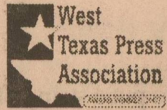


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Wellness Foundation wins grant for \$250K

The Schleicher County Wellness Foundation received good news last week when its board members were informed of a large grant from the San Angelo Health Foundation. A challenge grant of \$250,000 was awarded to the local foundation late last week.

The Wellness Foundation, a non-profit corporation, has been working for several years to raise funds and construct an exercise, health education and aerobic room in Eldorado. Included in the plans submitted to the San Angelo group was an area for physical therapy.

"It was great news," said Eddie Albin, chairman of the Wellness Foundation. Our board members "have labored so diligently over the past two years to bring this opportunity to our community"

The Wellness Foundation listed Schleicher County, the hospital district and school district, as well as the City of Eldorado as major contributors in the grant application. Additionally, generous donations from the Eldorado Game Association, Creek Swabbing, Preferred Management, Niblett's Oilfield Services, and Steve and Ilse Williams helped push local contributions for the grant.

One of the larger contributions came from Randy Mitchel's and Joella Parker's collaboration with American Heart Association's "Jump Rope for Hearts" which raised over \$12,000. The donations from the fund drive last year, commitments and in-kind contributions total some \$157,000, which added to the grant, comes to over \$400,000, a hefty sum from such a small community.

"There are not enough words that thank all of those who donated so much and made such large commitments early on" said Dr. Jim Brame, executive director, "but we still have a way to go to reach the goal of \$518,000 for completion of the building and installing state of art the exercise equipment."

Architect's final plans are expected at any time after which the Wellness Foundation will begin the process of how best to construct the building.

Hit it if ya' can!

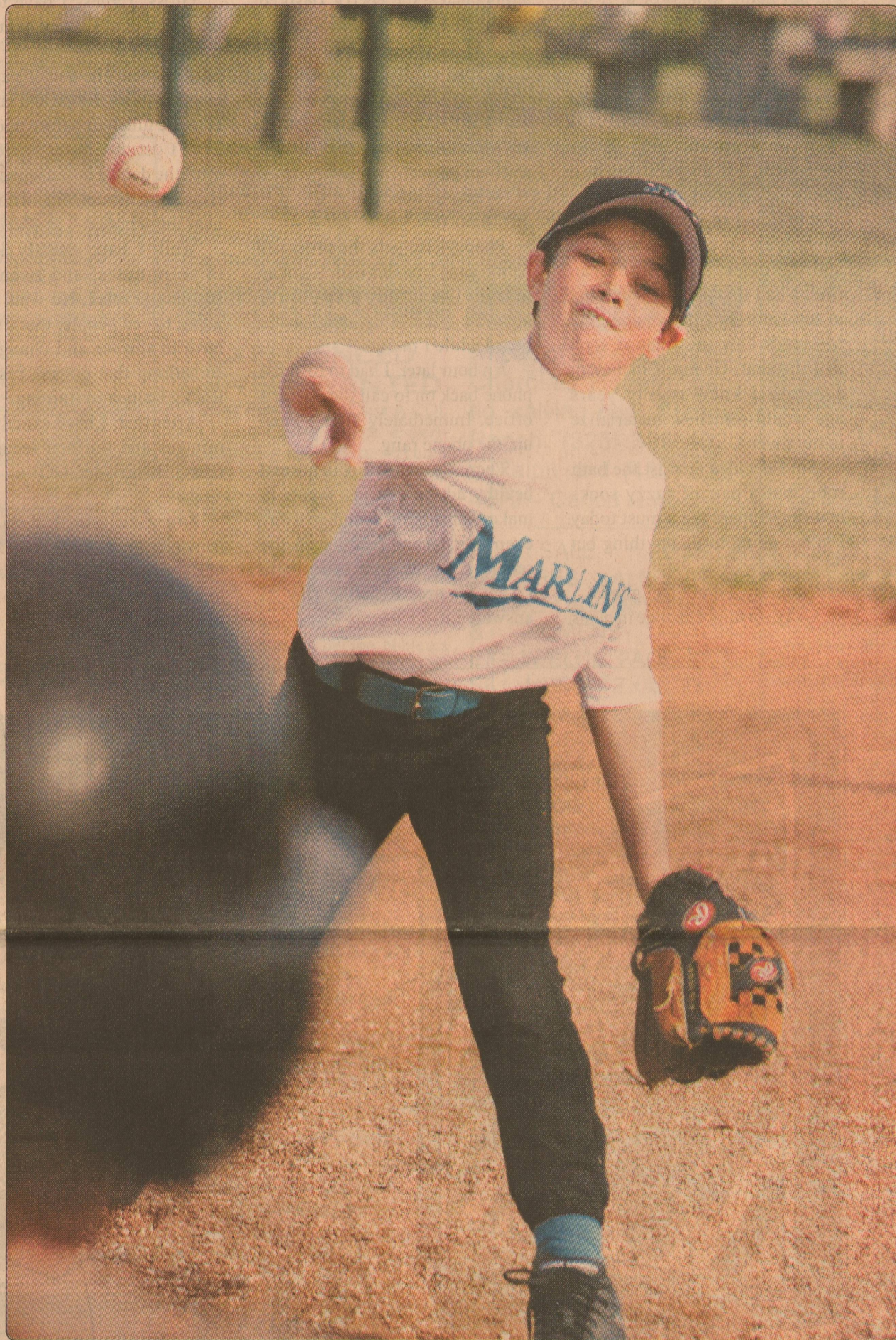


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Minor League pitcher Kade Creek sent a pitch hurtling toward the plate Tuesday night as the Marlins took on the Giants on Legion Field in Eldorado. The Marlins won the game 4-3 as T-Ball, Minor League and Major League teams officially kicked off their season on Opening Night. League action is sponsored by the Eldorado Youth Baseball Association and its numerous volunteer members.

Local man charged in burglaries

Josh Hash, 18, of Eldorado was arrested Thursday, March 27, 2008 and charged with two counts of burglary of a habitation and two counts of burglary of a building in connection with a string of break-ins that occurred on or about March 20, 2008.

Rosa's Casita Restaurant and First Baptist Church were among the targets. So were the homes of Reverend Andy Anderson, pastor of First Baptist Church and Syllas Politte, youth minister at FBC.

Hash was booked into Schleicher County Jail and was arraigned by Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle. He remains behind bars awaiting an \$18,000 cash bond.

Griffin continues as County Judge

Johnny Griffin will continue to serve as County Judge despite the fact that he officially resigned the post on Monday, March 31, 2008.

Griffin officially handed his written resignation to County Clerk Peggy Williams in the presence of commissioners Matt Brown, Johnny Mayo, Lynn Meador and Kirk Griffin. The men accepted the judge's resignation, then voted to appoint him to continue in the post from April 1 through November 5th, when the General Election will be decided.

County Extension Agent Cory Stevens was also on hand and visited with the commissioners about the completion of the rodeo arena concession stand. He noted that the contractor was ready to release the building after an inspection. The men discussed completing the kitchen, and asked for input of the Rodeo Club. Installation of electrical service was also discussed.

KLDE is back on the air

KLDE radio returned to the airwaves earlier this week at 104.9 on the FM dial, playing the best in "Oldies From The 50's, 60's, 70's and Beyond".

The station underwent an extensive equipment upgrade over the past 3 months and work is progressing on KLDE's new studio building on the property adjacent to Kent's Automotive on North Divide Street.

Among the upgrades performed was the installation of new studio and state-of-the-art audio processing equipment and a new transmitter.

KLDE first went on the air last fall, but temporarily suspended operations in early December in order to more quickly carry out its equipment upgrade, without having to be on and off the air during the upgrade process.

"We're back and we're back to stay," said station manager Danny Boyer. Boyer also states that KLDE's new equipment will provide our listeners throughout West Texas, the best in music, audio quality and sound for many years in the future.

KLDE broadcasts with 6,000 watts of power from a 300 ft. antenna atop the Edwards Plateau.

Local youths win trip to Washington, D.C.

Buff Whitten, Co-op Manager, announced names of winners of an essay contest, sponsored by Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative. Area youths whose winning essay qualified them for an expense-paid Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. are Emily Espinosa and Claudia Pasillas of Eldorado High School.

Emily is the daughter of Ramon and Lavonne Espinosa. She is a sophomore and is active in tennis and basketball. She participated in UIL Feature Writing this year winning District and advancing to the regional finals in Lubbock on April 11th. Emily is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletics.

Claudia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reynaldo Pasillas. She is a junior at Eldorado High School. She participates in track and cross country. She participated in UIL computer applications, math and number sense. Claudia claimed District in computer applications and will advance to region at Lubbock on April 11th. Claudia is a member of the National Honor Society and is actively involved in TAFE.

The idea for the Government-in-Action Youth Tour sprang from a suggestion by then-Senator and future President Lyndon Johnson that electric cooperatives send young people to the capital to "see what the flag stands for."

Youth Tour participants will enjoy the best of Washington, D.C., touring the Smithsonian Institute, Mount Vernon, the Vietnam Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Ford's Theater, the FBI building, the White House, the Supreme Court and many other famous sites. They will also be visiting their Congressman's office and the House of Representatives and the Senate.

They will be among 100 young people from all over Texas participating in the tour of the nation's capital city, June 12th-20th, 2008. Almost 1,500 young people from cooperatives across the U.S. are expected to participate in this year's tour.

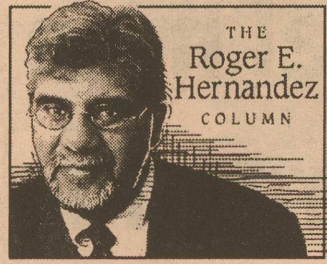


COURTESY PHOTO

EHS students Emily Espinosa and Claudia Pasillas won an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The young ladies qualified for the prize with their entries in Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative's essay contest.

Brilliant speech won't end Obama debate

Barack Obama was two-for-three recently in Philadelphia: He hit two home runs, then struck out. What he said about race relations in general was practically unprecedented in American public life, free of the ideological baggage and ethnic one-upmanship that characterizes race talk in the United States.



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Sounding like an old-fashioned Reaganesque patriot, standing before a backdrop of American flags in a building across from Independence Hall, he lauded the Founding Fathers who "launched America's improbable experiment in democracy." Yet he minced no words in saying the Constitution they wrote "was stained by this nation's original sin of slavery."

He did not shy away, either, from saying that black anger about discrimination "keeps us from squarely facing our own complicity in our condition." Nor was he afraid to sound like a conservative when he insisted "the African-American community" must take responsibility for our own lives -- by demanding more from our fathers, and spending more time with our children ... they must always believe that they can write their own destiny."

Obama also was successful in explaining what was so deeply objectionable about Rev. Jeremiah Wright's 9/11 conspiracy theories, about his apparent belief that a murderous U.S. government sells drugs to poor blacks, about his call for God to "damn America":

"The profound mistake of Reverend Wright's sermons is not that he spoke about racism in our society. It's that he spoke as if our society was static; as if no progress has been made; as if this country -- a country that has made it possible for one of his own members to run for the highest office in the land and build a coalition of white and black, Latino and Asian, rich and poor, young and old -- is still irrevocably bound to a tragic past. But what we know -- what we have seen -- is that America can change. That is the true genius of this nation."

Wright's comments, Obama said, were "wrong and divisive." After the scandal broke, he used the phrases "categorically denounce" and "reject outright."

Strong stuff. Yet in that Philadelphia speech Obama also said of the now-retired pastor: "I can no more disown him than I can disown the black community. I can no more disown him than I can my white grandmother."

Those arguments are so weak as to be unworthy of the nuanced and obviously paradox-capable mind that Barack Obama clearly owns.

Unlike his grandmother -- Obama actively sought out, then knowingly accepted Jeremiah Wright as a powerful presence in his life for 20 years. The grandmother came with the family.

One reason Obama won't "disown" Wright is that it can't be done, at least not in a way that allows Obama to keep credibility. If he did not "disown" the pastor for 20 years, what reason other than political expediency could there possibly be for doing it now?

Two out of three is not bad. But the game is not over. And up to bat next is Hillary Clinton.

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A Day to Relax

Laura on Life

by Laura Snyder



I can still do this. Sick kids don't get into much trouble. I'll just run and get a thermometer and some acetaminophen -- the cherry flavored kind -- and tuck the little patient into bed. I can still relax today...

A fever of 102? That spells a doctor visit. Relaxing may have to wait until after the doctor visit.

"Mom, I need poster board for a school project."

"When is it due?"

"Tomorrow."

Phooey! He gets the procrastination gene from his dad. It's okay, though, I'm already going to the doctor. I can pick up some poster board while I'm out.

An hour later, I had to turn the phone back on to call the doctor's office. Immediately after I hung up, the phone rang.

There is some reflex in normal healthy adults that just wants to make that ringing sound go away, even if it means picking up the receiver. So against every rule I'd set for my "Relaxing Day", I answered it.

"Mom, I left my lunch bag at home, can you bring it?"

"Can't you buy a lunch today?"

"Aw, mom, they're having peanut butter and jelly sandwiches today."

"But you like peanut butter and jelly."

"Yeah, but they don't use jelly. They use honey and think we don't know."

Gross. I guess I have to take the lunch in. It's the only humane thing to do.

Let's see. The doctor's appointment is this afternoon and I need to take the lunch in before noon, but I can't get the poster board until after the doctor because that store is closer to the doctor and nowhere near the school.

Well, I have exactly 1 hour, three minutes, and twenty-six seconds to relax. No wait, if I'm going to see people, that means I have to shower and change into something that doesn't resemble Rocky Balboa in training.

After that, I have exactly nine minutes and thirteen seconds to relax... Ready, set, GO!

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State lets bid on border cameras

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — A plan to put a string of 200 video surveillance cameras along the 1,200-mile border Texas shares with Mexico appears to be moving forward.

On behalf of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, the Texas Department of Public Safety is soliciting bids from contractors who can install and maintain the cameras and do related work.



The state is calling the proposed line of cameras a "virtual neighborhood watch." That's because via the Internet, citizens are eventually supposed to be able to monitor the cameras and report suspicious activity.

Meanwhile, through lawsuits, the federal government is pressuring about 50 private landholders to allow their land to be surveyed as possible border fence sites.

But the federal government dropped its suit to acquire fenceable borderland under the control of the University of Texas-Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. The two sides say they will explore non-fence methods to secure the area.

Parties hold county conventions

On March 29, the Texas Democratic and Republican parties held county and senate district conventions to elect delegates and alternates to the state party conventions to be held in June.

Also at the county party conventions, officers were elected, convention rules were adopted and resolutions were passed and forwarded for consideration at the respective state conventions.

U.S. Sen. John McCain already has been declared the GOP presidential nominee based on the amassing of primary votes. U.S. Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are still battling. Clinton won the popular vote in the March 4 Texas primary, but Obama won the delegate count on March 29, many sources have stated.

SBOE to accept Hispanic input

The State Board of Education met March 27 and voted unanimously to accept more input before final adoption of new English reading standards that will be used for the next 10 years.

The board is scheduled to vote on final adoption of proposed changes to the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test that students must pass to advance in elementary, middle and high school.

A week before the meeting, board member Mary Helen Berlanga of Corpus Christi and state Rep. Abel Herrero, D-Robstown, said more needs to be done to help students because thousands have struggled with the current reading curriculum.

Berlanga and Herrero asked that the board accept expert input on the learning styles of Hispanic children.

Forty-seven percent of the total number of children enrolled in public school in Texas are Hispanic, Berlanga pointed out.

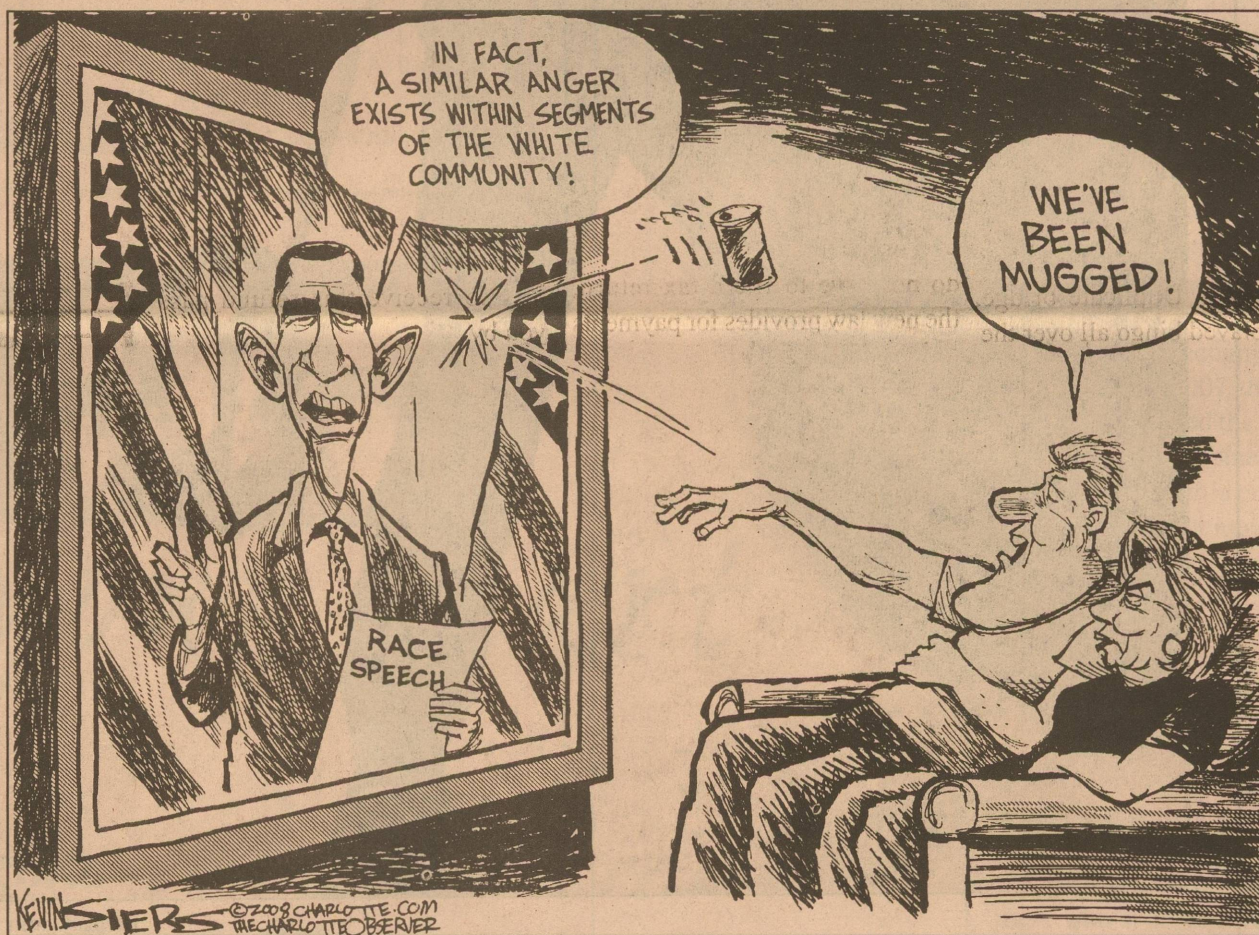
Most eighth graders pass reading

Ninety-two percent of Texas' eighth-grade students passed the reading portion of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test, the Texas Education Agency reported.

This is the first year that students must pass the eighth-grade reading test in order to be promoted, the agency said.

Eighth graders will take the math portion of TAKS on April 8.

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Some Highlights of T&P Railway History

When tracks were being laid for the Texas and Pacific Railway in 1881, it was not uncommon to have trains stopped by buffalo. One of the early engineers had a unique experience with a bull buffalo west of Sweetwater. The big animal deliberately planted himself on the track and asserted his priority rights. His eyes gleamed with rage at the intrusion of his domain. The buffalo was lowering his head for the charge when the engineer, fearing damage to the engine, opened the steam valves and scared the fight out of the beast. Impressed by the power of his antagonist, he sauntered off the tracks.

That incident is recorded in the history of the T & P Railroad. In the spring of 1880 under the leadership of General Granville M. Dodge, the steel rails started westward from Fort Worth. General Dodge laid down the following rules: "The survey party should be in the charge of an engineer who can grasp the situation. We must have in mind the commercial as well as the engineering qualities of the line. We want a road through Texas which the country, when



by Tumbleweed Smith

settled, is capable of supporting by its local trade. The party, therefore, will note carefully the quality and capacity of the agricultural, grazing and mineral resources of each township and county. The party taking the field must be armed and the chief must be a man of energy and one who will not run at the sight of an Indian."

When the tracklayers got to Baird in December of 1880, they stopped for a breather. The railroad built a large two-story hotel and named it the Immigrants' Home. Immigrants could stay there while searching for the land they intended to settle.

The railroad advertised the low price of land and other advantages of the West. Ambitious young men, anxious for opportunity and riches, jammed every train. The railroad issued thousands of copies of a 2-

page "homeseekers" guide, which brought tens of thousands to the unsettled country.

The railroad reached Abilene, named for a town in Kansas, in January of 1881. Before the town lot sale in March, more than three hundred people were living in tents. The first four lots sold for \$355.00 each. By the end of the sale, 178 lots had been bought.

Early in 1880 a survey team located a crossing of the Colorado River near present day Colorado City. In anticipation of the coming of the railroad, merchants and traders opened their businesses. By the time the first train arrived in the new settlement on April 16, 1881, there were more than 300 inhabitants and a newspaper. Lots sold as high as \$6,000 cash. During the next four years, Colorado City rivaled Dodge City and Abilene, Kansas as a cattle town. It acquired the title "The Cattleman's Capital."

As many as six miles of track were laid in a single day. The railroad joined with the Southern Pacific near Sierra Blanca, establishing the first transcontinental route through Texas.

OBITUARIES

Doris Lee Emmons Doty

Doris Lee Emmons Doty 80, went to be with the Lord on March 30th 2008 at 7 pm in her home that she loved, in Eldorado Texas. She was born in Odessa, Texas, to Herbert and Grace Emmons on March 25th, 1928.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Robert Doty, and youngest brother Gary Emmons.

Memorial Service will be at Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel on Friday April 4th, 2008 at 2 pm.

Doris was a hard working woman with many talents. She loved cooking, sewing and plants. She was employed by Ethicon, a telephone operator for GTE and worked in both the Lakeview and Eldorado High School Cafeterias. At last she served her dream as a rancher. She loved living in the country watching the sheep,

goats, cows and many birds roam and fly by.

She is survived by her loving husband for 36 years Frank D. Doty, two daughters Angi Doty of Odessa, Texas, Vicki Doty of San Angelo, Texas. One sister Martha Emmons of San Angelo, six brothers Herbert Jr. Emmons, Gordon Emmons, Richard Emmons and wife Shirley, and David Emmons all of Eldorado, Jimmy Emmons of Sterling City, and sister-in-law Marty Emmons of Dallas. Grandchildren, Amanda and husband Bobby Mancha of Odessa, Paul Emmons of San Angelo, Leigh Doty of Dallas, Beau Doty and wife Stacy of Tunkannock, P.A., 5 great-grandchildren, and one great-grand-grandson.

Memorials may be made in Doris Doty's name to Hospice of San Angelo.

Tony O. Cheatham



Teresa and Charlotte.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two siblings, Nita and Glynn; and daughter-in-law Amy Harlin Cheatham.

Tony led a happy and busy life. He loved people and loved to talk to all. He was a welder for 52 years, and at 68 was still working 11 hours a day. Everyone who met him and knew him will miss his knowledge of welding and construction in the oilfield. He is still called coach by his Little League Boys. He was so proud of this, and was a fireman and president many times, a past master in Masonic Lodge #890 in Eldorado. He was a member of the Schleicher County School Board. He and Fayla are Jr. Master's in Duplicate bridge, and also played bingo all over the states. They loved to travel.

Service was held Saturday, March 29, at the First Baptist Church in Eldorado and burial followed in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jackie Sparks, Robert Parker, Bob Bruce, Rick Stricklan, Humberto Estrada, Quincy Garmon, David Collins and Jimmy Whitten. Honorary pallbearers were Todd Wolfe, Jess Hooker, Gary Jackson, Taylor King, Lucio Hernandez, Sam Caldwell, Steve Capps, John Aguilar, Eddie Teasley, Donald Maroney, Earl Dean Clark, Robert Pruitt, Amilio Ramon, Rony Kerr, John E. Meador, David Meador, Curtis Stockton Jr., and all of the '56 and '57 class members (his other family).

Gertrude "Granny" Webb

Our beloved mother and grandmother, made her transition from this earthly life into her heavenly home March 25, 2008. "Absent from the body now present with the Lord." Gertrude was born July 4, 1915 in Oakwood, Missouri. At the time of her death, she was 92 years of age.

She was married to Edward B. Webb December 9, 1933, who preceded her in death. One daughter, Mary Webb Hoffman of Sonora, Texas was born to this union.

Gertrude made her home with her daughter and son in law, George Hoffman, who preceded her in death June 4, 2003. In May of 2004, she became a resident at the Schleicher County Nursing Home in Eldorado, Texas where she remained until her death.

Gertrude was a committed believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and served Him faithfully at First Baptist Church and later New Hope Baptist Church both of Sonora. She especially loved working with the little children and they lovingly called her "Granny."

Granny loved to cook, pies were her specialty. She loved do-

ing crafts and especially loved to crochet.

She is survived by her daughter Mary Hoffman of Sonora, Texas, two granddaughters Cynthia Caldwell and her husband Sam of Sonora, Texas, Deborah Dennis and her husband Charles of Mansfield, Texas, and one great granddaughter, Georgina Bignall, and her husband Beaux of San Angelo, Texas. Gertrude had one sister Leota Sandige, of Roseburg, Oregon and one brother, Joe Black of Vandalia, Missouri.

The Schaffer Funeral Home in San Angelo, is in charge of the cremation procedure. A family memorial service is pending in Center, Missouri where her ashes will be committed to rest between the two men she loved the most in this life her husband, Edward Webb, and her son in law, George Hoffman.

The family wishes to express appreciation to the Schleicher County Nursing Home and all the staff for providing our beloved mother and grandmother a loving home like atmosphere for the past four years.



Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, March 25, with eight members called to order by President Glenda Harris.

The next order of business was the Treasurers' report given by Kim-et Nelson.

With no old business to discuss, we went on to new business. We first discussed the upcoming founder's day banquet. Several options were discussed as to where to have it and who to get to cater the affair. We have set a date of April 29th for the banquet.

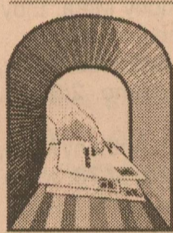
We then set forth to the task of electing new officers for the 2008-09 year. Maggie Lloyd will be the new president with her cabinet as follows: Vice-President Flora Hubble; recording Secretary Glenda Harris; Treasurer Kim-et Nelson; Co-corresponding secretaries Dorothy Dacy and Belinda Faulk; Extension officer Linda Dellavechia; Sunshine Girl Barbara Jackson; and Telephone Girl

Mary Nolen. We look forward to a great and prosperous year and lots of fun and fellowship.

BSP Sorority has decided we will also do a bake sale for Mother's Day and it will be held May 10th. We will have it at the First Community Credit Union parking lot (if rain - we will be in the community room). We will start at 8 a.m. and will have sweets, casseroles, breads and anything in between.

Following the adjournment of the business meeting, Flora Hubble gave a program on the effect of religion in our everyday lives. Mary Nolen's program was on diabetes. Linda Dellavechia gave information on living with a diabetic and Glenda Harris gave her take on learning to live with diabetes.

We then were served sandwiches, chips/dips, drinks and cookies by hostess Mary Nolen. The sunshine gift was won by Maggie Lloyd.



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Reminder to file in order to receive refund

Dear Editor,

I would like to remind Schleicher County citizens who do not qualify to fill out a tax return for the 2007 tax year should file a 2007 return anyway to receive a refund from Internal Revenue Service due to the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008.

For individuals who normally do not have to file a tax return, the new law provides for payments to individuals who have a total of \$3,000 or more in earned income, Social Security benefits, and/or certain veteran's payments. Those individuals should file a tax return for 2007 to receive a payment in 2008. These individuals may qualify to receive as much as \$600 (\$1,200 if married filing jointly).

To qualify for the payment, an individual, spouse, and any qualifying child must have a valid Social Security number. In addition, individuals cannot receive

a payment if they can be claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer or they filed a 2007 Form 1040NR, 1040NR-EZ, 1040-PR or 1040-SS.

At the Resource Center I can prepare the form you need to qualify for the refund.

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Thank you,
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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle
by Linda Thistle

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* Moderate ** Challenging *** Hot Boy!

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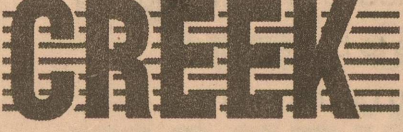
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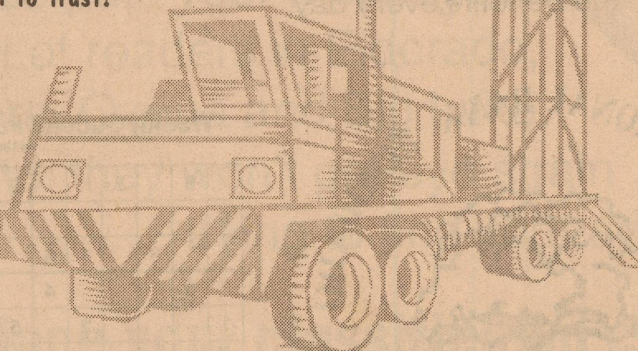
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March 28, 2008
Varsity Girls
Eldorado Varsity Girls Team placed 3rd with a score of 100.
Discus: 2. Kirsten Stubbs, 101'3"
Shot Put: 3. Abigail Ussery, 26'1/2"
Triple Jump: 3. Allyson Jarrett, 29' 9 3/4"; 5. Garcia, 28 9 1/2"; 6. Meagan Crownover, 27'8 3/4"
Long Jump: 3. Bridgett Mitchell 15'1"; 5. Meagan Crownover, 13'9"; 6. Allyson Jarrett, 13'5"
3200 Meter Run: 5. Claudia Pasilas, 14:41;
400 Meter Relay: 2. Eldorado (Alex Guzman, Haley Higgins, Allyson Jarrett, Bridgett Mitchell) 54.14
100 Meter Hurdles: 1. Rhapsody Swyter, 17.84; 3. Meagan Crownover, 20.00
100 Meter Dash: Bridgett Mitchell, 13.79; 5. Alex Guzman, 14.46
800 Meter Relay: 3. Eldorado (Alex Guzman, Bridgett Mitchell, Allyson Jarrett, Haley Higgins) 2:01.49

Varsity Boys
Eldorado Varsity Boys Team placed 2nd with a score of 108.
Discus: 1. Timothy Maskill, 108'3"; Luis Huichapa, 89'10"; 3. Hugo Rios, 89'2"
Shot Put: 1. Timothy Maskill, 40'8 1/4"; 2. Rolando Gonzalez, 35' 2 1/2"
High Jump: 2. Tyler Dombroski, 5'8"
3200 Meter Run: 4. Joseph Rubio, 12:41;
400 Meter Relay: 1. Eldorado (Pedro Garcia, Johnny Mejia, Ryan Castillo, Wes Brown) 46.24
800 Meter Run: 2. Aaron Parsley, 2:33
800 Meter Relay: 1. Eldorado (Pedro Garcia, Johnny Mejia, Ryan Castillo, Wes Brown) 1:37.27
1600 Meter Run: 4. Joseph Rubio, 5:51; 5. Aaron Parsley, 5:57.
Junior Varsity Boys
Eldorado Junior Varsity Boys Team placed 2nd with a score of 149.
Discus: 1. Briley Ledbetter, 92'5"; 3. Anthony Mata, 89'1"; 5. Kaleb Murr, 81'11"
High Jump: 2. Chris Minor, 5'4"
Long Jump: 1. Eloy Bustos, 17' 1 1/2"; 2. Briley Ledbetter, 35'10 1/2"
400 Meter Relay: 1. Eldorado (Rudy Sanchez, Anthony Mata, Eloy Bustos, Jesus Sanchez) 48.40
800 Meter Run: 3. Josh Jurecek, 2:32.93; 4. Jorge Medrano, 2:36; 5. Juan Escobar, 2:41;
100 Meter Dash: 1. Anthony Mata, 12.56; 2. Jesus Sanchez, 12.78; Jorge Medrano, 13.00
800 Meter Relay: 2. Eldorado (Rudy Sanchez, Anthony Mata, Eloy Bustos, Jesus Sanchez) 1:41
400 Meter Dash: 5. Juan Escobar, 63.52; 6. Josh Jurecek, 66.00
200 Meter Run: 1. Eloy Bustos, 24.78; Jesus Sanchez, 24.94
1600 Meter Run: 3. Jorge Medrano, 6:00

School Lunch Menu



BREAKFAST MENU
Monday, April 7
Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Tuesday, April 8
Biscuits/Sausage, Jelly, Choice of Juice, Milk
Wednesday, April 9
Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, April 10
French Toast/Syrup, Graham Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday, April 11
Buttered Toast/ Jelly, Choice of Cereals, Choice of Juice, Milk
CAFETERIA LINE
Monday, April 7
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy, Green Beans/Hot Rolls, Creamed Potatoes, Pineapple Slices
Tuesday, April 8
Chili Dogs/Cheese Cup, Fritos, Pork-n-Beans, Mixed Fruit
Wednesday, April 9
Burritos, Spanish Rice, Cucumber Salad, Pear Halves
Thursday, April 10
Sausage Pizza, Carrot Stix/Dip
Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
Friday, April 11
Hamburger/Baked Chips, Lettuce/Tomato, Sliced Pickles, Apple Halves
BASKET LINE
Monday, April 7
McRib Sandwich, Baked Chips, Cucumber Salad, Pineapple Slices
Tuesday, April 8
Chili Dogs/Cheese Cup, Fritos
Pork-n-Beans, Mixed Fruit
Wednesday, April 9
Crisptos/Cheese Sauce, Ranch Style Beans, Carrot Stix/Dip, Pear Halves
Thursday, April 10
Chef Salad/Dressing, Diced Ham/ Cheese Cup, Crackers(8)
Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
Friday, April 11
Hamburger/Baked Chips, Lettuce/Tomato, Sliced Pickles, Apple Halves



Allyson Jarrett soared 29 ft. 9 3/4 inches last Friday to take 3rd Place in the Triple Jump during the Cougar Relays in Christoval.

Lady Eagles begin push toward softball playoffs

The Eldorado Eagles softball squad traveled to Winters Monday evening and returned home with a 12-2 victory under their belt.

The victory pushed Eldorado's district record to 3-1, and put the Eagles in second place heading into the second half of district play.

Bridget Mitchell finished the contest with an ERA of 1.4 through five innings of play. During those innings she faced 22 batters, allowed four hits and one earned run. She struck out three of the opponents.

Haley Higgins showed her prowess from the batter's box connecting three out of four times at the plate. She batted in four runs, and crossed home plate three times herself. Her three hits went for two doubles and a triple, while she walked her other time at bat.

Corie Williams went 2 for 4 at the plate, stole a base and scored three runs.

Cassandra Buitron also let her presence be known from the batter's box driving in one run and scoring twice herself on two hits. Buitron was walked once and stretched out a double during her time on offense.

Allyson Jarrett went one for three on the evening driving home two runners. Her one hit went for a double and she reached once on a walk.

The win rounded out the first half of district play for the Lady Eagles. They start the second half off with a road game in Menard on Friday, April 4.

Eldorado, on the season, is sporting an 11-7 record. Four of their batters, who have faced a pitcher more than ten times, are batting over 300 to this point.

Higgins is leading the pack with a .385 batting average. She has 23 RBI's and three home runs on her record.

Aubrey Martinez is close behind with a .382 batting average. Martinez has 12 RBI's and one home run to her name.

Buitron has a .367 batting average with 11 RBI's, while Corie Williams has a .318 average with eight RBI's.

From the mound Mitchell is boasting a 1.235 ERA with 10 starts and eight wins. She has faced 227 batters and allowed only 10 earned runs and 25 hits. She has 62 strike outs and five shut out games on the season.

Eagles down Forsan 9-6

Eldorado's varsity nine took a 9-6 victory home from Forsan Friday evening with pitcher Rance Cathey marking up the win.

Cathey pitched all seven innings for the Warbirds, striking out 11 Buffalo batters in the process.

Manny Gonzalez went three for three in the contest and tallied three stolen bases.

Cathey went one of four from the plate. He counted for a double and four RBI's on the evening.

Eldorado boasts a 2-1 district record (6-5 overall) heading into Winters this Friday.

The win pushed Forsan down to 5-6 on the season with an even 1-1 district standing.

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6:30 p.m. A's vs. White Sox 6:30 p.m. Volunteer Field
MINORS
5:30 p.m. Pirates vs. Marlins Legion Field
MAJORS
7:00 p.m. Rangers vs. Yankees Legion Field
Tuesday, April 8th
PHOTO DAY
T-BALL
5:30 p.m. White Sox vs. Astros Volunteer Field • Dodgers vs. A's H.S. Softball Field
6:30 p.m. Phillies vs. Twins Volunteer Field
MINORS
5:30 p.m. Giants vs. Pirates Legion Field
MAJORS
7:00 p.m. Mets vs. Yankees Legion Field
Thursday, April 10th
T-BALL
5:30 p.m. Phillies vs. A's Volunteer Field • Twins vs. White Sox H.S. Softball Field
6:30 p.m. Astros vs. Dodgers Volunteer Field
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MAJORS
7:00 p.m. Cardinals vs. Rangers Legion Field

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The Public Library Report

by Linda Thomas, Librarian

Amnesty Week at Public Library

The week of Monday, April 7 thru Monday, April 14, 2008, has been declared Amnesty Week by the Schleicher County Public Library. Patrons may turn in overdue books, CD's DVD's, or videos that were due before January 2, 2008 and receive forgiveness of fines owed on those specific items that belong to the local library.

Please look around the house, in the car, and at grandmother's house for overdue library items and then return them to the library

which is located at 201 SW Main next door to the County Extension Agency. Our hours are 9:00AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday. We are closed for lunch from 1:00AM-2:00PM. Remember after hours patrons may also place items in the drop box located at the side of the library.

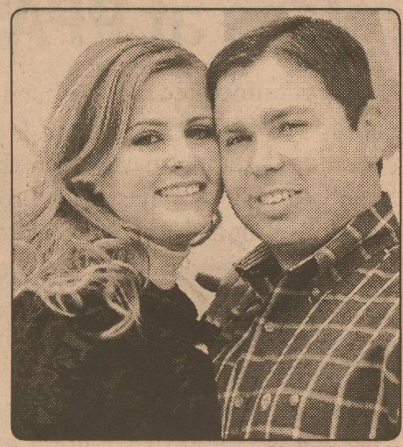
The librarian and board are trying to make improvements to the library by updating the inventory and records to better allow patrons an opportunity to enjoy all of the library's resources.

Robertson/Hodges engagement

Mike and Becky Robertson of Amarillo, Texas, and Bill and Maureen Hodges of Eldorado, Texas, are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Whitney Dawn Robertson and Ross Barton Hodges. The couple will be married June 7, 2008 at the Central Church of Christ in Amarillo.

Miss Robertson is a 2004 graduate of Amarillo High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University in May, 2008, with her bachelor's degree in Photography. She is the granddaughter of Bonnie Robertson and the late Virgil Robertson of Amarillo and Nadine White, also of Amarillo.

Mr. Hodges is a 2003 graduate of Eldorado High School and graduated from Texas Tech Uni-



COURTESY PHOTO
Dawn Robertson and Ross Hodges

versity in May, 2007, with a degree in Agricultural and Applied Economics. He is the grandson of Sarah McCravey and the late Billy McCravey of Eldorado, and the late Mutt and Louise Hodges of Eldorado.



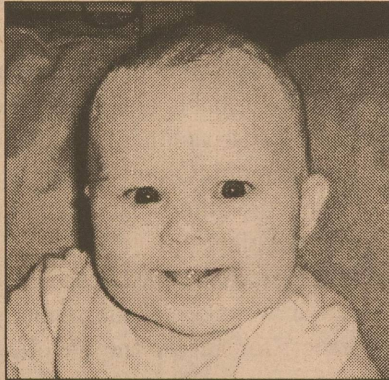
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nail

Simmonds/Nail Wedding

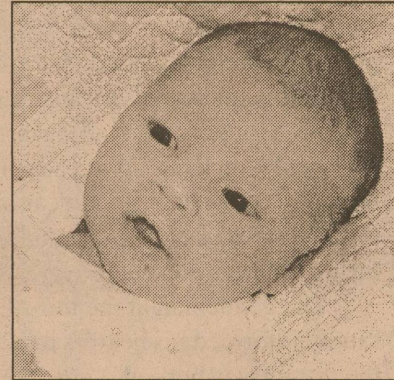
Shanna Edmiston Simmonds and Eric Christopher Nail were married on March 15th, 2008 at the Vintage Villas at Lake Travis,

near Austin, Texas.

The couple was attended by the bride's daughter, Molly Helen. The family is at home Round Rock.



Addison Rae Walling



COURTESY PHOTOS
Chandler Jane Smrkovsky

Ballews welcome granddaughters

Grandparents Ray and Debbie Ballew are very proud to announce the arrival of their two granddaughters.

Addison Rae Walling born November 30, 2007 to Amanda and Ezra Walling of Las Cruces, NM

weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz.

Chandler Jane Smrkovsky born February 18, 2008 to Angela and Ryan Smrkovsky of Ozona weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Also there to celebrate their birthdays was proud Uncle Mike.


Edmiston golf tourney adds to scholarship fund

Organizers of the Billy Gene Edmiston Memorial Golf Tournament announced this week that the recent tournament was so successful that the board of directors has agreed to fund an additional \$1,000 scholarship for an Eldorado High School graduating senior.

Applications for the two \$1,000 scholarships will be handled

through the high school counselor's office.

Credit for the tournament's growth and success has been given to the many participants from Eldorado, Sonora, Ozona, Big Lake, San Angelo and Menard as well as the tourney's numerous sponsors.



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April is National Cancer Control Month



County Agent's Update

by Courtney Barbee

National Cancer Control Month may not mean a lot to you, but the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Cancer Council want you to know that we are working hard to raise awareness about cancer prevention and the early detection of cancer, which can affect you and your loved ones.

In Texas alone, it was estimated in 2004 that approximately 85,000 individuals will be diagnosed with cancer, and another 37,000 will die from the disease, and the rates have increased since that time. There are five types of cancer that are the most common in Texas: skin, lung, colorectal, breast, and prostate cancer.

Extension offers programs to every county in the state of Texas. Many Extension offices can help increase your physical activity, educate you on the hazards of tobacco products, provide information on how to protect your children from secondhand smoke,

and even give you information on sun safety. If you are looking for information on breast, cervical, colorectal, or prostate cancer - Extension can help with that, too!

Your local county Extension office is here to help you - at every stage in your life. Extension can educate you on how to prevent cancer and find it early! Let's prevent cancer from affecting those we love.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Cancer Council hope you have a great 2008 - and let's control cancer this month! For more information contact Courtney Barbee, County Extension Agent, FCS at 325-853-2132.

Source: Courtney J. Schoessow, MPH, Extension Program Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service. March 2008. Texas AgriLife Extension Family and Consumer Sciences website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, April 7
Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

Tuesday, April 8
Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Chocolate Cake, Milk

Wednesday, April 9
Roast Beef w/Gravy, Mashed Potato, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/Nuts, Juice/Milk

Thursday, April 10
Pork Chop w/Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Corn Bread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk

Friday, April 11
Hamburger, Oven Baked Fries, Lettuce, Tomato & Onion, Bun, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple, Milk

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Dr. Jacqueline Jeffery

Schleicher County Medical Center honored their providers with an afternoon party celebrating the day with staff. THANK YOU, Dr Day, Dr Jeffery, Rebeccas Sullivan FNP, and Bobby Romatowski PA-C, FOR THE GREAT JOB YOU DO EVERY DAY for the community of Eldorado.

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Touch of History

by Rene Calote

That Auto Truck

As reported in *The Eldorado Success*, June 9, 1911

Last Saturday evening a monster auto truck, carrying 8,400 pounds of freight, passed through Eldorado south bound. As this was the first "Criter" of its kind that has ever made tracks in these parts, it naturally attracted a good deal of attention, the questions propounded the driver were not a few.

The gentleman at the throttle kindly informed his hearers that "the thing" was born and raised in St. Louis; that it was neither omnivorous or carnivorous, but that its only diet was gasoline, which was injected into its anatomy with a stomach pump. That, contrary to the prevailing opinion, it was not an escaped locomotive, belonging to K.C.M. & O. railroad, as that company, nor any trust

or combine, was interested in its management, movements or meanderings a little bit and like Caesar's wife and Joe Bailey, the blamed thing was above suspicion, absolutely reliable and one of the grandest encroachments upon the future happiness and prosperity of "hoss-freighters that ever came down the pike.

All agreed that the last sentence in the above spiel was substantially correct, for surely the gasoline passenger cars and motor trucks have, and will continue to usurp the places of horse drawn vehicles, whether for passenger or freight transportation.

The speaker kindly omitted passing the hat around, bid his audience a sad and pathetic farewell and proceeded on his way rejoicing.

Capital Highlights...

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Auto insurance minimums go up

State law requires people who drive in Texas to be financially responsible for the accidents they cause.

Before April 1, the minimum amount of liability insurance required was \$20,000 for each person injured in an accident, up to a total of \$40,000 for everyone injured in an accident, and \$15,000 for property damage per accident.

And beginning April 1, the minimum amount of liability insurance Texas drivers are re-

quired to carry for bodily injury/property damage will be \$25,000/\$50,000/\$25,000.

This is the first time those numbers have increased in 22 years.

Yudof accepts California post

Mark Yudof, University of Texas System chancellor for the last six years, is moving on.

Yudof, 63, accepted an offer to be chancellor for the University of California System.

The UT System board of regents will conduct a national search for candidates to succeed Yudof.

Texas metros are growing fast

Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Austin and San Antonio were listed among the top 10 metropolitan areas in population growth, according to estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau on March 27.

Meg Griffin receives Student Achievement Award

Eldorado High School student Meg Griffin received the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the Texas ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (Pre-ACT) Assessment. ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks are empirically-based and identify the level of achievement necessary in English, mathematics, reading and science to have a successful college freshman experience. Meg is the daughter of Curtis and Deby Griffin.

The Texas ACT Council is made up of secondary and post-secondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information and program management services in the broad

areas of education and workforce development and the publisher of the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is accepted by all colleges nationwide.

According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice President and Southwest Regional Manager, "The Texas ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN (Pre-ACT) College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that student PLAN (Pre-ACT) achievement is the result of a strong commitment by Eldorado High School teachers, staff, administrators and parents to increase college readiness for all students."

Mankin leads E-publishing class at PPA convention

Eldorado Success publisher Randy Mankin conducted a training session Friday, March 28, 2008 for fellow newspaper professionals during the Panhandle Press Association convention in Amarillo.

Mankin joined Clarendon Enterprise publisher Roger Estlack in leading a discussion on Internet publications and distribution of newspapers by e-mail, or E-Delivery.

Mankin publishes two West Texas newspapers, The Eldorado Success and The Big Lake Wildcat, both of which offer E-Delivery editions.

Roger Estlack likewise offers an E-Delivery edition of his newspaper. He calls the offering The Enterprise-D or digital edition.

Rising postal rates, especially those for publications mailed out-of-county, have prompted a number of newspapers to begin offering E-Delivery subscriptions. The Eldorado Success is believed to be the first weekly newspaper in the state to offer the service, that was in 2004. The Clarendon Enterprise followed a week or two later.

Mankin purchased The Big Lake Wildcat in 2005 and the publication immediately began offering E-Delivery subscriptions.

About thirty newspaper publishers and editors were in attendance for the training session. Mankin and Estlack con-

ducted a similar class at the Bob Schieffer School of Journalism at Texas Christian University in 2007.

"E-Delivery newspapers will never replace the printed edition," Mankin said. "There's nothing quite like holding a newspaper, especially your hometown newspaper, in your hands."

"But, news is news and our readers want it fast. In those instances when distance and slow postal service impede the delivery of the news, E-Delivery editions are a convenient, and cost-effective solution.

Randy Mankin and Roger Estlack are the two most recent past-presidents of the West Texas Press Association. They are both on the board of directors of the Texas Press Association and Estlack is a past-president of the Panhandle Press Association.

BIRTHDAY LIST

- APRIL**
- 3rd Bryan Gray, Smokey Taylor, Mason Garner, Erin Meador, Bodie Gilstrap
 - 4th Ryan Espinosa, John Phippen, Ben Edmiston, Irene Tinney, Sarah McCravey, Stephanie Broome, Kolton Prater
 - 5th Deanne Walker, Derek Stevenson, Christin Sanchez
 - 6th Lorenzo Pina
 - 7th Diego Barrera, Martha Buitron, Fonzie Covarrubiaz, Glenda McCravey, Belinda Faulk
 - 8th Albert Fuentes, Amy Green, David Hill, Cassidy Arendt
 - 9th Robert Taylor, Becky Sterling, Kathy Graves, Cailyn McCravey, Hanna Hanson, Ryan Farmer, Myrt Williams
 - 10th Mack Shepard, Bill Wells, Jimmy Belk, Jorge Arispe, Melva Martinez, Jan Bailey, Fonzie Villanueva
 - 11th Colton K. Lively, Gentry Newman, Rachel Pool, Diego Barrera, Cierra Braly,

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County Agent's Update

by Gary Stevens

Pesticide Applicators License

If you are in need of a pesticide applicators license to purchase and spray controlled chemicals, plan on attending the training held on April 15th. We will begin at 8:30AM with the course and will take the test directly after lunch. The training will be held at the Schleicher County Extension Office. FMI please call 325-853-2132 or my cell phone at 277-5225.

Horticulture Luncheon

Billy Kniffin, Texas State Water Specialist, will be speaking at the extension office on Monday April 14th. Hamburgers will be served at noon, and the program will be over by 1:00. If you would like more information on lawn and garden care, especially watering techniques, plan on attending. FMI please call 325-853-2132 or my cell phone at 277-5225.

Seniors invited to attend Silver Bluebonnet Day April 9th

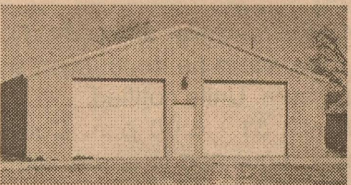
The Silver Bluebonnet Day at the San Angelo State Park will be held April 9th beginning at 8:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m at the Chaparral Pavilion, South Shore Entrance.

This event is free to all senior citizens. Events offered are hayride park tours, wildlife viewing, wildflowers, critters, hummingbirds, flint napping, bluegrass music and a free picnic lunch.

All you need to do to be a guest for the day in the park is to RSVP by April 7th by calling 853-2574 to reserve a seat on the Thunderbird Van. The van will start picking up at 7:30 a.m. for the trip to the park.

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2008 One Act Play-Tom Jones; Front (L-R) Tanja Hibbs, April Porras, Lauren Rubio ; Middle (L-R) Aaron Parsley, Blake Chatham, Macy Chatham, Corie Williams, Cindy Sanchez, Darci Graves, Mason Baker; Back (L-R) Rolando Gonzalez, Marty Powell, Michael Redish, Dylan Dombroski, Kaleb Murr, Miles Mikeska, Ben Wipff, Tyler Dombroski, Timothy Maskill, Chelsey Pridemore. The play did not advance at district in Forsan March 27, but placed as an alternate. Those receiving individual medals were: Honor Crew-Rolando Gonzalez, Honorable Mention-Macy Chatham and Michael Redish and All-Star Cast- Ben Wipff and Corie Williams. Director Luann Shipman.

Two events for the price of none

submitted by Jim Runge

A rare opportunity exists April 5 for area residents seeking a unique day of fun in the middle of Nowhere. Not only can they visit the Idiotarod free of charge, but the event will also serve as a free Open House for the T 9 C Ranch, hence two for none. The T 9 C is located just three miles west of the Eldorado airport on Rabbit Road.

In addition to the idiotic games and contests, visitors will find cloggers, bounce houses, a giant inflatable slide, a jousting arena and a speed pitch machine, along with numerous craft vendors plus brisket, sausage and nacho vendors. The grounds will be open for family picnics, washer tossing, horseshoes, campfire pit, playing fields, etc. The Rungini Museum barn will be open for the viewing of unique and interesting displays. The Hysterical District, formerly set up on the south side of Eldorado, has been moved to the T 9 C and can be seen all along the entrance to the facility, featuring such things as the Batmobile, Medicine Show wagon, T9C TP, pithy signage, etc.

Attendees can participate in the various off-the-wall contests, or just watch others enjoy themselves in these unique events. Competitions will include such activities as a goat pill flipping contest, goat-kissing contest, goat look-alike contest, adult trike races, April Fools costume con-

test, backwards run, blindfolded washer tossing, chigger catching contest, cow pasture bingo, 4 X 4 ski races, frisbee tossing contests, gnat races, Indian leg wrestling, jig saw puzzling, slick Willie lying contest, rock gathering, 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. While the event is officially open from 10 AM until 6 PM, the snipe hunt that is scheduled, will be held at dark. Impromptu events and contests are sometimes added to take advantage of the personalities of attendees and their eccentricities.

The festival is another in a long line of productions by the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee, an organization promoting Eldorado as the site for both a future winter and a summer Olympiad. The event was formerly called the Elgoatarod, but good goats were getting increasingly hard to find. The event was also formerly held on the Schleicher County courthouse lawn, but the county commissioners voted to disallow the use of the courthouse lawn for the event, hence the move into the nearby country.

A \$500 prize awaits anyone doing something at the event that would get published in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Come visit this sixth annual event at its new digs, very handy but in a relaxing country atmosphere. For further directions, more information or to become a vendor, contact Jim Runge at 325-853-3678 or eoboc@hotmail.com. All vendors are welcome, except outlaw vendors.

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2008, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2007, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below)

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2006. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

DISABLED VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser.

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. A 30 day filing extension is available by written request.

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Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2007. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2008.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2008 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:
Schleicher Co. Appraisal District
Box 936; 1 West Warner Ave.
Eldorado, TX 76936

For more information, stop by your appraisal district and pick up "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Or contact:
 Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
 Property Tax Division
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Vandalism a growing threat to Historical Markers

AUSTIN, Texas — Official Texas Historical Markers document the vibrant history of our great state. However, just like the important history they commemorate, these symbols are also vulnerable to vandalism and theft. The Texas Historical Commission (THC), which oversees the state marker program, has witnessed first-hand the threat to some of the state's most significant markers.

This abuse is evident by the recent disappearance of the Mueller Bridge marker in

Wilson County. Built in 1915, Mueller Bridge is a camelback bridge which remains a tribute to turn-of-the-century bridge construction. It is a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and was nominated by Preservation Texas in 2006 for its list of Texas' Most Endangered Places.

The stolen marker is valued at \$1,600 in state property, which meets the threshold for a felony crime, a harsher penalty than the lesser misdemeanor charge. The THC is contacted

regularly with reports of missing or stolen markers and reminds would be vandals of the seriousness of their crime. The state provides no funds for the replacement, so the cost of a new marker often falls to communities and individuals.

To learn more about the Official Texas Historical Marker Program or to report stolen or missing markers, contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512/463-5853 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

New High-Tech Equipment

Hospital Auxiliary volunteer Mary Roden (L) looked over the hospital's new GE "LightSpeed" CT-Scanner during Open House tours on Tuesday, March 25th at Schleicher County Medical Center. She was joined by Jo and John Callison, who appeared eager to try out the new high-tech diagnostic tool. The CT Scanner is the latest in a long series of equipment upgrades at SCMC.

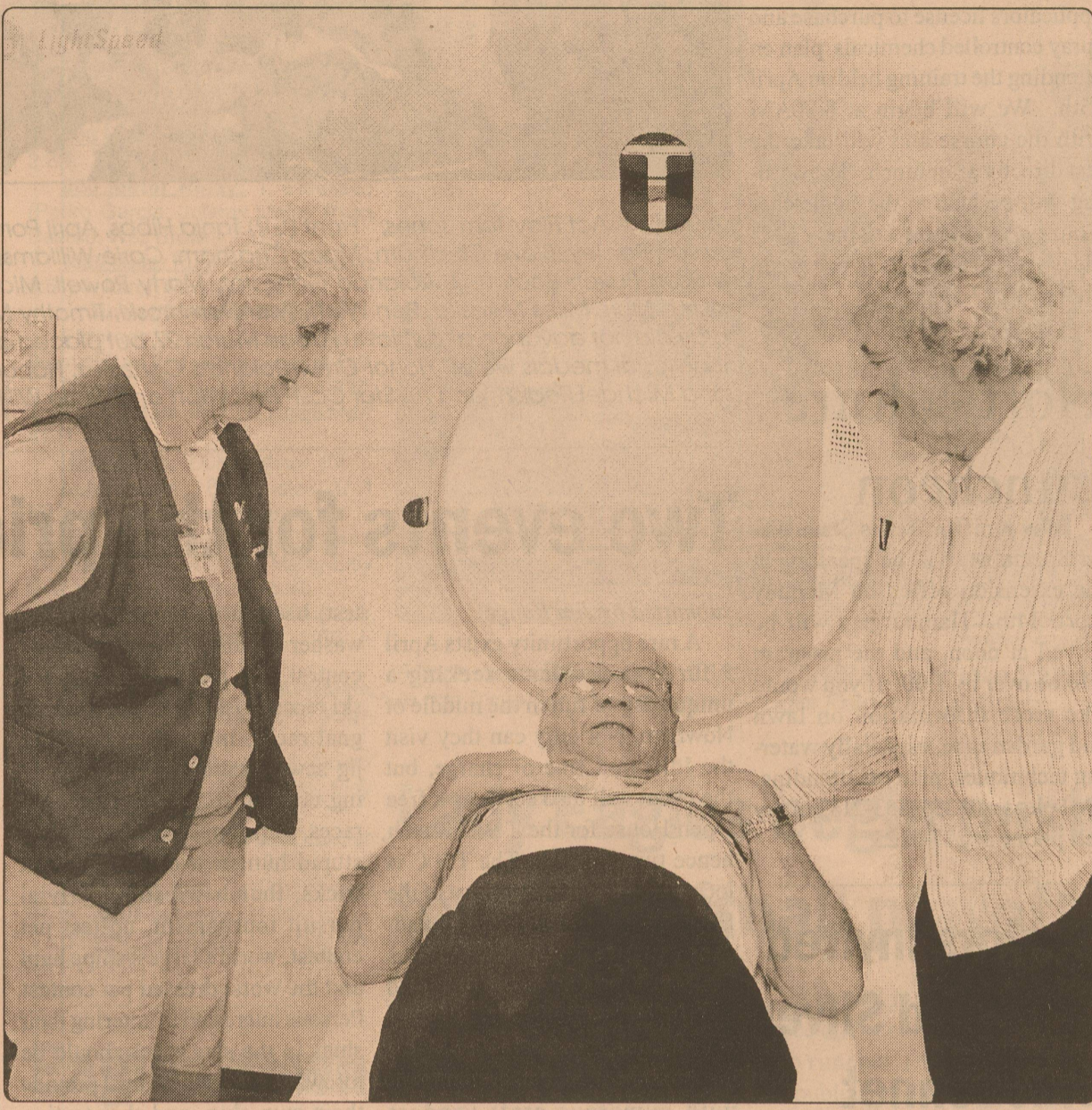
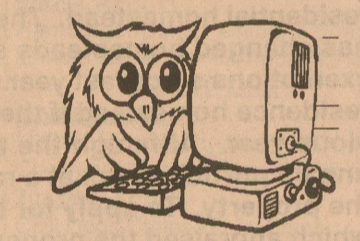
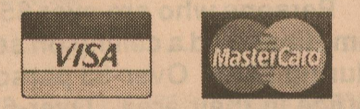


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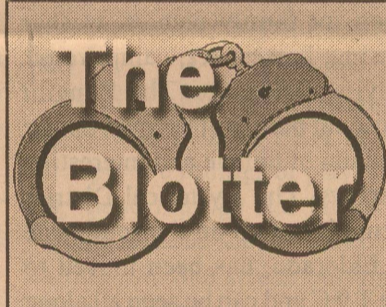


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ARRESTS

- March 27** • Hash, Joshua, male age 18, offense (2) Burglary of a Building, (2) Burglary of a Habitation.
- March 28** • McCandles, Chris, male age 24, offense Purchase/Furnish Alcohol to a Minor. Released.
- March 30** • Jaloma, Enrique, male age 19, offense Motion To Release/Probation.
- March 31** • Barker, Joe Louis, male age 30, offense Warrant.
- March 31** • Nava, Jesus, serving 30 days.

INCIDENTS

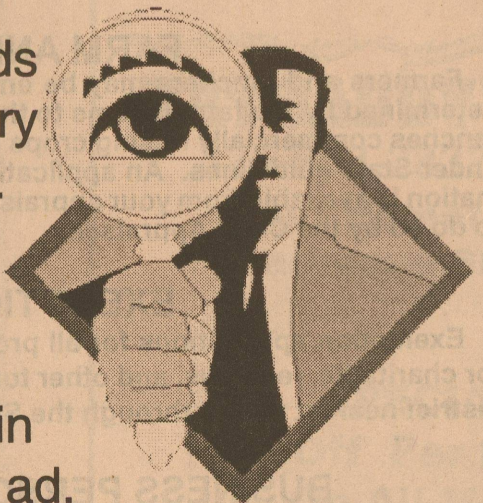
- March 26** • 10:38 p.m. Caller reported loud music across the

street from residence. Officers notified.

- March 27** • 8:59 a.m. Caller reported an 18 wheeler parked near their residence. Caller requested an officer to patrol the area. Officer responded. Found everything Code 4 (OK).
- 1:22 p.m. Caller reported an accident on South Main Street. Officer responded.
- 2:16 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo hospital. EMS responded.
- 4:22 p.m. Complainant advised S.O. that they would be having a controlled burn. Units notified.
- 5:01 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.
- March 28** • 5:30 p.m. Hospice reported a death. Officers and JP notified.
- 8:59 p.m. Caller reported minors drinking and throwing beer bottles at passing vehicles. Officer notified.
- March 29** • 10:22 a.m. Caller reported a controlled burn. Units notified.
- 4:46 p.m. Caller advised S.O. that they would be conducting a control burn. Units notified.
- March 31** • 6:00 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer in reference to tires stolen from driveway of residence. Officer responded.

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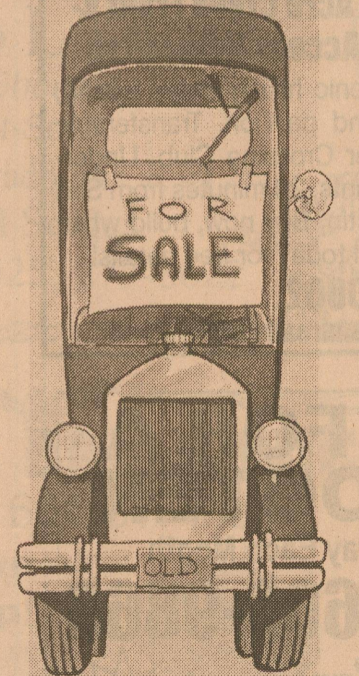
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