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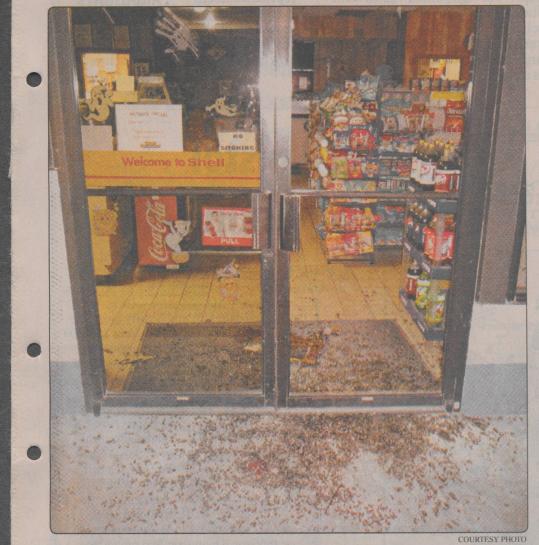
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The front door of the Shell Star Stop on North Divide Street was shattered early Saturday morning in an apparent "smash and grab" burglary. A witness interrupted the caper limiting the loss to a single case of beer.

YFZ trial approaches as lawyers argue over grand jury composition

Just days before the first of the YFZ Ranch defendants is slated to go to trial, defense lawyers filed

panel reveals that it included two Hispanic members. State prosecutors responded Tues

Arrest made in convenience store burglary, investigation continues into two other cases

Miguel Luna, 18, of Eldorado, was arrested Tuesday morning in connection with a "smash and grab" burglary this weekend at the Shell Star Stop convenience store at 202 N. Divide in Eldorado.

Deputy John Conner responded at 1:56 a.m. Saturday morning to a report that a witness had seen a suspect shatter the glass on the front door of the store. The subject reportedly entered the building through the broken door and emerged with a case of beer. At that time, the witness yelled at the suspect, causing him to flee the scene.

Deputy Conner and Chief Deputy George Arispe investigated the incident and a tip soon led them to an local residence where a subject reportedly delivered beer to a party shortly after the time of the break-in.

Luna, an Eldorado High School student, was brought in for questioning and a warrant was obtained for his arrest. He was charged with Burglary of a Building and booked into the Schleicher County Jail where he remained in custody at press time.

Sheriff David Doran said he was pleased that the

burglary could be cleared up so quickly. He praised the work of his officers and credited the quick thinking of a witness who wasn't afraid to get involved.

The Sheriff noted two other cases that are currently under investigation and asked for the public's help in rounding up the culprits. The first involves a series of home burglaries in which wide screen television sets have been stolen. The second involves the theft of several golf carts this past weekend.

The latter incident reportedly occurred early Sunday morning when a number of golf carts were taken without permission from the Eldorado Golf Club. The carts, belonging to a number of club members, were found abandoned at various spots around town. At least one of the carts was severely damaged.

The Sheriff said he believes two or more youths were involved and that they took the carts in order to go joyriding.

Anyone with information concerning any of these cases is encouraged to contact the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 325-853-2737.

Eagle Band scores 26th consecutive '1'

Eldorado High School's Mighty Eagle Band was clearly one of the best bands on the field Saturday as it claimed its 26th consecutive Division "1" rating at the Region VII Marching Contest.

The win advances the Eagle Band to the Area Contest in Groesbeck on Saturday where the young musicians continue their drive toward a state title.

Saturday's performance in Brady



a series of joint motions in recent days asking the court to quash their clients' indictments. The motions argue that the method by which Schleicher County selects its jurors discriminates against Hispanic citizens and limits the number of Hispanic grand jurors.

The motion notes that Schleicher County uses a "key man system" to choose grand jurors. The state's response refers to the system as a "jury commissioner system," and says that such systems are called for under Texas statutes and have been found constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The 2008 grand jury that indicted the YFZ defendants was selected by a grand jury commission consisting of Helen T. Brame, Albert Torres, Mary Buchholz and Jon Calcote. The four commissioners were themselves selected by Judge Barbara Walther.

A review of the 2008 grand jury

day to the "motion to quash" by arguing that the defense had filed its motion, not because of its merit, but "for purposes of delay." The state's response continued by urging the judge to allow the defense to make its case at a hearing, but only after the trial of Raymond Merril Jessop which is slated to begin on Monday.

Jury selection is slated to get underway in that trial on Monday. It is believed that some 300 potential jurors have been called, representing almost one sixth of the registered voters in the county.

The trial will be held in the main room of the Schleicher County Memorial Building, where early voting in the state's constitutional amendment election will also be held. Entry to the courtroom will be through the double doors facing the courthouse. Authorities have been busy this week setting up security for the trial which could take over a week. earned Eldorado one of six Division "1" ratings from among the 14 Class A schools in competition. Other schools earning a Division "1" rating included Winters, Menard, Santa Anna, Junction and Mason. Meanwhile, Eden, DeLeon, Bronte, Goldthwaite, Rising Star and Miles, all received Division "2" ratings. May and Cross Plains received Division "3" ratings.

Eldorado's performance, titled "Caliente" featured music by Luke McMillan including "El Desierto," "La Playa," and "El Fuego."

The contest was judged by Jim Alexander of Kennedale, Jim Childers of San Antonio and Aaron Lewis of Waco. Each of the men scored the Mighty Eagle Band with a Division "1" and were very complimentary in their written critiques.

"Great band sound & blend," said judge Jim Childers. "Good show design and execution. Solid fundamentals. This was a great show with clever ideas. I enjoyed it very much!"

For his part, judge Jim Alexander said, "Good sounds. Work on matching tone quality even better. Really enjoyed your show."

"Wow, what a wonderful band!" commented judge Aaron Lewis. "Many good qualities are demonstrated throughout your performance. You showed superior mastery of the music selected. This band is well taught."

The Mighty Eagle Band is directed by Jerry Barker and assistant band director Chris Johnson. The band is led on the field by drum majors Timothy Cuevas, Abby Ussery, and Audrey Rubio

Band members include:

Flutes: Kasey Gonzalez, Jessica Pasillas, Lourdes Pasillas, Yessenia Ramirez, Megan Reel, Audrey Rubio, Lisa Olivares, Lucy Hernandez

Clarients: Shelby Daniels, Veronica Fuentes, Amanda Garcia, Brooke Guerrero, Rosa Hernandez, Obdulia Huerta, Nancy Iglesias, Jordan McCulloch, Lauren Rubio, Ana Sanchez, Amber Shipman, Chasity Willis

Trumpets: Brianah Creek, Lori



Members of the Mighty Eagle Band react as they hear the news that the band received its 26th consecutive Division 1 rating at the Region VII Marching Contest last Saturday in Brady.

Escobar, Elizabeth Estrada, Jr. Garcia, Trevor Harrington, Nicki Herrera, Evan Joiner, Mary Lou Martinez, Tyler Martinez, Aaron Parsley, Lupe Pasillas, Marcus Perez, Hagan Porras, Michael Rubio, Adriana Rios, Rudy Sanchez, Kim Sanchez, Brianda Torres

French Horn: Clarissa Gomez, Tanja Hibbs, Robin Hibbs, Edward Hernandez

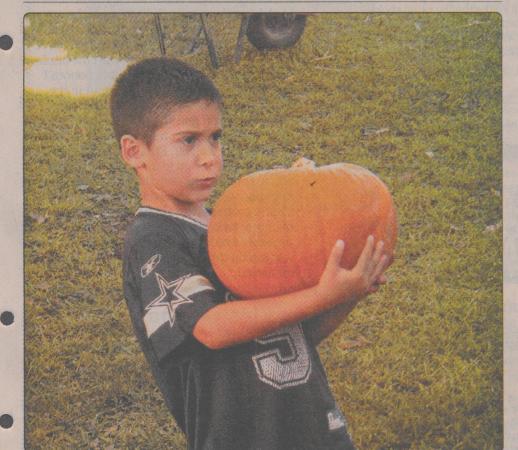
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Baritone: Morgan Baker, Jorge Medrano, Marissa Gonzales Trombones: Domingo Garcia, Roman Medrano, Joseph Rubio, Christian Sanchez

Tuba: Will Barker, Cameron Capps, Ryan Espinosa, Diego Sanchez

Percussion: Briley Ledbetter, Hervey Solis, Krista Galindo, Madison Albin, Ashby Ragsdale, Macy Mikeska, Brian Parsley and Ivan Cordinas

Loading Crew: Estephanie Estrada, Alexias Garcia, Julian Garcia, Jessica Gonzalez, Evelyn Martinez, Katelyn Parsons, Whitney Perez, Stormi Rinehart, and Jacob Sanchez.



Sebastian Romo was a big help unloading the pumpkins that where delivered last week to the First United Methodist Church. The Great Pumpkin Patch is open daily Mon-Sat 9-7, Sun 12-7 till October 29 and is located on 15 N. Divide Street.

State's unemployment rate inches higher in month of September

AUSTIN - Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 8.2 percent in September, meaning 44,700 nonagricultural jobs were lost for the month. The state's unemployment rate was 8.0 percent at the end of August.

Tom Pauken, chairman of the state Workforce Commission said, "While unemployment in Texas remains well below the national rate of 9.8 percent, this serious national recession continues to affect us adversely in Texas."

The leisure and hospitality industry took the biggest hit in September, losing 16,900 jobs, followed by professional and business services, down 16,500 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities lost 13,000 positions.

The unemployment news was somewhat tempered by widely broadcast reports that the economies of Austin-Round Rock, Brownsville-

Harlingen, Dallas-Plano-Irving, El Paso, Lubbock, McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr and San Antonio areas are among the first in the nation to move from recession into recovery, indicating that their economies have grown over the past six months.

Interest reemerges over Willingham It's been more than five years since the execution of Cameron Todd Willingham in 2004, but interest in the Corsicana man's 1992 arson/murder conviction and 2004 execution has increased over the past few weeks.

An article published in The New Yorker magazine in August quoting fire scientists raised questions about evidence prosecutors used to demonstrate that Willingham intentionally started a fire in his home that caused the deaths of his three daughters.

Willingham told officials he was innocent but some of his family members and associates say he confessed.

The story took on another dimension when Gov. Rick Perry appointed replacements to fill two seats on the state's nine-member Forensic Science Commission shortly before the commission was to review the Willingham arson investigation.

Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley, one of the two appointees, is the new chair of the commission. He told The Dallas Morning News he would take time as necessary to get acquainted with the commission and its procedures before proceeding with an investigation.

Storied jurist W.W. Justice dies Senior U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice, 89, died Oct. 13 in Austin.

The Athens native, widely regarded as a civil rights champion of minorities and the poor, was appointed to the federal bench by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968.

In presiding over many landmark cases, Justice rendered rulings bringing about the desegregation of public schools and housing, and improving prison conditions.

Energy agency promotes propane

The Railroad Commission is promoting propane as a desirable alternative fuel in its 2009 "Breathe Easy Tour." The tour, which visited some state agencies and central Texas school districts last week, features a variety of currently available vehicles, and carries the message that "propane is a cleaner, cheaper, Texas-produced

fuel for school buses and other fleet vehicles."

Railroad Commission staff described a new grant proposal that the Commission will submit this month. The proposal seeks to fund additional propane vehicles and upgrade more propane fueling stations. Based on miles

traveled, fuel

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STATE CAPITAL economy and fuel-price numbers

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bus fleet, school districts can save approximately \$3,000 per bus each year SEE CAPITAL ON PAGE 6

Obama deserves the Nobel Prize

President Barack Obama deserved the Nobel Peace Prize. That's an indictment, not a compliment. Rather than living up to the honor, it should be Obama's mission to show he's thoroughly unworthy of it.

The Nobel Peace Prize comes in three flavors. It is sometimes awarded to statesmen for accomplishments. Think Theodore Roosevelt brokering peace between Russia and Japan



after their 1905 war, or Woodrow Wilson personally negotiating the Treaty of Versailles. It is awarded to human-rights activists resisting repressive regimes. Dissi-

dents Shirin Ebadi (Iran) and Aung San Suu Kyi (Burma) exemplify this standard. Lastly, it is given to "citizens of the world" who seek to throttle American power.

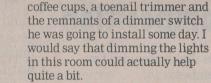
Even Obama's supporters concede he doesn't belong in the first category of diplomatic giants (yet). And even by the self-pitying standards of Michelle Obama, Barack Obama isn't a victim of persecution. That leaves the third category, putting him in league with such highly politicized recent recipients of the prize as Kofi Annan, Jimmy Carter and Mohamed ElBaradei. He should recoil from this woeful company.

Annan won jointly with the U.N. in 2001. The organization was reeling from episodes of deadly fecklessness in Bosnia and Rwanda, where it established a peace of the grave for Bosnia's Muslims and for hundreds of thousands of Tutsis. But so what? The prize had a transparently political point: to bolster the U.N. so President George W. Bush would feel constrained by it when responding to the Sept. 11 attacks. Carter? Yes, he has the Camp David Accords and decades of good works. But when he won in 2002, his main appeal was as a scourge of Bush the warmonger. ElBaradei and his International Atomic Energy Agency jointly won the prize in 2005 on similar grounds. For the five Norwegian parliamentarians who make up the Nobel Committee, Obama is a godsend. They look at him and see a version of themselves -- a self-consciously sophisticated internationalist appalled by America for much of this decade and committed to constraining its power in a net of international organizations. Except Obama happens to be the president of the United States. This is a near miracle, and one the committee couldn't ignore. Given this context, Obama should be insulted, not "humbled," by the prize. If the Nobel Committee is right about Obama, he will force Israel into an unsustainable peace, or throw it overboard; he will reach an accommodation with a nuclear Iran; he will let Afghanistan slide back into chaos (perhaps with the cover of a notional deal with the Taliban); and he will give China and Russia a veto over all significant American international actions in the U.N. Security Council. On the domestic front, he will bring a European-style welfare state to U.S. shores, and watch as the dominance of the dollar fades, another artifact of an era of post-World War II American pre-eminence that he implicitly declares over. This is the promise the Nobel Committee sees in Obama, and why -- if he is to succeed as an American president as opposed to a crowd-pleasing citizen of the world -- he must prove it wrong.



Compromise

If I had it my way, my bedroom would have cranberry-colored carpeting, cherry wood furniture, a canopy bed and light, rose-colored walls. I have an alpha-male who lives with me, however, and he believes that rose-colored anything is



My collection of nail polish

A pistol packing Mama

She has been named A Woman of Distinction by more than one group. She won a pink Cadillac for selling Mary Kay products. She won a white Mercedes for selling the Arbonne line of health and beauty aids. She was named Restaurateur of the Year for 2009 by the Texas Restaurant Association. And she could have been arrested for attempted bank robbery.

Her name is Linda Love, the new head



of food services at Baptist Retirement Community in San Angelo. For her, it's full circle. When she was growing up in San Angelo she was a candy

by Tumbleweed Smith

striper there as a teenager. She moved to Sonora to work at the Sutton County Steak House and ended up owning the place and managing it for thirty years. She recently sold the restaurant to her daughter and son in law and moved to San Angelo. Some five years ago she was asked to be a trustee for the board of Baptist Retirement. "I thought I maybe could help them a little bit with some catering and then they asked me to come on board full time, says Linda. "I had thought of retiring from the 18 hours a day restaurant in Sonora and when this came along, I took it. I can cook anything. I love to cook

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2009 by King Features Synd., Inc.



for sissies.

This is a man who won't even drink herbal tea. He calls them frou-frou teas. If it was up to my husband, our bedroom would look like a portable military barracks, only not as clean.

As a result of the gap between our ideals and our many years of compromise, our bedroom, indeed our entire house, doesn't look like what either of us would call perfect.

I wanted cranberry carpet. He wanted the great outdoors. We settled for green carpet. I snuck in a quilt that has cranberry highlights and some rose-colored elements. He starts out sleeping under this offensive quilt, but as if his unconscious body knows it's being touched by some sort of femininity, he wakes up in the morning, having shed the quilt at some point, wrapped in the blue and white blanket that is underneath.

He brought a giant banana tree plant into the bedroom to give it a "woodsy" air. The smell of dead leaves and dirt is presumably something he must have to sleep. It probably negates the affects of the quilt. However, the hem of my bathrobe is apparently the perfect length to

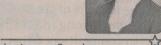
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drag across the top of the planter. Although my slippers are perfectly clean, the hem of my bathrobe tells the story of my nighttime meanderings in a Louisiana swamp.

He likes plants, he just doesn't like to water them. Unfortunately, this banana tree is annoyingly resilient to drought.

There in the corner of my bedroom is the banjo he bought and swore he would learn to play. He didn't, but it seems to belong there now. That corner would look naked without that forlorn-looking banjo.

Right smack dab in the middle of everything is a treadmill which was a great idea at the time, but it's now buried under my husband's technical manuals. This tells you which activity won.

The shelf that holds my beautiful display of dainty music boxes is enhanced by a framed picture of his dad holding a large-mouth bass.

The mosaic chess table I made for him out of stained glass is laden with crossword puzzles, Kleenex boxes,



Hidden amongst these cords is the cord for our alarm clock which has been blinking 12:00 since the last power outage four months ago. Okay, now we're just talking lazy here.

Nevertheless, the point I'm trying to make is that compromise might not be all it's hyped up to be because, instead of getting what I want or getting what he wants. what we actually have is something neither of us wants.

Conversely, I have often told my husband that I could live in a cardboard box as long as he was there; and I'd bet that he could choke down some frou-frou tea as long as he was drinking it with me. Fortunately, it has never come to that.



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chicken fried steak. I make the best onion rings in Texas. Today for lunch I'm making my hand breaded fresh gulf shrimp.'

She hopes to enrich the lives of people at Baptist Retirement Community by serving them good food. "I want the food here to be homemade and fresh and the best food of any facility like this in Texas. So I think within six months to a year we're going to have the most awesome food this campus has ever seen. I believe in setting goals. Goals are dreams with a deadline."

Linda has a pink bicycle that she pedals to the five kitchens on the campus. In Sonora she rode her bike to the post office and bank. "It's an old fashioned girls' bicycle. I needed a little more exercise and a little more fresh air and time to think, so it was my way of going green."

Some bankers in Sonora remember Linda well. "When I married my husband 28 years ago, he found a small pistol in the glove compartment of my car. It was a fancy, little bitty pearl-handled 25 caliber whatever and it was caked with fingernail polish. It took him a few years to clean it up and he decided one day to show me the result of all his labors. So he brought it to me at the restaurant and for some reason I stuck it in a bank bag. I didn't think anything about it. A couple of days later when I took all the bank bags to the First National Bank in Sonora I had of all things that little bitty gun in the bank bag. I saw everybody looking at me and walking off and standing in little huddles. I thought I must have lost one earring or my eyelash fell off. Finally the president of the bank came up to me and said, 'Linda, you're supposed to keep the gun and point it at us and we're supposed to hand you money.' Thank goodness for a banker with a sense of humor who knew me. In San Angelo I probably would have been arrested, so it was a good thing I was in Sonora when that happened."



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News

Wrangler Jr. High Rodeo held here last weekend

Wrangler Junior High Rodeo was held Saturday, October 17 and October 18, 2009 at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena.

Sixty seven entries participated in the events. Events were barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway roping, goat tying, bull riding, tiedown roping, steer wrestling and ribbon roping.

Eldorado students participating in the Junior High Division were Megan Powell, Arden Mertz and McKenzie McAngus.

Megan Powell, a sixth grader, won 1st place in Barrels on Saturday with a time of 18.528 and on Sunday, placed 2nd in Breakaway with a time of 18.643. Megan placed 6th in Poles on Sunday with at time of 22.475. She and her partner Landon Lambert from Granbury, Texas, placed 3rd in Ribbon Roping.

McKenzie McAngus a seventh grader placed 1st in Goat Tying with a time of 9.14 Saturday and 3rd in Goat Tying on

Sunday with a time of 10.24. She also placed 4th in Breakaway with a time of 13.94. McKenzie and her partner Sean Tucker from O'Donnell won 1st in Ribbon Roping.

Arden Mertz who is in the 7th grade, placed 2nd in Breakaway on Saturday with a time of 4.72. Mertz won Poles on Sunday with a time of 21.463. Arden also placed 2nd in Goat Tying on Saturday with a time of 10.57.

In the Youth Division Chase Mertz placed 1st in Goat Tying on Saturday with a time of 10.97. **On Sunday Mertz won Barrels** with a time of 18.399. Chase is in the fifth grade.

Also participating in the Youth Division was third grader Catlyn Ward who placed 5th in Breakaway on Saturday, October 17th, on Sunday, October 18th she placed 4th in Goat Tying. Catlyn is the granddaughter of Doug and Jo Ward of Eldorado and the daughter of Brant and Renee Ward of Miles.



McKenzie McAngus, contestant in the West Texas Division of the Wrangler Junior High Rodeo placed 1st in Goat Tying, Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Schleicher County Rodeo Arena. McKenzie is the daughter of Nancy and Tim McAngus.



West Texas Wrangler Junior High Rodeo participant Megan Powell at Goat Tying Saturday, October 17. Powell placed 1st in Barrels on Saturday and 2nd in the Breakaway on Sunday. Megan is the daughter of Johnny and Claire Powell.

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Arden Mertz placed 2nd in Saturday's Breakaway contest with a time of 4.72. Mertz competed in the West Texas Wrangler Junior High Rodeo held at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18. Arden won 1st place in the Poles, Saturday with a time of 21.463 and 2nd place in Goat Tying. Arden is the daughter of Michael and Trina Mertz.

No cost of living adjustment slated for Social Security in 2010

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

With consumer prices down over the past year, monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for more than 57 million Americans will not automatically increase in 2010. This will be the first year without an automatic Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) since they went into effect in 1975.

"Social Security is doing its job helping Americans maintain their standard of living." Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security said. "Last year when consumer prices spiked, largely as a result of higher gas prices, beneficiaries received a 5.8 percent COLA, the largest increase since 1982."

The Social Security Act provides that Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits increase automatically



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each year if there is an increase be an increase in the Medicare in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from the third quarter of the last year to the third quarter of the current year. This year there was no increase in the CPI-W from the third quarter of 2008 to the third quarter of 2009. In addition, because there was no increase in the CPI-W this year, under the law the starting point for determinations regarding a possible 2011 COLA will remain the third quarter of 2008.

Some other changes that would normally take effect in January 2010 based on the increase in average wages also will not take effect, even though average wages did increase. Since there is no COLA, the statute prohibits an increase in the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax as well as the retirement earnings test exempt amounts. These amounts will remain unchanged in 2010. The attached fact sheet provides more information on 2010 Social Security changes. Information about Medi-

care changes for 2010, when available, will be found at www. Medicare.gov. The Department of Health and Human Services has not yet announced if there will be any Medicare premium changes for 2010. Should there

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percent of Social Security beneficiaries from paying a higher Part B premium, in order to avoid reducing their net Social Security benefit. Those not protected include higher income beneficiaries subject to an income-adjusted Part B premium and beneficiaries newly entitled to Part B in 2010. On September 24th, the House passed legislation by 406-18 that would, on a fully paid-for basis, prevent abnormally large premium increases. The President is calling on the Senate to enact this legislation before it becomes too late for the Social Security Administration to update its computer systems to implement this

Part B premium, the law con-

tains a "hold harmless" pro-

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needed change. For additional information about the 2010 COLA, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

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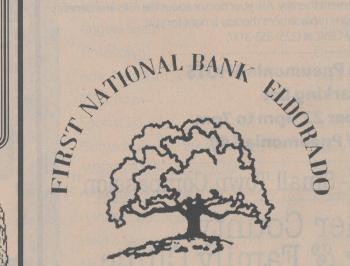


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Wes Brown named 'Ford Tough' Player of the Week .

Eldorado's Wes Brown was one of six talented Texas high school football players honored this week with the Built Ford Tough Texas High School Player of the Week. Brown claimed the award in Class 1A. The full list of honorees include:

• 5A - Jeremy Johnson, senior quarterback for Tyler John Tyler High School

• 4A - James Franklin, senior quarterback for Lake Dallas **High School**

• 3A - Ted Burns, senior running back for Pittsburg High School

· 2A - Tracy Huseman, sophomore quarterback for Littlefield **High School** • 1A - Wes Brown, senior run-

ning back for Eldorado High School • Private Schools - Tyler Bar-

clay, San Antonio TMI: The Episcopal School of Texas When Eldorado switched

to the I-back formation recently, the Eagles were simply announcing, "Here comes Wes Brown!" The speedy 5-10 160 -pounder embraced the increased workload, as he did last week in a 35-7 victory over Menard. He rushed 33 times for an eye popping 355 yards and three TDs on runs of 59, 7, and 16 in a key district win. A two-way starter, Brown has 875 rushing yards, 66 tackles from his safety spot, and 412 yards and two TDs on seven kickoff returns.

A star on the Eldorado track, baseball, and golf teams, Wes is active in both the local 4H Club as well as his church youth group. And not incidentally, his 97.8 GPA has earned him the #4



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ranking in his class.

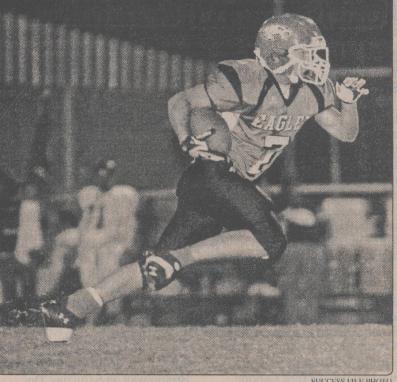
"Wes is a really good football player," Coach Danny Wilhelm said this week.

"Wes will be the first to tell you that he couldn't have done what he did against Menard without some great blocking by the offensive line," Coach Wilhelm continued. "And, the offensive line did play very well. But on the other hand, there aren't many backs who could have taken what the line gave them and performed the way Wes did."

Wilhelm says he is pleased that Brown was chosen for the honor

"It really is a big deal and Wes is very deserving," Wilhelm added. "A statewide award that recognizes outstanding play by outstanding athletes.'

A trophy commemorating Brown's achievement will be presented to him at Friday's pep rally. And, he will be featured at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning on Fox Sports Southwest television network as they announce all six players of the week.



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Wes Brown used his speed, power and quickness last week as the Eagles dispatched Menard 35-7 in district 29A rivalry game. During that game, Brown amassed 355 yards on 33 carries and scored three touchdowns. The offensive onslaught helped him claim the Ford Tough Player of the Week award in Class 1A for week six of the season. Oh, by the way, Brown also plays defensive safety and runs back kicks for the Eagles.

Eagles set their sights on Christoval

The Eldorado Eagles spent last week's bye week getting accustomed to their new head coach, Danny Wilhelm, and preparing to take on the Christoval Cougars this Friday night.

The team also elected four captains, Wes Brown, Garrett Lux, Ivany Sanchez and Ben Wipff.

"The team really looks up to those four," Coach Wilhelm commented this week. "They are leaders on and off the field and they will make great captains."

Wilhelm noted that several players received votes in the secret ballot process. "That tells me that we've got several solid leaders on this team," the coach added.

The Eagles will travel to Christoval this Friday for the U.S. 277 Rivalry. Wilhelm noted

that he and some of the team's other coaches made the trip last week to watch Christoval play Menard.

He said he was surprised at how hard the Cougars are still playing at a point in the season when they don't have a lot to play for.

"That Solwin kid is a good running back," Wilhelm said. "I think he ran for more than 200 yards against Menard."

In fact, Aris Solwin tallied 218 yards in the ground for the Cougars as they lost to Menard by a score of 44-21

'We're going to have to be prepared for him and we've got to make sure we didn't lose any game speed during the bye," the coach said.

He noted that several of the Eagles walking wounded have been able to heal up a bit during.

the off week.

'We will also be getting Ryan Castillo back." Wilhelm added. 'He was released by the doctor for full contact, so we will be working him slowly back into the game plan."

Despite two district losses to Junction and Menard, the Eagles stand a good chance of making the playoffs as the district's third place team, provided they run the table and defeat Christoval, Irion County and Rocksprings over the next three weeks.

"We're still in this thing, and we're going give it all we've got," Wilhelm concluded.

The Eagles will face the Cougars Friday night in Christoval with kickoff slated for 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to make the trip and support the team as they make their bid for a spot in the state 1A play-





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October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



If you see a pink ribbon this month it is most likely as a reminder of the deadly effects of breast cancer. This month in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Schleicher County Medical Center (SCMC) offers a few tips on detecting this disease.

"Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women. In fact, according to recent statistics, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime," said Dr Gordy Day, Medical Director with SCMC. "The key to beating breast cancer is early detection through mammograms."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, breast can-

cer is the most common cause of death among Hispanic women, and the second most common cause among white, black, Asian, and American Indian women. Last year over 200,000 women were diagnosed with breast cancer.

Mammograms are highly recommended for women over 40 or those with a family history of breast cancer. These non-invasive x-rays can show a tumor, even before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms. Annual mammograms are covered by Medicare benefits as well as most major insurance plans. Additionally, monthly breast self exams are suggested for women of all ages. The following lifestyle choices can help lower the risk of breast cancer:

• Don't miss that mammogram after 50. According to statistics, over 77 percent of all breast cancer cases are in women 50 and over.

· Control your weight and exercise. Stay active and make healthy choices.

· Know your family history (mother, sister or daughter) of breast cancer. Ask your doctor what your risk of getting breast cancer is and how you can lower your risk.

• Find out the risks and benefits of hormone replacement therapy. Ask your doctor about the risks and benefits of hormone replacement therapy and find out if hormone replacement therapy is right for you.

For more information, call Schleicher County Family Clinic at (325) 853-3137.

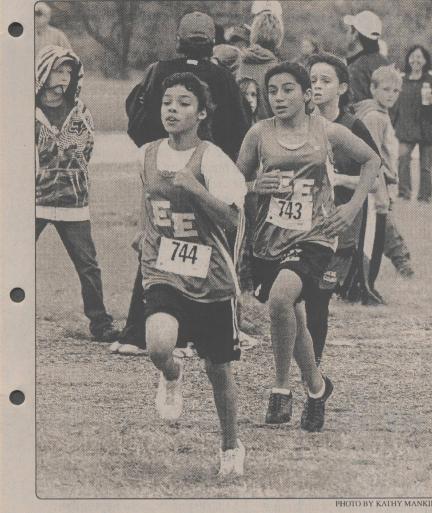
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7th Grade Lady Eagles completed the two-mile cross-country course at the 2009 Wall Invitational held October 9, 2009 at the north entrance to the San Angelo State Park. Melissa Hernandez (L) placed 37th and Alexis Garcia (R) placed 38th.

Highway Patrol troopers ride school buses this week

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As part of National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 19-23), Highway Patrol troopers will ride school buses looking for motorists illegally passing school buses.

"Motorists should remember that state law requires them to stop for a school bus when its red alternating flashing lights are on. Loading and unloading are the most dangerous times for students who ride school buses," said David Baker, DPS Assistant Director-Texas Highway Patrol. "We'll have Highway Patrol troopers riding random school buses across the state, and we'll issue citations to drivers who violate the law."

Motorists who are cited for



9TH Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Camron Capps, Shelby Daniels, Ryan Espinosa, Lane Griffin, Mary Lou Martinez, Blaine Mitchell, Jessica Pasillas, Austin Stapp, Ruben Vasquez, Maddi Bilbrey, Clarissa Castro, Brianah Ashleigh Wright

10th Grade

Abby Fuentes, Amanda Garcia, Polli Guerrero, Kairos McCollum, Charli Swinford

11th Grade

Kaitlyn Bluford, Ashley Paulson, Lauren Allyson Jarrett, J.R. Martinez, Anthony Rubio

12th Grade Hunter Alvizo, Emily Espinosa

9th Grade "A/B" Honor Roll: Miranda Arispe, Sergio Arispe, Will Barker, Cesar Cruz, Eric Estrada, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Timothy Cuevas, Domingo Garcia, Nick Gonzales, Kasey Dylan Dombroski, Krista Galindo, Adriana Gonzalez, Edward Hernandez, Robin Hibbs, Hernandez, Javier Hernandez, Patricia Nancy Iglesias, Benjamin Martin, Brian Hernandez, Tanja Hibbs, Garrett Lux, Maureen Parsley, Marcus Perez, Hagen Porras, Dylan Martinez, Kadie Niblett, Audrey Rubio



SECOND GRADE Mrs. Meador's Class

"A" Honor Roll: Naomi Borrego*, Kaden Key*, Kami Lux*, Edgar Muniz, Emmie Grace Mynatt*. "A-B" Honor Roll: Kevan Covarrubiaz*, Kreek James*, Myra Sierra*, Malachi Vasquez*, Justin Yant.

Mrs. O'Harrow's Class

"A" Honor Roll: Jackie Covarrubiaz*, Jaylynn Estep, Jaakan Jurecek, Marco Martinez*, Codee Meador, Patrick Self, Isaac Sorrells*, Frankie Villanueva*, Ariela Zamora."A-B" Honor Roll: Natalie Castro*, Maria Gallegos, Poberto Perez*, Joseph Rodriguez, Savannah Torres*.

Mrs. Sessom's

"A" Honor Roll: Emiliano Hernandez, Benjamin McGee, Andrea Meador, Taner Swinford*. "A-B"Honor Roll: Jesse Gonzales, Garrett Hariman, Samantha Lozano*, Mikayla Rodriguez, Lindy Sanchez*, Kathryn Shipman, Dustin Shriver*, Slone Stultz, Moises Hill.

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Emmons' Class "A" Honor Roll: Dacey Roubison, Payton Whitten. "A-B" Honor Roll: Ram Barajas, Courtney Espinosa*, Bray Guevara, Wyatt Mertz, Marcos Ojeda, Erika Sanchez, Shawn Solis*

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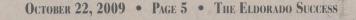
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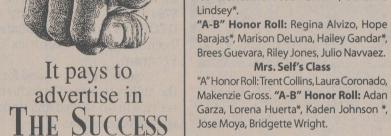
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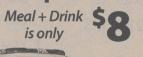


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Chase Mertz participated in the Youth Division of the West Texas Wrangler Junior High Rodeo held Saturday and Sunday at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena. Chase placed 1st in Goat Tying and first in Barrels with a time of 10.399. Chase is the daughter of Trina and Michael Mertz.



A tick-borne disease known as equine piroplasmosis has been confirmed on a ranch in South Texas. Additional testing is being conducted to determine the extent of infection. Horses on the ranch are quarantined to their premises, and a thorough disease investigation is underway.

Equine piroplasmosis can affect horses, donkeys, mules or zebras and cause clinical signs common to many diseases, including poor appetite and weight loss. Death losses can occur. Some infected equine animals may exhibit few or no signs of disease. Those animals that survive the acute phase of infection may continue to carry the parasite, which has been identified as Theileria equi (formerly known as Babesia equi), for long periods of time.

"Although equine piroplasmosis is not

considered to be endemic in the U.S., cases have been detected on occasion," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "In June, equine piroplasmosis was detected in Missouri, with a related case found in Kansas. In 2008, the infection was detected in Florida. These cases have been closed."

"As many as 15 tick species are capable of carrying and transmitting the blood parasite responsible for causing equine piroplasmosis," Dr. Hillman explained. "At this time, we do not know which species of tick is responsible for transmitting infection on the South Texas ranch. Additional blood and tick samples are being collected and will be submitted for analysis to the National Veterinary Services

Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa."

Dr. Hillman said there is no vaccine for equine piroplasmosis, and treatment generally is not effective against this tickborne infection. To avoid spread of the disease, it is important to eliminate contact with ticks and to prevent the transfer of blood from one equine animal to another.

"Equine owners may want to consult with their veterinarians for recommendations on preventing tick infestation," said Dr. Hillman. "If equine animals exhibit signs of illness, a veterinarian should be contacted, so appropriate samples may be collected for laboratory testing. Currently, we have no indication that this tick transmitted disease has occurred at other sites in Texas, but maintaining vigilance for this blood parasite is necessary in determining the extent of this disease situation."



Texas unemployment rate well below national rate

AUSTIN - The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly to 8.2 percent in September, up from 8.0 percent a month ago, and continued to trend well below the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 9.8 percent.

The Texas Civilian Labor Force continued to increase remaining above the mark of 12 million workers for the third consecutive month. Total nonagricultural employment in Texas fell by 44,700 positions in September.

"The Texas job market continued to tighten as most industries experienced job losses in September," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Chairman Tom Pauken. "While unemployment in Texas remains well below the national rate of 9.8 percent, this serious national recession continues to affect us adversely in Texas."

Other Services, which include automotive, electronic, and commercial repair and maintenance, had the largest over-the-month gain adding 8,800 jobs. A total of 9,400 jobs have been added to the payrolls of Other Services since September 2008. Mining and Logging posted a gain for the first time this year, adding 2,100 jobs. Education and Health Services employment growth remained positive in September with the addition of 2,700 jobs.

Information employment grew by 800 jobs last month.

"The Texas labor force is growing as more people enter the job market, but job seekers are hampered by fewer jobs." said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "TWC and our workforce boards located around the state remain committed to helping out-ofwork Texans acquire skills and find jobs."

The largest job losses occurred in the Leisure and Hospitality industry which was down 16,900 positions, followed by

Professional and Business Services, down 16,500 jobs. Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 13,000 positions in September.

"Job gains in Mining and Logging, Education and Health Services, and Other Services were offset by losses in most industries in September," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. "To help connect workers with available jobs, staff at more than 240 workforce centers across the state is available to provide job-search assistance and other services."

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Broadband applicants get help

There's movement in efforts to bring broadband technology - the Internet and other digital developments — to more areas of Texas.

The state Department of Agriculture and Public Utility Commission joined together in an Oct. 15 announcement that the two agencies are helping 63 applicants in seeking \$793 million in funds from BTOP, the federal Broadband **Technology** Opportunities Program. Projects were screened for the ability to extend broadband service to un-served and underserved populations.

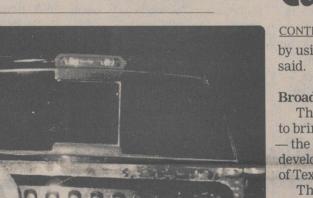
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Six year old Taven Ray Espinosa, shot this ram from 158 yards on Friday, October 16, 2009 on a game ranch in Menard. Taven was hunting with his father when he brought down the ram. Taven the son of Megan Poynor of Christoval and John Ray Espinosa of Eldorado.

election began Oct. 19 and continues through Oct. 30.

Voters statewide will decide the fate of 11 proposed constitutional amendments and many local governmental bodies will have candidates and bond issues on the ballot.

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AgriLife Extension offers small-acreage landowner series

SAN ANGELO — The Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Tom Green County will conduct a series of four seminars for new small-tract landowners during October and November at the Tom Green County 4-H Building.

"The group we are targeting are mainly city dwellers who have purchased rural property for retirement, an alternative source of income or a lifestyle change," said Steve Sturtz, AgriLife Extension agent in Tom Green County. "Most don't have an agricultural background, so once they've bought the property, they wonder what to do with it.'

Sturtz said the series curriculum is based on landowners' requests to his office on those particular topics.

The various seminar sessions are:

 Session I - Resource Inventory: tips for small or new ranchers, rural law, agriculture/wildlife exemption, and financing options, 6:00-9:00 p.m. October 27.

· Session II - Small Acreage Landowner Horticulture: water quality, rainwater harvesting and solar and wind energy, 7:00-9:00 p.m. November 3.

 Session III: Livestock Enterprises for Small Acreage Landowners, livestock options, range weed and brush control and

pesticide applicator requirements, 6:00-9:00 p.m. November 10.

• Session IV: Pasture Management, small crop production, fertilization and weed control in forages and small grains, 6:00-9:00 p.m. November 17.

"To glean the most benefit from the program, participants should plan to attend the entire series," Sturtz said.

Individual pre-registration per session is \$25 through October 22 and \$35 thereafter. To pre-register and for more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6524.

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Catlyn Ward, granddaughter of Doug and Jo Ward participated in the Youth Division of the West Texas Wrangler Junior High Rodeo held at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena on October 17 and 18. Catlyn placed 5th in the Breakaway on Saturday.

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upon us and winter nipping at its heels, families should make sure their homes are ready for the changing weather conditions ahead. A house needs to be well-maintained both inside and out to withstand the elements.

"When the kids head back to school and the nights start to get cooler, it's time to get the house, lawn and garden in top shape before the wetter, colder season. I've seen how a little elbow grease pays off after the thaw," says home and garden expert, Susie Coelho, host of HGTV's makeover show "Outer Spaces." "After all, who wants to spend the first glorious days of next spring cleaning up winter damage? Coelho says homeowners

should address garden and home maintenance now to avoid a year's worth of work next spring. She recommends starting with these quick and easy tasks:

* To save on electric bills, check all external doors and windows to make sure they close tightly and are in good shape. If needed, re-caulk around windows and doors, install weather-stripping and

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aren't snug. Doing so can save on energy costs and prevent costly repairs that can result from moisture and wind damage.

* As it gets cooler, plan to enjoy the view of the outdoors from the inside, but first make sure the windows are in the right condition to bring in the beauty. Although it can be a pain, cleaning windows from the outside is critical, as grime, bugs and allergens can build up during the summer months. Tackle the chore quickly and easily with an inexpensive solution that gets a streak-free shine in half the time, such as the Windex Outdoor All-in-One dexoutdoor.com).

* After your fall harvest, put the garden to bed! Pruning, weeding and fertilizing are important in order to get the lawn and garden ready for next spring and summer. Reseed and bring an actual chip from the fix the lawn's bare spots. Remove plants and flowers that are not doing well. Weed flower beds to keep weeds from reappearing next spring, and prune trees back so the elements don't cause damage to your house or property during the colder months.

* Touch up exterior paint. Start by using a wire brush to remove flaking paint from the home's trim, railings and deck

fore applying new paint, and sand and prime your paint before touch-ups if you have oilbased trims, as oil based paints and stains are no longer available in most states. If possible, wall or trim into a paint company and ask them to match the color. Many home improvement stores and fine paint stores have a machine that will read the paint chip and match it to 99 percent.

A little effort will help homeowners save time and money on more significant future maintenance and repairs. Preparing your home now will leave more time later for all the backyard fun and seasonal entertaining that's on the horizon.

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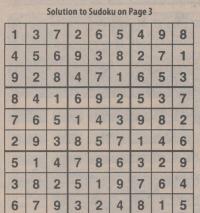
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MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BREAKFAST MENU 1/2 PT. MILK & JUICE SERVED WITH EACH MEAL BREAKFAST \$.50 FOR MS /HS FREE FOR ELEMENTARY Monday October 26, 2009 Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk. **Tuesday October 27th** Waffle Stix, Syrup, Choice Of Juice, Milk. : Wednesday October 28th Buttered Toast/ Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice. Milk : Thursday October 29th French Toast/Syrup, Choice of Juice, Milk

: Friday October 30th Cereal Bar, Peanut Butter Crackers Choice of Juice, Milk.

CAFETERIA LINE 3 CHOICE OF MILK OFFERED DAILY Monday October 26, 2008 Cheese Pizza, Carrot Stix/ Dip, Sliced Peaches. Tuesday October 27th Hamburger Steak/Gravy, Hot Rolls : Green Beans, Pear Halves Wednesday October 28th : Vegetable Beef Stew/Grilled Cheese Corn Bread, Mixed Fruit, Sugar Cookies Thursday October 29th Chicken Fajita/Flour Tortilla, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Peach Cup Friday October 30th Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Baked

Chips, Lettuce/Tomato, Orange Halves **BASKET LINE** Milk & Bread offered with each Meal

LUNCH IS \$1.75 FOR STUDENTS Monday October 26, 2009 :Mc Rib Sandwich/Baked Chips, Pickle Spears, Carrot Stix/Dip, Sliced Peaches Tuesday October 27th :Taco Rolls, Ranch Style Beans, Sliced Cucumbers, Pear Halves Wednesday October 28th Crispy Tacos/ Refried Beans, Lettuce/ Tomato Salad, Carrot Stixs/ Dip, Sugar Cookies

Thursday October 29th Pepperoni Hot Pockets, Pork-n-beans, Tossed Salad, Peach Cups Friday October 30th :Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Lettuce/Tomato, Orange Halves

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DPS re-aligns services at Driver License offices

Beginning October 29 and 30, citizens who need to re-instate their driver license or get a copy of their driver record must submit their required documentation online or via federal mail. rather than at DPS offices. With this change, DPS employees will be able to focus on reducing wait times in Driver License offices.

Driver license re-instatement is necessary if a driver has had their license suspended or revoked, which may occur due to a number of reasons, such as receiving a DWI conviction, driving without liability insurance or failure to pay child support.

Customers who need to reinstate their licenses or receive their driver record for court dates must go to http://www.texasonline.com, the DPS Web site or conduct their business via the federal mail.

The elimination of these services at Driver License offices will not change the processing time for driver records or driver license re-instatement, which will remain at seven to 10 business days. However, customers should submit their paperwork in a timely fashion and keep a copy of



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

male age 25. Offense aggravated assault. Release 10/15/09 on \$10,000 SB. juana < 2oz. Released 10/20/09 on identity theft. \$6.000 PR

male age 29. Offense warrants. Re- ceived concerning a person break- cerning ex spouses harassing calls. leased 10/19/09 time served.

18. Offense warrant. Still in custody. INCIDENTS

lence. Officers and EMS dispatched. 10:10 AM • Caller requested welfare burn reported. check on relative.

7:38 PM • Complainant requested an officer concerning a drunk driver in a the paperwork they have submitted.

Three of the Driver License offices in the state currently provide driver records and reinstatement services, and they will all remain open for other driver license transactions. Those offices, in Garland, Houston (on Gessner) and San Antonio (at Universal City) will no longer conduct these services beginning October 30. The fourth office in Austin (on Denson) will cease providing driver records and reinstating driver licenses on October 29.

Commercial Drivers

The Austin Denson office will re-open on November 2, serving as a commercial driver license written and practical testing facility only. Commercial driver testing currently administered in Austin (North Lamar, South Congress and Northwest), San Marcos and Georgetown will be conducted at the Austin Denson office.

For more information on driver records and driver license re-instatement, go to http://www. txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/dlindex.htm.

been picked up. responded and criminal trespass was responded. signed.

and everything ok.

discuss disturbing text message re- well. ceived. Officer took report.

at mothers vacant house. Fire Chief notified.

called and was busy in a safety meet- had been vandalized. OCTOBER 14 • Nava, Juan Cazarez, ing and advised S.O. to shoot raccoon 2:41 PM • Caller reported a truck and take to animal clinic.

10:29 AM • 911 call received, with no rant and was causing a hazard to get • Melton, Barbara, female age 57. Of- response on line. Officer dispatched. fense DWI, 3rd possession of mari- 1:08 PM • Caller reported larceny/

6:27 PM • Walk in found check book. OCTOBER 20 • Luna, Miguel, male age the front door. Officer dispatched to sible internet scam. scene.

2:07 AM • Caller reported someone ed burglary on Lea St. with damage to OCTOBER 14 - 12:25 AM · Complain- had attempted to break into their screen door. ant called in assault / domestic vio- home on Brooks. Officer responded. 10: 03 PM • Complainant reported 10:50 AM & 12:18 PM • Controlled someone in their back yard on Car-

OCTOBER 18 - 12:48 AM • Caller re- responded.

contacted and were told no dog had ported someone had tripped the motion sensor light in their back yard OCTOBER 15 - 11:20 AM • Caller re- on Lee St. and tried to come in back quested to speak to an officer. Officer door. Requested an officer. Officer

4:34 AM · Caller informed S.O. of 4:24 PM • Panic alarm reported by kids throwing rocks at the car wash. Security company. Officer responded Officer responded and impounded golf cart used by vandals. Also, an-4:27 PM • Complainant walked in to other golf cart was impounded as

8:30 AM • Caller reported a water leak 4:46 PM • Complainant reported bees and needed someone to cut it off. City notified.

1:52 PM • Caller requested to speak to OCTOBER 16 - 8:38 AM • Dispatch an officer about golf cart being vancalled animal control concerning ra- dalized, as well as burglary of a buildbid raccoon and left message on an- ing. Further investigation revealed swering machine. City employee was four golf carts as well as 4 buildings

> with trailer parked in front of restauaround.

7:07 PM • Caller reported cattle loose on HWY 190 east. Officer responded. OCTOBER 19 - 11:36 AM • Caller re-OCTOBER 16 • Valdez, John Rubio, OCTOBER 17 - 1:56 AM • 911 call re- quested to speak to an officer coning into convenience store through 1:53 PM • Complainant reported pos-

5:35 PM • Walk in reported attempt-

son St. requested an officer. Officer

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light gray Lincoln driving reckless Unable to locate vehicle. 9:18 PM • Caller reported missing Australian Shepherd. Animal contro

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Sonora Clinic expands its ability to serve your needs

Sonora Medical Clinic recently enhanced its healthcare resources with the addition of Family Nurse Practitioner Rebecca Sullivan, RN, MSN, FNP-BC.

Sullivan is a board-certified family nurse practitioner with more than 24 years experience. She joins the practice of Drs. Mark and Kristy Edwards.

Sullivan practiced in Eldorado prior to joining the Sonora Medical Clinic team and is a clinical supervisor in the nursing department at Angelo State University.

"Kristy and I know Rebecca and her excellent medical skills," Dr. Mark Edwards said. "She is a great addition to the Sonora Medical Clinic team. Kristy and I look forward to working with Rebecca to provide people in Sutton and the surrounding counties high quality medical care close to their homes."



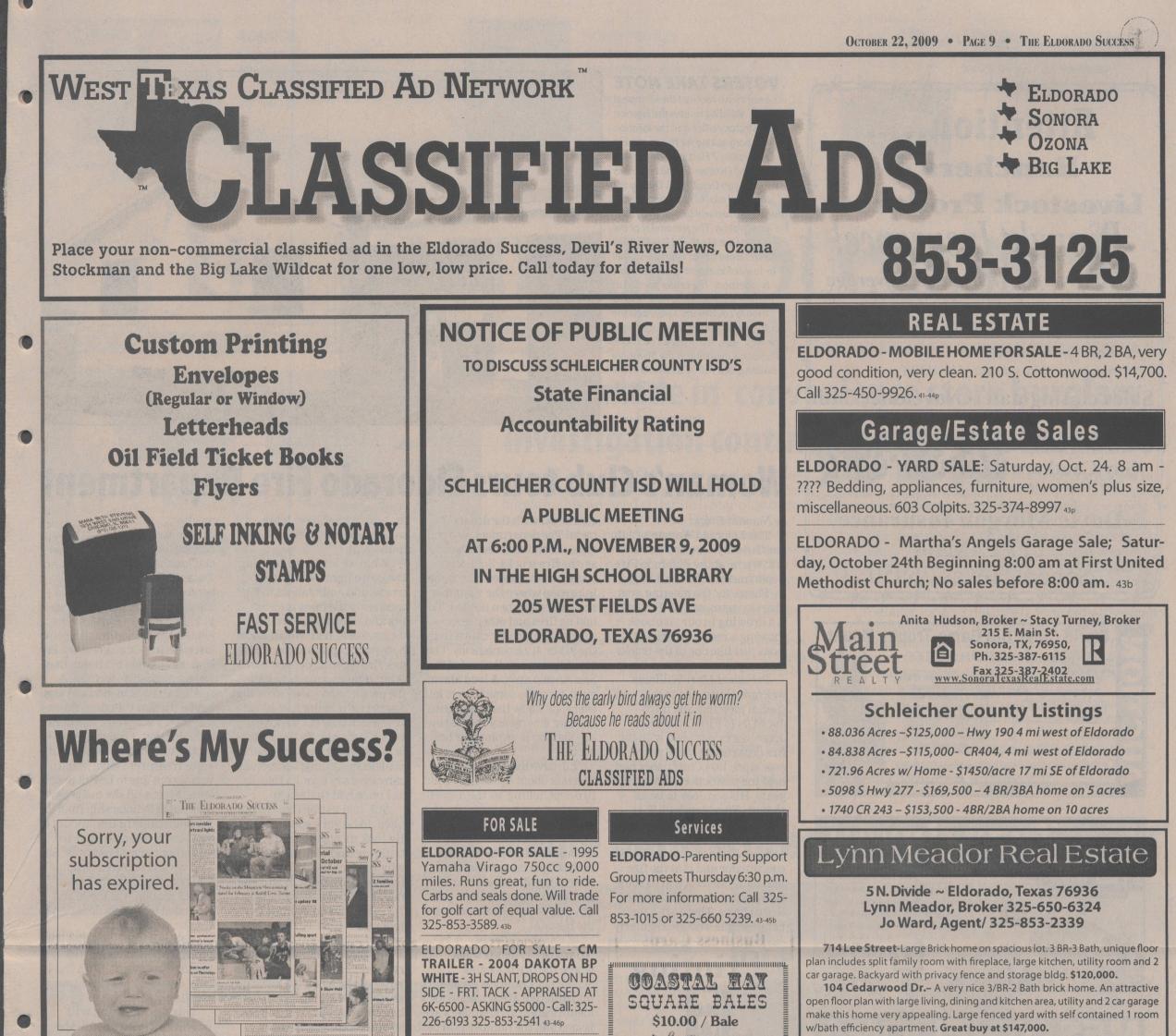
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Woman's Club tours Eldorado Fire Department

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the Eldorado Fire Department / EMS building.

Theme for the meeting was Fire Department / EMS. There is a drawing in our yearbook showing a red fire truck that looks just like one of the trucks at the station.

President Myrt Williams welcomed everyone to this very special meeting. She introduced us to Fire Chief Jerry Jones. Jerry has been with the fire department for 36 years, ever since 1974. Chief Jones has held the position as chief for 25 years. His son Joey is 1st assistant, Fire Marshall. T.J. Rodriguez is second assistant. Tammy Fish firefighter, and Melissa Rodriguez is the EMS coordinator and is at the fire hall daily. Melissa told us something about the duties of our fire fighters. There are a number of people who are regularly



connected with the department. The department also consists of 2 ambulances as well as the fire trucks. Schleicher county is a volunteer fire fighting group where the volunteers show up only when needed. T.J. told us fires and other emergencies are usually called in to the 911 or 419 emergencies. The 419 calls are handled out of the San Angelo area. A loud alarm rings for quite some time to let everyone know there is a fire or other emergency as most everyone who is a volunteer has a job.

T.J. gave us a very informative talk about the duties of our fire dept. telling us the department has one new ambulance and soon to get another. T.J. also told us all about the new ambulance and why they are built so special and that they are equipped with all that is needed to start treating a person that is being transported to the hospital.

T.J. said a caller needs to tell who ever answers just where the fire is located. Schleicher County is divided into different areas (zones) for identification and numbers are issued and the number is to be posted where the fire fighters can easily see them. The 911 call is picked up locally and the 915 call goes to San Angelo. The caller needs to stay on the phone until the call is clearly identified. T.J. Rodriguez suited up to show all the gear they wear. The suit is very heavy. He said budget money comes from city and county funds and from special fund drives. I have donated yearly for many years to the department. T.J. said the fuel as well as the fire fighting suits are very expensive and every fireman has a full suit.

to the fire. they have training sessions but each fire is individual.

What we learned about our loved fire fighters and their trucks and ambulances today was one of the most interesting and informative programs we have ever had. We all know how very important the volunteer fire fighting department is but it takes a meeting with the people who spoke to us that day to really bring home just how much they do. We give a very big thanks for the superior department we have here in Schleicher County. I personally can never say enough thanks as I once had their help.

T.J. told us the fire trucks have to be very specialized. He took us on a tour of the building and also explained why the fire trucks and ambulances are built to suit the needs of Schleicher County. T.J. said that on Friday, October 30th the fire department would be having a fish fry from 5:00 p.m. until they run out of food. The proceeds will help to pay for a new fire truck and equipment. He said help financially comes from several sources. Three of these are the fire department, fish fry, the Salvation Army and individual contributions. I have tried every year to send a contribution. Currently the fire department has 4 grass trucks with solid sides plus the 2 new ambulances. I entered one of the ambulances and was awed with what was inside. We need to say a big thanks to those who are responsible, Schleicher County folks have this up to date equipment. Thank you Jerry, T.J., Tammy and Melissa for our great meeting. After our very special meeting president Myrt Williams continued with our regular

meeting.

She and Mary Legett of San Angelo has invited us to a special luncheon in San Angelo, Texas on Thursday, November 5, 2009. The benefactor of the is luncheon will be Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. Cathy Niblett read the minutes of our last meeting. Our secretary Pat Holt was unable to attend: they were approved as written. A special Executive meeting was held with Mary Roden, Susan Lively and Myrt Williams attended. Myrt reported she picked up our bank statement since treasurer Nelva Martin was absent due to health problems. Myrt said she made payouts out of Scholarship fund for 2 scholarships in the amount of \$500. each. She also reported on our other current pay outs. She said we had received a thank you note from Nancy Lester. Next a motion was made and seconded to make a donation to the fire department.

Roll call was answered with an appreciation for the fire department services. Ruth Davis gave a prayer that closed our meeting.

Our next meeting will be November 10, 2009 at the Methodist Church Memorial Hall. It will be a Dutch Treat Thanksgiving Luncheon and will begin at 12 noon. Individual cost for the meal should be around seven dollars per person. Members are honored to sponsor a Veteran to our meeting and to pay for his lunch. Each year our November meeting honors our Veterans and we are so honored to pay tribute to those who chose to defend our nation in time of war and peace.

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