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Lawmen say they have a suspect in burglary spree

Authorities say they already have a suspect in a series of burglaries that hit a local restaurant, a church and two residences last week.

Sheriff's Deputy Jason Chatham explains that an investigation is ongoing into break-ins at Rosa's Casita Restaurant, First Baptist Church of Eldorado and the homes of Rev. Andy Anderson at 201 S. Oak Street and Syllas Politte at 203 S. Oak Street.

Chatham reports approximately \$45 in cash was missing from Rosa's Casita, with an estimated \$200 to \$300 in damage. The burglar reportedly gained access to the building by breaking a window in the north side of the restaurant building.

Proprietor Rosa Martinez reported the incident Friday morning. Restaurant staff were forced to dispose of approximately \$1,500 worth of food stuff because of fears that it might be contaminated. The restaurant was also closed all day Friday, one of its busiest days, Rosa Martinez said.

There appears to be little else in the way of physical damage or stolen property in the remainder of the burglaries. Authorities theorize that the perpetrator knew there would be no one around First Baptist Church or the Anderson and Politte homes since many from the church were out of town on a ski trip. Rev. Anderson is the pastor at First Baptist while Syllas Politte is the church's youth minister.

Deputy Chatham was joined in the investigation by Deputy Kevin Herbert

It's a single through the gap



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Eagles slugger Dustin Gauna drives a single through Menard's infield to bring Manny Gonzalez home from third. The ball was fielded but Gonzalez proved to be too quick and beat the throw at the plate while Gauna advanced unchallenged to first. Eldorado was too strong for the visiting Jackets, ending the game with a 19-2 mercy rule win after 4 1/2 innings played.

Jeffs loyalists lose police certification

The Utah Police Offices Standards Board on Monday revoked the certifications of Hildale, Utah marshals Fred Barlow and Preston Barlow. The officers, who formerly served in the polygamous community that straddles the Utah/Arizona line, were found to be more loyal to convicted FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs than they were to upholding the law.

The two officers had written letters to Jeffs while he was on the run and listed and while he was on the FBI Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List in which they pledged their loyalty to him as their prophet.

Monday's action effectively strips the men's ability to serve as police officers in their hometown since officers there must hold dual certifications in Utah and Arizona.

Warren Jeffs was convicted last year on two counts of Rape as an Accomplice in a Utah district court in connection to his involvement with underage marriages in his polygamous community. He is presently serving two consecutive 5-to-life sentences and is awaiting trial in Arizona on similar but less serious charges.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch

A number of Jeffs followers relocated to Schleicher County, Texas in 2004. Since that time they have busied themselves building a new town on the former Red Cheek Ranch, property now better known as the YFZ Ranch.

Today, a massive white limestone temple dominates the surrounding landscape and dozens of large residential buildings have been constructed on the property. Likewise, a series of large commercial-style shop buildings, storage silos, and a dairy have been completed. A sewer plant is under construction and large gardens and orchards have been planted. A number of water wells have been drilled and a public water system has been installed.

It is unknown exactly how many people now reside on the YFZ Ranch, but a large number of children can be seen by local pilots who occasionally overfly the ranch.

Local officials have been told that the children of the YFZ Ranch are being homeschooled in accordance with Texas state law.

Still, the number of people at the YFZ seems to be increasing as construction continues.

Tax district personnel are said to be planning a visit to the ranch in coming days to measure newly completed buildings so that they may be included in future tax rolls.

Commissioners meet, firm up plans for Judge's retirement

Judge Johnny Griffin made his official resignation announcement during the March 24, 2008 Commissioner Court Meeting. Griffin told the commissioners he intends to resign March 31, 2008 so his retirement can go into effect. He told the court he would continue to serve at their pleasure without pay until a candidate was chosen in November. The commissioners accepted the judge's resignation and will appoint him to serve until the November election at a special called meeting on March 31.

By law, the court has eight days to fill the vacancy after Griffin's resignation and the March 31st meeting falls within the eight-day window.

In a related matter, The commissioners also discussed Judge Griffin's health insurance and how it would be affected by his retirement. The men took no action but decided

to discuss the matter at their March 31st meeting.

Among other business at Monday's meeting, the commissioners voted to purchase a 2007 Grasshopper mower for the Eldorado Golf Club. The total cost of the mower is \$12,400. The men also voted to purchase 9,000 gallons of unleaded fuel at \$3.129 per gallon.

The commissioners next took up discussion of the county-wide burn ban. Noting the recent rains, the men voted to lift the ban until further notice. They also discussed advertising for an upcoming surplus property sale. County Attorney Raymond Loomis then presented the commissioners with a draft inter-local agreement prepared by City Secretary Carolyn Mayo. The draft referred to animal control laws and city fees that are currently in place.

City Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay was also present to ask the court if

the county could have one of their employees attend animal control classes being offered this May in San Angelo. Road Superintendent Clay Burleson told the court he could not spare any of his road hands to take the class. Fay stated two of the city employees would be going through the certification for animal control officers. Commissioner Lynn Meador inquired how much the animal control certification cost the city and stated he was willing to allow the county pay for the certification.

Sheriff David Doran was also present for the discussion about animal control. He noted that several city

council members had inquired whether the Sheriff's Department could assist the city with animal control.

Doran went on to say that his officers have enough patrol and law enforcement duties and that he is opposed to sending one or more of them to animal control training.

The Sheriff added that his department always responds to dangerous animal calls inside and outside the city limits.

Doran then provided examples of how other area towns handle their routine animal control problems.

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Rev. Inman to lead Community Baptist

Reverend Don Inman is the new pastor at Community Baptist Church in Eldorado. Inman and his wife Kathleen come to Eldorado from Hillsboro, Texas where he most recently served as pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church at Itasca.

Inman grew up under the teaching of the legendary R.G. Lee at Belview Baptist Church in Memphis, TN.

He is a graduate of Arlington High School and studied at University of Texas at Arlington before attending Jacksonville Baptist Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas.

Rev. Inman was licensed to preach in 1974 by Grace Temple Baptist Church in Arlington. He was ordained to preach by the same church in 1976.

He has led a number of churches since that time, including Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Garrison, Bethel Baptist Church in Groesbeck, Roosevelt Drive Baptist Church in Arlington and



Rev. Don and Kathleen Inman

Emhouse Baptist Church in Corsicana.

Don and Kathy Inman were married in 1969. They have three sons and a daughter, plus ten grandchildren. All of their sons have served in the U.S. Marine

Corps with two of them having served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Their youngest son is currently in Iraq on his second deployment.

Reverend Inman preached his first sermon as pastor of Community Baptist on Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008.

He and his wife, Kathleen say they are looking forward to serving at Community Baptist as they get to know the people of Eldorado and Schleicher County.

Community Baptist Church meets for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday's with Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday evening Worship Service is held at 6:00 p.m. while Payer Service and Bible Study is held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Rev. Inman emphasizes that everyone is welcome at Community Baptist Church where a congregation of concerned, caring Christians meet to worship their risen Savior Jesus Christ.

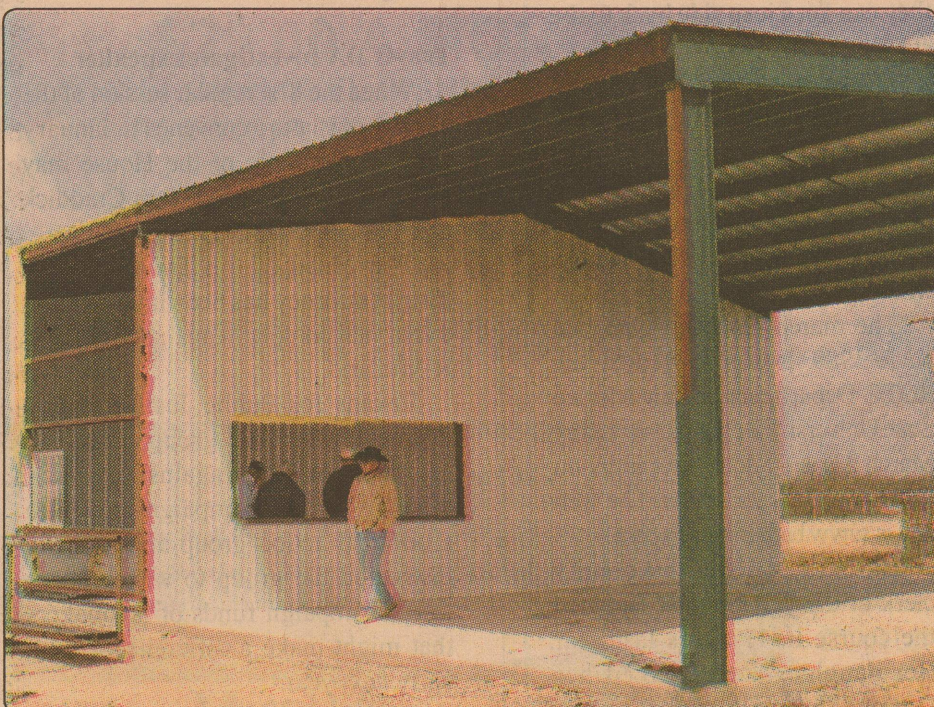


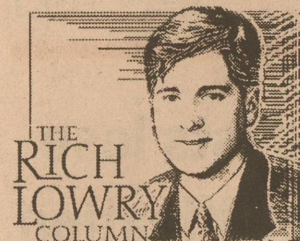
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Commissioner Kirk Griffin walked outside the concession stand currently under construction at the Rodeo Arena south of town.

She Won't Stop

She's going to keep coming. The Obama campaign can tout "the math." Pundits can insist she leave the race. Former liberal supporters can complain about her smash-mouth tactics. But Hillary Clinton is not going to relent.

She's not electrifying on the stump, her campaign is dysfunctional, and -- truth be told -- she's not particularly experienced. What Hillary has is a shameless will to power, and a near lock on an old-school Democratic coalition built on working-class whites. That is enough for her to try to pry the nomination from Obama's hands one finger at a time.



When the Obama campaign and its supporters in the press say "the math" rules out Hillary, they mean that she will never catch Barack Obama in pledged delegates won through primaries and caucuses. He probably will continue to lead her by about 100 pledged delegates out of roughly 3,200 total. But nothing says that the leader in pledged delegates wins the nomination.

Both candidates will need superdelegates -- the 800 party poobahs free to vote for whomever they please -- to get to the magic number of 2,025 total delegates. "Math" obsessives assume that the superdelegates will go with whomever has the most pledged delegates. But why?

Obama padded his pledged-delegate lead with overwhelming wins in caucuses that aren't as open as democratic as primaries. In the hybrid primary-caucus state of Texas, Hillary beat Obama by three points and 100,000 votes in a primary where 3 million people voted. But Obama will get more pledged delegates out of the state because he beat Hillary in a caucus where 100,000 people participated. And Obama is the candidate of people power?

The Washington Post talked to 80 superdelegates who said that if the race is basically a tie, they will support the candidate who matches up best against John McCain and will make the best president. That is an open question, subject to different answers based on ongoing developments.

It's time for Obama -- as the Hillary character said to the Obama character in the latest devastating sendup of Obama on "Saturday Night Live" -- to "man up." He can't throw the "kitchen sink" back at Hillary. Instead, he has to demonstrate his toughness by connecting with traditional Democrats on bread-and-butter issues, and by reacting to his newfound political adversity with aplomb (i.e., no whining about his press coverage becoming less worshipful).

When Hillary and Bill Clinton talk of Obama as Hillary's pick for vice president, they are targeting Obama's toughness. They surely believe that, faced with a Hillary who will go to the convention and spoil his nomination with a nasty floor fight if she has to, Obama will blink. That for the sake of his party and the cause of change, he'll take a unifying deal that puts him in the No. 2 slot.

Obama is trying to knock down the notion, but has yet to burn his ships behind him by ruling out running as VP in any circumstance. Unless he does, doubts will remain about whether he has the stomach for what Hillary will drag him through.

About this there can be no doubt: When Hillary said at the beginning of her campaign that she's "in it to win it," she meant it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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If Florida gets Do Over, I want one too

A lot has been made in recent weeks of the mess that the Democratic parties in Florida and Michigan have gotten themselves into.

Wouldn't you know it would be Florida, again?!

Why couldn't it be Oregon, or Wisconsin, or Maine. Oh, wait, I know...because the voters in those states are smarter than the ones in Florida!

On the off chance that you've been on an intergalactic space flight for the past few months and haven't been keeping up with the news, the Democratic National Committee adopted rules to prevent states from moving their primaries any earlier than they already were. Florida, and the like-minded folks in Michigan, ignored the rules and moved their primaries anyway.

So, the powers that be in the Democratic Party...you know, Teddy Kennedy, Barney Frank and Monica Lewinski...ruled that neither Florida, nor Michigan would be allowed to seat delegates at the Democratic National Convention which will be held this August in Denver.

Consequently, most of the Democratic candidates chose to save their money and not campaign in Florida or Michigan. Most, that is, except Hillary Clinton who, despite having signed a pledge not to campaign in either state, waded in all alone and carried the majority



of the votes.

Now, Hillary's camp wants those delegates counted.

The DNC, holding fast to the few principles it has remaining, is refusing to back down. So, a compromise is in the works.

They're calling it a Do Over and the Democratic Party bigwigs in charge of bending the rules until they fit the desired outcome are busy trying to come up with a solution.

Apparently a re-vote by mail is out of the question since not even the Democrats trust the U.S. Postal Service, so other options are being explored.

Al Gore prefers a computerized vote over the Internet. That makes sense, since he invented the Internet. He probably left himself a trap door through a firewall in a long forgotten recess of the information superhighway. This would allow him to crawl in and tinker with the results. You know, like he tried to do in Florida last time.

Others are wanting an entirely

new vote, but no one wants to pay for it. The DNC has said no, so has the Florida state legislature in Tallahassee.

What do you want to bet that before it's all said and done you and I will be picking up the tab on this one?

I'm so sure of it that I've already started planning ahead for the post Do Over days.

That's when I'm going to sue under the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution. If Florida gets a Do Over, I want one, too.

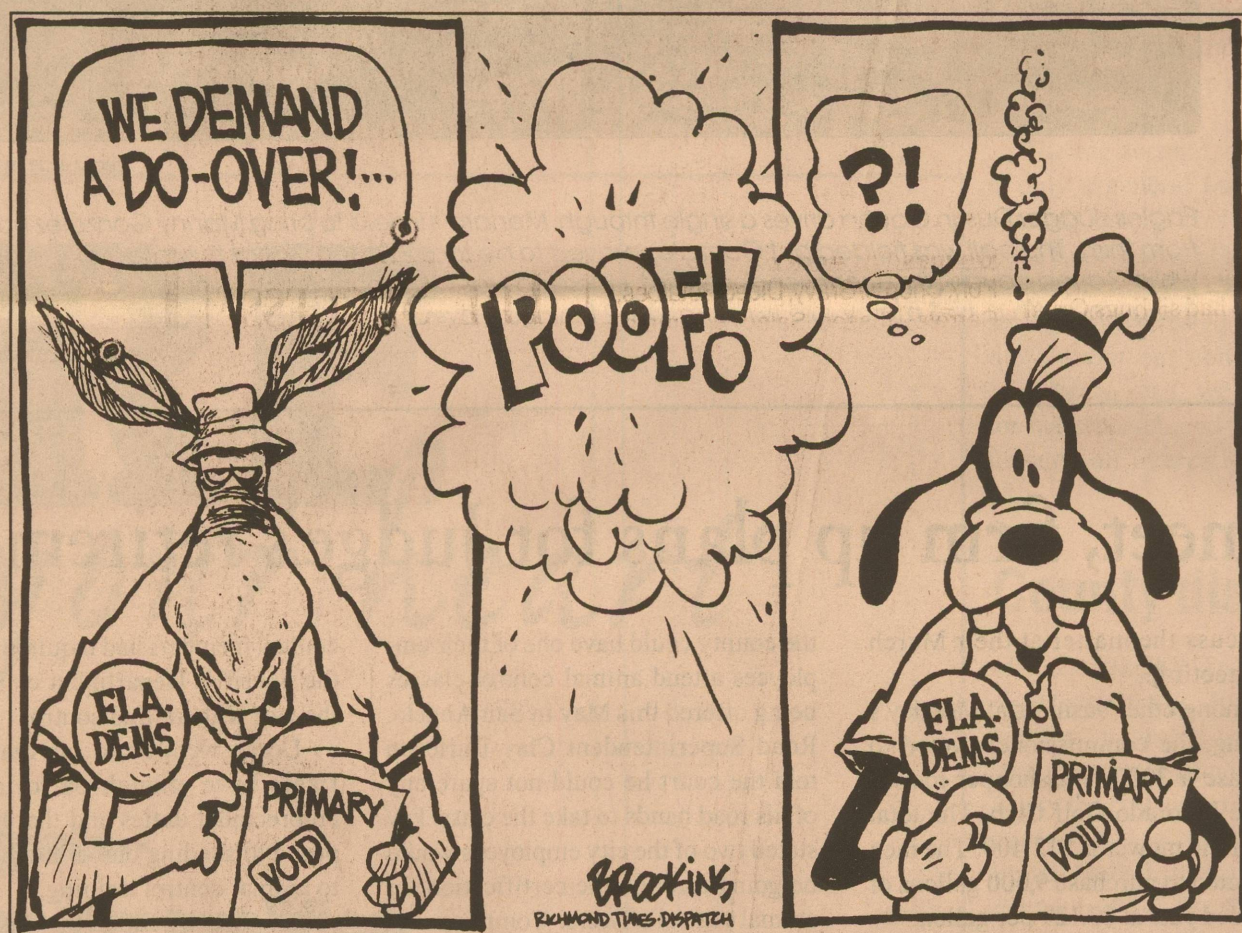
There's a vote I cast way back in my pre-cognizant days, back when my college professors had overwhelmed my better judgement and had me believing that I too was a Democrat.

The vote was cast, not for the best interest of the country, but out of anger and with a strong desire to get even with 'em, whoever 'em were.

In other words, I was manipulated, just like millions of voters today are being manipulated into casting votes for the rain forest or against global warming.

So, I'm willing to concede a Do Over in Florida, and even in Michigan if I can take back that one foolish vote I cast for Jimmy Carter way back in 1976.

Here's to you Gerald Ford and here's to hoping that global warming will fix what's ailing the dwindling rain forests.



The Bataan Memorial March

In April of 1942 more than 75,000 American and Philippine military personnel were captured by the Japanese on the island of Bataan and forced to march 68 miles to a prison camp. Thousands died from beatings and starvation. Survivors faced the horrors of a Japanese POW camp.

"The first unit to be captured on the island was the National Guard from New Mexico," says Barbara Simpson of Gatesville. "So every year members of that group or their descendants hold a memorial to the Bataan Death March. It is an awesome experience. The early morning pre-dawn ceremony, when they call the roll of the survivors, is the most patriotic experience that I have ever had."

Barbara has made the memorial march five times. "It takes place on the White Sands Missile Range near Las Cruces. It used to be just a 26 mile march, but in recent years they've added a 15 mile march to accommodate those who don't want to do the whole 26 miles."



by
Tumbleweed Smith

This year the march takes place on Sunday, March 30. Last year more than 4,000 people participated. Some did it as a test of endurance, others as an active history lesson.

"Lined up in front of me last year were double amputees from the Iraqi war. Many of those completed the entire 26 mile march."

The course is a trail through the mountains with elevations over a mile high.

"It starts out on a nice level pavement, but the trail quickly turns to dirt. It is a missile range. It's open country. Part of the course is directly uphill and when you finish that part, you think you're there, but then you find another hill to climb. But around one of these dusty trails they position some of the survivors. And about

the time you think you can't do this anymore, you stop and visit with the survivors and you realize that if they did what they did, the least you can do is complete the course."

If people making the march get tired and desire to leave the march, they can get a jeep ride back to the starting point.

"Those survivors are writing books and telling their stories. Their children and grandchildren are along the path. If you go out there to do this and you want to do it in a hurry, you're going to miss what it's for."

The march has been going on since 1989. It was started by the ROTC Department at New Mexico State University. Registration (before March 23) is 50 dollars for individuals, 200 dollars for teams. The website is www.bataanmarch.com.

Barbara, who is the county clerk of Coryell County, finished the course in 11 hours last year. Her daughter accompanied her. During the walk, he daughter talked by phone to her husband, who is serving in Iraq.

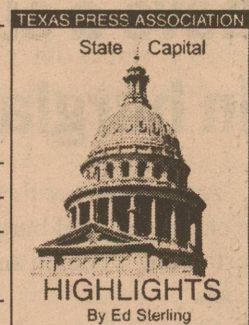
Governor asks FEMA for more wildfire disaster aid

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — More than 5,300 wildfires have burned an estimated 940,000 acres and destroyed 140 homes in Texas, the governor's office reported on March 20.

Gov. Rick

Perry is urging the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide more assistance in dealing with three months of wildfires that have burned in 216 of



Texas' 254 counties since Jan. 1.

In a letter to FEMA chief David Paulison, Perry requested that the state be reimbursed in full for wildfire-related efforts carried out since January.

State and local governments have spent \$20.5 million on this so far. FEMA has spent \$75 million.

But FEMA isn't the only agency that can help. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples wrote a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, asking for an increase in assistance for farmers and ranchers who have suffered damages due to wildfires.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department reported a massive wildfire that torched 95 percent of the 15,200-acre Chaparral Wildlife Management Area in South Texas, but much of the wildlife on the state's premier public hunting site escaped harm.

Bowling Congress to move here

The United States Bowling Congress plans to move its headquarters from Greendale, Wis., to Arlington, Texas, and bring 200 jobs.

A \$693,000 award from the Texas Enterprise Fund may have helped in the group's decision to relocate.

The fund, created by the Legislature in 2003, is used to recruit and bolster business. To date, the fund has helped projects generating more than 51,800 new jobs and \$15.6 billion in capital investment in the state, the governor said.

Ethics agency fines former rep

On Feb. 12, the Texas Ethics Commission adopted a ruling that former state Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, used campaign donations to buy real estate, in violation of the state election law.

The commission imposed a \$10,000 civil penalty against Goodman and on March 11 ordered payment within 30 days.

The ruling came about as the result of a complaint filed in 2006 by the Dallas-based Texas Values in Action Coalition.

Goodman, who represented House District 93 from 1991 to 2006, on March 20 said he plans to appeal the ruling.

Travis DA investigates speaker

When the 81st regular session of the Texas Legislature convenes in January, the 150 members of the House may reelect House Speaker Tom Craddick or choose someone else.

The office of the Travis County district attorney has been investigating a criminal complaint against Craddick, R-Midland.

Texans for Public Justice, a government watchdog group, filed the criminal complaint against Craddick, alleging he sent campaign money to a political action group and illegally instructed the group to write checks to the campaign funds of lawmakers that might make a difference to him early next year.

State law prohibits the use of campaign funds for such a purpose, and

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OBITUARIES

Clarence A. "Buddy" Zly

SAN ANGELO - Clarence A. "Buddy" Zly was born Sept. 6, 1933, in Runnels County to Cyril and Eleanor Zly. Buddy passed away Sunday, March 23, 2008, following a brief illness.

Buddy was the third born of four children. He went to school first in Lowake then in Rowena. He graduated in 1952 from Rowena High School. Before and after graduation, Buddy worked on the family farm. Upon leaving home, Buddy served a short time in the National Guard. After leaving the Guard, Buddy moved to Eldorado and continued to farm for over 20 years.

Buddy moved his family to San Angelo in 1972. Over the years he worked for Digitech-SACE, West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind and Aztec Fabricators. He retired in 2005. After retirement, Buddy kept himself busy with projects as a hunting guide at 700 Springs Ranch. The avid hunter he was, this was more enjoyment than work.

Buddy was preceded in death by special friend Merle Damron, his father, Cyril J. Zly; brother, Daniel Zly and sister Regina Cooksey.

Buddy is survived by his mother, Eleanor Zly of Ballinger; brother Edwin Zly and wife Eldoris of Ballinger; sister-in-law Arlene Zly of Coyanosa; daughters Cathy Zly of Carrollton, Sheila Lehnert and husband Chad of Carrollton and Terry Snider and husband David of San Angelo; son Clayton Gaskamp of San Angelo; and grandchildren Colby and Brady Lehnert and Alyssa and Ashley Kaufman, all of Carrollton. He has one aunt, Ida Hohensee of Miles and many nieces and nephews. He was also loved by an extensive extended family including Jim and Jeton Tumlinson of San Angelo, Juanice and Kenneth McLaurin of San Angelo, Gail and Robert Longo of San Angelo and Patricia Kirkham of Christoval.

Pallbearers will be Johnny Kirby, Jim Tumlinson, Kenneth McLaurin, Mark Kirkham, Mark Zly, Mike Zly, Ardell Wolf and Wilbert Lehnert.

Mass of Christian burial was Wednesday, March 26, at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart with the Rev. Maurice Voity officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

W.F. (William Frank) Edmiston

ELDORADO — W.F. (William Frank) Edmiston Sr. was born to a pioneer ranching family in Schleicher County on May 27, 1928, and passed away in the Schleicher County Nursing Home March 22, 2008. His lifelong passions were his family, church, ranch, Hereford cattle, and community.

He was the second son of E.N. and Idella Neal Edmiston, and grew up cowboying and working for his father and then for Will Davis during school summers at the time of World War II. Upon graduation from Schleicher County ISD, he went to work for the Case Ranch and then RA Halbert, and showed Hereford cattle for them all over the U.S., traveling in a railroad car with the cattle from show to show.

W.F. married Earlene Coulter in 1946 and their daughter is Sharon Sue Edmiston Rusler, now of Canyon, Texas. Earlene passed away in 1948.

W.F. married Frances Agnes Fish in 1949, and their sons are William Frank Edmiston Jr., DVM and the late Tim Edward Edmiston.

W.F. ranched in Schleicher County from 1953 until the present, first in partnership with his brother Orval, and later as a sole proprietor.

He was also an oilfield driller, participating in the Huldale discovery well and the Permian Basin during the drought of the 50s. When offered a job in the 70s, he said, "The kids would have to be eating the putty off the windows before I'd go back to roughnecking."

He was a member and president of the Concho Valley Hereford association, a director of the Federal Land Bank of Sonora and a lifelong booster of 4-H and youth. He was a lifelong member of the Westside Church of Christ in Eldorado.

He and Frances seldom missed a ballgame, stock show, play, tennis match, lamb marking, fishing or hunting trip, or graduation, especially if a grandkid was involved. They really delighted in having their family participate in the ranch work and the associated togetherness.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Frances Fish Edmiston; Sue and Kenneth Rusler of Canyon, Texas, William and Darlene Edmiston DVM of Eldorado, and Diane

Edmiston of Pflugerville. Also by Tracy, Chad, Shelby, and Austin Redwine of McKinney, John Cody, Chancey, and Kennedy Rusler of Amarillo, Haley Edmiston of College Station, Ben Edmiston of Houston, (William) Frank Edmiston III of College Station, Kelby Edmiston of Pflugerville and Ryan Edmiston of San Angelo.

"Bubba" also had siblings Orval and Charlene Edmiston, Eugenia and Rudy Spigarelli, and Mary Dell and Lloyd Baskin, a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, in-laws, and assorted kinfolks, good friends and neighbors.

W.F.'s family wishes to express our profound gratitude to the staff of the Schleicher County Nursing Home and Medical center for all their diligent and kind loving care of W.F. during his residence there.

Funeral services were arranged by Kerbow Funeral Home in Eldorado. Burial service was Monday, March 24, 2008, in the Eldorado Cemetery. A memorial service followed at the Mertzson Highway Church of Christ in Eldorado, Texas.

Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

The First Worship Services in Schleicher Co.

The first sermon preached in the area that is now Schleicher County, according to C.C. Doty, was in 1882. The service was held in a picket house sixteen miles north of the present town of Eldorado.

Doty related that a circuit rider came through the country and stopped at his camp on a Saturday night. The next morning he asked to preach to the men. Doty gathered all the men he could find in the area, which consisted of three cowboys and two shepherders. The sermon was characteristic of the times, a sermon that really appealed to the lonesome cowboys and shepherders. Doty always said it was the best sermon he had ever heard.

Doty was only about 25 years old at that time, and he was probably a little lonesome, too. He had come to Texas when he was 21 from Barry County, Missouri where he was born. He had brought one of the first herds of sheep into this open range where cattle ranchers were not very receptive.

Churches have always been an



C.C. Doty and daughter

important part of the establishment of Schleicher County and Eldorado. The first Churches organized in Eldorado were in 1901. They were the First Baptist Church, The Methodist Church and The Church of Christ. The Catholic Church organized in 1905.

Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, March 31**
Country Fried Steak, Baked Potato, Spanish Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Lime Rice Swirl, Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, April 1**
Oven Fried Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Zucchini Squash, Wheat Bread, 1/2 Orange, Lemon Squares, Milk
- Wednesday, April 2**
Pork Chop w/Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Tossed Salad w/Tomato, Wheat Roll, Peach Cobbler, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, April 3**
Fried Catfish, Corn Tomato Casserole, Spinach, Corn Bread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk
- Friday, April 4**
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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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Eagles tracksters compete at Irion Co.

Saturday, March 22, 2008
 Eldorado Junior Varsity Boys placed 2nd at the Irion County Track Meet held in Mertzon on March 22, 2008. The team scored 108 points.

Shot Put: 1. Anthony Mata, 37'3"; 4. Briley Ledbetter, 33'3.5"
Discus: 2. Anthony Mata, 99'0"
Long Jump: 1. Eloy Bustos, 17'9 1/4"
High Jump: 3. Zack Taylor, 5'4"
100 M. Run: 3. Jesus Sanchez, 12.30
200 M. Run: 1. Rudy Sanchez, 25.30; 5. Eloy Bustos, 25.54; 6. Anthony Mata, 25.55
400 M. Run: 5. Josh Jurecek, 64.34
800 M. Run: 5. Josh Jurecek, 2:31
400 M. Relay: 1. (Eldorado) Rudy Sanchez, Anthony Mata, Eloy Bustos, Jesus Sanchez), 47.72
800 M. Relay: 1. (Eldorado)

Rudy Sanchez, Anthony Mata, Eloy Bustos, Jesus Sanchez), 1:40.62
3200 M. Run: 2. Joseph Rubio, 12:58
1600 M. Run: 4. Joseph Rubio, 5:50

Varsity Boys Division:
High Jump: 4. Tyler Dombroski, 5'6"

Varsity Girls Division:
400 Relay: 3. Eldorado (Meagan Crownover, Haley Higgins, Alex Guzman, Bridgett Mitchell)
100 M. Run: 4. Bridgett Mitchell
Long Jump: 4. Bridgett Mitchell
High Jump: 4. Haley Higgins
Triple Jump: 4. Meagan Crownover

Water Valley Junior High Wildcat Relays

March 11, 2008
 Junior High Grade Boys Division placed 3rd with a score of 119 team points.

110 M. Hurdles: 6. Blaine Mitchell, 22.60
1600 M. Run: 5. Fransico Mendez, 5:54.64; 6. Roman Medrano, 6.23.29

300 Inter. Hurdles: 3. Blaine Mitchell, 53.84; 6. Colton Jackson 58.99

3200 M. Run: 1. Robert Chavez, 8.28.18; 4. Fransico Mendez, 8:58.91; 5. Roman Medrano, 9.46.04

400 M. Relay: 1. Eldorado (Ivan Cardenas, Eric Estrada, Evan Joiner, Nathan Jimenez) 48.72
Discus: 5. Christian Sanchez, 81'06.00"

Shot Put: 4. Eric Estrada, 33'02.50; 5. Oscar Robles, 31.09.00"

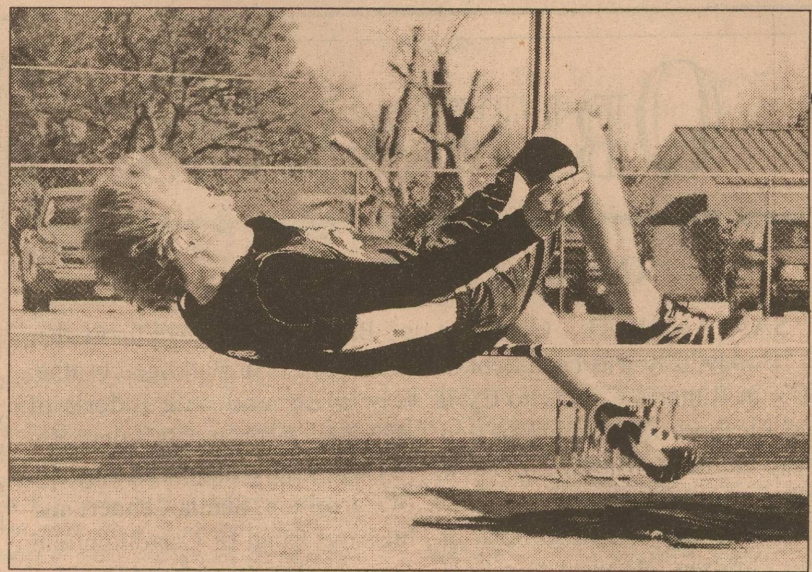
High Jump: 4. Tie Allen Espinosa, 4'04.00"

Long Jump: 6. Allen Espinosa, 15'01.00"

Triple Jump: 6. Oscar Robles, 29'08.00"

100 M. Run: 1. Ivan Cardenas, 12.39; 2. Nathan Jimenez, 12.94
400 M. Run: 2. Evan Joiner, 1:00.42; 6. Allen Espinosa, 1:05.74

800 M. Run: 2. Robert Chavez, 2:16.16
1600 M. Relay: 1. Eldorado (Robert Chavez, Ivan Cardenas, Nicholas Gonzales, Evan Joiner) 3:57.63



Eldorado Junior Varsity jumper Zack Taylor placed 3rd in High Jump with a height of 5'4" at the Irion County Track Meet held in Mertzon, March 22, 2008.

Cactus Relays held in Iraan

March 14, 2008
 Eldorado Junior Varsity Boys placed 4th as a team with a score of 64 at the Iraan Cactus Relays.

Shot Put: 2. Anthony Mata, 37'6"
Discus: 5. Anthony Mata, 99'8"
High Jump: 4. Zack Taylor, 5'4"

Long Jump: 2. Eloy Bustos, 17'8 1/2"

3200 M. Run: 5. Joseph Rubio, 13.33.66

400 M. Relay: 3. Eldorado (Rudy Sanchez, Anthony Mata, Eloy Bustos, Jesus Sanchez) 48.13

100 M Run: 2. P. Garcia, 11.82
800 M. Relay: 1. Eldorado (Rudy Sanchez, Anthony Mata, Eloy Bustos, Jesus Sanchez) 1:40.98

Varsity Boy Division- **High Jump:** 4. Tyler Dombroski, 5'8"

Varsity Girl Division-**100 M. Hurdles:** 4. Rhapsody Swyter, 17.82

Lady Eagles fall 22-11 to Forsan

The Eldorado Softball squad let a 7-4 first inning lead vanish during the teams 22-11 loss in Forsan.

The Eagles managed to bat around the order in the second inning and were boosted by a three run homerun from Haley Higgins.

Things began to come apart at the seams for the Eagles though during the bottom of the second and third innings of play. Forsan

managed 16 runs off of 14 hits.

Eldorado's Allyson Jarret managed a triple in the contest, while Higgins accounted for the home-run and three RBI's.

Amika Gonzales marked up two RBI's in the contest.

Amy Alvizo took the loss from the mound for the Eagles.

The Lady Eagles will get a chance to improve thier district record next monday as they travel to Winters.

Congressman encourages students to visit Service Academy Day in SA

SAN ANGELO — Congressman Mike Conaway would like to invite students from the 11th District of Texas to participate in the annual Service Academy Day in San Angelo on Saturday, March 29, 2008. The event will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at Angelo State University in the MCS Building.

Academy liaison officers,

ROTC representatives, and members of Congressman Conaway's staff will be on hand to meet with prospective students and their families. The program will feature information about the nomination process involved in securing academy appointments. The program will feature information about the nomination process involved in securing academy appointments.


Students who reside in the 11th Congressional district, and are interested in attending one of the military academies, are encouraged to submit their applications early in their junior year of high school to Joanne in the San Angelo office. The application deadline for the Class of 2013 is October 27, 2008.



JV trackster Eloy Bustos takes his first jump in the long jump division at the Irion County Track Meet. Bustos took 1st place with a jump of 17'9.25". Meagan Crownover placed 4th in the Varsity Girls Division.

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Simmonds/Nail Wedding

Shannon Edmiston Simmonds and Eric Christopher Nail were married on March 15th, 2008 at the Vintage Villas at Lake Travis, near Austin, Texas. The couple was attended by the bride's daughter, Molly Helen. The family is at home Round Rock.



Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bradley

COURTESY PHOTO

Gruben/Bradley exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gruben and Mrs. Paige Cantrell, North Richland Hills, Dayna Jill Doan, Grand Prairie, Kymberly Williams Griffin, Eldorado, Michelle Barfield Hameister, San Angelo, Kristen Dressen Kyker, Abilene, Katy Porter Meador, Eldorado, Jana Chapman Plasket, Mansfield, C'Jay McKinney Vaughan, Eldorado, Danielle Milner Williams, Panhandle, all friends of the bride and Julie Reddell Gruben, Dallas, Sister-in-law of the bride.

Best man was Matthew David Rutherford, San Angelo, Texas, friend of the groom. Ushers were Thomas Cy Griffin, Eldorado, Randy Glen Morrison, Bandera, Michael Thomas Mertz, Eldorado, Mickey Ralph Nixon, Lubbock, and Stanley Carson Meador, Eldorado, all friends of the groom.

Dinner and dancing ensued after the ceremony in the ballroom and mezzanine at the Cactus Hotel. The couple traveled to Costa Rica for the honeymoon and have made their home in Eldorado, Texas.

Members of the house party were Nandy Henard Chandler Carrollton, Georgia, Christy Henard Kane, Wellington, cousins of the bride, and Shannon West Biondo, Carrollton, friend of the bride. Members of the San Angelo Symphony played strings along with Dr. John Irish playing the trumpet, providing music for the ceremony.

Matron of Honor was Jessica Acker Hogan, Boulder, Colorado, friend of the bride. Honorary attendees were Paige Cantrell, North Richland Hills, Dayna Jill Doan, Grand Prairie, Kymberly Williams Griffin, Eldorado, Michelle Barfield Hameister, San Angelo, Kristen Dressen Kyker, Abilene, Katy Porter Meador, Eldorado, Jana Chapman Plasket, Mansfield, C'Jay McKinney Vaughan, Eldorado, Danielle Milner Williams, Panhandle, all friends of the bride and Julie Reddell Gruben, Dallas, Sister-in-law of the bride.

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What is the Idiotarod?

submitted by Jim Runge

The Idiotarod is a follower. It follows the Iditarod in Alaska by a week or two, and it follows five years of the Elgoatarod in Eldorado. And on top of all that, it follows April Fools Day by only a few days. It is a festival in Eldorado that celebrates all of the above. The name and focus has been changed from goats to idiots for two reasons. First of all, good racing goats were getting hard to find and secondly, it was decided to focus on April fools and idiots, with some idiotic games and contests.

Goat lovers should not fret however, as the festival will still retain the "goat pill flipping contest," in order to keep its goat flavor, no pun intended. And the ever popular, goat-kissing contest will return as one of the most popular contests. Another favorite, the goat look-alike contest, will also continue as one of the many contests. And in honor of the Elgoatarod tradition, your pet goats are always welcome to attend, but only if they are on a leash.

New and different contests have been added to celebrate fools everywhere. Some of these events include Adult Trike Races, April Fools Costume Contest, Backwards Run, Blindfolded Washer Tossing, Chigger Catching Contest, Cow Pasture Bingo, Four X Four Ski Races, Gnat Races, Indian Leg Wrestling, Jig Saw Puzzling, Slick Willie Lying Contest, Slug Races, Snipe Hunt Costume Contest, Stupid Human tricks, Stupid Pet Tricks, Thumb Wrestling, Trivial Pursuit Tournament, Ugliest Pet Contest, World's Largest Snipe Hunt and the Worst Dressed Pet Contest

Persons interested in entering their slugs in the slug races should be forewarned that they must provide their own slug, and

that testing for steroids will be performed on all slugs prior to the races. Also, all slugs must be registered with the ADLA, American Decayed Log Association. While the event is officially open from 10 AM until 6 PM, the snipe hunt that is scheduled will be held at dark. Persons wishing to induct someone into the Snipe Hunters Club should contact organizers prior to the event for details.

The staples of all EOBOC events remain, such as a variety of arts, crafts and food vendors, plus karaoke, the popular inflatables and the cloggers. Impromptu events and contests are sometimes added to take advantage of the personalities of attendees and their eccentricities, so come prepared to be a part of the show. And, as in all EOBOC events, a \$500 prize will be awarded to the individual or group who can break any Guinness World Record and then get it published in the next edition of the Guinness World Record book.

The Idiotarod will be held Saturday, April 5 at the T 9 C Ranch in Eldorado. Admission and parking are free, and new vendors are always welcome. The event will be held from 10 AM until 6 PM, and the gates will open at 9 AM. The T 9 C Ranch is located three miles west of the Eldorado, Texas airport on CR 412. For more information, contact Jim Runge at 325-853-3678 or eoboc@hotmail.com.

Tom Jones by Charlotte Brown



Eldorado One Act Play "Tom Jones" will perform Thursday, March 27 in Forsan at District 2:45-3:00 p.m. The community is invited to a public performance on Sunday, March 30, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

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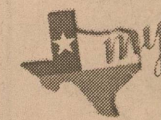
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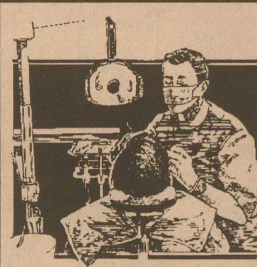
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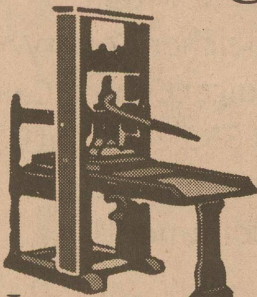
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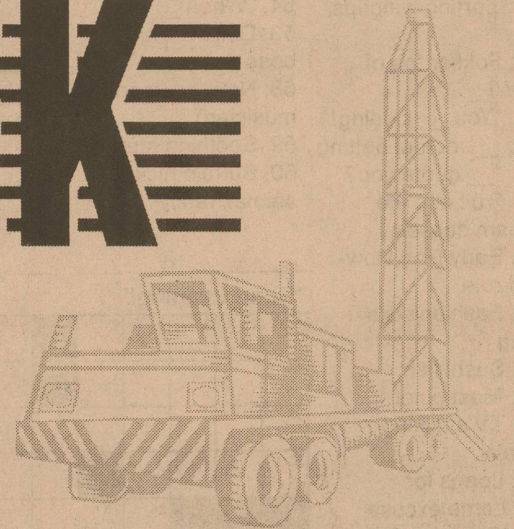
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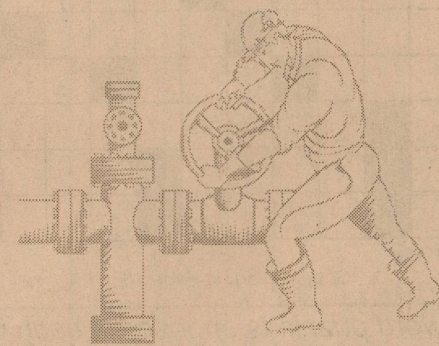
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Agriculture Commissioner asks federal agencies to do more for Texas wildfire victims

AUSTIN — In a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Commissioner Todd Staples asked for an increase in assistance for farmers and ranchers who have suffered damages due to wildfires. Since January, the Texas Forest Service has recorded nearly one million acres lost to wildfires.

"Unfortunately, as our state continues to experience severe dry and windy conditions, Texas land owners will be susceptible to wildfire danger," Commissioner Staples said. "The good news is, there are measures farmers and ranchers can take to proactively protect their livelihood, and we are working to identify assistance programs that will help producers if they do in fact suffer losses."

Commissioner Staples urged USDA to grant emergency grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in areas impacted by wildfires and in contiguous counties, providing the livestock producer has suffered forage loss in the primary county. The

commissioner also asked for the authorization of cost share reimbursements for the installation of firebreaks on CRP land. Barren firebreaks are valuable tools to prevent fire damage.

When preventative measures are not successful, producers can often encounter high expenses when restoring their operations after devastation. With this in mind, Commissioner Staples has asked USDA to allocate appropriate funding levels to cover Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) resources that can assist Texas livestock producers who suffer damages this year. Without timely disaster aid, many producers face bankruptcy and the potential loss of their operations.

Commissioner Staples is also encouraging farmers and ranchers to take advantage of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline, especially now that producers will not need a hay permit. The commissioner recently requested and was granted a hay permit waiver that suspends per-

mitting requirements and legal height restrictions for round hay bales. Farmers and ranchers can use the TDA Hay and Grazing Hotline to find available hay for sale or pastures for lease, in addition to listings of livestock haulers to move cattle and other livestock. Producers can access the Hay Hotline through TDA's Web site, or call TDA at (800) TELL-TDA.

TDA also offers an Interest Rate Reduction Program to farmers and ranchers who have experienced crop and livestock losses.

Some producers might be eligible for loans of up to \$250,000, if the county in which their property is located was declared a federal disaster area. For more information on this service, contact TDA's Rural Economic Development Division at 512-936-0273 or toll free at 877-428-7848.

Producers can also contact their local Farm Service Agency office or county judge. These offices can perform damage assessments to assist with the disaster declaration process.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Coach Grant Curtis and Craig Nolen 5th & 6th Grade Little Dribblers-Front (L-R): Mika Key, Abby Nolen, Taylor Curtis, Kameron Wike; Back (L-R): Coach Curtis Maria Reyes, Abigail Spradley, Lisa Olivares and Coach Nolen.

Capital Highlights...

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Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle said he plans to review the matter.

County asks AG about bonuses
 Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on March 11 received a request for an opinion on a legal matter that may be of interest to all 254 counties in Texas, and to all taxpayers.

Midland County Attorney Russell W. Malm, in a written request, asked if it is legal for the county to pay performance bonuses to its elected officials.

Malm said the county judge is

interested in adopting such a plan, subject to approval by the county commissioners court.

The attorney general's office issues most opinions within 180 days of the request.

Berlanga's request is denied

The State Board of Education will vote on a new set of English reading and writing standards at its March 27 meeting.

A week before the meeting board member Mary Helen Berlanga of Corpus Christi and state Rep. Abel Herrero, D-Robstown, asked that time be allotted for expert input on learning styles of Hispanic children.

SBOE chair Don McLeroy of College Station said there was no time available to accept the proposed input.



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Coach Anna Buitron and Nancy McAngus 5th & 6th Grade Little Dribblers-Front (L-R) Elizabeth Guerrero, Addye Chatham, McKenzie McAngus; Back (L-R) Coach Buitron, Madison Albin, Yessenia Ramirez, Ivie Kate Mynatt and Esmeralda Ruezga. Not pictured Brittany Galan.

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- Lame excuse
- Cheerleader's cry
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A recap of the season's major livestock shows

The Schleicher County 4H and the Eldorado FFA groups had an outstanding year at the major livestock shows this spring. The group had many champions, division champions, class winners, and also several placing animals make the premium sales at the shows. As a group, Schleicher County brought nearly \$45,000 back to Eldorado.

We had a total of 33 kids participate in the shows this year, and the following is a recap of who went where, and how they did:

First of all we are going to start out with our graduating seniors: Jorge Chavez, Clark Meyer, Clayton Sauer, and Tyler Doan have all been showing livestock for many years. All four of these kids have either been very active in the FFA or 4H clubs.

Along with his brothers, Jorge has been showing swine for the past six years. Jorge has had great successes placing animals at all of the major shows over the years. Jorge has show both market barrows, and breeding gilts in the past and this added the showing of market goats to his resume. In 2008, Jorge participated in Kerrville, San Antonio, San Angelo, and Houston. Along with his brother Robert, and with the help of his older brothers Joshua and Tony, the Chavez brothers placed barrows in San Angelo (5th), San Antonio (2nd), and also Houston (3rd).

Clark Meyer, Clayton Sauer, and Tyler Doan have each been showing goats for the past four years. They have all traveled to all of the major livestock shows in their showing careers. All three exhibited goats in Kerrville and San Angelo, and San Antonio. Clark also traveled to Ft. Worth and Houston this year as well. These three guys have worked very hard with their projects over the years. We would all like to congratulate them on the jobs they have done with their goat projects.

Clayton Arendt is a first time major show participant that we are proud to have traveling with us. This year Clayton showed goats in San Angelo.

Mason Baker showed barrows again with us this year. Mason exhibited a Yorkshire barrow in San Angelo.

Wes Brown had another good year in the goat arena. Wes exhibited goats in San Angelo and also San Antonio. Wes placed a goat 9th qualifying for the premium sale in San Antonio. Most of the goats Wes shows are raised on the family ranch.

The Buchholz clan had another year we are beginning to expect from them. Robert, Dalton, and Franklin had an outstanding day in Kerrville with their Angora goats winning Grand Champion Female (the most sought after prize of the show) as well as many other placing animals including the class winning goat of the doe kid class. The boys then traveled to San Angelo where they again placed countless animals in the Angora wether futurity, and also in



County Agent's Update

by Cory Stevens

the Angora breeding goat show. Robert Chavez, along with his brother Jorge mentioned above had an outstanding year in the swine barn. Robert traveled to Kerrville, San Antonio, Austin, San Angelo, and Houston and placed animals at three of these shows. With help of the entire Chavez crew, Robert has many prosperous years of showing left.

Kevin Dykstra is also a long time goat shower that has exhibited goats he has raised for many years. Kevin showed goats this year in Kerrville, San Angelo, and San Antonio.

Canyon Faull really loves showing his pigs. Canyon exhibited gilts at his first major show in San Antonio this year. He also showed a barrow in San Angelo. With two younger brothers, the Faull family will be showing with us for many years.

Deon Fuentes showed barrows with us again this year. Deon exhibited his Duroc barrow in San Angelo. Deon does a good job with his projects and we are looking forward to many years showing with Deon.

Elizabeth and Lane Griffin were first timers to the major show circuit. They traveled with their Angora goats to Kerrville, placing second in the largest class of the day behind the Buchholz family. Elizabeth and Lane exhibited goats they raised on the family ranch here in Eldorado.

Meg Griffin is a long time steer shower. In the past Meg has had great successes in the steer arena. This year Meg was only able to compete at San Antonio, but she already has steers on feed for next years senior year show season.

Davis Hutto had about as good a first year showing as anyone has ever had. Davis began his showing career in Ft. Worth where he won Champion Meat Goat of the middle weight division. Also at Ft. Worth Davis won Reserve Champion Dorper Sheep. Next stop for Davis was San Antonio where he exhibited a 3rd place goat making the premium sale. At San Angelo Davis placed both of his goats in the top ten, but narrowly missed the sale. Davis then traveled to Houston where he again won big: Reserve middle division goat. All and all, Davis had an outstanding year showing goats that his family raised.

Arden and Chase Mertz exhibited goats in both San Angelo and Kerrville this season. Both girls did a great job showing their animals. The Mertz's also show goats that are home raised.

Ivy Kate and Will Mynatt had a little bit of bad luck this show season as a pack of dogs got into their show lambs. However, they still worked hard and traveled to



Robert Chavez posed with his 3rd Place Hampshire barrow last week at the Houston Livestock show.

San Antonio, Kerrville, and San Angelo. Will also showed a goat in San Angelo narrowly missing qualifying for the premium sale. These two also competed in the Sheep Skillathon that test their knowledge of the sheep industry.

The Nolen family is also a new group showing with us this year. They also had a bit of bad luck. Abby's steer turned out to be a bit of a knuckle-head, and she was not able to show it. However, she did get to show Avery's steer in San Angelo. Avery did a great job showing her steer in San Antonio, and then her steer went kind of crazy on her in Houston. We are very excited that the Nolen's chosen to show and travel with us.

Jackson and Jaymie O'Harrow had another outstanding year. Jackson first won Reserve Champion goat at Odessa, and then Jaymie placed a goat 3rd qualifying for the sale in Kerrville. Up next was San Antonio where they both placed goats in the premium sale (3rd and 6th). They then traveled to San Angelo where they placed on steer 5th and their other steer 3rd, both narrowly missing the premium sale. They also showed goats in San Angelo. Up next was Austin where the boys won 2nd place in the heavy weight market goat class, again qualifying for the premium sale. I think that they were probably the most excited when "Little Man" placed 2nd in the light weight AOB class in Houston. The O'Harrow boys raise all of their own goats, and some of their steers.

Megan Crownover and Brian Parsley were another showing tandem this year. These two exhibited barrows in San Antonio and San Angelo. Brian got extremely sick right before Christmas, and we were very happy to see him well enough to show with us this season.

Ashby Ragsdale showed goats with us again this year. Ashby worked hard on her showmanship this year, and greatly improved. Ashby showed in Kerrville, San Angelo, and San Antonio. Except for getting their car towed in San Antonio, the Ragsdale's did well.

Stormi Rincheart was another

new shower to Schleicher County. Stormi previously showed in Crockett County. Stormi showed goats raised by her cousins Jackson and Jaymie O'Harrow, did a great job. Stormi participated in Kerrville and also San Angelo.

Aaron Santellano did a great job showing his two nice looking pigs in both San Antonio and Kerrville. Aaron is a very hard worker with his best years of showing ahead of him.

Rylea Self again did an outstanding job of showing this season. Rylea exhibited lambs and goat in Ft. Worth placing 7th with her goat. Rylea also showed lambs in Kerrville, San Angelo, and Houston. She also exhibited a goat in Houston.

Tres Whitten is another hard working kid that exhibited goats in Kerrville. Tres is becoming more and more active in 4H because of his enjoyment of the livestock projects.

All and all the show season for Eldorado was a huge success. If you would like more information about showing livestock next year, come by the extension office and I can help you get started. Congratulations to all of the participants of the 2008 season.

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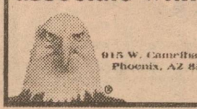


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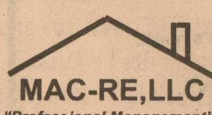


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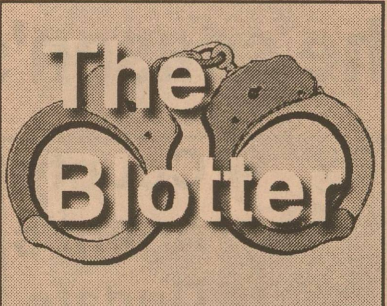
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TPWD projects active Spring Turkey season

AUSTIN, Texas — Turkey hunters should get plenty of calling action this spring, based on field reports of an abundance of Rio Grande gobblers observed by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists.
 "I have been getting reports from many of our field biologist and they all agree that this is going to be a good season in Rio Grande turkey country due to the 2007 spring and summer rains and mild temperatures," said Jason Hardin, TPWD turkey program coordinator. "Some of the guys mentioned last year seeing new poults as late as August. That probably means these birds had ample opportunity to re-nest two to three times over the summer. So, there should be lots of jakes seen, making it a fun year to call in lots of birds. There will be plenty of mature gobblers, as well, so hunters should not hesitate to get in the field."
 Rio Grande spring turkey hunting season opens in the North Zone March 29 and runs through May 11. Special youth-only weekends are set for March 22-23 and May 17-28. The South Zone opens March 15 and runs through April 27, with youth-only weekends set for March 8-9 and May 3-4.
 The spring eastern turkey season is open in 43 East Texas counties from April 1-30.
 TPWD harvest surveys estimate nearly 88,000 hunters take part in Texas' spring turkey season and take about 23,000 gobblers. Most of the state's spring

turkey hunting activity occurs in South Texas and in the Hill Country, where Hardin noted timely rainfall could give the bird population a boost.
 "It wouldn't hurt to get a little rainfall to green it up," he said. "We still have some herbaceous plants on the ground, but it has been extremely dry in South Texas. The birds are still going to be active, but some rain would kick things off faster."
 On the other hand, Hardin noted, there was too much rain in East Texas and many of the Eastern turkey poults did not survive. "Too much exposure in the first few weeks will lead to low survival," he explained. "However, the population as a whole is stable and will probably provide an average hunting season."
 Statewide regulations allow the use of shotgun, rifle, handgun, legal archery equipment or crossbow to take Rio Grande turkey; however, individual landowners and public hunting areas may further restrict the devices to be used. The bag limit for Rio Grande turkey is four turkeys per license year. Regulations and bag limits vary by county, so check the county specific rules where you are hunting. Only gobblers are allowed to be harvested during the spring hunting season. Consult the 2007-08 Outdoor Annual for season dates and bag limits in your area.
 Eastern turkey hunting is limited to shotgun, lawful archery equipment or crossbow, with a one-gobbler bag limit. All harvested eastern turkeys must be taken to a check station within 24 hours. To find the check station nearest you, contact a TPWD field office or call (800) 792-1112.
 "Hunters are probably not going to see a lot of young gobblers because we likely lost production due to rains throughout the nesting season last year," added Gary Calkins, TPWD district wildlife biologist in Jasper. "Where we have birds, we have birds."



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

March 21 • Garcia, Juan, male age 28, offense Failure to Appear/Driving While License Invalid. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
March 23 • Romo, Marcelo, I., male age 21, offense Driving While License/Previous Conviction. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

INCIDENTS

March 17 • 7:54 p.m. Hospital requested ambulance for ACLS transfer to San Angelo. Officer notified.
 • 9:43 p.m. Caller requested ambulance to residence. Officer notified.
 • 11:00 p.m. Caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked outside their residence. Officers responded. Subject was having car trouble.
March 19 • 9:59 p.m. Caller reported loud music somewhere on Calendar Street coming from a stationary vehicle. Officers notified.
March 20 • 4:40 a.m. Caller reported that someone had poured paint on their windshield and requested a deputy. Officer responded.
 • 11:12 a.m. Caller reported vandalism of property.
 • 2:30 p.m. Caller reported a truck parked too near the road on CR 245. Officer notified.
 • 6:35 p.m. Caller reported two small children playing near a parked car near the edge of 190 West. Officer responded.
 • 10:20 p.m. Caller reported a woman throwing rocks at a man holding a baby. Officers

responded.
March 21 • 9:28 a.m. Caller requested to speak to an officer in reference to broken windows. Officer responded.
 • 12:30 p.m. Caller requested an officer. Officer responded.
 • 8:17 p.m. Hospital requested ambulance for basic transfer to San Angelo.
 • 9:03 p.m. Business requested a watch during the night on business. Officers notified.
 • 9:42 p.m. Caller reported MIP party close by local store. Officer responded.
March 22 • 12:30 a.m. Complainant reported loud partying going on in the next apartment. Officer requested and responded.
 • 1:30 a.m. Caller reported that another car had hit a deer on 190 East Near CR 109. The driver of vehicle was nowhere to be found. This was the second of two calls from the same phone. The first call lost signal. Officer responded to inspect scene to make sure there were no hazards for other motorists.
 • 5:42 p.m. Caller requested officer to check on person walking down the street. Officer responded.
 • 7:19 p.m. Caller requested officer to residence for burglary. Officer responded.
 • 7:35 p.m. Caller reported hearing gun shots on Colpitts Street. Officer responded.
March 23 • 1:50 a.m. Caller reported loud music next door to them. Requested an officer. Officer responded.
 • 10:10 a.m. Caller stated that the alarm had been set off.
 • 5:25 p.m. Caller reported a whole herd of goats on highway 277 south. Officer notified.
 • 7:57 p.m. Complainant came to sheriff's office to talk to officer in reference to being followed down street. Complainant spoke with officer.
March 25 • 8:06 a.m. Request to speak to an officer in reference to a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
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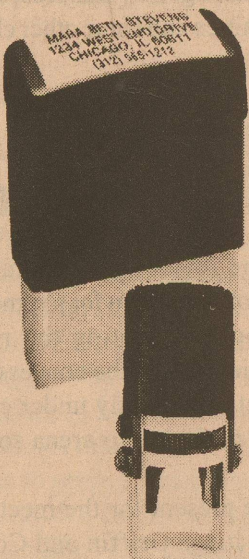
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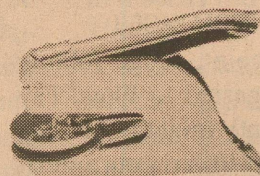
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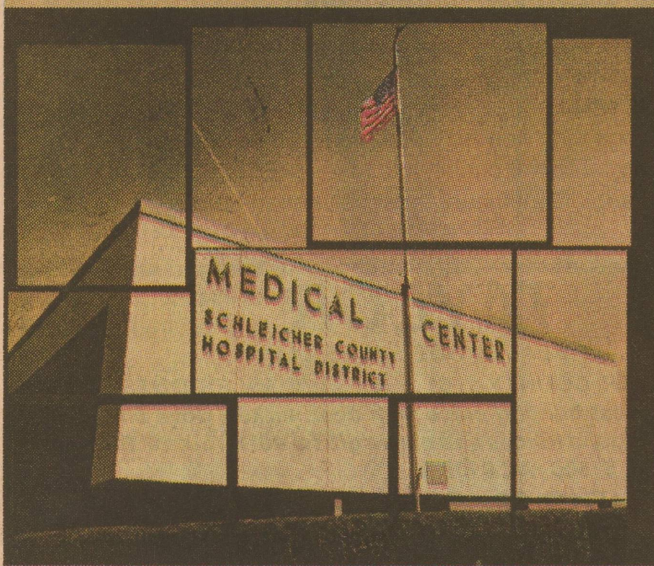
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Eldorado Womans Club learns about Schleicher County History

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Womans' Club met Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Eleven members and one guest were present. The theme for the meeting was "Our History - Schleicher County - Eldorado."

President Jerre Holley opened the meeting. Jill Preston gave a prayer and Penny Bland led us in our pledges of allegiance to the American and Texas flags. Next, program leader Penny Bland introduced guest speaker Rene Calcote.

Rene brought us a very informative and interesting talk about Schleicher County history. From findings at one of the middens found in the county, as well as other artifacts, indicates the presence of pre-historic habitation and it was established that humans were living in the area 5,000 years ago. The sites were listed as Middle Archaic, Late Pre-historic, and Late Archaic. The dates were 1000-2999 BC, 1000 AD- 999 BC, 1499-1000 AD, 1500-1599.

As a result of the findings one of the sites was added to the National Register of Historical Places in 1990.

Indians of this area were the Jumanas, the Lipan-Apache (migratory Indians) and the Comanche.

Settlement began here in 1842 as a result of the Henry Fisher and Buchand Miller Land Grants. It was not until the 1870's that permanent ranches began to be established in

the Edwards Plateau area.

A quote from a traveler through the area said, "This part of Texas is exceedingly poor, and so barren that I am of the opinion it will always remain uninhabited."

Schleicher County ranchers began to establish permanent ranches in the 1870's. At that time the land was a part of Crockett County. William L. Black was one of these men.

In 1884 some men from Windson County Vermont bought some land from the railroad companies. In 1887 Schleicher County was separated from Crockett County. Schleicher County was named after a man by the name of Gustave Schleicher.

In 1890 the first little town was called Verand and consisted of a stage coach station, a store, post office and hotel but was abandoned in 1895 because the citizens were unable to get titles for their lots. These families moved to the newly established town of Eldorado as the lots were free.

One of the most important men responsible for the creation of Eldorado was Williken Bains Silliman.

Schleicher County as organized in July, 1901. The name of "Will Wilson County" was first suggested but was changed to Schleicher County. Important events that helped to establish Schleicher County were: sheep and cattle ranches, farm land, water wells, land ranches, discovery of oil, incorporation of city and a railroad.

The big account, as told Rene, is only a general outline of our county's history. This reporter will leave Rene's notes of her speech to us at the Schleicher County library so anyone interested in knowing more about our county will be available to read. We thank Rene for her research and for bringing us such an interesting talk and

so much information about our county.

After Rene's great speech we had our refreshment time, which was hosted by Cathy Niblett, Janet Marlow, Jerre Holley and others.

The table appointments featured a lovely centerpiece of beautiful spring flowers of yellow and red daisies. The delicious snack-type food was so special and we thank the ladies for all the "goodies."

Following refreshment time, President Holley opened our business meeting. She called on Cathy Niblett to read the minutes as secretary Pat Holt was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health.

Roll Call was answered with "when did you come to Schleicher County." The years given were: 1960, 1922, 1944, 1959, 1963, 1972, 1969, 1961, 1956, 2007 and then there were a few of us who were born here.

Further business was that a motion was made and seconded that approved by showing of hands that members would make a love offering to Tiffany Hernandez for her being on the Dean's List at college for the second year.

Rene Calcote and her daughter Suzan have submitted applications for membership. The rules and regulations of our club will be presented to them and voting on their entry will be at our next meeting. It was decided that the cost of our meal for our next meeting would be covered by some members of the club and the proceeds would be donated to our scholarship fund.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2008 and will be a picnic lunch. We will meet at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 11 a.m. and we will picnic at a location arranged by our Hospitality Committee and some other club members.

County discusses animal control

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At that point, Judge Johnny Griffin suggested to Floyd Fay that the county might be willing to pay the city to carry out animal control duties outside the city limits. He asked Fay to take the matter back to the City Council for consideration.

Moving on to other business, County Attorney Raymond Loomis advised the commissioners that San Antonio Ambulance Sales had sent a letter requesting that their ambulance bid be rescinded. The commissioners received the news but took no action on the matter.

Before adjourning, the com-

missioners reviewed the county's bills and okayed them for payment. Following the meeting the men took a brief tour of the concession stand that is currently under construction at the rodeo arena south of town.

Those present for the meeting included Judge Griffin and Commissioners Lynn Meador, Kirk Griffin, Matt Brown and Johnny Mayo. County Clerk Peggy Williams was also in attendance as was Treasurer Karen Henderson.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court is slated for 9 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2008.

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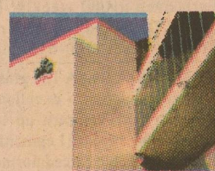
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