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(L-R) Makenzie Gross, Dakota Gross, Colton Arendt, Cassidy Arendt, Micaela Forlano and Kendall Robinson (Back) dressed for success last Thursday as they arrived for "Wacky Weather Day" at the Schleicher County Public Library. The youngsters are participating in the Summer Reading Program. Required reading for the day was "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs."

School trustees hire elementary principal

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday evening, July 14th, and voted to hire Houston Hendryx as elementary principal, replacing Maela Edmonson who left to take a job in Mertzon.

Hendryx comes to Eldorado from Lorena ISD near Waco where he served as assistant principal in the junior high school. He is a native of Alpine and a graduate of Sul Ross State University.

Among other business, the board also hired Tammy Dombroski as a secondary math teacher, Kay Creek as a secondary English language arts teacher, Crystal Dearman as an elementary teacher, Maria Rodriguez as the elementary ESL instructor, and Karen Trent as a secondary social studies teacher and coach.

Like wise, the trustees accepted the resignation of Stuart Carter who leaves Eldorado to take a job in Iraan.

The board also approved a new scale for extra duty and coaching stipends for the upcoming school year.

The meeting was the board's regular monthly session. It was called to order at 6 p.m. by board president Kurtis Homer with trustees Leanne Higgins, Berta Nicholson, Lupe Sanchez, Kirk Jones and Robert Jay in attendance. Trustee Jan Wanoreck was absent.

The meeting began with the board hearing from elementary teacher Candy Homer and librarian Luann Shipman who advised them of the need to move forward with work in the elementary

gymnasium. They noted the work was previously approved and is being funded by a grant from the Wolslager Foundation.

It was explained that the grant will help transform the gym into a multi-purpose meeting room/communication and media center. A large retractable screen is to be installed as are covering for the gym windows.

The board again voiced their approval of the project and urged the women to move forward with it in hopes of completing before the end of the year.

Finance director Ray Ballew then updated the board on the district's finances. The trustees approved the finance report and the minutes of the previous meeting.

The trustees then turned their attention to architect Larry Harvey and plans he provided for upgrading the high school and middle school gyms. The high school gym will be getting air conditioning while the middle school gym will receive a major upgrade to the locker rooms and public rest rooms.

It was noted the board could begin calling for bids on the gym projects as early as their next meeting on August 11, 2008.

The board then approved a shared services agreement for the purchase of electrical power. The agreement allows the district to account for its electrical expenditures in the most beneficial way under the state's school funding rules.

The trustees then elected Kurtis Homer as a delegate and Leanne Higgins as alternate delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards delegate assembly in Dallas during the TASB convention September 25-28.

The board then entered into a lengthy executive session for the discussion of personnel matters and the purchase of real property.

The board approved the previously mentioned hiring decisions when they returned to open session.

The trustees then approved the purchase of a house located at 106 West Callender Street. The house will be used for teacher/staff housing.

Before adjourning, the board approved a recommendation by EHS principal Scotty Carman that changes the way grades are "weighted" for some high school courses. It was explained that in the past, EHS students have been discouraged from taking advanced placement or college level courses because the standard or required level courses were "weighted" giving them more impact on a student's grade point average.

The new plan, which take effect with the coming school year, places more weight on advanced placement classes.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees is slated for 6 p.m. on Monday August 11, 2008 in the Eldorado High School library.

Senate Judiciary Committee to probe alleged FLDS crimes

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) renewed his call this week for a federal inquiry into organized criminal activity within the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS). And, Reid has apparently garnered the support of enough senators to lead to a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The meeting, still in the planning stages, could be held as early as Thursday, July 24th.

Reid, whose initial call for a federal task force a few months ago was rebuffed by former Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez, has significantly increased the pressure on the DOJ to the point that newly appointed Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey seems to be warming to the idea, if not outright embracing it.

Reid's concerns center around alleged crimes within the FLDS community ranging from polygamy, to welfare fraud, to bribery and organized crime.

Reid also plans to offer legislation next week that would establish a federal task force aimed at investigating polygamous groups like the FLDS. His press spokesman Jon Summers told The Success on Tuesday that the legislation would also set aside funds for grants to state and local law enforcement agencies as well as money to help assist women

and children trying to escape from polygamy.

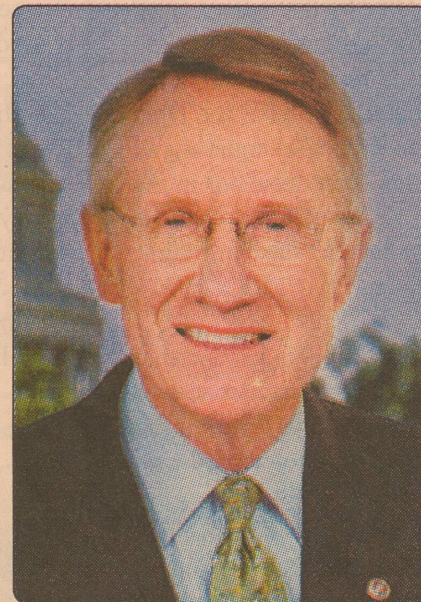
Reid, a member of the mainstream Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) has taken a lot of criticism from within the FLDS community whose members suspect his campaign is orchestrated by the LDS church leadership in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The LDS church, established by Joseph Smith in the early 1800's, gave up the practice of polygamy or plural marriage in the 1890s. The FLDS church has maintained the tradition of polygamy and claims to the true Mormon church.

Next week's Senate hearings closely follow a meeting in Las Vegas by representatives from the Utah, Arizona and Texas Attorney General offices, as well as FBI and Texas Ranger investigators.

Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff has agreed to testify and *The Success* has learned that best-selling author Carolyn Jessop is also slated to appear before the committee. Ms. Jessop is a former member of the FLDS and was once married to YFZ Ranch overseer Merrill Jessop.

Among the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee are Texas Senator John Cornyn, Arizona Senator John Kyl and Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy. Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont chairs the committee.



COURTESY PHOTO

Senate Majority Leader
Harry Reid (D-NV)

Grand Jury meets Tuesday

Schleicher County grand jurors are slated to meet again on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 to review evidence gathered during the April 3, 2008 raid at the YFZ Ranch.

The jury first met on June 2, 2008 when they handed down 18 indictments unrelated to the YFZ case.

The Jurors next met on June 25 in a day-long session that was reportedly devoted entirely to the YFZ investigation.

Both meetings were held in the Schleicher County courthouse, but next Tuesday's meeting could be held elsewhere, possibly in the Memorial Building or at the Schleicher County Civic Center.

As always, investigators and prosecutors aren't saying much about next week's grand jury. However, a couple of sources close to some of the YFZ

families believe that a few indictments, at the very least, can be expected on Tuesday.

Still, any indictment is likely to be sealed by the court until such time as warrants can be served.

Authorities believe the grand jury will continue to meet throughout its six-month term.

Rozita a.k.a. Sarah is a day late

Rozita Swinton, the Colorado woman accused of making a series of hoax calls that led to the raid at the YFZ Ranch, was a wanted person for about a day.

The Success learned this week that Ms. Swinton entered a not guilty plea to similar charges last week. However, on Monday she failed to show for a routine probation hearing and a warrant was issued for her arrest. She reported on Tuesday and the warrant was dropped.

Commissioners table new phone system

Schleicher County Commissioners Court opened Monday with Verizon representative Christy Ross explaining a proposed \$16,000 Nortel phone system to Commissioners Matt Brown and Kirk Griffin. Commissioner's Lynn Meador and Johnny Mayo were absent. The commissioners had asked for a cost estimate at a previous meeting. The men asked several question about the system before tabling the matter and moving on to other business.

The commissioners then voted to advertise for diesel fuel bids to be opened July 28, 2008.

Next, insurance consultant Bobby Zesch brought good news

to the court regarding the county's employee health insurance for the upcoming year. Due to a low claims rate, the county will receive a monthly \$1,513.08 renewal credit and a mere 2 percent increase in monthly premiums. The court voted to approve the plan which is provided through the Texas Association of Counties.

County Clerk Peggy Williams then presented the names of election judges and alternate judges for the 2008 November General Election. The court approved the list.

Next, election administrator Brenda Mayfield asked for

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Reader Mail

It's time again to reach into our mailbag and see what readers are thinking. We read:

"This note is in response to your article 'Torture never is right in the U.S.' Your column is, or was, 'Once upon a time' ... this is obviously a different time, different world. It feels good to dream, but you're dreaming, along with the Human Rights Watch."

It is a different world, indeed. It's a world in which the nation once regarded as the best hope of people tortured and held without charges in the dungeons of despotic regimes is holding people without charges and torturing them. National security, you know. It's what they cite to justify torture,

whether it's in North Korea, Havana or Washington. Categorizing the United States in that group seems like some unreal nightmare. But it's no dream.

One key difference, though: In the United States, reporters get to inform the public about events that stained the national honor, and the public gets to vote the people responsible for the horror out of office.

John McCain was appalled by that horror, once upon a time. But when the Supreme Court began to restore America's tarnished reputation with a ruling that prisoners at Guantanamo have the right to challenge their detention in federal court -- and McCain called it "one of the worst decisions in the history of the country."

It was, of course, a pander to the hard right, which had been complaining that McCain was pandering to Hispanics.

"Unfortunately for McCain, this is just another reason why he won't get my vote," someone else wrote. "McCain's so intent on getting the Latino vote, he forgets there are millions of voters who aren't of Hispanic/Latino heritage."

Hmm. I dunno. I hear from McCain insiders that the campaign has discovered stunning Census Bureau data that shows almost 85 percent of the electorate is, in fact, not of the Hispanic/Latino heritage. I am told they will take that figure into account as they develop their political strategy in the next few months.

Remember, you read it here first.

Those McCain Haters must think I am one of those no-good liberals. And some Obama fans must think I am one of those no-good conservatives.

"I don't know what gives you the right to talk so badly about Senator Obama," one reader wrote. "He is an American citizen and more intelligent than you will ever be. He is a once-in-a-lifetime leader and the next JFK. I know what you are, you are a white wannabe."

The column that prompted that e-mail was, I thought, a fairly well-balanced commentary about Obama's pastor problem, right after his celebrated speech in Philadelphia.

I said his refusal at the time to break ties with the Rev. Wright was based on arguments "so weak as to be unworthy of the nuanced and obviously paradox-capable mind Barack Obama clearly owns." Soon thereafter came the pastor eruption that finally convinced Obama to disown his former mentor.

Which makes his initial refusal even more obviously a flawed decision, by a flawed candidate who nevertheless remains the best hope to restore this nation's moral standing.

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Water from on High

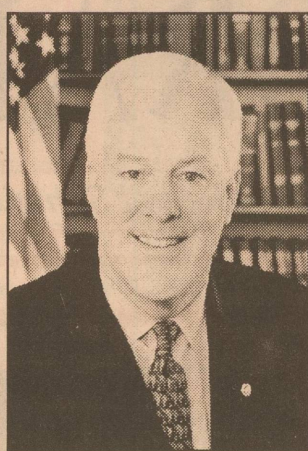
Water is the lifeblood of Texas. Starting with our state's early inhabitants, the availability of water determined where Texans would live.

The insatiable demand also led to creative attempts to produce more water. Experiments in rain-making began in drought-plagued areas of Texas more than 100 years ago. In a memorable experiment in 1891, college professor John T. Ellis fired cannons at explosives that had been launched with balloons over South Texas.

"After several delays because of unsettled weather, a two-day bombardment of the sky apparently paid off with a downpour. But cynics said that Ellis had simply stalled until rain appeared inevitable, and doubts remained about the practicality of the technique," according to the Handbook of Texas.

As populations increased, Texans wanted dependable water reserves. Where towns sprung up, so did water towers. The municipal water tower is often the first sight as you approach most Texas towns. Along with their primary function, water towers provided city leaders an opportunity to welcome visitors and to advertise their community and its points of pride.

In Poteet, host of the Straw-



Commentary

by U.S. Senator
John Cornyn

berry Festival each April, the tower is painted to resemble the town's most famous product. The water tower in Luling, home of the annual Watermelon Thump festival, depicts its leading crop. Crockett promotes "Paradise in the Pines."

While all water towers rise above the landscape, some stand out for their design or message. Kemah on Galveston Bay built a water tower shaped and painted to resemble a lighthouse -- in addition to operating as a lighthouse as well. Alice bills its tower as the "world's tallest, cement water tower."

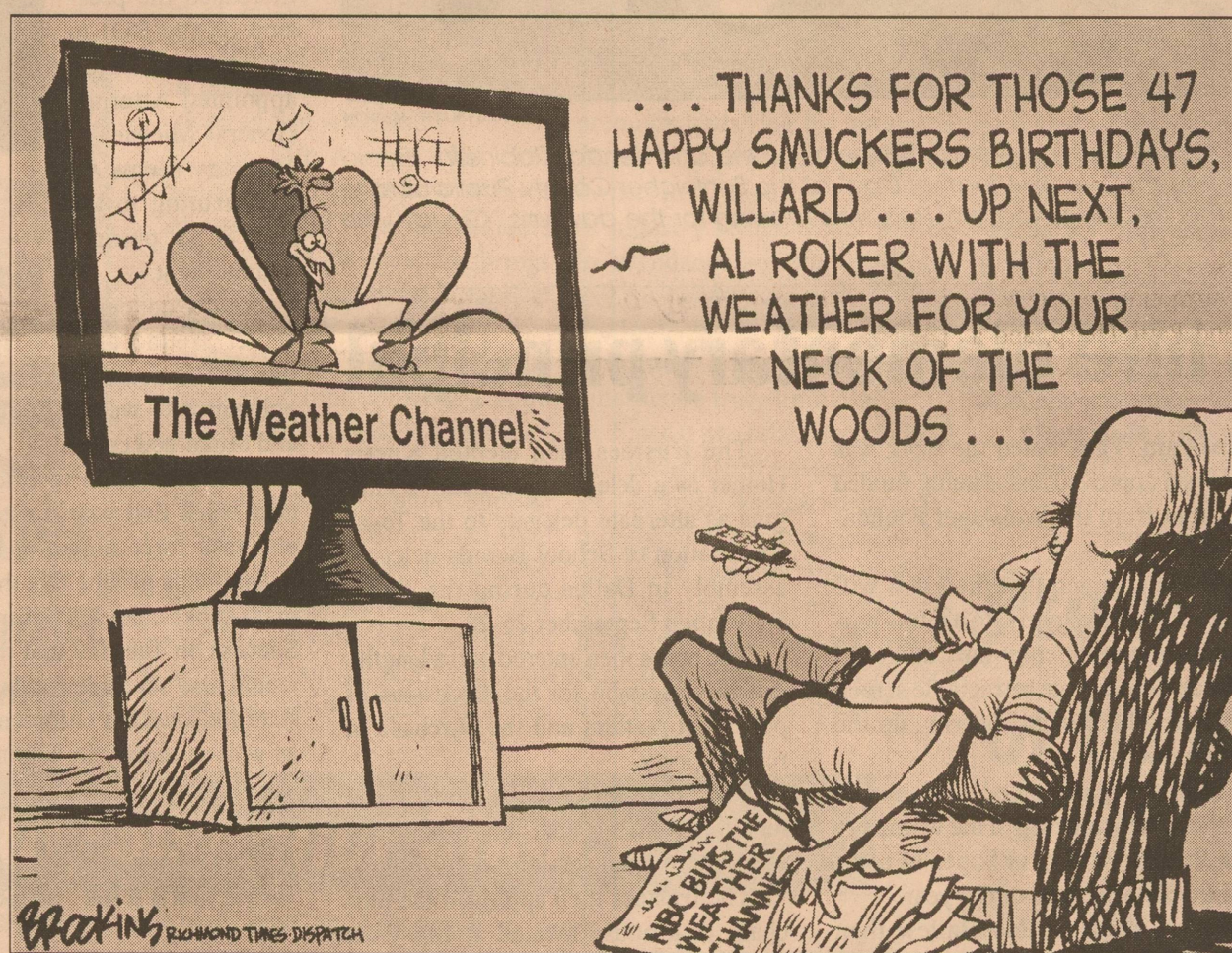
Kermit, near the New Mexico border, painted its tower to resemble the beloved frog star of children's television. A tower in Plainview bears the name of another town, Rustwater, the fictional place featured in Steve Martin's 1992 film, Leap of Faith. San Benito's tower recognizes the town's famous son and Grammy-winning singer, Freddy Fender.

The most common tower design, however, is the "Tin Man" shape, reminiscent of The Wizard of Oz character. Other designs are used: Pedespheres sometimes are described as a "golf ball-on-a-tee." Standpipes are tall columns. Some water tanks are supported by tripod structures. Many cities are building water spheres, which are large tanks supported by a number of pillars.

Some towers are central to local history. "In 1918 the six-year-old Fentress water tower collapsed onto the town's only bank; cashier J. W. Lipscomb saved his life by dashing into the vault. This high water mark in Fentress history was viewed by some as divine judgment," the Handbook of Texas reports.

In Columbus, the original tower -- built of 400,000 bricks with walls 32 inches thick -- defied attempts long ago to demolish it

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Two Wheeling in the Mountains

It's something I've wanted to do for a long time: ride my bicycle through some Texas mountains. My son Kevin had been wanting to do it for sometime, too.

We decided to do it, finally, after years of just talking about it. And we decided to do it on my birthday.

On the way to the mountain country, we stopped at Peyton's Bikes in Midland and picked up some equipment for the trip. I bought a nifty mirror for my handlebars, some bike shorts and a pair of riding gloves.

We decided to make a family vacation out of it. On the afternoon before the ride, six of us checked into the Maverick Inn in Alpine. We swam, relaxed, had a delicious meal and later that evening looked at the stars through powerful telescopes at the McDonald observatory.

The next morning was my birthday. We drove to Fort Davis, unloaded our bikes, climbed on them and headed for Alpine, 26 miles away. My 17-year old grandson Jackson was with us. When I left a little after 8 AM, I was a little apprehensive, since I had not



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

done anything like this before. A few years ago, the three of us rode bikes about fifteen miles through Fort Worth's Forest Park. Most of that was on level ground. The highway was fairly level as we left Fort Davis, then there is a slight rise. I thought it would be a struggle, but it was easier than I expected. The more miles we rode, the more confident I became.

The favorite thing I like to do on my bike is coast. When we got to the steep downhill grades, I breezed down them. On one I was going so fast my new mirror fell off and I ran over it. I stopped, cleaned up the mess and got back on my bike. We stopped briefly to drink water and lather up with sunblock.

The worst part was the sun and the wind. The best part was we kept going. There was no shade and the ground was level the last

few miles. It was just a matter of keeping the legs moving. When we hit the Alpine city limits, we rode on sidewalks back to the motel. Happy Birthday. The ride took just under 3 hours. It was not a race, just a ride. We took lots of photos along the way. We celebrated with chocolate cake. We swam. We had a delicious meal. Went to see the Zohan movie. Laughed.

The next day we got up early, drove to Marfa and prepared our bikes for another 26 mile ride back to Alpine. Jackson decided not to ride a second day, but Kevin's wife Jill joined us. She is super athletic and is in great physical shape. She could have ridden circles around us, but she stayed with us. We took more pictures on the second day. The hills didn't seem too severe and the flat stretches seemed easy to maneuver. What was most amazing was I didn't seem tired after either ride. When my son and I started planning our ride, I spent a few weeks taking a spin course at a local exercise center. The teacher was rough on us as we pedaled on the stationary bikes. The two 26 mile rides were a piece of cake compared to a spin class.

Governor touts survey showing Texas best state for business

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry, on his Web site July 9, published that "Texas Is America's Top State for Business," citing results of the CNBC "Top States for Business 2008" survey.

The survey scored each state on 40 different measures of competitiveness, using publicly available data.

Among measures used in the survey: cost of doing business, workforce, economy, education, quality of life, technology and innovation, transportation, cost of living, business friendliness and access to capital.

Texas' strongest showings were in economy, technology and innovation, transportation and cost of living.

Meanwhile, State Comptroller Susan Combs, had this to say in her "Comptroller's Economic Outlook" dated July 10:

"So far, the Texas economy continues to be in better shape than most other states. While we see a cooling in the economy, there are aspects like good job growth and revenue growth that show the state is faring better than what's happening on the national front.

"Employment in Texas continues to expand. From May 2007 to May 2008, Texas gained about 238,700 jobs, which is more than the next seven top job growth states combined. Texas accounted for 53.4 percent of the jobs gained in the nation during that time period.

"Sales tax revenue is the state's largest source of general revenue. So far this year, sales tax revenue is 5.8 percent higher than the same period last year."

Tape of arson remains secret

A security camera videotaped the June 8 arson fire that gutted the Governor's Mansion.

The Texas Department of Public Safety sought a ruling from the Texas Attorney General's Office to prevent release of the tape, or copies of it, to the public.

If the fire had been ruled an act of terrorism, the tape would have been deemed confidential under federal and state homeland security laws. But there has been no such ruling.

However, the contents of the tape may be kept confidential under the Texas public information law, because it is part of an ongoing criminal investigation, the Attorney General's Office ruled.

AG looks at religious lit courses

The Attorney General's Office completed its required review of proposed rules by the State Board of Education regarding "religious literature" courses that Texas public high schools can offer under a law passed by the Legislature in 2007.

Deputy Attorney General Andrew Weber, in a July 9 letter to SBOE Chairman Don McLeroy, wrote that it could not be concluded whether Bible courses would comply with the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and that the attorney general's office is unable to "preclear" courses.

Constitutional challenges may arise over the way these courses are taught.

AG files Medicaid fraud lawsuit

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 9 filed a lawsuit in a Travis County state district court charging a

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Citizens of Schleicher County had the Memorial Building built after WWII, in 1948, to honor the memory of all veterans of wars fought defending our country. The Commissioners Court was in charge of the use of the building, but it was for all local residents to use for social events.

Over three hundred Schleicher County men and women served our country during WWII. The following article is one hometown hero's story:

Taken in part from *The Eldorado Success and San Angelo Standard Times*: June 11, 1942

"We kept our faith in God and never felt that we would not be rescued".

With those simple words, tall, bronzed young, Wesley McAlpine began his tale of 33 days adrift on a 7x10 life raft.

Speaking softly, but without hesitation, 22 year-old McAlpine told of how his merchant vessel

Touch of History

by Rene Calcutt

WWII Hero

was sunk by a torpedo from an axis submarine. They were in the Caribbean Sea. The date was May 23, 1942. Seven men were able to get into the life raft.

McAlpine told of the wave-battered experience in which sleep was almost impossible. Each day began with prayers and singing of hymns. Each seaman felt they

would be rescued and never gave up hope, even after they felt they were spotted by at least two ships, but failed to approach because they feared a trap. Some planes were seen, but were too high to sight them.

At one point three of the seven men were swept overboard and pulled back into the life raft by the other four. One seaman became hysterical and had to be held for four days to prevent him from jumping into the sea.

Although food was consumed early in their voyage, the men

caught and ate raw fish to survive. The men longed for a cool drink of water or juice. Man-eating sharks were seen in the waters around them, but the seamen were able to scare them away.

"The greatest sight ever," McAlpine related, was the British vessel which pulled them out of the raft, and the best thing he had ever tasted was the warm bowl of oatmeal he was fed.

McAlpine, who had applied for Naval enlistment the day after the war began, took a 15-day leave. He later stated he was ready to go back to the sea.

Wesley McAlpine was welcomed home with grand festivity by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McAlpine as well as 1,000 other Eldoradoans.

A brave native son — a hero indeed!"

DEATH NOTICES

Jimmie Tharp

Jimmie Cross Hubbard Tharp, 87, died Sunday, July 6, 2008. She was born August 21, 1921, in Glasscock County to Cross and Grace Hubbard.

As the wife of a lay preacher she served many in a number of Disciples churches including Eldorado, Big Lake, Mertzon, and San Angelo.

Memorial service was held Thursday, July 10, 2008 at First Christian Church of San Angelo. Interment was in Fairmount Cemetery.

She is survived by her daughters, Peggy and Patti Tharp, and a number of cousins, nieces and nephews.

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Randy Mankin, Publisher

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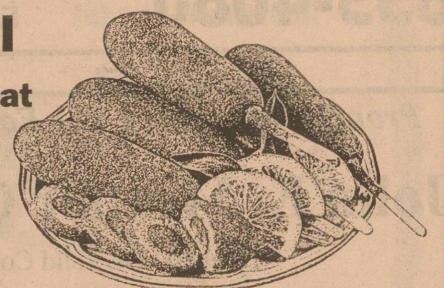
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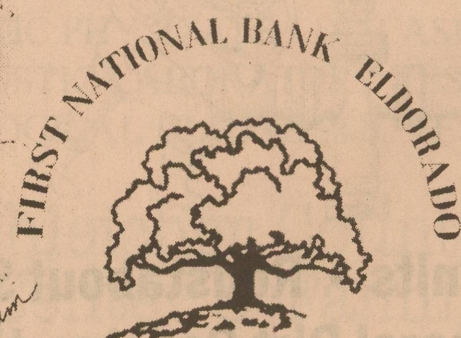
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Deadly holiday weekend highlights need for water safety warnings

AUSTIN, Texas — During the July 4 holiday weekend, at least 13 Texans drowned in public waters. Seven of those were in North Texas, and together they bring the total number of water-related fatalities in Texas to 66 for this year. More than half of those deaths did not involve boats.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Law Enforcement Division is charged with investigating all boating fatalities in the state, but because of game wardens' special training and equipment, they are also often called by local law enforcement agencies to assist in search and rescue and recovery operations in shoreline drownings. All water-related fatalities are reported to TPWD for statistical purposes, though reporting sometimes lags several weeks.

"Texas is a big state with a lot of water — more water than any other state in the Lower 48," said Maj. Alfonso Campos, chief of marine safety enforcement for TPWD. "So it's not surprising that we'll see some accidents out there. What is tragic, though, is that almost all of these deaths could have been prevented."

Contrary to what's portrayed in movies, drowning victims usually don't scream and splash when in distress — they just go underwater.

"When we encourage people to keep an eye on their party near the water, we're encompassing several messages, including never swim alone, keep a close watch on friends and family in the water, and keep a constant eye on children," said Brandi Bradford, TPWD boater education coordinator.

Bradford also recommends that groups or families assign one person to keep a constant watch on both adults and children in and near the water.

"It's especially important to be aware of hazards when you're on an open water body like a

lake, river or bay," said Bradford. "Someone who is a weak swimmer may be in the water at waist level and their next step could be a 10-foot drop-off. We've had quite a few drownings in which someone swam after an inflatable raft or toy that was being blown across the water by the wind. When fatigue set in or a cramp hit, they were already too far away from shore and from help."

Practical advice from water rescue experts includes the steps, "reach, throw, then row."

The first step is to use a rope, tree branch or other object to try to reach the swimmer from shore.

The next step is to throw something buoyant such as a life jacket, inner tube, floating raft or a plastic foam ice chest. If the first two steps fail, put on a life jacket and row out to the swimmer with a boat or a raft. Never reach for a drowning person with your own body, as the person in trouble can quickly drag you under in a panic.

"Unfortunately, we see many multiple drowning cases where folks go into the water to rescue a friend or a loved one who is drowning and they end up becoming a drowning victim as well," said Campos.

"It's essential that you first try to help the swimmer using the reach, throw, and row method. If those steps don't work and you must go into the water because there is no other option, it's essential that you wear a life jacket, take a flotation device for the swimmer, and call for help or alert someone before you head into the water," he said.

Capt. Garry Collins, a TPWD game warden district supervisor in Garland, suggested putting young children and non-swimmers in life jackets, even when they are not aboard a boat.

"Texas law requires children 12 and under to wear life jackets when a boat is underway," Collins said. "But as we've seen this last weekend, the lake shore also can be a very dangerous place. At least one little girl would still be with us this week if she had been wearing a life jacket."

In addition to law enforcement efforts, TPWD is focusing this year on reaching the public with boating and water safety messages through a fun, interactive outreach campaign called "Nobody's Waterproof — Play it Safe." The TPWD Nobody's Waterproof outreach team will be conducting on-the-water and shoreline water safety events at various lakes and other locations on high-profile weekends. See the schedule online.

Tech alumni host Red & Black Classic Golf Tourney Sept. 6

Golfers are invited to play to support college scholarships for Hill Country students. The fifth annual Red & Black Golf Classic sponsored by the Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Tech Alumni Association will be held Saturday, September 6 at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course, Fredericksburg TX. Registration and lunch at 11:30 am with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm.

This year's tournament is dedicated to the memory of Gary Hecht (TTU, 1969), an active member of the Hill Country Chapter from Kerrville who died unexpectedly in June.

Entry fee is \$80 per person, which includes \$5 for a skins pot. Teams are encouraged, but the golf pro can match up players. The fee includes registration, lunch, a goodie bag, and an after play social and awards party. Many prizes are available.

Proceeds from the tournament will fund scholarships for Hill Country students attending the Lubbock campus and Texas Tech University at Fredericksburg. The chapter has recently awarded over \$15,000 in scholarships for the upcoming fall semester.

For information or registration, contact Larry Crump, (830) 990-2303, llc@krc.com or Tom Hutton (830) 669-2944, jthomas_hutton@yahoo.com. Registration forms are available at Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course; Fitness First Sports, 141 W. Water St. Kerrville TX; or Texas Tech University at Fredericksburg, 102 E. San Antonio St., Suite D.

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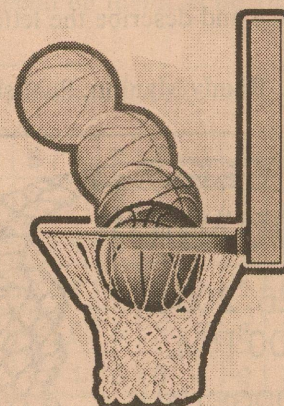
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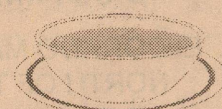
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WEDNESDAY JULY 23
Steak Fingers w/Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

THURSDAY JULY 24
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Increasing motorcycle sales mean greater safety risks on Texas roadways

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Because they have less physical protection than passenger vehicle occupants, riders are particularly vulnerable in a crash. Federal officials report that per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are about 35 times more likely to die in a crash than passenger vehicle occupants.

"Registered motorcycles are at an all-time high in Texas," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's traffic operations director. "We're reminding drivers to be on the lookout for the nearly 400,000 motorcyclists

on Texas roadways, especially at intersections where many crashes happen."

Starting July 14, television and radio commercials and billboards along interstate highways will urge drivers to look twice for motorcyclists. The public education initiative will run for two weeks, coinciding with National Ride to Work Day on July 16.

Co-sponsoring the effort is the Texas Motorcycle Roadriders Association, which educates riders and promotes motorcycle safety

in Texas.

TxDOT and the Texas Motorcycle Roadriders Association have these safety tips for sharing the road with motorcyclists:

- Look twice for motorcyclists—at intersections, entering highways and whenever turning or changing lanes. The small size of motorcycles often makes them hard to see, and motorcyclists can get lost in blind spots.

- Always maintain a safe following distance. Motorcycles can stop more quickly than passenger vehicles.

- When passing a motorcyclist, move to the other lane and allow a full lane for the motorcycle. After doing so, avoid re-entering the lane too quickly.

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City Council holds postponed meeting

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The meeting began with council members Stacy Haynes, Dora Bosmans and Richard Mendez receiving certificates denoting their election in May to a new term of office.

Mayor John Nikolauk then reported on his trip earlier that day to Austin to meet with representatives of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality concerning the landfill. Nothing was resolved, Nikolauk said as he explained that the city will have to limit the garbage going into the landfill to 20 tons per day. He said it would take a congressional act to get the amount raised to 25-30 tons per day.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay then reported the water, sewer and gas departments were functioning with no current problems. The landfill was in good shape Fay stated, but the equipment was in bad shape.

Fay told the council he and City Secretary Carolyn Mayo were in the process of writing a bid package for several street repairs which include Mary Street, North Cottonwood and other places where water stands.

Fay also requested a \$.50 raise for two employees who have

completed their probationary period. The council approved the increase.

Mayo presented the regular financial and tax reports. Mayo warned the council health insurance will be increasing by 20% per employee. Each council member was given a report so they could study their health insurance plan options before the next meeting. Mayo also requested that the requirements for purchase orders be raised from \$50 to \$100. The council approved.

The council also voted to waive the sewer dumping fees to the county as it works to empty and eliminate old septic tanks in the Orient Heights neighborhood. The council also

approved the minutes of the June 9, 2008 meeting and authorized payment of the city's current bills.

The group also passed a resolution and approved a contract to spend and extra \$700 a year and continue accepting electricity through the TASB Energy Cooperative.

In closing the council was informed Jon Cartwright was interested in filling the Single Member District 1 seat left vacant by Dr. Pat Johnson.

The council adjourned without taking other action.

The next meeting of the Eldorado City Council is slated for 6 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2008 in the City Hall council chambers.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all that made the "Angel Food" a success this month. For those that donated boxes to others, what a blessing that was. Please keep the momentum going for next month.
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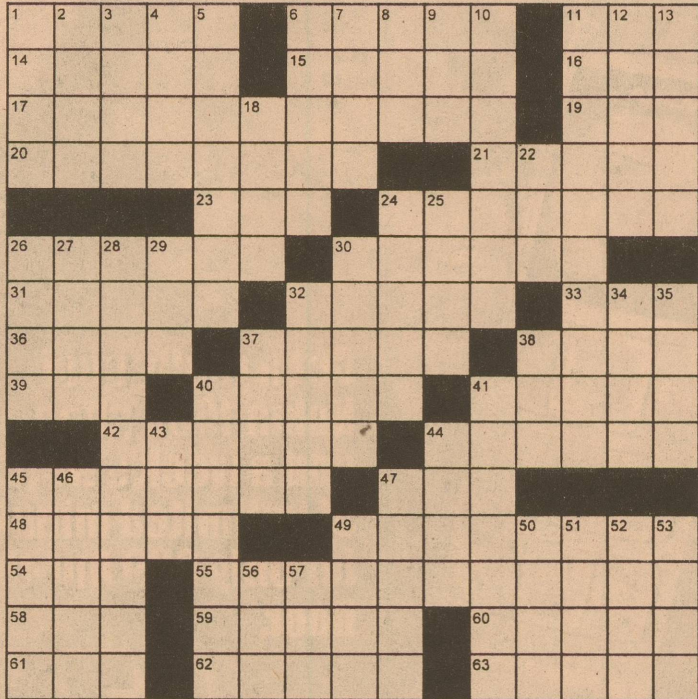
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- Clip with shears
- "Shoot!"
- Radio problem
- Like an oboe's sound
- "The Sopranos" creator David
- Greedy one
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- Held up
- Building block brand
- Kauai keepsake
- Lent support to
- PC timesaver
- Made dirty
- Peddled
- Trained with a pug
- In place
- Answerer's word
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- Tolkien creature
- Cost of a bovine?
- Santa ___ winds
- At full speed, at sea
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- Hightailed it
- Met tune
- Goalie's need
- Tennis's Arthur
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- "Java" trumpeter
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- Dry, to a vintner
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- Cost of a religious symbol?
- Sculpted form
- Take the helm
- Horse coloring
- "... far ___ can see"
- Christmas tree holder
- Beer bash buy
- Like the Sabin vaccine
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Bid specifications may be obtained from the City Secretary at the Eldorado City Hall at 6 S. Cottonwood, Eldorado, Texas, or by calling 325/853-2691. Inquiries regarding the job sites may be directed to Floyd Fay, Utilities Supt. 325/853-2691 or Fax 325/853-3353.

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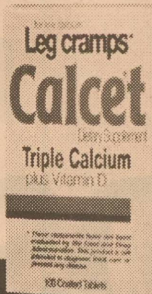
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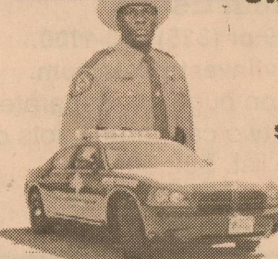
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Fire Chief Jerry Jones works a railing into place Tuesday on the new fiberglass tank that was being installed on Fire truck #41. The 800 gallon tank replaced a 500 gallon aluminum tank that had developed several pin holes and required replacing.



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Texas Deer Association hosts 10th annual convention

SAN ANTONIO (Celebrating 10 successful years of representing the Texas deer industry, the Texas Deer Association (TDA) announces its 10th Annual Texas Deer Association's Convention & Trade Show will be held on August 21, 2008, through August 23, 2008, at the Westin La Cantera Resort & Hotel in San Antonio.

The 10th Annual TDA Convention & Trade Show attracts thousands of deer enthusiasts from around the state, and brings together the heart of the Texas deer industry under one roof.

The annual TDA convention features exhibitors from around the hunting and deer industries, fund-raising auctions that include whitetail and exotic hunts, hunting equipment and firearms; and other exciting events, such as the 2008 Superior Genetics Whitetail Deer Auction, educational seminars on deer management, golf tournament, casino night and much

more.

"The convention is the largest TDA event of the year and our 10th annual event promises to be the biggest ever," says Karl Kinsel, executive director for the Texas Deer Association. "In addition to the auctions and other great activities, the convention serves as the premium gathering for the state's finest deer breeders and ranch owners in the industry. Thousands of industry professionals will be in attendance and the opportunities for networking with the best the industry has to offer and for newcomers to learn about deer and wildlife are truly limitless."

Since it was established in 1999, the Texas Deer Association has successfully worked to increase quality hunting experiences for all Texas hunters and to advocate wise management practices, promote research and technology regarding improvements to deer herds through the practice of

controlled breeding and genetic improvements. As "Proud Stewards of Texas Deer," the TDA is the only non-profit organization solely committed to improving the quality of Texas deer herds and growing the deer industry.

In addition to legislative efforts to help the industry, the TDA provides a year-round public education campaign for its members and other deer enthusiasts, which includes a full-color bimonthly publication, Tracks Magazine, that provides updates on current industry news, deer genetics, land management, ranching and game management issues.

"Once deer enthusiasts know that one of TDA's primary goals

is to increase quality hunting opportunities, they are eager to support us and we welcome their attendance at this year's convention," adds Kinsel. "If you are a deer enthusiast, the annual TDA Convention & Trade Show is one event you won't want to miss."

To learn more about the Texas Deer Association or for membership information, visit www.texasdeerassociation.com or call 210.767.8300.

Headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, the Texas Deer Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of Texas deer herds, and to developing ways to improve deer quality in Texas.

Protecting your car or truck from thieves

(SPM Wire) Keeping your car safe from the clutches of modern thieves involves some good old common sense, as well as a helping hand from new technologies.

Here are three important layers of theft protection recommended by the auto protection experts at LoJack:

• First step: Use Common Sense Measures. Never leave keys in the car with the engine running. Don't hide a spare key in the vehicle. Close all windows and lock all doors when leaving your vehicle. Park in a well-lit area and, when at home, keep your car in the garage. Don't leave valuables visible in your car.

• Second step: Use Theft Prevention Products. A thief is less inclined to steal your car if it has visible and audible warning devices like a wheel lock

or alarm system. Immobilizers -- which include smart keys, kill switches and fuel cut-off devices -- offer another means of protection.

• Third step: Use a Tracking and Recovery System. Since thieves can typically disarm most theft prevention devices, recovery systems provide the peace of mind that you'll get your car back -- often quickly -- in the event it is stolen. The most effective systems are directly integrated into law enforcement, use radio frequency technology (which has proven to be optimal for recovering stolen cars and motorcycles) and are covert so they cannot be disengaged.

For more information on theft prevention, visit LoJack's "Knowledge Center for Vehicle Security" at www.lojack.com.

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AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for over 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we no longer sell electricity or send out monthly electric bills, we recognize this is going to be a long, hot summer.

Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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