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for world record falls
short at Eldorado

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Ready or not...here it comes

State okays Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor route

The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor won final designation from the Texas Transportation Commission last Thursday. The route, extending north and west from Laredo connects to two other major U.S. ports-of-entry at Eagle Pass and Del Rio, before turning north along U.S. Highway 277. The route passes directly through Eldorado and Schleicher County on its way to San Angelo, Lubbock, Amarillo and eventually to Denver, Colorado.

Elected officials up and down the corridor heralded the news. "That's great news," said Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin. "It took long enough but the state finally got it right."

In Mexico, the vote was welcomed by federal and state officials who see development of the corridor as essential to economic growth along the border. The Zocalo Acuna, the daily newspaper in Ciudad Acuna, greeted the news with a huge headline that simply said, "¡Si!"

Although complete funding for

the project has not been secured, the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition wasted no time in declaring victory. Kevin Evans, coalition president trumpeted the vote as "one that enhances the economic landscape of West Texas."

Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton agreed, "What this does is it allows West Texas to develop all the way, up and down," she said.

"Trade is the driving force behind this," said Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk. "For too long West Texas has been isolated while the major trade route ran north from Laredo to Austin and Dallas. This new route will move some of that traffic in our direction."

That sentiment is what prompted a number of West Texas cities and counties to sign on as partners in the Ports-to-Plains Coalition several years ago. Major funding and leadership for the group came from the City of Lubbock as the coalition set out to convince the Texas Transportation Commission that West Texas deserved a larger slice of the trade pie.

Border crossings at Laredo were already backed up and, at times, Interstate 35 between Laredo and Dallas looked more like a parking lot than a major interstate highway, as 18-wheelers clogged the north-south artery. Then, along came NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, and traffic along the I-35 corridor grew exponentially. That's when the Ports-to-Plains Coalition decided the time was right to ratchet up the lobbying pressure.

For a time, the effort seemed more like a feud than a serious lobbying effort as West Texas cities and counties competed with one another for inclusion on the route. Neither was the effort harmonious on the local level as people up and down the corridor debated the impact a major trade route would have on their hometowns. The dreaded word bypass became taboo and was quickly replaced with the less threatening phrase "relief route." Meanwhile, others contemplated the strain that increased law enforcement and emergency services personnel would place on local budgets.

After a feasibility study last year pared the number of viable routes, Eldorado's and Schleicher County's hopes continued to rise. Then, the U.S. Congress included U.S. 277 on its preferred route earlier in the year. At that point, Thursday's vote by the Texas Transportation Commission seemed like a foregone conclusion. So much so, in fact, that coalition members threw a pre-vote party for commission members the evening before the vote.

"This route is an investment in our future," Transportation Commission Chairman John Johnson said after the vote. "It has a regional impact to the state's infrastructure and has the potential to serve as a crucial trade corridor for Texas and the rest of the country."

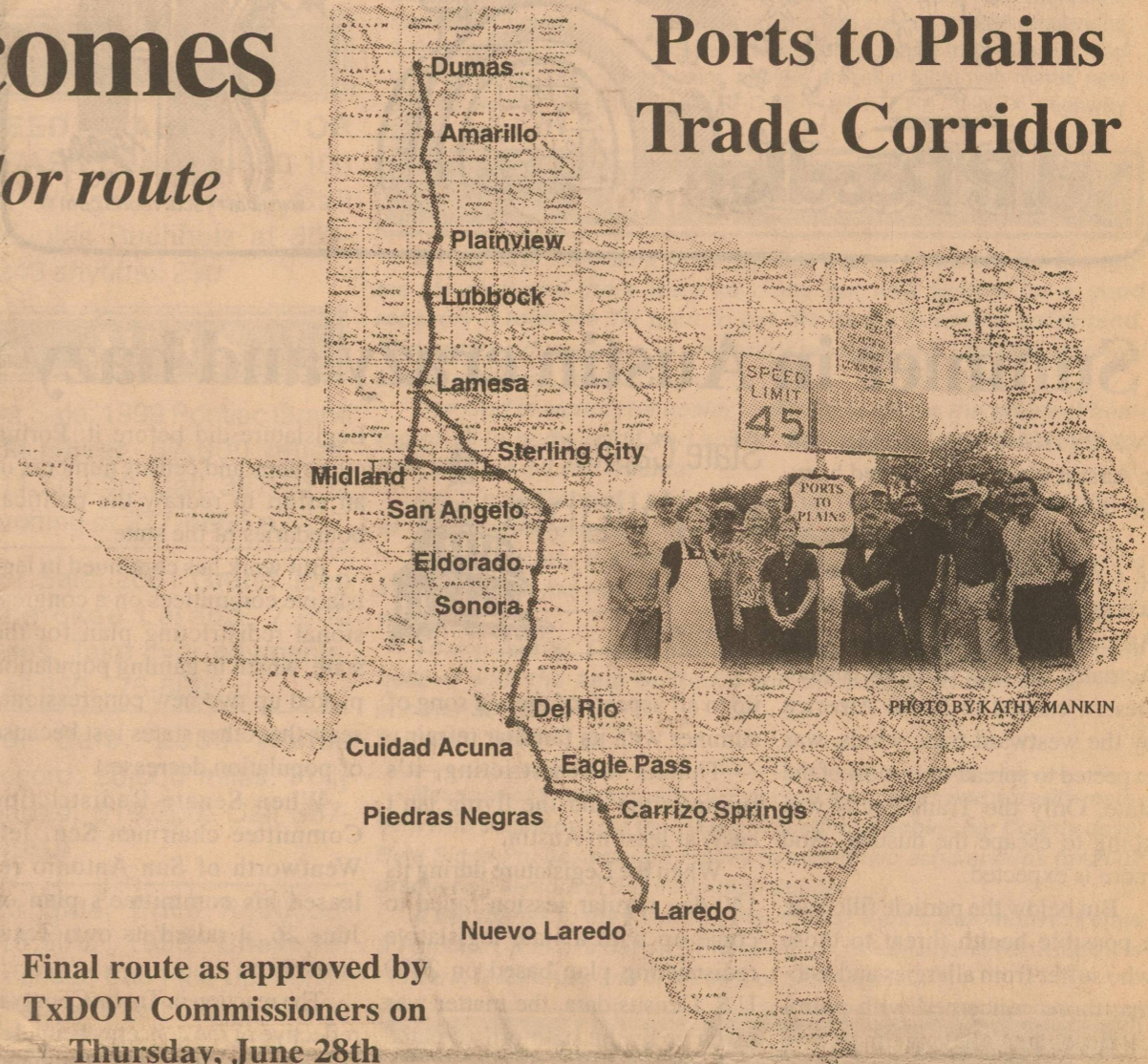
However, the route designation stopped short of making it out of the Texas panhandle. Instead, it stopped in Dumas. From there, the Transportation Departments in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado will work out the final portion to connect with Denver. That portion of the roadway must be designated by Sept. 30 or the Federal Highway Administration will select a route.

As work progresses, Ports-to-Plains will connect several existing roads, develop intersections and construct a few new portions. The total cost, at least 10 years away, is estimated to exceed \$1.2 billion.

Amarillo Mayor Trent Sisemore said he's excited about the designation and what it will mean to the area's future. "I think the citizens of this community will truly realize its importance 20 years from today," he said. "I think the designation was exactly where

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Ports to Plains Trade Corridor



Final route as approved by TxDOT Commissioners on Thursday, June 28th

Inset Photo: City, County and Chamber of Commerce officials celebrated the designation of U.S. 277 as part of the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor with the placement of a sign at the north entrance to Eldorado. Following the photo, the sign was removed. The Ports to Plains Coalition is lobbying TxDOT to mark the route with similar signs along the corridor. Pictured (L-R) are: Vickie Williams, Johnny Mayo, Jr., Stacy Haynes, Albert Torres, Princess Gruben, Randy Mankin, Connie Andrews, Dora Bosmans, Stan Meador, Richard Mendez, John Nikolauk and Tommy Minor.

Murder suspect Gomez delivered to Mexican authorities on International Bridge at Del Rio

In a scene right out of the Old West, or perhaps a Cold War spy thriller, Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran, Texas Ranger Brooks Long and U.S. Border Patrol Anti-Smuggling Unit agents Mario Ramirez and Art Martinez, met Mexican Police Commandant Juan Garibaldi and several Mexican police officers last Friday, at the center of the International Bridge between Del Rio and Ciudad Acuna. There, the men handed over Juan Manuel Alvarado Gomez, 37, to the Mexican authorities. Gomez faces murder charges in Mexico in connection with the shooting death of Jesus Medrano of Ciudad Acuna.

Medrano died in Acuna on August 20, 2000 after being shot three times. He had attended his brother's wedding and, as the family was leaving the ceremony, Gomez allegedly appeared and shot Medrano in front of terrified family members.

After hiding out in Mexico for a period of time, Gomez reportedly fled to Texas and made his way to Irving, where he managed to avoid capture for several months. But, that changed last Friday when U.S. Border Patrol Anti-Smuggling Unit agents, acting on information developed by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department and Texas Ranger Brooks Long, apprehended Gomez in a predawn raid.

At first Gomez refused to confirm his identity for the officers. However, later in the morning, Gomez appeared in a hearing before a Federal Magistrate. At that

time, Gomez admitted who he was and notified the court that he had chosen not to oppose deportation to Mexico. By midafternoon, he was led across the bridge and handed into the custody of Mexican authorities.

Texas Ranger Brooks Long, who was present for the exchange, credits Eldorado residents Isidro and Martha Medrano with assisting in Gomez's capture.

Long noted that the murder victim was the brother of Isidro Medrano. He said that Medrano and his wife refused to let the case die and kept up the pressure on Mexican police.

But, the Mexican authorities had no jurisdiction in the United States and Gomez had not committed

a crime on American soil, except for the fact that he was in the country illegally. And, that proved to be the key to Gomez's capture.

After exhausting all their options with the Mexican police, the Medranos contacted the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. Soon, Texas Ranger Brooks Long was called into the case and the wheels of justice began to turn on the north side of the Rio Grande.

In a telephone interview with the Success, Ranger Long praised the Medranos tenacity. "They weren't about to let this thing be forgotten," Long said.

After following up on several leads, Long contacted the U.S. Border Patrol's Anti-Smuggling

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

All because he wouldn't dim his lights — Schleicher County Deputy Jason Chatham inspects a stolen car he recovered Sunday evening after stopping the driver for failing to dim his headlights.

Driver's failure to dim lights leads to recovery of stolen car

Juan Antonio Castro Velasquez, 30, of Mexico remains in the Schleicher County Jail after a routine traffic stop Sunday evening revealed the car he was driving was reported stolen in Cleburne.

Schleicher County Deputy Jason Chatham reports that he was patrolling northbound on US 277, about three miles south of Eldorado, when he met Velasquez, traveling southbound at about 11:30 p.m. Chatham said he pulled Velasquez over when the man failed to dim his headlights.

At cursory check of the car, a freshly painted yellow 1986 Chevy Monte Carlo, revealed that it had once been painted maroon...and, the car was sporting license plates belonging to a 1991 Chevy Monte Carlo. Also, Chatham said the car's vehicle identification num-

ber on the dash board appeared to have been tampered with and the windshield appeared to have been recently installed with a registration sticker for a 1980 model Dodge.

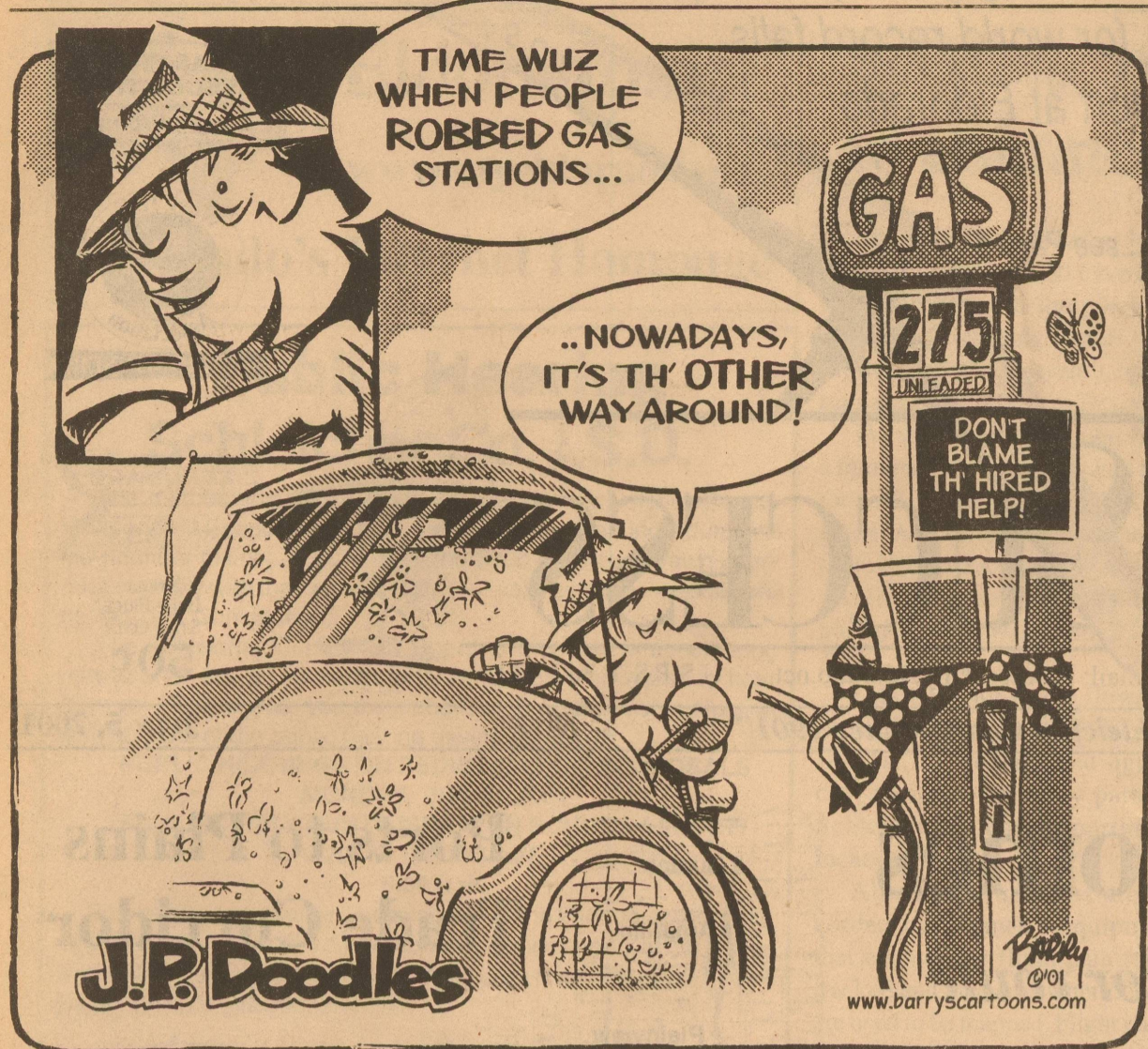
Velasquez, too, had identification problems. After telling Chatham that he did not have a driver's license, Velasquez produced a State I.D. card. A check of the card showed that it belonged to a woman from Corpus Christi. At that point, Chatham took Velasquez into custody and charged him with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

A subsequent inquiry revealed that Velasquez is a citizen of Mexico. However, according to Cleburne police, he has operated a body shop in that city for about four years. According to Chief Deputy George Arispe, an investigation into Velasquez's activities continues,



COURTESY PHOTO

Going back to Mexico — Juan Manuel Alvarado Gomez, 37, was taken into custody by Mexican police on the International Bridge between Del Rio and Ciudad Acuna after the murder suspect was delivered by Texas Ranger Brooks Long, Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran and U.S. Border Patrol agents Mario Ramirez and Art Martinez.



Windmills, hang gliders and 4-lane highways

Without the wind, Eldorado probably wouldn't be here.

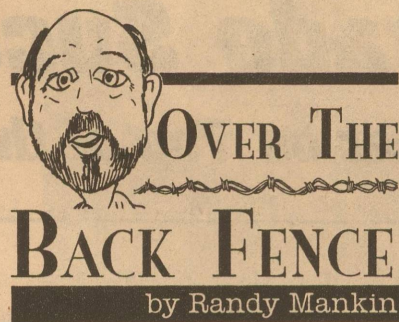
You see, just over a century ago, the first settlers made their way onto the Divide. It was one of the last places in Texas to be settled because of the lack of water.

Settlement here simply wasn't possible earlier. At least not until drilling technology developed enough to allow the pioneers to access the water that lay in abundance only a few hundred feet below the surface.

Even then, good dependable windmills were needed to pump the life-giving liquid to the surface. And, the windmills needed wind, the one thing that is seldom in short supply hereabouts.

So, without the wind, there probably wouldn't have been an Eldorado...at least not as we know it today.

Last week, the wind brought another type of adventurer to town, hang glider pilots.



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

It seems they have located a river of wind, blowing northward from South Texas, across the southern part of the Hill Country and the Edwards Plateau...blowing all the way from Zapata County to Eldorado and beyond. Now, hundreds of the sportsmen are trying to set a World's Distance Record by hang gliding across this area. Amazingly, their goal is to soar, nonstop for 350 miles.

The two who landed here last week fell just 50 miles short of the record. No doubt, there will be others who follow.

Yet another migration is headed this way. This one is a migration of trucks. As the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor becomes a reality, there will be more and more truck traffic along US 277. And, as Laredo, and Eagle Pass are connected, first to Del Rio, and then to here by a 4-lane highway, the traffic could eventually become so heavy that its no longer feasible for the road to pass through Eldorado.

Other towns are already weighing their options and discussing means by which to deal with the increased traffic. We

would be wise to start doing the same.

Some folks are giddy about the prospect of a 4-lane highway coming to Eldorado. But others aren't so sure. They foresee problems and aren't certain that we have the means to address them.

Other communities, however, are licking their wounds. They were left off the Ports-to-Plains route and would gladly trade their current problems for the ones we might face in the future.

I spoke with two local men this week who have completely opposite opinions about a 4-lane highway. The first worries that the road will require that a bypass be built around Eldorado. The second is just as worried that the town's merchants, hungry for dollars the road might bring, will block construction of a bypass. They each have legitimate concerns.

As for me, well, I'm not eager to see a bypass go up around town. But, neither do I want to see hundreds of trucks passing by the elementary school every day.

What's the answer? I don't know. I am convinced, however, that I prefer the problem of dealing with traffic to that of being stuck in a town that the road missed by 50 miles. Had that happened to us, and it very nearly did, then the occasional tumbleweed, driven along by that ever-present wind, would have been the only traffic left on Main Street.

Summer in Austin crazy and hazy but not lazy

AUSTIN — It's summer, but in Austin it's only crazy and hazy, not lazy.

In fact, it has literally been hazy as a mass of dusty air that blew across the Atlantic all the way from Africa hovers over the Capital City. Actually, the dust from the Sahara Desert, carried to North America by the westward trade winds, was expected to spread over most of the state. Only the Trans-Pecos was going to escape the dusting. And more is expected.

But below the particle filled air, a possible health threat to those who suffer from allergies and asthma, those concerned with political issues aren't having time to live

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



up to all aspects of the old song of summer with its familiar refrain.

Thanks to redistricting, it's summertime and the living isn't easy, at least in Austin.

When the Legislature during its 140-day regular session failed to come up with a state legislative redistricting plan based on 2000 U.S. Census data, the matter was taken up by the statutorily created state Redistricting Board.

The board is doing what the

Legislature did before it: Poring over maps and census numbers in an effort to redraw the political boundaries of the state.

But work has continued in legislative committees on a congressional redistricting plan for the state, which in gaining population picked up two new congressional seats that other states lost because of population decreases.

When Senate Redistricting Committee chairman Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio released his committee's plan on June 26, it raised its own Texas dust storm.

The reaction in Travis County is reflective of the concerns being felt by politicians statewide, depending on their party affiliation. Here's the bumper sticker: Republicans like the plan, Democrats don't.

Austin, of course, is in the 10th Congressional District. It is a district made famous by President Lyndon B. Johnson, who began his political career in 1937 as its newly elected Democratic U.S. House of Representatives member.

Back then, and for years after, the 10th District was as Democratic as a yellow dog is not black and white. These days, however, Texas is a Republican majority state. The district has continued to be held by Democrats all these years.

According to the plan revealed last Tuesday, all of Williamson County — a heavy Republican county — would be added to the

10th District. That, say Democrats, would imperil the incumbency of Democratic Congressman Lloyd Doggett of Austin.

The alignment trotted out by the Senate Redistricting Committee remains only a proposal, and it's still a long way from reality. If the Legislature's Senate and House Redistricting Committees can agree on a map, Gov. Rick Perry has indicated he would call a special session.

If not, and given that the House remains in Democratic hands it is a very big if, a congressional redistricting plan probably will be determined in the courts. That's also the expected fate of legislative and State Board of Education boundaries.

As it stands now, Texas has 30 congressional districts: 17 are occupied by Democrats and 13 are controlled by Republicans. Under Wentworth's plan, Republicans would have a population majority in 17 districts while Democrats could be expected to have 15 House seats.

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WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Who Can Sing and How to Write the Blues

I get all sorts of email from high school buddies, relatives and friends. I usually discard them immediately, since most of them are just pap. Cuz Bill sent me one the other day I think I'll share with you, in case you somehow have been out of the country and missed it. It's about THE BLUES

Blues cars: Chevys, Fords, Cadillacs and broken-down trucks. Blues don't travel in Volvos, BMW's or Sport Utility Vehicles. Most Blues transportation is a Greyhound bus or a southbound train. Jet aircraft an' limos ain't even in the running. Walkin' plays a major part in the Blues lifestyle. So does fixin' to die.

Teenagers can't sing the Blues. They ain't fixin' to die yet. Adults sing the Blues. In Blues, adulthood means being old enough to get the electric chair if you shoot a man in Memphis. Blues can take place in New York City, but not in Hawaii or any place in Canada. Hard times in Minneapolis or Seattle is probably just clinical depression. Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City are still the best places to have the Blues. You cannot have the Blues in any place that don't get rain.

A man with male pattern baldness ain't the Blues. A woman with male pattern baldness is. Breaking you leg cause you skiing is not the Blues. Breaking you leg 'cause a alligator be chompin' on it is.

You can't have no Blues in a office or shopping mall. The lighting is wrong. Go outside to the

parking lot or sit by the dumpster. Good places for the Blues: highway, jailhouse, empty bed, bottom of a whiskey glass.

Bad places: Dillard's, gallery openings, Ivy League Institutions. No one will believe it's the Blues if you wear a suit 'less you happen to be an old ethnic person and you sleep in it.

Blues beverages are cheap wine, whiskey or bourbon, muddy water, nasty black coffee. These are NOT Blues beverages: Perrier, Chardonnay, Snapple and Slim Fast.

If death occurs in a cheap motel or a shotgun shack, it's a Blues death. Stabbed in the back by a jealous lover is another Blues way to die. So is substance abuse and dying lonely on a broken down cot. You can't have a Blues death if you die during a tennis match or getting liposuction.

Some Blues names: Sadie, Big Mama, Bessie, Fat River Dumping, Joe, Willie, Little Willie, Big Willie. Persons with names like Michelle, Amber, Debbie and Heather can't sing the Blues.

Make your own Blues name starter kit: a. Name a physical infirmity (blind, cripple, lame, etc.) b. The second name should be a fruit (lemon, lime, kiwi) 3. The Third name should be the name of a dead president (Jefferson, Johnson, Fillmore.) For instance, Braces Banana Jackson.

If you own a computer you cannot sing the Blues.

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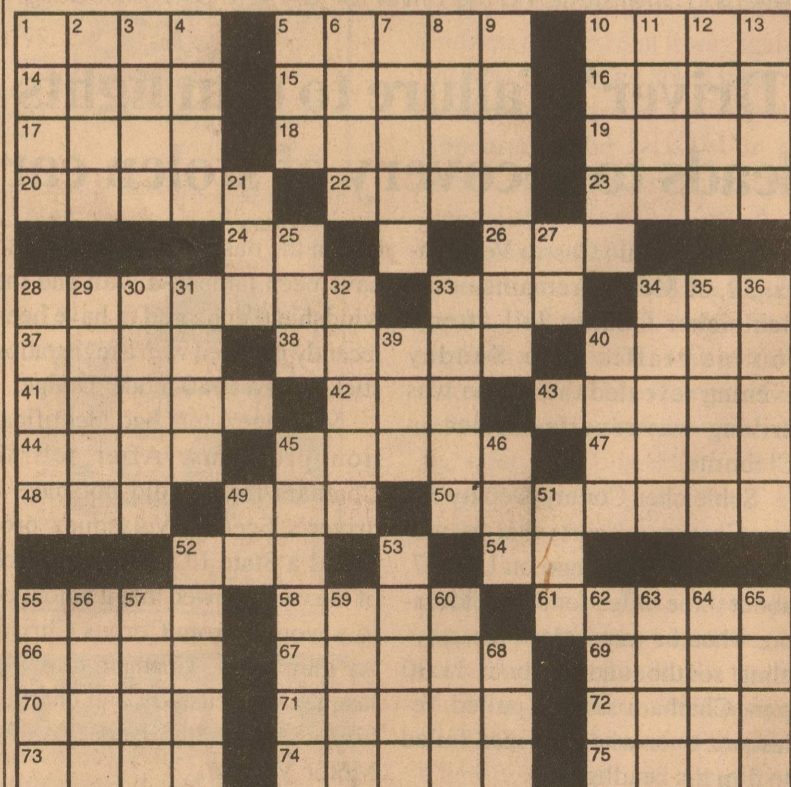
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 - 5 Lavender
 - 10 Camp beds
 - 14 Strap or thong
 - 15 Organic nitrogen compound
 - 16 Appendages
 - 17 Elaborate song
 - 18 Relay race implement
 - 19 Pepper with rain
 - 20 Stout board
 - 22 Type of leguminous plant
 - 23 Apiece
 - 24 Personifies
 - 26 Corn spike
 - 28 Cleaning vat
 - 33 Doctrine
 - 34 Resort hotel
 - 37 Yearn or pine for
 - 38 Money extracted as a penalty
 - 40 Flimsy
 - 41 Locks up (archaic)
 - 42 Garland
 - 43 Sacred writings of Islam
 - 44 Unwritten examination
 - 45 Jargon
 - 47 Character from an ancient Germanic alphabet
 - 48 Naught
 - 49 Frozen
 - 50 Gear case
 - 52 Flying saucer letters
- DOWN**
- 1 An excited state of agitation
 - 2 British peer ranking below a marquess
 - 3 Largest continent
 - 4 Conjunction used in comparatives
 - 5 Workplace for the conduct of scientific research
 - 6 Mosque prayer leader
 - 7 Lighted like a building
 - 8 At another time
 - 9 Cause to become obstructed
 - 10 Pickled flower bud used in a pungent relish
 - 11 European olive tree genus
 - 12 Hydrated magnesium silicate powder
 - 13 Adam's offspring
 - 21 Outfit
 - 25 Aggregate
 - 27 Ante meridiem for short
- 54 Mom**
- 55 A parent's sister**
- 58 Tangerine & grape-fruit hybrid**
- 61 Confiscate**
- 66 State of annoyance**
- 67 Honor by lampooning**
- 69 Redact**
- 70 Cattle**
- 71 In a gay manner**
- 72 Russian river**
- 73 Headliner**
- 74 Older**
- 75 Droops**
- 77 DROOPS**
- 28 Wheeled cart**
- 29 Mites of Acarus genus**
- 30 Stretch of shallow water**
- 31 Hades**
- 32 Hooligan**
- 33 Put ice on or put on ice**
- 34 Woody perennial bush**
- 35 Stringed instrument with keys**
- 36 Building extension**
- 39 Grazing land**
- 40 Pressure unit (abbr.)**
- 45 Nemesis or bane**
- 46 Precious stone**
- 49 Conjunction introducing a conditional clause**
- 51 Associate in Applied Science (abbr.)**
- 52 Express in speech**
- 53 Cloth having a criss-cross design**
- 55 Inquires**
- 56 Whole thing**
- 57 One of Columbus' ships**
- 59 Destination**
- 60 A small island**
- 62 Soft-finned fish**
- 63 Melodic theme**
- 64 Oomph**
- 65 Greek letters**
- 68 Norse god of war and strife**

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OBITUARIES

Herbert Paul McCalla

Herbert Paul McCalla was born on Jan. 15, 1916 in Corinth Miss. to George Andrew McCalla and Elizabeth Irwin McCalla. The family moved to Texas in the farming area of Colorado City and Snyder in 1922. Then moved to Eldorado in the fall of 1936 where he attended high school during the term of 1936-37. The family purchased a farm in Palo Pinto County where he met and married Dona Leta Arnold and settled at Lone Camp. Born to this union was one son, Roland Bishop.

Herbert Paul McCalla passed away June 28, 2001. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one brother, George McCalla; and two sisters, Emma McCalla and Sally Christian. He is survived by his son and wife Bobbie of Lone Camp; a granddaughter, Cari Jo of the home; two step-grandsons of Fort Worth; a brother, Gene and wife Vernell of Eldorado; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. Burial was in the North Santo Cemetery on Sunday July 1, 2001.

Rudel M. Newlin

WALDRON, AR — Rudel M. Newlin, 77, passed away Tuesday, June 26th in Waldron, Ark. after a long struggle with heart problems and a previous broken hip. She was a homemaker and loved by all who knew her.

She and her husband, Willard W. Newlin, owned and operated the Frontier Village Motel in Waldron. She was known as "Sunny" because of her kind and loving personality.

Her service was Thursday morning at Kingdom Hall in Waldron. Burial followed in Chant Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Willard; a son Danny Newlin and wife Mary Lou; a grandson, Japheth Reid Newlin of Oklahoma; a brother, Gene Messick; a sister, Dorothy Cappock of Waldron; a sister-in-law, Louise Logan of Eldorado, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Howard College honors Mitchel

Howard College announced that Lance Mitchel of Eldorado was honored with Summa Cum Laude for the Fall 2000 and Spring 2001 honor rolls for his 4.0 GPA. In addition, Mitchel also received outstanding Sociology Student of the Year, a prestigious academic honor. And for his participation in the Hawk

Baseball Program, Mitchel was honored with the Academic Excellence Award and the Distinguished Male Athlete of the Year Award.

Lance is the son of Randy and Larry Mitchel of Eldorado and the grandson of Sarah and Earl Yates of Eldorado and Calvin and Margaret Mitchel of Brady.

Eldorado grads receive degrees from Texas A&M

Bodie Gilstrap, Toni Whitten, Matt McCormick and Cameron Paulson of Eldorado recently received their diplomas during the spring commencement ceremonies at Texas A&M University.

Bodie Gilstrap is the son of Jimmy and Carolyn Gilstrap and re-

It's a girl!

Welcome to the world Kyra Brook Hunter! Born on June 26, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. and weighing 8 pounds. 14 ounces.

Proud parents are Kyle and Kaci Hunter of College Station. Also, very proud of their new sister are Kaylee, who says she's perfect, and Kade, who just can't seem to give her enough kisses. Grandparents are Tommy and Melinda Hunley and Norman and Kathy Kohls of Eldorado and Rodney Hunter of Santa Fe, TX.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, July 9

Bar-B-Que Beef Sandwich, Baked French Fries, Baby Carrots, Cole-slaw, Milk, Peaches w/Whipped Topping

Tuesday, July 10

Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, Macaroni Salad, Cantaloupe Cubes, Milk

Wednesday, July 11

Beef Tips w/Gravy, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Rolls, Tossed Salad w/Sliced Tomatoes, Banana Pudding, Milk

Thursday, July 12

Chicken Fajitas w/Onion & Green Pepper, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans & Cheese, Flour Tortilla, Lettuce and Tomato, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

Friday, July 13

Oven Baked Chicken, Scalloped potatoes, Sliced Beets, Dinner Rolls, Strawberry Banana Mixed, Bread Pudding w/Raisins, Milk



Happy campers — Josh Taylor and Kaleb Murr are attending Camp Hoblitzelle at Midlothian this week. The camp is sponsored each year by the Salvation Army.

Youths attend Camp Hoblitzelle

Kaleb Murr and Josh Taylor were among the lucky ones chosen for a fun filled week of horse back riding, swimming, sports, boating, fishing and a tour of a full-size Calvary Fort, located at Camp Hoblitzelle in Midlothian Texas.

Salvation Army Chairman Sheriff David Doran drove the Eldorado Youths to Brownwood Texas on July 2nd and from there they met with approx. 20 other youths from this region and traveled to Midlothian Texas, 34 miles

southwest of Dallas.

Boys and Girls from all over Texas will be there. Campers will get to live in modern cabins, go boating on 30 acre lake Whaley, swim in the Olympic size pool, ride horses, try there skills at archery, baseball, volleyball, handicrafts, and whole lot more. The old west still lives at Ft. Tejas, a real western fort made of logs. They will see movies, go hiking, attend worship, and sing around a campfire.

ASU corrects Dean's List

According to Pedro Ramirez, the News and Information Officer at Angelo State University a computer coding error resulted in an incorrect list of names being submitted to the Success for the 2001 Spring Semester Dean's List at Angelo State University. He has submitted a new list.

Six Eldorado students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are included on the Dean's List for the 2001 Spring semester.

They are Kirk Allen Curtis, a communication major; Anna Regina Loomis, a nursing major; Sarah Ashley Mankin, a biochemistry major; Sundi Gay Nix, an interdisciplinary studies major; Alana J. Oliver, a physics major and Jennie W. Swyter, a history/secondary certification major.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

A&M names spring semester honor students

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2001 spring semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

Among those recognized were: Kayla Kohls who is majoring in Animal Science and Toni Whitten who majored in Agricultural Science. Kayla is the daughter of Norman and Kathy Kohls and Toni is the daughter of Ross and Marilyn Whitten.

A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours. Among those recognized as Distinguished Student was Jennifer Stafford. Jennifer is the daughter of Cynthia and John Paul Joiner.

Buckaroo Chuck turns 40, and...



...the Wild West just won't be the same again!

Phone scam targets churches

As Texas Attorney General John Cornyn brought charges this week against phone companies involved in overbilling practices relating to phone scams against Hispanic telephone customers, word came this week of a new scam targeting churches. And, the scam has already claimed victims in at least three churches in Eldorado.

As part of the scam, a male caller places a collect call to a church. When an unsuspecting pastor or church secretary answers the call and agrees to accept the charges, the caller pretends to be someone who either recently attended or recently visited the church.

The caller then begins crying and says that he is in Florida, where a member of his family has been killed in an automobile accident. The caller's purpose, however, seems to be to keep the phone

call going as long as possible.

Sheriff David Doran advised that the phone scam is very similar to the one targeted at Hispanic citizens a few months ago.

"When the phone bills come in the churches will find that the calls were placed through an obscure phone company with extremely high rates," Doran said.

The sheriff advised anyone who has experienced such a call to contact his office at 853-2737.

Attorney General John Cornyn also has a hotline for reporting such calls. Consumers should call 1-800-252-8011 to report the problems, and particularly if they have received a bill from companies named ZPDI and/or Southwest In-telecom. Complaints can also be filed online, in English and Spanish, though the Attorney General's homepage at www.oag.state.tx.us.

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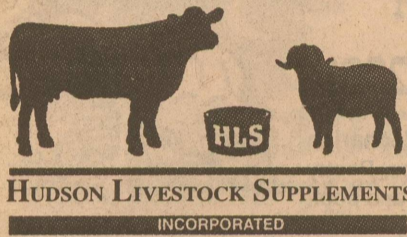
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All-Stars bring trophies home from Iraan tournament

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Major and Minor League All Stars traveled west to Iraan last week to participate in the 15th Annual West Texas All Star Tourney. This is always a good tournament and Eldorado has historically done well in the event and this year was no exception.

The Minor League placed second in the tournament. Eldorado opened play with a loss to Iraan in pool play on Friday. On Saturday, the Eldorado nine came back and defeated McCamey in a close game to get into the championship game. Eldorado again faced a tough Iraan team in the finals and played a great game. In the end, the hosts came out on top of a 2 to 0 score. Eldorado came home with the silver trophy. This tournament wrapped up a good season by the Minor League All Stars.

The team consisted of J.R. Martinez, Jonathan Belman, Miles Mikeska, Dylan Dombroski, Mason Baker, Anthony Mata, Garrett Lux, Aubrey Martinez, Marty Powell, Josh Jurecek, Dustin Ramos, Chris Whiddon, and Briley Ledbetter. Johnny Powell and Julian Martinez coached the team.

The Major League All Stars placed fourth in the tournament. Eldorado opened play against Glasscock County on Thursday and came away with an 11 to 7 win. Ozona was next for Eldorado and Ozona came out on top of an 11 to 3 ball game. Eldorado led most of the way in the contest but errors were the difference. Eldorado got its first Home Run of the year by Bryce Isaacs. It was a 3 run shot. The All Stars played Big Lake, a team that had won two previous contests by a total of 2 runs, and

finally got the win with a 4 to 3 decision. Eldorado then had to play Glasscock County again in the fourth place game and found themselves down 6 to 1 going into the bottom of the 5th inning. David Hernandez got Eldorado's second Home Run of the season during the

bottom of the 5th with a 2 run shot. The All Stars got back to within one but could not score in the bottom of the 6th coming up on the short end of a 6 to 5 score.

The Eldorado Major and 10 Yr. Old All Stars travel to Brady this week to wrap up post-season play.



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2001 Minor League All Stars: Front (L-R) Anthony Mata, Jonathan Belman, Marty Powell, J.R. Martinez, Aubrey Martinez, Mason Baker; Back (L-R): Coach Julian Martinez, Dustin Ramos, Garrett Lux, Miles Mikeska, Chris Whiddon, Josh Jurecek, Coach Johnny Powell, Dylan Dombroski.

Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

What a wonderful day on Sunday, July 1st for our regular Play Day. We had all the teams ready to go at 1:45 and the rain came! We waited and enjoyed the wet stuff and got rolling at 2:58. We had a total of 47 adults and 3 youths: Hannah Robledo, Cash Lane and Koda Lozano.

1st Place, Score 55 - Steve Snelson, Wayne McGinnes, Michael Lozano, Mark Fryar, and Leonard Wideman.

2nd Place, Score 56 - Barry Lane, John Callison, Hunter Preston, Albert Torres and Jason Brock.

3rd Place, Score 56 - Moses Hill, Jim Nance, Su Scott, Alvin Terry and Kelly Charboneau.

A score card Play- Off between these teams with a score of 56. Left

in the cold was the team of Cy Griffin, Sam Henderson, Paul Sanders, Mabel Freitag and Cindy McGinnes.

So happy to have such wonderful turn outs for our Once-A-Month-Play-Days. I think this is my 14th year to be doing this, but, I have had great help and its been wonderful. We will all keep going and having fun!

Our Eddy Mae Kinser Memorial 4- Lady Tournament will be Saturday, July 14th. Expecting a great day and lots of ladies from Big Lake, Sonora, San Angelo, Bronte and Eldorado.

Our next play Day will be Sunday, August 5th.

Happy Golfing and "Let Err Rain!"

Eldorado senior leaguers vie for District 4 title

by Bill Dykstra

After winning 2 of 3 in tournament play, Eldorado's senior league Eagles are in the running for the District 4 baseball title. They will face San Angelo Western on Saturday, July 7 at 11:30 a.m. on the Lakeview field. If the Eagles get by that hurdle they can claim the title by beating San Angelo Northern twice. Eldorado will play Northern or Western at 5:30 p.m. at the Lakeview field. If needed Eldorado will play Northern or Western at Lakeview field on Sunday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m.

The Eagles opened tournament play on June 30 with an 11-1 loss to San Angelo Northern. Travis Lively counted for Eldorado's only run in that game. He reached first on a base hit, stole second and third then crossed home plate on a passed ball.

Homero Hernandez was the starting pitcher for the Eagles. He held Western hitless in the first two innings before allowing 3 runs in the 3rd. Errors plagued the Eagles in the 4th and 5th innings, allowing 8 more Western runners to reach home in the two stanzas.

On Sunday, July 1st, Eldorado blasted San Angelo Southern 21-4. Mike Adame went the distance on the mound for the Eagles. He held Southern to 4 hits and 4 walks while striking out 10.

Eldorado came out of the box swinging and tallied 5 runs in the 1st inning. Southern rallied in the 2nd and held the Eagles scoreless for the next 3 innings while adding 2 runs of their own.

But in the 5th inning Eldorado's bats came alive and 8 runs crossed the plate. Virgilio Escobar started the hitting spree with a triple that scored Phillip Martinez. A single by Ray David Buitron brought Escobar home. Two batters later, and with the bases loaded, Frankie Arispe tripled, driving in 3 runs. Pedro Hernandez and Alan Dykstra then added 2 more runs.

Southern added a run in the bottom of the 5th to make the score 13-

3 Eldorado.

Southern pitchers couldn't find the strike zone in the 6th inning, walking 6 Eagles batters. Hits by Alan Dykstra, Phillip Martinez and Frankie Arispe, coupled with the 6 walks counted for 8 more runs.

Southern managed only one run in the bottom of the 6th to make the final score 21-4 Eldorado.

Virgilio Escobar and Frankie Arispe each hit a triple in the game while the following Eagles all had singles: Pedro Hernandez (3), Mike Adame (3), Alan Dykstra (4), Phillip Martinez (1), Stephen Arispe (1), Ray David Buitron (1), Travis Lively (1), Tony Chavez (1) and Frankie Arispe (1).

Later in the day, Eldorado defeated Wall 7-6. Frankie Arispe was on the mound for the Eagles and, after walking 4 batters in the 1st inning, he settled down to record 15 strikeouts while holding Wall to only 5 hits.

Arispe opened the scoring for the Eagles in the 1st inning. He reached first base on a walk, then scored on a double by Phillip Martinez. That made the score 5-1 in favor of Wall.

The score would stand until the 5th inning when Arispe and John Paul Fuentes each drew walks. They both scored on sacrifice flies by Scottie Moore and Alan Dykstra. Wall ended the inning by scoring a run to lead the Eagles by 6-3.

In the 6th inning, Arispe got a bases loaded triple to score Mike Adame, Ray David Buitron and Pedro Hernandez, a tie the game at 6-6.

In the 7th Scottie Moore walked and stole 2nd. He reached 3rd on a sacrifice fly by Alan Dykstra. Moore then stole home to give the Eagles a 7-6 lead.

Wall got a runner into scoring position with 2 outs in the bottom of the 7th, but a hard hit ball was caught on the run by Dykstra to end the game.

Frankie Arispe hit for a triple and 2 singles. Other singles were contributed by: John Paul Fuentes (2), Phillip Martinez (1), Scottie Moore (2), Homero Hernandez (1), Mike Adame (2) and Pedro Hernandez (1).

Members of the 15-16 year-old Senior League Eagles are Homer Hernandez, Pedro Hernandez, Phillip Martinez, Scottie Moore, Alan Dykstra, Ray David Buitron, Gus Figueroa, Marco Escobar, Virgilio Escobar, Frankie Arispe, Mike Adame, Travis Lively, John Paul Fuentes, Tony Chavez and Stephen Arispe. Coaches are Donny Fuentes and Ricky Huichapa.

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Acuna murder suspect handed over to Mexican authorities

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Unit for assistance. "We developed the case down here," Long said. "Then the Anti-Smuggling Unit went in a got him."

Long praised the efforts of all the law enforcement officers involved in the case. He said that the level of cooperation between the various agencies made Gomez's arrest possible.

When asked what lessons criminals should take from this case Long replied, "When a crime is committed, even if it's not within our jurisdiction, we will do everything we can to see that justice prevails."

For their part, Isidro and Martha Medrano are pleased that Gomez is in custody. Several family members were on hand in Del Rio

and in Acuna to watch the transfer. "My husband has a large family and some of his brothers were there to see what would happen," Martha Medrano said.

At last report, Gomez remains in custody in Ciudad Acuna.

Medrano expressed her appreciation to Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran, Deputy George Arispe and Texas Ranger Brooks Long. "We are very grateful to these men," said Medrano. "They listened to us and they were willing to help when just about no one else would."



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Mias Amigas honorees this year included the 50-year class of 1951 and the 20-year class of 1981. The two classes gathered around the old school bell for this group photo they are (L-R) (Class of '51) Iretta Faye Mace Stanford, Durwood Rutland, George Ochsner, Gretchen Mund Beck, James Alexander, Joe Ed Spencer, Ebba Jean Blaylock Nikolauk, Fern Cheatham Smith, Rita Ann Elder McWhorter, (Class of '81) Mark Wallace, Lori Bell Dykstra, Trey Jackson, Jo Whitten, L.D. Doty, Lynna Sauer Mikeska, Keith McCormack, Joe Lee Luttrell, John Paul Joiner and Billy Charles Gunstead. Attending but not pictured were: Ronnie Hall, Kara Homer, Lou Ann Turner Markell and Robert Markell.

TASB risk management grant targets school health programs

Schleicher County ISD once again has received a grant of \$1,000.00 from the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) Risk Management Fund to help implement local loss prevention, safety, of health initiatives. Grants totaling more than \$169,000 were awarded to 81 fund members across the state.

"Now in its fourth year, the grant program helps fund members address the crucial issue of loss prevention in the workplace," said Edwin Thompson, TASB loss control manager. "The fund is dedicated to partnering with its members to save valuable resources by eliminating or reducing hazardous exposures and presenting losses in all risk management program areas. We want to do everything we can to help educate staff, provide for a healthier workforce, and prevent on-the-job injuries," he said.

The grants were awarded to 75

school districts, three education service centers, two education cooperatives, and one college. Grants covered personal protective equipment, mechanical lifting devices, and fall protection equipment. Many focused on defensive driving, first-aid/CPR courses, blood borne pathogen kits, electrical safety, fire protection, and school security equipment. Other districts were awarded funds to develop wellness programs, schedule health screenings, create Wellness Days, develop supervisors' training, and produce employee handbooks.

"Competition has significantly increased each of the four years the grant program has been offered, and this year was certainly no exception," Thompson said. "The review and evaluation process required the entire month of May and was extremely difficult given the number of well-justified appli-



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Helping hand — SCISD school nurse Susie Richters received a \$1,000 grant from TASB Loss Prevention Specialist Dale Harrington last week to help buy First Aid Kits and CPR training videos.

cations submitted," he said.

Rising awareness and reducing injuries and losses is a win-win situation that saves valuable resources and increases productivity. The grant program continues to be an integral part of the Fund's overall effort to help our members achieve their loss control objectives," Thompson said. "Grant applicants did a fantastic job analyzing their specific needs, and we applaud them for their commitment to loss prevention in their organizations. We believe the grant program will have a positive effect on participating districts and education entities, and the Fund is dedicated to providing continued support of their efforts," he said.

TASB is a statewide nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$26 billion and employ nearly 600,000 people.

The TASB Risk Management Fund has been providing risk man-

agement coverage to Texas school districts since 1974. More than 1,100 school districts, education cooperatives, junior colleges, education service centers, and county appraisal districts participate in one or more of the Fund's coverages.

Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor

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it needed to be."

Sisemore said the northern segment likely will be more complicated to establish because it will be worked out with other states. However, he said he hopes the route will travel through the larger cities to increase trade opportunities.

The eventual impact on Eldorado and Schleicher County is as yet unknown. Will the road pass through Eldorado as it already passes through Sterling City? Or, will a bypass/relief route be in the offing? The fact that U.S. 277 enters the City of Eldorado's southwest corner and exits out the northeast corner means that a bypass would necessarily be longer than those around most small towns. If the road does pass through town, will additional traffic lights be necessary as truck traffic increases? Is the proximity of the school to the road a concern?

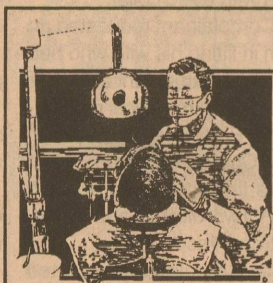
These concerns and a thousand like them will be faced by communities up and down the new route. Already, discussions are underway in Lamesa, Big Spring and San Angelo about how to best handle the new roadway and reports from Sonora indicate that the leaders there are requesting a bypass.

Then, there is the question about how to pay for the whole thing. Federal money will be forthcoming, of course, but that usually means at least some matching state funds. Texas Governor Rick Perry reminded citizens this week that the Texas Mobility Fund will

be on the ballot this year. If passed, it would enable the Texas Department of Transportation to issue bonds for building roads and financing smaller highway projects. Perry has endorsed the measure as an important step to speeding up roadway construction.

The final route designation includes: (see map)

- I-35/U.S. 83/U.S. 277 - Laredo to Del Rio
- U.S. 277 - Del Rio to Sonora, Eldorado and San Angelo
- U.S. 87 - San Angelo to Sterling City
- SH 158 - Sterling City to Midland
- SH 349 - Midland to Lamesa
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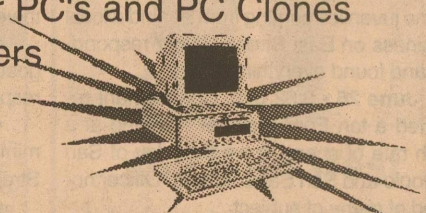


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Glider pilots land here after try for distance record falls short

by Randy Mankin

Some people come to Eldorado hunting a trophy buck. Others are here seeking underground reserves of oil and gas. Jim Neff and Jim Lamb came to Eldorado last week hunting thermals, rising columns of air that are the playground of hang glider pilots.

Neff and Lamb both came to Schleicher County by way of Zapata, more than 300 miles away. And, they came non-stop...by hang glider.

About 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26th, several people reported seeing a hang glider pass low over Eldorado. A short time later, Robert Parker located Jim Neff and his rigid wing hang glider, in a field near the home of Boots and Alma Corbell. The two men loaded Neff's glider into Parker's pickup for the short ride into town. Meanwhile, Jim Lamb's flight from Zapata ended in a pasture, several miles east of Eldorado where he was picked up by Mike Calcote.

Both men were in quest of the World Record distance mark set only a year ago by Davis Straub of Washington. Straub's record flight also began in Zapata and ended just north of San Angelo.

Neff and Lamb are among hundreds of hang gliding enthusiasts who flock to Zapata each summer. They are drawn there by the area's unusual wind patterns, features

that come to mind when the term hang glider is mentioned. No flimsy nylon and fiberglass here. Instead, the crafts are built of high-tech carbon fiber and cost in excess of \$10,000 each. The last

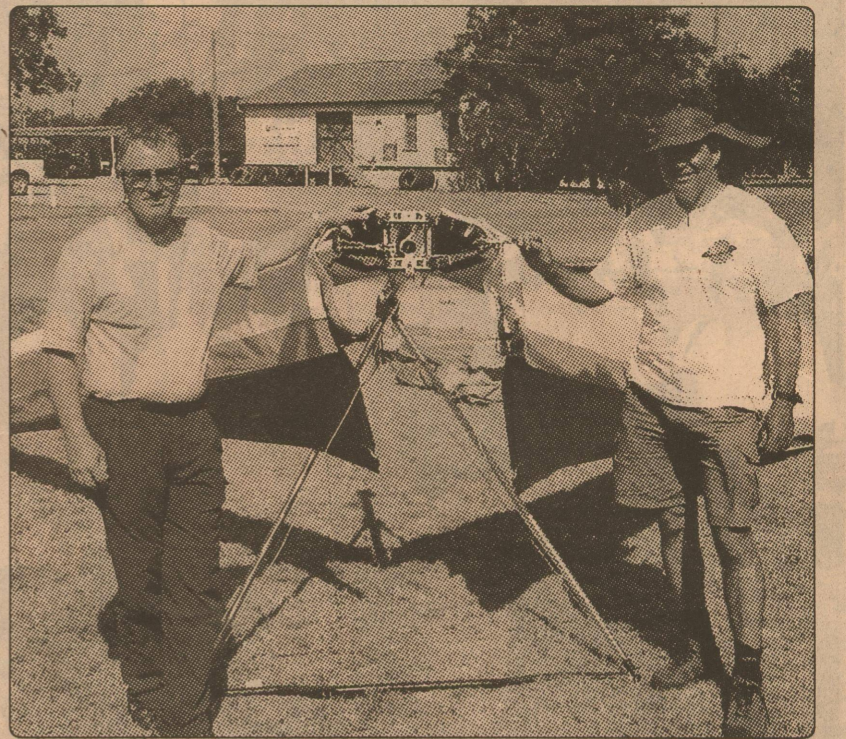
that were first identified by Gary Osaba, a world class sail plane pilot from Kansas.

The long hot days of summer also attract the glider pilots to Zapata. Lamb noted that June 21 is the longest day of the year. He said that two weeks either side of that date are the prime season for pilots seeking distance records. The longer a pilot can remain in the air, he said, the farther he can fly.

Neff, who hails from Calgary, Alberta, said that high pressure over the Gulf of Mexico, coupled with rising air currents around Zapata, offer glider pilots the best opportunity to set distance records. Neff said the hang gliders are towed aloft by an ultra-light aircraft and are released at an altitude of 2,000 feet. From there, the hang glider pilots are on their own.

Lamb, a native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, said that its up to the hang glider pilot to find thermals, the illusive updrafts that can carry a glider several thousand feet into the sky. On the day the two men glided into Schleicher County, they had each managed to find thermals under rapidly building thunderheads. Climbing to the base of the clouds, at about 9,000 feet, the men worked their way northward, trading altitude for distance, in search of the next thermal that might carry them aloft.

The gliders the men use are a far cry from the overgrown kites that come to mind when the term hang glider is mentioned. No flimsy nylon and fiberglass here. Instead, the crafts are built of high-tech carbon fiber and cost in excess of \$10,000 each. The last



But where's the bathroom? Jim Lamb (L) and Jim Neff (R) display one of the hang gliders they used to fly from Zapata to Schleicher County on Tuesday, June 26th.

thing a pilot wants while gliding at 12,000 feet is an equipment failure. So, the gliders are meticulously checked and rechecked before each flight.

The sport of hang gliding, like all aero-sports are governed by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) in Paris, France. For a flight to qualify for a record, the pilot must first be certified by the FAI, then he must declare that he is making an open distance flight or nominate a landmark if the intent is to try for a timed record.

Neff said the distance record attempts are physically demanding flights. Hanging in a harness with legs swept straight back, the pilot controls the glider by pushing a or pulling on a control bar. Moving

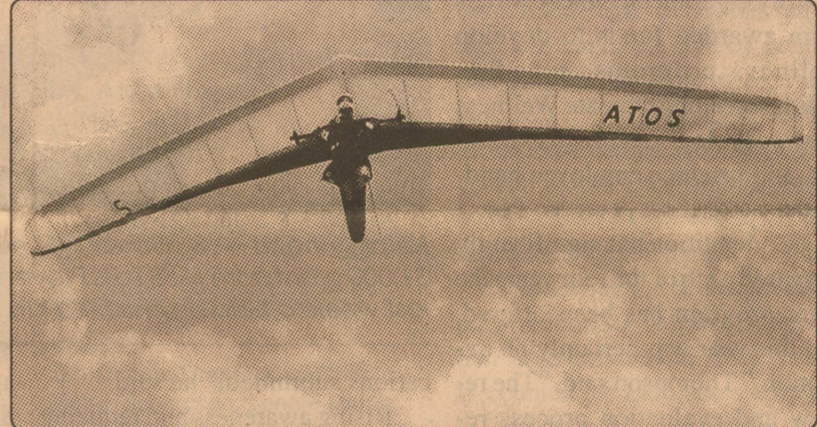
his body side-to-side will dip the gliders wings and allow for turning. But hours upon hours in the harness requires the pilot to be in excellent physical condition.

There are the other necessities, like food, drink and navigational equipment, all of it carried aloft by the glider. And, everything is used while in flight. When asked about bathroom stops, Neff repeated that "everything" is taken care of while in flight.

When Neff's flight ended he was about 50 miles short of Straub's world record. Lamb estimates he was 55 miles short of the mark. But each had exceeded their personal best. Neff's previous best effort had been 205 miles while Lamb had never flown more than 146 miles.

By the next morning the pair were ready to drive back to Zapata. They said the weather conditions should remain favorable for the next two or three weeks and they predicted that, they and other hang glider pilots, will be flying over Schleicher County in the days to come.

As they departed I invited the pair to stop by the newspaper office if they ever make it back to Eldorado. Jim Neff just smiled, pointed to the sky and said, "I do hope to see this place again, but from up there."



Flying high — Davis Straub holds the Worlds Distance Record in a hang glider. He set the mark last year, sailing from Zapata, to just north of San Angelo.

The Blotter
 The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity at 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
 June 28 • Barrett, Bryan Duane, male age 34, arrested by SC Officer, charge Motion To Revoke/Tom Green County Warrant. Released on \$10,000 Surety Bond.
 June 29 • Martinez, Carlos, male age 40, serving 15 days.
 July 2 • Castro-Velasquez Juan Antonio, male age 30, arrested by SC Officer, charge Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle/USBP Detainer.
REPORTS
 June 21 • 5:30 p.m. Complainant on Old Sonora Road requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.
 June 25 • 9:38 p.m. Complainant reported juveniles popping fireworks in the middle of Del Rio Street. Officer responded.
 • 10:53 p.m. Complainant reported some juveniles coming from behind a local business on East Street. Officer responded and found everything OK.
 June 26 • 5:52 p.m. Complainant reported a tan Ford Explorer traveling at a high rate of speed down the alley of San Antonio and San Saba Streets. Officer notified of name of subject.
 • 7:22 p.m. Officer reported criminal mischief at the football field. Football field had been flooded by five juveniles.
 • 8:51 p.m. Complainant reported that

some children at the Eldorado Place Apartments had opened the back of apartment mailbox and had a package. Officer responded and met with complainant.
 • 9:58 p.m. Complainant reported a subject looking into the windows of the Resource Center and going around the transport van. Person described subject as an elderly male with a baseball cap. No other description. Officer responded.
 • 3:40 p.m. Complainant reported a possible phone scam.
 June 28 • 9:30 a.m. Complainant reported that an air conditioner had been taken from one of their houses on FM 2596.
 • 1:15 p.m. Complainant reported Criminal Mischief at the park near Del Rio Street.
 • 2:55 p.m. Complainant reported a one vehicle roll over 15 miles East of Eldorado on Hwy. 190. No injuries. Officer responded.
 • 4:16 p.m. An unknown complainant reported 2 younger male subjects walking down the road throwing fireworks. Officer responded.
 • 5:19 p.m. Complainant reported juveniles popping fireworks in the tall grass on Del Rio Street. Officer responded.
 • 7:21 p.m. Complainant on Laredo Street reported son's bike missing. The bike is a blue and yellow 21 speed Wolverine Pacific. Officer responded.
 • 8:58 p.m. Complainant on Old Sonora Road reported finding a black, brown and white hound dog with a red collar.
 • 9:14 p.m. Complainant requested an officer assist him in lifting his wife who had fallen. Did not want an ambulance. Officer responded and at 9:26 p.m. Officer requested an ambulance. EMS 2 responded.
 • 10:06 p.m. Complainant on S. Main reported a grass fire across highway on South Hwy. 277. Two officers and Volunteer Fire Department responded.
 • 10:21 p.m. Complainant reported neighbors being very loud at apartments.
 June 29 • 1:40 p.m. Complainant on Hill Street reported a grass fire on Hill Street.
 • 4:00 p.m. Complainant reported a tan Ford Explorer driving very fast up and down the alley. Officer responded.
 • 6:43 p.m. Complainant reported loose goats on Rabbit Road, 1/2 mile out. Officer responded.
 • 9:15 p.m. Complainant reported their miniature Doberman missing from Pelt Street. Dog is black and brown.
 • 10:42 p.m. Complainant on Brooks reported people shooting fireworks in their neighborhood.
 June 30 • 10:30 a.m. Complainant on Del Rio Street reported a goat at their residence. The goat has been there for approximately 30 days.
 • 1:40 p.m. Complainant reported that a Sutton County ambulance was trying to pass an older model Winnebago on Hwy. 277 North and vehicle would not allow EMS to pass. Tom Green County Sheriff Office was notified.
 • 1:45 p.m. Complainant reported a lost wallet brown with initials V.E. Contents included Driver License, ID Card and Social Security Card and misc. papers.
 • 4:56 p.m. Complainant requested assistance in fixing a flat tire. Officer responded.
 • 7:19 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to speak with a subject that had possibly been involved in a domestic disturbance. Officer responded.
 • 8:35 p.m. Complainant requested an officer locate their nephew and deliver an important message. Officer responded.
 • 8:39 p.m. Complainant reported juveniles popping fireworks in the city limits. Officer responded.
 • 9:18 p.m. Complainant on Hill Street reported a Lincoln Town Car driving through the alleys throwing fireworks. Officer responded.
 July 1 • 11:00 a.m. Irion County Sheriff Office reported a grass on Hwy. 190 West. Volunteer Fire Department responded.
 • 2:00 p.m. Complainant on reported fireworks being discharged on the new addition of the golf course.
 • 9:04 p.m. Menard Sheriff Office reported a Hispanic male driving white Chevy 1 Ton Pickup, possibly drunk. Subject possibly headed towards Eldorado. Officer responded.
 • 9:24 p.m. Complainant on Dorris Avenue reported people discharging fireworks in the city limits. Officer responded.
 July 2 • 12:04 a.m. Complainant stated that she had an accident Hwy. 277 North, but was alright. Officer and EMS were dispatched. Patient refused medical assistance and parents were contacted. Complainant was taken home by parent and vehicle driven home. Damage done to mail boxes. Mail collected and placed in dispatch.
 • 2:27 p.m. Complainant on S. Main reported finding a female Chihuahua at their place of business.
 • 6:11 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an elderly female who had fallen and possibly broken a hip. Officer and EMS 2 responded.
 • 7:38 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo hospital. EMS1 responded.

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As "Uncle George" said, "I pray for you daily and will continue to do so until Kerbow picks up one of us or the other."

I am sincerely thankful for each of you that stopped me on the street to wish me well, for all the cards, calls and all other get well wishes.

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Sincerely, Sherry Lux

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Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Buff Whitten and Raymond Mittel. When the Spotlight camera caught up with the men they were installing the clapper in the old school bell on the Courthouse Square. The bell is made operational each year so that it may be rung to call to order the annual meeting of the Mias Amigas Club.

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**Public Hearing
 Schleicher Co. I.S.D.**

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The Schleicher County ISD Board of Trustees is considering new boundaries for its seven trustee districts and wants to hear from you. Tell us what you think about preliminary trustee election district plans at the public hearing described below:

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS
MONDAY, July 9, 2001
SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD - HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
205 W FIELDS AVE
5:30 p.m.

The preliminary plan will be available at the hearing and is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Schleicher County ISD Administration Office. You may also call 853-2514 if you have any questions.

**Audiencia Publica
 Schleicher County ISD**

Los miembros de la Mesa Directiva del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Schleicher County ISD son electos de siete distritos de miembro individuales. Segun datos del censo 2000, la poblacion de cada uno de los siete distritos escolares no es suficientemente igual, y tendran que ser reformuladas para cumplir con el principio de "una persona, un voto" establecido por la Constitucion de los Estados Unidos.

La Mesa Directiva del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Schleicher county esta por establecer los nuevos limites de sus siete distritos representativos y desea saber su opinion. Queremos que nos de su opinion de los planes preliminares para reformulacion de los distritos electorales para miembros de la Mesa Directiva. Podra hacerlo en la audiencia publica anunciada aqui:

AUDIENCIA PUBLICA TOCANTE PROPUESTAS PARA REFORMULATION DISTRICTOS
9 De JULIO, 2001
SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD-HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
205 W FIELDS AVE.
ELDORADO, TEXAS 76936
5:30 p.m.

La informacion preliminar estara disponibles en la audiencia, y ademas el publico podra repasarlos en horas habiles en la Administracion Office Schleicher County ISD. Tambien puede usted llamar al 853-2514 si tiene alguna pregunta.

Seeding missions flown to enhance area rainfall

The West Texas Weather Modification pilots and staff have been lending nature a helping hand in recent days, seeding clouds were available in the program's operation area.

On the evening of June 23rd, a thunderstorm in Schleicher, Sutton and Crockett County was targeted. As the cloud system moved through the area, a seeding mission was flown to enhance rainfall. Reported rainfall was from .15" to .97".

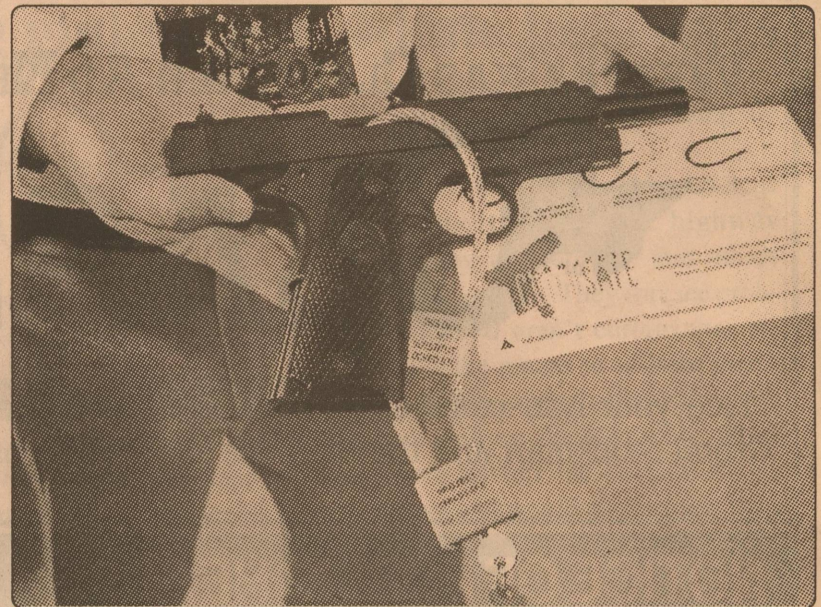
Other missions were flown on June 29 & 30 and July 1 & 2. On July 1st, the area received significant rainfall with many parts of Schleicher County reporting 2 inches.

All seeding missions are recorded by telemetry equipment that enables the flight path to be tracked and the areas where flares are used to be mapped. Flight paths and other information are available

on the web at <http://www.wcc.net/~wtwma/>.

The project manager and head meteorologist, Jim Boyd, uses a C-71 Radar and a weather modification program (TITAN) to scan the area for likely storm systems. Once a cloud system is detected, pilots are notified and planes are readied. If more than one system develops at any one time or the system is extremely large, up to four planes can be deployed at once. The main goal and direction of the weather modification project is to enhance rainfall for the area.

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District is a member of the West Texas Weather Modification Association. The weather modification project has a target area which includes Schleicher, Sutton, Crockett, Irion, Reagan, Glasscock, Sterling and a portion of Tom Green.



Free gun locks — The Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. will distribute 200 free gun safety locks to the public beginning today.

Sheriff's Department offers free gun lock kits

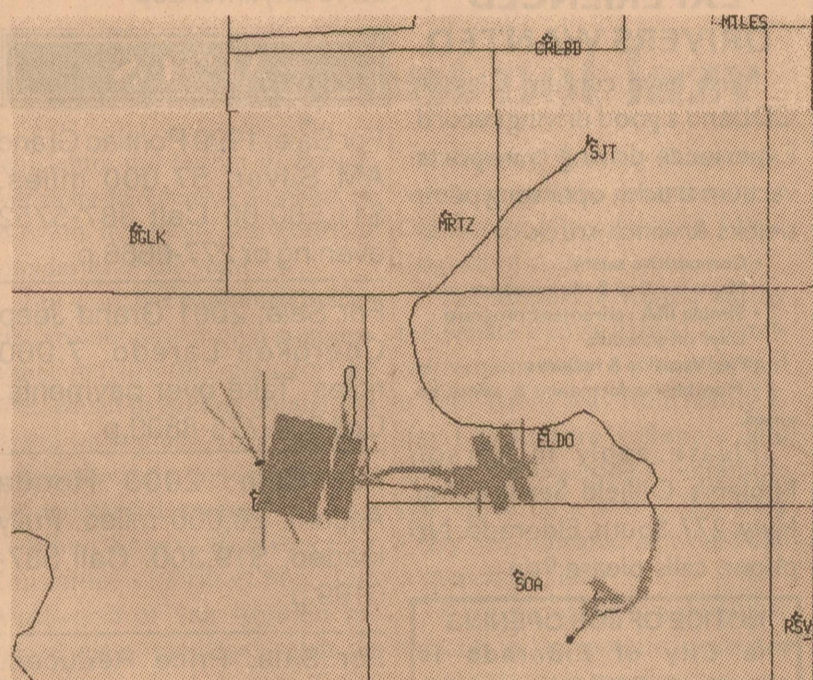
Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran announced this week that his department will be offering free gun lock kits to the public. Doran said that 200 of the kits have been made available to his department through Project ChildSafe. He says the locks are available on a first come, first serve basis, as long as the supply lasts.

Project ChildSafe is funded through a grant from Texas Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division. The project plans to distribute 750,000 gunlock safety kits to law enforcement agencies throughout the state during the next 12 months. In cooperation with the program the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department will distribute, free of charge, gun safety kits and 200 cable-style gunlock devices to community members who request them. The lock, which works like a bicycle cable-lock, is threaded through the fire-

arms action, rendering the firearm inoperable. The locks, in combination with the accompanying educational materials, are intended to promote safe handling and secure storage practices among all firearms owners.

"I am pleased to be part of Project ChildSafe" Sheriff Doran said. "I strongly believe that educating gun owners about safe firearms practices in combination with using gun locking devices will help prevent accidental injuries and deaths. These locks can be used on most types of firearms, including handguns, rifles and shotguns. I urge local residents to take advantage of this opportunity to pick up free gunlocks and use them to secure their firearms."

The free locks and safety pamphlets will be available for distribution on Thursday, July 5th at the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. For more information contact Sheriff Doran at 853-2737.



A flight path map from the afternoon of July 1st indicates the cloud seeding activity in Schleicher, Sutton and Crockett counties on that day. The seeding is done by West Texas Weather Modification and is sponsored by various counties and water districts. Other maps may be viewed on the web at <http://www.wcc.net/~wtwma/> or by accessing the link on the myeldorado.net weather page.

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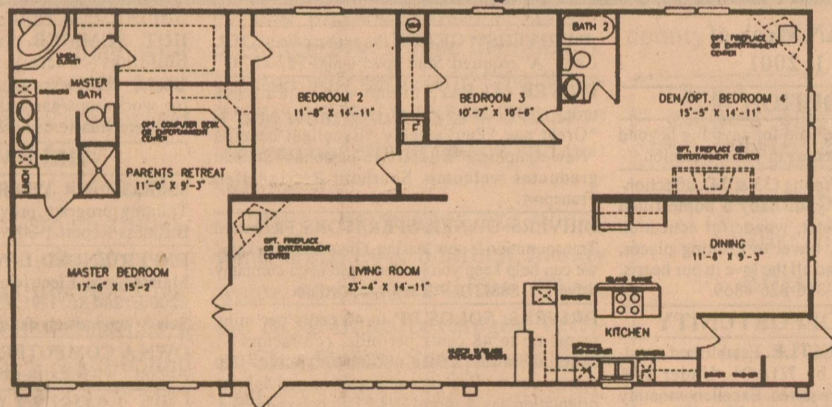
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 Mr. Willis is likely to associate with other attorneys in the handling of this matter

Game Warden Field Notes

Trailer Troubles...In early June, two wardens assisted a novice boater at Buffalo Springs Lake. The boater was under the impression that boats are launched by unhooking the trailer from the vehicle while on the ramp. The wardens retrieved the boat with the trailer dangling below.

That's Against the Law? In May, a Lampasas warden responded to a call about someone shooting road signs. He found a man with a handgun blasting away at a county road sign. The shooter was flabbergasted when the warden told him he was violating state law. He said no one in his concealed handgun class had informed him that this was illegal.

Second Time's the Charm...An individual approached the same Lamar County warden to ask about driving his all-terrain vehicle on the local wildlife management area and was advised that it was against the law. About two hours later, the warden observed the lights of what appeared to be an ATV on the WMA. When apprehended, the operator of the ATV said, "I thought you went home."

At Least He Had the Equipment...In late April, two wardens arrested a boater for boating-while-intoxicated on Lake Colorado City. When asked to show proof of water safety equipment, the subject literally crawled on his hands and knees trying to locate the equipment, eventually falling on the deck of the boat. The subject blew 0.13 percent on the blood alcohol content test. In Texas, the threshold for intoxication is 0.08 percent.

Close to Home...In April, a Cherokee County warden assisted the Cherokee County Search and Rescue Team in a search for a 4-year-old Dialville boy. The father of the boy reported him missing to the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department. After a short search, the boy was found hiding under the family's mobile home.