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For Your Information

Flag Day Observance

Monday, June 14th is Flag Day. For a comprehensive list of do's and don'ts for properly displaying and caring for the U.S. Flag, check the American Legion's website at: www.legion.org/flagtoc.htm

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Hey, Dudes

City slickers from around the world are flocking to Texas' dude ranches. According to a report from the State Comptroller's Office, there are more than 90 dude ranches currently operating in the state...not to mention numerous guest ranches.

The average family of four spends \$392 per day for accommodations and meals at a dude ranch. Bandera, the "Cowboy Capital of the World", boasts 13 dude ranches. The Bandera Chamber of Commerce reports that most of the guests are from foreign countries, with most coming from Germany.

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On This Date

On this date in 1854 the first Midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy graduated and entered naval service. In 1924 the Republican National Convention became the first political convention to be heard on radio. In 1972, after years in the entertainment business, Sammy Davis, Jr. scored a hit with his first #1 record "The Candy Man"...it stayed atop the charts for 16 weeks.

Birthdays of note include: 1889 actress Hattie McDaniel; 1901 composer Frederick Loewe; 1915 writer Saul Bellow; 1921 Prince Philip (Mountbatten); 1922 actress Judy Garland; 1923 writer (The Waltons) Earl Hamner; 1933 defense attorney F. Lee Bailey.

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Meteorologically Speaking

Why are weather forecasters called meteorologists? The term meteorology has been around as long as Aristotle, which places it in about 340 B.C. The Greek philosopher wrote a book called "Meteorologica". In it, he discussed clouds, wind, lightning, snow, and climatic changes. He called it Meteorologica because the book studied things that fell from the sky, like meteors. The word stuck, and since then, a person who forecasts the weather has been known as a meteorologist.

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Odds and Ends

Carbon Dioxide, used to carbonate many popular soft drinks is usually supplied to the bottlers in solid form...as dry ice.

City meets financial assurance requirements, moves ahead with opening of new landfill

The City of Eldorado cleared an important hurdle this week in its quest to place its new landfill into operation. Monday evening, June 7th, the Eldorado City Council voted unanimously to place \$125,000.00 in a trust account as a guarantee that the landfill will be operated properly, maintained and closed in accordance with State rules. That amount is considerably less than earlier estimates.

The trust account will serve to meet the "financial assurance" portion of the city's landfill permit, granted by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC). Prior estimates would have required the city to post a performance bond as high as \$500,000.00, which is more than the city has in its coffers.

The change came when TNRCC backed away from earlier rulings which required the city to post guarantee money for a 30-acre pit. Mayor John Nikolauk explained that since the city would be working in an area smaller than 1-acre, it didn't make sense to dedicate funds to maintain and close a

larger pit.

"Over time we will be using more of the area," Nikolauk stated, "but that will be several years down the road." He went on to explain that the change would save the city a considerable amount of money.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo distributed worksheets to each of the council members which detailed the city's financial assurance requirements. She noted that a bond brokerage firm in Chicago had agreed to write a performance bond for the landfill but the bond would cost the city as much as \$5,200.00 per year.

Instead, she recommended the council place \$125,000.00 in a trust account in a San Angelo bank. The bank will charge a 1-percent trust fee and \$250.00 administrative annually. However, the city's money would be earning interest which would greatly exceed those fees.

"It's a good deal for us," Mayo stated.

The council then learned that its old landfill is already produc-

ing revenue for the city. Since Duncan Disposal in San Angelo began hauling garbage to the landfill three weeks ago, the city has billed over \$5,900.00 in "tipping fees", a charge assessed to haulers who unload garbage at the landfill. Discussion on what to do with the additional revenue centered around street repairs.

Mayo told the council that in recent years, the city's utility departments have paid their own way while the street department has been funded out of the city's general fund, or tax revenues. She noted that, according to the city's accountant, changes in legal interpretations may make it possible in next year's budget to merge the street department into the city's utility department, thereby allowing utility revenue from water, gas, sewer and garbage to help fund street repairs.

That pleased Mayor Nikolauk who told the council that he has always wanted to see the utility funds help pay for street repairs. "It just makes sense," Nikolauk said. "With our declining tax base the money has to come from somewhere...why not the utility accounts?"

In other business, the Mayor Nikolauk presented plaques to three former council members, Dora Bosmans, Jeri Whitten and George Gower. Nikolauk praised each of the three for their service to the City of Eldorado.

Present for the council meeting were: Mayor Nikolauk, Mayor Pro-Tem Tommy Minor and council members Eddie Rodriguez, Robert Bybee, Sherry Lux and Richard Mendez. The group opted not to appoint a council member to fill Bybee's unexpired term in Ward 2 — he resigned that seat earlier this year when he ran for election in Ward 1, where he had moved his home. Instead, the council decided to leave the seat vacant and allow the voters to fill it next May.

The council also met with Salvador Gallegos regarding a mobile home he had moved onto a lot in the Christian Addition. It was explained that the home had been placed too near the city's alley where sewer, water and gas lines are installed. Concerns about accessing the lines in the future were discussed and it was noted that the city's sewer line, installed in the adjacent alleyway sometime in the 1980's, lies immediately outside Gallegos' property line, instead of nearer the center of the alley as in other parts of town. The council discussed the matter at length but could not agree if the city or Gallegos should pay for moving the mobile home away from the alley. No official action was taken on the matter.

The council also took no action on a request from George Spinks that the city to maintain gas, water and sewer lines which run outside the city limits to his home. It was noted that like other people who live outside the city limits but re-

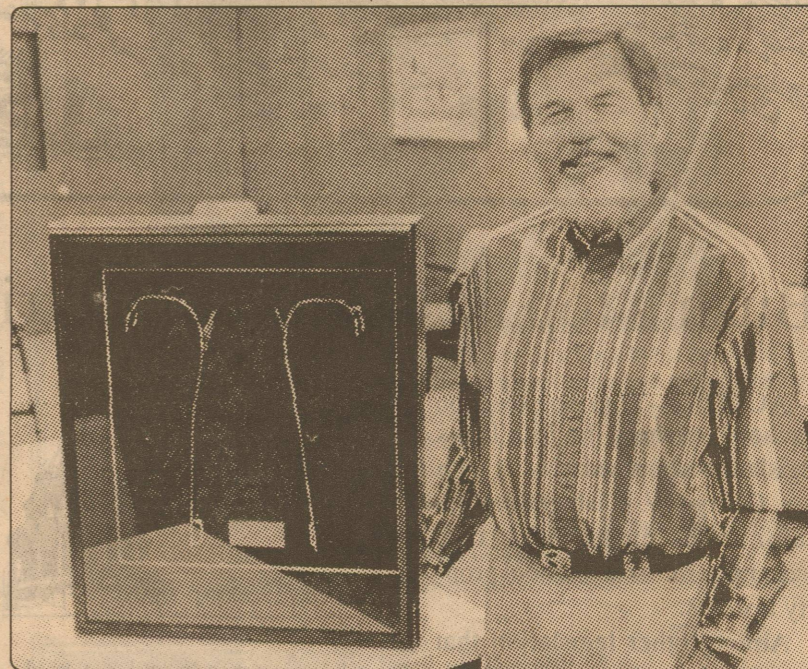


photo by Kathy Mankin

Hanging up his spurs — Jim Martin displays a set of chrome plated climbing hooks presented to him by Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative at his retirement party held Friday, June 4th. Martin, stepped down as the Co-op's general manager after 43 years on the job.

Jim Martin retires after 43 years at SWTEC

After more than forty-three years of service to the members of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Jim Martin has retired. He began his career with the co-op in 1956 as a part-time laborer, making \$1.40 an hour. After doing linework for 22 years, Martin was promoted to head the cooperative's engineering department in 1985. In 1990, he was named General Manager of SWTEC.

At a retirement party held on Friday, June 4th, Martin told well-wishers that he has many pleasant memories of his years at the cooperative. He said his life was enriched by the members, employees and board members he has come to know over the years.

Martin witnessed many changes in his years at SWTEC, not the least of which being the way power lines are built. The cooperative purchased its first hole

digger in 1967. Prior to that, holes were dug by hand.

In his early years with the co-op, Martin spent many days working out of a suitcase on the western edge of the service territory when line construction crews spent 12 to 14 hour days building lines to farms and ranches in Pecos and Crockett counties.

In recognition of Martin's 43 years of service he was presented with a pair of chrome-plated climbing hooks. The hooks were enclosed in frame with an inscription commemorating his time at SWTEC. Martin said the hooks would remind him of the, "good old days."

Martin plans to spend his retirement working on his computer, volunteering a lot of time to his church, the school system and "maybe a little golf on the side."

Buff Whitten has been named SWTEC's acting general manager.



photo by Randy Mankin

With appreciation from the City of Eldorado — Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk presented plaques to three former city council members Monday night in recognition of their service to the city. Here he presents a plaque to Dora Bosmans, who served on the city council for 11 years. **See Other Photos on Page 6**

4-H plans Meat Goat Classic and annual Show Goat Sale

The Schleicher County Meat Goat Classic will be held in Eldorado on July 10th, 1999 at the Ag Barn. This will be a Junior Meat Show Circuit sanctioned show and will also be a sanctioned showmanship show. Entry deadline is July 2nd with a \$15 entry fee, and late entries will be \$20 per entry.

For a complete list of show guidelines and an entry form, please drop by the Extension Office.

Following the show, local producers will be offering a set of major show prospect and will be sold a silent auction. For more information, please contact the Extension Office.

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Ginger Reynolds wins \$10,000 4-H scholarship

The Success received word late Tuesday afternoon that EHS graduate Ginger Reynolds was awarded a \$10,000.00 4-H Scholarship at the State 4-H Roundup in College Station. Her parents,

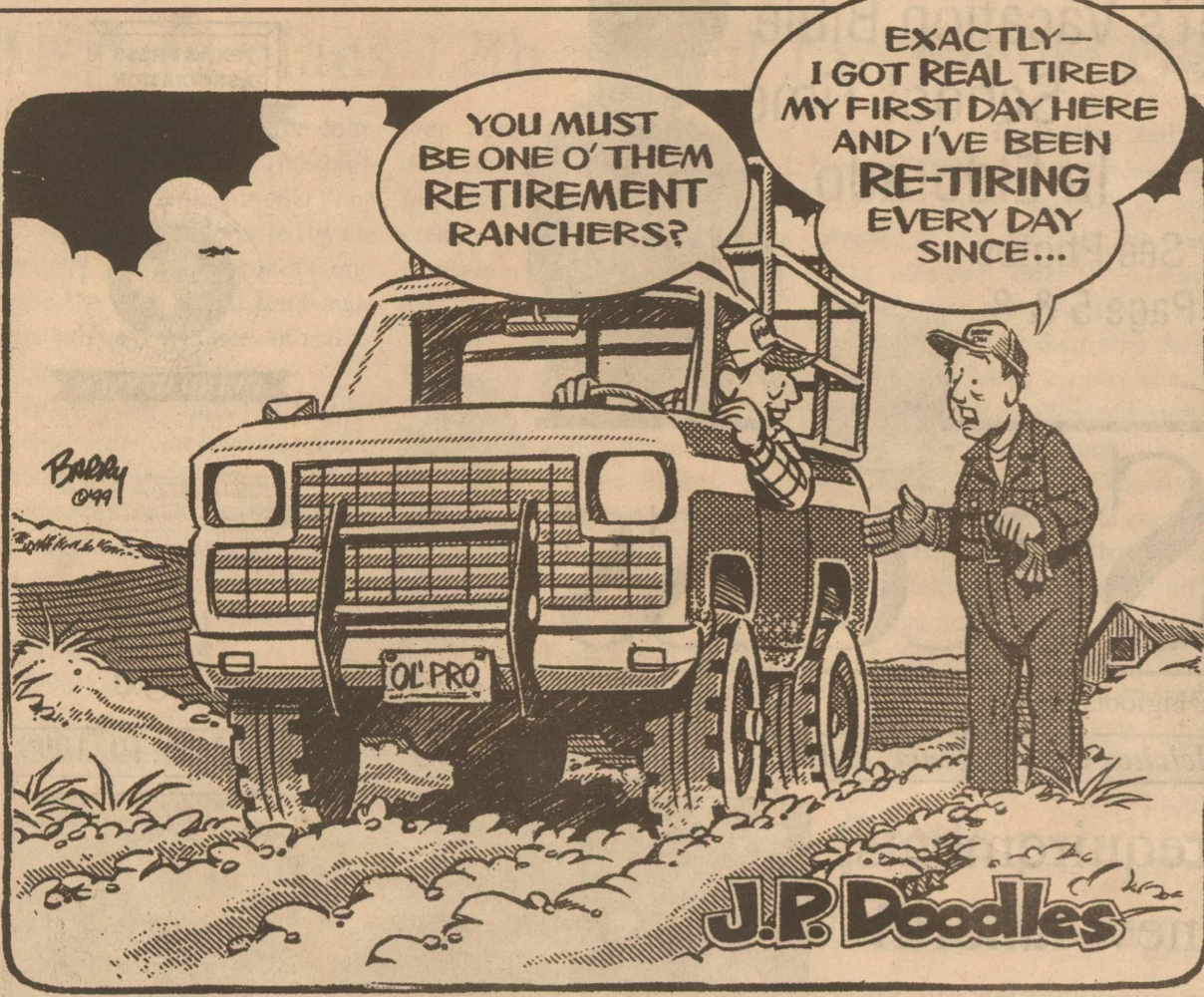
Sidney and Melonie Reynolds as well as County Agents Nancy Lester and Scott Edmonson were on hand for the event. The Success will print more details next week as they become available.



courtesy photo

EHS leaders — These ten EHS students attended a leadership conference at Angelo State University last week sponsored by Education Service Center Region XV. They are: (prone) Dee Martinez; (seated) Alana Oliver; (bending L-R) Vanessa Gonzalez, Jennah Richters; (standing L-R) Michael Ramirez, Gentry Newman, Sarah Mankin, Ben Edmiston, Hillary Hodges and Patrick Fuentes.

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Bush's top issues pass, electric deregulation awaits signing

AUSTIN — With the exception of school vouchers, the 76th Texas Legislature adjourned May 31 with Gov. George W. Bush getting the major items on his wish list: teacher pay raises and school property tax cuts.

Among other legislation that passed both houses was a \$98 billion state budget and a bill deregulating the residential and commercial electricity markets.

Authored by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, Senate Bill 7 will allow customers to choose their electric service provider. The legislation, which awaits the signature of Gov. Bush, will take effect Jan. 1, 2002.

Sibley said passage of the legislation signals “the era for the captive consumer is over in Texas.”

Home-Building Program Passes
The 76th Texas Legislature unanimously passed legislation to help low-income Texans build their own homes with their own labor.

Senate Bill 1287, or the “Texas Bootstrap Home Builder Loan Program,” was authored by Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, and sponsored in the House by Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville.

The new law provides \$5.6 million for loans of up to \$25,000 per family. Recipients will be families that agree to help build their own home.

“The bootstrap program is a radical departure from traditional government housing programs and is a program based on opportunity and individual initiative,” said John Henneberger, co-director of the non-profit Texas Low Income Housing Information Service, which helped draft the legislation.

House Urban Affairs Chairman, Rep. Bill Carter of Fort Worth, said the program will “encourage very low income families to help solve

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

their housing needs and get back into the economic mainstream of our state.”

Higher VA Loans Approved

A new law passed by the Texas Legislature more than triples maximum housing loans for Texas veterans to \$150,000.

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, chairman of Land Board, who announced the increase, said the higher cap, combined with 5.75 percent interest rates on 15-year loans, makes the program user-friendly for Texas veterans.

Dewhurst proposed the larger loan limits to the Legislature, and his proposal became law under Senate Bill 1509 by Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi.

Eligible veterans now can get a single, low-interest loan to buy a home, Dewhurst said. “Previously, we could only loan our Texas veterans \$45,000, which won’t buy many homes on today’s market. And this program is self-funding, so it won’t cost taxpayers a dime,” Dewhurst said.

“We can never repay them for all their sacrifices, but with a little ingenuity, we can help them buy good homes and keep their monthly payments affordable.”

Loan details and eligibility requirements are available toll-free at (800) 252-8387.

Lobby Reports Questioned
In 1999, 117 people who filed as lobbyists with the Texas Ethics

Commission reported a maximum of “\$0” for one or more lobby contracts.

“While it is noble of hired guns to engage in charitable acts, the vast majority of these purportedly free services benefit well-heeled corporate clients that do not appear to require pro bono services,” stated a May 26 report by the government watchdog group Texans For Public Justice.

Other Highlights

• Texas students posted a record passing rate on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) exam this spring with 78 percent of the approximately 1.8 million students tested passing all parts of the exam. That passing rate, which re-

Take your jump...but don't tip over the board

Hodges is a small farming community in southern Jones County. When I was a boy, I went there often with my Dad. In those days, Hodges consisted of a couple of churches, a store, a co-op cotton gin, a handfull of homes and an abandoned school-turned-community center. The place was clustered around the intersection of a Farm-to-Market highway and a graveled county road.

The Hodges Store doubled as a gas station and a “spit & whittle” stop for the area’s under-employed. One of my earliest memories is of watching old men in bib overalls play checkers in the store. During winter, they would move the table, really just a box with a checkerboard painted on it, nearer the stove.

The stove was just a pipe with a homemade propane burner in-



side. It had an S shaped flue which glowed cherry red on cold days.

After each game, instead of swapping checkers, the old men would move to the other side of the table. One man told me this was to let his cold side warm up and his hot side cool down.

A sign hung on the wall near the checker table. It said:

- HOUSE RULES**
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2. No Whining
3. No Spitting in the Stove

I don’t know if there had ever been a real set of checkers there, because by the time I started watching the men they were using bottle caps. Coca-Cola caps served as the red checkers while Barq’s Root Beer caps were the black. Some of the best checker games I’ve ever seen were there in that old store.

My Dad usually found a place at the adjacent domino table. Too young to understand the subtleties of 42, I would gravitate toward the checker board.

Once in awhile I would get to play a game. But, it usually didn’t last long. After a few moves, my opponent would slide one of his bottle caps in front of one of mine, smile and say, “Take your jump.”

My jump was always followed by a double or triple jump for him. Then I would hear, “King me.”

There were two old men in particular who were almost always playing. If I ever knew their names, I’ve forgotten them now. I

do remember, however, that one of them carried a sack of Bull Durham tobacco stuffed in the top pocket on his overalls. The other man was fond of Beechnut chewing tobacco.

As checker players they were evenly matched except that old Bull Durham didn’t like to lose. He won his share of games but on those occasions when things turned against him he would sneeze and knock over the checker board, or cough and knock over the checker board. Or, he would drop his matches and while bending down to retrieve them....well you get the picture.

One day after Beechnut had maneuvered Bull Durham into a corner, he reached down and grabbed the board to hold it steady.

“What’re ya’ doin’?” Bull Durham asked.

“Just bein’ careful,” Beechnut answered, “I think I feel one of your sneezes comin’ on.”

It seems that a prejudice has grown up in this country against checkers. Chess is viewed by many as being more intellectual while checkers is dismissed as a kids’ game.

“Checkers doesn’t require a lot of thought,” a fellow told me one time as we sat down to play. He slid his first checker forward and smirked.

“Oh, really?” I asked as I moved my piece. “I always thought it was a challenging game.”

“No, this is way too easy,” he answered as he moved again. “Chess, now that’s a real game.”

“Maybe you’re right,” I told him as I moved my piece. “Have you ever been to Hodges?”

“Can’t say as I have,” he said as he casually took his turn. “Too bad,” I replied, “Take your jump!”

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Big Spring Recognizes its Military History

Big Spring had the chance to be the headquarters for oil companies, but it chose instead to go for government business. The Big Spring State Hospital opened in 1937. The Big Spring Bombardier School opened in 1941. The Big Spring VA hospital opened in 1950. Webb Air Force Base opened in 1951. The Howard County courthouse in Big Spring has a monument to county residents who were killed in action in all wars.

A few years ago, the numerous Viet Nam Veterans in and around Big Spring decided to build a Viet Nam Memorial at the foot of Scenic Mountain. They started out by erecting a black granite monolith with a map of Viet Nam etched into it. They landscaped the area around it with walls and walkways, plantings and a series of flags.

This was not enough. The energetic veterans decided they wanted to do more. They managed to secure a Huey helicopter, which was used extensively during the fighting in Viet Nam. They mounted it to look like it is in flight. At the dedication, a Huey passed over the crowd, making its unmistakable sound. Several Huey pilots were on hand for the ceremony.

The veterans wanted more for their memorial. They got a F-4E Phantom Jet Fighter and mounted it to look like it is in motion. The pilot is a dummy, but is wearing a helmet worn by Jerry Grimes, a Big Spring man who flew the F-4E in Viet Nam.

Then the veterans acquired a tank that was used in Viet Nam. The newest addition to the memorial is a

chapel. It is brand new. The memorial is one of the most impressive Viet Nam Memorials in the country and the only one built without any government financial assistance.

Across the way, the old Webb Air Force Base is now a garden of prisons. An old hangar built in the 40's has been restored and transformed into the Hangar 25 Air Museum. The Hangar 25 committee is composed of dedicated people who saw the old hangar as an asset rather than a liability. They could not stand to see the hangar rotting away. They got busy selling hot dogs, cold drinks, caps, sweatshirts, and memorial plaques. Through their fund raising efforts and donations, the half million dollar job to restore the hangar was completed within two years.

The first official function was a reunion of pilot class 52-D, the first class to go through pilot training at Webb. The pilots and some of their instructors came to the reunion. They were amazed to see the T-33 and T-37 displayed inside the hangar. For all of them, the T-33 was their first jet to fly.

The Hangar 25 committee members displayed newspaper clippings of events at the base during the time class 52-D was stationed at Webb. The pilots, all of them around 70 years old, seemed much younger. The years rolled off as they ate barbecue, visited and laughed in the place where they formed a bond that has lasted a long time.

Hangar 25 and the Viet Nam Memorial in Big Spring are worth seeing. The committees of both work together well and that is good.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS	author	16 Veto
1 Painter Bonheur	44 "2001" ending was based on this novel	17 Driver's no-no
5 Software flaw	46 Sites	21 Tarnish
8 Periodic table abbr.	47 Thrilla-in-Manila winner	22 Caesar's 1150
12 Big heads	48 Icelandic epic	23 A very long time
13 CIA forerunner	49 "Superman II" villainess	24 Automaton science
14 TV's "Kojak"	50 Our star	25 West in "Diamond Lil"
15 "X-Files" sightings	51 Whig opponent	26 Play part
18 More shabby	DOWN	27 Denials
19 Hauls	1 They cry "foul!"	29 Scottish landowner
20 Sharp: Comb. form	2 Leer at	30 UFO pilots
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22 Mr. Griffin	4 "The Foundation Trilogy" author	34 Norma Desmond's boulevard
25 "War of the Worlds" invader	5 Par + one	36 Be a killjoy
28 ___-Magnon	6 Stalin's empire	37 Central
29 Memorize	7 Brownies' org.	38 Human rights org.
31 Sgt.	8 Selling sans profit	39 Norse god of thunder
32 Having lips	9 John Carpenter thriller	40 Han of "Star Wars"
34 Friday, Pepper et al.	10 Lived	41 Try again
35 Elevator name	11 Fling	42 Word form of "male"
36 Dallas college		43 June 6, 1944
38 Rose essence		45 Owns
40 "Bug Jack Barron"		

This week's solution on Page 6

Sci-Fi

This crossword puzzle is sponsored each week by:

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OBITUARIES

Athol Glynn Edmondson

ELDORADO — Athol Glynn Edmondson, 83, died Thursday, June 3, 1999, at his residence.

Services were held Sunday, June 6, 1999 at the Mertzon Highway Church of Christ. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 8, 1916, in

San Saba and had been a resident of Eldorado since 1940. He was a rancher.

Survivors include a son, Nolan Eugene Balch of Victoria County; a daughter, Glenna Johnson of Arlington; two sisters, Joyce Greer and Reba Crump, both of Brownwood; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

Dear Editor,

My friend T. P. Robinson departed this life May 11, 1999.

T. P. and I became acquainted in the third grade where we were taught by his mother, Mrs. Corine Robinson. That was in 1934. We became friends and remained friends through out his life. Back in those days children did not go to town except on Saturday afternoons. All of us would gather at West Texas Utilities and play football on their lawn. They had a real nice green lawn. Most times the people at West Texas Utilities would run us off and we would go over to the courthouse square and play football, play on the slides or climb the mulberry trees which adorned the square at that time.

Later, T. P. and I worked at the theater, he would sweep one side and I would sweep the other side. We did this early in the morning before we went to school all for a free pass to the picture show (movie now). In the summer of 1942, T. P. and I worked for the Triple A as chain carriers where the farms were surveyed to see that no one exceeded their crop allotment.

We graduated from Eldorado High School in 1943. After a short period of time I joined the U.S. Navy and never returned to Eldorado to live. T. P. subsequently entered the Navy then received his law degree from Baylor University and returned to Eldorado to practice law. Although I never lived in Eldorado again my mother lived there and I returned often to visit her. Almost every time I was in Eldorado I would see my friend T. P. Sometimes we just visited at the

courthouse where he was the County Attorney, other times we would have lunch or drive around the country side.

After T. P. left Eldorado we did not have an opportunity to visit as I was located in Kansas and our paths did not cross but we kept in touch. After his surgery for cancer we visited over the phone often. I spoke to him a few weeks before he left this world and he said Otis do you remember when we were in the fourth grade, we decided to go to Montana and I said yes. T.P. said is we had gone everything would be OK now. I knew then my friend was not long for this world.

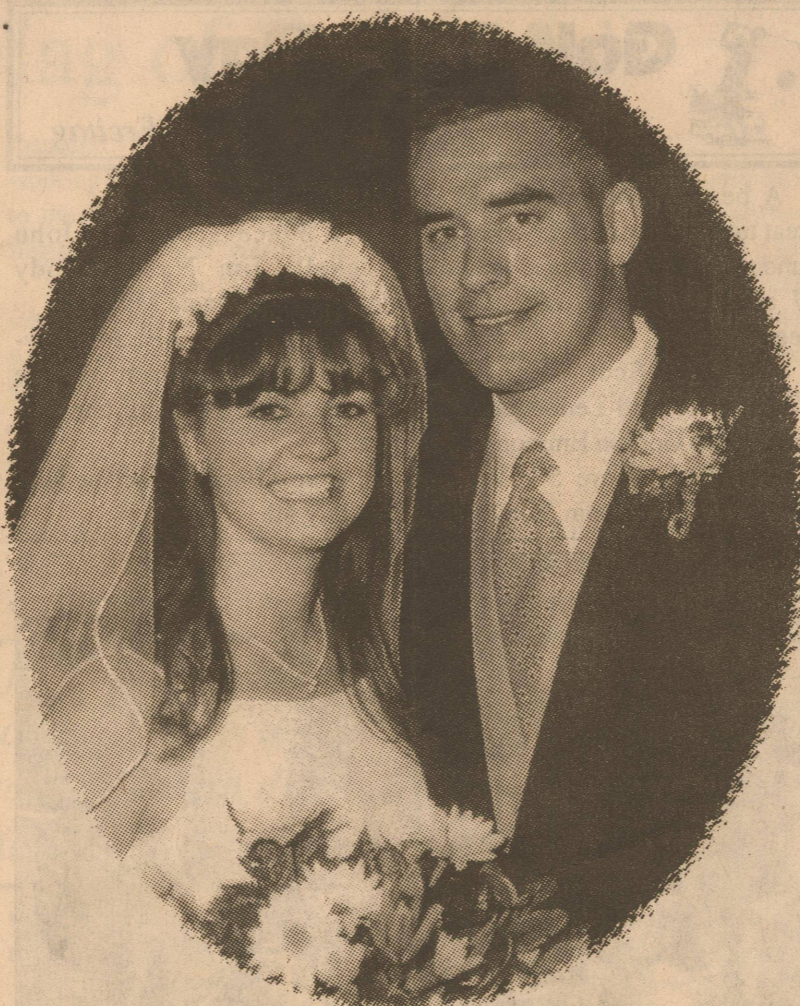
The Eldorado High School Class of 1943, which T.P. was a member has established a memorial for T.P. with the Eldorado Lions Club Scholarship Fund. We believe everyone who knew T.P. would want to contribute to the Lions Club Scholarship Fund in memory of T.P. The scholarship fund is a very worthwhile project and should be supported by everyone in Schleicher County and Eldorado and particular all graduates of Eldorado High School.

Very truly yours,
Otis L. Davis
Brenham, Texas

Sonora plans "Short of the Border" Fiesta and Market

The first ever "Short of the Border" Fiesta and Market in Sonora, Texas will be held on July 10, 1999, in downtown Sonora. The market will be open from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM and will feature arts and crafts, food and entertainment.

This will be the first of many "Short of the Border" Fiestas in Sonora. The fiestas will continue on the second Saturday of each month. If you are an arts and crafts enthusiast and would like to rent a booth space, you may contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at (915) 387-2880, or if you just like a unique shopping experience make your plans to be in Sonora on July 10.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Stephen Schoening

McKinney/Schoening are wed

M'Lissa LeAnn McKinney and Jeremy Stephen Schoening were united in matrimony on May 22, 1999 during a ceremony in Trinity Baptist Church in Kerrville. Reverend Bill Blackburn officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McKinney of Eldorado. She is a graduate of Kerrville Tivy High School and is currently attending Texas Tech University.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schoening of Kerrville. He is also a graduate of Kerrville Tivy High School. He

attended Angelo State University. Maids of Honor were Staci Sessom of Eldorado, Lindy Hardy and Jamie Hardy of San Marcos, Katie Phillips of Kerrville, Robin Peterson of Midland and Mitzi Sessom of Eldorado.

Flower girls were Julia and Hannah Riordan of Lincolnton, GA.

Daniel Schoening of San Marcos was the Best Man. Groomsman were Kurt Leslie and James Bill of Kerrville, Micah McKinney of Eldorado and Brian Sundberg and Josh Murray of Kerrville.

Ushers were Early Williams, David Riley and Tyler Earl of Kerrville and Roy Dahlstrom of St. Simon Island, GA.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple plans to make their home in Lubbock.



Holly Mankin

Holly Mankin graduates from Greenwood

Holly LeAnnette Mankin, daughter of Mike and Anthonette Mankin of Greenwood graduated from Greenwood High School on May 22, 1999. She and her classmates received their diplomas during commencement exercise held at Chaparral Center on the campus of Midland College in Midland.

She plans to attend Midwestern University in Wichita Falls to pursue a degree in music.

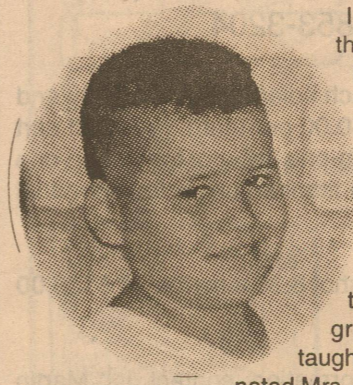
Holly is the granddaughter of James and Dora Mankin of Eldorado and is the niece of Randy and Kathy Mankin. She attended Eldorado schools kindergarten through 10th grade.

Saluting Eldorado's Teachers



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Richmond Adame
4th Grade



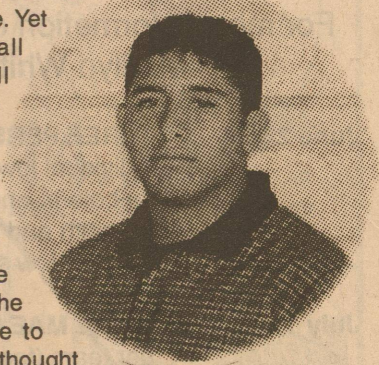
I nominate Mrs. Moore as the teacher I most admire, because I feel she has encouraged me throughout the year. I feel I have learned a lot from her not only in studies but in attitude towards school. I know at times I think she is hard but I know that later in life I will be grateful for what she has taught me. That's why I nominated Mrs. Moore.

Charlotte Adame
5th Grade



Mrs. Nix is a 5th grade teacher at Eldorado Middle School. She is a teacher that encourages me to increase my grades, read more, and try hard in whatever I do. She has worked hard with us at TASS, she has taught me many things, and has helped me in things that have been more difficult to learn. Mrs. Nix has been teaching for 15 years and has enjoyed it. It is good to have teachers at Schleicher County ISD that care for the success of the students. That is why I have chose Mrs. Nix for my teacher I most admire because she has made a great influence on me that I can cherish through out my life.

Antonio Sandate
12th Grade



Throughout my thirteen years in Eldorado's school system I have come to appreciate all of the teachers that were involved in my education. If I could have only one nickel for every time that a teacher made me feel good, I think that I would be able to go to college with just that.

However there is one teacher that in my mind stands out above the rest as the one that made me smile no matter what. She is relatively young and has a heart of gold the size of which I find hard to contain in her small physique. Yet with her small size she still managed to make a big difference in my life and in many others. Through her persistence and iron will, she persuaded me to stay in, what I thought then to be, the hardest class of my life. She kept my hopes up as well as my attitude, and in the end I thanked her for it and to this day I still thank her.

It's not very often that you find a teacher that takes the time to make more than a pile of homework, but I sure am glad that I did. Even though she will be leaving us at the end of this semester I still wish that I could have her for one more class. I figure that if she could make Algebra easy to understand she can do wonders with any other class. Maybe it's just the way that she is, or maybe it is simplicity of her attitude "GOOD". Either way I will always remember what she said to our class one day after a student made his point clear on how he felt about Algebra. She said that in life you don't do what you love, you learn, and you love what you do. For this God will always bless her with the ability to reach to the students that want to learn. I only wish what I would have had more time to show her how much I thank her, in which case I still want to say thank you for everything Mrs. Harris.

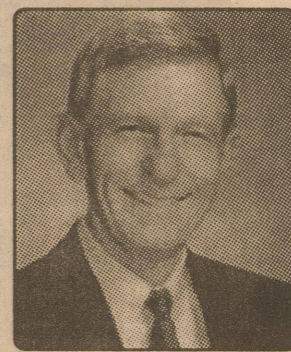
These students were among the winners of the "Teacher I Most Admire" essay contest sponsored by First National Bank of Eldorado. Each of the winners received a \$25 prize.

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Zane Bruce of Eldorado will be competing in the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming on June 14-19.

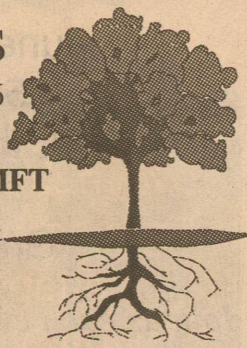
Zane Bruce heading for College National Finals Rodeo

Zane Bruce is heading to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper Wyoming. He is currently setting #1 in the nation. The rodeo will be June 14-19. Saturday, June 19th performances will be televised.

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| Sept 18-19 | ELDORADO CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP women 18 holes, 8:30 tee-off Sun.; men 36 holes, 1:30 p.m. tee-off Sat & Sun \$25.00 per woman/\$35.00 per man, medal play (\$5.00 handicap purse, extra) |
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Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

A beautiful afternoon and a great turn-out for our Play Day on Sunday, June 6th. A grand total of 47 adults and 1 youth, Chris Hegefled.

1st Place-Score 56, Ross Whitten, Howard Ledbetter, Bill Freitag and Gordon Emmons.

2nd Place-Score 57, Victor Guiterrez, Guy Crippin, Bob Sykes

and Cindy McGinnes
3rd Place-Score 58, John Mitchell, Jim Nance, Cody McCravey and Janie Mitchell

There will be a 3-Person Low-Ball 36 Hole Tournament on June 26th and 27th. Get your team together.

Our next Play Day will be Sunday, July 4th.



photo by Kathy Mankin
1999 Pee Wee Rangers — Front (L-R) Jim Chadwick, Robert Chavez, Zachary Taylor, Carli McAngus; Back (L-R) Jessica Seller, Ashley Paulson, Mason Baker, Kadie Niblett, Jayce Sellers, Anthony Mata



photo by Kathy Mankin
1999 Pee Wee Blue Jays — Front (L-R) Mark Garcia, Jaymie O'Harrow, Dylan Dombroski, Aubrey Martinez, Torey Griggs; Back (L-R) Coach Tammy Dombroski, Kevin Freeman, Briley Ledbetter, Austin Whitten, Gloria Valerio, Allyson Jarrett, Jonathan Belman, and Coach Donna Whitten.

AAU player showcase slated

Talent showcases, designed to evaluate playing abilities of young baseball players are planned throughout Texas this summer. Sites and dates include: Austin, June 12-13; Corpus Christi, June 19-20; and Dallas, August 28-29.

The showcases will aid young players, freshmen through graduated seniors, in their quest to play college or pro baseball. A staff of qualified college coaches and pro scouts will conduct field testing and games and explain how players may enhance their chances of being seen college and pro organizations.

Top players will be invited to a national showcase at the Walt Disney Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida. For more information contact Frank Dorner at 281-469-6721.



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Just outside — Umpire Joe Dombroski eyes the strike zone as Minor's All-Star catcher Michael Hill hauls in a pitch during a practice game last Friday against Menard's All-Stars. Eldorado's Minor All-Stars won 16-4 while the Major League All-Stars won 11-4. Eldorado's All-Star teams are currently playing in the Big Lake All-Star Tournament.



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1999 Pee Wee White Sox — Front (L-R) Trevor Harrington, Josh Grange, Marty Powell, Abigail Ussery, Colten Daniels, Nathan Jimenez; Middle (L-R) Miles Mikeska, Garrett Lux, J.R. Martinez, Dylan Wilson; Back (L-R) Coaches Mike Luke, Johnny Powell, Lanis Mikeska and not pictured Lee Jimenez



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1999 Pee Wee Astros — Front (L-R) Samantha Brown, Christopher Mejia, Shane Young, Tyler Farmer; Back (L-R) Rudy Sanchez, Patricia Hernandez, Gregory Rodriguez, Christopher Whiddon

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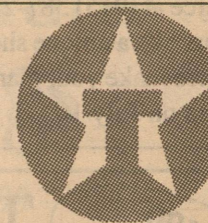
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Protecting the 'Flag of Freedom'

by Stephen Ross,
a Holocaust Survivor

WASHINGTON — I came to America as an orphan on April 10, 1948, and I became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America on May 3, 1953.

I came from the places of gas chambers, fire, ashes and chaos to my adopted country. The American people embraced me and took me under their wing and gave me an opportunity to grow and prosper, so that I could become one of them. I am proud to live free in this generous society.

Fifty years ago, American soldiers saved me from the hell of Dachau. They nursed me back to health and restored my will to live. Yet, what I remember most about my liberation is my tears being spilled on a small American flag. From that day to this, my love for our flag has never faltered.

My story begins in 1940. When I was 9 years old, the Germans took me from my home in Krasnik, Poland. For five years I was a prisoner of the Nazis in 10 death camps, where I saw thousands of men, women and children brutally murdered and starved or worked to death by the Nazi's death machine.

I lived on bread crumbs, sawdust, human remains, and one small prayer for redemption or death — whichever was quicker. My prayers were answered on April 29, 1945, when I was liberated from Dachau by the 42nd and 45th Infantry Divisions of the U.S. 7th Army. We

were nursed for several days by these war-weary, but compassionate men and women until we had enough strength to travel to Munich for additional medical attention.

As we walked ever so slowly and unsteadily toward our salvation, a young American tank commander — whose name I have never known — jumped off his tank to help us in whatever way he could.

When he saw that I was just a young boy, despite my gaunt appearance, he stopped to offer me

mankind. That is why today, I am working to help pass an amendment to the Constitution to protect our flag from physical desecration.

The memories of those heroes who liberated me will forever be a part of me. I show my gratitude to them for delivering me from hell every time I salute the flag that was theirs, and today is mine.

Even now, 54 years later, I am overcome with tears and gratitude whenever I see our glorious American flag, because I know what it

When you harm our flag, you violate my freedom to protect what once protected me, liberated me, restored my human dignity and wiped away my tears.

comfort and compassion. He gave me his own food. He touched my withered body with his hands and his heart. His love instilled in me a will to live, and I fell at his feet and shed my first tears in five years. He knelt by my side and gently wiped them away with his handkerchief.

It was only later, after he had gone, that I realized that his handkerchief was a small American flag, the first I had ever seen. It became my flag of redemption and freedom.

For more than 50 years I have cherished that flag. It represents the hope, freedom and life that the American soldiers returned to me when they found me, nursed me to health, and restored my faith in

represents not only to me, but to millions around the world.

Most of us have come here in search of freedom. The flag that we wave today has a very special meaning to me. It reflects the hope and freedom I have enjoyed for the past 50 years.

My great appreciation of the American flag is coupled with my gratitude, and my admiration of the American soldiers who found me, freed me from the Valley of Death, and restored my faith in God, in mankind, and gave me THIS Flag of Freedom.

Those who come from dictatorial societies never forget how precious the Flag of Freedom is to

them.

Perhaps only those who have had their humanity torn from them as I did can fully appreciate this great country and what its flag represents. Yet every American, out of deference for the sacrifices that purchased and maintain their freedom should revere and honor our flag.

Protest if you wish. Speak loudly, even curse our country and our flag, but please, in the name of all those who died for our freedoms, don't physically harm what is so sacred to me and to countless others.

When you harm our flag, you violate my freedom to protect what once protected me, liberated me, restored my human dignity and wiped away my tears. The price of desecration is too high. I support a constitutional amendment to preserve America's dignity, America's values, and America's flag.

God bless America, and God bless our flag.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Welcome — Jeanne Evans, the new manager at the Duckwall's store, comes to Eldorado from Ozona where she worked as assistant manager. She is a native of Colorado City but has lived for several years in Rankin. Jeanne and her husband Danny have two children, Edward, 12, and Amber 10.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, June 14**
Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Biscuit, Chocolate Pudding, Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, June 15**
Barbecue Brisket, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk
- Wednesday, June 16**
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Salad, Hot Rolls, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Milk
- Thursday, June 17**
Chef's Choice
- Friday, June 18**
Chicken Salad, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Potato Chips, Sliced White Bread, Fresh Bananas, Milk

Traveling abroad? Social Security rules you should note!

by Fredi Franki,
S.S. Manager San Angelo

A friend of mine who will be visiting her daughter in Ireland for an extended period this summer had a number of questions about whether her Social Security or Medicare coverage would be affected.

If you are receiving Social Security checks and you plan to travel outside the United States this summer, there are several rules you should note. For example, you should consider having your check sent directly to the bank. You should also be familiar with how your Medicare coverage works outside the U.S.

First, sending your check directly to a bank—"direct deposit"—has several advantages. For instance, you never have to worry about your check being lost or stolen. It also makes funds available to you even

when you are not here to cash your checks.

If you get sick or hurt while traveling, you should know that, generally, Medicare does not pay for hospital or medical services outside the U.S. However, there are two exceptions if you are in Mexico or Canada.

If you plan to stay outside the country more than 30 days, other rules may apply. Call Social Security's toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 and ask for a copy of the booklet, *Social Security: Your Payments While You Are Outside the United States* (Publication No. 05-10137).



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Splash — Vickie Schwiening overturned this boat load of whitewater rafters and the kids swam for shore Tuesday during the Vacation Bible School held jointly by First Baptist and Community Baptist churches of Eldorado.

Sonora Cowboy Church to host Campmeeting

Sonora Cowboy Church, a fast growing, interdenominational church with a western flare, is hosting its second Cowboy Campmeeting & Team Roping Campmeeting under the big blue tent June 9-12, 1999. The Cowboy Campmeeting location is the Sonora Livestock Auction Barn on Highway 277 South. Pastor Monty Price, founder of Sonora Cowboy Church, invites everyone to come out and enjoy the ministry and music each night at 7 p.m. at the tent.

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City council holds monthly meeting, discusses landfill

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ceive city services, Spinks maintains the lines from the city limit to his home. Council members seemed unwilling to change the city's policy on that matter.

In other business the council approved the minutes of the previ-

ous meeting and okayed the city's financial reports. They also authorized payment of the city's monthly bills.

The council also heard from City Supt. Jack Dean who explained that Talapia Perch, purchased from the Texas Parks &

Wildlife Dept. are due to be introduced into the city's sewer plant this week. He said the perch are intended to help control the growth of algae in the sewer pond during hot summer months.

Dean then updated the council on paving projects around the school and on East Street.

Before adjourning, the council heard a report from Mayor Nikolauk concerning the "Port to Plains Corridor" being promoted by the City of Lubbock, among others. It was explained that trucks crossing the U.S./Mexican border at Laredo often delayed several days due to the extremely heavy traffic. In response to that, the Mexican state of Coahuilla is building a new highway up from the interior to Ciudad Acuña.

The Port to Plains Corridor group, headed by Lubbock is seeking to extend a four-lane highway from Lubbock south through San Angelo to Del Rio, where it will connect with the new road in Mexico. According to Nikolauk, the road would also run north, from Lubbock along Interstate 27 to Amarillo, intersecting with I-40 then northwest to Denver.

The Mayor explained that the city had been asked to contribute money to funding the coalition. The council opted not to fund the project until it could be determined if Schleicher County would participate in the coalition equally.

The council also agreed to donate two older computers to the Schleicher County Sr. Citizens Center.



Thanks — Mayor John Nikolauk presented plaques of appreciation on behalf of the City of Eldorado to former council members Jeri Whitten (above) and George Gower (below) in recognition of their service to the citizens of Eldorado.

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Biting fly infestations cause losses for cattle producers

The mild winter of 1998-99 has provided Texas Livestock owners in many areas of the state with abundant insects, specifically biting flies, that attack cattle and other farm animals in the spring. Spring weather conditions have been favorable for the development of horn flies, stable flies and horse flies, reports Dr. Cliff Hoelscher, an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Hoelscher stated, "Many livestock owners are finding these spring populations to greatly exceed established economic thresholds and are causing animals to bunch together to reduce fly annoyance. All biting flies suck blood from their hosts and reduce

the thrift and vigor of farm animals."

The stable fly is making a strong presence in many areas with 20 to 45 flies being found on individual animals.

"The stable fly is a strong feeder and causes significant stress to animals when populations are high," reported Hoelscher.

Animals infested with the stable fly will stomp their feet frequently and try all possible means to physically dislodge these vicious blood feeding flies. The immature larvae develop in decaying organic matter around feed bunks or under round hay bales.

The horn fly is the most common biting fly in Texas. These flies rest on the back and belly area of the animal. The horn fly is about half the size of a common house fly. Hoelscher reported abundant populations of horn flies in many areas this spring. Each adult fly will consume about a half drop of blood from animals each day. The treatment threshold for this pest is approximately 200 to 250 horn flies per animal. A visual estimate to check fly numbers can be used to determine if animal treatments will be required.

Field checks conducted the first week in April found some animals with 1,200 to 1,500 horn flies per animal. The numbers of flies greatly exceed the treatment threshold and required treatment, stated the Extension specialist.

The mild winter weather and warm spring temperatures have resulted in the emergence of early populations of horse flies.

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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. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

6/1/99 Murdock, Dennis Lee, male age 32, arrested by SC Officer Warrant Motion To Revoke.

6/2/99 Moreno, Abel, male age 59, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Theft Class C, Possession Of Marijuana.

6/3/99 Corona, Mary, female age 42, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

6/3/99 Morehouse, William Scott, male age 46, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Possession of Marijuana, Less than 2 ounces. Criminal Trespass. Released on (2) \$1,000 Surety Bonds.

6/5/99 Donce, Jesus, G., male age 25, arrested by DPS Officer, Driving With No License. Paid Fine.

6/5/99 Perez, Oscar Hernandez, male age 66, hold for Irion County. Driving While Intoxicated (3rd or more).

6/6/99 Corona, Mary, female age 42, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

6/7/99 Saldivar, Candelario A., male age 51, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Class C Assault. Released on Citation.

REPORTS

6/2/99 Larceny Theft. Complainant at grocery store reported a shoplifter. Officer responded and subject was arrested. During search of subject a controlled substance was found. Additional charges filed.

6/3/99 Complainant at Medical Center requested to speak to an officer. Officers responded.

Complainant called for an elderly couple whose motor home had broken down. Automotive service was contacted and SC Officer went to bring them into town.

Loose Livestock. Report of a bull on 190 East 12 miles out. Possible owner was contacted. Animal was put away.

Complainant stated that a grey Eclipse had forced two cars, including theirs, off the road as they were passing. Complainant also stated that the car was driving at a high rate of speed.

Complainant on E. Warner requested an ambulance. Officer and EMS1 responded.

Complainant of E. Callender Ave. reported a fight in progress. Officer responded.

6/5/99 Resident on Colpitts reported a break in. Estimate damage \$100.00.

Complainant reported a minor accident in front of the Post Office.

Complainant reported they have found a dog. Complainant tried calling the number on the tags and was unable to make contact. Complainant made contact with the Sheriff's Office and advised the dog would be at the clinic.

Complainant reported they had a minor accident on County Road 316 and needed an officer. Subject hit a cow.

6/6/99 Complainant stated there were some cattle out on Rabbit Road 4 or 5 miles out.

Complainant reported a certain female walking down the street looking very intoxicated and falling down.

Solution to Puzzle on Page 2

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Focus on the Family
 by Dr. James Dobson
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Parents must take control of television in their home

QUESTION: I am concerned about the impact of television in our home. How can we control it without resorting to dictatorial rules and regulations?

DR. DOBSON: It seems that we have three objectives as parents. First, we want to monitor the quality of the programs our children watch. Second, we want to regulate the quantity of television they see. Even good programs may have an undesirable influence on the rest of children's activities if they spend too much time watching them. Third, we should include the entire family in establishing a TV policy.

I read about a system recently that is very effective in accomplishing all three of these purposes. The first step is to have parents sit down with the children and agree upon a list of approved programs that are appropriate for each age level. Then type that list (or at least write it clearly) and enclose it in clear plastic so it can be referred to throughout the week.

Next, either purchase or make a roll of tickets. Issue each child 10 tickets per week, and let him or her use them to "buy" the privilege of watching the programs on the approved list. When the tickets are gone, television viewing is over for that week. This teaches a child to be discriminating about what is watched. A maximum of 10 hours of viewing per week might be an appropriate place to start, compared with the national average of 40 to 50 hours per week. That's far too much, especially for an elementary school child.

This system can be modified

to fit individual home situations or circumstances. If there's a special program that all the children want to see, such as a feature broadcast or a holiday program during Christmas and Thanksgiving, you can issue more tickets. You might also give extra tickets as rewards for achievement or some other laudable behavior.

The real test will occur when parents reveal whether or not they have the courage to put themselves on that limited system, too. We often need the same regulations in our viewing habits!

QUESTION: I have never spanked my 3-year-old because I am afraid it will teach her to hit others and be a violent person. Do you think I am wrong?

DR. DOBSON: You have asked an important question that reflects a common misunderstanding about child management. First, let me emphasize that it is possible — even easy — to create a violent and aggressive child who has observed this behavior at home. If he is routinely beaten by hostile, volatile parents, or if he witnesses physical violence between angry adults, or if he feels unloved and unappreciated within his family, that child will not fail to notice how the game is played.

Thus, corporal punishment that is not administered according to very carefully thought-out guidelines is a risky thing. Being a parent carries no right to slap and intimidate a child because you had a bad day or are in a lousy mood. It is this kind of unjust discipline that causes some well-meaning authorities to reject corporal punishment as a method of discipline.

Just because a technique is used

wrongly, however, is no reason to reject it altogether. Many children desperately need this resolution to their disobedience. In those situations when the child, aged 2 to 10, fully understands what he is being asked to do but refuses to yield to adult leadership, an appropriate spanking is the shortest and most effective route to an attitude adjustment. When he lowers his head, clenches his fists and makes it clear he is going for broke, justice must speak swiftly and eloquently.

Not only does this response not create aggression in a boy or girl, it helps them control their impulses and live in harmony with various forms of benevolent authority throughout life. Many people disagree, of course. I can only tell you that there is not a single well-designed scientific study that confirms the hypothesis that spanking by a loving parent breeds violence in children.

 Dr. Dobson is president of the non-profit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; or www.fof.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House. Copyright 1998 James Dobson, Inc.

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Menard plans 12th annual Jim Bowie Days celebration

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An arts and crafts fair will be shaded beneath the towering pecan trees on American Legion Park in downtown Menard, starting on Friday and continuing through Saturday. Booths are still available and can be reserved by calling 915-396-2365.

Live entertainment on stage will entertain the crowds, along

with washer pitching, games for the youngsters, the Little Mr. and Miss Nugget Contest, and a melodrama featuring Menard's famous gunfighters, the Silver Ridge Runners.

An old-fashioned Pony Express Race will be held at Stockpen Crossing Park along the scenic San Saba River and a Saturday night dance will continue the fun.

A festival unique to Menard, Jim Bowie Days celebrates the legend of Jim Bowie and his search for the lost silver mine in Menard County. The Kentuckian, who was destined to die at the Alamo fighting for Texas, indeed became a leg-

end as big as Texas itself and in the 1820's came to the beautiful San Saba River near present-day Menard to look for silver. He was later adopted into the Lipan Apache tribe and because of his ensuing battle with them over their silver mine, today known as the Lost Bowie Mine, Menard history would forever be changed.

Thus A Song of Silver was born in 1988, a rousing musical written by playwright Patty Miller, set in a breathtaking canyon called Silver Ridge just south of town.

The big Jim Bowie Days weekend will lead off with the musical production locally produced, directed and performed with a cast

of about one hundred. The outdoor performances begin at sundown and the two-hour production is an action-packed historical account that has delighted large and growing crowds of theatre buffs, history aficionados, and dreamers.

Performances are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 17, 18 and 19. The audience continues to grow each year as word of this pageant is spread. Advance tickets are available.

For more information on Jim Bowie Days and A Song of Silver, contact the Menard County Chamber of Commerce, Box 64, Menard, Texas 76859, telephone 915-396-2365.



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Cattle producers face losses due to biting fly infestations

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Horse flies are robust flyers and can travel long distances in search of a host. These flies are occasional feeders and leave the animal often and are difficult to control with insecticides. Retreatment of animals, especially horses, with a pyrethroid insecticide, will be required for horse fly control. Rainfall received this spring has helped the survival of the semiaquatic larval stage of this pest.

Livestock owners will want to carefully choose the proper insecticide and application method to complement other veterinary practices to be conducted when animals are being worked in a

holding pen. A variety of insecticide formulations are available including sprays, dusts, ready-to-use pour-on, dips, dust bags, impregnated ear tags and injectable products.

The pour-on formulations have become popular because of their ease of use and dose safety factors. One just has to open the container and pour the prescribed dose directly on the animal's shoulders and back line.

Insecticide ear tags continue to be popular treatment for horn flies because of the long residual control provided and the ease of application. Choose a treatment scheme that works well into your herd management plan and offers long term economic control.

In general, three types of insecticide are in popular use for livestock pest control. These insecticides include the organophosphate compounds, synthetic pyrethroids and avermectin formulations. The avermectin materials have a broad spectrum pest activity and can be used to control both internal and external pests. The pyrethroid and organophosphate compounds will provide excellent biting control. Retreatment of animals may be required if high pest numbers continue to emerge. Some of the common examples of the pyrethroid insecticides for livestock are represented by such materials as diazinon, coumaphos (CoRal), ethion, primiphos methyl, chlorpyrifos and phosmet. The avermectin compounds are represented by Ivomec, Epernix, Dectomax and Cydectin.

Your local Extension office has a free publication to assist with livestock pest control problems. Extension publication B-1306, Managing External Parasites of Texas Livestock and Poultry, is available at your local county office or the Texas A&M University, Department of Entomology Web site on the Internet at <http://entowww.tamu.edu>. Remember to read and follow label directions on the product selected for use on you animals.

Supermarket Range Ram Sale

On Saturday, August 7, 1999 there will be a "Supermarket" Range Ram Sale at the Ag Barn in Eldorado. The sale will begin at 10 a.m. and the auction will start at 1:30 p.m. There will be an excellent set or Rambouillet and Suffolk Rams consigned to the sale by area producers. For more information, please contact the Extension Office.

Camels return to Big Bend

PRESIDIO — It's been almost

140 years since camels have been used in any organized way to travel in the Big Bend region of Texas, but that will change this July. Modern-day adventurers will have a chance this summer to take two-day camel treks through the Chihuahuan Desert terrain of majestic Big Bend Ranch State Park.

Though Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) has offered the public a chance to work the park's long-horn cattle and mount up for guided horseback trail rides at Big Bend Ranch, this is the first time the agency has embraced a more exotic way to explore Texas' largest state park. Dates for upcoming camel treks are July 24-25, July 31-Aug. 1, Aug. 7-8, Sept. 18-19 and Sept. 25-26.

The Texas Camel Corps, owned by Doug Baum of Valley Mills, Texas, was inspired to offer the unusual adventure travel opportunity by the U.S. Army Camel Corps excursions throughout the Texas frontier of the mid-1800s. In 1859 and 1860, the Big Bend region was explored by a group of cameleers commanded by Lt. William Echols, whose dual mission was to map the relatively unexplored region and to test the camels' usefulness in rugged terrain under arid conditions. The noble but fruitless experiment ended with the outbreak of the Civil War. The 1860 trek crossed part of what is now 280,000-acre Big Bend

Ranch State Park.

The idea to use of camels as part of the park's educational programs came about in a roundabout way. In 1998, three members of the Odyssey Exploration Society from Calgary, Alberta trained at Big Bend Ranch State Park in preparation for a 900-mile camel trek across Arabia's Empty Quarter.

The three Canadians produce adventure documentary films and had been part of a Mount Everest summit the year before. Having heard of Big Bend Ranch's desert survival program, they contacted program leader David Alloway, a state park ranger and naturalist, who set up specialized training for the Mid-east trek. No stranger to extreme adventures himself, Alloway in 1996 became the first and is still the only non-Australian to complete the 200 kilometer Pilbara Trek through Australia's punishing outback.

Alloway was asked if he could recommend someone to train the adventurers how to properly to pack and ride camels. Alloway had recalled hearing about the historic Camel Corps and contacted fellow TPW employee Ken Polard, who operates the department's Buffalo Soldier outreach program which educates Texans about the role of black cavalrymen in protecting the state's western frontier in the 19th century. Polard put Alloway in touch with Baum. The two teamed up to train the Canadians, who accomplished their crossing of the Empty Quarter in March 1999.

Baum and Alloway decided based on the successful experience with the Canadians and the historical significance of the Camel Corps to put together a program to educate the public in a unique way about this little-known facet of 19th century Big Bend exploration. Thus, the Big Bend Ranch camel treks were born.

"Each of the camels is 12 years old and well adapted to this kind of work," Baum said of the one-humped dromedaries. "These animals are very gentle, endearing, awkward and comical. I've made most of my living the past few years just taking the camels to various events for people to see."

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