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## Jeffs' attorneys argue for new trial

Lawyers representing Warren Jeffs, the imprisoned prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, have petitioned for a new trial, citing what they consider to be errors on the part of trial judge James Shumate.

Walter Bugden, lead attorney for Warren Jeffs argues that Shumate erred last September when it was learned that a juror in Jeffs' trial had lied about her background and failed to report that she had been a rape victim. The beleaguered prophet was standing trial on two charges of Rape as an Accomplice and the case had already gone to the jury when the judge learned that one of the eight jurors had not responded truthfully to pretrial questions.

Judge Shumate replaced the juror with an alternate juror and sent the jury back to continue deliberations. The panel soon returned with two guilty verdicts.

Court documents reveal that prosecutors argued for a mistrial at the time of the incident, but that Bugden said he believed a reconstituted jury could indeed reach a fair verdict. The judge interviewed all four alternate jurors before selecting one and sending the jury back to deliberate.

Bugden now wants a new trial for his client on the grounds that the new juror should not have been allowed to join the deliberations in progress.

Prosecutor Brock Belnap points out in his response that Judge Shumate acted contrary to the prosecutor's motion and in a manner consistent with the defense attorney's wishes.

"The defendant's lawyers encouraged the court to do exactly what they now claim is error," Belnap wrote in his response. He continued by saying that Utah's Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that "a party cannot take advantage of an error committed at trial when that party led the trial court into committing the error."

Judge Shumate is slated to hear arguments on the motion on Wednesday, March 6, 2008.

Meanwhile, Warren Jeffs remains behind bars at the Utah State Prison in Draper where he is currently serving two consecutive five-to-life terms.

Jeffs also faces charges in Arizona and a federal charge of Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

## On the Loose



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Haley Higgins gets the ball on a fast break and goes unopposed to the bucket during varsity girls action against Menard here last Friday. The Lady Eagles lost the hard fought contest by a score of 52-50.

## West candidate for County Sheriff

Charles Shane West would like to be your next Sheriff of Schleicher County.

Shane's family history dates back to the late 1800's in Schleicher County. His maternal great-grandfather, Joe Tisdale, began ranching in Schleicher County in 1907. His paternal great-grandfather, C.C. West, was the first appointed Eldorado (then known as Verand) Postmaster in 1892, he was the founding land assessor, and the first Justice of the Peace for Schleicher County.

Since then, the Tisdale and West families have had vested interests in the welfare of Schleicher County. Today, Shane, his wife, Stacey, and their three sons, Jayton (age 8), Hunter (age 5), and Mason (age 2) still reside in Schleicher County. Shane is active in all aspects of this and surrounding communities, including currently serving as the president of the Christoval Little League Association.

Shane graduated from Eldorado High School in May 1982. He then attended and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business from Sul Ross State University in December of 1989.

Shane's law experience began in January of '95, when he became a Tom Green County Probation Officer. He graduated from the Concho Valley Council of Governments Peace Officer Academy in May of 2000, and in August of that year, he took a position as Deputy Marshall in Granite Shoals. In January of 2001, Shane became a Sheriff's Deputy and Shift Supervisor in the Jail for Kendall County.

May of '01, he joined the Brady Police Department. In August, 2001, Shane and Stacey were married and Shane became a Deputy for the McCullough County Sheriff's Department. In January of '03 Shane and Stacey moved to Menard where he became a Sheriff's Deputy for Menard County.

Through all of Shane's experiences with various positions and departments, he knew that Eldorado was where he wanted to raise his family. In December, 2006, Shane moved back to Eldorado and, along with his wife, owns and operates 5 W Handyman Services.

Shane believes strongly in leadership through service. If elected, his primary objectives include creating a community-friendly department with an open door policy to all residents of Schleicher County. He believes the position of sheriff should be top priority and will not hold any other professional position. He will continue to be diligent in the war on drugs, continuing and improving on Drug Interdiction, along with promoting education and awareness in our community. He will be a strong advocate for community programs such as Meals on Wheels and is open to suggestions for other needed initiatives for the betterment of our citizens. Because of Shane's extensive experience and exposure to all aspects of law enforcement, he strongly believes in having a department that is eager to cooperate with surrounding law enforcement agencies to promote a safer community and cohesiveness in law enforcement.

Shane asks for your vote for Sheriff of Schleicher County. His local heritage, community involvement, and law enforcement education, training, and experience make him the best candidate to serve Schleicher County.

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## Texans can check their voter registration status online

AUSTIN – With the registration deadline to vote in the upcoming Primary Elections fast-approaching, the Secretary of State's Office has launched a new web tool which enables Texans to check their registration status online. Additionally, the new "Online Voter Central" web portal allows individuals to determine their polling place as Election Day nears and provides contact information for local county voter registration officials.

"We are doing our part to ensure that voters are prepared and fully-equipped when they show up to vote on Election Day," stated Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson. "Now, Texans can check their registration status from their computers in plenty

of time to address any possible issues before the registration deadline on February 4."

With the implementation of the Texas Election Administration Management system (TEAM), the Secretary of State's Office now maintains a, "uniform, official, centralized, interactive, computerized statewide voter registration list," as mandated by the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Texans who registered to vote using their driver license will be able to check their status using their driver license number. All other Texans can enter their Voter Unique Identifier (VUID) found on their voter registration card to check their voting status and find polling locations.

"As we begin a busy 2008 election season, I hope all Texans will recognize their rights and duties to head to the polls on Election Day," added Wilson. "We are faced with some important decisions as we determine new leaders for our nation and our state and my office is committed to making the elections process accessible and easy for Texans in every region of the Lone Star State."

The deadline to register to vote in the March 4th Primary Elections is Monday, February 4, 2008. Voter registration applications are available on the Secretary of State's website: www.sos.state.tx.us, as well as county Voter Registrar's offices, and most libraries, post offices and high schools.

## SWTEC bids farewell to Jones and Ward



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Kirk Jones and Jo Ward were honored last Friday with a retirement reception at Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative. Both will be retiring in February after 15 years of service.

Two long-time employees of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative will be retiring in February of 2008. Jo Ward, executive assistant will be retiring after 15 years of service. Kirk Jones, purchasing agent for the cooperative, will be retiring after 15 years of service also. General Manager Buff Whitten commented "Kirk and Jo have both been extremely valuable employees. They exemplify the dedicated workers we have in our workforce. They will really be missed."

Jo Ward began her career at SWTEC in 1993. Prior to joining the cooperative, Jo worked for Lynn and Ed Meador and Hirschfield Steel in San Angelo. When asked about her future plans Jo said "I'll stay involved in real estate sales and I plan on spending a lot of time following my granddaughter's sporting activities. I also have lots of yard work, gardening, and remodeling on my list of things to do."

Kirk Jones was employed in 1993 also. He began

as a meter reader and later moved up to become purchasing agent. Prior to working at the cooperative, Kirk spend 17 years working for ARCO Oil and Gas and Ingersoll Rand. When quizzed about post retirement plans, Kirk commented "I'm looking forward to spending more time ranching, fishing and with the family. I also want to help with church and community service around town."

Both employees were honored with a reception that was held in their honor on January 25, 2008. Long time friends and co-workers enjoyed exchanging old stories and memories with the honorees. A poster board with old photos taken throughout each of their lives was displayed. A cake and table of snacks kept the steady steam of visitors fed.

We wish Jo and Kirk many happy years of retirement. We thank them for all they have done for Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative!

# Pennies from Heaven

The housing market is caught in a downward spiral that might last the rest of this year, and banks are struggling under a staggering burden of bad loans that has created a severe credit crunch. Don't fear, though, a \$250 check might be making its way toward your mailbox.

That's the economic "stimulus" that Democrats are coalescing around to forestall a recession. Barack Obama wants a \$250 tax rebate and a payment of \$250 to Social Security beneficiaries. If that doesn't work, he has a Plan B: sending out another \$250 check. Hillary Clinton wants to try \$70 billion in new government spending first; then, if the new tide of red ink fails, blanket the country with \$40 billion worth of rebate checks.

With the White House considering its own rebate proposal, some such scheme is likely to emerge as the lowest common denominator of sophomoric economic policy for both parties.

A \$250 check is the equivalent of winning a tiny jackpot on a convenience-store lottery ticket. It's not going to spur any lifestyle changes or fund any major purchases. This is why the history of the tax rebates -- including the last time it was tried in 2001 -- is a sorry one.

Most people aren't stupid enough to think a \$250 check improves their economic standing. This is keeping with the late economist Milton Friedman's "permanent income hypothesis," which said that people don't change their spending habits based on small blips in their income. In short: You can't fool people into thinking that they are richer than they really are.

So it is that research shows that most of the 2001 tax rebates were used to pay down debt or were saved. According to a study by University of Michigan economists, only about 20 percent was spent -- a tiny stimulus at best.

It is the curse of capitalism that it suffers boom-and-bust cycles. In recent economic history, we've had the savings-and-loan bubble, the tech bubble and now the housing bubble. The lesson of all of them is that if it's too good to be true, it is. The blessing of capitalism is that -- often brutally -- it adjusts and re-establishes its equilibrium. If too many houses have been built, the only way to stop it is if their price goes down -- exactly what's happening now.

For the most part, government can't game the economy through clever temporary fixes. The key dishonesty in any stimulus debate is found in the phrase "jump-start," suggesting it's within the power of government to quickly and precisely influence the course of a \$13 trillion economy. The Clinton campaign promises not just to "jump-start" the economy, but to "jump-start green-collar jobs." Talk about a fairy tale.

Clinton is embracing the kind of massive stimulative public spending that her husband proposed in his 1992 campaign, before abandoning it as fiscally imprudent upon taking office. It turned out that the recession of the early 1990s was over even while Clinton was campaigning against it. That's the way it usually works -- the market moves faster than politicians.

By the time you get your rebate check, the chances are a recession will already be upon us, or the threat will already have passed. Enjoy the extra couple hundred bucks.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# Don't Look, Ethel!...

Erath County, an hour's drive southwest of Fort Worth, is known for cow-milkin' and Dr Pepper-drinkin'. Locals think that when media folks land there in numbers, they're "sniffing out" whatever the college kids at Tarleton are up to.

But, times they are a changin'. Something big, fast and mysterious streaked across the night sky there recently, and some 50 people saw it. They're ruling out just one possibility--it was NOT the cow jumping over the moon.

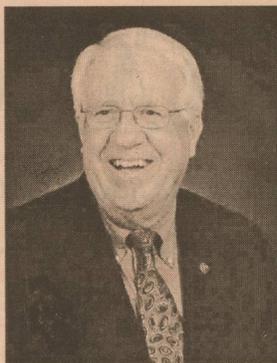
Whatever it was has perked up the economy a "right smart," as my old mama would say....

Accounts are getting stranger and interest is growing stronger as the news ripples around the world. News items are spanning the globe from as far away as Afghanistan--and I'm not making this up.

Dublin Rotarians, pumped by a program on tourism, invited the media and others to convene at their place for a meeting and news conference. To sweeten the deal, they offered free Dr Pepper, the "old original" version still made with sugar at the world's oldest DP plant a block away. MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) officials, earlier opting to meet at a livestock sale barn nearer Stephenville, accepted the Rotarians' invitation.

Little did they know that more than 500 people would show up, including more reporters and photographers than you could shake a stick at if you rounded up all the sticks in the county....

It could be the county's media event of the century and an



**The Idle American**  
by Dr. Don Newbury

inspiration for poetry, books and songs.

If Ray Stevens hadn't already given us The Streak back in the 70's, he could hit an even richer payload with this latest "streak." You remember Stevens, don't you? "Don't look, Ethel," he yelled at his wife when they encountered a supermarket streaker--"nekked as a jaybird," as he put it--over on the tomato aisle. The song was inspired by a streaker who interrupted the Academy Awards telecast.

Streakers also struck numerous campuses across the land. Some college presidents at the time thought this outrage to be the worst problem ever in higher education....

Visitors to Erath County are bound to increase, what with this

new visibility. And there'll be media reps from ALL hemispheres.

Does this sound more impressive than merely saying BOTH hemispheres? A few days ago, a newspaper columnist mentioned former Dallas Cowboys' quarterback Troy Aikman's reference to "all ends of the spectrum."

We've heard of BOTH ends, but I guess the mother of all spectrums might have multiple ends....

Forgive my digression--again. What I'm trying to say is that future coverage of the phenomenon may be stretched a bit.

It may not be like the news wafting from the Rotary hall, where media people pledged to follow Rotary's "four-way test"--the one about truth, fairness, goodwill, etc....

Really, though, does it matter what the stir is about?

It's gotten people excited. They're talking to each other, old with young, serious with skeptical. Quotes in newspapers and interviews on radio and TV are providing "15 minutes of fame" for dozens of people who looked skyward at the same moment. Who cares if it was weather-related or meteoric, or if it happened to be a space ship operated by three-headed creatures from many galaxies away, or if it was as big as a Wal-Mart?

In past years, Tarleton students donned outlandish garb for athletic contests, rodeos and Sadie Hawkins Day. (Last year, a few students chose the opposite of

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# House committee ponders voter I.D. issues

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The state House Committee on Elections met Jan. 25 to talk about allegations that there are some folks who pretend to be someone they aren't when they cast a ballot on election day.

Acting on a legislative interim charge, the committee is seeking to (1) determine if voter fraud exists in Texas, (2) explore ideas on what to do about it if it does exist, and (3) report back to the Legislature in January 2009 when election laws could be amended.

Elections committee chair Leo Berman, R-Tyler, asked if Texas, with its estimated 2 million illegal residents, might be in danger of massive voter fraud.

No testimony seemed to confirm such a danger, but there was testimony indicating that 150,000 or more of Texas' registered voters do not have photo identification.

The idea of a state or federal photo I.D. card that could be used to verify voter eligibility is being tested in Texas and elsewhere. Voter I.D. legislation failed to pass in the Texas legislature's 2007 session, but the topic is still hot.

Rep. Joe Farias, D-San Antonio, expressed concern that if voters are expected to produce a state photo I.D., such as a driver's license, some older voters in his district might not have the required photo identification, and could be disqualified at the polls.

Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, said there are reliable, published reports concluding that there is little fraud, but what there is of it mainly relates to mail-in ballots.

Kels Farmer, an auditor with the State Auditor's Office, reported a finding that 49,000 registered voters may have been ineligible to vote during the May 12, 2007, special election, because they were felons, duplicates or deceased. Those findings did not show that any of the 49,000 voted.

Jay Dyer of the Secretary of State's Office said half of the 49,000 voters on the roll mentioned by Farmer were duplicates caused by a computer error.

Dale Stobaugh, with the Forensic Document Section of the Texas Department of Public Safety's crime laboratory, said thumbprints would be one way to curb voter fraud, as handwriting samples can be unreliable.

Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir said that in serving as elections officer in more than 100 elections over the last 21 years, she was aware of only one case of voter impersonation.

Tarrant County elections administrator Steve Rayburn said he has not seen any voter fraud in nine years.

But Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Paul Bettencourt said he had proof of 381 cases of voter fraud in his county, including dead people, a jailed felon and non-citizens who voted.

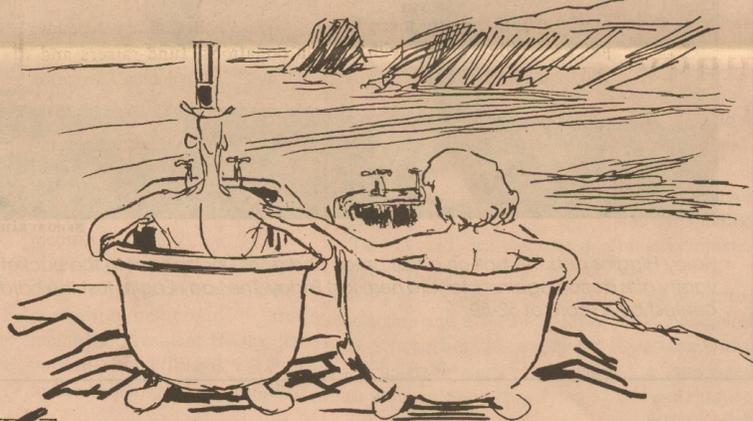
Anchia contested some of Bettencourt's assertions, but both men agreed that if the federal government would give county administrators access to the U.S. citizenship database, it would be easier to prevent voter fraud.

### Justice named in complaint

A citizen action group, Texas Watch, filed a complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission against Texas Supreme Court Justice Paul W. Green, alleging he used political contributions to pay for travel to and from his home in San Antonio on 272 separate occasions, violating state ethics laws.

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# A Camp In The Mountains

The Paisano Baptist Encampment in the Davis Mountains has two services a day for five days in late July. Leander Millikin started the camp in 1915 for area ranchers and their families. He is buried on the camp grounds.

"He was the old circuit-riding preacher out in this area," says Lloyd Conner, who managed the camp for several years and has recently retired. "He must have been some kind of man. The story is told that one time some robbers stopped him and they wanted his money. He told them, 'now, boys, I have to warn you. This is not my money, it's God's, and I won't be responsible for what happens to you if you take it.' So they gave him an offering and left."

Mr. Conner has been going to the camp for 45 years.

"If you haven't been there, I want to warn you. Don't go. Cause it'll get a hold of you and you'll want to come back."

The camp has met consecutively from 1921 to the present time.



by  
**Tumbleweed Smith**

"It has grown to be one of the really last great family old-time cowboy camp meetings. We don't eat any more like the old cowboys, but we do have beans every day. It's built around preaching and Bible study and music and fellowship. Individuals own cabins and many churches have dormitories. The camp does not have motel-type rooms. Folks who do not have cabins stay in Alpine or Marfa."

The camp has a strong tradition. Families all over West Texas and beyond make annual pilgrimages to the camp. Several people who went there as children now are bringing their children and grandchildren. The camp is funded almost entirely from an offering taken at the last meeting of

the camp each year. A foundation has now been established which is able to help with capital expenses outside the budget.

The camp is primarily for Baptists, but other denominations use it as well.

"The last I heard they preach the Bible, too."

In the spring of 1995, Mr. Conner was delivering a devotional when something dramatic happened.

"I heard it start like a deep thunder. Then it became like a jet engine passing over. And the floors began to shake. Three or four of the men jumped up and ran to look outside. The chairs were dancing around on the floor, the doors jarred open and everyone was looking at each other."

He told the congregation they were experiencing an earthquake.

Mr. Conner said, "I can truthfully say for one time when I was preaching, everyone in the room was moved."

Mr. Conner has been a minister nearly fifty years.

# OBITUARIES

## LeeO Pace Boatright

SAN ANGELO - LeeO Pace Boatright, 92, a lifelong San Angelo area resident, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008.

Graveside service was Monday, Jan. 28, in Fairmount Cemetery, officiated by the Rev. Lakan Mariano. The services were directed by Johnson's Funeral Home.

LeeO was born April 18, 1915, to Andrew Jackson Pace and Lillie May Henderson Pace on a farm a few miles from San Angelo on Arden Road. At age 5 she started school at McGill School, which was then a one-room schoolhouse. Later in her childhood, the family moved to the Harriett community where LeeO attended school and completed her education, graduating from Miles High School in 1931.

She met her future husband, Elbert, while living in Harriett, and they were married on May 6, 1933, in Eldorado, Texas. Together they established a home in San Angelo, where they resided throughout their marriage of 49 years, until Elbert's death in 1982.

In 1950, LeeO began her working career at Producers Livestock Auction where she remained until 1965. She then began working at the city tax office which later merged to become the Tom Green County Appraisal District; working there full-time for 37 years until her retirement in 2002, at the age of 87. LeeO loved every day of her working life and established lifelong friendships with many of her co-workers.

A faithful member of College Hills Baptist Church, she was

a member of the Business and Professional Women's Sunday school class, and enthusiastically participated in numerous church activities until her recent illness, many times in the company of her special friends Georgia, Mary Lou and Jean, who all enjoyed making memories together when any opportunity presented itself.

Always proud to be from San Angelo, LeeO loved her family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and church family. In addition to her great joy in being a mother and grandmother, she so enjoyed traveling, her beautiful backyard, and simply being independent and active. Many will remember the warmth of her home, her highly creative skills as a seamstress, and her wonderful sense of style.

Those who were blessed to know her will greatly miss her bright smile, her quick wit, her great faith, her indomitable spirit and her unfailing optimism.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Clairace Seals and Virginia Cross; and her brother, Escar Pace.

She is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Cokley of San Antonio and Eileen Scott and husband Rob of Houston; granddaughter Shelby Scott of Houston; and brother Percy Pace of Bryan.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that memorial gifts be directed to College Hills Baptist Church, 2102 Johnson St., San Angelo, Texas, 76904, or the charity of your choice.



COURTESY PHOTO  
The late Ruth Baker served as Schleicher County librarian from 1994 until 1970.

## Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

### The Public Library

In the early 1930's The Woman's Club organized a traveling library for the rural schools of Schleicher County, and from this project the idea to establish a public library in Eldorado stemmed. With the help of the Commissioners Court, donations and volunteers the idea became a reality in 1934. The Commissioners Court provided space in the courtroom, donations and volunteers were offered, and the Eldorado Public Library opened one after noon a week April 20, 1935.

Miss Tom Pearl Smith was the first paid librarian, and Mrs. Annie Dickens served for a short time. Later, Mrs. Jolly worked two afternoons a week until 1944 when Miss Ruth Baker was hired.

Ruth served as librarian for over twenty-six years from 1944 until 1970. She really loved her job, especially working with the children. She was a good librarian, and created new programs for the library.

After the Memorial Building was built in 1948, the Public Library moved into two rooms of the structure. In 1951 The Commissioners Court agreed to provide addition funds enabling the library to be open five afternoons a week instead of three.

Gladys Gunn was appointed to the position of librarian until 1984, when Jeri Whitten was selected by the Library Board to take over. Jeri Whitten was a great librarian, making many new programs and

improvements.

In 1987, the Eldorado Public Library changed their name to The Schleicher County Public Library, and in 1991 moved into the newly remodeled building on the corner of Main and Gillis Streets. The county had bought this structure from Gene and Vernell McCalla. The Schleicher County Public Library had a grand opening on "Main Street Days".

In 1998 the library suffered from water damage in the new building. All of the contents of the library had to be removed, and many of the books and contents were destroyed.

Jeri retired at the end of 2007, and a new librarian was appointed. Linda Thomas, who had served on the library board for some time took the position.

The Public Library depends on donations, fund-raisers and volunteers to supplement the maintenance cost. Support our library.

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## FUMC invites community to pray for our military

First United Methodist Church would like to invite the Eldorado community to the sanctuary Monday, February 4 thru February 8, 2008 for an hour of prayer for our

Military world wide. The time will be during the lunch hour, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

As we approach our Lord through united faith on behalf of our troops who are daily facing combat, God will provide a covering that is divine and powerful.

Ash Wednesday Service will be Wednesday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### BIRTHDAY LIST

#### JANUARY

31st Shonda Ferguson, Louann Clark, Shea Polite, Linda Mungia

#### FEBRUARY

1st Gene Johnson, Mark Lloyd, Lesa Kennedy, John Paul Joiner, Mark Lloyd, Jimmy Gilstrap, Melissa Andrews, Brittany Reyes

2nd Austin Garner, Maria Guzman, Matt Rutherford,

3rd Brenda Moore, Caleb J. Estrada, Lupe Guerrero, RosaLinda Rios, Suzanne Johnson, Katie Hardy, J.R. Edmiston

4th Kirk Griffin, Michael Kent, Rachel Fuentes, Andy Anderson, Yvonne Terry, Homer Minor, Joe Montalvo, Walt Griggs, Josue Chavez, Aiden A. Vallejo

5th Veronica K. Shockley, Jose Rocha, Mayra Robles, Kate Rankin

6th Gene Rojas, Kiarra Trevino, Branda Gray, Gina Sauer, Jessica Valero

7th Lindsey Griffin Parker, Lola Squyres, Kayla McCravey, Gloria Safont Meador, Jayci Richters

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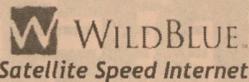
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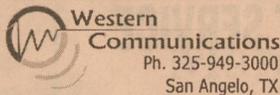
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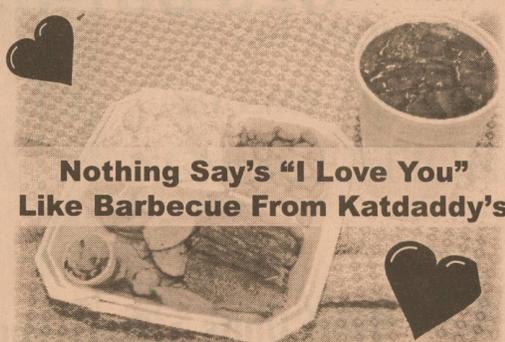


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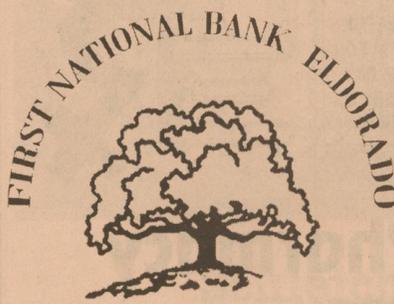
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by Linda Thistle

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		6		7			2	
2					3	1		7
8				9		5		
	4				5			6
		1	7	2				3

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: \*\*

\* Moderate \*\* Challenging \*\*\* Hoo Boy!

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.  
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Eldorado 7th Grade Lady Eagles won the Rocksprings Tournament Championship in Rocksprings January 19, 2008 taking the lead against Nueces Canyon 23-14 and Leaky 26-23. Pictured with their gold medals are: Front (L-R) manager Robin Hibbs, Avery Nolan, Lori Escobar, Nicki Herrera and Shelby Daniels; Back (L-R) Brooke Guerrero, Stacy Valeriano, Kasey Gonzales, Mary Lou Martinez, Miranda Arispe, Veronica Fuentes and Jessica Pasillas. Miranda Arispe was high scorer against Nueces Canyon scoring 16 points and Mary Lou Martinez was high scorer against Leaky scoring 14 points.

**School Lunch Menu**

**BREAKFAST MENU**  
**Monday, February 4**  
 Blueberry Muffin, Choice of Cereal  
 Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday, February 5**  
 Sausage & Biscuits, Jelly, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday, February 6**  
 Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal  
 Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Thursday, February 7**  
 French Toast Stix /Syrup, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Friday, February 8**  
 Buttered Toast/Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

**CAFETERIA LINE**  
**Monday, February 4**  
 Taco Rolls, Cole Slaw, Carrot Stix/  
 Dip, Pineapple Slices  
**Tuesday, February 5**  
 Chili Dogs/Cheese Cup, Fritos,  
 Pork-n-Beans, Mixed Fruit  
**Wednesday, February 6**  
 Fish Strips/Hot Rolls, Pinto Beans  
 Cole Slaw, Pear Halves  
**Thursday, February 7**  
 Pizza, Tossed Salad, Apple Sauce  
 Strawberry Jello /Top, Bread Stix  
 - 5th -12th  
**Friday, February 8**  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Baked  
 Chips, Pickle Slices, Apple /Orange  
 Halves

**BASKET LINE**  
**Monday, February 4**  
 McRib Sandwich, Baked Chips,  
 Cucumber Salad, Pineapple Slices  
**Tuesday, February 5**  
 Chili Dogs/Cheese Cup, Fritos  
 Pork-n-Beans, Mixed Fruit  
**Wednesday, February 6**  
 Crisptos/Cheese Sauce, Ranch  
 Style Beans, Carrot Stix/Dip, Pear  
 Halves  
**Thursday, February 7**  
 Chef Salad/Dressing, Diced Ham/  
 Cheese Cup, Crackers(8)  
 Strawberry Jello /Topping  
**Friday, February 8**  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pickles/  
 Baked Chips, Apple/Orange  
 Halves

**7th Grade Girls**  
 Robert Lee "B" Tournament  
 CHAMPIONS  
 January 12, 2008  
 Eldorado 04-08-02-04=18  
 Garden City 02-02-01-05=10  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Mi-  
 randa Arispe 6, Avery Nolan 8, Mary  
 Lou Martinez 2, Kasey Gonzales 2.

January 12, 2008  
 Eldorado 06-04-10-06=26  
 Irion County 03-00-01-05=09  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Mi-  
 randa Arispe 6, Nancy Iglesias 2, Avery  
 Nolan 6, Mary Lou Martinez 6, Kasey  
 Gonzales 4, and Brooke Guerrero 2.

**HOOP SCORES**  
**7th Grade Girls**  
 January 14, 2008  
 Eldorado 04-10-04-02=20  
 Irion County 02-00-02-02=06  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Mi-  
 randa Arispe 6, Avery Nolan 6, Mary Lou  
 Martinez 6 and Brooke Guerrero 2.

**ROCKSPRINGS TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**  
 January 19, 2008  
 Eldorado 06-10-02-05=23  
 Nueces Canyon 02-00-05-07=14  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Mi-  
 randa Arispe 16, Avery Nolan 1,  
 Mary Lou Martinez 6.

**Rocksprings Tournament**  
 January 19, 2008  
 Eldorado 02-10-12-02=26  
 Rocksprings 06-10-02-05=23  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Mi-  
 randa Arispe 8, Avery Nolan 2, Mary  
 Lou Martinez 14, Jessica Pasillas 2.

**Notice**  
**High School Spring Pictures Day**  
 Wednesday, February 6,  
 2008 Spring Picture Day  
 for High School, Middle  
 School and Elementary  
 Same format as fall  
 pictures: Students will  
 bring home picture packet.  
 Parents keep and pay for  
 the pictures they want.  
 Pictures they don't want  
 should be returned to the  
 school.  
 Elementary will also be  
 taking their class group  
 pictures. Class group pic-  
 tures must be paid for in  
 advance.

January 21, 2008  
 Eldorado 06-11-06-08=33  
 Miles 00-04-04-03=11  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Mi-  
 randa Arispe 7, Nicki Herrera 4, Avery Nolan  
 16, Kasey Gonzales 2, Stacy Valeriano 2.

January 28, 2008  
 Eldorado 14-00-08-03=25  
 Menard 02-04-03-06=15  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Mi-  
 randa Arispe 4, Avery Nolan 8,  
 Mary Lou Martinez 6, Kasey  
 Gonzales 2, Stacy Valeriano 1.

**Eagles swat 'Jackets 73-43 to improve to 3-1 in district**

The Eldorado Eagle boy's varsity squad rolled past Menard 73 - 43 Friday night to improve their district record to 3-1.

The Warbirds dominated every quarter with their closest margin coming in the fourth 18-16, and their largest in the second 24-9.

Jorge Mata led the Eagles in scoring with 18 points.

Rance Cathey was close behind with 15. Cathey hit two three pointers and went one for one from the foul line for his total.

Lalo Sanchez and Michael Redish rounded out the double digit club with 13 and 11 points respectively. Sanchez hit two from beyond the arc while Redish drained three 3's.

Dustin Ramos ended the night with eight points coming off of two three pointers and one field goal.

Tyler Dombroski drained two from the floor for four points.

Dylan Dombroski and Dustin Gauna both hit for two points.

The team traveled to Miles Tuesday night, but results were not in before press-time.

**JV boys get win over Menard**

Eldorado's JV boys hosted Menard Friday night and notched up with a 54-31 victory.

Ryan Castillo led the Eagles in scoring with 16 points in the contest.

Mason Baker was close behind with 15 points.

Ben Wipff, Aaron Parsley and Josh Jurecek all ended the night with four points.

Michael Rubio drained one three pointer for his total, while Joseph Rubio, Juan Carlos and Bailey Minor all ended the night with two points.

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## Huerta medals at Hornet UIL Academic Meet

EHS senior Marcella Huerta received a Gold Medal in News Writing at the Hornet UIL Academic Tournament on January 26, 2007 in Mertzon. Huerta also competed in Feature Writing.

Junior Claudia Pasillas competed in Computer Applications. Sophomores Hunter Alvizo competed in Computer Applications and Timothy Cuevas competed in Feature and News Writing.

Sponsors were Paige Ragsdale in Computer Applications and Teresa Vasquez: Journalism (Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, Headline Writing, and News Writing.)

Twenty five school participated. There will three more practice meets held before district competition.

## U.S. and State Reps. to speak to TSGRA

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association will be Feb. 15-16, 2008, in Fort Stockton. For those coming in early, the Ft. Stockton Convention & Visitors Bureau will be hosting a reception on Friday, Feb. 15, in Officers Quarters 8 at the historic Fort, which is located at 301 E. 4th in Rooney Park. The meeting will be in the Large Community Hall, which is located on Hwy. 285 and Callaghan in Rooney Park. The registration fee is \$20.00 per person and includes the noon lunch.

Registration will begin Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. at the Large Community Hall. The meeting will get under way at

9:30 a.m. and conclude with the noon meal, which is included in the \$20.00 registration fee. Our committee chairmen have planned interesting speakers to bring you up to date on matters of interest within the industry. Also, U. S. Congressman Ciro Rodriguez and State Representative Pete Gallegos will be on hand to speak to our group.

The TSGRA Auxiliary will be meeting at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the Large Community Hall.

Those needing reservations for Friday, Feb. 15th, should contact the Hampton Inn, 2271 W. I-10, (432) 336-9600 or Quality Inn (was Holiday Inn Express), 1308 N. Hwy. 285, (432) 336-5955.



Dalton Buchholz displays his winning goat at the Kerville Angora Goat Show. Dalton won Grand Champion Buck in the Registered Show, with his yearling buck. He then went on to win Grand Champion of the Show, which included a \$3,000.00 scholarship. Dalton's brother Franklin won Grand Champion Pen of 3 with his Commercial Does while brother Robert placed 2nd with his Commercial aged Doe.

### Meals for Friends Menu

#### Monday, February 4

Spanish Meatballs, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk

#### Tuesday, February 5

Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/Pears, Milk

#### Wednesday, February 6

Oven Pork Chop, Noodles, Carrot, Bread, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk

#### Thursday, February 7

Meatloaf w/Tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk

#### Friday, February 8

Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

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## Capital Highlights...

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### More phone access for prisoners

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice approved a program to allow more than 100,000 Texas prison inmates regular access to a pay telephone. Enabling legislation provides for the installation of one pay phone for every 30 eligible inmates. That's about 4,000 phones.

### Perry talks about state economy

Gov. Rick Perry spoke at the annual meeting of the Texas Association of Business on Jan. 25. He said the state economy is strong and expanding. But, he

said, healthcare, how to pay for it, how much to provide, and how to succeed in business while doing so "is one of the most pressing issues of our times."

### Crab trap program needs help

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is calling for volunteers to help in the 7th Texas Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program, Feb. 15-24.

During this 10-day period, all Texas bays will be closed to crabbing with crab traps and any traps left in the bay will be presumed to be abandoned and considered litter under state law, thus allowing volunteers to legally remove any

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◆ THERE WILL BE BLOOD (PG-13) (1:00pm) 4:30pm 8:05pm	◆ MAD MONEY (PG-13) (1:30pm) 4:25pm 7:25pm 9:55pm
◆ 27 DRESSES (PG-13) (1:55pm) 4:55pm 7:50pm 10:30pm	◆ MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13) (1:40pm) 4:40pm 7:35pm 10:10pm
◆ ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG) (1:50pm) 4:50pm	◆ NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (1:05pm) 4:05pm 7:05pm 10:05pm
◆ ATONEMENT (R) (1:35pm) 7:30pm	◆ RAMBO (R) (2:05pm) 5:05pm 8:00pm 10:35pm
◆ CLOVERFIELD (PG-13) (1:45pm) 4:45pm 7:40pm 9:50pm	◆ THE BUCKET LIST (PG-13) (2:00pm) 5:00pm 7:55pm 10:20pm
◆ FIRST SUNDAY 4:35pm 10:25pm	◆ UNTRACEABLE (R) (PG-13) (1:15pm) 4:10pm 7:10pm 9:40pm

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## County moves ahead with construction of concession building at rodeo arena

The new concession stand/restroom facility will soon be a reality at the county rodeo arena after Schleicher County Commissioners accepted the only construction bid submitted during their January 28, 2008 meeting. David Hoelscher of St. Lawrence bid \$27,900.00 and was awarded the work. It was noted during the meeting that the building should be finished by the end of April.

The commissioners then voted to take bids on a new pickup for the road department (see notice on page 7) and they also called for bids for a new dump truck at a later date.

The commissioners next approved an inter-local agreement with West Texas Regional Public Defender for capital cases. The agreement cost is prorated by population of each county. Schleicher County fee is \$1,000 a year. It is basically a cost share fund pro-

vided to Texas Counties for legal services in capital cases.

Next the court voted to amend the sick leave policy for employees with multiple years of service. The commissioners approved giving additional sick leave for county employees with prior service up to 1 day per 10 years. A new policy went into effect eliminating any sick leave prior to January 1, 2008. The new policy allows 1 day sick leave per month employment with the county.

Approval was then given for the court to travel to the airport board to attend the annual aviation conference in Austin.

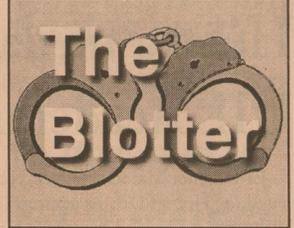
Maintenance supervisor Mike Haynes was present to discuss electrical problems at the rodeo arena and access to the septic tank system located under the

EMS building and Fire Hall. The commissioners advised Haynes to ask get bids from AEP and Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative for moving a pole and utility box before the new building is constructed at the rodeo arena.

It was noted that the commissioners plan to meet with Schleicher County ISD trustees concerning school land in Gaines County.

Before adjourning, the commissioners approved County Treasurer Karen Henderson's annual report. They also authorized the payment of the county bills and recommended budget transfers.

Among those present for Monday's meeting were Commissioners Matt Brown, Kirk Griffin, Lynn Meador and Johnny Mayo, as well as County Judge Johnny Griffin.



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

### ARRESTS

**January 21** • Alvaro, Rojas, male age 26. Serving 20 days.

**January 24** • Valdez, Hector, male age 33, offense Failure To Appear/Driving While License Invalid/Enhanced. Release on bond.

**January 25** • Hussell, Jared, male age 33, offense Motion To Revoke/Counterfeit Insurance Document.

• Munoz, Manuel, male age 25, offense Travis County Warrants. Released.

### INCIDENTS

**January 23** • 6:41 a.m. Multiple callers reported a motor vehicle accident 3-5 miles north on Hwy. 277 on icy bridge. No injuries. Officer responded.

• 7:20 a.m. Caller reported a pickup had rolled over near the first bridge out of Eldorado. Officer responded.

• 7:28 a.m. Caller reported a wreck 8-9 miles north on Hwy. 277 north. Ice on bridge. No injuries. Officer responded.

• 7:47 a.m. Caller reported a wreck at Indian Draw. Officers responded. Closed bridge until vehicle could be move out of roadway.

• 9:44 a.m. Complainant reported that they checked their on-line banking records and came across a charge that was not related to his account under the name "IDPROSUP." Upon contacting this company they were unaware of the subject that had actually made the purchase. The purchase amount was \$31.98. The company will remove said charge upon receipt of an incident report and case number. This case is under investigation.

• 6:24 p.m. Caller stated a white welding truck was weaving from side to side. Officer and Tom Green County notified.

**January 24** • 11:42 a.m. Caller stated that the driver of an older model Ford truck had left a gas pump without paying for their gas. Officer notified.

• 1:20 p.m. Caller reported two vehicles driving recklessly. Officer notified.

• 1:40 p.m. Caller requested to speak to an officer in reference to a welfare concern. Officer responded.

• 6:30 p.m. Person entered Sheriff Office and filed a complaint about a red Honda Civic that was speeding multiple times. Officer responded.

**January 25** • 3:22 a.m. Caller reported strange noises coming from their residence. Officer responded.

**January 26** • 2:18 p.m. Hospital requested a EMS basic transfer.

• 3:55 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver on West Gillis and Southwest Street. Officer notified.

• 10:22 p.m. Caller reported a horse out on Wheat Street almost causing several accidents. Officers notified.

**January 28** • 2:36 a.m. Caller advised that he had caught his wife with another man and wanted the wife out of the house. Caller stated he knocked the bedroom door down with a tire iron and swung once at the wife's friend. Wife's friend tackled the husband down to the ground and hit him 2-3 times in the face. Husband had small cut to the left side of his head. Wife's friend had knuckles on the right hand cut apparently by the tire iron. Husband was advised to contact an attorney. Husband stated he was going to speak with the JP about possibly filing charges. Wife left house and took children. Wife's friend left house.

• 5:43 p.m. Complainant reported a theft of washing machine and dryer. Officer notified.

• 6:04 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver on N. Pecan Street in a cream/brown Chevy pickup. Officer notified.

## Eldorado passes \$100,000 mark for West Texas Rehab

Mabel Freitag and other volunteers began answering phones locally for the West Texas Rehab Telethon phone bank starting back in 1991 and collected their first \$905 from generous donors of Schleicher County.

The tradition continued over the next 17 years and Eldorado is the first of seventeen area communities to collect over \$100,000 for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

From 1991 to 2007 Schleicher County has contributed \$96,494 and as of January 31, 2008 Schleicher County has donated \$4,760.00 tipping the donations over the \$100,000 mark.

The Eldorado Rehab Committee and volunteers for the 2008 phone bank were Buff and Deann Whitten, Stacy Haynes, Susie Richters, Barbara Arendt, Randy Mitchel, August and Mary Roden and Jim Martin.



Schleicher County Nursing Home Cookbook "Tasty Temptations" Is now on sale for \$15.00  
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Danny Crowder and the Crowder family would like to thank everyone who came by, called or sent cards during his recent hospital stay. All of the support and concern was greatly appreciated. Having friends truly helps one get through a time like this.

Danny Crowder and Family

The 2008 West Texas Rehab Committee would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their donations to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Rober Bland, Jonathan Cartwright and Mr. and Mrs. David Lloyd.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Schleicher County ISD will conduct a public meeting on January 31, 2008 to receive input on the implementation of a Student Drug Testing Program.

This meeting will be held in the Eldorado High School Library at 5:00 pm.

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- Totally screw up
- Stand by for
- Photo \_\_\_ (campaign events)
- Be nuts about
- Hobbyist's knife brand
- Prized possession
- Oil or coal
- Looks over
- "\_\_\_ whiz!"
- Toughen, as glass
- In the past
- Theology sch.
- "Money \_\_\_ everything"
- Ballpark snacks
- Take a siesta
- Cheroot residue
- Dumpster deposit
- \_\_\_-Locka, Fla.
- 1983 ZZ Top tune
- Back end of a bray
- Chip away at
- Wasn't upright
- Oscar Madison, notably
- It may be exacted
- Kotter portrayer Kaplan
- Potpie spheroid
- Gym iteration
- Makes amends

**DOWN**

- Cause of ruin
- Anita of jazz
- Mall bag
- Person with a cause
- Part of H.M.S.
- Wheel shaft
- Goods for sale
- Star pitcher
- "The situation looks bad"
- Any of TV's Simpsons
- Cruel dudes
- Praline nut
- Silvery fish
- Bug-eyed
- Mil or mile
- Preacher's de-livery
- Mistake remover
- Greasy spoon fare
- Workplace monitoring org.
- Take out of the freezer
- Discotheque light
- Put on hold
- Deficit color
- Muscat's land
- Hunger twinge
- Start the pot
- Capacity increaser, in a taxi
- IBM's chessplaying computer
- Faxed or FedExed
- Humorist Bombbeck
- Campaigner's slip-up
- Rand's "\_\_\_ Shrugged"
- Blowhard's claim
- Playwright Cehkov
- Falls back
- Writer Sarah \_\_\_ Jewett
- It's \$50 for Boardwalk
- Descartes' "therefore"
- Org.
- Selling no alcohol
- E-file org.

**Accidentals**

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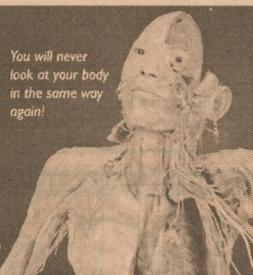
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# Eldorado Woman's Club moves meeting site to Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Womans' Club met Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 2:30 pm in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The Theme for the meeting was "Happy New Year." Twelve members were present.

President Jerre Holley called our meeting to order. Jill Preston gave our prayer and Pat Holt led us in our pledges. Roll call was answered by giving a favorite author. Some were: likes whatever she's reading, Max Lacato Daniell Steele, Darlene McCardey, Tracy Peterson, Jon Karon, Elmer Kelton, Lori Wick, and Tony Hilleman.

President Holley opened our business session by calling on Myrt Williams who stated she had canceled our monthly use of the Memorial Building as we were no longer using the club room for our meetings at this time. The furniture in the room belongs to the Eldorado Woman's Club. We will bring our officer's table and armless chair, library table, punch bowl and flags and flag poles to our present meeting place.

The remaining furniture will be left in the Club Room. These furnishings are: one couch; one love seat; one wall hanging; 2 pictures behind the couch; five chairs - 2 easy chairs and 3 seating chairs with wooden backs, arms and legs; 1 standing lamp; 2 table lamps; 1 standing lamp; 2 green artificial plant; 1 coat rack and 2 small tables. In the future if our club decides to return to the Club Room we will already have most of our furniture there. Furniture remaining in the Club Room will be inventoried by a club member and Brenda Mayfield who has her office in the Memorial Building. Brenda works for the county and handles the bookings for the building as well as her other duties. A motion was made and seconded and by unanimous vote that this arrangement be approved by club members.

Each year in January the President shall appoint a nominating committee composed of three members. President Holley appointed Myrt Williams, Jill Preston and Cathy Niblett, with their

permission, for a two year term. They shall prepare a ticket composed of one name for each office for our coming new club year and present it to club members at our February meeting. President Holley read us the duties of each office. She also said a telephone committee would be appointed and also be presented. She also asked if the Scholarship Committee would remain the same for our next Club Year and each said yes.

President Holley also reported that Charlene Edmiston's family would meet with the Baptist memorial people and she may get to come here to our hospital complex for future treatments. They said she now walks with a walker. It was reported by a club member that the local hospital complex is one of the best in the area. Along with the great people who are our county and city officials we are equally proud of those who are currently responsible for our hospital operations. They should be thanked often.

Our Program Leader was Jerry Holley as Glenda Swift, designated leader, was unable to be in attendance. President Holley introduced club member Jill Preston as our speaker. Jill's program was a book review. She chose "God Said Yes" by Heather Hornbrook Bland and Ninie Hammond.

The true story begins with when four-year-old Heather Hornback was run over by a car. Doctors told the family she wouldn't survive. At the time of the writing of her book it was 34 years, 187 operations and 13 medical miracles later and she is alive to tell her story. Her story tells about all that has happened to her. How at the time of the accident her mother did all the right things as well as the doctors and how God brought her through it all. She is married and has a family. Her story, as told in the book, is a story of how she survived and all the things that she went through and how in spite of all the pain, she is leading a wonderful life.

This writer is looking forward

to reading the book. We thank Jill for her informative book report as well as of her selection of this particular book. We closed our Business meeting by meeting by reciting our club collect.

Refreshment time was a very special fare of delicious snack-type foods and a special Tortilla soup. Refreshments were prepared by hostesses Myrt Williams, Pat Holt, Karen Stover and some club members. Table appointments at table were special with green table cloths and the center pieces were centered on delicate gold napkins and held lighted candles circled by fruits. The serving table was covered with a green table cloth and a very special Della Robbie style center piece arranged by Karen Stover.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 2:30 pm in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This reporter is looking forward to the meeting as our special speaker will be Lynn Parson and she will bring an Indian Headdress.

# Trash leads to cash in new scholarship for graduating seniors

(AUSTIN, Texas)-The Texas Department of Transportation has upped the ante for college-bound students by introducing a new scholarship award to their existing Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship program.

For this new Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship, TxDOT wants students to write an essay about how to get a litterbag in every car. The essay should focus on a creative and sustainable solution that would encourage Texans to use litterbags and get them in their hands. The winner earns a \$1,000 scholarship.

TxDOT will also continue its traditional scholarship, which consists of a \$3,000 grand prize scholarship and a \$1,000 second-prize scholarship. To qualify for that scholarship money, students must write an essay identifying a

specific litter problem at their own school or in their community and the action they took to address it.

As sponsor, Raytheon has provided the funds for this year's scholarship program.

The scholarships are intended for high-school seniors planning to pursue a two- or four-year degree at a Texas university or college. Essays must be 300 - 350 words. Along with their essay(s), students are required to submit a completed application and two letters of recommendation. Students may apply for both the traditional scholarship and the litterbag scholarship, but must complete two separate essays.

To download an application and for complete rules, visit www.DontMessWithTexas.org.

A completed application, letters and essays must be addressed as follows and postmarked by April 4, 2008:

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Scholarship Program  
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The Texas Department of Transportation established the Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship program in 2003 to reward high-school seniors who have

worked to improve litter problems in their communities. Research shows Texans ages 16 to 24 are the most likely to litter, and the scholarship is designed to help motivate and raise awareness among this peer group.

Don't Mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. TxDOT's litter prevention program includes Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Don't Mess with Texas activities also include a spring "Trash-Off," community outreach and a corporate partner program. For more information, visit www.DontMessWithTexas.org. TxDOT's goals are to reduce congestion, enhance safety, expand economic opportunity, improve air quality and increase the value of transportation assets. For more information, visit www.dot.gov.

# Don't Look Ethel!

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streaking. They dressed like Aunt Jemima clones, but this anomaly didn't last long.)

These days, T-shirt vendors are coming up with new offerings daily, and students are going the limit with funny hats, tinfoil antennas and boomerangs masquerading as flying saucers. Fads like telephone booth-stuffing are so twentieth century...

I particularly enjoyed seeing a TV interview with one of the witnesses who claimed that the whatzit "hoovered" (hovered?) over Stephenville.

"Hoovered?" In my youth, vacuum cleaners all seemed to be "Hoovers." Early on, some of the first to use the machines no longer "vacuumed." They "Hoovered!"

I cast my vote with those who saw something extremely rare in the dark skies. But if the "hoovering" witness is correct, they may be able to lay off the street sweeper...

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BY KAREN HENDERSON - SCHLEICHER COUNTY TREASURER

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GENERAL FUND MMIA*	1,616,960.30								1,388,216.02
GENERAL FUND	55,951.47	-141136.11	0.00	1,742,175.86	481,478.38	2,082,518.13	2,315,977.89	112,271.00	51,235.99
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER M.M.I.A.*	0.00								0.00
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FUND	4,699.74	-41.14	0.00	0.00	31,924.28	31,883.14	33,381.14	0.00	3,201.74
RECORDS MANAGEMENT FUND	16,409.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,834.49	11,834.49	8,300.92	0.00	19,943.00
COURTHOUSE SECURITY M.M.I.A.*	27,598.40								28,685.41
COURTHOUSE SECURITY FUND	5,973.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,296.67	7,296.67	1,778.90	0.00	10,403.77
ROAD & BRIDGE M.M.I.A.*	51,161.63								50,393.63
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	143,822.84	72,915.48	194,930.90	0.00	227,293.98	495,140.36	585,259.35	0.00	54,471.85
MEMORIAL/CIVIC BUILDING M.M.I.A.*	0.00								0.00
MEMORIAL/CIVIC BUILDING FUND	1,092.92	31,271.00	0.00	0.00	14,055.12	45,326.12	39,823.64	0.00	6,595.40
HEALTH SERVICES M.M.I.A.*	105,289.04								169,999.56
HEALTH SERVICES FUND	42,589.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	211,766.70	211,766.70	146,952.78	0.00	42,692.48
JUSTICE OF PEACE M.M.I.A.*	36,214.46								47,734.74
JUSTICE OF PEACE FUND	12,159.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,342.56	33,342.56	24,989.84	0.00	8,991.92
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL M.M.I.A.*	15.99								25.07
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL FUND	297.13	0.00	0.00	133.86	2.51	136.37	0.00	0.00	424.42
MEALS PROGRAM M.M.I.A.*	0.00								0.00
MEALS PROGRAM FUND	3,988.21	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	51,371.26	61,371.26	57,618.78	0.00	7,740.69
FARM*MARKET M.M.I.A.*	308,667.31								262,022.15
FARM*MARKET ROAD FUND	32,629.94	0.00	0.00	338,697.19	9,007.18	347,704.37	355,752.95	0.00	71,226.52
LATERAL ROAD FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,628.57	27,628.57	14,009.24	0.00	13,619.33
AIRPORT M.M.I.A.*	7,307.75								0.00
AIRPORT FUND	12,037.03	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	73,705.67	101,705.67	120,320.02	0.00	730.43
SELF-INSURANCE M.M.I.A.*	140,263.50								13,755.04
SELF-INSURANCE FUND	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,409.90	26,409.90	150,000.00	0.00	2,918.36
HOT CHECK FUND	1,425.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.81	110.81	463.82	0.00	1,072.69
INTEREST & SINKING M.M.I.A.*	15,699.40								16,570.87
INTEREST & SINKING FUND	2,092.71	0.00	0.00	37,330.98	627.48	37,958.46	38,817.50	0.00	362.20
CONTINGENCY FUND M.M.I.A.*	248,227.37								227,902.89
CONTINGENCY FUND	0.00	360,000.00	0.00	0.00	12,338.31	372,338.31	392,662.79	47,838.37	0.00
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	4,110.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,210.32	31,210.32	19,507.83	0.00	15,812.99
TOTAL SECURITIES*	2,557,405.15								2,205,305.38
TOTAL FUNDS	339,279.19	381,009.23	194,930.90	2,118,337.89	1,231,404.19	3,925,682.21	4,305,617.39	160,109.37	311,443.78

THE ABOVE STATEMENT AS COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER, SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SIGNED: *Karen Henderson*  
KAREN HENDERSON, SCHLEICHER COUNTY TREASURER