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## Call for Conservation

### Rainfall deficit leads to falling aquifer levels

John Cartwright, manager of the Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District, reported this week that Schleicher County has received only six to eight inches of rainfall in the last ten months, far below average. And, some parts of the county may have received even less.

The rainfall deficit, coupled with the unrelenting heat and high winds, has necessitated more frequent watering of lawns, gardens, trees and plants, Cartwright added. Less rainwater means less recharge for the aquifer which is already dropping because of the higher than normal pumping rates.

Cartwright notes that the aquifer level remains within the normal range for this time of year, but cautions that the levels could begin dropping quickly if the drought continues.

Outdoor water use counts for more water consumption than indoor usage. Therefore, curtailing outdoor watering will have the greatest effect.

For instance, watering lawns between 8 pm and 3 am will result in more water going to the roots and less to evaporation. As little as one inch of water is enough to reach the root system on most lawns. Also, soaker hoses are more efficient than sprinklers for watering trees and shrubs.

To address indoor water conservation, water saving shower heads, shorter showers, full dishwasher loads,

and the repair of leaks are recommended as ways to save water and keep the bill down.

Cartwright explains that the water level at the well behind City Hall has dropped about ten feet since April.

The Texas Water Development Board monitors the well on E. Fields Street. It is also down ten feet since April.

Cartwright emphasizes that it is normal for water table to drop this time of year. However, because of the declining rainfall totals, conservation becomes more important.

Still, the water district continues to work on the supply side of the equation, as well.

Cartwright explained that the district continues to participate in the cloud seeding program begun by the West Texas Weather Modification Association in 1996. The district contributes 4.4 cents per acre, or approximately \$37,000 each year to the WTWMA.

The association consists of Schleicher, Sutton, Crockett, Reagan, Irion, Glasscock, Sterling and the western most portion of Tom Green County.

Authorities estimate that cloud seeding has increased the amount of rainfall within the WTWMA counties by as much as 10 percent over the past 12 years.



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN INMAN

Jane Marlow concentrates on a quilt she's working on at the Schleicher County Museum where the Patches and Memories Quilting Club meets each Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. This quilt is the club's 45th. The quilters take turns making the quilts for one another.

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## Feds take interest in Texas YFZ investigation

Assistant Deputy U.S. Attorney Joe Lodge from Flagstaff, Arizona was in Texas this week where he met with state and local officials connected with the ongoing criminal investigation stemming from the April 3rd raid at the YFZ Ranch.

Arizona Assistant Attorney General Timothy Linnins accompanied Lodge to Texas.

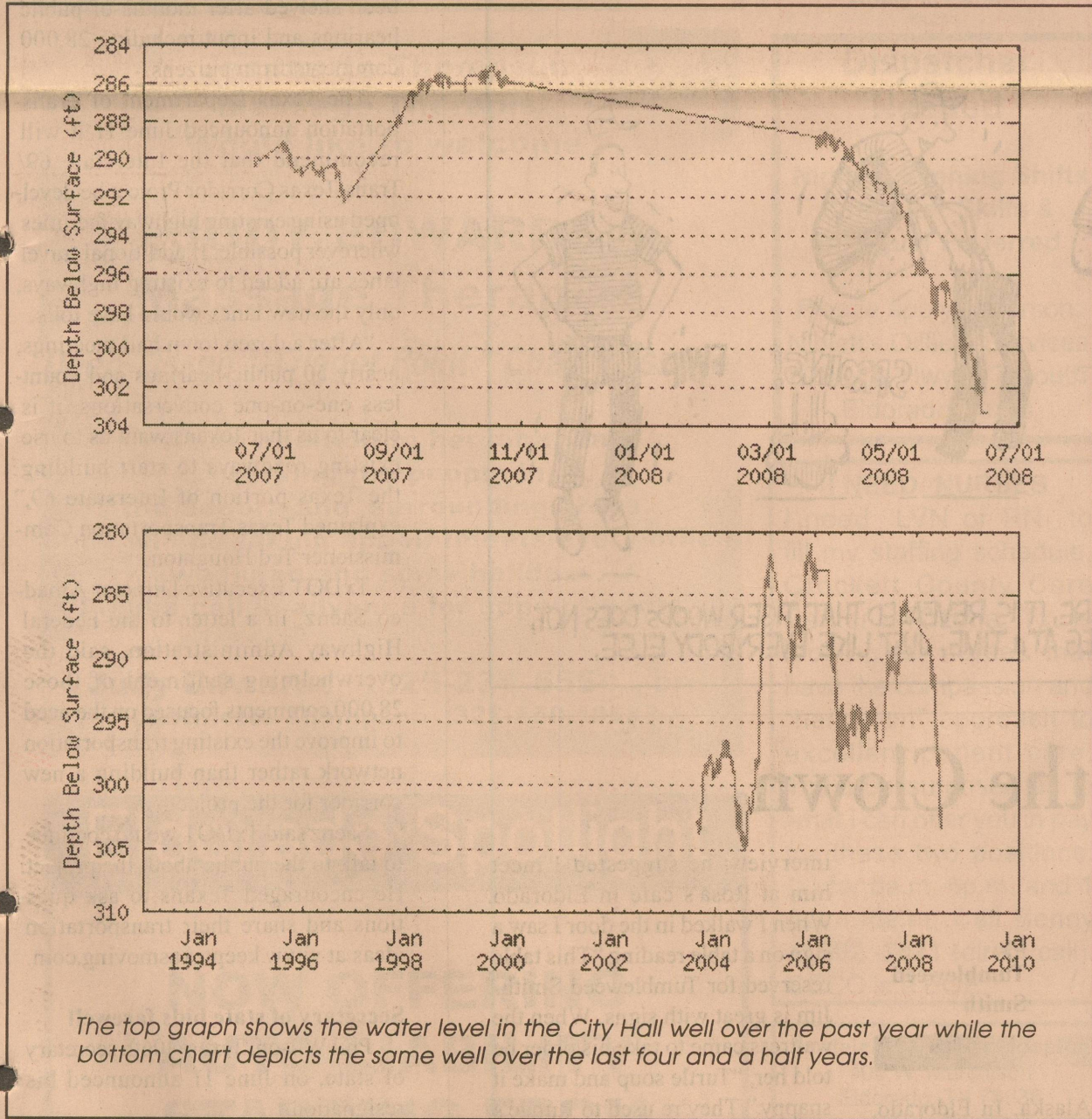
The Success has learned that the men met with representatives of the Texas Attorney General's office, as well as Texas Rangers, DPS investigators, and Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran.

Contacted for comment on Tuesday, Lodge declined to say who he was meeting with or how his office might be involved. He did, however, confirm having met with Sheriff Doran who he praised for his role in the raid and the subsequent investigation.

"I appreciate Sheriff Doran's foresight and the way in which he educated himself and his officers," Lodge said. "His cool head and four year's worth of bridge building prevented a tense two-hour standoff at the YFZ Ranch gate from escalating into a violent, and possibly bloody conflict."

When questioned about reports that federal investigators are seeking access to the evidence seized during the YFZ raid, Lodge refused to comment as to what might be of specific interest to the feds. It is known that FBI agents participated in the final stages of the six-day-long YFZ raid.

Lodge first visited Schleicher County in September of 2006 when he met with Sheriff Doran and Texas Ranger Sergeant Brooks Long as well as Special Agents from the FBI, shortly after Warren Jeffs' arrest near Las Vegas, NV.



The top graph shows the water level in the City Hall well over the past year while the bottom chart depicts the same well over the last four and a half years.

## Grand jury slated for first look at YFZ criminal probe

The Success has learned that Schleicher County grand jurors are slated to meet next week to hear the first evidence in criminal cases resulting from the April 3, 2008 raid at the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado.

Neither state nor local officials will confirm the upcoming grand jury meeting or exactly what day it will be held.

"Grand Jury proceedings are secret by law and we will not comment on a grand jury in any jurisdiction," Attorney General of Texas spokesman Jerry Strickland said on Tuesday.

The Success has also learned that the Attorney

General's office has taken over as prosecutor in the YFZ investigation, replacing acting District Attorney Allison Palmer. However, Strickland declined to identify the state's lead prosecutor in the case.

"As always, we will use the appropriate resources for the cases before us," Strickland said. "And, we will continue to work closely with every agency involved."

Schleicher County grand jurors last met on Monday, June 2, 2008, when they handed down 18 indictments. None of those cases involved the YFZ Ranch nor the raid that occurred two months earlier.

## Teen Challenge comes to Community Baptist Church

On Sunday evening June 22, 2008 a group of young men will present their testimony and a choir presentation at Community Baptist Church in Eldorado. The program is slated to begin at 6 pm and is open to everyone.

The young men in the program have come through "Teen Challenge" and have successfully turned their lives around from a life of crime and drugs to a productive life serving others.

Teen Challenge was formed out of the street ministry of David Wilkerson who left his small town church in Pennsylvania, and reached out to street gangs and drug addicts in New York City. His book, *THE CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE* was subsequently made into a movie. It depicts the challenges Wilkerson faced in taking on the gangs of New York City.

For over 40 years lives have been transformed through Wilkerson's ministry. Those who once might have ended up incarcerated,

strung out on drugs, or killed in gang wars, have found new meaning in their lives.

Teen Challenge is recognized by the United States government as America's largest and most successful drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. A phenomenal 86 percent success rate is reported for those who complete the program and graduate.

Teen Challenge of South Texas began with 10 men housed in a 2-bedroom rent house in San Antonio, Texas. Today they have four centers across South Texas, accommodating almost 200 young men and women. The centers are located in San Antonio, the Corpus Christi area, Magnolia, and Houston.

Come to Community Baptist Church this Sunday night June 22, 2008 at 6:00 pm to hear this great men's choir and their inspiring testimonies. There will be snacks after the service. For more information call Pastor Don Inman: 254-580-8143 or 325-853-3288.



# The Agony of Bill Clinton

Few things are sadder than former greats past their prime. A bloated Elvis Presley in a sequined suit; a diminished Michael Jordan making one last comeback with the Washington Wizards; and, we can add, a gaunt Bill Clinton desperately plugging his wife's doomed presidential campaign -- the Big Dog in winter.

With his media enablers gone, with his most faithful constituency (African-Americans) lured away by another, with the prospect of again attaining the commanding heights of American politics lost, with his magic touch in abeyance, Bill Clinton has been whittled down to a long, self-pitying plaint.

For a man blessed with so much talent, fame and riches, Clinton has always had an unparalleled ability to see himself as beset by cosmic unfairness. In his telling, the 2008 Democratic primaries were the fruit of another vast conspiracy against the Clintons, who have struggled against a biased media, cheating unions, unfair rules and malevolent left-wing pressure groups.

There's some truth in this. But, given all the advantages the Clinton machine brought into the primary season against the tyro senator from Illinois, Bill Clinton is in a poor position to whine, except he doesn't have the willpower or grace to resist it.

The usual audience for Clinton excuse-making isn't listening. Witness the long, scathing profile of the post-presidential Clinton in Vanity Fair by former New York Times White House correspondent Todd Purdum. Purdum writes that it once was "easy enough to retain an enduring affection" for Clinton, despite "his indiscipline" and "his shortcomings." Not anymore.

What changed? Clinton has been campaigning against the great, young liberal hope that he himself represented back in 1992. Now that he's on the wrong side of history, liberals can see all the shortcomings they formerly looked past because Clinton had all the right (in every sense) enemies.

Purdum writes of Bill Clinton's post-presidential money-grubbing, dubious associations, eyebrow-raising connections to women and spectacularly sophisticated self-justification as if they are some kind of departure. Was he not paying attention during Clinton's 12 years as Arkansas governor and eight years as president?

African-Americans have bailed on Clinton just like elite journalists. Clinton had a special bond with blacks, which he used as a moral bludgeon. He couched his fight against impeachment as almost a civil-rights struggle, with the Congressional Black Caucus dutifully playing along. Noting Clinton's hardball tactics against Barack Obama, Rep. James Clyburn said, "I think black folks feel strongly that this is a strange way for President Clinton to show his appreciation."

Even as Clinton has tirelessly stumped the country on behalf of his wife, he's given the impression that it's all about him. His temper tantrums at reporters and twisted attempts to make himself always the victim speak to an aggrieved sense of entitlement, that for all his good fortune he's owed even more.

That abiding sense will ensure his post-presidential career continues to be a restless, cringe-making affair. When he comes around to supporting Obama, who can doubt that he'll compare the candidate to himself, in the highest of all possible praise?

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# Sleep Deprivation Produces Must-Snooze TV

A recent National Public Radio story charges that TV producers -- in an effort to add drama and emotional outbursts to their "reality" shows -- are subjecting contestants to sleep deprivation.

Jay McCarroll, a past winner of "Project Runway," said, "It makes people crazy." An "America's Next Top Model" contestant said the sleep deprivation made the girls "mentally insane."

And sleep researcher Mary Carskadon of Brown University noted, "There's documentation that sleep deprivation has been used as torture in prisoner of war settings."

I don't know about you, but for me this raises a serious ethical issue: Are TV producers using the most productive methods of torture?

(I have some expertise in this field myself, as I do my own sleep research, usually in the form of scientific naps conducted in my La-Z-Boy recliner laboratory. I plan to publish my results sometime after I get up and have a couple cups of coffee.)

As a TV consumer, I speak for all when I say I support sleep deprivation in the name of quality entertainment.

But I'm afraid some of this summer's reality shows are going to need more "persuasive" methods to make their stars entertaining.

Case in point, Denise Richards,

## Don Flood

who won the coveted Oscar for Most Hilariously Miscast Actor of All Time award for her James Bond movie portrayal of a nuclear scientist. (She reportedly beat out the blow-up doll that later starred in "Lars and the Real Girl" -- big mistake.)

Her assignment this time is just as difficult. She has to play herself, which the title of the show makes clear is going to be a stretch: "Denise Richards: It's Complicated."

What's complicated? Apparently everything.

The first episode -- this is true -- showed Richards going to the DMV to change her driver's license.

All I can say is, Wow! No wonder the studio honchos greenlighted this project. There's just nothing more intrinsically interesting than watching someone take care of an errand at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

PRODUCER: Here's the concept -- Denise Richards going about her daily life as a superstar. It's got it all -- glamour, drama. It's must-see TV.

NETWORK: What's the first episode?

PRODUCER: You're going to love this: Denise Goes To The DMV.

NETWORK: You mean Department of Motor Vehicles? Why?

PRODUCER: Get this -- to change her driver's license! Incredible but true!

Another "hot" reality show stars Lindsay Lohan's mother, Dina, who -- also absolutely true -- was honored recently as among the Top 20 Long Island Mothers of Celebrities.

Note to Long Island celebrity moms: I'm sorry, but this doesn't speak well of you, considering that Dina Lohan's main qualification is that daughter Lindsay hasn't had a car accident in the past 20 minutes. (I once signed up for e-mail alerts to let me know when Lohan had an accident, but had to cancel when my in-box kept getting clogged up.)

To be fair, this show contains a certain element of suspense, because who knows when Lindsay might drive up half-naked and take out the left wing of the house? *It could happen.*

But, unfortunately, so far it hasn't -- which means that instead of watching, I may have to do more of my sleep research.

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# Governor Perry mourns mansion fire

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry, in prepared remarks regarding the fire that gutted the governor's mansion on June 8, said, "... few sights have left a deeper impression on me than the charred remains of this genuine Texas treasure standing behind me. As I consider what was done to this once-majestic home, my heart aches beyond words."

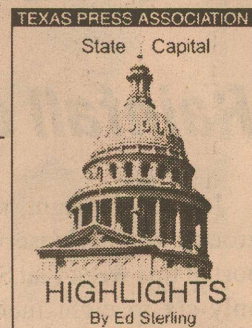
The fire occurred while the governor and first lady Anita Perry were in Europe on a trade mission.

On June 11 Perry toured the burned interior of the 152-year-old home now braced to prevent stone and masonry walls from failing.

"I cannot begin to understand what would motivate someone to do this, but I do know that they will be caught, and they will be prosecuted for what they have done," Perry said.

The state fire marshal has ruled the cause of the fire was arson. An investigation by state and federal agencies is under way.

A security camera recorded a human figure tossing an object at the mansion before the fire erupted. Authorities later said the object appeared to be a Molotov cocktail.



# Call in the Clown

I visited with one of my favorite clowns the other day. Jim Runge of Eldorado gave me a copy of his book, which has a lengthy title: HYSTERICAL FACTS AND OTHER MISINFORMATION ABOUT ELDORADO, TEXAS, THE CAPITAL OF NOWHERE. Instead of a foreword it has a four word: Come Visit Us Soon. It is followed by a Three Hundred and Eighty One Word, which is on one page and contains all sorts of information: "Our job is to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable and we spend countless hours coming up with new ideas to that end."

His book also has a section titled "Your town might be too big if: anybody plays lacrosse, anybody has a pierced tongue, you buy pets from a pet store," or about forty others.

On the international scene, Jim has formed the EOBOC, the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee. He hopes to bring both the Summer and Winter Olympics to Eldorado. To raise funds, he stages all sorts of weird and wonderful events like El Goatarod, patterned after the



by Tumbleweed Smith

Iditarod in Alaska. In Eldorado, people race carts pulled by goats. Another event is the Running of the Bull, a combination storyteller fest and liars contest whose name comes from the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain. An Elvis look-alike contest is called "All the King's Clones." His annual haunted house takes place at Count Dracula's Quality Pre-Owned Casket Company.

Jim headquarters at the T9C Ranch just outside Eldorado's city limits. As you pull into the property there are numerous signs about different things. Some contain the names of Texas towns, broken into categories. Under Wild Animals you find Buffalo and Possum Kingdom. Under Birds you find Crane and Eagle Pass. Under Chiefs you find Nacogdoches and Quanah. Get the idea?

When I called Runge for an

interview, he suggested I meet him at Rosa's café in Eldorado. When I walked in the door I saw a sign on a table reading "This table reserved for Tumbleweed Smith." Jim is great with signs. When the waitress came to take his order he told her, "Turtle soup and make it snappy." They're used to Runge's outrageous behavior at Rosa's.

In his book, he matches people's occupations with the type cars they drive. Some samples: "My name is Harry. I'm a barber and drive a Seville. My name is Houdini and I drive an Escape. My name is Daniel Boone and I drive a Pathfinder. My name is Harrison and I drive a Ford." He has devised his own dictionary: Acoustic-what you play pool with. Dog Pound-a barking lot. Hangover-the wrath of grapes.

His book lists words of wisdom from The Amazing Rungini's Traveling Medicine Show: A diet is the penalty we pay for exceeding the feed limit. Gravity-it's not just a good idea, it's the law. Did Roman nurses refer to IV's as fours? The 75-page book is \$9.24 plus postage. Contact: eoboc@hotmail.com.

## TxDOT cuts back Corridor plan

The state's idea of building new rural toll roads in East Texas has been shelved after months of public hearings and input including 28,000 comments from citizens.

The Texas Department of Transportation announced June 11 it will recommend that the Interstate 69/Trans-Texas Corridor Project be developed using existing highway facilities wherever possible. If additional travel lanes are added to existing highways, only the new lanes would have tolls.

"After a dozen town hall meetings, nearly 50 public hearings and countless one-on-one conversations, it is clear to us that Texans want us to use existing roadways to start building the Texas portion of Interstate 69," explained Texas Transportation Commissioner Ted Houghton.

TxDOT Executive Director Amadeo Saenz, in a letter to the Federal Highway Administration, said the overwhelming sentiment of those 28,000 comments focused on the need to improve the existing transportation network rather than building a new corridor for the project.

Saenz said TxDOT would continue to talk to the public about the project. He encouraged Texans to ask questions and share their transportation ideas at www.keeptexasmoving.com.

## Secretary of state bids farewell

Phil Wilson, Texas' 106th secretary of state, on June 11 announced his resignation.

The Brownwood native is the fifth Texan to serve as secretary of state under Gov. Rick Perry. Wilson's four predecessors include Henry Cuellar, Gwen Shea, Geoff Connor and Roger Williams.

Dallas-based power producer Luminant announced Wilson will join the company as senior vice president of public affairs and start work on July 7.

Luminant is a subsidiary of Energy Future Holdings, formerly TXU Corp. The company bills itself as the largest purchaser of wind-generated electricity in Texas.

## Roadcheck results are reported

Highway patrol officers conduct a Roadcheck inspection blitz annually in states ranging from Mexico to Canada to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities.

Roadcheck 2008 ran from June 3

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# OBITUARIES

## Alma Corbell

ELDORADO — Alma Ruth Luedecke Corbell, 79, of Eldorado, went home to her Lord on Sunday, June 15, 2008.

Graveside service was conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, at the Eldorado Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Eldorado, Texas.

Alma was the eighth child of John Herbert Luedecke and Elizabeth Octavia Smith Luedecke of Eldorado. She was born at home on May 19, 1929. She was a homemaker, seamstress, world traveler, and an elder of the Presbyterian church.

Alma was preceded in death by her husband, R.E. "Boots" Corbell, her parents, two brothers, and three sisters.

She is survived by two sisters, Thelia Mayo of Eldorado and Edna King of Hobbs, N.M.; her children and spouses which include Karen and Michael Hitt of Grapevine, Alan and Rhonda Corbell of Eldorado, Tanya and Enrique Recalde of Grapevine, Joy and Starr Bowen of Gordon and David and Melanie Corbell of Leander. Grandchildren are Sterling Seals, Cody Seals, Bobby Corbell, Jason Corbell, Shannon Corbell, Stephanie Recalde, John Jorgensen, Jeremy Jorgensen, McKayla Corbell, and Caleb Corbell. There are nine great-grandchildren surviving Alma also.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Presbyterian church of Eldorado, or to the Concho Valley Home for Girls in San Angelo.

## Lula Clark

ELDORADO — Lula Mae Webb Clark, 82, passed away Wednesday, June 11, 2008, in Eldorado.

She was born July 16, 1925, in Eulogy, Texas, the fifth child of Calvin and Vallie Bell Webb.

She married Albert Allen "Tucker" Clark on July 6, 1941. They moved to Eldorado in 1948 to live and work on the James Page ranch.

Lula Mae was a true ranch woman who worked hand in hand with her husband in the ranching industry for over 60 years. She loved caring for the livestock, being involved in ranch work and cooking for the ranch hands during shearing or working cattle.

She was devoted to her husband, family and friends. The welcome mat was always out at the Clark house and anyone who was visiting or working at the ranch was invited to stay for a meal. Lula Mae was an outstanding cook and well known for her delicious cakes, pastries and hot rolls.

Lula Mae also enjoyed refinishing furniture and many friends and family members have a treasured

piece lovingly finished by her capable hands.

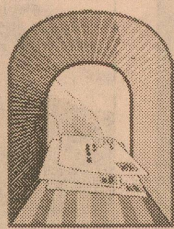
Lula Mae was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Herbert and Tom Webb; and two sisters, Ruby Webb Hickman and Ruth Webb Simoneau.

Survivors include her husband, Tucker; two sons, Tony Clark and wife Joan of Utopia and Mickie Clark and wife Susie of Charlotte; four grandchildren, Dan Clark and wife Julie of Austin, Luke Clark of Austin, Tana Clark of Oklahoma City and Toni Clark Cantu and husband Tony of Helotes; two great-grandchildren, Callie Clark and Jonathan Cantu; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Friday, June 13, at the First Baptist Church with burial at 5 p.m. in Heard Cemetery in Reagan Wells.

Pall bearers were Bob Page, Jack Williams, Dan Clark, Luke Clark, Tony Cantu and Wade Albert. Honorary pall bearers were: Dee Williams, Jim Barrows, and Sonny Kennedy.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Boys Ranch or First Baptist Church Eldorado.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Low cost food offered through Angel Food Ministry

Dear Editor,

For the last year and a half, orders have been taken, and deliveries have been made for "Angel Food" each month to Eldorado. Most of you know how it works. You come by the Resource Center and order the number of regular boxes you want at thirty dollars each (\$30.00), and any "specials" you want. The specials are at various prices depending on what they contain. Both the price of the regular boxes and the specials cost less than they would cost if bought in HEB or other comparable grocery stores. They usually contain several meat products, pasta, cereal, eggs, a couple of convenience items like pizza, milk, pancake mix, a dessert item, and canned and fresh vegetables.

When we began this program, it was successful, and at one time we were up to 170 regular boxes in our delivery. Now we are lucky if we get 10 orders each month.

For various reasons, you may not want to take advantage of this for your own family. But it gives

you an easy and inexpensive means to help families who struggle to get enough food to last them all month. Especially in homes where there are children. I think that most of us are aware of the existence of homes like this, and many of us can name a family or two that fits this mold.

From the Christian's viewpoint there is not much we can do about world starvation, however we can start by alleviating poverty and hunger in our own backyard.

If each family who had \$30.00 left over at the end of the month would be willing to help someone less fortunate than themselves, what a blessing you would be to yourself and to the family you served.

Please help us to keep the Angel Food program alive and working. If you want to help, go by the resource center and talk to Patsy Kellogg or Janet Felver.

Thank you for caring,  
Angel Food Committee

## Quilting club meets weekly

Patches and Memories Quilting Club meets on Tuesdays from 1 pm until 4 pm in the Schleicher County Museum. The club started on March 27, 2000 with 15-20 charter members.

In the past the quilters made quilts for the public and fundraisers. The club currently has about 6-7 members and they take turns quilting for each other. Quilts can be used today in a functional capacity as bedding or as an art form displayed as a wall hanging. Some quilters have a theme for their quilts, tell a story,

or make the quilt from patches of old clothing that provides a nostalgic keepsake for children to pass down from generation to generation.

Quilting is a rich tradition to pass down to the younger women of today. The club is currently working on its 45th quilt.

Present at Tuesday's quilting were Janet Marlow, Flora Hubble, Norma Lynn Mund, and Judy Christian. The quilt they are working on (see photo on Page 1) will belong to Janet Marlow when it is completed.

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## Harry Lee Curtis

SAN ANGELO - Harry Lee Curtis, 71, of San Angelo, Texas, died Tuesday, June 10, 2008. A memorial service was held Saturday, June 14, 2008 at First Baptist Church of San Angelo Chapel.

Survivors include his wife Melody Sue; children Greg and Angie Curtis of San Angelo, Grant and Terri Curtis of Eldorado, Garry Curtis, Susan Ayers and KD Gilbert of San Angelo; and seven grandchildren.



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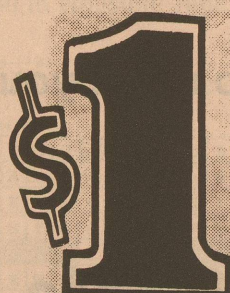
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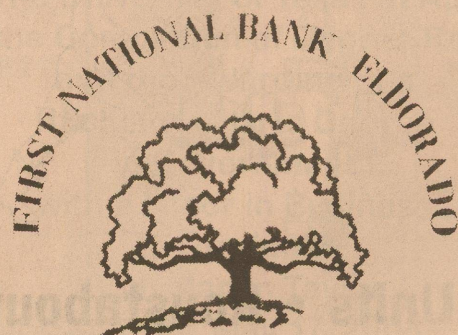
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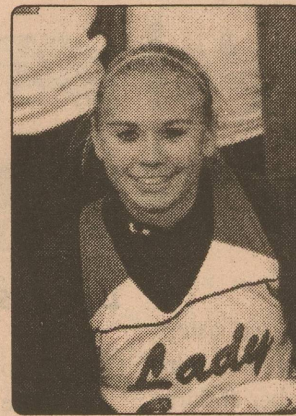
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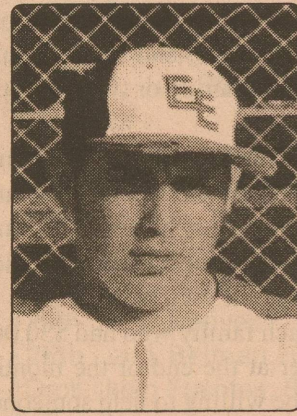
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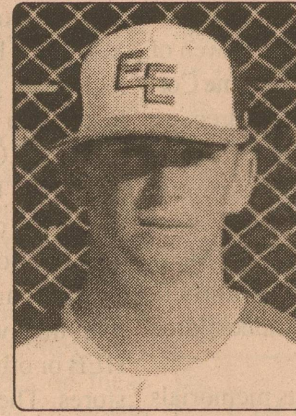
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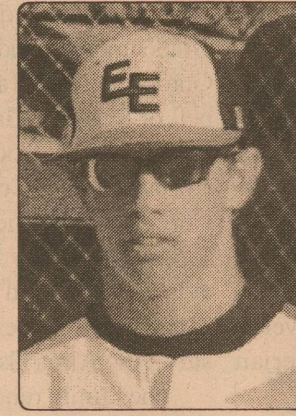
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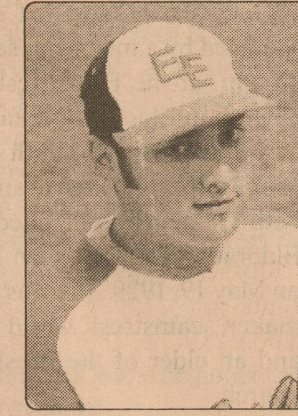
Manny Gonzalez  
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Rance Cathey  
Pitcher



Garrett Lux  
Utility Player



John Broussard  
Co-Coach of the Year

**Post season honors continue for Eagles & Lady Eagles**

The Eldorado Eagles softball and baseball teams boasted ten spots on the San Angelo Standard Times' All-West Texas Baseball/Softball lists.

Coaches John Broussard and Jesse Rubio, in their first year of coaching in Eldorado, took their respective teams to the playoffs. Broussard coached his Eldorado Eagles baseball team to the Regional Semifinal round, while Rubio took his softball squad to the Regional Quarterfinal round.

Broussard shared Coach of the Year honors with Jeff Pannell of San Saba on the All-West Texas Baseball Team while Rubio was

named Coach of the Year on the All-West Texas Softball Team.

Four of Rubio's players were named to the team including Aubrey Martinez who was honored as Newcomer of the Year title for her contributions to the team's deep playoff run. Martinez ended the season with a .346 batting average with 13 RBI's.

Haley Higgins made the squad at the catcher position with a .453 batting average while scoring 34 runs and racking up 33 RBI's.

Cassandra Buitron made the team as an infielder with a .361 batting average and 17 RBI's.

Bridgett Mitchell filled one of

four pitcher positions on the team with a stout 14-3 season record from the mound. Mitchell finished the season with a 1.51 ERA and 106 strike outs.

Likewise, Eldorado's boys claimed four spots on the All-West Texas Baseball Team including Dustin Gauna who received the nod for his work behind the plate as the Eagles' catcher as well as his impressive batting performance on the year. Gauna ended the season with a .465 batting average. He had six home runs and 25 RBI's to his name.

Manny Gonzalez filled one of

the five infield positions on the All-West Texas team. Gonzalez batted .406 on the year with a pair of home runs and 11 RBI's.

Rance Cathey took the first pitcher position on the list with a record of 6-4 on the season. Cathey held a 3.30 ERA from the mound striking out 66 batters while batting .419 with two home runs and 15 RBI's.

Garrett Lux split his time between the mound and right field and takes a spot as a utility infielder on the team. He went 7-2 from the mound with a 4.10 ERA. From the plate Lux batted a .406 with 10 RBI's.

**San Angelo Colts plan Eldorado Community Night**

The San Angelo Colts invite everyone in Eldorado to come out to Foster Field in San Angelo on June 21st as they host Eldorado Community Night.

Businesses and community leaders are encouraged to help support the effort by purchasing a block of 10 tickets for only \$30.00! Normal general admission ticket price is \$6.00, but for Eldorado Community Night the Colts are cutting that price in half.

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And, as if that weren't enough, the first 1,000 fans through the gate receive a Colts ball cap, sponsored by Reliant & Fox 10.

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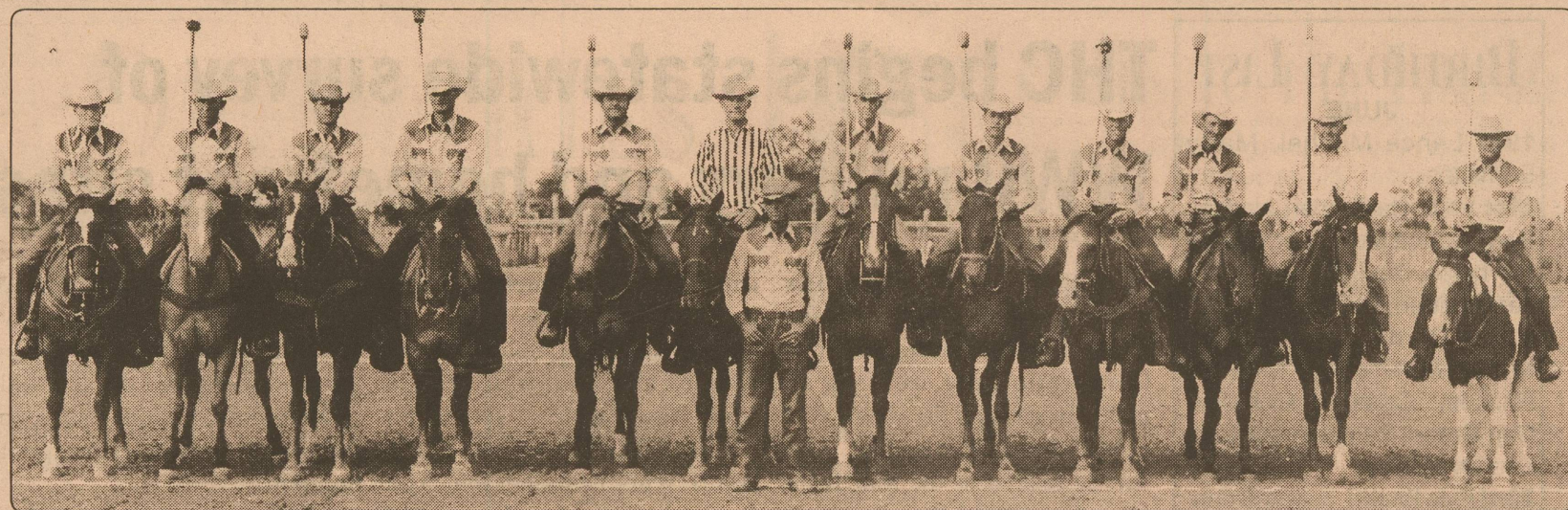
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1955 Schleicher County Polo Team (L-R) Horace Linthicum, Vernon Humphrys, James Alexander, Ollie Phillips, H. A. Belk, Skeet Mace, Lewis Whitten, Bob Skurlock, Hal Whitten, Tucker Clark, Arch Ory, Eldred Roach, E.H. (Greasy) Sweatt.

## Schleicher County's World Championship Polo Team

When president of the Eldorado Riding Club, Horace Linthicum, wanted the club to form a polo team in 1955, the group was not too interested in the idea. The team decided to try it anyway, and after hitting the ball around from their horses a few times trying to make a goal, they found it to be quiet a challenge. It was very difficult and exciting. The club began regular practice.

In 1955, Schleicher Co. played teams from Big Lake, San Angelo, Miles, Christoval, Sterling City, Ozona and Barnhart. These teams made up district 5.

The highlight of the Schleicher County group's accomplishments was in 1957 when they beat Lub-

## Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

bock to win the western title. The team would travel to Florida for World Championship matches.

Plans were made to travel to Florida. The team played a number of performances to raise money for the trip. The whole town of Eldorado pitched in to help raise money.

March 16, 1957, the team loaded horses on a large truck owned by O.B. Bradshaw and departed early, headed for Florida. A.G. Clark and Ollie Phillips traveled with O.B. Other members and their

families traveled by private vehicle over the following weekend. Soon all members were safely settled in New Smyrna Beach, Florida ready to play polo!

The Eldorado group was royally entertained with barbecues and dances prior to the games. The Governor of Florida extended letters of welcome to the team. Twelve women and thirteen men made up the Texas bunch. They consisted of: Horace Linthicum, his daughter Susie Walker, his sister Mrs. Bob Borger; Mr. & Mrs. A.G. Clark;

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Whitten; Mr. & Mrs. Hal Whitten; Mr. & Mrs. Tucker Clark; Mr. & Mrs. Ollie Phillips and two daughters; Mr. & Mrs. Sam Henderson; Mr. & Mrs. Arch Ory; Sam A. Whitten; Rance McDonald; Curtis Short; Mr. & Mrs. Howard Westfall; Mr. & Mrs. Bing Crosby; and Mrs. Williams.

The Schleicher County Team brought home two trophies. First place, "World's Palmetto Polo" trophy was presented to Eldorado, by State Senator, E.W. Gautier along with a check for \$750. The second trophy was for being judged as the best dressed and mounted in the Grand Parade.

## McAngus 1st in Barrel Race at 4H District 7 Horse Show

by Cory Stevens  
County Extension Agent

Four members from the Schleicher County 4H group traveled to Sweetwater to participate in the District Horse show on Monday. McKenzie McAngus, Carli McAngus, Jody Pfeuffer, and Jesse Pfeuffer all competed in a variety of events.

McKenzie captured 1st place

in the barrel race clocking a time of 15.8 seconds (winning by nearly a full second), while Carli placed 3rd in the barrel race. The McAngus girls also participated in breakaway roping and poll bending.

The Pfeuffer kids participated in many of the western pleasure events, halter events, and also poll bending and barrel racing.

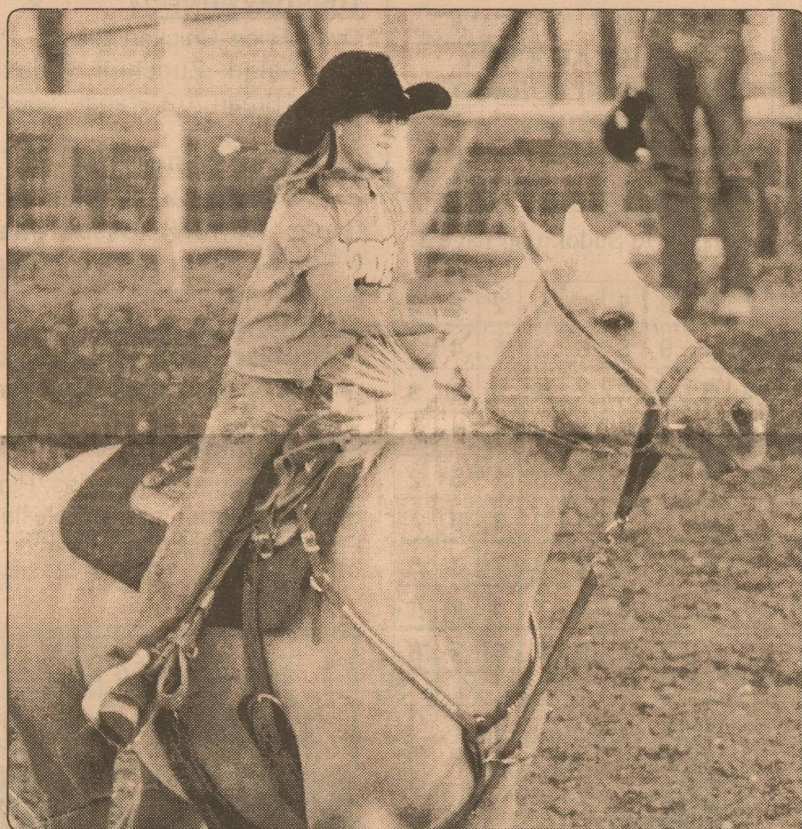


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McKenzie McAngus was enjoying a 4-H Play Day recently at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena. McKenzie won first place in barrel racing Monday, June 16 at the 4-H District Horse Show.

## Capital Highlights...

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through 5. During it, Texas Department of Public Safety troopers inspected 5,824 commercial vehicles. Of those, 1,435 were put out of service for equipment violations, the DPS reported.

Also, 178 drivers were found to have serious enough safety violations to be removed from service.

### Inmate executed June 11

Karl Eugene Chamberlain was executed by the state of Texas on June 11 in Huntsville. The last execution was carried out in September 2007.

The execution followed a nine-month moratorium on executions observed by Texas and others states awaiting a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on a Kentucky case. Plaintiffs in that case argued that a three-injection regimen used to administer the death penalty is cruel. The court found for the defendant.

### Texas GOP meets in Houston

An estimated 12,000 delegates, alternates and guests attended the Republican Party of Texas convention in Houston, June 12-14. Tina

Benkiser, a Houston lawyer, was reelected as chair of the state party. U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona was confirmed as the Republican party nominee for president.

### Holy Smokes!

*Cleaning out this T 9 C barn has turned out to be not such a tee-nine-see project. It is going to take longer than I had envisioned, so I'm going to have to put off opening the T 9 C Ranch until I get everything squared away. I had hoped to open in 2008, but it will be at least 2009 before the T 9 C is open for business. Thanks for all your calls, but just watch the Eldorado Success for updates on exactly when the T 9 C Ranch will be open for your family reunions, church or company picnics, birthday parties or other private outings.*

Thanks,  
Jim Runge  
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### Solution to puzzle on Page 5

Three Outs

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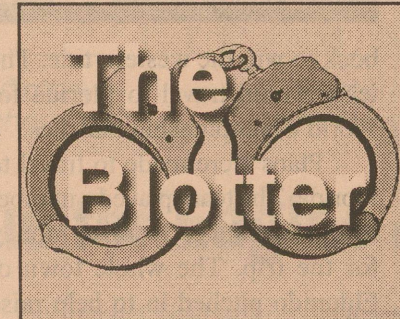
**THC begins statewide survey of WWII military and homefront sites**

AUSTIN — The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and Ecological Communications Corporation are working together to develop the state's first comprehensive historic sites survey related to the role Texas played in World War II. These significant sites will be identified and commemorated with the assistance of county historical commissions, veterans groups, museums, archives and other local preservation organizations. The goal of the survey is to classify and record basic information on military and home front sites, develop a complete bibliography of historical resources on these sites, promote Texas in World War II scholarship, preservation, interpretation and heritage tourism, and provide Internet access to the survey results.

Fair climate, bountiful resources and a central location made Texas an ideal setting for wartime facilities during World War II. While thousands fought on foreign battlefields, others played vital roles in achieving allied victory from within Texas' borders. The THC's Texas in World War II initiative is a program to honor and preserve the memories of Texans who served in the armed forces during World War II and the contribution Texans made to

the war effort. Historical markers, a special commemorative brochure and oral history training workshops join the statewide military/home front sites survey as integral components of this special program.

To learn more about the THC's Texas in World War II initiative contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512/463-5853. To download a Texas in World War II brochure featuring key sites and historical information about Texas' contribution to the war effort visit www.thc.state.tx.us.



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**

June 11 • Rodriguez, Ramon Banera, male age 26, offense criminal mischief \$50<\$500, aggravated assault-family violence.

June 12 • Castillo, Connie Marie, female age 35, offense Possession Controlled Substance 1-4 grams. Released on Surety Bond.

June 12 • Lopez, Tracy Diane, female age 24, offense Tampering w/evidence. Released pending investigation.

**INCIDENTS**

June 10 • 4:44 pm Caller requested funeral escort on Wed. June 11 from Methodist church to Cemetery at 11:30 am.

• 5:24 pm Caller requested to speak to officer about prank phone calls. Officer responded.

• 8:40 pm Caller requested to speak to officer. Officer responded.

June 11 • 9:38 am Walk-in requesting Criminal Trespass.

• 12:30 pm Caller requested house watch while on vacation. All units notified.

• 4:51 pm Caller reported spouse fell in bathtub and needed help in getting up. Officer responded.

• 8:59 pm Caller reported spouse had fallen and fractured hip. EMS & officer responded.

• 9:32 pm Caller reported a gas drive off at T & C. Officer responded.

• 10:43 pm Caller reported seeing a vehicle pulling a trailer 8 miles north on 277 losing a lot of rubber not sure if vehicle had flipped. Officer responded to the scene.

June 12 • 11:10 am Caller reported daughter and boyfriend arguing and requested officer to check on daughter. Officer re-

sponded and found argument had been resolved.

• 5:35 pm Caller reported unruly kids riding bikes and cursing and spitting toward the manager. Officer responded.

• 9:26 pm Caller reported a large brush fire on FM 1828. VFD responded.

• 9:44 pm Caller reported a large Blaze on FM 1828. VFD en route.

• 9:56 pm Caller reported a large brush fire on FM 1828. VFD en route.

June 13 • 8:24 am Caller reported a security alarm had been set off. Officer responded.

• 9:08 am Walk-in requested criminal trespass be lifted.

• 10:47 am Caller reported a skunk in the neighborhood. Officer responded.

• 9:23 pm Caller reported someone tried to drive through gate. Damage was done. Officer investigated.

• 9:51 pm Caller reported a skunk and requested officer to shoot the skunk. Animal Control called and requested officer.

June 14 • 12:41 am Caller reported loud music and requested an officer to the location. Officer responded.

• 3:22 am Caller concerned white vehicle being driven by drunk driver. Officer responded.

• 3:30 am Caller stated that there was a one vehicle roll over on FM 2084 no injuries. Officer responded.

• 3:41 am Caller stated there was a possible fight across from the apartments. Officer responded.

June 15 • 5:19 pm Caller reported a brush fire on 190 west about three miles out in the bar ditch. VFD responded.

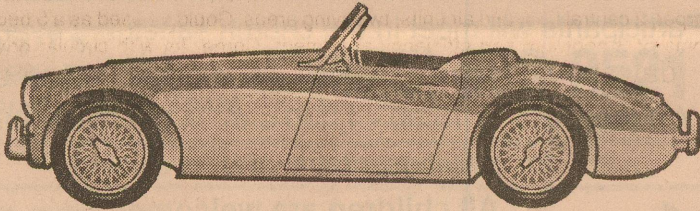
June 16 • 4:10 pm Ozona VFD asked for help with a fire in their county that was threatening homes. Eldorado VFD responded.

• 7:52 pm Caller reported reckless driver southbound on 277 north of Eldorado. Officer responded.

• 11:21 pm Caller complained of loud music and requested officer. Officer responded.

June 17 • 4:05 am Caller stated burglar alarm had gone off at store. Officer responded and manager was already on scene.

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- Pie chart lines
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- "Not that!"
- Pakistani, e.g.
- Walk like a 9-D
- VCR successor
- "Never!"
- Towel word
- Center of Napoleon's palindrome
- X-rated
- Shark hanger-on
- Nogales's state
- Arcade game pioneer
- Explorer Cabezade \_\_\_
- Canton's home
- Standard of goodness
- Perturbed state
- Many micro brews
- Give joy to
- A whole bunch
- Snares at the rodeo
- Sci-Fi or Romance
- Tic \_\_\_ (mint)
- Get mellow
- Cigarette brand that sponsored Jack

**DOWN**

- Old Harper's Bazaar illustrator
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- Something to

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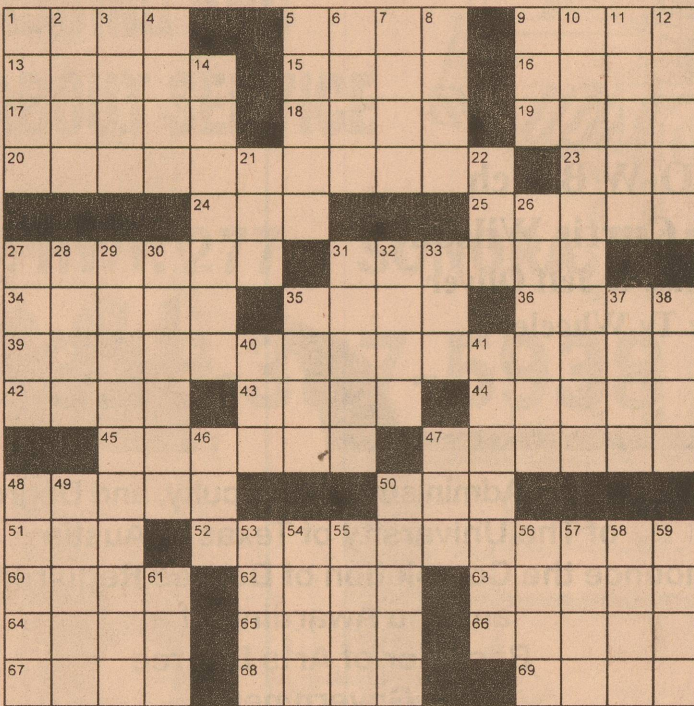
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- "Teacup" dogs
- Smithy's block
- Parrot's perch
- At risk
- Glass of public

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- Hoopster \_\_\_
- Ming
- Needs a bib
- Hits head-on
- Harrow rival
- Pinocchio was one
- Keynote deliverer
- Wise old heads
- Protest singer Phil
- Chronic complainer
- Awful-tasting
- A huge fan of
- Horatian works
- Film producer Roach
- Flinched, for example
- \_\_\_ Rio, Tex.
- "Viva \_\_\_ Vegas"
- Some Celts
- Source of plumes
- Tippecanoe's mate
- River to the Caspian
- Christmas candy shape
- Franklin flew one
- \_\_\_ avis
- "The doctor \_\_\_"
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# Tips for purchasing a car during a slow economy

(SPM Wire) Getting a good deal on a car seems more important now than ever, with many families feeling a pinch in their wallets.

Housing market woes, the recent credit crunch and tumbling dollar mean many consumers have a hard time making car payments and paying for fuel. As a result, more people need to get out of their car leases early, delay buying a

new car, or buy a used car instead of a new one. And with gas prices remaining high and climbing, there will be more demand (and probably fewer deals) for compact and hybrid vehicles.

With all this in mind, the experts at Edmunds.com, a leading online resource for automotive consumer information, are providing helpful tips for car buyers seeking the best possible values.

"There are a number of ways that consumers can make smart decisions," says Joanne Helperin, Edmunds.com's Senior Features Editor. "To start, it's important to consider and research all the factors, including interest rates, loan terms and fuel economy before finalizing a purchase."

Some other tips that can assist consumers during these economic conditions include:

- Unless you are approved for zero percent financing or have an interest rate less than prime, keep the length of an auto loan as short as possible. Figure out whether it's better to take the incentive or choose the lower interest financing.

- Don't get a longer-term loan to purchase a vehicle you cannot afford. New auto loans are being financed for up to 84 months, so many consumers owe more on their auto loans than their cars are worth.

- Unless you have good credit, increase your down payment or consider looking for a used vehicle to minimize your loan and make

yourself a more attractive credit candidate.

- Consider leasing. To help make a decision, you can use the free "Buy vs. Lease" calculator online at Edmunds.com.

- Short-term leases are available if you're unsure of your long-term financial situation.

- Consider purchasing a certified pre-owned (CPO) vehicle. CPO vehicles tend to cost about \$1,500 more than a used vehicle without certification, but offer an extended warranty and peace of mind.

- Compact cars and vehicles with smaller engines will use less fuel and hold their values better, so contemplate whether a four-cylinder engine will suffice.

- Check the latest incentives and rebates available. Larger vehicles with less impressive fuel economy are not hot sellers right now, so automakers are enticing buyers with generous incentives. European automakers are taking advantage of the strong Euro, giving Americans rebates without cutting too deeply

into their profit margins.

- For used cars, look at vehicles that didn't sell well. These vehicles lose their values quickly and provide a good lower-priced option.

- Consider the ownership costs of a car, not just the purchase

price. There are online tools that can help you research projected ownership costs, such as Edmunds.com's free "True Cost to Own" tool.

For more car buying information and advice, visit [www.edmunds.com](http://www.edmunds.com).

## Juveniles implicated in school burglary

Three local juveniles were jailed this week and another is being sought in connection with a burglary at SCISD's alternative education program (AEP) building, located on West Fields Street.

Deputy Jason Chatham reports that the three juveniles were transported to Tom Green County

Juvenile Detention Center in San Angelo, where they remain in custody pending trial. The fourth suspect remains at-large and may have fled to Mexico.

The AEP building was reportedly burglarized on May 25th of this year and the case has been under investigation since that time.



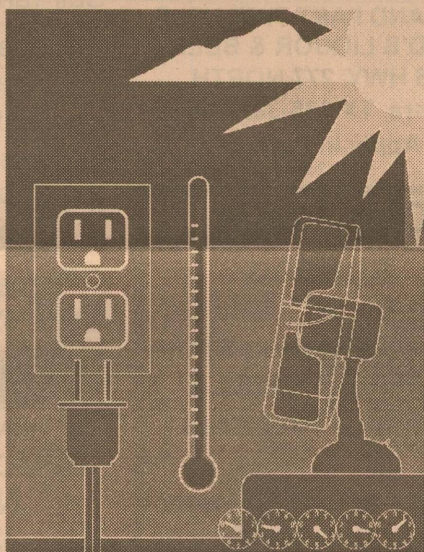
Mrs. Harris's 2008 Kindergarten Class: Front (L-R): Roberto Perez, Gregorio Sierra, Dominic Torres, Laura Suarez; Middle (L-R): Wyatt Lloyd, Mia Ruiz, Jackie Covarrubiaz, Julian Garza, Jaylynn Estep, Andrea Meador; Back (L-R): Emmie Mynatt, Edgar Muniz, Hunter Hernandez, Phillip Edmonson, Esmeralda Hill, Taner Swinford.

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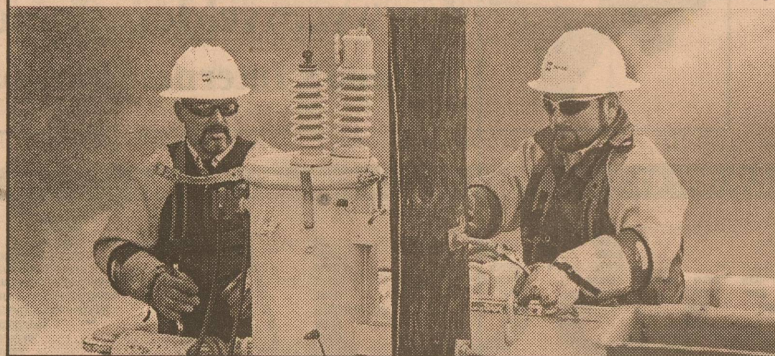
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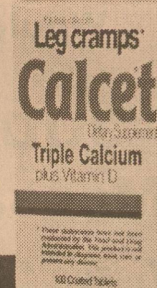
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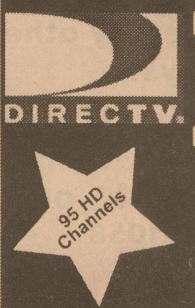


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