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•A.G. on hand as jurors indict six on nine counts

•Jeffs indicted for sexual assault of a child

FLDS prophet Warren Steed Jeffs could spend the remainder of his days in a Texas prison cell if he is convicted of the crime for which he now stands accused. Schleicher County grand jurors on Tuesday indicted Jeffs of 1st degree felony sexual assault of a child.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott was on hand and spent much of the day with the grand jurors as they reviewed evidence and heard witness testimony in the Schleicher County Memorial Building.

51st District Judge Barbara Walther arrived at the Memorial Building about midday and spent the afternoon, reportedly explaining the concept of immunity to reluctant witnesses as well as the perils of being held in contempt of court for refusing to testify.

Several young women were called before the grand jury. So was FLDS elder Willie Jessop, who was pulled over by a Schleicher County Deputy and served a grand jury subpoena early Tuesday morning as he drove south toward Eldorado on U.S. 277. It is unknown what Jessop, or any of the other witnesses, told the grand jurors.

Police barricades and hundreds of yards of yellow police tape restricted public access to the courthouse square.

Most members of the media, fewer in number than last month, spend the day on the north side of the courthouse attempting to interview and photograph witnesses as they walked from the courthouse to the Memorial Building.

At one point, just about the time the grand jury was slated to begin, Willie Jessop approached the reporters congregated north of the Memorial Building. Apparently distracted by Jessop, none

of them noticed the arrival of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott until he was nearly in the building. *Success* photographer J.L. Mankin got the only photos of Abbott's arrival.

Following the day-long session, and the departure of the jurors, Abbott appeared to make public statement.

"Earlier today the Schleicher County Grand Jury issued seven indictments containing nine counts including sexual assault, bigamy, and related charges against six individuals who are associated with the YFZ compound near Eldorado," Abbot said

He then went on to outline the alleged crimes spelled out in the indictments. "The six suspects facing indictments include Warren Jeffs, who was charged with sexually assaulting a child, a first-degree felony," Abbott said. "Four additional suspects were indicted for sexually assaulting young girls under the age of 17. Each of those suspects faces one felony count of sexual assault and one of the suspects faces an additional charge of bigamy. Another defendant has been charged with three counts of failure to report child abuse."

Abbott then made it clear that the investigation is far from over. "The indictments issued today are part of an ongoing and continuing criminal investigation," he said, confirming information *The Success* has learned that yet another grand jury meeting is slated for Thursday, August 21, 2008.

"I want to thank the Texas Rangers who are the lead investigators in this case for their outstanding work. I want to thank the criminal investigators

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PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN
Teresa Jeffs walks with her attorney Alan Futrell Tuesday while waiting her turn to testify before the Schleicher County grand jury. Jeffs alleged underage marriage to Raymond Jessop may lie at the heart of some of the charges contained in seven indictments of six individuals handed down late that afternoon.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Texas Ranger Brooks Long looks on as Attorney General Greg Abbott announces seven indictments against six individuals associated with the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado. The announcement came after a day-long meeting of the Schleicher County Grand Jury where Abbott made a rare appearance. Only one of the indictments was made public, that of Warren Jeffs who stands accused a 1st degree felony sexual assault of a child. The grand jury is slated to meet again next month.

Buchholz family receives Young Ranchers Award

In the fall of 2005, the Awards Committee of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association made the decision to add another award to those presented each year at the annual convention. That award is the Young Ranchers Award, and the 2008 recipients are Bob and Mary Buchholz of Eldorado.

"In an industry where the average age is probably sixty, we feel it is important that we recognize the young people who will be carrying on the work of the sheep and goat industry in years to come," said Bill Shaw, Awards Committee chairman. "Our parents and grandparents got us here, and it is our job to bring the younger generation along and recognize their efforts. That is the reason for establishment of the new award."

Bob Buchholz is the son of Inez and Douglas Buchholz, a ranching family that has its roots in the Texas Hill Country as far back as the 1850s. He grew up on the Nagel Ranch between Dripping Springs and Wimberley in Hays County. After gradu-

ating from Dripping Springs High School, he attended Tarleton University and then completed the TCU Ranch Management Program in 1975. To help pay for his education, Bob and his older brother, David, broke and trained horses for the public. Over a 14-year period, they broke about 2,000 colts.

In 1977, Bob and his brother, who ranches in Hays County, started acquiring lease property to run Angora goats and Angus cattle. Wanting to find a solution for the every-increasing predator problem, Bob and David were some of the first in Texas to use and breed Great Pyrenees guard dogs to protect their sheep and goats. Because of their success with these dogs, they were able to expand their operations in the Hill Country and in South Texas.

Bob married Mary Kathryn Ross, daughter of Joe David and Frances Childress Ross of Sonora in 1991. They have

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•It's Rodeo time again!

The 39th annual Eldorado SCRA "Top of the Divide Rodeo" will be held Friday and Saturday evenings at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena, just south of town. According to Schleicher County Rodeo Association president Mike Calcote this year's show will be bigger and better than ever.

This year's event will bring back stock promoter, Cadillac Rodeo Company and will be sanctioned by the Cowboy Professional Rodeo Association. The show will get underway at precisely 7:30 p.m. each night.

Despite being a pro rodeo, the open aspect of the traditional rodeo will be honored and local talent will be participating during each of the main performances.

While there will be plenty of conventional rodeo action, the Mutton Bustin' competition, which has proven to be a crowd favorite in recent years, will be

back again this year.

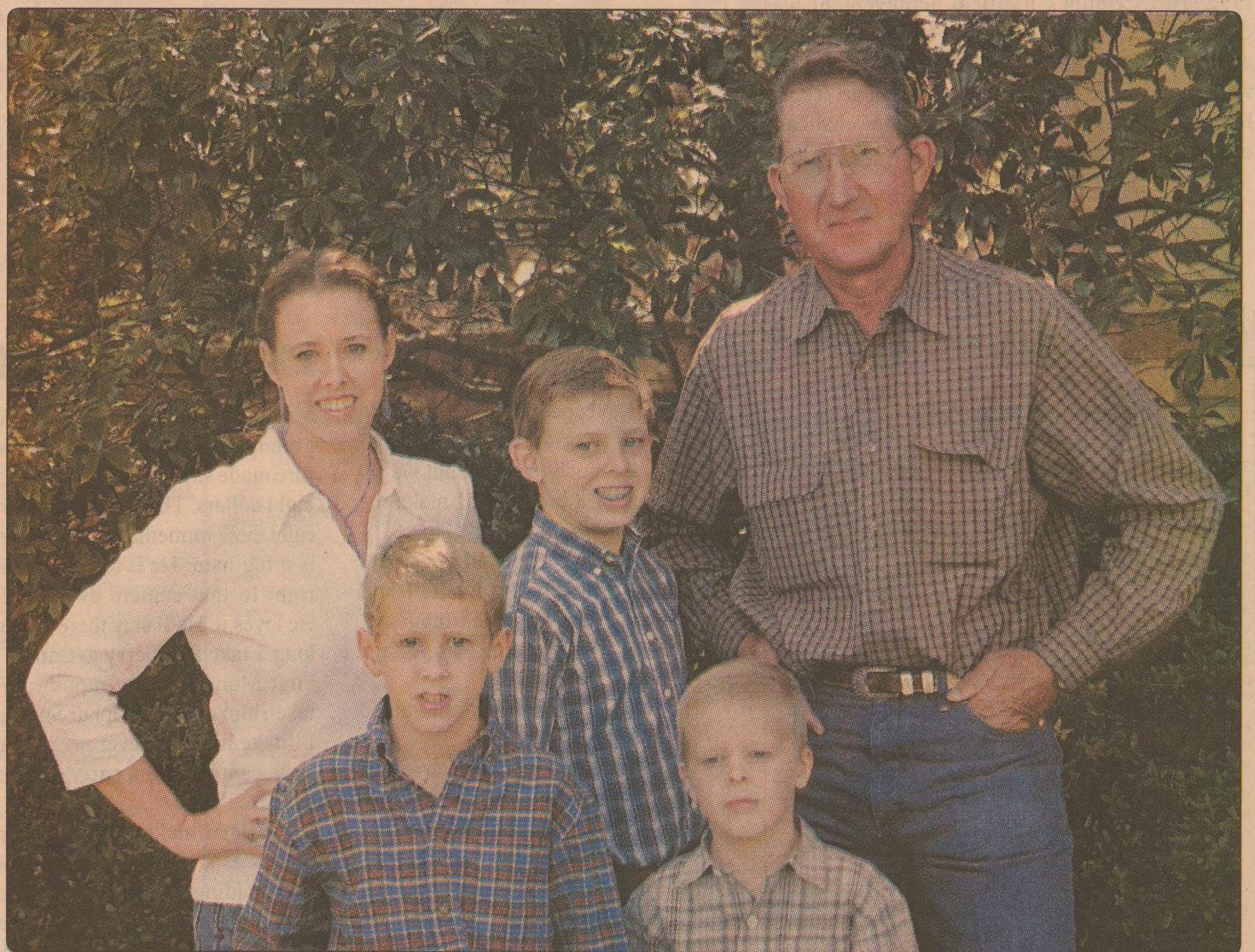
Youngsters wishing to compete in the Mutton Bustin' event are asked to sign up at the main entrance each night. Ten names will be drawn each night to compete.

Also, Tri County Roping top 10 team ropers from previous ropings will have selected teams compete each performance. The top team will be announced Saturday evening and will receive a contest buckle.

As always, the Eldorado Rodeo is sponsored by the Schleicher County Rodeo Association, which was named the "New Rodeo of the Year" by the Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association at the CPRA Finals 2003. It was nominated for CPRA Rodeo of the Year honors in 2004.

Contestants will compete for prize money as well as points on the CPRA

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COURTESY PHOTO

Bob and Mary Buchholz of Eldorado received the Young Ranchers Award during the annual conference of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association last weekend in Kerrville. The couple have three children, (oldest to youngest) Robert, Dalton and Franklin.

GOP must win Sam's Club voters

White working-class voters typically aren't in vogue, with the political chatter tending to revolve around "soccer moms," the "youth vote" or other boutique demographic groups of the moment. But the late charge of Hillary Clinton's doomed presidential campaign made white working-class voters surprisingly fashionable.

They'll stay that way if the important new book "Grand New Party," by two young writers for The Atlantic, Ross Douthat and Reihan Salam, has the impact on the political debate that it should. In an incisive analysis, Douthat and Salam puncture self-comforting delusions of both the right and the left, and persuasively advocate a re-orientation of the GOP to address working-class concerns.

They define working-class voters -- "Sam's Club" voters, in the phrase they borrow from Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty -- as that half of the electorate that lacks a college education. Neither party has been able to build a durable majority, Douthat and Salam write, because of "the refusal of America's working class to pick a side and stick with it."

Their economic forebears were a pillar of FDR's New Deal coalition -- understandably, in Douthat and Salam's telling, since the best of New Deal policies helped graduate them into the middle class by rewarding work and aiding economic aspiration (with Social Security benefits, the home-mortgage deduction, etc.). They came unmoored from the Democratic Party when LBJ's Great Society "cost them money and seemed to undermine their values into the bargain."

The Democrats have labored under twin misapprehensions in seeking to woo these voters back. One is that today's working class could be pulled straight out of a John Steinbeck novel. In reality, according to Douthat and Salam, a Sam's Club voter is "far more likely to be working in education or health care, office administration or business services than on a farm or an assembly line."

The second is that the basket of cultural issues with which the GOP has often been able to win these voters is a mere distraction. Actually, these voters have a keen self-interest in arresting social breakdown: "Safe streets, successful marriages, cultural solidarity, and vibrant religious and civic institutions make working-class Americans more likely to be wealthy, healthy, and upwardly mobile."

If they aren't the stuff of social realism, working-class anxieties are real. Douthat and Salam's worst case is a "steady degradation of everyday working-class life under the pressures of rising illegitimacy, insecurity, and stratification."

Douthat and Salam want Republicans to work to forestall this future. They float an activist program geared to buttressing families and addressing working-class discontents: a \$5,000-per-child tax credit; subsidies for parents providing their own child care; expanded transportation infrastructure to ease the suburban commute; etc.

Their proposals have been dismissed as "Clintonian triangulation from the right." But back in 1992, Bill Clinton's political achievement was considerable. He broke with the stale pieties of his own party, and -- with new emphases and a few well-aimed policies -- renovated its image. Republicans await a figure who will pick up the challenge of Grand New Party.

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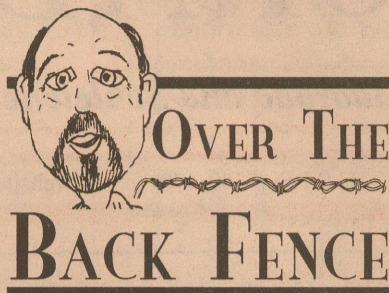
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What you say when you don't know what to say



OVER THE BACK FENCE
by Randy Mankin

Those of you who know me well know that words seldom fail me, but they did last Friday night when my colleagues in the West Texas Press Association honored me with the Harold Hudson Memorial Award.

To say that I was unprepared for the moment is beyond understatement. I vaguely recall offering a thank you, but there is no way that I could have properly conveyed my appreciation.

Unlike most, if not all, of the 16 prior recipients of the Harold Hudson Memorial Award, I never knew the man for whom it is named, but I have developed a keen appreciation for his reputation, and for his life's work.

One of my greatest pleasures in the 14+ years in this business is getting to know Harold Hudson's family. Jim Hudson and his sister Mary Dudley follow in their father's footsteps as they publish *The Perryton Herald*, a twice-weekly newspaper that serves as the voice of Ochiltree County.

I routinely see them and their mother Jane Hudson at WTPA meetings as well as meetings of the Texas Press Association. Through them I have grown to appreciate the man Harold Hudson must have been.

I have also watched through the years as others I greatly admire received the same award and I have

noted the reverence they attach to the honor and to the name.

So, with all of that as a gauge, I found myself last Friday evening standing, staring down at a plaque bearing both my name and that of Harold Hudson, and trying to comprehend how such a thing could be. I was also wrestling with the knowledge that almost everyone in the room was more deserving.

Before that moment, I had liked to tell myself that in another 10 or 15 years I might be considered for the high honor. Or, that my son, J.L., could someday be chosen to receive the award.

So it was that I was totally unprepared. I forgot to thank my wife Kathy, and my son J.L. or my daughter Sarah. I forgot to thank my friends Skip Nichols and Bob Dillard who took me under their wing when I knew nothing about running a newspaper. And, I forgot to offer thanks to God for his grace and providence.

I lay awake most of that night

puzzling over the vagaries of life and vainly trying to comprehend the circumstances that must have conspired on my behalf.

Then it hit me. The thing I should say when I don't know what to say is...Thank You.

I should just say, thank you, then I should dedicate myself to improving my skills and making my two newspapers as good as they can possibly be.

I look at the list of prior recipients and I am humbled to be counted in their company.

Unlike most of them, I came to the newspaper business late in life, and from a vastly different career. But, the 14 years I have spent in this profession have been the most rewarding of my life. I only hope the next 14 will be as much fun.

And, when the time finally comes, as it does to us all, I hope I get to spend a few minutes in heaven visiting with Harold Hudson, or sitting around a table with him and Speedy Nieman, Bob Hamilton and Mike Werst, swapping tales and listening to how the business used to be. I'd love it!

In the meantime, I'll just say thank you. Thank you to those who taught me this business, but most of all, thank you to the newspaper readers everywhere who make it possible for folks like me to enjoy this glorious profession.

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Running for George Bush's third term:



Running for George Bush's first term:



Big G's Chuck Wagon Enterprise

I met Big G the other day. His real name is Garland Hays and he operates out of some horse stables within earshot of Interstate 30 in Sulphur Springs. When I drove up to his place, I saw about a dozen big pots and pans, an old covered wagon and a teepee.

"The teepee is for my bed and breakfast customers," says Big G. "It's not much of a bed, but we fix a heck of a breakfast. I make the best coffee in the world."

He banged on some post and pans, rang his dinner bell and played a tune on his harmonica.

"I can serenade, too," says Garland.

He has a longhorn bull named Blueberry.

"He's a blue roan, which is pretty unusual, especially for a longhorn. He's part corriente, too, and that's where the blue roan comes from. He's just kinda special."

Blueberry earns his keep.

"He rides just like a horse," says Garland, "but that's not his main objective on this earth. We use him for pictures. Little kids get on



by Tumbleweed Smith

him, so do grownups, grandmas, grandpas, and they get their picture made sitting on Blueberry for eight dollars. They get that picture right there immediately. Blueberry is a big ham. He'll turn his head right to that camera every time. He loves it. He'll stay there all day long. I take Blueberry to Canton's First Monday every month. I've taken him all over Sulphur Springs. I'll take him wherever people say they want him for a party or other event."

Garland makes his living primarily as a horse trader. He had been trading horses at Canton for years. When he acquired Blueberry it seemed like the picture-taking enterprise was a natural thing to do. He says it was a good move financially.

"Little kids watch professional bull riding on TV. They've already got their chaps and a shirt that says Wrangler down the sleeve, they have their boots and they just have to get their picture made on this bull, which looks like one of those bucking bulls. They think that's the greatest thing in the world. They climb up there and hey think they're ready for the national rodeo finals."

Garland does chuck wagon cooking and he'll do it at his place or go to wherever somebody might need some chuck wagon and dutch oven cooking.

"I was invited to a Michael Martin Murphy deal last fall in Linden. There were four or five thousand people there for several days and six chuck wagons fed these people three meals a day. It was awesome. I'd do it over again for nothing just to get to go."

He has horses on his place and people ride them when they go to his place for some event. They're good, gentle family horses, the type he buys and sells.

PUC approves massive wind energy plan

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The Public Utility Commission of Texas on July 17 approved a large-scale plan to transmit a high quantity of wind-generated power on new lines from West Texas and the Panhandle to metropolitan areas of the state.

The \$5 billion plan would add about \$4 a month to residential electric bills. The PUC estimated that the new lines will be in service within four to five years.

SB 20, passed by the state Legislature in 2005, directed the PUC to select the most productive wind zones in the state and devise such a plan.



DPS chief resigns from office

On July 11, Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, announced his resignation.

"After 43 years and 9 months with the Texas Department of Public Safety, I am retiring on Aug. 31, 2008," he said.

Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst reacted to Davis's announcement with statements expressing their appreciation of Davis and his many years of service.

Since the June 8 arson fire gutted the governor's mansion, the Department of Public Safety, which maintains a security detail at the mansion, has been under increasing criticism. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Restoration fund kicks off

On July 14, Texas First Lady Anita Perry held a press conference to solicit private donations to a fund created to restore the fire-gutted Texas Governor's Mansion.

The effort to fix up the 152-year-old state-owned building could take years and millions of dollars. Former Gov. Dolph Briscoe donated \$100,000 to the fund.

Comptroller leads trade mission

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs traveled to Spain in mid-July, leading a group of Texas government officials and business leaders on a business recruitment and trade mission.

Combs promoted Texas as a business location for companies and offered the state's assistance in finding opportunities.

She cited Texas' "favorable tax environment, tremendous work force, world-class universities and leadership in innovation and technology."

Bell to run for state Senate seat

Sen. Kyle Janek, R-Houston, resigned from office effective June 2, leaving his seat vacant.

A Nov. 4 special election will decide who will fill the vacant Dist. 17 seat in the Texas Senate.

Democrat Chris Bell, a former member of Congress and candidate for governor of Texas in 2006, on July 13 announced his candidacy for the seat.

Republicans Joan Huffman, Austen Furse and Grant Harpold also have declared as candidates for the seat.

Perry spokesman Black resigns

Robert Black, the governor's director of communications, announced his resignation on July 14.

Black, who had served on Gov. Perry's staff since 2003, said he plans to form his own consulting business, specializing in public affairs and political and strategic communications.

Parks agency reports drownings

At least 13 people drowned in public waters over the Fourth of July

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OBITUARIES

Antonia Barrera



Rodriguez of Del Rio, Texas. Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Jose Angel Barrera of Eldorado; son Joe Barrera and wife Biola of Midland; daughters Virginia Barrera of Eldorado and Oralia Saldivar and husband Jimmy of San Angelo. Her grandchildren are Joe David Barrera of San Angelo; Marissa and Brianna Barrera of Midland; and Robby, Jacob and Joseph Saldivar of San Angelo, Texas. She is survived by one brother Alfonso Laabs of Del Rio; sisters Eva Gomez and Leonarda Sanchez of Midland; Magdalena Lozano of Del Rio; and Avelina Medina of San Carlos, Coahuila, Mexico; a special niece Sandra Cantu of Del Rio, and numerous nieces and nephews that will miss her greatly.

On Tuesday July 15, 2008, Maria Antonia Barrera age 72 passed away to be with her Lord and Savior. She died at her residence.

Services were held on Saturday July 19, 2008 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eldorado, Texas at 10:00 and officiated by Father Quirino Cornejo of San Angelo, Texas and Father Joseph of Eldorado, Texas. Special music was performed by her close friend Nilda Hernandez of Sonora, Texas. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery, arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ambrosio and Juanita Rodriguez of San Carlos, Coahuila, Mexico and one brother Doroteo

Berta Celeste Tisdale Prugel



enjoyed traveling and visiting their grandchildren. Mrs. Prugel is survived by her daughters and their families. Nancy Ann is married to James Edgar of Hindsville, Arkansas. Their daughters and husbands are Ericha Emily Edgar Martinous and husband Carl of Benton Arkansas and Johanna Catherine Edgar Dittrich and husband Addison of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Berta Celeste Tisdale Prugel passed away on July 15, 2008, in San Angelo, Texas. She was born July 29, 1917 in Eldorado, Texas to James Elwert and May McCormick Tisdale.

Her mother taught her and her brother James "Jim" Elwert, Jr., at the Schleicher County ranch until Celeste reached the 4th grade.

Celeste's father died in 1927 and family moved to Eldorado. She graduated from Eldorado High School in 1935 and from Texas Woman's University in 1939. She then attended Iowa State University, receiving a Hospital Dietetics Certificate.

On December 6, 1941, she married A.E. Prugel, County Extension Agent of Schleicher County. In the summer of 1942, the couple moved to Sonora where Mr. Prugel became associated with the Federal Land Bank. They lived in Sonora the rest of their lives. Celeste taught home economics at Sonora High School for 22 years. After their retirement, the Prugels

Her other daughter is Susan Jo Prugel of Menard, Texas. Her son is John August Henke of New York City, New York, and her daughter is Meredith May Henke of Austin, Texas.

Celeste is also survived by one niece; Elizabeth Pool of San Angelo, Texas, and one nephew; Vester T. Hughes, Jr., of Dallas, and other relatives, friends, and care givers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, A.E. Prugel, by her beloved brother Jim, and a sister, Mary Ellen Hughes, and her parents.

Final interment and arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be held in the Lawnhaven Mausoleum Saturday July 19, 2008 at 10:30a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Sonora at 205 N Water Ave, Sonora, TX 76950, or Hospice of San Angelo at 36 E Twohig Ave Ste 1100, San Angelo, Texas, 76903.

Wellness Foundation receives more grants

The Schleicher County Wellness Foundation was recently presented with a check for \$25,000.00 from the Abell-Hanger Foundation. The grant was written and submitted by Ilse Williams who also was responsible for the grant application to the San Angelo Health Foundation which netted \$250,000.00. In addition, BlueCross/Blue Shield of Texas donated \$5,000.00 this month in honor of Dr. Brame for his work in advancing rural health care thorough Texas.

The Foundation Board is in the process of reviewing bids for the

construction of the exercise and health education facility. Initial construction could begin in the very near future. Data relating to equipment costs, operational expenses and maintenance has been collected to arrive at a reasonable budget when the building is completed.

The Board wishes to remind all concerned that memorials and honors donations can be made to Box 353. More information can be obtained by calling Eddie Albin, president; Christy Meador, vice president; or Ilse Williams, Secretary.

Ozona man dies at rodeo

Marty Acton, 42, of Ozona died Saturday, July 19, 2008 after falling ill and then quickly losing consciousness, reportedly from diabetic shock, during the steer roping competition at the Schleicher County Ranch Rodeo.

Emergency personnel at the scene attempted to treat Acton as

an ambulance was dispatched to the rodeo arena. He was taken to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was pronounced dead before an AirMed-1 helicopter could transfer him to San Angelo.

Acton reportedly never regained consciousness after passing out at the rodeo arena.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, and visits when Cora was in Community Hospital and I was in Shannon Hospital. May God bless each and everyone of you. Thanks again, Josh & Cora Hastings

DEATH NOTICES

Dr. Wayne Williams

Dr. Wayne Williams, formerly of Eldorado, died Friday, July 18, 2008, at his home in Fort Worth after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was 61.

He is survived by his wife Lynn Williams; a son, Mathew Williams; and a daughter, Alexis Williams.

Cynthia Kay Hawkins

SAN ANGELO - Cynthia Kay Hawkins, 46, died Sunday, June 22, 2008, in San Angelo. Memorial service was held. Sunday, July 13, at College Hills Baptist Church.

Survivors include her mother, Jan Merryfield of San Angelo; her husband, Glen Bowden of San Angelo; daughter Sarah Limon of San Angelo; brothers Vernon Phelps of San Antonio and Travis Duffley of San Angelo; and sister Bambi Shoenfield of San Angelo.

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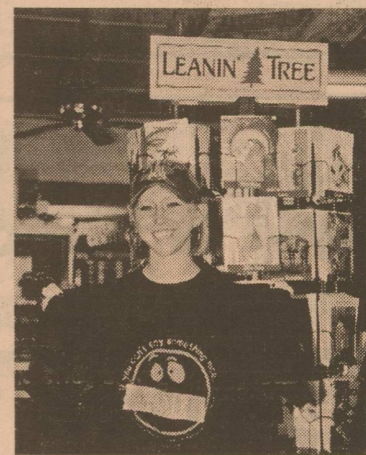
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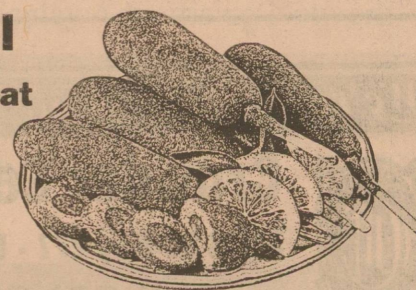
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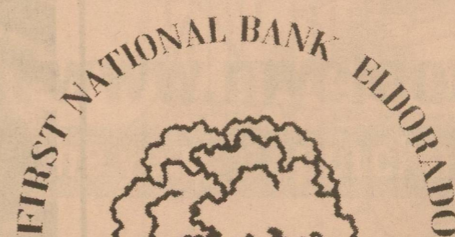
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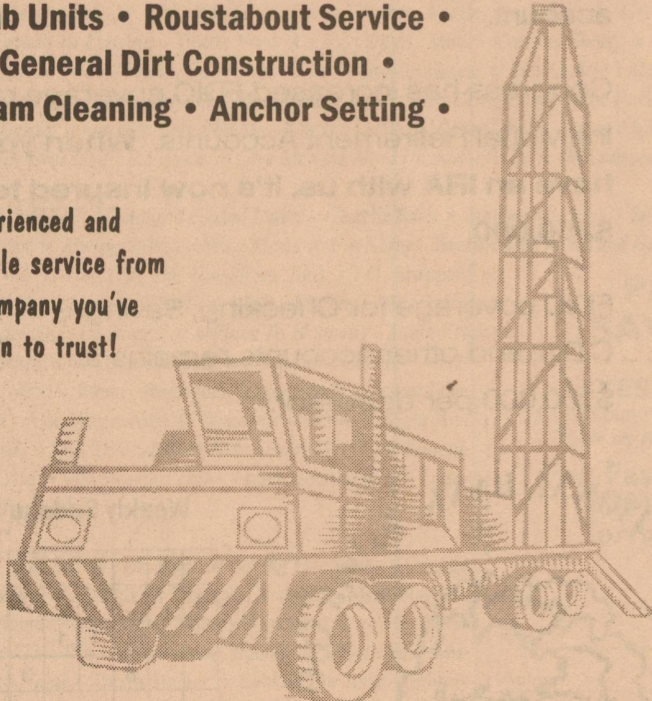
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 6 pencils --#2
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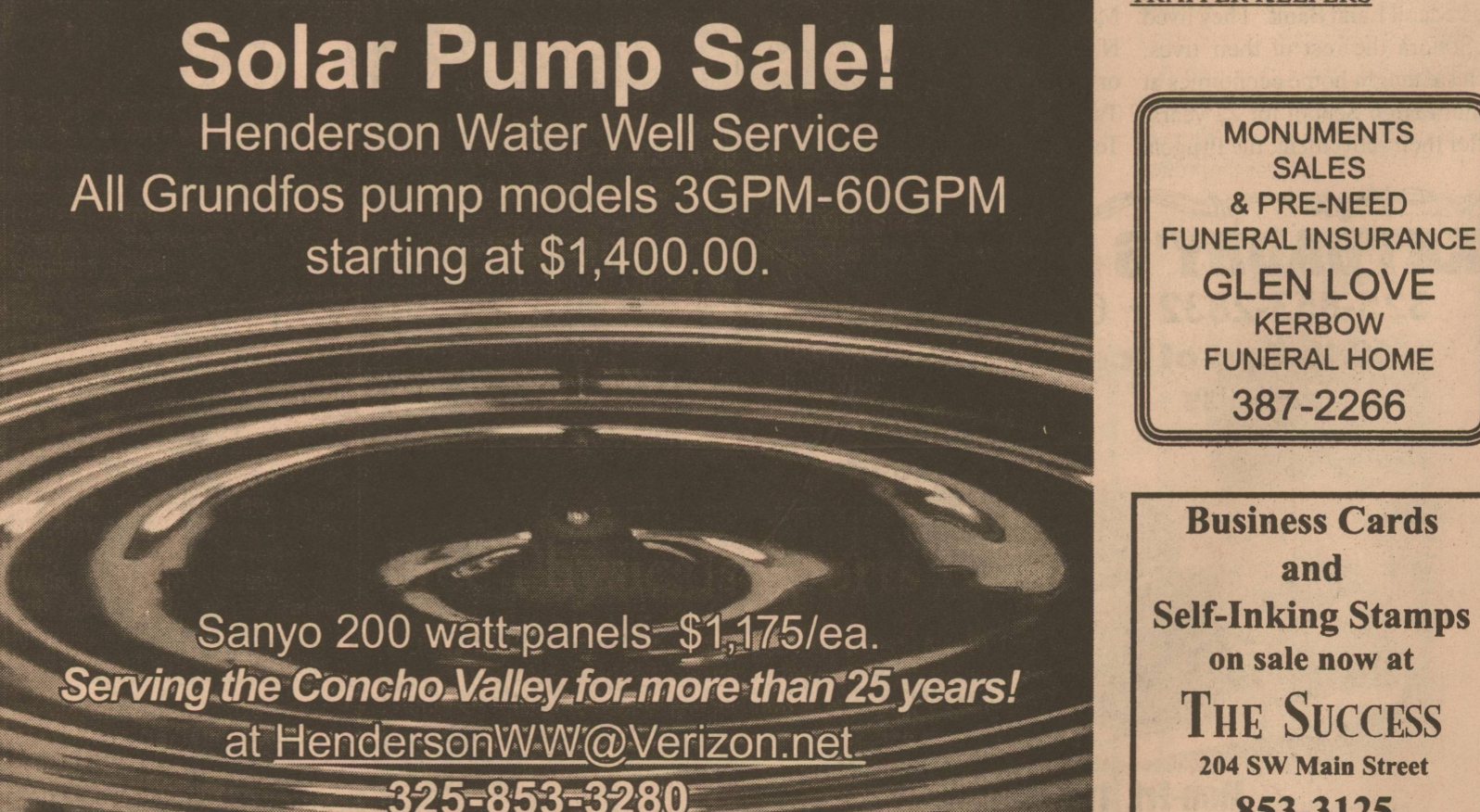
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Mankin receives top WTPA honor in Fredericksburg

Eldorado Success publisher and editor Randy Mankin received the Harold Hudson Memorial Award last Friday night during the West Texas Press Association's annual convention in Fredericksburg.

The award is presented annually to an outstanding West Texas publisher or journalist.

Mankin is the 17th recipient of the prestigious award. His selection was recommended by a committee of his peers and approved by the WTPA board of directors.

Brownfield News publisher Lynn Brisendine, winner of last year's Harold Hudson Memorial Award, made the presentation.

Mankin, who has been in the newspaper business just over 14 years, was clearly surprised by the honor that is normally bestowed upon individuals with several decades of newspaper experience. His wife Kathy Mankin and son J.L. Mankin were on hand to witness the presentation.

The Harold Hudson Memorial Award is named after one of the profession's most respected individuals, the late Harold Hudson of *The Perryton Herald*, a person who exemplified the highest of ideals, integrity, dedication, commitment and service to the newspaper field and to his community. The award was initiated in 1991 when the WTPA board of directors unanimously approved the presentation of a plaque posthumously to

Harold Hudson in recognition of his lifelong dedication, commitment and contributions to journalism and publishing in West Texas. Hudson's widow, Jane Hudson received the plaque on behalf of her late husband.

Mrs. Hudson and her children Jim Hudson and Mary Dudley, who together publish and edit the *Perryton Herald*, were on hand for Friday's presentation along with several other members of the Hudson family.

Mary Dudley currently serves as the WTPA's secretary/treasurer.

Randy Mankin is a past-president of the WTPA. He served nine years on the organization's board of directors finally leaving the board last year when he ended his term as board chairman.

Randy and Kathy Mankin have lived in Eldorado since 1979. They purchased *The Eldorado Success* in 1994. Over the ensuing years they transformed the newspaper into a perennial award winner.

The couple purchased *The Big Lake Wildcat* in 2005 from David and Ramona Werst. Interestingly, *The Wildcat's* late owner and publisher J.L. "Mike" Werst, was the fourth recipient of the Harold Hudson Memorial Award in 1995.

Mankin is the first Eldorado newspaperman to be so honored.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Eldorado Success publisher and editor Randy Mankin received the Harold Hudson Memorial Award Friday evening during the West Texas Press Association summer convention in Fredericksburg. Mankin is only the 17th individual to receive the prestigious award. He is shown here with Mary Dudley, editor of the *Perryton Herald* and daughter of the late Harold Hudson, the man for whom the award is named. The award is presented annually to an outstanding West Texas publisher or journalist.

He is also Eldorado's first editor or publisher to serve as an officer of the WTPA or on the board of directors of the statewide Texas Press Association where he has served for several years.

Hurricane Dolly could fan the flames

College Station, TX — While the citizens of South Texas worry about possible flooding associated with Hurricane Dolly, firefighters in most of the state worry that winds associated with Dolly could lead to increased wildfire activity and/or fan the flames of any wildfires that arise.

Rainfall associated with Dolly is expected to be limited to Deep South Texas and within a short distance from the Texas coast. Strong, gusty winds, however, are expected to extend across much of the state where little or no precipitation is expected.

Combined with extremely dry fuels in much of Texas, the higher winds are expected to create conditions favorable for rapid wildfire spread and increased danger for firefighters, said Hunter Wistrand, operations chief for the Texas wildfire suppression team in Granbury.

"With hot, dry conditions expected across most of the state for an extended period, Texas residents must use all possible precautions to prevent accidental fires from occurring," said Wistrand. "All firefighting personnel must also take extra precautions to ensure their own safety during firefighting opera-

tions." Wildfires pose a very real threat to lives, homes and communities in addition to natural resources; they also bring heightened risks of heat-related injuries to firefighters working for extended hours in the hot, dry conditions. "For both the public's safety and that of the firefighters working to protect them, public cooperation is absolutely essential to prevent additional wildfires from occurring," said Wistrand.

For more information on wildfire prevention visit <http://texas-forestservice.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=1542>.

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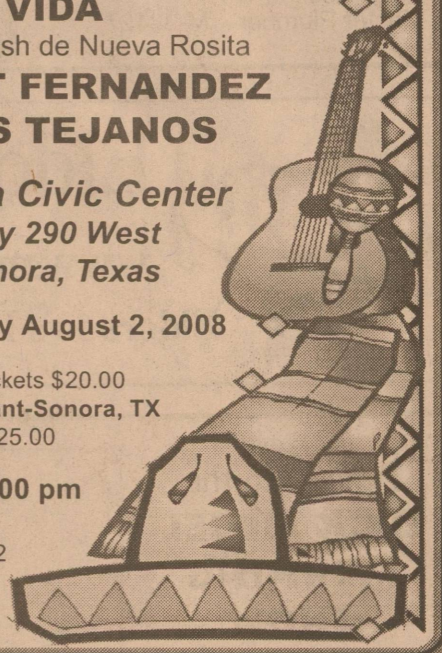
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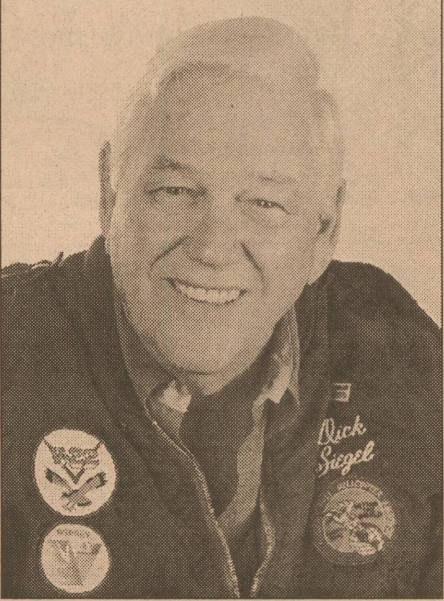

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The Calcote murders stunned Schleicher County.

September 5, 1940, Thursday night: Slices of watermelon set on the dining room table; a pencil and scratch pad lay on the desk in the living room, items listed were "spark plugs, potatoes, hair ribbons, light bulbs"; a freshly ironed dress for two year old, Patsy Irene, hung near by; a normal Thursday evening. The Calcote Family always went to San Angelo on Friday to shop.

It was very evident the intruder that entered the Calcote home that night of September 5 caught the family by surprise

Saturday Sept. 7: F.B. "Nig" Calcote was informed, by a neighbor, his mother's ranch pick-up had been on the side of the road for two days, near the Cathey Ranch. Nig went to the Calcote home to check on his family, and see why the truck was left on the highway. He found his brother, Henry age 31, lying on the floor in a pool of blood by the kitchen window. Near by was the body of his mother, Emma age 69. Both had been shot with a high-powered rifle. Dardanella age 20, Henry's wife, and their baby, Patsy Irene, were no where to be found. Devastated, Nig called the law.

Touch of History

by Rene Calcote



Robert Lee Calcote



Emma Hensley Calcote

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other law officers. He stood trial in Eldorado Oct. 2, 1940 under Judge J.F. Sutton. It took twelve jurors nineteen minutes to find Benavidez guilty of murder. He was given the death penalty, and was executed Aug. 7, 1941 at Huntsville, TX.

Early pioneers to Schleicher Co. Robert Lee and Emma Hensley Calcote bought land in the Vermont Pasture, eleven miles north of Eldorado in 1901. They built a ranch home and a general store. The store was very successful due to the fact it was on the only dirt road to San Angelo. Travelers often spent the night camped on the grounds, and could always get fresh horses and supplies. The Calcote's had eleven children to help out.

Robert Lee died, Oct. 21, 1925 and the store discontinued, but Emma kept the ranch running with the help of her sons until her tragic death.

Magazines such as "Best True Fact Detective, Real Detective and Official Detective Stories" wrote stories and took pictures of the Calcote Tragedy. These stories as well as newspaper articles can be read at the museum.

A posse of Schleicher Co. citizens consisting of; Al Jones, Jess Koy, Earl Cathey, Jeff Enochs, Tom Wilton, Buster Calcote (another son of Emma's) and Ed Finigan began a search for Dardanella and the baby. They began the search near the abandon pick-up. The posse soon found the bodies

in the Cathy pasture, also shot with a high-powered rifle.

A former ranch hand, Emiliano Benavidez, was charged with the murder. He was able to escape to Mexico, but was apprehended by Texas Rangers, Schleicher Co. Sheriff O.E. Conner, Sanderson Sheriff James Nance and many

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
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The Eagle Booster Club Needs You!

Dear Editor:
 Just wanted to let everyone know The EAGLE Booster's are started up again for the 08-09 school year. We are not an exclusive group in fact there are no individual membership fees. We want anyone who has an interest in EAGLE sports or has/knows an EAGLE athlete to join us! EAGLE BOOSTER's support Cross Country, Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Cheerleading, Track, and Tennis. We have some project ideas slated and are always looking for

new ideas!
 Many businesses and individuals made contributions and supported us in the past. We are looking forward to seeing new faces, fresh ideas and having fun this year! From pre-game tale gate gatherings to putting together sports programs you are always welcome.
 First Meeting Date has been set: Tuesday, July 29 @ 5:30 Field House Classroom.
 Stacy Jurecek
 EAGLE Booster

Eldorado Success claims seven WTPA contest awards

The Eldorado Success placed 2nd in the overall Sweepstakes category Saturday in the West Texas Press Association Better Newspaper Contest behind The Hico News Review. The Albany News placed 3rd in the competition.

The Success claimed first place honors in advertising. The newspaper placed second in editorial writing, photography and the general excellence category while placing third in column writing. The Success also received an honorable mention in news writing.

The Success' sister publication The Big Lake Wildcat also

notched up some awards with a first place in special sections, a second in advertising and news writing, and third place honors in photography.

Randy and Kathy Mankin own and publish both newspapers and were in attendance for the awards brunch held at The Inn on Baron Creek in Fredericksburg. Their son J.L. Mankin was also in attendance.

Randy Mankin also received the Harold Hudson Memorial Award for his service to the WTPA, newspaper profession, and his community.

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Joanne Powell, an aide to Congressman Mike Conaway, is scheduled to be in Eldorado on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. She is slated to meet with constituents in the Schleicher County Courthouse.

Persons interested in visiting

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Operation Spotlight reveals cheating fuel pumps

AUSTIN – Commissioner Staples today announced results of “Operation Spotlight,” a major investigation into Petroleum Wholesale, L.P.’s fuel stations. The company operates under the name Sunmart in Texas, and has stations located in several cities across the state. Findings from “Operation Spotlight” have confirmed numerous Sunmart gas stations have cheated Texas consumers by giving them less fuel than they purchased, and strongly indicate this could have been a deliberate act by the company.

“At a time when families are struggling to purchase fuel, I am sure all Texans would agree with me that despicable violations such as these are repulsive and must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law,” Commissioner Staples said. “Given the strong indication this company has intentionally cheated consumers, I have passed along the results of ‘Operation Spotlight’ to Attorney General Abbott and his office has opened an investigation into the matter.”

Commissioner Staples initiated “Opera-

tion Spotlight” after becoming aware of some egregious violation patterns that pointed to the possibility of Sunmart intentionally shortchanging Texas drivers. The three-day operation ended on Sunday, July 20, with the following results:

- 990 of Sunmart’s 1,704 fuel pumps cheated consumers (58 percent)
- 47 Sunmart stations cheated customers on more than half of their pumps
- 15 of those 47 stations had every single pump cheating drivers.
- TDA shut down all of the non-compliant pumps.

While the investigation remains ongoing, TDA estimates the company could be fined more than \$100,000 as a result of their irresponsible actions.

Besides Texas, Petroleum Wholesale, L.P. operates Sunmart fuel stations in Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Utah and Arizona. Commissioner Staples has alerted regulatory officials in these states to inform them of this investigation.

“While this specific operation may have ended, we are far from finished,” Commissioner Staples said. “We are going to shine the light on all violators who are looking to shortchange Texans. I will not stand for companies taking advantage of good citizens and I will work hard to protect all our consumers.”

This investigation is ongoing. TDA inspectors will conduct follow-up inspections on each and every gas pump that was tagged out of order once it is recalibrated. We will also conduct re-inspections in the coming weeks on a random sample of the Sunmart stations. If we find continued violations, the penalties could rise much higher.

“This investigation has given us great insight and we will use what we have learned to strengthen the regulatory process. We are raising the bar so there is a strong incentive for ALL gas station owners to be compliant; a goal which I believe is strongly shared by the 95 percent of the retail fuel industry that operates with honest business practices,” Commissioner Staples said.

Governor Perry activates state’s resources in preparation for tropical storm Dolly

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry today activated state resources, including 1,200 National Guard troops, in preparation for Tropical Storm Dolly, which could make landfall on the Texas coastline as a hurricane by mid-week. The state is ready to provide assistance requested by local officials.

“Texans should take proper precautions now to ensure that they are prepared for possible severe

weather in their communities,” said Gov. Perry. “Residents should remain vigilant, heed the warnings from their local officials and continue monitoring this storm.”

According to the National Weather Service, Tropical Storm Dolly is expected to strengthen before possibly making landfall on the southern coast of Texas between Corpus Christi and Brownsville. A hurricane watch has been issued for the Texas coast from Brownsville north to Port O’Connor. A hurricane watch indicates that hurricane conditions are possible in the watch area, generally within the next 36 hours.

In anticipation of the storm, Gov. Perry activated 1,200 Texas National Guard troops, Texas Task

Force 1, the Lone Star Task Force and three incident management teams. The Texas Department of Transportation is using dynamic message signs to advise residents along the Texas coast to maintain a full tank of gas. If needed, 250 buses have been also activated and will be staged in San Antonio, fuel teams are ready to respond to an increased demand for fuel, and volunteer organizations are prepared to provide mass care support for residents. All state resources are ready for rapid deployment.

Individuals with special needs can let responders know who and where they are before an emergency or evacuation takes place by dialing 2-1-1. Deaf Link will be activated later today to communicate

with the hearing impaired.

The State Operations Center is closely monitoring Tropical Storm Dolly and holding daily conference calls with federal, state and local officials, private industry partners, volunteer organizations, and the National Weather Service.

To read the latest situation report from the State Operations Center, please visit <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/sitrepindex.htm>. For updated information on hurricane preparedness efforts, please visit www.texasonline.com.

Indictments...

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from my office who are actively involved in this criminal investigation. For months, dedicated men and women from our Cyber Crimes, Fugitive and Special Investigations Units have literally been living in San Angelo, commuting home to their families on weekends, in order to advance this case,” Abbott stated. “I also want to thank Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran for his assistance with this matter.”

“Today’s charges reflect a cooperative effort between the Texas Attorney General’s Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Rangers, 51st Judicial District Attorney Steve Lupton, and the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, Richard B. Roper,” Abbott added.

Responding to questions, Abbott said he hoped Warren Jeffs could be extradited to Texas for trial very soon and noted that he will be working closely with Utah and Arizona authorities to arrange an extradition hearing.

Abbott also said that an aggressive effort will be made to apprehend the remaining five individuals.

He noted that if and when arrests are made, the accused will be booked into the Schleicher County Jail. So will Warren Jeffs, when he comes to Texas for trial.

Abbott concluded that he will push for speedy trials in all the cases.

Tuesday’s charges stem from evidence seized following the six-day-long raid of the YFZ Ranch that began April 3rd of this year.

For his part, Sheriff David Doran said that Tuesdays indictments were expected. “My officers and I will continue to work closely with the Texas Rangers and the Attorney General’s investigators in order to arrest the five remaining suspects,” Doran said. “As I’ve said before this is going to be a long process.”

Doran went on to thank the officers in his department for their hard work on the case.

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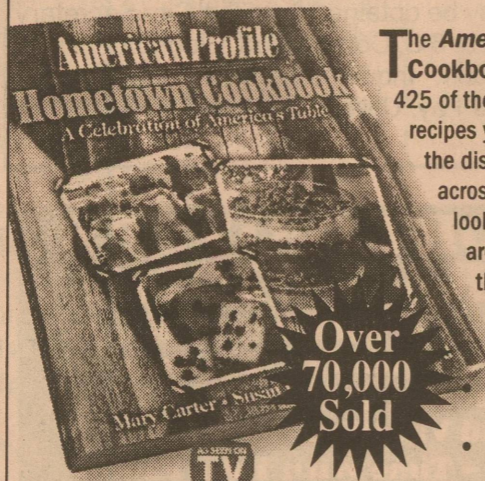
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Buchholz family receives TSGRA Young Ranchers award

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 three sons, Robert, Dalton and Franklin, and they live and ranch in Schleicher County on the Jess Koy Ranch.

A sincere interest in conservation has been a family affair on both sides. Douglas, Bob and Mary have all served on the Eldorado-Divide Soil & Water Conservation Board. Bob is a TSGRA director and a past president of the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association. He was the first in Texas to become involved

with cashmere production from Spanish goats. The family leases other ranchland in Crockett, Edwards and Sutton counties where commercial meat goats are the centerpiece of their operation along with raising cattle and finewool sheep. Employing an intensive rotational grazing program, prescribed burning, trapping and working with the landowners to improve the land overall are essential parts to Bob and Mary's ranching operation.

Bob and Mary with the help of their sons

continue their ranching heritage. The boys are becoming good stewards of the land by honing their skills in evaluating range conditions, working livestock and managing the forage. They also participate in 4-H activities like showing Angora goats, range evaluation, livestock and wool and mohair judging. This outlook is precisely why the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association's Awards Committee selected Bob and Mary Buchholz as recipients of the 2008 Young Ranchers Award.

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Capital Highlights...

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 holiday, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reported.

The total number of water-related fatalities in Texas is 66 so far this year; more than half of those deaths did not involve boats, according to TPWD.

Toll moratorium gets extension
 U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, announced July 10 that she secured her amendment to a federal transportation spending bill that would continue the current ban on placing toll booths on interstate highways in Texas through September 2009.

However, efforts to toll newly constructed lanes or new highways are not prohibited in Sen.

Hutchison's amendment.

The transportation spending bill, S.3261, moves next to the full Senate for consideration.

Lawmakers promote propane use
 Three powerful Texas House committee chairs penned an open letter to all state and local leaders, seeking to promote the conversion of vehicles to plentiful and clean burning propane fuel.

Among suggestions offered was replacing retired fleet vehicles such as school buses and garbage trucks with ones fueled by propane or natural gas.

"Escalating gasoline and diesel prices are threatening our national economy and draining our personal budgets," they wrote.

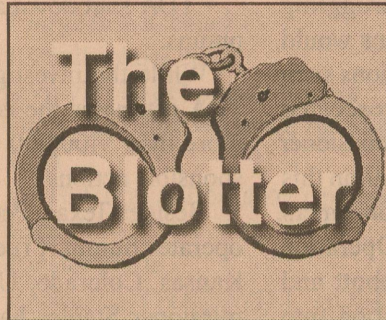
The letter, dated July 14, was signed by Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, chair of House Ways and Means; Rep. Warren Chism, R-Pampa, chair of House Appropriations; and Rep. Rick Hardcastle, R-Vernon, chair of House Energy Resources.

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ARRESTS

July 16 • Harris, Bennett D. male age 45, serving 17 days.
 • Arispe, Francisco Emilio, male age 23, serving 13 days.
July 18 • Gomez, Jose G. male age 47, Public Intoxication. Released on time served.

INCIDENTS

July 17 • 7:07 p.m. Caller reported bee swarms near their residence and was afraid their children would be injured. Chief Jones was notified.
 • July 20 • 5:55 a.m. Complainant reported some kids throwing traffic cones up against the car wash building and asked for an officer. Officer responded.
 • 9:44 a.m. Caller requested to speak to an officer concerning spouse. Caller was very scared. Officer responded.
 • 11:11 a.m. Caller wanted to check if anyone had called about a

missing horse. One showed up at their place.

• 8:53 p.m. Person entered S.O. and said they had hit a deer south of Eldorado on 277 and sustained damage to the driver's side window, mirror and rear door.

July 21 • 10:44 a.m. Caller reported she was being followed and harassed. Officer responded.

• 5:03 p.m. Caller stated that a person was trying to get into her ex spouses house while they were away. Caller claimed to have permission, but no key. Officer investigated and told subject to leave until the owner returned to town.

• 6:13 p.m. Caller reported their child had been bitten by a small black dog hard enough to break the skin. Requested help as they were afraid of rabies. Officer and animal control were dispatched to the scene to help search for the animal. The search expanded to the Old Sonora Road.

• 8:00 p.m. Caller reported their child as missing since 7/20/2008. Caller and child had a phone fight and the child left home by the time the caller got off work.

• 8:57 p.m. Caller stated their spouse had recently fallen and was in extreme pain. Requested an ambulance. EMS and Officer responded.

• 9:45 p.m. Caller reported several males walking down the middle of the road. Said they were wearing dark clothing and were difficult to see. Requested an officer to check out the situation.

• 11:33 p.m. Caller reported having a skunk family in their yard.

July 22 • 1:13 a.m. Caller reported noise disturbance. Officer notified.

Solution to puzzle on Page 5

Suits Me!

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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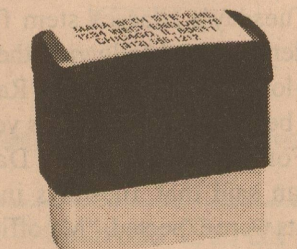
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 circuit. The prize money will include \$4,000 in added money. Also, Skyline Buckles to Event Champion. Extra purse added to bull riding this year.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults at the gate for Friday and Saturday performances. Senior citizens can get into the rodeo for \$8.00. The new concession stand will be put to use selling cold drinks and barbecue.

Speaking of shows, rodeo goers are in for a treat again this year with Friday night performer DJ Tony Martinez /Latino Sound Express, and Saturday evening on the slab, Johnny Dickerson. Cost \$10.00 per person.

Also, the Masonic Lodge 890 will be selling BBQ plates at their lodge Saturday, July 26 from 10 am to 1:00 pm. The lodge is located north of the courthouse. Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will be selling cakes, pies and cobblers. The proceeds from both organizations go toward each organization's scholarship fund.

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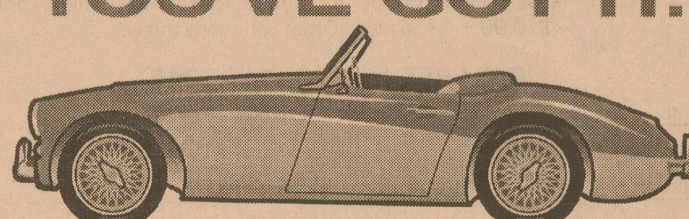
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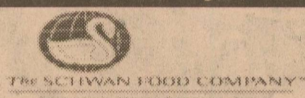
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Texas hunting licenses go on sale August 15

AUSTIN, Texas — New hunting and fishing licenses for 2008-09 will be available beginning Friday, Aug. 15, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is encouraging hunters to buy early and avoid the rush heading into the Sept. 1 dove season opener.

"If you wait until the Labor Day

Weekend, you're probably going to be standing in line to buy a license," said Tom Newton with TPWD's licensing section. "Savvy hunters have figured it out and are buying their licenses early."

Sportsmen are reminded all current annual hunting and fishing licenses (except for the year-to-

date fishing license) expire Aug. 31. Texas issues 2.1 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through 28 TPWD field offices, more than 65 state parks and at over 1,500 retailers across Texas.

Because dove season in the North and Central Dove Zones opens on a Monday, Newton predicts there will be a weekend rush to buy licenses. "Last year, we sold over 350,000 licenses during the four-day period around the opening weekend of dove season," he recalled. "It takes an average of three-to-five minutes to process a license sale transaction, so it's likely there will be delays if you wait 'til the last minute."

credit card is required."

License sales call center hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday — Friday. The online transaction system is available 24/7.

"We sold about 4,500 licenses online and by phone during the peak sales weekend last year," Newton said. "We'd like to steer more of the traffic to the call center and Internet during the peak volume periods."

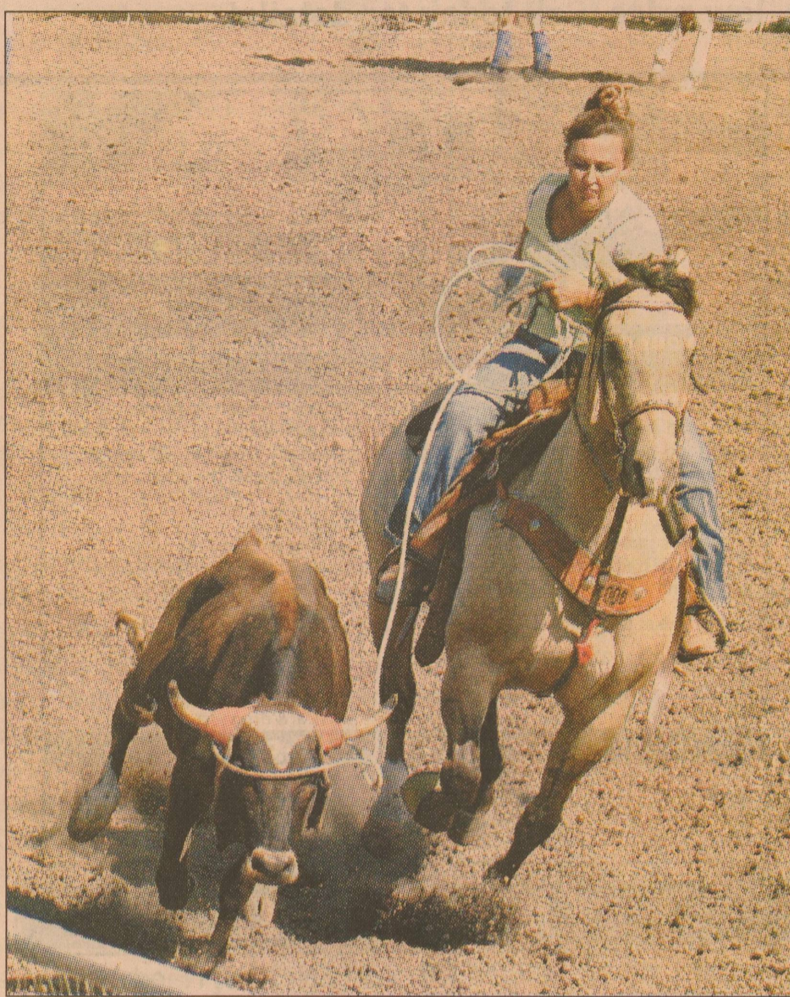


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Mondee Edwards manages to get her loop on the steer's horns and is about to turn him so her husband Shawn Edwards can rope the back hooves in the Team Roping competition held Saturday morning at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena.

By comparison, Newton said the department averaged less than 20,000 license transactions a day during the two weeks prior to the days around opening weekend.

A last-minute license purchase rush is probably inevitable in some areas of the state, TPWD officials say, particularly along the I-35 corridor where many dove hunters descend. Fortunately, there are other license buying avenues available.

"It can help ensure that everybody who shows up to hunt, especially those coming in from out of state or kids coming in from college, already have a hunting license waiting for them. You can buy a license for someone else, even at the retail counter, but to avoid delays please be sure you have all their personal information."

"Hunters who need to purchase a license at the last minute or those who don't want to stand in line have a couple of options," said Newton. "They can also purchase licenses online through the TPWD web site (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>) or by calling (800) 895-4248. There is a \$5 convenience fee for either option and a major

A license confirmation number is issued at the time of purchase for online and phone orders, and the physical license is mailed separately. Confirmation numbers will verify that a license has been purchased, which is sufficient for dove hunting, but will not allow hunters to take fish or wildlife that requires a tag.

"Some people are using the convenience options to purchase licenses for everyone in their family or hunting group," Newton said.

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In addition to a hunting license, all wing shooters will need to purchase a game bird stamp. To hunt doves or teal in September, a Migratory Game Bird Stamp (\$7) is required. Duck hunters also need to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp and receive HIP (Harvest Information Program) certification. HIP certification will be printed on the license at the time of sale only after the purchaser answers a few brief migratory bird questions. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified and purchase the Federal Duck Stamp to hunt migratory birds. All other state stamp endorsements are included with a lifetime license

"Remember, it's your responsibility to make sure you are properly licensed, so be sure to check your license before you leave the sales counter," Newton said. "We do get a fair number of requests for re-issuance of licenses because the hunter forgot to get HIP certified."

There are other mandatory endorsements to consider at the time of purchase, too. An Upland Game Bird Stamp (\$7) is required to hunt all non-migratory game birds, including turkey, quail, pheasant, chachalaca and lesser prairie chicken.

Of course, anyone who purchases the Super Combo license package, the best bang for the buck, automatically gets these needed stamps.

Hunter Education Certification is also required of any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 and who is at least 17 years old. For hunters who are unable to work in a hunter education class before hunting season for whatever reason, TPWD does offer a deferral option.

The deferral option allows people 17 years of age or older a one-time only extension to complete the state's hunter education requirements. The individual must first purchase a hunting license and then may purchase the deferral option.

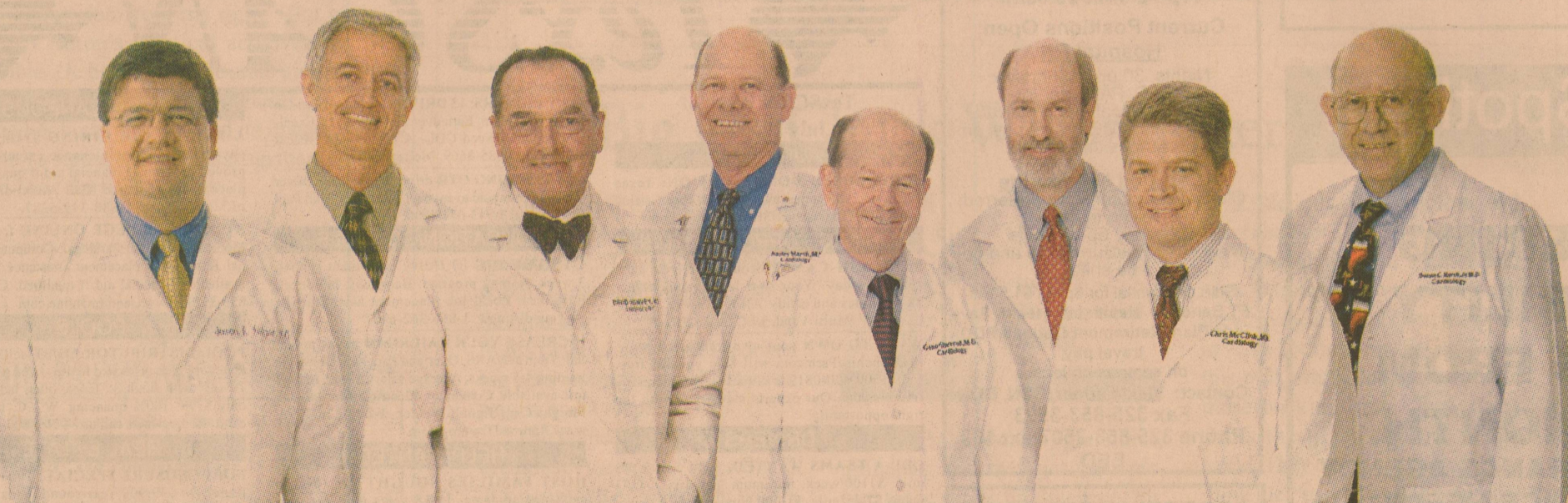
Hunters using the deferral must be accompanied by someone 17 years old or older who is also licensed to hunt in Texas. The accompanying individual must have completed hunter education or be exempt from the requirements (born before Sept. 2, 1971). The extension is good for one license year, by which time the person with the deferral option needs to complete a hunter education course.

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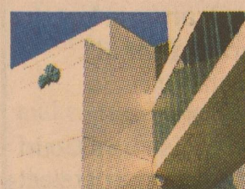
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