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Delicate Job

Johnny Opperman, Johnny Green and Chuck Dishman with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms remove dynamite and primer cord from a concrete bunker in the Schleicher County road department yard last Thursday after the explosives were found by County Road Superintendent Mark Graves.

ATF disposes of decades-old explosives found in county yard

More than 75-pounds of dynamite and at least three partial rolls of primer cord were recently discovered in a "seriously deteriorated" state by County Road Superintendent Mark Graves.

The explosives were found in a concrete bunker located at the back of the county road department's equipment yard just east of Eldorado on U.S. 190.

The explosives once belonged to Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative and were placed in the bunker for safekeeping. That was more than twenty-years ago...and possibly as long ago as thirty years.

Apparently the people in charge of the explosives retired from the electric cooperative long ago and no one seemed to be aware the dynamite even existed. Neither did anyone who worked for the county.

Mark Graves, who recently took over as County Road Superintendent, decided to check out the building before demolishing the structure. Luckily for him, and lots of other people, he located the explosives and reported them to authorities.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones and Sheriff David Doran were notified of the discovery and SWTEC officials sought help from Randy Lathrop of Dynamic Rock Solutions, LLC, the company in charge of the blasting associated with the new wind turbines being installed in the northeast part of the county.

Lathrop was able to contact David Opperman with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms office in Lubbock and plans were put in motion to deal with the explosives.

Opperman was joined in Eldorado last

Thursday by Chuck Dishman, also of the Lubbock office, and Johnny Green of the ATF office in Fort Worth. Together the three men entered the concrete bunker and sprayed a chemical agent on the explosives to help stabilize them.

Authorities at the scene noted that the dynamite, exposed to decades of heat and cold, had swollen out of their case and melted down around the primer cord, making the work of the ATF agent's even more precarious.

Still, the work was carried out quickly and safely. The pile of explosive goo was shoveled into large yellow garbage bags and placed in the back of a county pickup which was driven by Fire Chief Jerry Jones to a caliche pit on a remote ranch.

Jones was escorted by Sheriff David Doran as well as units from the Fire Department as well as the ATF agents.

The primer cord was detonated first, along with blasting caps found separately at a nearby ranch. The caps had been stored awaiting disposal, so the men took the opportunity last Thursday to get rid of them, also.

The dynamite, or what was left of it was then scattered across the caliche pit and burned.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones notes that explosives, especially old ones, including blasting caps and primer cord, are extremely dangerous. He asks anyone who knows of such material, or who inadvertently finds some, to leave them alone and contact the proper authorities so that the material can be properly disposed of.

"We were pretty lucky this time," Jones said after the explosives were destroyed.

Lawyers spar throughout YFZ evidence hearing

Lawyers representing 10 defendants from the YFZ Ranch spent four days last week questioning events that led up to last year's raid on the property.

The defendants are charged with crimes including sexual assault of a child and bigamy. Their lawyers argued that lawmen failed to investigate calls for help from a woman purporting to be a pregnant and abused child bride at the YFZ Ranch, named Sarah Jessop Barlow. Those calls are now widely believed to have been placed by a Colorado woman named Rozita Swinton, a person with a history of making hoax phone calls.

The defense also argued that law enforcement officers failed to provide Judge Barbara Walther with all the evidence about those calls before she issued the search warrant that led to the 2008 raid on the YFZ Ranch.

Beginning on Wednesday of last week, defense attorneys grilled several witnesses including Texas Ranger Lt. Brooks Long and Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran in an attempt to show the men used Swinton's calls as a pretext for a raid

on the property their clients regard as holy ground.

Before the hearing was over, however, defense attorney Gerald Goldstein of San Antonio acknowledged to the court that the defense could produce no evidence showing law enforcement officials knew the calls were fake prior to the raid. Goldstein argued, however, that lawmen, including Long and Doran, didn't do enough to investigate the source of the calls before seeking a warrant to enter the 1,691-acre ranch.

On Thursday the defense team found themselves dealing with their own hoax problems when Assistant Attorney General Eric Nichols pointed out that a photo entered into evidence by the defense team was not taken during the YFZ raid as purported. Instead, the picture was taken during a 2007 police raid in Durham, North Carolina.

The photo, taken by Justin Cook of *THE ROANOKE TIMES*, showed a law enforcement officer clad in SWAT gear holding an assault rifle as he escorted a young boy to the bathroom. The officer looked on as the

boy, with his pants down, stood up to the front edge of a toilet.

Contacted by phone, photographer Justin Cook told *THE SUCCESS* that the photo revealed a tender moment where an officer sought to assist a young child during an otherwise tense situation.

The picture was represented by YFZ attorneys as evidence that police, armed with assault weapons, went door-to-door during the YFZ raid.

When challenged on the legitimacy of the photo, attorney Goldstein argued that the defense team had only recently learned that the picture was not related to the YFZ raid, and had sought to pull it from the evidence packet on May 7th.

Following a back-and-forth session between attorneys, Judge Barbara Walther eventually allowed the photo to be dropped from evidence.

But that wasn't the only photo to cause argument among the lawyers. Photos of two beds found in the temple brought sharp disagreement, as did a photo of a bed found in one of the YFZ residences. In that instance a picture revealed a headboard adorned with photos of a husband, his four wives and 19 children.

There was much discussion about the photos of the temple beds with defense attorneys asking Judge Walther to seal them so that they would not be made public. Walther noted that the photos are already in the hands of a number of lawyers on both sides of the case. She did state, however, that her court would not release the pictures.

The hearing, ostensibly called to decide if a full-blown evidentiary hearing should be held, was supposed to deal with events that occurred before Judge Walther issued search warrant to enter the ranch. The defense, however, spent much of their time questioning the way in which the raid was conducted, despite repeated objections from prosecution attorneys and admonitions from Judge Walther.

At one point, the defense questioned Sheriff Doran if he escorted a former FLDS member named Becky Musser through the YFZ temple. Doran acknowledged he had indeed taken the woman through the temple on the instructions of Texas Ranger

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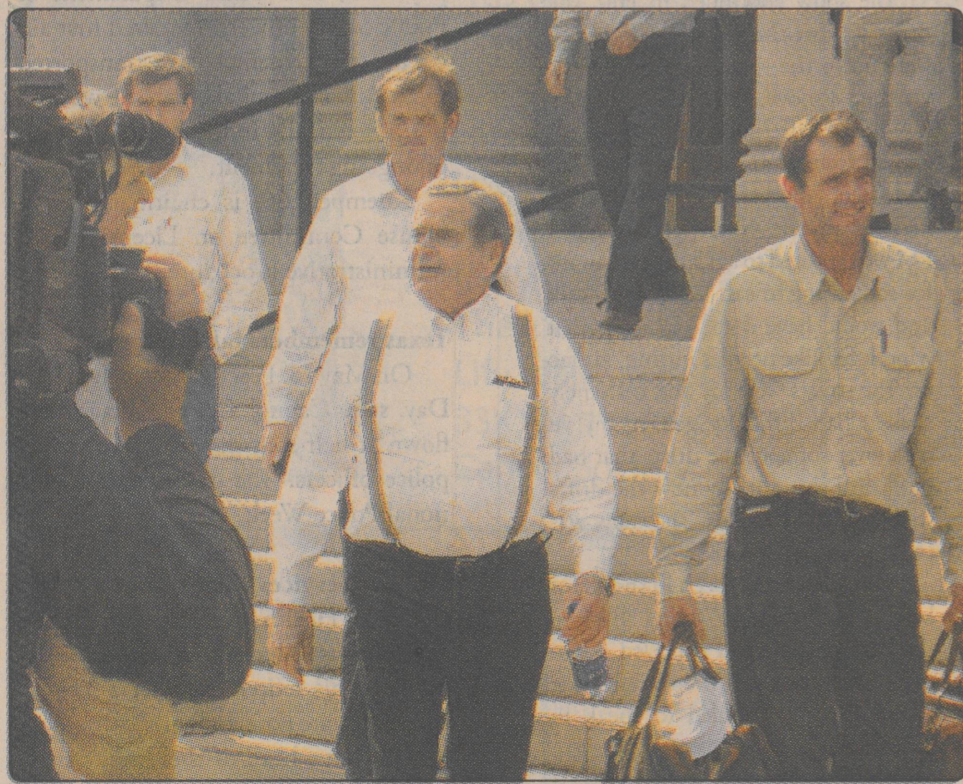


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Merrill Jessop (center) was accompanied by three of his sons as he left the Tom Green County Courthouse on Thursday, May 14, 2009, the second day of a four-day hearing over the events that led up to last year's raid at the YFZ Ranch.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Bridgett Mitchell winds up to deliver the final strikeout as the Lady Eagles defeated the Ralls Lady Jackrabbits 12-2 last Friday in the opening game of a best of three series for the Area Championship. The Lady Eagles won the second game the next day by a score of 2-1 to knock off the #8 team in the state and claim the Area title.

Memorial Day service slated Monday

A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Monday, May 25th at the Schleicher County Cemetery. The Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo is scheduled to provide an Honor Guard and will Post the Colors at 9:00 a.m.

Please join the members of American Legion Post 257 as we remember the Veterans who have made the supreme sacrifice.

Take Back Memorial Day

Editor's note - This op-ed originally ran in 2006, but in the face of ongoing commercialization of this sacred holiday we thought it appropriate to run again this year.

by Christopher Michel

This morning I opened the paper and a series of circulars spilled onto my lap — bright, colored pages with bold fonts and frenetic language: “Now through Memorial Day only!” and “A Don't Miss Memorial Day Sales Event!” As I took a deep breath and gathered up the pages that had spilled to the floor, at once it struck me: We owe more than commerce to those who sacrificed the balance of their lives for their country. It's time to take back Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is meant to be a solemn occasion, a uniquely military holiday—the only one that honors fallen soldiers. But since the first one on May 30, 1868, a little after the Civil War (then known as “Decoration Day”) when flowers were placed on the graves of soldiers from both the North and the South, Memorial Day's quiet reverence has slowly been lost to the noise of commerce and the American pursuit of recreation. This didn't happen overnight; it snuck up on us. And it's not necessarily the fault of the American people who time and again have proved themselves patriots.

Even more surprising is that this disappointing trend hasn't ebbed since the Long War began more than four years ago. Today the solemnity once associated with this day should be closer to the surface. Our nation is at war, which is to say our friends, family, and neighbors are fighting. Some of them do not make it home. In recent years, too many Americans have been personally touched by the sacrifice of battle. But the unfortunate reality is that for most people, the war remains a distant concept, something that happens on TV.

Losing brave Americans on fields of strife is not a new phenomenon. It's part of our heritage. For over two hundred and twenty five years, our troops have made the ultimate sacrifice for what they believed was worth more than their own lives: Freedom. Not just the notion of freedom or the sound bite called forth in politically expedient ways, but freedom practiced by Americans every day.

This freedom is a gift across time, given most often anonymously. And now it is Memorial Day. How can Americans take it back and do right by the valor that created this day?

By action. For starters, the National Moment of Remembrance resolution asks that at 3 PM local time on Memorial Day all Americans should “voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence.”

Beyond that, Americans can honor the dead by supporting the living, especially those who serve. Send a note or visit the family of a servicemember who has died. Visit a veteran who is convalescing. Make a donation to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Armed Forces Relief Trust, or the Armed Services YMCA. Volunteer to work with local veterans' groups. Encourage your employer to publicly recognize the veterans who work with you. Better yet, commit to hire veterans or military spouses in the coming year.

Visit the graves of fallen soldiers. Leave a flower on the stone. Consider the grave and behold the cost of freedom.

Or simply shake a Soldier's hand. Support for the troops is more than a sticker on an SUV. Whatever we do, let's make it personal, not commercial.

Let us take back Memorial Day, not for abstract ideas or guilt for having forgotten, but to pay a debt. To remember—and to act on the memory—is the least we can do for the men and women who said, “I will die so strangers' lives will be better.” Make Memorial Day a personal reflection of a stranger's costly gift.

Chris Michel is founder and chairman of Military Advantage, a military and veteran membership organization. He served as a Naval Flight Officer in the United States Navy.

Murphy's Law Looms

The Idle American



COMMENTARY

Dr. Don Newbury

Years ago, a mayor scurried around the city, reaching hither and yon points with precision-like scheduling. An aura of a “man in charge” fairly glowed as he performed mayoral duties.

A morning ceremonial highlight seemed ever so simple. He was to press the button to activate the wrecking ball. It was a really big wrecking ball, suspended from a giant crane. It was to swing across the street and take out a sizeable hole in an old building destined for demolition to make space for the community's first real skyscraper....

Such an easy chore, it seemed to “hizoner,” could as easily have been handled by a kindergartner.

His “I'm so glad to be here” smile changed quickly to draconian horror after he pressed the button. Somehow, the crane guy misunderstood the assignment, and the unstoppable wrecking ball was pointed toward the wrong building. The mayor's button-pressing took out much of the third floor of what a few seconds earlier was the city's nicest building.

Somewhere, Shakespeare—the guy who waxed with clarity about slips 'tween cups and lips—was smiling....

This story comes to mind at graduation season, when school superintendents and college presidents pray diligently to be delivered from unforeseen predicaments that could blow cannon-sized holes through their “in charge” images. •

Some are praying quietly for deliverance at this very moment, realizing that they are at the mercy of others—like the guy who set up the wrecking ball to take down the wrong building.

If commencement exercises are held indoors, there may not be enough seats, the air-conditioning may fail, stage curtains may fall at the wrong time, microphones may go silent, or the graduate who lives at the board president's home winces as the name's mispronounced.

Ceremonies planned outdoors may be marred by the spring's only measurable rain, and winds may drown out pithy comments delivered by speakers.

The list of calamity possibilities is much longer, but suffice it to say that Murphy's Law will reign....

I've been privileged to participate in a few hundred commencement exercises during the past half-century. Some have celebrated “graduation” from kindergarten to first grade, some have been in juvenile prisons and many have been for college graduates.

My first commencement address, around 1960, was for the three high school graduates of London, Texas.

One of them was valedictorian, another was salutatorian and the other didn't have a speaking part. I hear that he bragged later about being “in the top three” of the class....

One of the most unusual occurred in May of 1968, the opening year for Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth. It wasn't even on the calendar!

College officials expected the first graduation exercises to be held a full year later. It had not occurred to them that transfers from other institutions might complete requirements in 1968. One young man did, and at mid-semester inquired about commencement details.

Dr. Joe B. Rushing, the school's first Chancellor, quickly put together a make-shift commencement program. He donned academic regalia,

and ordered a robe for the honoree. Pomp and Circumstance poured from the sound system, and the prospective graduate marched into the Student Center.

Dr. Rushing made brief remarks, presented the diploma and then joined the graduate for a soft drink as others played pool and ping pong nearby. All the while, newspaper, radio and TV folks gave wide coverage to the “commencement for one.”...

At some commencement exercises of higher education institutions, honorary doctorates are conferred. Some of them are “hooks” to entice high-profile speakers for the events, and others recognize major donors and/or distinguished lives.

A few years ago, a friend who heads a large organization overheard some of his subordinates kidding an associate who was to receive an honorary doctorate.

“Hey, cut out the joking about the honorary doctorate,” my friend warned. “Almost anyone can get an earned one.”...

I'll make commencement remarks a few times this spring, and I've never felt less confident in making optimum use of my 20 minutes.

Maybe I'll talk about optimists, who view glasses as being half full; or pessimists, who see them as being half empty, or realists, who contend that they are twice as big as they need to be.

Certainly I will mention the importance of learning from tomatoes, encouraging strongest consideration of green ones. “As long as they're green, they grow; when they think they're ripe, they start to get rotten,” I'll suggest. Mostly, though, I will try to remember one teacher's observation: “There's no such thing as a bad short speech.”...

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Adults riding in back seat would have to buckle up under proposed law

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The Texas Senate on May 14 approved legislation that requires automobile passengers of all ages to buckle their seatbelts, no matter where they sit.

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, author of SB 1028, said, “This is about safety; it's about making sure that people don't end up dying or in the hospital.”

Watson said Texas Department of Transportation figures show that in 2006 there were nearly 400 traffic fatalities that could have been prevented by wearing a seatbelt, and that passengers not wearing seatbelts are twice as likely to be hospitalized after a crash.

Texas would join 35 other states that mandate seatbelts for all passengers if the bill is approved by the House and signed by the governor.

Senate passes stem cell measure

The House on May 13 passed HB 1801, legislation that would expand the Aug. 21-23 state sales tax holiday to include school supplies. Current law limits the sales tax holiday to clothing and shoes.

“School clothes and sneakers are already eligible for tax-exemption and we think crayons and paper ought to be too,” said Rep. Trey Martinez-Fisher, D-San Antonio. “We have been working since 2005 to make school supplies more affordable for Texas families, and I am pleased that through a bi-partisan effort we are about to make that a reality.” Rep. Dwayne Bohac, R-Houston, is coauthor of the bill.

The state comptroller's office estimates that those who purchase clothing and school supplies during the upcoming sales tax holiday would save a total of \$9.5 million in sales taxes if HB 1801 passes.

State representative hospitalized

Rep. Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin, was found collapsed in a state Capitol elevator on May 12, after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Rep. John Zerwas, R-Houston, a physician, and Texas Department of Public Safety officers, rendered first aid on the spot. Kuempel was transported to an Austin hospital where he was put into a medically induced coma as part of ongoing treatment.

Texas remembers fallen officers

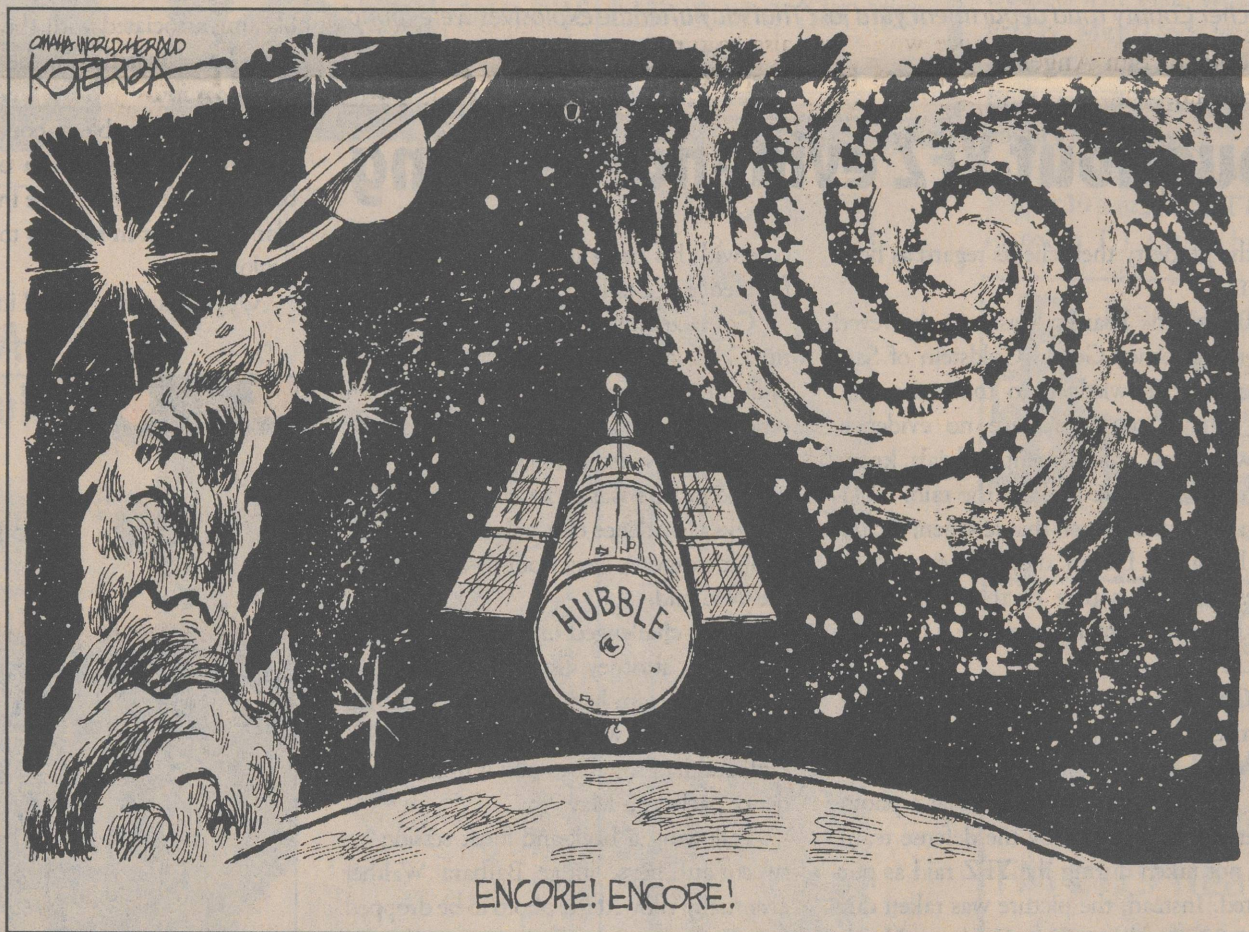
On May 15, Peace Officer Memorial Day, state Capitol Complex flags were flown at half staff in memory of fallen police officers. The day is part of National Police Week.

Human Services chief retires

Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins announced his retirement after a 35-year career in state government.

Hawkins, head of the agency since January 2003, earlier served as a senior White House aide to then-President

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Welcome to a Panhandle Spring

I was scheduled for a CD autograph party in Hereford on Friday morning, March 27. I had planned to drive to Hereford Thursday, spend the night there, do the CD signing the next morning, then drive on up to Dumas where I was to speak at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. It was a rather significant speech for me, since Dumas was the site of my very first chamber speech back in 1973.

We had been watching the weather forecast all week. It called for up to a foot of snow in the panhandle Thursday night and Friday. I never pay too much attention to forecasts and neither does Sam Cartwright, manager of the Dumas Chamber of Commerce. I guess he did show some concern, however, when he called and asked me to come on up to Dumas on Thursday night, just in case the snow made driving dangerous. I canceled my CD signing in Hereford and went on up to Dumas Thursday night.

Susan and I went to eat Thursday night with Sam and his wife Diana. It had been a warm day and I didn't even wear a coat to supper. When



by Tumbleweed Smith

we left the restaurant I did notice the wind picking up a bit. Back at the motel, we switched between the weather news on TV and the weather situation right outside our window. The TV weathermen kept saying we were going to have lots of snow and cold weather, but outside our window all was clear.

Friday morning everything changed. We looked out the window and saw snow swirling and falling and drifting. The chill factor was six degrees. Winds had been clocked at 51 miles an hour. Schools, government buildings and most restaurants were closed. So were all highways leading out of town. In the motel breakfast room, all talk was about the weather. About mid-morning I called Sam and asked him about the banquet. He said

it was still on.

The snow continued to fall. The drifts against the wheels of my SUV were up to the rim. We played cards, watched a movie, read a book and relaxed. Early afternoon I got the expected call from Sam saying the banquet had been canceled. It was just ridiculous for anybody to be out. About 4 PM we ventured to a nearby restaurant for something to eat. We love to walk and would have done so, but in that wind it felt like needles hitting our faces. The streets were icy and extremely slick. I had difficulty getting my vehicle over some of the drifts that had built up behind it. By now the drifts were over the hubcaps. The snow was two to three inches deep.

Sam said he had been in the chamber business since 1976 and this was the first time he had canceled a banquet. For me, it was the second time. When I was scheduled to speak in Jacksonville a few years ago the banquet was called off due to icy roads and blowing snow. We did reschedule Jacksonville and are trying to figure out dates for Dumas and Hereford.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Vita L. Perricone Willeke



Vita Willeke, RN, MSN, Ph.D., passed away peacefully and went to her heavenly home on Saturday, May 16, 2009. She was born in Pueblo, Colorado to Robert and Lillian (Sedita) Perricone.

Vita is survived by her husband of 50 years, Gus Willeke, children, Diana (Bret) Smith, Amy Willeke, Sandra (James) Hunt, Donna (Gary) Hanusch and Dan (Lanita) Willeke; and sister Mary Jo Pagano (Jerry) Stewart. She also leaves her six grandchildren, Gary (Kimberly) Hanusch, Alexandra, Nicholas and Hayley Hunt; Lauren and Lane Smith, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Vita was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather, Nick Taulli, and nephew, Bob Pagano.

For more than 50 years, Vita devoted her life to helping others. As a nurse, she cared compassionately for hundreds of patients in the Emergency Room, in nursing homes, mental health units, hospice care and other health care facilities. As an educator, she taught a myriad of student nurses not only superior technical skills, but the value of a healing touch. Her holistic approach to care included meeting all needs—physical, emotional and spiritual.

In her life, Vita accomplished much. She looked at the world around her and never found an obstacle she could not conquer. At 50

years young, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Angelo State University. Five years later, she earned a Master of Psychiatric Nursing from the University of Texas at El Paso. In 2005, she proudly completed her Ph.D in Pastoral Counseling from Life Christian University of Florida and began a private counseling practice, continuing her lifelong calling to help heal others.

On top of all this, she devoted many hours to the Tom Green County Sheriff's Crisis Intervention Unit, where she was in the very first class and helped those when need was the greatest. She also was a member of the Domestic Violence Coalition, the San Angelo State School Ethics Committee and the Volunteer Services Council, and the ASU Retired Faculty Organization.

Vita's Christian faith was infinitely important to her. She faithfully attended Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral and was a member of the Carmelite Prayer Group.

Her varied life experiences, positive outlook and zany sense of humor led her to develop a wide variety of good friends from all walks of life. She was renowned for a good practical joke, yet was extremely hard-working, skilled and dedicated. Above all, Vita was immensely compassionate. She will always be remembered by family and friends as a shining example of the right way to live and love.

Arrangements included recitation of the rosary at on Tuesday at Johnson's Funeral Home and funeral mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, both in San Angelo. Burial was private.

If you wish to make donations in Vita's memory, please consider the Mount Carmel Hermitage in Christoval, Texas or the Tom Green County Crisis Intervention Unit in San Angelo.



Erin Alene Sullivan and Tanner Michael Haynes

Haynes/Sullivan Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Haynes are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Tanner Michael Haynes of Eldorado, Texas and earned his Bachelor of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick L. Sullivan of Katy, Texas.

Tanner is a 2002 graduate of Eldorado High School in Eldorado, Texas and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University in 2006. He is currently a sales and service associate with International

Lift Systems in Weatherford, Texas.

Erin is a 2002 graduate of Cinco Ranch High School and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas A&M University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She earned her Masters Degree in Agricultural Education from Texas A & M in 2008. Currently she is the editorial coordinator of Horse & Rider magazine in Dallas, Texas.

The couple is planning a September 2009 wedding to be held in Buda, Texas.

Brushy Top Cowboy Church to open Sunday, May 31st

Brushy Top Cowboy Church will be holding its "Kickoff Celebration" on Sunday, May 31st in its new location on U.S. 277 South, on the Schleicher/Sutton County line.

Sam Stone, pastor of Brushy Creek Cowboy Church in Putnam, TX will lead the worship service which will also feature a performance by "Desert Reign" the Country Music Gospel Association's Vocal Group of the Decade.

The service will be followed by a brisket lunch served from chuck wagons, complete with cobbles cooked in dutch ovens.

Other activities, such as horse shoe pitching, and stick horse races will fill out the afternoon. There will also be a petting zoo.

"Desert Reign" will then perform in concert from their mobile stage.

Interim pastor Bud Arendt and all the members of the Brushy Top Cowboy Church invite you to come and experience a new kind of worship service. In addition to preaching, there will be testimonies and lots of singing.

A roping arena has been completed and events will be scheduled soon and announced by Stanley Spinks, the church's arena team leader.

The church is open to the public and everyone is invited!

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- TUESDAY May 26**
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- WEDNESDAY May 27**
Pork Chop with Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Tossed Salad with Tomato, Wheat Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk.
- THURSDAY May 28**
Country Fried Steak, Baked Potato, Spanish Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Lime Rice Swirl, Juice, Milk.
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: * Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 box contains all the numbers from one to nine.

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Eagles sweep La Pryor to claim Bi-District title

The Eldorado Eagles baseball team swept the La Pryor Bulldogs in two straight wins to win the Bi-District series and advance to the Area round of the State Playoffs against the Ben Bolt Badgers.

The Eagles nine jumped out to an early lead over the Bulldogs last Friday as the two teams squared off in Bandera. Garrett Lux reached base in the 2nd inning when he drove a double through the gap into left center. Lux came home on a two-out single by Jonathan Belman.

The Eagles kept up the scoring in the third inning when the first two batters, Milo Vallejo and Miles Mikeska, reached base. Dustin Gauna then grounded out to 2nd base for an RBI, to make the score 3-0 in favor of the Eagles.

La Pryor wouldn't go down without a fight, though, as the Bulldogs battled back to tie the game in the 5th inning.

Eagles pitcher Rance Cathey took charge from there and shut down the Bulldog threat, even as the Eagles bats came alive again in the 6th inning. That's when Garrett Lux reached base on a fielding error, immediately followed by Nathan Jimenez and Ben Wipff who both drew walks. Johanthan Belman then drove a ball to right field that would score two runs and Milo Vallejo brought in another on a two-out double.

The rally gave Eldorado a 6-3 lead going into the 7th and final inning where Garrett Lux would add an insurance run after reaching on a double then stealing 2nd and 3rd. He came home on an RBI single by Nathan Jimenez.

The win set the Eagles up for an opportunity to sweep the Bulldogs the following afternoon in game two.

But game two turned out to be nearly as difficult to get under way as it was for the Eagles win.

Heavy rains made it impossible to play the second game in Bandera. Other nearby fields were just as inaccessible due to wet weather. Finally, an alternative location was found causing both teams and their fans to hit the road and head to Rock-springs where the game got underway a couple of hours late.

At first, the change of scenery didn't seem to favor the Eagles as La Pryor jumped out to a 6-1 lead by the middle of the second inning.

But Eldorado's bats roared to life in the bottom of the second as Jonathan Belman initiated a two-out rally with a double to deep left field. Paul Martinez then drove Belman in and Milo Vallejo reached on a base on balls. Miles Mikeska then drove in a run with a double and Rance Cathey cleared the bases with a home run over the wall in left center field. Not to be outdone, Dustin Gauna hammered a solo shot over the wall in almost exactly the same spot to give the Eagles a 7-6 lead at

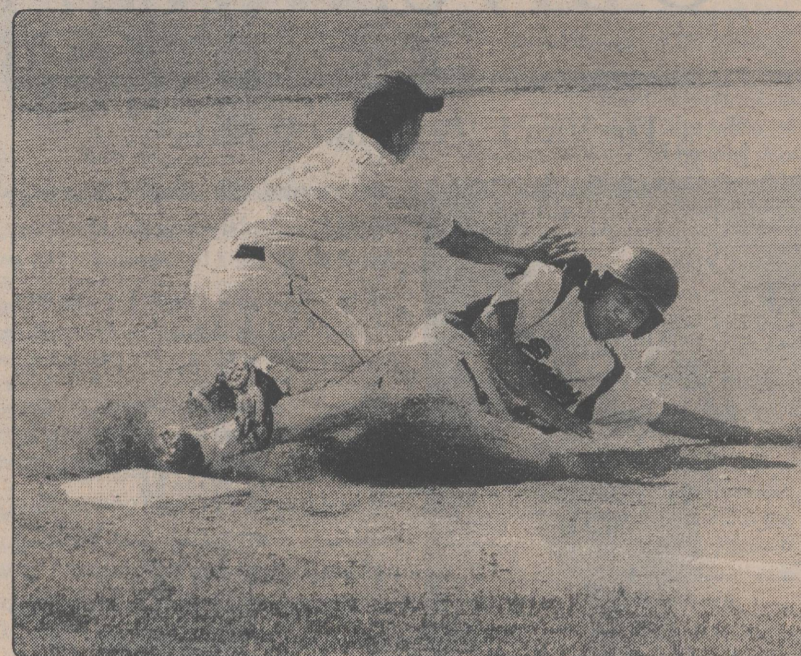


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Milo Vallejo was safe at third as the Eagles took on the La Pryor Bulldogs Saturday in game 2 of the Bi-District series. The Eagles swept the series to claim Bi-District crown.

the bottom of the 2nd.

La Pryor wouldn't go quietly, however as they drove in runs in the 5th and 6th innings to take an 8-7 lead.

But the Bulldogs' lead would evaporate in the bottom of the 6th when Dustin Gauna hammered his second home run of the day to drive in Miles Mikeska and Rance Cathey who had reached base ahead of him. The 3-run shot gave Eldorado a 10-8 lead and an opportunity to set the Bulldogs down in the top of the 7th and claim the Bi-District title.

And, it was an opportunity

the Eagles would not squander as Coach Danny Williams brought pitcher Rance Cathey on in relief. Cathey fed the Bulldog batters a steady diet of fast balls and despite two of them reaching base, was able to retire the side with the tying runs on base.

The win gives the Eagles the Bi-District title and sets up a showdown with the Ben Bolt Badgers in the Area Round. The area game was slated for Wednesday night in Wolfe Stadium in San Antonio. The results of that game will be reported next week in *THE SUCCESS*.

Lady Eagles sweep Ralls in Area round, fall to Forsan Lady Buffs in quarterfinals

For the second year in a row the Eldorado Lady Eagles Softball team reached the regional quarterfinals in the UIL state playoffs. The Lady Eagles first traveled to Abilene last Friday to take on the #8 ranked Lady Jackrabbits of Ralls who only one year earlier knocked the Lady Eagles out of the 2008 playoffs.

Eldorado ventured to Abilene Cooper high school field and in the first inning of the contest it was evident that the Lady Eagles were determined to play ball. The Eldorado girls were the visiting team and were the first to bat. The first at bat proved to be the decisive point in the contest. Eldorado reeled off eight runs in the inning, with five of them coming via walks by Ralls pitcher, Shelby Calderon.

The Lady Eagles would surrender only two runs through the first four innings of play to Ralls and hold onto a commanding 8 to 2 lead into the 4th inning of play. Eldorado again took advantage of a walk and score two more runs in the top of the 5th, then tallied two more runs in the 6th and final inning.

Eldorado went on to capture game 1 by final count of 12-2 by virtue of the ten rule mercy after five innings of play. Eldorado's Bridgett Mitchell would capture victory number 5 on the year at the mound. She was aided along the way by the entire lineup of the Lady

Eagles infield and outfield. Haley Higgins and Aubrey Martinez connected early to throw out a runner trying to take advantage of second base. That set an early message to Ralls that they were not going to be able to hop around the bases as they had planned. Ralls had entered the contest with 25 wins and 5 losses on the year.

Eldorado would then spend the night expecting to play Game 2 at Abilene Cooper but a two inch downpour covered Cooper's field and made the Lady Jackrabbits scramble to find a playable field. Under the two out of three series format the winner of game #1 would advance to the next round in the event that weather forced a cancellation of games two and three.

The Lady Jackrabbits found a field at Winters high school and so both teams made the trip to Winters to begin game 2 of the contest and what Ralls would hope would be a forced game 3.

The Lady Eagles were the home team in game 2 at a familiar field in Winters. Eldorado would see the first Lady Jackrabbit fire a shot off of pitcher, Amy Alvizo's foot, and successfully reach first. The first batter would advance her way to third after a few pitches and a subsequent error by the defense. Eldorado appeared to be in jam with runners at the corners but the Lady Eagles

defense would rise to the occasion and record a strike out for out number one. The second out would result from a pop up in the infield and the final out would occur with Abby Fuentes throwing out the runner from the third base position to Allyson Jarrett covering first.

The two teams would battle in the 1-0 contest until Ralls got on the scoreboard in the top of the 5th inning. Ralls saw their only run of the contest score on a sacrifice hit to third. Ralls' first batter of the inning recorded a triple that just landed inside fair territory and they scored as Fuentes at third checked the runner and fired to first for the out. Jarrett's throw home and Higgins' catch appeared to have captured the runner before she touched the plate but the umpire ruled the runner safe. Eldorado would go on to retire the side and to into the sixth inning with both teams deadlocked at one.

Eldorado's sixth inning at bat proved to be the decisive factor as Eldorado's Bridgett Mitchell would be hit by a pitch to reach first. She would steal second and Corie Williams would advance her to third on a sacrifice hit for out number one. Abby Fuentes' at bat would prove to be the final nail in the coffin for Ralls. Fuentes hit a pitch off the end of the bat that appeared to be

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SCISD School Lunch Menu

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Tuesday May 26

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Thursday May 28

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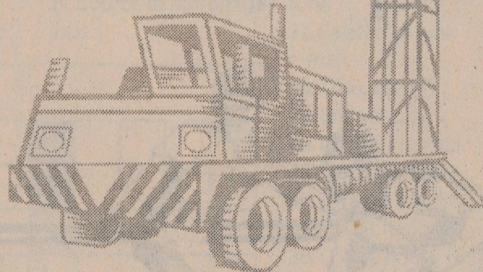
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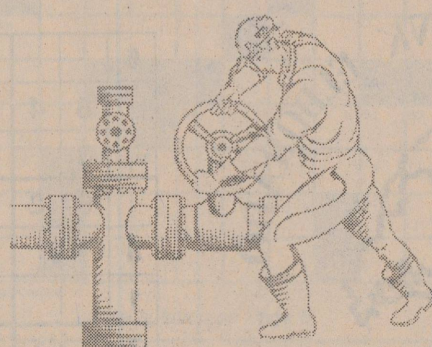
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Corie Williams walked back to the dugout winded Monday evening after legging out a run from first at the Central Softball Field in San Angelo, Texas. The game eliminated the Lady Eagles from the playoffs as they dropped a 13-5 decision to Forsan.

Texas A&M awards degree to Travis Joiner, posthumously

Wayne Joiner and his son Evan walked across the stage last weekend at Texas A&M where together they accepted a Bachelor Degree in Aerospace Engineering on behalf of Travis Joiner, Wayne and Shirley Joiner's recently deceased son and Evan's older brother. The posthumous diploma was presented by the Dwight Look College of Engineering in recognition of Travis Joiner's accomplishments.

Shirley Joiner was joined in the audience by family and friends to witness the honor bestowed by Texas A&M University. Travis Joiner and his sister Rachel were killed in their College Station home on March 6th.

Wayne and Shirley Joiner spoke of their son after the ceremony, "This was Travis' passion, and he worked very hard to achieve his goal. We are so sad that he is not here to experience the joy of accomplishment and to fulfill his lifelong dreams. We are so proud of him as was Rachel and she would have loved to see Travis walk across the stage." They noted that only 20 percent of incoming freshmen who enter the aerospace engineering program successfully graduate with this degree.

A few days before his death, Travis was working at home on his class project...converting wax into rocket fuel. The pan of wax is still on top of the stove in his home at College Station. His professor said that Travis

was always in class and on the front row. Travis loved being there but couldn't wait to start applying everything he learned. Travis recently wrote in a letter to his scholarship trustees, "After college my primary goal is to work in the up-and-coming private spaceflight industry. I want to help make space travel a common occurrence, whether it's by designing sub-orbital spacecraft for hypersonic travel between the continents or reusable orbital spacecraft that ferry people to a space hotel. For me, bringing space to the masses seems like the

next step in human space exploration and I think it will be a very exciting venture."

Wayne and Shirley Joiner thank the Aerospace Department and Texas A&M University for making it possible for Travis to receive his diploma. They also want to thank all his fellow Aggies and everyone for their support in helping Travis achieve his goal.

For those that would like to honor Travis for his accomplishment, a donation can be sent to the Texas A&M University Foundation and list "Travis and Rachel Joiner Memorial Scholarship Fund" in the memo section. Contributions should be sent to Yolanda Veals, 3141 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843-3141.

For more information, contact Veals by e-mail: yveals@tamu.edu or by phone: 979-845-1600.



Travis Joiner



Ben Edmiston and Kelly Brophy

Edmiston, Brophy engaged in Egypt, to marry in Texas!

Jamie Truitt of Abilene, Texas and Gary and Erin Brophy of San Diego, California, along with William and Darlene Edmiston of Eldorado, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Kelly Michelle Brophy and Ben Russell Edmiston.

Kelly is a 2002 graduate of Abilene High and a 2006 graduate of Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work. She is currently serving

as assistant youth pastor at Maadi Community Church in Cairo, Egypt where she has worked for the past three years. Kelly is the granddaughter of Glenn and Mildred Jones of Arlington, Texas and Phyllis Brophy of Marshall, Texas.

Ben is a 2001 graduate of Eldorado High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Master of Science in Finance, a Bachelor of Business Administration, and is a certified public accountant. Ben is a Senior Associate with Alvarez & Marsal in Houston, Texas and is currently working as the finance manager of Maadi Community Church in Cairo, Egypt. Ben is the grandson of Frances Edmiston and the late W.F. Edmiston of Eldorado, Texas and Bill and Wanda Massingill of Terrell, Texas.

The couple will be married in September in Abilene.

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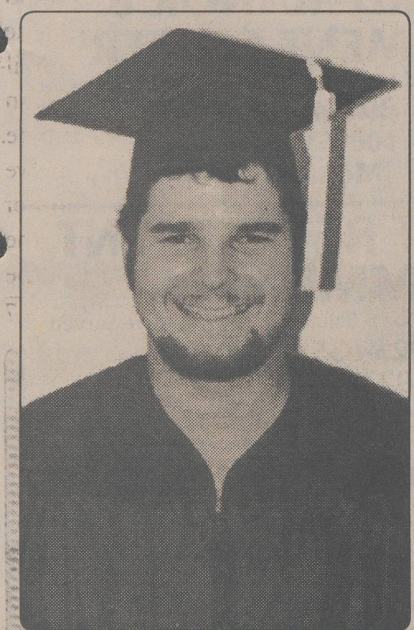
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William Allan Dykstra son of Bill and Lori Dykstra graduated from Angelo State University, Saturday, May 16, 2009. Allan received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice. He is a 2004 graduate of Eldorado High School and will be entering the San Angelo Police Academy. He is married to Sheena and they have a 4-month old daughter Makeena.

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SCMC celebrates National Hospital Week

ELDORADO, TEXAS - For the employees of Schleicher County Medical Center, National Hospital Week is a time to celebrate their hard work throughout the year. To mark this year's Hospital Week, held May 10-16, the Schleicher County Medical Center administration planned something special each day for the hospital staff.

"Our employees work diligently 52 weeks each year to keep the community healthy," said Schleicher County Medical Center Administrator Sharon Dietz. "Hospital Week is special because it gives us a chance to show our appreciation for everything they do."

To help its employees get in the spirit of Hospital Week, Schleicher County Medical Center planned a wide-range of events for each day of the week. Every day had a special



focus, with themes that included a wide range of interests, such as Start Your Day Out Right, Taking Care of Our Dedicated Staff, Cute Kids Picture, Fruity Hat Contest and even a Health-Related T-Shirt Contest. To help ensure its employees stay healthy all year long, the hospital provided free hand massages, employee blood pressure checks and glucose testing.

Additionally, each employee was encouraged to bring a picture for the cutest kid contest, join in on the fruity hat contest and creative healthcare t-shirt contest. For a donation of 25 cents, employees could vote for the photo of their choice and the chance to win a portion of the prize. A panel of judges decided on the winner of the fruity hat contest and creative healthcare t-shirt contest.

Food was also an exciting

addition to the Hospital Week festivities, with a special snack or meal offered each day of the week. These included breakfast bars, sandwich trays, ice cream sundae bar, even a chocolate fountain with fresh fruit. The highlight event was "5 O'clock Somewhere," a Friday afternoon celebration where non-alcoholic beverages and spritzers were served.

"National Hospital Week has always been about our people. Our people want the very best for our patients and that's what they bring to the hospital every day of the year," said Dietz.

Founded in 1921, National Hospital Week is held in May each year. Over the decades, the week has helped revolutionize the public view of the hospital. Today it is the nation's largest annual health care event.



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YFZ defendants challenge warrant that led to 2008 raid

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Captain Barry Caver.

Musser and other former FLDS members reportedly provided information to authorities during the raid. She was one of former FLDS prophet Ronald Jeffs' many wives. Musser left the church shortly after the elderly prophet died in 2002 and she was told she would have to marry her stepson, Warren Jeffs.

Doran noted that he had conferred with Musser by phone in the four years prior to the raid concerning religious practices within the FLDS.

Musser's sister, Elissa Wall, was the woman whose testimony about being forced into an underage marriage, led to the Warren Jeffs' 2007 conviction on two counts of Rape as an Accomplice.

THE SUCCESS has learned that Ms. Wall was also in Eldorado during the raid and that she, too, provided information to authorities.

Defense attorneys also questioned Doran about a call he reportedly placed to a phone number belonging to Rozita Swinton. Doran said he placed the 90-second call during the raid, when officials still believed they were being contacted by Sarah Jessop Barlow. The sheriff said the call was answered but no one spoke on the other end of the line. He said he spent the bulk of the call trying to get the party on the other end to respond.

The sheriff was also challenged concerning buses used to remove children from the YFZ Ranch during the 6-day-long raid.

The defense asked Doran if he contacted First Baptist Church pastor Andy Anderson to arrange for buses prior to the beginning of the raid on April 3, 2008.

Doran explained that he received the word on April 4th that CPS workers were wanting to remove children from the property. He said that he then directed his chief deputy, George Arispe, to make arrangements for transportation.

The defense had previously asked about bringing Rev. Anderson in to testify but were told he was out of state on vacation. It was noted that the defense had subpoenaed Anderson but attorney Goldstein declined to call him to the stand.

In a related matter, Goldstein said that First Baptist Church member David Creek was actively avoiding a subpoena. The lawyer said he believed that if Creek was called to the stand he would testify that arrangements had been made for the buses prior to the April 3rd raid.

While neither the defense lawyers nor their private investigator may have been able to locate David Creek, many in Eldorado knew that he was hospitalized during that time.

Sheriff Doran was also questioned about Dale Barlow, a man named as a suspect in the initial search warrant. It was noted that on April 3, 2008, while authorities were trying to gain entry to the YFZ Ranch the sheriff was handed a cell phone by one of the YFZ residents at the gate.

Doran said he spoke briefly with a man who identified himself as Dale Barlow and who said he was in Colorado City, Arizona. Doran further stated that the man correctly gave the known descriptors for Barlow, including height, weight, color of eyes and driver's license number.

Doran added that he had no way of confirming that he was actually speaking with Barlow or from where the phone call had originated.

Doran confirmed that Texas

Ranger Malone advised the men at the gate to tell Barlow to turn himself over to law enforcement authorities in the next half hour.

Bill Loader, a retired probation officer from Mohave County, Arizona, testified that he had served as Dale Barlow's probation officer and that Barlow left a message on his answering machine on the night of April 3, 2008, in which he said he urgently need to visit with Loader because he had been contacted by law enforcement.

Loader said he didn't meet with Barlow until the following morning.

Loader further testified that he had never been contacted by Texas officials prior to the YFZ raid.

Loader explained that he was later contacted by Child Protective Services of Arizona and he told them that Barlow was in his office.

Loader then told the court that he had given an interview to the Salt Lake Tribune on April 5, 2008, in which he acknowledged that he had given some "subjective comments."

In that story, Loader said that if Barlow was involved in Texas, "he must have slipped under the radar."

Loader told defense attorney Gerald Goldstein that when he was interviewed by TRIBUNE reporter Nate Carlisle he thought he was speaking with a law enforcement officer.

One unusual development occurred on the opening day of the hearing when Frederick Merrill Jessop, one of the defendants in the YFZ case, was served with a child support lawsuit brought against him by his former wife, Carolyn Jessop.

A Tom Green County constable approached Jessop in the courtroom during a break in the proceedings and attempted to hand him the summons. When Jessop didn't respond

and accept the papers, the constable laid them on his shoulder and told him that he had been served.

Jessop never accepted the papers, letting them simply slide to the floor.

Another interesting thing that came out during the hearing concerned how Rozita Swinton could have known enough about the goings on at the YFZ Ranch to fake the original calls to crisis shelters.

It was noted that when Texas Ranger Philip Kemp visited Rozita Swinton's home in Colorado Springs, Colorado, he found notations where she had apparently subtracted 16 from 2008 in order to determine a 1992 birth date for the fictional Sarah Jessop Barlow.

An examination of Swinton's computer revealed that she had visited many websites, including THE ELDORADO SUCCESS' website and another called Child Brides as well as the DESERET NEWS and other sites.

Swinton apparently also searched the Internet for information on how the YFZ Raid was progressing after April 3rd.

Ranger Kemp said that in an interview with Swinton she said that she had a friend who had children at the YFZ Ranch.

Another witness who testified during the hearing was Texas CPS worker Angie Voss who served as lead CPS investigator during the initial stages of the raid.

Voss was told that Texas Ranger Brooks Long had testified that CPS had asked for girls age 7-17 to be brought to the YFZ meeting hall/school for an interview. She was asked why she wanted to question girls as young as seven.

Voss testified that she asked for all girls under the age of 17. The statement prompted questions about inconsistencies between her testimony and that of Ranger Long.

Voss deflected the questions by noting that girls from 7-17 would fall into the under-17 category.

Other witnesses included Schleicher County tax appraiser Janie Mitchell, who testified that she visited the YFZ Ranch shortly before the raid and that she had been accompanied to the ranch by Sheriff David Doran. She noted that Doran's presence had been requested by ranch overseer Merrill Jessop.

Others called to testify included CPS attorney Dan Edwards and Gerald S. Reamey, and attorney and law professor at St. Mary's Law School, Judge Walther declined to allow Reamey to testify as an expert on law enforcement practices.

Tom Green County Sheriff's Department Captain Steve Mild

was another of the witnesses called to testify. He explained that he had provided the mobile command post for the raid. Mild told defense attorneys that he was told the purpose of the operation was to remove 20-25 girls from the ranch.

When prosecutors showed Mild a copy of the operational briefing given to officers prior to the raid, he acknowledged that the purpose of the raid was to locate Sarah Jessop Barlow and Dale Barlow.

Judge Walther ended the hearing late Saturday evening by telling attorneys for both sides that they had 30 days to submit their final arguments in writing. She said she would then review their arguments before ruling on the defense's motion to suppress evidence.

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Lady Eagles fall to Forsan in Regional quarterfinals

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headed toward the pitchers mound, but backspin pushed the ball to the first base side, giving enough time for Bridgett Mitchell to slide in under the tag at home after Fuentes was thrown out at second. Ralls would retire the side with a strike-out and have one more attempt to stage a rally.

Eldorado switched to closer, Bridgett Mitchell, who replaced Amy Alvizo who had pitched a superb game on the mound. Alvizo recorded two strike outs in the contest while giving up only 1 run in the game. The sophomore pitcher was aided by infielders Allyson Jarrett, Corie Williams, Abby Fuentes, and Aubrey Martinez. Outfielders Marissa Gonzales, Melissa Gonzales, and Bridgett Mitchell. Catcher Haley Higgins also aided in the cause with the her arm that allowed no base stealing from the Lady Jackrabbits.

The twelve pitch inning would see Ralls pop up to Abby Fuentes at third, ground out to Bridgett Mitchell at the mound, and then ground out to Allyson Jarrett at first. Eldorado would go on to capture their 15th win of the year and force a matchup with the defending district champion Lady Buffaloes from Forsan.

Forsan had captured three games this season over the Lady Eagles. The Lady Eagles took a one day rest before playing at San Angelo Central's field on Monday, May 18th. The Lady Eagles in their first at bat attempt appeared to carry on where the momentum from knocking off the eight ranked team had left them.

Eldorado's Aubrey Martinez would score the first run of the contest after a nice bunt by Bridgett Mitchell who was throw out attempting to steal second. The quick thinking of Mitchell forced the pitcher to make a hasty throw to the catcher but Martinez with her speed reached home safely. Eldorado would lead 1 to 0 after one inning

of play. Eldorado's second inning would see Aubrey Martinez reach on a walk, Corie Williams hit a single, and Bridgett Mitchell reach on a walk. The bases would be loaded for Haley Higgins and she would connect on a hit that rolled to the right field wall and all three runners scored. Eldorado would tally one more run with Amy Alvizo reaching on a hit from Marissa Gonzales.

Eldorado would take 5 to 0 lead into the bottom of the second.

Forsan as they have done all year to teams throughout the district mounted a furious comeback and scored 4 runs of their own. Forsan would record some timely hits in the 4th and 5th innings that were aided by two errors by Eldorado. Forsan took advantage of the mistakes and recorded two more runs in the 4th. Eldorado's defense would give up seven more runs throughout the remainder of the contest to end the Lady Eagles run through the state playoffs. Eldorado would record 15 wins and 12 losses on the season.

The Lady Eagles were one of thirty two teams left in the state entering the contest and are to be

commended in their efforts. The Lady Eagles have had two very successful seasons the past two years and Seniors Haley Higgins, Bridgett Mitchell, and Corie Williams will be missed. Coach Rubio wants to thank the many fans who traveled over the weekend and on Monday to San Angelo to cheer the team. Coach King in his first year of coaching proved to be a valuable asset to Coach Rubio. Coaches Rubio and King would like to thank Coach Trent and Collins who traveled to Abilene with the team during the area round contest. All-district selections cannot be announced until all teams in the district are eliminated in the playoffs. Junction, the number two seed in district, fell to the Haskell Lady Indians in two straight games in Area.

Coach Rubio stated, "I am very proud of these young ladies and their fight this year. We had to overcome some injuries and we started clicking at the right time. I admire this group for fighting the way they did when no one expected a third seeded team to advance into the third round."

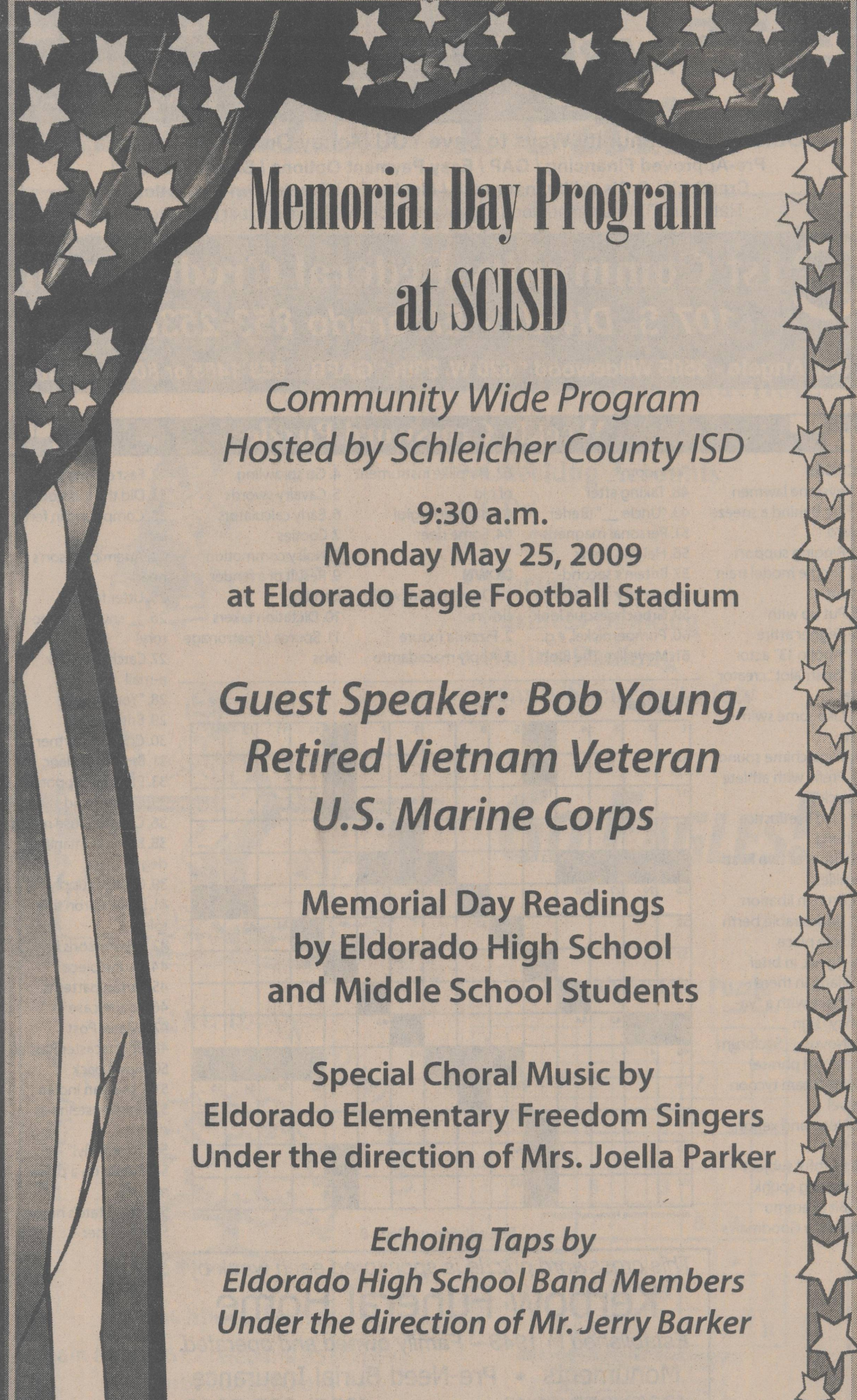
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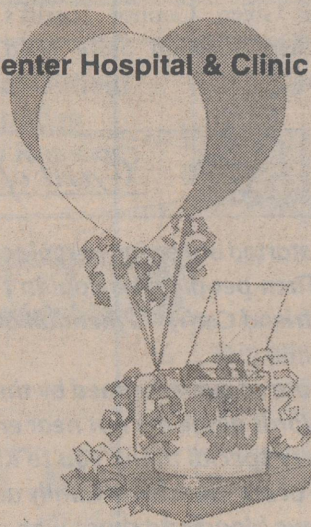
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Schleicher County Child Welfare members Maria Hendryx, Susie Richters, Steven Rowe, Ilse Williams and Christy Meador looked on as Luther Herrera 15 month old grandson of Delia Herrera and son of Reyna and Fidel Herrera pulled the winning number for the Mesquite Lamp. The fund raiser was to benefit the Schleicher County Child Welfare Board. The lucky winner was Harris Napier.

THC offers preparedness workshops to small museums

AUSTIN — Texas heritage is at risk in facilities throughout the state. With more than 500 local history museums across Texas, less than 25 percent have a plan for dealing with potential emergencies including hurricanes, fire and flood. As a result, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) will begin offering training workshops in June and July aimed at increasing the abilities of small and medium sized history museums to anticipate, respond and recover from an emergency.

"These workshops will help

provide small museums with the tools they need to prepare for any possible disaster," said Laura Casey of the THC's Museum Services Program. "It is crucial that we safeguard our heritage resources for the enjoyment and enrichment of future generations."

The workshops will be led by conservator Rebecca Elder of Amigos Library Services and coordinated in partnership with the Texas Association of Museums. They will be offered in 12 locations throughout Texas including Angleton, Beaumont, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Nacogdoches and Pittsburg. Registration is \$25 per person and is limited to 30 people. Each participating institution is permitted two attendees. Advance registration is required at www.io.com/tam/thcworkshop.html.

The Emergency, Preparedness, Response and Recovery Workshop is the first in a series of regional workshops designed to target the needs of small and medium-sized history museums in Texas. The workshops are one component of the Training for Texas Museums initiative administered by the THC's Museum Services Program. The initiative is funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and combines traditional training workshops with structured networking and a distance learning component.

To learn more about the Training for Texas Museums initiative and a complete listing of upcoming workshops contact the THC's Museum Services Program at 512.463.5853 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

MAY 13 - Jacia, Hector Armando, male age 49. Ind. with a child. Still in custody.
MAY 17 - Worton, Elizabeth Ann, female age 36. Out of county warrant. Released 5/18/09 \$2,500. surety bond.

INCIDENTS

MAY 12 - 9:31 PM - Complainant requested to speak with an officer concerning a family issue involving children. Officer responded and advised to contact CPS.
MAY 13 - 3:17 PM - Caller requested a welfare check on an elderly family member. Officer responded.
MAY 14 - 12:47 AM - Caller reported her boyfriend was fighting with her. Boyfriend locked her out of house and wouldn't let her in to get baby. Officer responded.
8:01 PM - Caller reported a golden retriever missing since this morning. Dog was described as slim build, 75#, wearing a collar w/tags and the owner's name and phone number on it. Answers to Buddy. Caller called back and said the dog was no longer missing.
MAY 15 - 2:18 AM - Caller complained next door neighbors playing loud music. Contacted neighbors.
6:42 AM - Caller reported a control burn.
4:56 PM - Complainant reported two reckless drivers headed south on 277 north. Officer responded. Caller stated

that it was 1 red and 1 white truck going over 100 miles per hour.

MAY 16 - 8:00 PM - Complainant reported having problems with spouse requested an officer. Officer responded.
MAY 17 - 9:03 PM - Caller complained of pests.

9:24 PM - Complainant requested to speak to an officer about the safety of his 4 year old, stating that he was worried about his son being in contact with a sex offender. His child is in San Angelo with his mother. He was advised to call Angelo P.D. for a welfare check. Called stated that he did not want to do that.

9:25 PM - Complainant reported gun shots at range. Officer notified. Caller stated that the noise was keeping him awake and asked if they could get whoever was shooting at the range to stop.
10:04 PM - Complainant requested a welfare check on her elderly husband. She stated that her husband went to the store an hour ago and has not returned, and she was concerned because of him being diabetic. Officer responded.

9:11 PM - Caller reported a male in his truck screaming for help by the dentist office. Officer and EMS responded.

MAY 18 - 1:12 PM - Caller reported a car accident.

2:20 PM - Complainant stated that two of his 4 wheelers had been vandalized. Estimated damages on the 4 wheelers would be \$6,000. on each. Totaling \$12,000.

2:59 PM - Complainant stated that they had a cow at their residence and was not sure who it belonged to. Officer notified.

3:37 PM - Complainant advised S.O. that their livestock (goats) were missing. Officer responded.

5:26 PM - Complainant reported a reckless driver in a small silver car on 277 N. travelling north. Tom Green Co. S.O. notified.

5:28 PM - Complainant reported a bee hive in their peach tree. Fire Chief notified and will respond to assess the situation.

MAY 19 - 8:55 AM - Complainant notified dept. they would be burning some brush.

9:21 PM - Caller reported loose livestock. Units notified.

Capital Highlights . . .

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George W. Bush. From 1995 to 2000 he was governor's office budget director for then-Gov. Bush. Before that, Hawkins was an employee of the state Legislative Budget Board for 16 years.

Parks & Wildlife cancels Expo

Carter Smith, executive director of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, announced that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo scheduled for Oct. 3-4 has been canceled and plans for the 2010 Expo have been suspended.

Smith said costs of putting on the events previously were underwritten

by sponsors, but sponsorship has been adversely affected by the economic downturn.

AG charges telemarketing firms

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on May 14 charged three telemarketing firms with participating in an illegal scheme to sell vehicle service contracts that were falsely marketed as extended warranties.

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1. Keystone lawmen</p> <p>5. Fare behind a sneeze guard</p> <p>10. Rigging support</p> <p>14. Simple model train layout</p> <p>15. Put up with</p> <p>16. Kegger attire</p> <p>17. "Apollo 13" actor</p> <p>19. "Spamalot" creator</p> <p>20. Like some swimsuits</p> <p>21. Wind chime sound</p> <p>23. Prefix with athlete or cycle</p> <p>24. Clad like Justice Roberts</p> <p>25. Either of two First Families</p> <p>29. Brunch libation</p> <p>32. Undesirable berth</p> <p>33. Safe place</p> <p>34. Agent, in brief</p> <p>37. Hang in there</p> <p>38. Place with a "vacancy" sign</p> <p>39. Novus Seclorum (dollar bill phrase)</p> <p>40. Ice cream tycoon</p> <p>41. Neon and xenon, for two</p> <p>42. Faithful subject</p> <p>43. Having spunk</p> <p>45. Bit of ammo</p> <p>46. Benny Goodman's</p>	<p>"kingdom"</p> <p>48. Taking after</p> <p>49. "Uncle ___" (Berle)</p> <p>51. Personal magnetism</p> <p>56. Height: Prefix</p> <p>57. Britain's second-largest city</p> <p>59. Grouchoesque look</p> <p>60. Pumpernickel, e.g.</p> <p>61. Move like The Blob</p>	<p>62. Harplike instrument of old</p> <p>63. Burpee bagful</p> <p>64. Some deer</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1. "Out of the inkwell" clown</p> <p>2. Pizzeria fixture</p> <p>3. Apply macadamto</p> <p>4. Go sprawling</p> <p>5. Cavalry swords</p> <p>6. Early calculators</p> <p>7. Cooties</p> <p>8. Noisy commotion</p> <p>9. Result of a fender bender</p> <p>10. Dictation takers</p> <p>11. Source of patronage jobs</p> <p>12. Fast on one's feet</p> <p>13. Did the Iditarod, e.g.</p> <p>18. Compound in fertilizer</p> <p>22. Anemic person's need</p> <p>25. Utter failure</p> <p>26. ___ snuff (satisfactory)</p> <p>27. Catcher of junk e-mail</p> <p>28. "You, there!"</p> <p>29. Brit's buddy</p> <p>30. Currier's partner</p> <p>31. Brooks or Blanc</p> <p>33. Parasite supporter</p> <p>35. Upper hand</p> <p>36. Coffee house reciter</p> <p>38. Some humanities degs.</p> <p>39. Garage supply</p> <p>41. Leslie Caron title role</p> <p>42. Take lessons in</p> <p>44. In one piece</p> <p>45. Tartan patterns</p> <p>46. Lower-case</p> <p>47. Aviator Post</p> <p>48. Sportscaster Rashad</p> <p>50. Flows back</p> <p>51. Canadian Indian</p> <p>52. Frankenstein's assistant</p> <p>53. "Scram, fly!"</p> <p>54. Puzzle on a placemat</p> <p>55. Iowa State's home</p> <p>58. Ill temper</p>
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- 25th Makenzie Grelle, Tobin Joy, Ronny Lynn Robinson, Bertha S. Castillo
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Solution to puzzle on Page 8

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**Mayor John Nikolauk
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Notice is here by given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jo Ann Sproul, were issued on May 12, in Cause No. 1690, pending in the County of Schleicher County, Texas, to C.R. Sproul.

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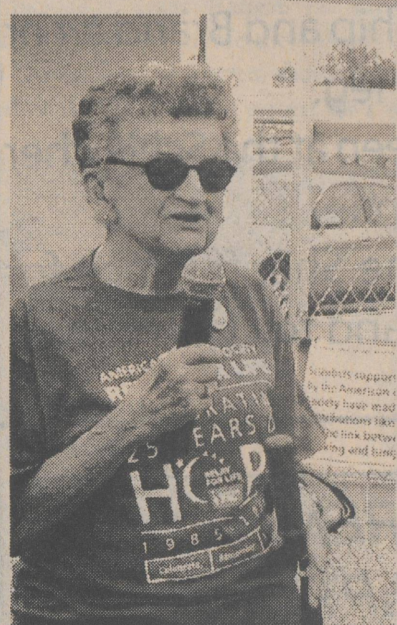
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Eldorado Spotlight



Retired school teacher Dana Owens was one of the many Cancer Survivors who took to the Eldorado High School Track last Friday night for a survivor lap during the Relay For Life. The local Relay for Life teams raised over 33K for the American Cancer Society.

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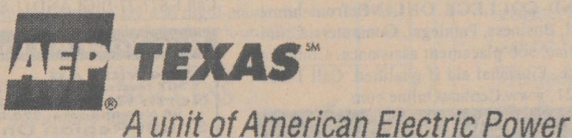
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The tax-free appliance sales apply only to eligible purchases made between 12:01 a.m. Saturday, May 23 and 11:59 p.m. Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) per the legislative restrictions.

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Schleicher Co. veterans may access services in San Angelo

In an effort to make veterans services readily available to the residents of Schleicher County, the Schleicher County Commissioners Court agreed to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Tom Green County and the Tom Green County Veterans Service Office located in San Angelo, Texas. The agreement was made official by Schleicher County Commissioner in their May 11, 2009 regular meeting and by the Tom Green County Commissioners meeting held May 19, 2009.

Schleicher County which has a veteran population of 178, will now have access to the County Veterans Service Office in San Angelo, Texas. The office is maintained and operated by Tom Green County and is not affiliated with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The office is staffed by two veteran service officers that are certified annually by the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC). TVC is the state agency for veteran affairs and has a long



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Tim Vasquez, Tom Green County Veteran Service Officer

standing relationship to assist and train county service officers in Texas.

In Texas, county veteran's service officers are

appointed and employed by the County Commissioners and the Texas Government Code allows for any number of contiguous counties to jointly establish an office and employ a veteran's county service officer or officers. Even though county service officers are not employees of the VA or the TVC, their expertise and knowledge in assisting veterans in filing claims for benefits has been proven very valuable. Tom Green County Veterans Service Officers work diligently to assist veterans through all levels of the claims process and have built relationships with many local, state, and federal agencies to better service the needs of the veterans.

The Veterans Service Office is located on 111 W. Beauregard Ave. in the Turner Building, in downtown San Angelo. The office is open Monday thru Friday 8 am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm, excluding holidays. Scheduling a time to visit with the officers is encouraged and they may be reached by telephone at (325) 659-6560.

Attention: Looking for cooks for 9th annual Ft. McKavett VFD Cook-off and Auction

Saturday, June 13th, the Fort McKavett Volunteer Fire Department will hold their 9th Annual Cook-Off and Auction. If you enjoy the challenge of cooking big slabs of meat come join us, fire up your grill and enter your secret recipe brisket, pork spare ribs, or chicken in the cook-off. Chili and beans will also be judged.

There will be a silent auction from 10:00

a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

A barbeque lunch will be served at noon. There will also be a washer pitching contest so bring a team and work off your lunch while having fun!

The Grand Auction will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m. New items for the silent and grand auction are arriving daily so don't miss out on bidding on a wide range of items from

hunts, to a gun, a quilt, jewelry, and other items from individuals and retail merchants.

For entry forms or more information on the cook-off call Ed LeClair (325) 396-2237 or (325) 949-6297.

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First stop will be Junction from 8:30-9:30 a.m., at the TTU campus in room 111 inside building B.

She will visit Sonora from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center and Ozona from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Conference room.

The meetings are open to the public and all residents are encouraged to attend. "Although this is the Friday before Memorial Day weekend, residents are encouraged to stop before they begin their weekend plans," said Shanon Biggerstaff, Chamber Executive Director.

The general public can find information about their communities at www.window.state.tx.us.

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