trust, misappropriation of property and other misconduct.

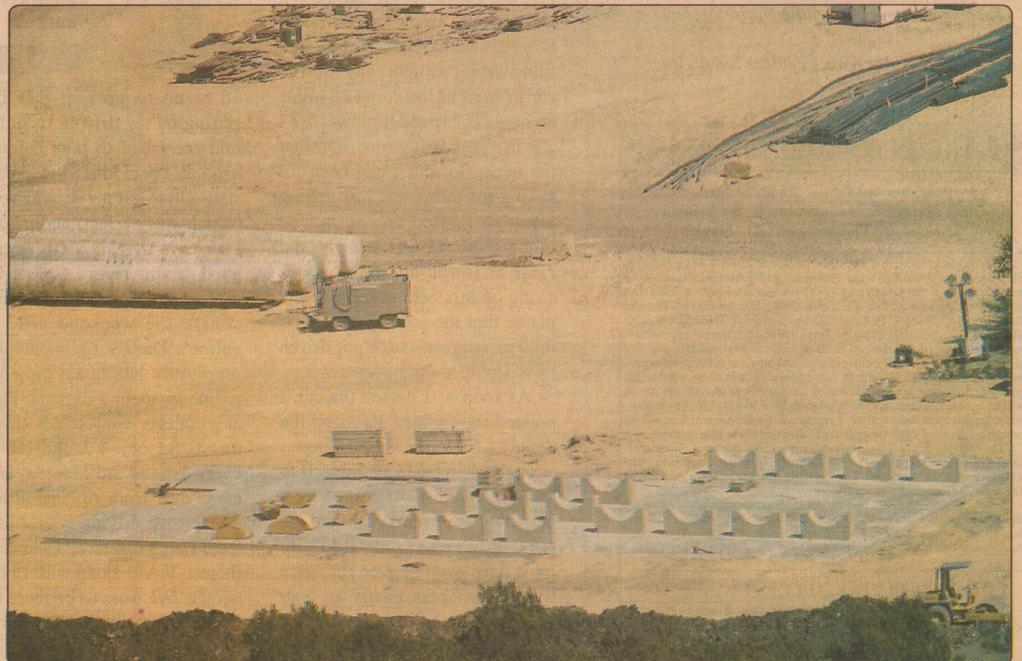
Meanwhile, closer to home, Jeffs' followers on the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado continue to pour millions of dollars of material and workmanship into new homes and infrastructure of a planned FLDS community.

Special Fiduciary Bruce Wisan, ad-

ministrators of the UEP Trust, brought the lawsuit against Jeffs in an attempt to collect money he says is missing from the UEP, may have a hard time

collecting any of the \$8.8 million. Jeffs has demonstrated an unwillingness to cooperate with the court, going so far as to order his followers who continue to live in homes owned by the UEP, not to

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Four 10,000 gallon propane tanks await installation on newly built pedestals at the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado. Three of the tanks have been licensed by the TCEQ for the storage of diesel fuel. The fourth tank and a smaller, 4,000 gallon tank have been licensed for the storage of gasoline. Pedestals also stand ready for two other tanks.

TML names Hilderbran as its 'Legislator of the Month'

AUSTIN - The Texas Municipal League and its 1,080 member cities announced Monday that Representative Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) has been named its "Legislator of the Month" for February 2007.

Rep. Hilderbran is a strong supporter of state and local parks and is the author of legislation this session (H.B. 6 and S.J.R. 71) that will infuse approximately \$15.5 million per year into our local parks system.

"Texas cities for many years have relied upon competitive state grants to assist with the development and improvement of local parks," said Frank Sturzl, executive director of TML. "In recent years, some of that funding was eliminated, and we sincerely appreciate Rep. Hilderbran's efforts to breathe new life into the local parks grant program."

Representatives from TML presented Rep. Hilderbran with a plaque at the

Capitol.

"I appreciate this honor from the Texas Municipal League and I hope that it draws attention to the crisis in our state and local park funding," Rep. Hilderbran said. "Our parks are vital to the economy of this great state and to the enjoyment of all Texans. It is crucial that we provide appropriate funding to enhance and develop these great resources."

First elected in 1988, Representative Hilderbran serves as Chairman of the House Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee and is also a member of the House Natural Resources Committee. He also serves as co-chairman of the legislative oversight committee for the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

The Texas Municipal League is a voluntary association of cities. It was established in 1913 for the purposes of serving the needs and advocating the interests of Texas cities.

How Faith Moved a Nation

How does a society vanquish a social ill that is deeply ingrained, that benefits the economy and that directly harms only the utterly powerless?

That is the question addressed by the new movie "Amazing Grace," and the companion book of the same name by author Eric Metaxas. They tell the story of William Wilberforce, the British parliamentarian whose decades-long fight against the slave trade finally resulted in its abolition in 1807. This year is the bicentennial of what was, to use contemporary argot, one of history's most successful "faith-based initiatives."



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Wilberforce was a committed Christian, whose faith informed his opposition to slavery and steeled him against the reverses that inevitably attended his against-the-odds battle. His model is a useful corrective in the current debate concerning the proper role of faith in American public life. Defenders of faith's importance tend to get squeezed on one side by secularists railing against imagined offenses to liberty and the Constitution and on the other by the buffoonish antics of Christian leaders like Pat Robertson.

Abolitionists confronted a forbidding landscape, as Metaxas makes clear in his spirited, moving account of Wilberforce's life: "Slavery was as accepted as birth and marriage and death, was so woven into the tapestry of human history that you could barely see its threads, much less pull them out. Everywhere on the globe, for 5,000 years, the idea of human civilization without slavery was unimaginable."

Abolition was, strictly speaking, impractical. According to Adam Hochschild's history of abolition, "Bury the Chains," Britain was a country "where profits from West Indian plantations gave a large boost to the economy, where customs duties on slave-grown sugar were an important source of government revenue, and where ... the trade itself had increased to almost unparalleled levels, bringing prosperity to key ports, including London itself."

How to overcome all this? The abolitionists called on the British people to live up to their professed faith. If they believed that all men were created in the image of God, how could they sanction treating some of them as chattel? They pushed the public's nose down into the facts of what happened on the slave ships, countering the propaganda about slaves enjoying their journey. They mobilized public opinion in an unprecedented way, producing petitions signed by hundreds of thousands of people.

And they were persistent. In 1796, a vote to abolish the trade lost by an agonizing four votes. It wasn't for another decade that the abolitionists won.

Such reformers can be humorless busybodies. ("Well, Henry, what shall we abolish next?" Wilberforce asked his earnest cousin Henry Thornton after the victory against the slave trade. Thornton, missing the lighthearted nature of the comment, replied, "The lottery, I think.")

They also can be farsighted advocates for change that, once it occurs, we all accept as inevitable and right. The abolition of the slave trade was such a change, championed 200 years ago by people who, thankfully, realized the importance of faith in public life.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Another Use Found for Duct Tape

Just when you think there couldn't possibly be another use for duct tape, they come up with a new one.

NASA's latest function for duct tape: controlling crazed astronauts.

(This is absolutely true, as would have been certified by the extremely trustworthy Price Waterhouse Coopers accounting firm if I had felt like bothering with them.)

Following the story of the unstable astronaut on Earth, reporters asked what would happen if an astronaut had emotional problems in space.

The answer, as any handyman might expect, is duct tape.

According to an AP report, the "astronauts should bind his wrists and ankles with duct tape, tie him down with a bungee cord and inject him with tranquilizers if necessary." (Bungee cord?)

This is in line with modern psychiatric practice, which holds, "If it moves and it shouldn't, use duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40."

Though used less often than duct tape in modern mental health care, WD-40, when aimed at the face in quick blasts, is considered "very effective" for short-term treatment of patients in a "lethargic" state.

Duct tape, of course, is al-

Don Flood

ready an essential part of every astronaut's tool kit. It's used for countless repairs and odd jobs, including:

- Fixing holes in wall of spacecraft.
- Repairing spacesuit leaks.
- Keeping those darn doors closed.
- Landing on low-gravity asteroids inhabited by space babes.

The NASA guidelines also suggest how to talk to the troubled astronaut:

"Explain what you are doing, and that you are using a restraint to ensure that he is safe."

Sure, that would go over well. Astronaut No. 1: What are doing with that duct tape?

Astronaut No. 2: Oh, I'm just fixing the door. I think some rain's seeping in around the cracks.

Astronaut No. 1: There's no rain out in space! You're trying to tape me down!

Astronaut No. 2 (with help from others): Now, now, take it easy. We're just going to bind your wrists and ankles so you'll be nice and safe.

Astronaut No. 1: Help!!!

Astronaut No. 2: And just a little more for your mouth. There, isn't that better?

But while conflicts brought about by zero-gravity love triangles hold potential dangers for manned (and womanned) space missions, they also offer an opportunity.

I've said this before, as did Albert Einstein and Wernher von Braun before me, but if NASA expects Americans to support the space program, it needs to provide them with a practical reason for doing so.

I'm talking about a reality show based on the old "Love Boat" TV series.

Bring a bunch of good-looking people who don't know each other and blast them into orbit.

Since this is space travel, and therefore inherently dangerous, the passengers would have to be carefully screened to make sure at least one of them was a certifiable whack job.

This person's role would be to provide the "spark" to keep the viewers coming back week after week.

They just need to remember one thing: pack plenty of duct tape.

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Perry names special master to investigate Texas Youth Commission

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Rather than place the troubled Texas Youth Commission in conservatorship at the urging of the lieutenant governor and a committee of lawmakers, Gov. Rick Perry appointed Jay Kimbrough as special master to get the agency back in line.

Kimbrough's job will be to investigate sexual abuse of detainees reported at facilities in Giddings, Brownwood and Pyote.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, the state's ethics prosecutor, is conducting his own investigation into allegations that reports of sexual abuse in TYC facilities were altered by state officials.

A former assistant Texas attorney general, Kimbrough also is a former chief of staff for Perry and formerly served as the state's director of homeland security.



Attending Defensive Driving School

It was a beautiful day in early January. I was headed to East Texas to do some interviews. The sun was out, the sky was a perfect blue and I could see for miles down the highway. God's in his heaven, all's right with the world. The only thing wrong with this day was the car in front of me doing 40 miles an hour. The speed limit was 70. I was in a no-passing zone, but what the heck, this car I had been following for miles was just poking along so I eased around it. The highway ahead was straight and clear of traffic and there was a string of cars behind me. I didn't notice that the second vehicle behind me happened to be one driven by a deputy sheriff.

As soon as I passed the car, I noticed the flashing lights on the deputy's SUV. He was courteous enough. He introduced himself to me and asked me if I knew why he pulled me over. I admitted my guilt. What else could I do? He must have been new on the force because he spent nearly an hour writing the ticket.

This occurred in a little place just outside Athens called Seven Points. I called the Henderson County JP and asked what I need-



by Tumbleweed Smith

ed to do to prevent this from getting on my driving record. He told me I had to take defensive driving. I paid him \$104, paid the state \$10 to get my driving record (which was perfect) and paid A-1 Defensive Driving \$30 to keep my good driving record.

I took the defensive driving course the weekend after Valentine's Day. Some members of my family had taken the course online or spent 3 nights taking it at a college. They said both were unsatisfactory. I found out that every 1st and 3rd Saturday a guy came over from Abilene to teach a defensive driving course at our local Furr's cafeteria. I showed up there at 9 AM along with 19 other people. We were to be there until 3 PM. Lunch was included in the tuition price.

The instructor, named Joe, made the time fly by. He talked, made jokes, showed videos and got

everybody in the course involved. Before noon he knew the names of everyone in the class. The course is a good thing for any driver. You learn about recent changes in traffic laws and you come away a better driver. And you get a 10% reduction in your car insurance rates.

The material was, shall we say, sobering: 35,000 to 50,000 people are killed on our nation's highways every year because of drunk drivers and people who don't use seat belts. Drivers who use cell phones are four times more likely to have an accident than people who don't use the phone while driving. The reason so many teens have wrecks is because they are inexperienced.

Drivers most likely to die on the highway are those over 80 years old. Teens are second. Momentary distractions cause crashes. These include dialing the radio, eating and applying makeup. In a single year in the metroplex, 8 women died from pushing a mascara brush through their eye into their brain. We learned that it takes one hour for our bodies to absorb a drink of alcohol and you really can't afford to get a DWI. February is the most dangerous month for drivers, October is the safest.

AG abates opinion on documents

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott took action to help prevent identity theft on Feb. 21 by issuing an opinion saying that county clerks should remove Social Security numbers from copies of documents on file before releasing them to the public.

Abbott's opinion said failure to comply would result in criminal charges. So clerks found themselves in a tough spot when citizens showed up the next day to get courthouse records needed to conduct routine business.

County clerks across Texas had to slow down or shut down all or part of their public information operations, because so many types of documents contain Social Security numbers.

Complaints from far and wide flew in, prompting Abbott to abate his opinion for 60 days — supposedly enough time for counties to adjust to the practice of redacting Social Security numbers.

House slows down Jessica's Law

The Texas House on Feb. 28 postponed further deliberation on House Bill 8, a "Jessica's Law" bill by Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston.

After salty debate mainly over the bill's death penalty component and costs of implementation, the House voted 131-10 to wait until March 5 to continue consideration by the full House.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 14 announced the filing of SB 5, the Senate version of Jessica's Law.

Differences between the two bills would have to be reconciled in a final version, but as presently written, the legislation would do the following:

- Require mandatory 25 years to life sentences for a first-time violent sexual offense against a child under age 14;
- Require lifetime GPS monitoring for child sex offenders;
- Allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty for a second sexually violent offense against a child under age 14; and
- Double the statute of limitations on sexual crimes against children from 10 to 20 years.

Jessica's Law is named for 9-year-old Floridian Jessica Lunsford. In March 2005, the child was abducted from her Florida home, raped and murdered by a convicted sex offender. Since then, more than two dozen states

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OBITUARIES

Rosa Sauer Faught

Rosa Sauer Faught age 93, passed away Monday, March 5, 2007 in Eldorado. Rosa was born September 9, 1913 in Gillespie County.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church in Eldorado. Brother Stephen Emmons and Brother Harris Hopper will both officiate.

Survivors are daughter Carol Blair and husband Frank D.; granddaughter Linda Locklear and two grandsons: Lance Blair and Frank A. "Tony" Blair and wife

Maggie; grandchildren Krystal, Devin, Seth, Josh and Ashleigh all of San Angelo, Texas; also a brother William Sauer and wife Mary Lee of Midland; sisters: Gertrude Perkins and husband Clyde of Dumas, Bertha Lux and Irene Reynolds and husband Billy Jack both of Eldorado.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Milton Faught, daughter Geneva Rose and her parents Otto and Louise Sauer.

Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Viola Ida Helmers McCown

SAN ANGELO — Viola Ida Helmers McCown, of Miles, was born Aug. 28, 1915, in Sherwood, Texas. She died on Sunday, March 4, 2007, in a local nursing home. She was 92 years old.

Having moved to Miles in 1948, Viola was committed to loving her family, friends and community with a love that proceeded from her Christian faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilson Avery McCown; her parents, Ida and Charley Helmers; her sister, Ella Prosis; and brothers Edwin, Monroe and Harry Helmers.

Survivors include sons Chester and wife Ollie McCown of Miles, Clayton and wife Carolyn McCown of Orient and Sidney and wife Kathy McCown of Robert Lee; daughter Brenda and husband Quinn Conley of Tuscola; 10 grandchildren, Amy Rutherford and husband Matt, Brett McCown and wife Liz, Kendra Buchanan

and husband Ken, Amanda McCown, Ron McCown and wife Tracy, Lee McCown and wife Mandi, Dan McCown and wife Jan, Daisy Blair and husband Joe, Cara DeAnda and husband Charlie and Andrea Conley; seven great-grandchildren, Sheldon McCown, Madison and Olivia Rutherford, Stran, Daylee and Cutter Blair and Shelby Buchanan; and sister-in-law Jo Helmers of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were Ron, Lee, Dan and Brett McCown, Joe Blair, Charlie DeAnda and Ken Buchanan.

Family visitation was 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, March 5, at Johnson's Funeral Home. Funeral worship was Tuesday, March 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Miles with Pastor Diane Terrazas officiating. Burial followed in Miles Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church or Miles Senior Citizens Center.

Matthew Steele Russell

ELDORADO — With great sadness, our son, Matthew Steele Russell, departed from this world and us on Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at the age of 21 from a single vehicle rollover.

Matthew was born on Aug. 10, 1985, to James and Ava Russell in Monahans, Texas. His life was celebrated Thursday, March 1, at the First Baptist Church of Eldorado with the Rev. Andy Anderson officiating. Burial followed on our place where he will be surrounded

by the things he enjoyed. He loved nature, hunting, fishing and the country life.

Matthew spent his early growing up years in Seminole, Texas, loving to help his dad farm, which he learned at a very young age. He attended middle school in Ralls, Texas, and high school in Snyder, Texas. In 2006, he moved to Eldorado, Texas, with his family. This past year, he attended Texas State Technical College in Brownwood, Texas, majoring in machine fabrication.

Matthew is survived by his parents; his older sister, Amber Miley of Lubbock, Texas; and his younger brother, Troy Cole Russell of Eldorado. He is survived by his grandparents, R.D. and Opal Russell of De Leon, Texas. He is also survived by numerous loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Matthew was preceded in death by his grandparents, Isice and Betty Hudson of Denver City, Texas.

We give eternal thanks to God for putting this precious life into our keep for a little over 21 years and look forward to the day we will again be joined together.



Chris Minor, Cindy Sanchez, Brittany Jennings and RidgeAnn Sudduth rehearsed last Thursday night "Dearly Departed," Eldorado High School's entry in the UIL One-Act Play Contest

EHS actors bring 'Dearly Departed' to life

Eldorado High School's One-Act Play Dearly Departed recently traveled to Mason for a Festival in order to prepare for their upcoming Zone competition. The Festival was a chance to perform under contest conditions and be critiqued by a qualified judge. The performance went well, and the judge was both complimentary and critical, offering some productive suggestions.

The cast and crew are practicing diligently in preparation for their

Zone contest to be held March 22nd in Menard against plays from Christoval, Irion County, and Menard. Two plays will advance from Zone and compete at District the following week in Forsan.

Dearly Departed will be presented to the student body on Wednesday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. A community performance will be held on Sunday, March 25 at 2:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Admission is free and all are encouraged to attend this delightful comedy.

It's A Boy!

Wayne and Luci Jenkins, along with their daughters Lacey age 7, Lily age 5, and Dani age 4, welcomed on February 5, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. a son and baby brother, Davey Wayne Jenkins who weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces.

Wayne is the grandson of Jessie Jenkins and Nancy Terry of Eldorado.

Paternal grandparents are Dan Jenkins and Nancy Jenkins and maternal grandparents are David and Ghan Templeton.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, March 12
Beef Stew, Stew Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Cornbread, Citrus Fruit Cups, Milk

Tuesday, March 13
Barbecue Chicken, Blackeyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls, Pears w/Pineapples, Chocolate Chip Cookies/ Milk

Wednesday, March 14
Fried Fish w/Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffins. Bread Pudding w/Raisins, Milk

Thursday, March 15
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk

Friday, March 16
Roast Beef w/Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Carrot Cake.

Capital Highlights...

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House and Senate versions of legislation to create an 11-member Texas Organic Agricultural Advisory Board.

The board would:

- meet at least once a year;
- assist the Texas Department of Agriculture in assessing the organic produce industry;
- find ways to promote and expand the industry;
- work on getting grants and gifts to nurture the industry;
- help to develop an organic agricultural products education and awareness campaign.

Agency would redraw districts

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, filed SB 1068, legislation to create a Texas Congressional Redistricting Commission.

The highly politicized task of redrawing U.S. congressional district boundaries is normally done by the Texas Senate every 10 years.

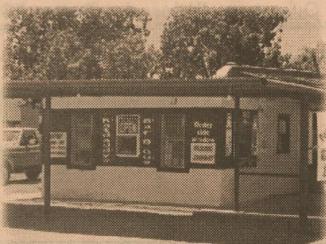
Wentworth's bill would give the job to a nine-member, balanced, bipartisan commission of Texas residents. Eight members (four from each major party) would elect a nonvoting member to preside.

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REGISTER FOR WEEKLY DRAW

Winner of this week's \$100 drawing was Mary Hernandez, shown here accepting the prize from Linda Gonzalez.

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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Eldorado Eagle Golf- (Front L-R) Kirsten Stubbs, Richmond Adame, Adam Dominguez; (Back L-R) Cash Lane, Tyler Doan and Clayton Sauer. Not pictured Maureen Martinez.

EHS golfers 3rd in Big Lake

Cash Lane was 3rd place medalist after a playoff at the Reagan County High School Golf Tournament held March 6, 2007 in Big Lake.

The Eagles team placed 3rd overall with a team total of 358. Cash Lane scored 81, Tyler Doan 86, Adam Dominguez 88, Richmond Adame 103 and Clayton Sauer 104.

Kirsten Stubbs scored a 117 and Maureen Martinez score a 121.

On February 23-24 at the Hidden Springs Open in Mason, Cash Lane was first place medalist in the men's division with a score of 165. Eldorado team placed third, behind Brady and Sonora with a total score of 776.

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Lady Eagles softball team is on a roll

As the lyrics to the old Country song go, "When you're hot, you're hot," and right now the Lady Eagles softball team is hot...red hot.

After dropping one game early, the girls blew through the brackets in the Sweetwater Tourney, downing the Sweetwater JV, Stamford, Winters and Post by a combined score of 53-15 to take the 1st place trophy. They then followed up with a 27-2 win over Ozona and a 10-1 victory over Miles.

Needless to say, Coach Brian Daniels is pleased with his team's play. He pointed out the fact that two of the teams they faced in the Sweetwater Tourney, Post and Stamford, are both 2A squads that went 3 rounds deep into the playoffs last season.

While the Lady Eagles defense has been stingy with opponents, the girls' superb batting has supercharged the team's offense.

Cassandra Buitron went 11 of 13 at the plate in Sweetwater with 11 RBIs. She was supported by teammates who were equally impressive. Corie Williams went 9 of 14 with 4 RBIs. Bridgett Mitchell hit for 8 of 11 and 5 RBIs. Haley Higgins was 6 of 10 for 5 RBIs. Mariana Guzman, Amika Gonzalez and Megan Griffin went 5-9, 3-9 and 5-11, for 2, 2 and 1 RBIs, respectively.

"The girls are having to step up their play this year," Coach Daniels commented. "So far we have met almost every challenge that has been placed before us."

The Lady Eagles pulled out their big bats again against Ozona on Feb. 28th for a 27-2 win in Eldorado.

Corie Williams went 4-6 with a triple. Haley Higgins was 4-6 with a double while Bridgett Mitchell and Amika Gonzalez were both 3-6 at the plate. Cassandra Buitron was 2-6, Mariana 2-3, Megan Griffin 2-6 and Darci Graves 1-6 in the lopsided win over a 2A team.

The Lady Eagles followed up with a 10-1 win over District foe the Miles Lady Bulldogs on Friday, March 2nd.

Montalvo earns consolation at Ozona tennis meet

The Eldorado's Varsity Tennis Teams traveled to Ozona on February 16-17, 2007.

In Girls Singles division Kristin Mittel lost to Kaylon Stanley of Forsan in the first round. Mittel lost in the Consolation Round to Tara Kuykendall of Forsan 8-6.

J. C. Rodriguez lost to MaryNell Subia of Reagan County 6-4, 6-0 after winning her first round with Sophie Trevino of Ozona, and then lost to Kuykendall of Forsan 8-6.

Lindsey Pridemore had a bye in the first round, and lost to Alex Kenney of Sonora 6-0, 6-0. Pridemore also lost to Kuykendall of Forsan 8-1.

Varsity Boy's Division Able

Montalvo won Consolation. Montalvo had a bye in the first round and lost to Obed Jiminez of Reagan County 6-1, 6-2 in the next. Montalvo won the next round 8-5 against Stevie Pacheco of Sonora and went on to play Tyler Vaughn of Water Valley winning 8-0.

Also, Logan Jones lost to Jacob Spivey of Sonora in the first round, had a bye in the next and lost to Clay Lockhart 8-3.

Girls Doubles April Porras and Emily Espinosa lost to McDonald and Beten of Forsan 8-4 in the consolation round.

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Hernandez and Family would like to thank the people of Eldorado for their many acts of kindness since the loss of our son, David.

Your visits, calls, cards, and letters are greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to the students, teachers and coaches of Eldorado for your thoughts and prayers and to everyone who helped decorate the gym for the funeral mass.

We also appreciate Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for the wonderful meal.

We will always miss David. He will forever be in our hearts.



Plateau Relays slated here this weekend

The 2007 Plateau Relays will be held March 10 at Eagle Stadium. Teams entered at press time were Cornerstone, Eldorado, Forsan Grape Creek, Irion County and Hamlin.

The 3200 Meter Run will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Field Events to follow. The running events will start at 1:30 p.m.

The Middle School track meet will be Friday, March 9 with the 2400 Meter Run to begin at 2:30 p.m. The finals will begin at 5:00 p.m. There will be no preliminaries, all running events will be run against time. Teams entered are Cornerstone, Eldorado, Grape Creek and Irion County.

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The District Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest was held at Davidson Gym in Ozona on Feb. 25. Pictured are the winners that will compete at regionals in the Wall Gym on March 4. They are: (Front, L-R) Rebecca Ramos, Ozona; Kodi Glosson, Ozona; Brittany Galan, Eldorado; Briana Nicole Lara, Ozona; Colton Crowder, Eldorado; Khalid Valencia, Ozona; Saul Benson, Ozona; Tyler Farmer, Eldorado and Eric Talamantez, Ozona. Knights of Columbus members helping with the contest are: (Back L-R) District Deputy #181 Tony Schillo, San Angelo; Albert Talamantez, Jr., Ozona; Rudy Martinez, Ozona; Grand Knight Jimmy Aguilar, Eldorado and Emilio Tambunga, Ozona. Brittany Galan placed 2nd at Regionals in Wall on Sunday, March 4 receiving a bronze medal in the 11 Year Old Girls Division.

Schleicher Co. Nursing Home Chit Chat

by Activity Director Annie Arispe

Employees and residents of Schleicher Co. Nursing Home are excited to have completed one memorial brick walkway from our back patio to the waterfall and lily pond where residents and guests enjoy watching the fish and celebrate and the blossoming of water lilies.

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Please purchase memorial pavers so there is more wheelchair access for our residents. For more information call Annie Arispe at 325-853-2507 Ext. 132.

Three auto accidents in four days

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The driver of the Suburban was listed as Terry Owen of Sonora. His passengers were reportedly his wife, Kelly, and their three children. Ms. Owen was reportedly transferred to a San Antonio hospital where she is recovering from extensive injuries to an arm. One of the children remains hospitalized in San Angelo recovering from head trauma. The child is said to be progressing well.

Emergency personnel quickly cleared the accident scene and northbound traffic was allowed to begin making its way around the wreckage after about 30 minutes. A half hour later the southbound traffic was returned to U.S. 277.

At about 3:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2007, a 2001 Toyota pickup was struck broadside in the Intersection of U.S. 277 and U.S. 190 by a 2004 Freightliner truck. The truck was reportedly headed northbound on U.S. 277. As it entered the outskirts of Eldorado it collided with the Toyota pickup that had reportedly run the stop sign at the intersection. The pickup was knocked across the triangle shaped lot occupied by Jim Runge's Hysterical District, before coming to rest on the north side of the property.

The driver of the truck was listed as John Spivey. His hometown and age were unavailable. Spivey was taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment. The Toyota pickup's driver was also taken by EMS ambulance to SCMC for treatment and hospitalization. His name, age and hometown is being withheld by Trooper Ryan Dalton, who investigated this accident, too.

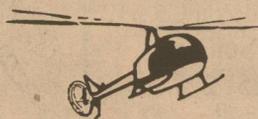
The Success made numerous attempts to obtain the names of the two drivers being withheld but was told by Trooper Dalton and his supervisor, Sergeant Galindo that the information will not be released as long as an investigation is ongoing. The Success filed a formal request under the Texas Public Information Act with DPS headquarters in Austin seeking the names of the two drivers and other information about the accidents.

T.J. Rodriguez, president of the

Schleicher County Volunteer EMS explained that the recent spate of accidents, coupled with the routine calls the EMTs normally make, has put a strain on the volunteer service.

Mandatory monthly training meetings have been implemented and new volunteers are being sought. By Tuesday afternoon of

this week, the ambulance service had responded to five emergency calls already in March. There were 29, calls in February, 20 in January, 14 in December and 32 in November. The calls range from basic transfers from SCMC to San Angelo to major traffic accidents like those experienced during the past week.



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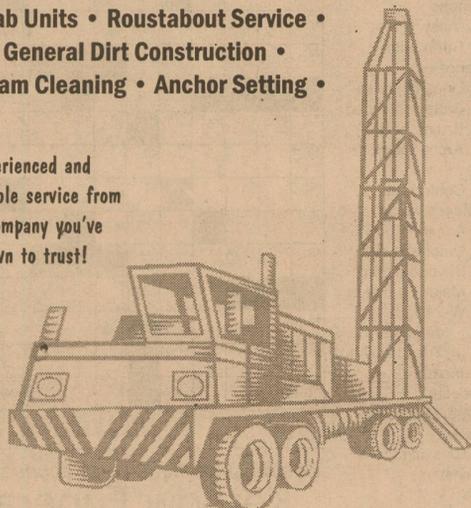
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Jeffs' Utah empire crumbles as YFZ Ranch grows

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Wisn, a Salt Lake City accountant, was named to head the UEP in 2005 after Judge Denise Lindberg found that it was being mismanaged by Jeffs and his cronies. She later restructured the trust so that Wisn could collect damages from the former trustees for attorney and fiduciary fees, as well as money to replace equipment that disappeared from UEP property in Hildale, Utah and Colorado City, Arizona.

Private investigator Sam Brower, of Cedar City, Utah, testified on Thursday of last week that he had seen a large crew of men, perhaps as many as 50, dismantling equipment and removing property belonging to the UEP Trust.

For his part, Wisn seems to ac-

knowledge that collecting the \$8.8 million judgement will be difficult, but he says he has some ideas.

One idea may involve going after UEP assets that have been moved to other locations still controlled by Jeffs loyalists. Locations such as Mancos, Colorado or Pringle, South Dakota. Or...perhaps even at the YFZ Ranch here in Schleicher County, Texas.

The YFZ Ranch is owned by YFZ Land, L.L.C., a corporation established by David Allred, one of Jeffs' closest supporters. At first glance there appears to be no direct link connecting Jeffs or his FLDS church with the ownership of the YFZ Ranch. The massive white limestone temple that dominates the property is taxable in Schleicher County because no one on the ranch has filed for a

religious exemption.

Still, documents filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality list the property as a "religious retreat" and a "religious organization." Also, the temple itself was constructed under orders from Warren Jeffs and a number of his closest relatives are said to reside on the property.

Work at the ranch continues almost day and night as large structures continue to be erected. The value of the property alone may make it an appealing target for Wisn.

The latest addition to the YFZ is a large above-ground fuel storage facility that is under construction near the property's south gate. Concrete pedestals have been poured and large propane storage tanks await installation nearby.

But the facility apparently isn't intended to store propane. Instead, five of the tanks have been licensed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the storage of diesel and gasoline. Three of the 10,000 gallon tanks have been licensed for diesel storage while another 10,000 gallon tank and a 4,000 gallon tank have been licensed for gasoline storage.

Two other concrete pedestals have been built and there are other tanks nearby, but it is unknown if those tanks will be put into service or what they will be used for.

Legal Eagles

On another front, Warren Jeffs' attorney Walter Bugden filed a series of motions Tuesday in Utah District Court asking that Jeffs' trial on charges of Rape as an Accomplice be moved away from St. George. Bugden is also asking Judge James Shumate to rule that Utah's law under which Jeffs is charged is "unconstitutionally vague."

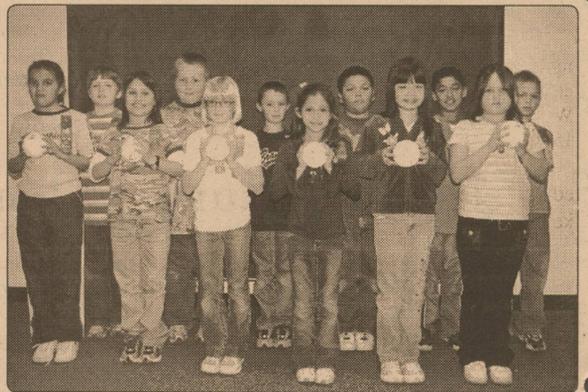
The UEP Trust also faces a series of lawsuits. One by a group known as the "Lost Boys," a group of teenagers kicked out of the FLDS Church, and another by a woman identified as "M.J.," the same woman testifying against Jeffs in his criminal trial.

Jeffs, 51, is scheduled to go on trial in April in St. George on charges of rape as an accomplice, a first-degree felony. He stands accused of forcing a 14-year-old girl into a marriage with her 19-year-old cousin.

It remains to be seen if Walter Bugden's attempt to have Utah's law declared unconstitutional will bear fruit. If it fails, he still has the motion asking that the trial be moved away from St. George, a town that is only 40 miles away from Jeffs one-time stronghold on the Utah/Arizona border.



2007 GEESO (Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Out) Fourth Grade: (Girls Front L-R) 1. Kiarra Trevino 2. Abby Nolen (not shown) 3. Melissa Hernandez 4. Mika Key 4. Wesley Jackson, 5. Arden Mertz and 6. McKenzie McAngus (Boys Back L-R) 1. Carlos Guzman, 2. Adrian Martinez, 3. Tres Whitten (not shown), 5. Jacob Sanchez and 6. Lucas Santellano



2007 GEESO (Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Out) Third Grade (Girls Front L-R) 1. Mariana Duran 2. Rachelle Garcia 3. Rylea Self 4. Julissa Martinez, 5. Kaitlyn Lindsey 5. Jose Guerra, and 6. Heather Moreno (Boys Back L-R) 1. Eli Hulsey, 2. Jaime Chancellor, 3. Cade Ledbetter, 4. Uber (Jr) Gonzales and 6. Tyler Wilha.



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NOTICE REGARDING THE UNITED EFFORT PLAN TRUST

I. Notice of Reformation of Trust

On October 25, 2006, the United Effort Plan Trust (the "Trust") was reformed by the Court in the case of *In re United Effort Plan Trust*, Case No. 053900848 in the Third District Court of Salt Lake County, Utah. The reformed Trust is governed by a document entitled **REFORMED DECLARATION OF TRUST OF THE UNITED EFFORT PLAN TRUST DATED OCTOBER 25, 2006** (the "Reformed Declaration"). A copy of the Reformed Declaration may be found at the Trust's website at: www.ueptrust.com/UEPTImages/Reformed-Declaration-Trust.pdf. All interested parties are encouraged to review the Reformed Declaration for information regarding the reformed Trust.

In connection with the reformation of the Trust, the Court has removed the former Trustees. The Reformed Declaration provides that the Trust will eventually be administered by a Board of Trustees to be appointed by the Court. Until the Court appoints and transfers powers to the Board of Trustees, the Trust shall be administered by the Court-appointed Special Fiduciary.

II. Notice of Process to Petition for Benefits from the Trust

The Reformed Declaration provides that the Trust may provide benefits to members of the Trust's beneficiary class ("Trust Participants"). Such benefits may include distributing Trust property to individual Trust Participants.

In accordance with the Reformed Declaration, the Trust has established a uniform process for Trust Participants to petition for benefits from the Trust. The Trust has prepared a form *Petition for Benefits* to be used by Trust Participants. Additional information regarding the petition process is contained in the *Petition for Benefits*. Copies of the *Petition for Benefits* may be obtained on-line at the Trust's website: www.ueptrust.com/UEPTImages/PetitionforBenefits.pdf, or by request made to the Special Fiduciary at the address listed below.

The Trust has established a deadline of **March 31, 2007** for the submission of *Petitions for Benefits*. All petitions must be received by the Special Fiduciary on or before the deadline as follows: by mail to 132 West Pierpont Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; by facsimile to 801-328-2015; or, by e-mail to bwisan@wsp.com. Petitions received after the deadline will not be considered in the first round of petition review. Such petitions, however, will be considered at a later time.

III. Notice of Request for Input Regarding Distributions of Trust Property

After March 31, 2007, the Trust intends to make decisions regarding the distribution of Trust property. Because such decisions may permanently impact the ownership status of Trust property, the Trust desires to be fully informed of all relevant facts in making such decisions. Accordingly, the Trust desires input from any and all interested parties with respect to distributions of Trust property. *If you have any information relevant to the distribution of Trust property, you are requested to make it known to the Trust in writing by March 31, 2007.*

Many Trust Participants have indicated that they have a special interest or desire with respect to the use and/or distribution of specific items of Trust property - including specific parcels of land, houses, business property, partially-constructed buildings, and vacant lots. The Trust is informed that many Trust Participants have a special interest in certain property based upon the Trust Participant's: (1) construction of buildings on the property; (2) donation of labor or materials for the improvement of the property; or (3) prior occupancy of the property.

In addition, the Trust is informed that some Trust Participants may have a special interest or desire in specific Trust property based upon statements made by the former Trustees of the Trust. The Trust is informed that the former Trustees may have assigned certain individuals to occupy and improve certain specified parcels of Trust property. Some houses, partially-constructed buildings, and vacant lots located on Trust property may have been designated for the use of certain individuals by the former Trustees. Please take notice that, although designations made by the former Trustees are not binding upon the Trust, the Trust will consider such information in determining the appropriate distribution of Trust property under the Reformed Declaration.

If you have any interest or desire with respect to any specific item of Trust property you must make it known to the Trust by submitting a completed form *Petition for Benefits* prior to the expiration of the deadline. Alternatively, if you do not wish to submit a *Petition for Benefits*, but you nevertheless wish to provide input with respect to the use or distribution of Trust property, you are requested to provide such input to the Trust in writing on or before March 31, 2007.

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Eldorado's Rehab phone bank is tops in Concho Valley

Mary Roden reported this week that Eldorado's phone bank during the West Texas Rehabilitation Center telethon collected more than \$4,116. That moves Eldorado's total to \$96,494 since the phone bank began in 1991, by far the highest total in the Concho Valley. The next closest phone bank was Sonora with \$80,850. Robert Lee was third with \$78,379.

Roden received the news during an appreciation luncheon held for Rehab volunteers on February 20, 2007 in San Angelo.

Eldorado's Rehab phone bank was begun by Mabel Freitag in 1991. She continued to oversee the annual fundraiser, passing the torch to Mary Roden a few years ago.

Roden noted that the success wouldn't be possible without a

number of local volunteers who have helped throughout the years including Loida Almazon, Stacy Haynes, Randy Mitchel, Susie Richters, August Roden, Buff and Dawn Whitten, Orval and Charlene Edmiston and Mary Leigh Dunagan.

Special thanks was also given to Southwest Texas Electric Co-operative for hosting the phone bank.

Homer attends school governance seminar

Kurtis Homer of Schleicher County ISD joined more than 400 local trustees from across the state at the Texas Associations of School Boards' (TASB) Winter Governance and Legal Seminar February 15-17 in Corpus Christi.

The seminar offered practical continuing education for new and experienced trustees on key issues facing local districts, including school

finance, student activity on the Internet, board member speech, campus safety, employee compensation, school partnerships, and the board's role in student achievement. Participants also examined proposed legislation, legal updates, district planning and budgeting, team building, successful bond elections, and superintendent compensation and evaluations.

A&M names honor students

COLLEGE STATION, March 6, 2007 - Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the fall 2006 semester, recognizing them for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0. A second designation, "Distinguished Student,"

recognizes those who earned a 3.5 to 3.74 GPR while taking at least 15 hours for the fall semester.

Named to the Dean's Honor Roll was Layna Estelle Murr, a senior from Eldorado pursuing Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Distinguished Students included Courtney Rene Sauer, a senior from Eldorado pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Sciences degree.

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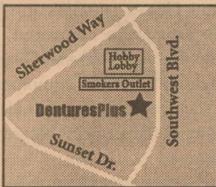


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51st District Court Report

The 51st District Court of Schleicher County met Monday, March 5, 2007 with the Honorable Barbara L. Walthers presiding. The following judgements were handed down.

Joe Louis Lozano of Eldorado was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance and Motion To Revoke. Lozano received 3 years in TDCJ, fined \$800.00, ordered to pay court costs of \$515 with a \$40 credit for payments already made. He also must make restitution of \$140 on the MTR.

Lozano also received 540 days state jail on the possession charge.

Norberto Huete Moya of Eldorado was charged with Driving while Intoxicated, 3rd or more. Moya was given 5 years, TDCJ (probated) and \$1,500.00 fine.

Concho Valley Cotton Conference slated March 21

The Concho Valley Cotton Conference will be held at the San Angelo Convention Center from 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

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ARRESTS

Feb. 21 • Lozano, Charles Joe, male age 42, offense Motion To Revoke/Assault On Public Servant.

March 1 • Steele, Ricardo, male age 54, offense Phone Harassment/Terroristic Threat.

March 2 • Palomo, Christopher, male age 23, offense Purchasing/Furnishing Alcohol To a Minor.

INCIDENTS

Feb. 27 • 9:20 p.m. Complainant requested an officer at their residence.

Feb. 28 • 2:39 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS responded.

• 6:40 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about an earlier unreported minor car accident on Rudd Road. Subjects drove away and traded insurance at a later date. Officer notified.

• 10:14 p.m. Complainant reported a stolen vehicle possibly taken by sibling who resides in Sonora. Officer notified.

March 1 • 12:56 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance transfer to San Angelo hospital.

• 3:01 p.m. Complainant reported loose horses on Hwy. 190. Officer notified.

• 4:45 p.m. Subject reported missing items from yard during the night on East Street. Subject requested an officer.

• 5:35 p.m. Caller reported loose horses on West Hwy. 190.

• 8:33 p.m. Caller reported a white pit bull in their yard. Officer responded.

March 2 • 5:16 p.m. Complainant reported a sheep in a ditch. Officer notified.

• 5:18 p.m. Complainant reported a pit bull in their yard. Officer responded.

• 7:19 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer.

• 9:59 p.m. Complainant reported a stranded motorist on Hwy. 277 south. Officer was unable to locate.

March 3 • 7:09 p.m. Complainant reported loud music coming from neighbors house across street. Officer notified.

• 7:35 p.m. Complainant reported

domestic disturbance. Officer notified.

• 7:43 p.m. Complainant reported two suspicious persons leaving an apartment they did not live in. Officer notified and suspects fled scene.

• 7:45 p.m. Complainant reported a possible house fire. False alarm.

• 11:11 p.m. Tom Green Sheriff's Office advised of a possible reckless driver heading southbound on Hwy. 277 north. Officer notified.

March 4 • 10:10 a.m. Caller informed the Sheriff Office of a controlled burn.

• 10:40 a.m. Complainant reported loud music coming from a vehicle behind their residence. Officer notified.

• 5:56 p.m. Caller reported receiving several unsolicited collect calls from Schleicher County Jail. Investigation on going.

• 7:49 p.m. Caller requested information on small claims court proceedings.

• 9:07 p.m. Caller reported they had hit a cow 35 miles west of Eldorado. Hwy. 190 and destroyed pickup and killed cow. Ozona Sheriff Office was contacted.

• 9:13 p.m. Caller reported a pickup stolen by girlfriend. Officer responded.

March 5 • 5:28 p.m. 911 Call. Person called and said they could not get up. Officer and EMS responded.

• 5:30 p.m. Caller reported a group of young boys shooting BB and pellet guns at windows. Officers responded.

• 5:38 p.m. Caller reported a cattle truck traveling at an excessive rate of speed towards Tom Green County. DPS notified.

• 6:57 p.m. Controlled burn reported.

• 8:15 p.m. Caller reported a cattle truck had run them into oncoming traffic on Hwy. 277 and Hwy. 190 West. Caller could not give the state of the vehicle although LP was given. Sonora Sheriff Office notified.

• 8:18 p.m. Sheriff Office informed adult that their unlicensed, underage child needed a ride home and someone needed to pickup their auto at store.

• 8:52 p.m. Person requested an officer at their residence for a consultation. Deputy informed.

• 8:52 p.m. Caller reported a break-in in progress at local business. Deputies responded and found an employee and everything was OK.

March 6 • 10:34 a.m. Complainant requested an officer to remove two big dogs that had followed them into their home. Officer responded and city notified.

• 10:49 a.m. Complainant requested a welfare check. Officer responded and found no one home.

• 1:32 p.m. Sheriff Office received information about a sexual assault from another Sheriff's Office.

• 4:21 p.m. 911 Caller reported a reckless driver swerving in and out of southbound lane on Hwy. 277. Officer notified.

• 4:52 p.m. Subject requested to speak with an officer in reference to harassing text messages. Officer responded.

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Night vision gear lands North Texas hunters in jail

DECATUR, Texas -- Wise County District Attorney Jana A. Jones announced Tues. the arrest of six men suspected of stealing military night vision equipment and using it to illegally hunt.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens and special operations investigators, in cooperation with the Wise County Sheriff's Office, arrested the men, from Wise and Parker Counties, Feb. 15 and 16.

The arrests came after a four-month investigation into illegal hunting activity in Wise, Montague, Jack, Parker and Tarrant Counties. In early January, additional information about the use of the stolen night vision goggles was discovered.

Each of the suspects has been charged with Theft over \$1,500, a State Jail Felony.

"All four night vision devices -- valued at \$4,200 each -- reported missing from Texas Army National Guard supplies in the Laredo area were recovered. A separate, internal National Guard investigation after the equipment was discovered missing also identified one of the suspects arrested last week.

"This was a great team effort," said Jones. "TPWD, our local law enforcement and the National Guard cooperated very well in this investigation, identified the alleged culprits and recovered every single missing item of military hardware."

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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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Card of Thanks

The Knights of Columbus Council 11282 of Eldorado would like to congratulate Colton Crowder, Tyler Farmer and Brittany Galan on the good job on the Knights of Columbus Regional Shoot Out at Wall on Sunday, March 4, 2007. They competed with San Angelo, Brownwood, Odessa District winners.

Brittany Galan placed 2nd place on the 11 year old Girls Division and received a Bronze metal.

We also like to give a special thank you to all that participated on Feb. 3rd event. Knights of Columbus Jimmy Aguilar

Dear Friends,
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Because we don't know what tomorrow will bring, we continue to trust in God's promises and ask for Grace to sustain us in all circumstances. May you be blessed by the Lord with the same warmth and joy you have given.
Thank You so much,
John and Jo Helen Kotsch and Family

Eldorado Spotlight



Elementary students Marisol DeLuna (L) and Haley Gandar (R) each handed over a straw for every lap they walked around the elementary school yard to Coach Randy Mitchell. The elementary students started in August walking a distance equal to a trip to Thailand.

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Duncan wants to modernize Texas courts

AUSTIN - Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, today filed legislation to modernize Texas courts and more efficiently administer

justice. Senate Bill 1204 would reform Texas courts to create one structure within one state, as opposed to the current situation of many different and occasionally convoluted justice systems throughout a single state.

"Essentially, Texas justice is administered by a different system in each of its 254 counties. The fundamental goal with SB 1204 is to bring consistency to our system," Duncan said. "Texans should know what to expect from their courts."

State Rep. Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown, will carry the same legislation in the House.

Texas' courts structure dates back to 1891 when the state had three tiers of trial courts with little overlapping jurisdiction. Today, there are seven tiers of trial courts in Texas, many of which overlap because they have been added in each county on an as-needed basis.

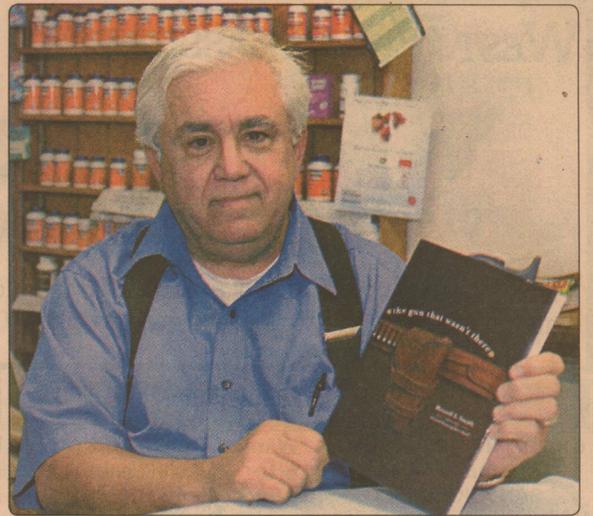


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Author Russell Smith held a book signing last week at The Healthy Way on W. Gillis. "The Gun That Wasn't There" is Smith's first non-fiction book. The book is available in hardback and paperback.

Russell Smith promotes 'Gun That Wasn't There' in Eldorado

Retired San Angelo police chief Russell Smith was in Eldorado last week at The Healthy Way, signing copies of his latest book, and his first non-fiction work "The Gun That Wasn't There."

"The Gun That Wasn't There" is about the man who shot the Pumpville, Texas Postmaster (Pelham Bradford) in July 1965. The man kidnapped Bradford's wife, made her open a safe and then stole their car. Four months later he shot Terrell County Sheriff Bill Cooksey. The Sheriff survived, and Texas Ranger Alfred Allee

Jr. and he capture the outlaw in a hail of gunfire at Dryden in August 1966.

Early chapters detail how the man terrorized parts of Real and Uvalde counties near Happy Hollow, Garner Park and Concan, while later chapters detail how he moved into Val Verde and Terrell counties in the mid-60s.

Noted Western Writer Elmer Kelton penned the Introduction, "Russell Smith did years of research on the Caveman and those who participated in the massive manhunt that finally brought him to ground in a frenzy of gunfire. He also found out much about the wily fugitive and the shadowy life he led. It is indeed the kind of story from which legends are born."

The 256-page book (240 numbered) includes endnotes and an index. It is available on Amazon.com and locally at The Healthy Way in Eldorado and other stores in the Hill County and across West Texas. The softback book retails for \$18.99 on Amazon.com and \$19.95 in the retail stores. Hardback books are available by contacting the author at fiftysixsouth@yahoo.com or by calling (325) 949-7182 after 5:00pm.

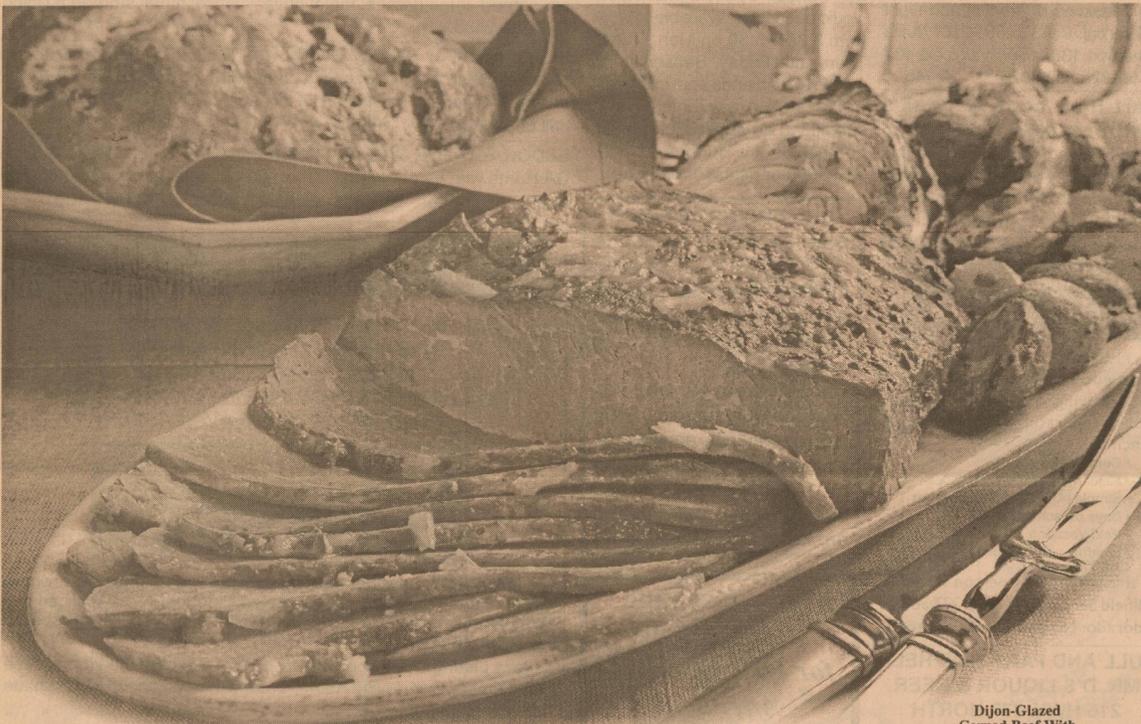
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Phobias

1. Spiders
2. Social situations
3. Flying
4. Open/Public places
5. Confined spaces
6. Heights
7. Vomit
8. Cancer
9. Thunderstorms
10. Death

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Dijon-Glazed Corned Beef With Savory Cabbage & Red Potatoes

Total preparation and cooking time: 3-1/2 to 4 hours

- 1 boneless corned beef brisket with seasoning packet (3-1/2 to 4 pounds)
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 teaspoons whole black peppercorns
- 2 cups water
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup thinly sliced green onions, including white and green parts
- 1/2 cup prepared horseradish
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 head green cabbage, cored, cut into 6 wedges (1 to 1-1/2 pounds)
- 1-1/2 pounds small red-skinned potatoes, cut in half

Glaze

- 2 tablespoons orange marmalade
- 2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard

1. Position oven racks in upper and lower thirds of oven. Heat oven to 350°F. Place corned beef brisket in roasting pan; sprinkle garlic, contents of seasoning packet and peppercorns around and over brisket. Add water, cover tightly with aluminum foil. Braise in upper third of 350°F oven 3 to 3-1/2 hours or until brisket is fork-tender.
2. Meanwhile place butter, green onions, horseradish, ground pepper and salt in glass measuring cup. Microwave on HIGH 1 to 2 minutes or until butter melts; mix well. Cover and refrigerate 2 tablespoons for Rustic Corned Beef & Potato Bake. Place cabbage wedges on half of baking sheet and potatoes on other half. Drizzle remaining horseradish-butter mixture over vegetables, turning cabbage and tossing potatoes to coat. Cover with aluminum foil. Roast in lower third of 350°F oven with brisket 55 minutes. Uncover vegetables; continue roasting 15 to 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender and begin to brown.

3. Combine glaze ingredients in small bowl. Remove cooked brisket from roasting pan; place on rack in broiler pan so surface of brisket is 3 to 4 inches from heat. Brush glaze over brisket; broil 2 to 3 minutes or until glaze is bubbly and beginning to brown.
4. Carve brisket diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Cover and refrigerate 1/2 of brisket (about 12 ounces) and 2 cups potatoes for Rustic Corned Beef & Potato Bake. Serve remaining brisket and potatoes with cabbage.

Makes 4 servings
Cook's Tip: If seasoning packet is not included with corned beef brisket, substitute 1-1/4 teaspoons pickling spice.

Perfect for St. Pat's

... Corned Beef and Cabbage

FAMILY FEATURES

Known for their buoyant figs and heavenly feasts, the Irish certainly understand the importance of entertaining. In honor of the day when everyone is Irish, welcome your family and friends to a traditional St. Patrick's spread, with flavors they won't forget.

A timeless companion to savory cabbage and red potatoes, this Dijon-Glazed Corned Beef will satisfy your guests with each mouthwatering bite. Save some tasty leftovers for scrumptious classic Reuben Sandwiches, or use the corned beef and potatoes for a deliciously casual country-style dish, Rustic Corned Beef & Potato Bake.

Throw on your best green garb and may the luck of the Irish be upon you! Cheers!



Rustic Corned Beef & Potato Bake

Total preparation and cooking time: 50 to 55 minutes

- 12 ounces reserved corned beef brisket, coarsely chopped*
 - 3 teaspoons butter, divided
 - 1/2 cup chopped onion
 - 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
 - 2 tablespoons reserved horseradish-butter mixture*
 - 2 cups reserved potato halves*
 - 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
 - 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
1. Heat oven to 375°F. Melt 2 teaspoons butter in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add onion and thyme; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or until onion is tender. Remove from heat; stir in corned beef and horseradish-butter mixture. Meanwhile coat bottom and sides of 9-inch glass pie plate with remaining 1 teaspoon butter; set aside.
 2. Cut each potato half into 4 wedges. Arrange potato wedges in single layer over bottom and up sides of pie plate. Combine cheeses in small bowl. Sprinkle 1/2 of cheese mixture over potatoes on bottom of pie plate. Top with corned beef mixture and remaining cheese mixture. Press firmly with spatula to compact layers; cover with aluminum foil.
 3. Bake in 375°F oven 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through. Uncover; continue baking 3 to 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and edges begin to brown. Let stand 5 minutes. Cut into wedges.

Makes 4 servings
*Reserve from Dijon-Glazed Corned Beef With Savory Cabbage & Red Potatoes recipe.

Reuben Sandwiches

Total preparation and cooking time: 25 to 30 minutes

- 12 ounces thinly sliced corned beef or deli corned beef, softened
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 8 slices rye or pumpernickel bread
 - 8 slices Swiss cheese
 - 1-1/2 cups Thousand Island dressing
1. Lightly spread butter on one side of each bread slice.
 2. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place 2 bread slices, butter side down, in skillet. Top each bread slice with 2 slices cheese, 1 tablespoon dressing, 3 ounces corned beef and 1/4 of the sauerkraut. Top sandwich with bread slice, butter side up.
 3. Cook sandwiches 4 to 6 minutes or until bread is golden brown and cheese is melted, turning once. Repeat with remaining sandwiches. Serve with additional Thousand Island dressing, if desired.

Makes 4 sandwiches



It's not about luck... Secrets to great corned beef

The secret is simple: cook it long and slow, tightly covered.

- Corned beef brisket needs to gently simmer. High temperatures can toughen the meat. The steam created during simmering ensures fork-tender, moist and flavorful beef.
- Do not boil. Boiling does not speed up the cooking process; it only toughens the beef.
- No pecking! Be patient — it cooks unattended. Just check the meat at the end of the suggested cooking time.

- It's not necessary to turn a brisket during cooking. Each time the cover is lifted, steam escapes and the tenderizing process is interrupted.
- To determine doneness, insert a utility fork into the brisket; the beef is fork-tender when fork inserts without resistance and releases easily.
- Carve brisket across the grain into thin slices for the most tender eating experience.

For additional beef recipes and cooking tips, visit www.BeeffitsWhatsForDinner.com.

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