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Lull in YFZ case likened to calm before a storm

Next grand jury meeting slated July 22

With last week's grand jury meeting in the history books and the next one not scheduled until Tuesday, July 22nd, an uneasy calm has settled over Eldorado. Most, if not all, of the reporters and TV crews have left town in pursuit of more promising stories. But they'll be back, no doubt, as soon as the grand jury convenes again.

"It's sort of like the calm before the storm," one veteran investigator said last week. "Kind of like being in the eye of a hurricane. You're glad for the break but you know the second phase is coming like a freight train."

The Success has learned that investigators are only now beginning to link names of parents and children listed in record books seized during the YFZ raid with DNA evidence collected under a search warrant issued by Judge Barbara Walther.

And, at least one attorney connected with the case expects multiple indictments will flow from the grand jury possibly as soon as the July 22 scheduled meeting.

It is unclear, however, if additional grand jury meetings will be needed. Under Texas law, the current grand jury could meet as many times as necessary throughout its six-month term. Judge Walther empaneled the jury just one month ago on June 3rd. Under normal circumstances, Schleicher County grand jurors will meet only once during their term.

Meanwhile, members of the FLDS church are attempting to maintain the public relations initiative they launched shortly after the Texas Supreme Court ordered the release of all children taken into state custody during the 6-day-long raid. However, with few if any reporters around, the PR blitz has taken to the Internet, primarily on a couple of FLDS controlled websites and through a series of sympathetic blogs (web logs) whose authors seem to feed on one another's posts then pass along the resulting information as fact.

One such erroneous blog tidbit involved Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin who was praised on pro-FLDS blogs for his refusal to sign the initial YFZ Ranch search warrant.

The fact that Judge Griffin never saw the warrant and therefore didn't refuse to sign it, did little to deter a few daily newspapers from picking up the story in recent days and reporting it as fact.

The Success reported three weeks ago in its June 12th edition that Judge Griffin denied ever seeing the warrant because it went straight from Texas Ranger Sergeant Brooks Long to 51st District Court Judge Barbara Walther.

Other wild stories making the rounds on Internet websites and blogs involves the State of Texas allegedly conspiring with Baptist Churches in the state to kidnap

the children from the YFZ Ranch so they could be offered up for adoption through church-run orphanages. One version of the story said the state was about to lose federal funding because of a dip in adoptions so the courts hatched up the idea with Texas CPS.

Another incident resulted in guards being assigned to protect District Judge Barbara Walther after one blog, reportedly operated by a Florida man named Bill Medvecky, posted a map to Walther's home.

FLDS attorney and spokesperson Rod Parker quickly disavowed any connection between the FLDS church and Medvecky's blog just about the time the map to Walther's home was removed from the internet.

Still another blog report accuses the State of Texas with trying to uproot the residents of the YFZ Ranch by routing the Trans-Texas Corridor through the property. The story may sound good to conspiracy theorists, but it ignores the fact that the TTC is designed to run from Dallas to Austin to San Antonio and was conceived nearly a decade before Warren Jeffs' followers purchased the property that would become the YFZ Ranch.

It is possible that an over-zealous blogger mistook the proposed Ports-to-Plains Corridor with the TTC favored by Governor Rick Perry. Of course, the Ports-to-Plains Corridor idea is also more than a decade old. It actually grew out of an even earlier effort to get a 4-lane highway from Lubbock to San Angelo to Del Rio known as the I-27 Coalition.

At least one Internet venture launched recently by YFZ residents seems to be flourishing. Maggie (Margaret Ida) Jessop, daughter of YFZ Ranch manager Merrill Jessop, is selling prairie-style clothing for women and children over the internet. The business has gotten a lot of media attention which organizers hope will result in orders from paying customers.

The idea to make and sell clothing reportedly came while the YFZ children were in custody of Texas Child Protective Services. At that time a group of YFZ mothers started sewing clothes for the children and selling them to CPS.

Maggie Jessop is believed to be married to Wendell Loy Nielsen, one of the top men at the YFZ Ranch. Private Investigator Sam Brower of Cedar City, Utah, tells The Success that Maggie Jessop was previously married to Leroy Steed Jeffs, brother of FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs. When Leroy was excommunicated by Warren Jeffs, Maggie and her children were reassigned to Wendell Nielsen's household, this despite the fact that Leroy went to jail rather than reveal Warren Jeffs whereabouts while he was on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Wrecked and Abandoned

This 2006 Ford Ranger pickup, owned by Epigmenio Sanchez of Eldorado was found abandoned Sunday Morning, June 29, 2008, just north of the intersection of Depot Street and East Murchison Avenue. Jesus Vasquez, 18, of Eldorado was charged with leaving the scene of an accident after investigators determined that he was the one driving the vehicle at the time of the accident. When the vehicle's owner was called about the wreck, he told officers he thought the pickup was still in his driveway on West Fields Street.

THC offers World War II oral history training workshop and public forum

SAN ANGELO — The Texas Historical Commission (THC), in conjunction with the Tom Green County Historical Commission and historic Fort Concho, will conduct a free oral history training workshop from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 12. There will also be a public meeting to discuss area World War II military and home front sites from 1-2 p.m. at the Living History Stables "Classroom" at Fort Concho in San Angelo. The workshop is one of a series taking place across the state with funding provided by the Houston Endowment, the Summerlee Foundation of Dallas and other private donors. It is designed for people wishing to learn how to conduct and record oral histories pertaining to World War II and provide the public with an opportunity to discuss local World War II military and home front sites.

THC historians from Baylor University's Institute for Oral History, the Tom Green County Historical Commission

and Fort Concho will conduct the training at the classroom in the Living History Stables at Fort Concho. The fort is located at 236 Henry O. Flipper Street a mere half mile from downtown San Angelo.

Workshops, titled "Here and There: Recollections of Texas in World War II," are part of the THC's Texas in World War II initiative, a program to honor and preserve the memories of Texans who served in the armed forces during World War II and the contribution they made to the war effort. Partnering with the THC on these workshops is Baylor University's Institute for Oral History. Historical markers, a commemorative brochure and a military/home front sites survey are part of this special program.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Class of '58

Ringin' In The 77th Annual Mias Amigas meeting were members of the EHS Class of 1958. They include (Front L-R) Claudie Spencer, Mike Moore, Joy Dodd Robinette, Terry Carlman, Dee Jay Garvin, Jessie Trentham Jenkins, Jolene Davis Nixon, Juanice Williams Orr, Christabel Sauer Hutson, Becky Mund Moore, Judy McKee Lewis, Yvonne Logan Kerr, Ruth Williams Reed, Martin Vallis, Roy Short. (Back L-R) Voy J. Mitchell, Dick Runge, Rex Enochs, Tooter Henderson Dunham, Bob Whittis and Larry Boyer.

July 4th parade slated Friday

A 4th of July Independence Day parade is being planned by Cindy Daniels and Cathy Kuykendall. The parade is set to begin at 9 am on July 4 at the SCISD tennis courts on West Warner Avenue.

The parade will travel south from the tennis courts on West Street then turn left on Murchison Avenue. It will then proceed to the Courthouse Square.

Floats are welcome and some trailers are available for those who may not have

access to one.

Persons wanting to participate are encouraged to contact Cindy Daniels or Cathy Kuykendall at 325-853-2001 during the day or at 325-853-2819 or 775-338-8731 at night.

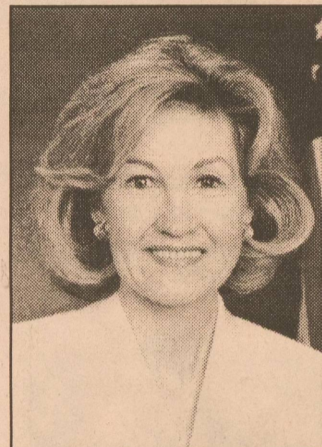
Those who are unwilling or otherwise unable to participate in the parade are encouraged to come out and watch. It's a wonderful way to celebrate our nation's independence!

American Liberty: A Beacon of Hope to the World

On July 3, 1776, the day after the Continental Congress unanimously voted for the Declaration of Independence, John Adams wrote this to his wife, Abigail: "You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil, and blood, and treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet, through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory."

The next day, when the Founding Fathers signed that Declaration of Independence, they pledged their "lives, fortunes and sacred honor" to create

a new nation rooted in liberty. They had complete faith in the righteousness of their struggle with no guarantee of its success. They saw that unprecedented opportunities lay ahead, though they were aware of the cost. And yet, they strove, through difficult times and against seemingly impossible odds, to secure the freedoms we enjoy today.



Commentary
by U.S. Senator
Kay Bailey Hutchison

For eight long years, early American forces struggled against the formidable British military. With help from our allies, including France, Spain, and the Dutch Republic, America eventually secured its independence.

The Declaration of Independence might be one of the most direct presentations of the natural rights of people in documented history. Across the world, other nations, silenced by oppressors and stifled under tyranny, have looked to America as a beacon of hope when they have chosen freedom and democracy for future generations of their children.

Within just the past 25 years, the light of liberty has spread across the globe. In 1955, the Warsaw Pact was signed by a block of Communist countries in Central and Eastern Europe. The Soviet-led pact - formalizing what Winston Churchill called "the Iron Curtain" in a speech right after World War II - was to be the Communist answer to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Thirty-five years later, with the collapse of the Soviet Union, the people of Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Romania, overthrew their Communist despots and thus seized their "unalienable rights" of freedom and self-governance.

Liberty has also spread in the Middle East, a region steeped in ancient tradition and centuries-old tribal systems. Persian Gulf states, like Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, and Bahrain, are slowly opening the political process to enfranchise all of their citizens by expanding voting rights and civil liberties to women. Some states now allow minority ethnic or religious populations to hold elected office. In Iraq, after nearly 25 years under Saddam Hussein's fierce dictatorship, the Iraqi people overwhelmingly affirmed a constitution in 2005. Though saddled with the challenge of a violent insurgency, this new democracy makes courageous strides toward stability every day.

The process is sometimes gradual and often difficult, but the rights that seem natural to Americans are illuminating dark parts of the world and introducing their citizens to freedom and democracy.

SEE AMERICAN LIBERTY ON PAGE 5

It's Independence Day 2008! Thank the Troops!

by Martin C. Boire

Let's all go out and celebrate our liberty, and while we do let's each take note that it's the troops who gained it for us in the American Revolution and protect it for us today.

So let's celebrate the 4th of July by honoring the troops.

Over 90 percent of us Americans have never served in the military. As Chairman of SupportOurTroops.Org, I am one of them, representative of the rest. And on behalf of all of us whom the troops protect, I thank them.

To my fellow civilians I posit the following question: Your neighbor leaves his family to go off and protect your family; morally what you should do for his family? For her family?

Do we leave them to it alone?

Of course not. These "troops" are actually our deployed neighbors who leave their families at home and go half way around the world to many different places to look out for our liberties, livelihoods, and businesses. And I believe that no matter where the troops are ordered to go, good Americans always stick up for the folks who stick up for them.

What, then, should we do for him, for her? We step up for them the way they have stepped up for all of us. We show them what we are made of. We show them we're with them. That we are willing to



stand with them who stand for us. They Support Us - Let's Support Them!

As Chairman of Support Our Troops® I see daily the needs of the troops and their stalwart families. And I daily witness the outpouring wonder of American individuals and groups who have such affection and appreciation for the troops.

We should all work to make the troops as proud of us as we are of them. Individual citizens are doing remarkable things for them all across this country. Major companies should do a great deal more, since they prosper within the domestic tranquility secured by the troops. Each of us can answer this call to excellence in the way we best can.

We civilians need to make ourselves more worthy of the burden our neighbors bear for us. It is impossible to do enough for these amazing people. We need to show them we are worthy of their actions. That we will take the domestic freedom they preserve for us and

make something yet grander of this National American Family.

Now is the time for all good citizens to come to the aid of their troops and their families. The load which the troops and their families carry is our load. They carry it for us. The time is right to stand for those who stand for all of us. To carry the load with them. To form a new bond with our fellows who serve in the military and protect us and our families. To look out for them and their families the way they looking out for all of us. Real men and women do not build themselves up upon the backs of their fellows. Good townfolk do not leave their sheriff out in the street alone. They stand with him, they stand together.

So let's celebrate the 4th of July this year by honoring the troops and renewing our moral covenant with them.

This Independence Day let's each commit to personally do something tangible for the amazing men and women who protect our independence daily. They Support Us - Let's Support Them!

Happy Independence Day, have some fun, and may God bless our amazing troops and their families.

Martin C. Boire, is Chairman of SupportOurTroops.Org, a civilian-led national 501(c)(3) nonprofit working for the troops and their families.



Adventures in Oakland, California

Just got back from visiting our son BZ and his family in Oakland, California. They live in an area that resembles a national park. The roadway leading to their home in the Oakland hills has graceful curves and is lined with tall redwood and eucalyptus trees. Spring flowers in every color imaginable decorate the neighborhood. The hills are steep, yet a walking and biking path above the roadway is smooth with only a slight incline. I took that walkway into the little village of Montclair, which has a farmers market every Sunday. A street was blocked off to make it safe for shoppers.

Despite the chilly temperature, which northern California is famous for (Mark Twain said he nearly froze to death one August in San Francisco), the area with all the booths was crowded. Young people, perhaps the sons and daughters of farmers, passed out samples of fresh apricots, peaches and berries of several varieties. I had my first aprium, a cross between an apricot and a plum. I bought several. We came home loaded with fruits and vegetables.



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

California is one interesting place. San Francisco has The Brain Wash Café, a fancy Laundromat with a bar, café and continuous entertainment. You practically have to make reservations to wash your clothes.

Oakland has the Chabot Space and Science Center, now celebrating its 125th year of operation. It focuses on astronomy and space sciences. BZ and his bunch are members; in fact BZ is building a fancy telescope. He spends hours rubbing a thick piece of glass about 8 inches across which will be the mirror. This is totally new for BZ, who is a musician and owns a recording studio. California makes you want to try things you've never tried before.

We went to Chabot to observe mission control during the Mars landing. The center had arranged

a closed circuit broadcast in its IMAX Theater. During the broadcast, the audience cheered right along with the folks running the mission, which was completed in perfect order.

I sat in on a recording session in BZ's studio. A band called Nearly Dead was putting the finishing touches on some songs. Musically, the band members have tons of talent. Their taste in the type music they do is questionable. It is loaded with profanity and violence. I call it trash music. But the sound quality is excellent. During the session, I brought BZ a cup of coffee. Two members of the group were amazed. They said, "My Dad would never do that for me." Strange.

To cap off the visit, BZ and I saw the new Indiana Jones movie. We had a blast. He is a Star Wars fan deluxe and to see the work of some of the folks who made Star Wars is always a thrill.

We had lots of adventures in Oakland, but the most fun was sitting around and visiting and watching the antics of our grandsons Max and Aiden, ages 5 and 2.

High court rulings draw comments from top state officeholders

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Texas' top officeholders spoke out in response to two hot-button cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court last week.

In District of Columbia v. Heller, the high court on June 26 struck down a law that banned private ownership of handguns in the District of Columbia.

"Texans have long held that it is a fundamental right of every law-abiding citizen to keep and bear arms," Gov. Rick Perry said. "Affirmation from our country's highest court should unquestionably cement this right for future generations of Texans and Americans."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said: "I applaud the Supreme Court for affirming our fundamental Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. This decision is a victory for law-abiding Americans who own guns for self defense, or for hunting and recreation and preserves an important thread in America's history."

In another case, Kennedy v. Louisiana, the state of Louisiana charged a man with the aggravated rape of his then-8-year-old stepdaughter. He was convicted and sentenced to death under a state law authorizing capital punishment for the rape of a child under 12. The Supreme Court ruled on June 25 that the law violates the Eighth Amendment prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment, because the crime did not result, and was not intended to result, in the victim's death.

Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst commented in opposition to the ruling.

"In my opinion," Perry said, "laws should be strong enough to deter these unspeakable offenses or, in the least, prevent these lowest of criminals from harming any child again."

Dewhurst said he was disappointed with the decision. "I believe, and the vast majority of Texans agree, that the death penalty is an appropriate form of punishment for repeat child molesters. Our top priority remains protecting our most precious resource: our children. Fortunately, our law here in Texas was carefully crafted to give prosecutors the option of seeking life in prison without parole in the event a court invalidated the death penalty provision."

Commission picks I-69 developer

The Texas Transportation Commission on June 26 picked San Antonio-based Zachry American and ACS Infrastructure to develop the Texas portion of Interstate 69 stretching from Brownsville to Texarkana.

Also competing for the bid was Bluebonnet Infrastructure Investors, composed of the Spanish firm Cintra, Citigroup, Earth Tech, Blanton & Associates, Maunsell, Othon and W.W. Webber.

The Texas Department of Transportation will negotiate a contract with the developer.

TxDOT Executive Director Amadeo Saenz said the highway department would use existing highway facilities wherever possible.

The project includes the development of local toll road projects in south Texas and work on a number of connecting highways in the I-69 corridor.

Commission Chair Deirdre Delisi said the project would have "limited" SEE CAPITAL ON PAGE 6

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Robert "Bob Eugene Isaacs

ELDORADO — On June 28, after a long, hard-fought battle, Bob Isaacs, age 77, left this world to ride off on his tractor headed for greener pastures. It was with sadness that we watched him go, but with gladness that we know his suffering has ended.

He was born on January 29, 1931 in Eldorado, TX to Robert F. Isaacs and Katherine Seymour, who preceded him in death.

He lived and worked in Austin and the surrounding areas for many years as an electrician. He was a member of the Local Union 520, IBEW for nearly 60 years and leaves behind a solid reputation as "Old Blue," an honest, hardworking man.

He returned to the Eldorado area in 1995 to settle on the Lazy T Ranch, which was his haven in his "retirement" years. Few things pleased him more than a buggy ride around his place, taking the time to appreciate all the work he'd done and all that there was yet to do. He enjoyed spending time in the shop that he built, tinkering, welding, wood working and generally fixing anything that caught his eye. If there wasn't anything to fix, he would think of something to build that would make life on the ranch that much better. He found great pleasure in ranching, hunting, fishing, gardening and any activity that would take him outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel, and is survived by their children, Teena Dorn and husband, Peter, of Country Club Hills, IL, Peggy Zion of Bastrop,

and Darin Isaacs of San Antonio.

He is also survived by his loving wife, Katy, his sisters, Jo Meredith and husband, Smokey, of Junction, Jewel Stewart and husband, James, of San Angelo, and Dolores Martin and husband, Alton, of Lewisville, his stepsons, Danny O'Neal of Austin, and Travis "Donny" O'Neal and wife, Shannon, of Round Rock, eight beautiful grandchildren, Angelica Dorn, Aaron Darn, Addie Najvar and husband, Steven, Beau Zion, Coltanna Zion, Casey O'Neal, Riley O'Neal, and Dusty O'Neal, and many much loved cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Services were performed by his son-in-law, Pastor Peter Dom, on Wednesday, July 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the Eldorado Cemetery Chapel on Hwy 190 W in Eldorado, Texas. There was a viewing at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the VistaCare Hospice Foundation, 402 N. Bryant Blvd., San Angelo, Texas, 76903. Donations can also be made on-line at www.vistacarefoundation.org.

The family would like to thank the many people whose get-well wishes, visits, and prayers brought comfort and peace to Bob throughout his illness. A special thanks goes to his VistaCare angels, who cared for him and his family with compassion and respect. In this difficult time, it was truly a blessing to have the generous support of so many.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jack Reynolds

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Jack Reynolds celebrate 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Reynolds celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 30, 2008, with a reception of family and friends at the home of Sidney and Melonie Reynolds of Eldorado.

Billy Jack Reynolds and Irene Leona Sauer were married June 30, 1948 in San Angelo. They are the parents of Sidney Reynolds of Eldorado, Lonnie

Reynolds of Houston, and Judy Terry of San Angelo. They also have 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The couple has lived in Eldorado on the family farm since their wedding. He is a retired farmer/rancher and she is a homemaker.

Hosts for the reception were the couple's children and their spouses.

NOTICE

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Randy Mankin, Publisher.

DEATH NOTICES

Billy C. Sykes

BALLINGER — Billy C. Sykes, 85, of Ballinger, passed away Saturday morning, June 28, 2008, in a San Angelo Hospital. Service was held Monday, June 30, at the First Presbyterian Church in Ballinger.

He is survived by his wife Mary, of Ballinger; his children, Ted Sykes and wife Donyale of Altoona, Pa., Tom Sykes and wife Deborah of Ballinger, and Alison Sykes of Houston; five grandchildren; a brother, Bobby Sykes and wife Pat of Eldorado; nephews and numerous other family members and friends.

Cayetano "Joe" Angiano Etheridge

OZONA — Cayetano "Joe" Angiano Etheridge, 78, died Thursday, June 26, 2008, in Garland, Texas. Funeral service was Monday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth Gonzales of Garland; sons Hector Etheridge and Raymond Etheridge, both of Corpus Christi; and sisters Emma Ponce of San Angelo and Alicia Robledo of Eldorado.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: * Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!
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AUSTIN — What started as a wild idea in 1999 has become an important way to fund wildlife and fisheries conservation and support state parks in Texas, as evidenced by tens of thousands of motorists who have raised more than \$4 million by humming down Lone Star roadways sporting conservation license plates.

An expanded Web site at www.conservationplate.org not only makes it easy to order the plates, but it includes a big new section called Projects Funded: Where The Money Goes that details how the money from each plate is used.

Few things seem to capture the essence of spring in Texas like bluebonnets in bloom, and the bluebonnet license plate supports state parks where the blossoms bloom in abundance. Since Texas Parks and Wildlife Department first offered the Bluebonnet License Plate in April 2001, it has grossed more than \$800,000 to benefit state parks.

The Whitetail Deer License Plate, brought out in March 2002, has grossed more than \$450,000 to benefit big game management and hunting programs.

The Largemouth Bass License Plate, also begun in March 2002, has grossed more than \$295,000 to benefit largemouth bass management and production.

The Ducks Unlimited Plate benefits wetlands habitat and diverse waterfowl and has grossed more than \$240,000 since its inception.

But the powerhouse plate in TPWD's stable, the little animal with the big following, is the Texas Horned Lizard License Plate. Although admittedly not nearly as fleet of foot as the deer, the lizard had a head start, as it was introduced in October 1999. Something about the official state reptile is clearly endearing to Texans, since this plate has grossed a whopping \$2 million-plus to benefit Wildlife Diversity programs and is the third-best selling specialty license plate in the state.

In fact, the Texas Horned Lizard License Plate is becoming a

mainstay for a historically less-funded aspect of wildlife conservation: nongame species. For many decades, game animal conservation has been comparatively well-funded in North America through hunting and fishing license sales and a federal excise tax on outdoor equipment. In 1938, Congress created the Pittman-Robertson/Wildlife Restoration federal aid program. In 1950, lawmakers followed up with the Dingell-Johnson/Sport Fish Restoration program. Since then, these grants have provided \$11.4 billion for state-based wildlife conservation. This successful model has restored deer, turkey, game fish and other game species, many of which have come back from severe depletion to record abundance.

In the 21st century, Congress created the State Wildlife Grants program, earmarking funds to conserve nongame animals not typically hunted or fished. Since 2001, the program has provided more than \$439 million to states, including \$22 million for Texas. This has the potential to do for nongame species what Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration federal aid has done for game animals.

This decade, TPWD worked with universities, conservationists and many others to create a new blueprint to "Keep Common Spe-

cies Common," the Texas Wildlife Action Plan. This is important for people and wildlife in two ways. First, it provides a practical way to proactively help hundreds of nongame wildlife species before it becomes necessary to list them as threatened or endangered. Second, the plan was required for Texas to continue to receive close to \$3 million per year in federal State Wildlife Grants, money that has become vital for wildlife conservation programs in the state.

Enter the horned lizard license plate. This spring TPWD awarded a new suite of grants funded with lizard plate revenue, including many projects that address priorities in the Texas Wildlife Action Plan. These efforts and the partners providing matching dollars are described in detail on the conservation license plate Web page.

They include Invaders of Texas, a citizen scientist program to detect and report invasive species led by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center; Coastal Prairie Conservation Initiative led by the Nature Conservancy of Texas to build local prescribed fire capacity, monitor and survey rare plants and help recover the endangered Attwater's prairie chicken; Captive Breeding Facility for Attwater's Prairie Chicken led by the Houston Zoo; Blackland Prairie Habitat Conservation to develop tallgrass

prairie conservation easements led by the Native Prairies Association of Texas; Blackland Prairie Habitat Restoration Project to assist private landowners with native grassland restoration led by the Trinity Basin Conservation Foundation; and a study of Conservation Genetics of Texas Horned Lizards led by Texas Christian University.

Another grant also helped fund the recently released book Rare Plants of Texas: a Field Guide, available through Texas A&M University Press. More information about Wildlife Diversity Conservation Grants funded by the horned lizard license plate is online, including grant application forms and deadlines.

To leverage more efforts like these in support of the Texas Wildlife Action Plan, TPWD and its partners plan to submit horned lizard plate funds combined with any partner matches for reimbursement under federal State Wildlife Grants, which require recipients to put up 50 percent of project costs. Supporters include the Texas coalition of Teaming With Wildlife, a national grass-roots group of more than 5,700 organizations supporting increased public funding for wildlife conservation and related education and recreation. The Texas coalition has set a goal to double sales of horned lizard plates.


Each conservation license plate costs just \$30, and \$22 goes directly to help fund conservation efforts in Texas. Starting this month, all four of TPWD's conservation license plates are also available for motorcycles and trailers.

The plate cost is in addition to the vehicle registration fee. Motorists can order a plate anytime; it's not necessary to wait for a renewal notice. Plates can be purchased online or at any county tax office in Texas, and should be ready about two weeks after the order is placed.

Seeking Rodeo Queen

Schleicher County Rodeo is up and coming July 25th - 26th and we are looking forward to crowning our local Rodeo Queen! If there are any young ladies that are interested in running for the Schleicher County Rodeo Queen, please contact Courtney Barbee at the County Extension office at 325-853-2132 or Ebby Chatham at 325-450-2303 for further information.

The Public Library Report



by Linda Thomas, Librarian

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6th Verna Cawley, Chuck Jones, Christina Redish, Gabe Schooley, Nina Saldivar, Michelle Mora, Lauren R. Lloyd
7th Nancy Sproul, Will Griffin, Wayne Mikeska, Dest Sudduth
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9th Glenda Nix, Renee Edmiston, Debi S. Pina, Brooke Henry
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11th Garrett Warnock, Earl Caulder, Gertrude Robinson, Andy Mayfield, Chris Pena, Abbie Mayfield

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Phone scam lures callers to dial overseas area codes

Scams regularly circulate through the internet and the telephone systems. One such scam targeting local phone customers uses fake prize winnings, or family members being in jail or sick, as an incentive to lure the customer into dialing a number. The number left by the scam call start with area codes 809, 284, or 876.

The caller assumes the number is a typical three-digit U.S. area code; however, the caller is actually connected to a phone number outside the United States, often in Canada or in a Caribbean nation.

Unfortunately you are then charged higher international call rates. The customer is unaware of the higher rates until they receive their bill.

A good rule of thumb is to return calls only to familiar numbers or recognizable area codes.

You may also call directory assistance or the long distance operator to check the area code location.

Carefully read your telephone bill each month to make sure the charges are accurate. Contact the carrier with whom the charge originated. Their name and toll free telephone number should be printed on the same bill page as the charge in question. Often you can solve the problem with a single phone call.

AT&T will be happy to work with you and the carrier to help remove fraudulent charges. Foreign telephone companies are not always easy to deal with because you actually made the call.

You may also file a complaint online with the Federal Communications Commission about this and or related phone scams.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jacob Swindle and LeVona Lloyd

Lloyd/Swindle Engagement

The parents of LeVona Lloyd, Texas and formerly of Reserve, New Mexico. An August wedding is planned.

Jacob and LeVona will make their home in San Angelo, Texas with their daughter Jozee.

Capital Highlights...

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and "innovative" tolling. The proposal can be seen at www.keeptexasmoving.com.

Comptroller gives revenue report

The revised state franchise tax produced about \$4.2 billion in revenue May 1 through June 24, the office of the Texas comptroller reported June 25. That is \$1.7 billion short of the projected intake of \$5.9 billion.

Late filers have until Aug. 15 or Nov. 15 to pay, based on the amount of tax owed. Of the 133,000 businesses in Texas that were required to file, 46,000 were granted extensions after the original April 15 deadline.

The Legislature created the revised franchise tax in May 2006. The expected increase in revenue was intended to help offset a reduc-

tion in property taxes collected by local school districts.

State Representative West dies

State Rep. G.E. "Buddy" West, R-Odessa, died June 25. He was 71. West was elected to the House in 1992 to represent Ector, Rankin and Winkler counties. He served eight terms. Texas flags were lowered in the Capitol Complex and at all state buildings, installations and institutions in West's District 81.

Ex-Supreme Court justice dies

James A. Baker of Dallas, a former Texas Supreme Court justice, died June 22. He was 77.

Then-Gov. George W. Bush appointed Baker to the Texas Supreme Court in 1995. Baker was elected to a full six-year term in 1996.

American Liberty...

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Throughout our own nation's history, whenever our freedom has been threatened, we have risen to its defense. On battlefields across the world, our forces have heeded the call to service, fought on the frontlines, and showed the true measure and depth of American character. Whether at Bunker Hill, on the beaches of Normandy, or in the streets of Baghdad, their mission has always been the same: fight for freedom, liberty, and a just society.

In the face of global terrorism, America's own resolve is again being tested. Iraq and Afghanistan -- the central fronts in the Global War on Terror -- are where the forces of freedom, tolerance, and democracy are fighting to defeat the tyranny and oppression of Al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and the

radical Islam that was exported to American soil.

The eyes of the world are on our nation as we meet this great challenge. Our enemies and friends are watching to see if America has the same tenacity and commitment that we've exhibited throughout our great history.

As families across Texas, and throughout the U.S., gather to celebrate this Independence Day, let us all keep our brave prayers in our prayers. And let us always remember they are fighting to preserve the liberties our forebears won so long ago.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.

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ACROSS

1. Bit of verbal fanfare

5. Makes better

10. Instrument for a Marx

14. "Bearded" bloom

15. Join forces

16. "Back to you"

17. Top of the standings

19. ___ sci (coll. major)

20. Jack Sprat no-no

21. Muddy up

22. Up-and-comer

24. Ceramist's oven

25. "Get Smart" bad guys

26. End of one's patience, perhaps

31. Like tabloid headlines

33. Thumbs-downs

34. Prefix with natal

35. Till stack

36. Hostilities ends

38. Lasting impression

39. OCS grads

40. Koko Head island

41. Mean look

42. Yoga posture

46. "___ went that away!"

47. "The Sweetest Taboo" singer

48. Big commotion

51. Shop sign abbr.

52. Seashell seller

55. Stoogian assault

56. Fashionable mole

59. Braxton of R&B

60. Photographer Adams

61. San ___, Italy

62. "___ boy!"

63. "A-laying" Christmas

64. Wilson of "Starky & Hutch"

DOWN

1. Petty quarrel

2. Bocelli delivery

3. Malicious gossip

4. Pompous sort

5. St. Peter's topper

6. Disconnect

7. Iranian money

8. List-ending abbr.

9. Slow leaks

10. Words of optimism

11. Bell-ringing cosmetics company

12. Move, in Realtor-speak

13. Strait-laced

18. Took a stab at

23. Brewer's need

24. Singer Kristoferson

25. Clove hitch or granny

26. French sea port

27. Ear's "anvil"

28. Ancient Peruvian

29. Within earshot

30. Ran like mad

31. Veg out

32. "... lamp ___ my feet"

36. Lunch holder

37. Seafarer's "Hey!"

38. ___ gin fizz

40. Workplace watchdog org.

41. Light headed

43. Perfect world

44. Units of Time

45. Be a snitch

48. Netmen's org.

49. It may thicken

50. Talk wildly

51. Move gently

52. Eject forcefully

53. Order to James

54. School on the Thames

57. Suffix with butyl

58. "Full," at a theater

Where It's At

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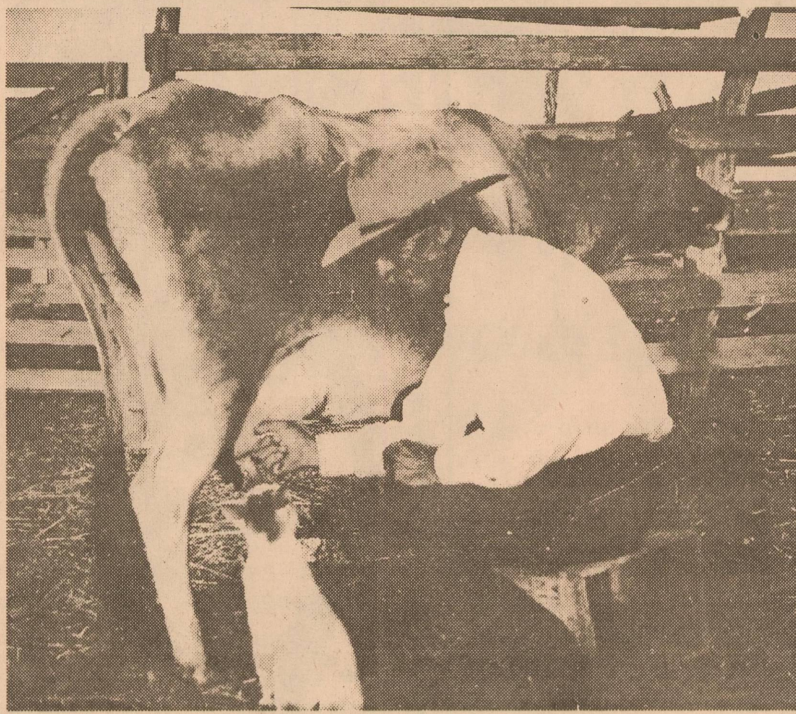
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Tom Palmer

Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

4th of July

The 4th of July was always a grand day of celebrating the freedom of America in the small town of Eldorado in the early 1900's. The day began at sunrise with Tom Palmer shooting his gun into the air.

Tom Palmer, a prominent citizen of Schleicher County since the late 1800's, had settled in the Vermont Pasture Neighborhood. At one time he was cattle foreman for The Black Ranch in eastern part of the Co. He was just the citizen to start the day of celebration!

All of Schleicher County residents came to town to join the festivities on the 4th of July. Ranchers and farmers provided beef for the free barbecue with all the trim-

mings. Tin cups were attached around big lemonade barrels, and everyone drank from the same cups through out the day.

The celebration included baseball games, roping contests, horse races, flag drills, political speeches and free food. Kids ran freely around the courthouse square playing games while the women sat under shade trees catching up on the latest gossip. There was something for every one to participate in.

When the sun went down there was always dancing on a wooden platform. Local fiddlers and musicians provided good dance music.

Some times these celebrations lasted two days.

DPS increases patrols to reduce July 4 traffic fatalities

The Texas Highway Patrol wants drivers and passengers to have a safe July 4 holiday weekend, so they are increasing patrols to reduce traffic fatalities and crashes. Troopers will be looking for people who are driving drunk, speeding or not wearing safety belts.

"If the thought of killing or injuring others on the road while you're driving drunk is not enough to make you drive sober, just remember that our troopers will be looking to arrest you," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr, director of the DPS. "Many drunk drivers think that they are sober enough to drive and discover that they are wrong when they're arrested and taken to jail."

Texas can avoid jail by driving sober. They should designate a sober driver before the drinking starts and make sure the driver stays sober. Instead of risking drinking too much, the sober driver should stick to all nonalcoholic drinks before getting behind the wheel.

Last year during the extended holiday weekend (July 3-8), DPS troopers made 689 driving while intoxicated arrests and issued 10,445 speeding citations. During that same weekend, they issued 2,167 tickets for safety belt viola-

tions and 577 for child safety seat and booster seat violations.

This year, beginning at midnight on Friday, July 4 and running through midnight Sunday, July 6, the Texas Highway patrol will have all available troopers patrolling highways throughout the state. Troopers are participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)—a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. They are also participating in Operation Holiday—a statewide effort by law enforcement to reduce fatalities during holiday weekends.

Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers:

- Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed.
- Secure everyone in the vehicle properly, either with a safety belt or in the appropriate car seat or booster.
- Save phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to make your calls.
- Make sure you have enough gas in the fuel tank to make it to your destination.
- Drive with courtesy—do not participate in road rage behavior.

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The Blotter

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 25 • Fuentes, John Paul, male age 22, offense Failure to Appear-Furnish Alcohol to Minor.

June 27 • Vega, David Lara male age 30, offense-Failure to Appear-DWI.

June 28 • Cruz, Mark male age 37, serving 7 days.

INCIDENTS

June 24 • 8:00 pm Caller reported reckless driver and requested an officer. Driver reported just tired.

• 9:29 pm Caller reported they

would be shooting skunks at their residence. All units notified.

June 25 • 12:17 am Caller reported kids riding motorcycles late. Officer notified.

• 11:56 pm • Caller wanted to speak to an officer about an argument they had at the apartments. Officer responded.

June 26 • 4:57 am Alarm went off at store. Clerk entered wrong code.

• 10:19 am Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

• 9:03 pm Caller reported a gas walk off. Officer responded

June 28 • 12:03 am 911 call came in from Sonora Oil Field number.

June 30 • 8:54 pm Caller called into and could not be understood. Officer responded to residence.

July 1 • 1:17 pm Caller reported a vehicle accident on US 190 East.

Meals for Friends Menu



MONDAY JULY 7

Bar-B-Que Beef Sandwich, Baked French Fries, Baby Carrots, Bun Coleslaw, Peaches w/Whipped Topping, Milk

TUESDAY JULY 8

Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, Macaroni Salad, Cubed Cantaloupe, Milk

WEDNESDAY JULY 9

Beef Tips w/Gravy, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Tossed Salad w/3 Tomato Slices, Banana Pudding, Milk

THURSDAY JULY 10

Chicken Fajita w/ Onion & Green Pepper, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans & Cheese, Flour Tortilla, Lettuce and Tomato, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

FRIDAY JULY 11

Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Sliced Beets, Dinner Rolls, Strawberry Banana Mix, Bread Pudding w/Raisins, Milk

City of Eldorado Water and Wastewater System Improvements Project Request for Qualifications Engineering Planning, Design, and Construction Management Phase Engineering Services

The City of Eldorado (City) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ), for project planning, design, and construction management phase engineering services associated with its proposed **Water and Wastewater System Improvements Project**. The anticipated duration of this service contract is **36 months** with a tentative starting date of **July 30, 2008**. **The City proposes to upgrade the existing water and wastewater facilities.**

Any contract or contracts awarded under this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) may be funded in part by a loan from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this RFQ, or any resulting contract.

This procurement is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy," which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) & Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to SMWBE's. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

MBE: CONSTRUCTION 34%; SUPPLIES 18%; EQUIPMENT 13%; SERVICES 22%.
 WBE: CONSTRUCTION 8%; SUPPLIES 29%; EQUIPMENT 13%; SERVICES 26%.

Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60. Small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises are encouraged to respond.

The RFQ is available from the City upon request or by picking-up a copy at the address below during regular office hours. Six (6) copies of the SOQ Package should be submitted by 5:00 pm (CST), **July 21, 2008**, in a sealed envelope to the following address and clearly labeled accordingly:

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who came by for a condolence visit to our home and funeral home to visit Lester and the family. We appreciate the food, flowers, symphony cards that were sent to us and any other deeds that were done.

A special thank you to Donna Hanusch for being by my side at the hospital to console me. Also to Schleicher County Deputy Jason Chatham who helped make calls to reach my two sons, the doctors and nursing staff at the hospital.

Another special thank you to Rev. Steven Rowe, First United Methodist Church, soloist Bob Lester and Lynn Meador for providing the music and the ladies at the church who provided the well done luncheon for our family, relatives and friends.

Also, we would like to thank the ambulance personnel who brought Lester to the hospital and to Kerbow Funeral Home for their fine care and service.

In closing we appreciate the gracious donations and memorials given to the Meals for the Elderly and church in honor of Lester.

Lester Dahlberg Family
 Mary, Louise, Nick, Matthew
 Granddaughter Lily

Solution to puzzle on Page 5

Where It's At

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The City of Eldorado is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for management, administrative, and planning services in conjunction with the Community Development Block Grant Fund and Community Development Supplemental Fund from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) for program years of 2007/2008. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified management firm to administer the contract. Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

Mayor John Nikolauk
City of Eldorado
P.O. Box 713
Eldorado, Texas 76936

Proposals must be received by the City no later than 4:00 p.m., July 24, 2008 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

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Alzheimer's passes diabetes as sixth leading cause of death in U.S.

(SPM Wire) Alzheimer's disease is now the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics.

The CDC estimates that 72,914 Americans died of Alzheimer's disease in 2006. With an unprecedented historic population shift of 78 million aging baby boomers in the country and this disease poised

to strike 10 million boomers -- it is clear this escalating epidemic must be addressed now.

Today, as many as 5.2 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. The Alzheimer's Association's "2008 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures" report revealed one out of eight baby boomers will develop this disease that currently has no effective disease-modify-

ing treatments to halt or delay its progression.

Experts predict by 2010, there will be almost a half million new cases of Alzheimer's disease each year; and by 2050, there will be almost a million new cases each year.

"The CDC's announcement that Alzheimer's disease jumped from the seventh to the sixth leading cause of death should serve as a wake-up call to the nation," said William Thies, PhD, vice president of Medical and Scientific Rela-

tions at the Alzheimer's Association. "The fact that there are no effective treatments for Alzheimer's has allowed the disease to pass diabetes. It is vitally important that we increase Alzheimer's research funding to slow or stop the progression of this devastating disease."

Researchers are closing the gap in developing accurate ways to diagnose and treat Alzheimer's.

Although there are several promising drugs currently in Phase III clinical trials, many feel that insufficient research funds are

committed to research focused on Alzheimer's disease treatment and prevention. This situation is further compounded by the fact that for the past five years the NIH budget has been essentially flat, stresses the Alzheimer's Association, which continues to push for the acceleration of research.

The CDC also reported that while deaths from Alzheimer's disease were on the rise, other chronic conditions were on the decline. Between 2005 and 2006, the largest decline in age-adjusted

death rates occurred for influenza/pneumonia (12.8 percent), and also included chronic lower respiratory diseases (6.5 percent), stroke (6.4 percent), heart disease (5.5 percent) diabetes (5.3 percent), hypertension (5 percent), chronic liver disease (3.3 percent) and cancer (1.6 percent).

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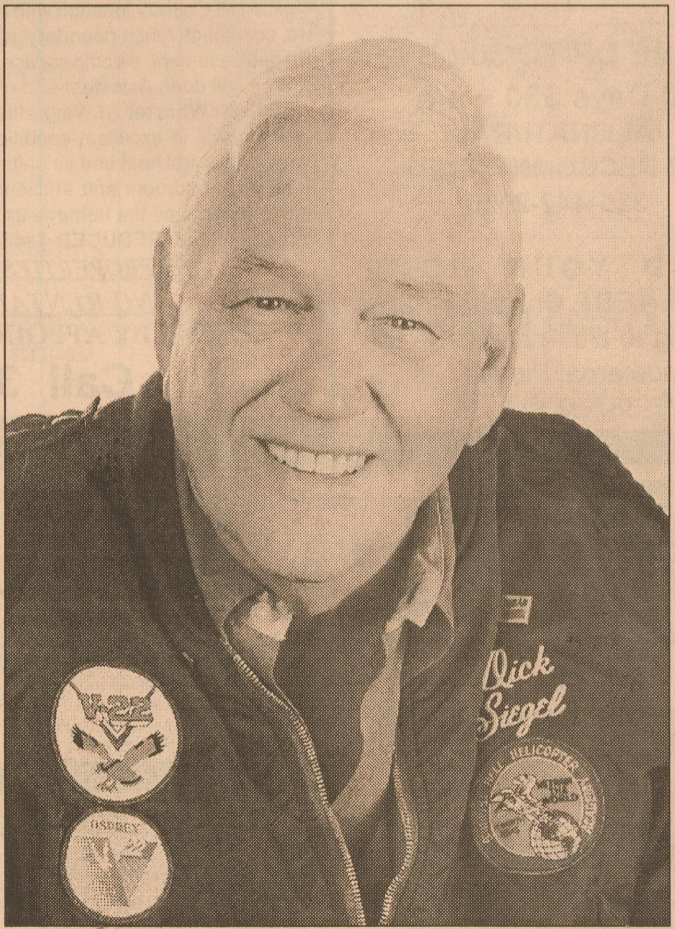
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Weather experts advise following the 30/30 lightning safety rule.

A house or other substantial structure offers the best protection from lightning. Following a flash of lightning, go inside if you are not able to count 30 seconds before hearing thunder. If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance. If you are in an urban area and can hear thunder above city noise, it's time to go inside. Remain indoors for 30 minutes following the last thunderclap that you hear.

For additional lightning safety information, visit www.lightning-safety.noaa.gov.

Researcher: Watermelon May Have Viagra-Effect

COLLEGE STATION -- A cold slice of watermelon has long been a Fourth of July holiday staple. But according to recent studies, the juicy fruit may be better suited for Valentine's Day.

That's because scientists say watermelon has ingredients that deliver Viagra-like effects to the body's blood vessels and may even increase libido.

"The more we study watermelons, the more we realize just how amazing a fruit it is in providing natural enhancers to the human body," said Dr. Bhimu Patil, director of Texas A&M's Fruit and Vegetable Improvement Center in College Station.

"We've always known that watermelon is good for you, but the list of its very important healthful benefits grows longer with each study."

Beneficial ingredients in watermelon and other fruits and vegetables are known as phyto-nutrients,

naturally occurring compounds that are bioactive, or able to react with the human body to trigger healthy reactions, Patil said.

In watermelons, these include lycopene, beta carotene and the rising star among its phyto-nutrients -- citrulline -- whose beneficial functions are now being unraveled. Among them is the ability to relax blood vessels, much like Viagra does.

Scientists know that when watermelon is consumed, citrulline is converted to arginine through certain enzymes. Arginine is an amino acid that works wonders on the heart and circulation system and maintains a good immune system, Patil said.

"The citrulline-arginine relationship helps heart health, the immune system and may prove to be very helpful for those who suffer from obesity and type 2 diabetes," said Patil. "Arginine boosts nitric oxide, which relaxes blood vessels, the same basic effect that Viagra has, to treat erectile dysfunction and maybe even prevent it."

While there are many psycho-

logical and physiological problems that can cause impotence, extra nitric oxide could help those who need increased blood flow, which would also help treat angina, high blood pressure and other cardiovascular problems.

"Watermelon may not be as organ specific as Viagra," Patil said, "but it's a great way to relax blood vessels without any drug side-effects."

The benefits of watermelon don't end there, he said. Arginine also helps the urea cycle by removing ammonia and other toxic compounds from our bodies.

Citrulline, the precursor to arginine, is found in higher concentrations in the rind of watermelons than the flesh. As the rind is not commonly eaten, two of Patil's fellow scientists, Drs. Steve King and Hae Jeen Bang, are working to breed new varieties with higher concentrations in the flesh.

In addition to the research by Texas A&M, watermelon's phyto-nutrients are being studied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service in

Lane, Oklahoma.

As an added bonus, these studies have also shown that deep red varieties of watermelon have displaced the tomato as the lycopene king, Patil said. Almost 92 percent of watermelon is water, but the remaining 8 percent is loaded with lycopene, an anti-oxidant that protects the human heart, prostate and skin health.

"Lycopene, which is also found in red grapefruit, was historically thought to exist only in tomatoes," he said. "But now we know that it's found in higher concentrations in red watermelon varieties."

Lycopene, however, is fat-soluble, meaning that it needs certain fats in the blood for better absorption by the body, Patil said.

"Previous tests have shown that lycopene is much better absorbed from tomatoes when mixed in a salad with oily vegetables like avocado or spinach," Patil said. "That would also apply to the lycopene from watermelon, but I realize mixing watermelon with spinach or avocados is a very hard sell."

No studies have been conducted to determine the timing of the consumption of oily vegetables to improve lycopene absorption, he said.

"One final bit of advice for those Fourth of July watermelons you buy," Patil said. "They store much better uncut if you leave them at room temperature. Lycopene levels can be maintained even as it sits on your kitchen floor. But once you cut it, refrigerate. And enjoy."

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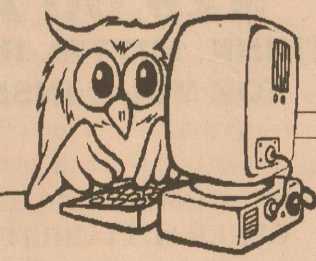
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