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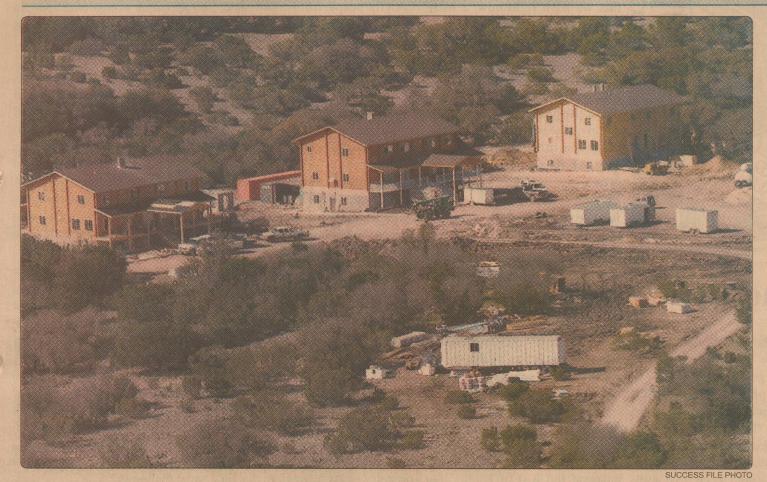
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Major construction — These three three-story buildings are going up some four miles north-northwest of Eldorado on land owned by YFZ L.L.C., a limited liability corporation based in Washington, Utah. Recent allegations by Flora Jessop, a child rights activist from Phoenix, Arizona, have authorities scratching their heads and wondering if the buildings might be connected to a polygamist sect located on the Utah/Arizona border.

Who is Flora Jessop and why is she coming to Eldorado?

Flora Jessop was raised in the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints (FLDS), a group that long ago broke its ties with the Mormon Church, and under FLDS rules, she was forced to marry her older cousin when she was sixteen. The marriage proved to be the final straw.

Jessop said she didn't run away from Colorado City, AZ because of religion, but because of abuse. She says that she was sexually abused in her home, beginning at age 13. But, she was strongwilled and wasn't about to submit. So, Flora took the unheard of action (at least at that time and in that place) of taking

cute polygamists. She also notes that Colorado City's local government, including the police force and school board are controlled by FLDS members.

The FLDS is headed by its Prophet, Warren Jeffs, the 48 year-old son of the group's former Prophet, Rulon Jeffs. Published reports in the Salt Lake City Tribune and the Phoenix New Times state that in 2002 Jeffs wrested control of the group away from three of his father's lieutenants, the Barlow brothers, Dan, Joe and Louis, who were the sons of former Prophet, John Y. Barlow. Jeffs



ing the U.S. Supreme Court's recent overturn of the Texas sodomy law and its impact on a persons privacy of the bedroom.

The conviction sent shock waves through the FLDS community. Jessop says that Jeffs immediately began making plans to relocate some, if not all, of his followers. And, she says, that's where David S. Allred comes into the picture.

Jessop notes that Allred's middle name is Steed. She says his grandmother was Martha Steed and that her sister, Mary Steed was Rulon Jeff's 4th and "favored" wife. Jessop also claims that David S. Allred's wife, Rosa Barlowe, is the daughter of Dan Barlowe, one of Rulon Jeff's lieutenants who was excommunicated by Warren Jeffs. Additionally, Jessop says that Allred's sister, Jeanetta Allred is married to Warren Jeff's brother Jessop says that the fact that David S. Allred is involved in the purchase of 1300+ acres of land in Schleicher County, and the fact that buildings closely resemble those currently occupied by FLDS groups in Colorado City, AZ. are being built on that land, leads her to believe that some, if not all, of Jeffs' FLDS followers are headed this way. Jessop says she is convinced that the FLDS has set its sights on Eldorado. That means she has set her sights here, too. When asked what if she is wrong about the buildings that are going up just north of town, and what if they turn out to be nothing more than a corporate hunting retreat, she just pauses and says, "I'm not wrong. This has all the signs and it people need to be aware.' Jessop cites the plight of her own sister, Ruby Jessop, as the only reason she needs to come here, or anywhere, in order to continue her fight with the FLDS. She says that Ruby was forced to marry her stepbrother at age 14. She escaped once, but was tricked into returning and now has two children of her own. Flora says that because of her previous escape, Ruby is never seen unattended. Helping Jessop with her campaign against the FLDS are an ardent group of supporters. As for the awareness angle, there is the national media that is following her to Eldorado. She says that awareness is their job.

Corporate retreat or prophet's refuge?

Even as construction proceeds on a complex of three-story buildings some four miles north of Eldorado, rumors about the facility and its possible ties, if any, to a polygamist group located in southern Utah and northern Arizona are swirling through the community.

The buildings are located on a 1371acre parcel of land purchased last year by a company named YFZ L.L.C., a Texas limited liability corporation based in Washington, UT. Documents filed in the Schleicher County Courthouse reveal David S. Allred as the YFZ corporate official who handled the transaction for the land. Allred is the only company official named in the corporation's organizing papers filed with the Texas Secretary of State's office.

Real estate closing documents associated with the property were signed by Mr. Allred here in Eldorado. At that time, Allred reported-

ly told several local citizens that he was planning to build a corporate retreat on but at the same time, we have the Colorado City the land. More than one local rancher has said that Allred told them he was the own- who may soon be living out criminal convictions er of Dave's Builders, there have rights, too," a construction company in St. George,

UT., and that his clients are located pri-

marily in Las Vegas, NV. Those clients were the reason for the retreat, Allred reportedly said, so that he could have a place for them to hunt and be entertained.

Allred's assurances about the use of

Utah/Arizona border region, with the majority of them living in the twin cities of Colorado City, AZ and Hilldale, UT. The two towns are actually a single city that straddles the state line. The town was once know as Short Creek.

The second event came when Jessop began contacting people in Eldorado, including Success editor Randy Mankin, with questions about the buildings being erected on YFZ property here in Schleicher County. She also claimed that the project is affiliated with the FLDS. She explained that since escaping from the group 18 years ago, she has devoted her life to helping young girls get away from the FLDS. Jessop said she is convinced that recent upheaval in the FLDS organization, prompted by the death of the group's Prophet, or spiritual leader, Rulon Jeffs — and the subsequent ascension of his son, Warren Jeffs, to the

office of Prophet --is a major reason the group is looking to "I take this very seriously, relocate away from

to understand that the people area Jessop further working out there and those claimed that recent of FLDS leaders in and around Colorado City, has forced Jeffs to look for a remote place like El-

dorado, where he could move some, if not all, of his followers.

Sheriff David Doran

Repeated attempts to contact officials with YFZ L.L.C. at its headquarters in Washington, UT, have been fruitless. Neither has the Success be able to contact David S. Allred. Phone numbers for Allred's company, Dave's Builders, listed on a business card he left here in the community, are no longer in service. The construction site is located off County Road 300 (Rudd Road) behind a locked gate on the property once owned by the late Red Cheek. Entry to the site is prohibited by a locked gate so the Success was unable to contact any of the construction workers who reportedly live at the site in mobile homes. Likewise, calls to FLDS officials have not been returned. Neither could the Success contact Rodney Parker, an attorney in Salt Lake City, UT, who represents the FLDS, according to numerous published reports in Utah and Arizona newspapers.

her alleged abuser to court.

When a St. George, UT judge dismissed the charges, Flora says she was returned to Colorado City where she was kept a prisoner in her uncle's home for the next four years.

Jessop's escape was made good at the age of 18, and she stayed on the run for several years, convinced that she was being pursued by church leaders. Finally, she was able to move on with her life, even marry and start a family, but she never forgot what happened to her in Colorado City and agonized over the thought of other young girls having to live as she did.

That's when Jessop became an activist. She launched a group called the Child Protection Project through which she worked to educate the public about the horrors of polygamy. She also began helping girls escape from the FLDS.

Her most recent achievement came in January of this year when her group helped two sixteen year-old girls, Fawn Holm and Fawn Louise Broadbent, escape from Colorado City. Both girls had been promised in marriage to older men.

Jessop says that for years her work on behalf of the girls of the FLDS and against the church's polygamist policies have been hampered by the unwillingness of the State of Arizona to prose-



Warren Jeffs Prophet of the **Fundamentalist** Church of Latter Day Saints

quickly excommunicated the three men and ordered them to leave their wives and homes.

Jessop says that recently the states of Arizona and Utah have begun cracking down on polygamy, and by extension the FLDS. The tougher enforcement resulted in Colorado City police officer Rodney Holm being convicted of unlawful sexual conduct with a 16 year-old girl, and one count of bigamy.

Holm's attorney, Rodney Parker of Salt Lake City, quickly announced his intention to appeal the conviction, cit-

> Flora Jessop heads up the Child Protection Program located in Phoenix, AZ. Persons desiring more information about Jessop are urged to check on the Internet at www.childpro.org or at www.helpthechildbrides.com

the land proved to be sufficient to settle local curiosity for a number of months. However, as construction progressed, its proximity to town and the county airport, made it inevitable that pilots who fly in and out of the airport would notice the scope of the project. Then came two events, ten days apart, involving a woman named Flora Jessop, from Phoenix, AZ.

First, on March 4, 2004, ABC's Primetime Thursday program aired an interview with Jessop regarding her life's work, rescuing young girls, forced to marry older men, from a religious sect know as the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints (FLDS), a splinter group that broke away from the Mormon Church many years ago after it turned away from the practice of polygamy, or plural marriages. Jessop said that she had escaped from the group at age 18 after being forced into a marriage with her cousin.

FLDS followers live primarily in the

Meanwhile, Jessop continues to press her case, announcing this week that she will be traveling to Eldorado on Thursday where she plans to hold a press conference. Jessop won't be com-**CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Once over easy — Five teenage juveniles escaped unharmed Sunday night March 21 when their 1994 Ford Explorer overturned approx. five miles out of Eldorado on County Road 300 (Rudd Road). The 15 year-old driver was ticketed for driving without a license and failure to control speed. Deputy George Arispe, Deputy Kevin Herbert and DPS Trooper Danny Nunez responded to the call. So did the Fire Dept and the ambulance service. Two of the youths were taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment. Trooper Nunez indicated the teenagers were "doing donuts" when the driver lost control.

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Watch your language around those cows

Lena Lou Cherry of Sulphur Springs grew up on her family's dairy farm. "We would milk around five in the morning and again at about four in the afternoon. You've got to milk one corner on the back and one corner on down. In other words, the left back and the right front. You aim them stream and go into the bucket."

Lena Lou's grandmother guage. "She told me I couldn't say If I said teat she threatened to wash out my mouth with soap."

word bull.

"I had to say billy boy. She'd of the place. say 'Lena Lou, you go and check up, she'd say 'Lena Lou, you run own." to the house now.' Well, when she



the front to get a good rhythm knew durn well what they were gonna be doing."

Lena Lou used to herd the down." together and they get into one cows across what is now Interstate 30 in Sulphur Springs.

"I'd get out there and stop the taught her the proper dairy lan- traffic so I could get the cows that had large quarters. I couldn't across and down to another pasteat. I had to say quarter or utter. ture. I had to do that twice a day." . The dairy had some goats on it. Lena Lou thought they were fun. Lena Lou could not say the She used to bring baby goats into the house and let them have the run and first finger and pull just on the

to see if the billy boys have wa- feet on the hardwood floors. to milk a goat." ter 'When I'd be down there in the They'd just scramble around pasture and I knew something was Those goats were a breed of their sisted the goats be milked by hand

put three cows out with the bull, I and joy of Lena Lou's grandmoth- and was going to put the milkers

Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in

lived to be 94 was because she tional media types, primarily be- fire in a multi-story building. drank that goat's milk."

Some people had stomach often in the past. problems and cow's milk made milk they could keep goat milk

Her grandmother milked about ten goats at a time.

"They were the kind of goats get my hands around them. When they're real tight with milk it's hard to get the milk to come out the end of that quarter. But my grandmother could take her thumb end and milk that goat clean in "I just loved to hear their little nothing flat. I never learned how

Lena Lou's grandmother in-

"One time I took a big goat The milk goats were the pride with large quarters into the barn on her. You talk about jumping. Goats can jump. Every time I touched that goat, her back end came straight up and her front legs

Let's take a step back and think for a moment *

Something unusual is going on in Schleicher County and everyone here is in a tizzy. People have been talking about new buildings going up on a ranch just north of Eldorado for several weeks now, long before anyone suggested a tie to a polygamist group on the Utah/ Arizona border. And...that's all that we have right now, a mere even for people from out-of-state. no apparent wrongdoing ... people suggestion.

been aware of the buildings for some time now and we, too, have Constitution. had questions. But, private propas, even to people from out-ofstate. The fact that their religion may be different than most of ours folks from out-of-state.

matter and Flora Jessop, the lady vice personnel might want to be dozen emails we sent asking for a from Phoenix who is raising all the in contact with them. questions about the YFZ compacause she has been proven right so



We here at the Success have swers, and perhaps we never will. on their property, etc., etc. Still, that's no reason to scrap the

erty rights still apply here in Tex- neighbors implies a mutual respect town had reached a fever pitch and and understanding, even for people from out-of-state.

is of no consequence. Freedom of pretty difficult for us to commu- Eldorado or Schleicher County. religion applies to us all ... even to nicate with them and there are le-But, polygamy is a different ment officials and emergency ser- call or responded to any of the two

ny, has a long track record when it Fire Chief Jerry Jones has the right comes to the issue. She also car- to know what he might be facing bottle and, for better or worse, Eler. "She thought the reason she ries a lot of weight with the na- if his department has to take on a dorado is going to find itself in the

The EMS has legitimate concerns, too. So do the folks at the suffered through the tragedy of the But the past is not always pro- Water District. How many water First Baptist Church bus wreck, it them sick. "My grandmother said logue to the present and just be- wells are being drilled, and for occurred to me that too much meshe saved many a baby. When ba- cause some things don't add up how many people? Yes, even the dia attention just isn't good for a bies could not drink any kind of right now doesn't mean we should most strident supporter of private little town. I'll admit to having that suspend the Bill of Rights, not property rights recognizes that the same feeling today.

Water District's need to monitor the aquifer. That means issuing permits for water wells, even for people from out-of-state.

The Success could have run a story about the YFZ property last week, but we chose not to, mainly because of the sentiments that Sheriff Doran expressed...there's No, we don't have all the an- have the right to do what they want

We chose to run the story this week simply because it had be-On the other hand, being good come a story. The rumors around the national media was set to pounce on it, with little regard for The folks at YFZ have made it what was in the best interest of

Still, I wish that someone, anygitimate reasons why law enforce- one, from YFZ had returned a phone comment. It would have been nice Fire protection is a concern. to have heard their side of the story.

> Oh, well, the genie is out of the eye of the storm, again.

A few months ago, as we all

Home insurance rates show show decline

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

legislation passed during the last session, two consumer groups ----Texas Watch and AARP Texas are not happy with insurance rates in the state. The average Texas homeown-

AUSTIN — In spite of reform

er pays \$1,390 in premiums, a 4 percent decrease from 2003. But the new legislation was expected to drop rates by 12 to 18 percent.

The groups said last week that Texans have overpaid some \$287 million in premiums just since last August, based on an analysis of data from the Texas Department of

spokesman for the Southwestern amount of their rollback was re- years ahead." Insurance Information Service, duced as part of the settlement.

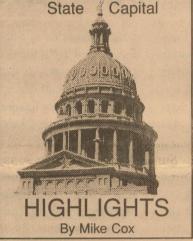
No fountain of youth...

Texans are getting younger, but no one has discovered a fountain of youth. The state's just getting more residents under 18.

New data show that the state grew by 350,000 people under 18 from 2000 to 2003, more than Florida or California, the nation's other two states in the top tier of young population growth.

"This shows how young Texas is becoming," state demographer Steve Murdock said. The trend, he continued, means that "demand for educational servic-Insurance. But Jerry Johns, a settled with the state, but the es will be particularly acute in the

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Loss ratios were only 58 per- 22.1 million population, an incent last year compared with 108 crease of 913,000 adults since Johns said rates have stabilized percent in 2002 and 118 percent 2000. Only California, with 35.5 in Texas and should begin drop- in 2001, a trend the Insurance million, has more residents. ping once more loss information Council of Texas said will be good is available. The process may take news for consumers "in the long \$1.4 million decision ... run."

last year the Department of Insur- also says it still sees an overall im-

"We're past the mold crisis that State Farm and Farmers took drove up the dramatic increases in the matter to court and the litiga- the homeowners market," said detion still has not been resolved. partment spokesman Jim Hurley. Twenty-seven other companies "We've turned a huge corner."

A Henderson County District The Department of Insurance Court issued a \$1.4 million judgment against Maria Elena Garza, whom Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott sued last year for operating a widespread scheme that defrauded hundreds of immigrants in and around Dallas.

> By posing as an immigration officer, Garza persuaded hundreds of immigrants to pay her hefty fees, often in excess of \$1,000, to process work visas, permanent residency status or citizenship forms. No work was actually performed.

> Garza operated primarily from a bingo hall in Seven Points, southeast of Dallas.

> In February, she was convicted in federal court on charges of mail fraud and impersonation of a U.S. immigration officer. At her sentencing hearing on May 18 she faces up to 68 years in prison.

> The attorney general worked closely with the local police department in Tool, and with the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas.

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Eldorado Forecast

DRITUARIES

William Bill Freitag



on March 20, 2004.

City, Ozona and Mertzon.

Bill was a veteran of World War II. While in the Army Air suckers. Corps, he proudly served in New Guinea and the Philippines. Upon p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at returning from the Service, he Lawnhaven Cemetery in San Anmarried his high school sweetheart Eunice Nell Girvin. She passed officiating. away in 1959, leaving three children; Kay, Jay and Sheliah.

Roswell, N.M., in 1962. They Roy Covey of Mertzon, Orval Edlived in Odessa where Bill owned miston of Eldorado, Rick Sterling and operated an oil field inspec- of Eldorado, Hyman Sauer of Eltion service. In 1970, they moved dorado, James Scott of San Anto the ranch in Roswell until 1977, gelo and Bill Taylor of Eldorado. when they moved to Live Oak Brangus Ranch, 8 miles east of a donation to your favorite charity Eldorado.

ing pear and bitter weed, and tak- Valley Home for Girls.

ing care of the livestock, deer and black buck. He loved to dance, golf and fish. Bill was a very active support-

er of the West Texas Rehab Center and received many honors from the Eldorado Divide Soil and Water Conservation District.

Bill is survived by his wife Mabel; daughter, Kay Wiginton of San Antonio; daughter, Sheliah Safford and husband Bryant of Orem, Utah; and son, Jay and his wife Pam of San Angelo. Other surviving family members include ELDORADO — William brother, Jimmy Freitag of Missou-"Bill" Freitag was born April 15, ri; six grandchildren, Lauren and 1923, and passed away peacefully Lindsay Wiginton, Taylor and Trevor Safford, Jeff Freitag and He attended schools in Sterling Jana Freitag Harrison and one great-granddaughter, Ariel Freitag.

We hope that Angels like red

Graveside services were at 3 gelo with Brother Bob Jacobson

Honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Helmers of Christoval, Bill married Mabel W. Koy of Frances Shelton of Mertzon, Le-

In lieu of flowers, please make or Bill's favorites, the West Texas Bill kept busy with his chores Rehabilitation Center, the West on the ranch, pushing cedar, spray- Texas Boy's Ranch or the Concho

Curits William Stockton, Sr.

Curtis William Stockton, Sr., 91, passed away in the Menard year pin with the Masonic Lodge. Nursing Home Thursday, March 18, 2004. Graveside rights were Curtis and wife, Jeannie, of Housheld at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March ton, Curt of Menard and one 21, at the Fort McKavett cemetery. daughter, Maggie Lew Middleton

Curtis was born and raised at and husband, Ronnie, of Eldora-Fort McKavett. He grew up fish- do. He is also survived by his ing and hunting on the head of the grandchildren Trey Stockton and San Saba River. He did everything wife, from shearing sheep for pennies a Lisa of Houston, Shy Lowe, head, to drilling water wells. He Shianne, and Lonnie Middleton of saw times change from running Eldorado and great-grandchildren barefoot or riding horseback to Will Stockton, Brees and Bray Model A¹s, to his old blue Dodge Guevara. pickup. Jackson. They moved to Schleich- Bill, Jim and Poochie; a sister, Floer County to begin farming and ra and a daughter, Patsy Jo Bradranching. Curtis loved the birth of ley. animals, the growth of crops, and a good garden. And if there was a grandsons and nephew, Sam good rain and flood, he "rode" his Stockton. boat on the San Saba River from Fort McKavett to Menard.

Curtis recently received his 50 Survivors include two sons, and Lola Squyres of San Angelo.





Cool Math — Greg Williams from the Texas Tech University Junction Outdoor Learning Center steps off a math problem on a large grid placed on the football Friday, March 19. Willams, along with Kaycie Sullivan and Amanda Camp, gave hands-on instruction in measurement and direction, with a little help from a compass, to the 5th grade class in preparation for the upcoming Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test to be taken next month in Middle School. The students will learn other skills during their trip to Junction on Friday, April 2.

Monday, March 29

Wednesday, March 31

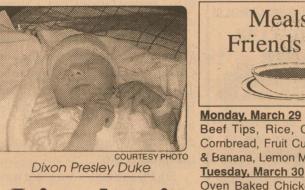
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Big brother Riley who is 2 1/2 cannot wait to tell everyone that his baby brother Dixon Presley Thursday, April 1 Duke arrived at noon on Tuesday, March 2, 2002 at 2:43 p.m. at San Angelo Community Medical Cen-Friday, April 2

Dixon Presley weighed 7 pounds, 9.1 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

His proud parents are Greg and Kelly Duke of San Angelo.

Paternal grandparents are Carroll and Dixie Duke of Gatesville. Maternal grandparents are Jim

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He was preceded in death by In 1948 he married Mary Helen wife, Mary Helen; three brothers,

Honorary pallbearers were his

Arrangements were by Gentry-Fife Funeral Home.

Olga Perez

March 16, 2004, in a local hospi- and brothers Manuel Rangel of tal. Services were at 10 a.m. Thurs- Dallas, Santos Rangel of Lincoln, day at Getsemani Assembly of Neb., and Isabel Rangel of Rock-God Church with burial in Eldo- springs. rado Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Alejandro F. Perez of Snyder; Home. daughters, Rochelle R. Ashley of Rosebud, S.D., Mary H. Perez of Seguin, Suzanna Perez and Adelaida Guevara, both of Lincoln, Neb., and Molly Irene Perez of Snyder; son, Hector Perez of Lincoln, Neb.; mother, Sara Rangel of Eldorado; sisters, Josefa Romo of Michigan, Jesusa Adame and Manuela Espinoza, both of Eldo-

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Olga Perez, 63, died Tuesday, rado, and Esther Lara of Snyder;

Services were at 10 a.m. Friday in Burkett Cemetery. Arrange-Survivors include her husband, ments are by Stevens Funeral





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Eldorado hosts Jr High tennis tournament *

Eldorado hosted their annual junior high tennis tournament this past Saturday, March 19. The weather was overcast most of the day with a fifteen minute delay for light showers.

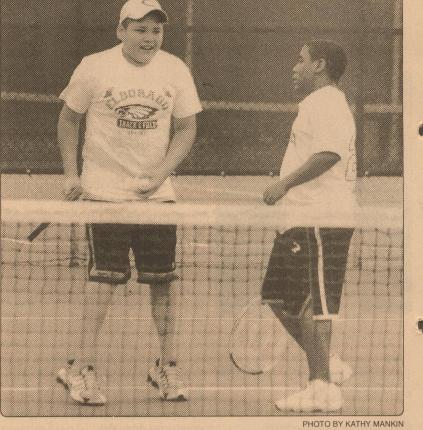
Participating schools were Eldorado, Grape Creek, Ozona, and Reagan County.

Rance Cathey placed 2nd in the 7th Grade Singles Division, with Diehl of Ozona taking 1st place with a score of 8-3. Cathey had a bye his first round, second round Cathey beat Aldridge of Reagan County 8-5 placing him against Diehl in the finals.

Austin Grubbs and Milo Vallejo placed 3rd in the 7th Grade Double Division. Grubbs and Vallejo had a bye for their first match and lost to Young and Evans, Reagan County 8-1. Third place went to Grubbs and Vallejo with a score of 9-7 against Grape Creek's Stone and Bolf.

Lindsey Pridemore and Alicia Porras won Consolation in the 7th Grade Girls Doubles division. They squared off with the other Richmond Adame and Michael Eldorado 7th grade girls double team of Veronica Belman and Tracy Brenner winning the Consola- their first set and they went on to tion bracket 8-6.

first match 8-5 against Sessom of and Redish played for third place Grape Creek. Then he lost to 1st Ybarra and Silva of Ozona. place winner Tambunga of Ozona



Having a good time: L-R Richmond Adame and Michael Reddish placed 3rd in the Junior High Invitational Tennis Tournament this past Saturday. Four schools including Eldorado participated.

Redish placed third in their divi- Chris Minor, Marc Garcia, Austin 🧕 sion. Adame and Redish had a bye Grubbs and Milo Vallejo. play Munoz and Ramos of Ozona Chatham, Allie Perez, Macy 8th Place Singles 3rd place was who won this set sending them off Chatham, Leanna Danford, Kassheld by J.P. Joiner who won his to play in the semi finals. Adame ie Tyler and Chelci Pridemore.

8-1. J.P. went on to cinch third were: 7th Grade Girls-Corey Wil- Mata. place by winning his match against liams, Marcela Huerta, Lindsey McGregor of Reagan County 8-6. Pridemore, April Porras, Tracy nis students is Teresa Baker-Shir-8th Grade Double partners Brenner and Veronica Belman.

7th Grade Boys-Rance Cathey,

8th Grade Girls: Blake

8th Grade Boys: J.P. Joiner, Michael Redish, Richmond Eldorado players participating Adame, Clark Meyer and Jorge

> Coaching this years EMS tenley

Big Lake Ribbon Relays held March 19

7th Grade Girls Track Results: Triple Jump: 2. Cassandra Buitron (26-11); 3. Darci Graves (

24-9 1/2) Long Jump: 1. Cassandra ro (31.48) Buitron (13'); 3. Darci Graves (11-

Shot Put: 2. Jessica Valero (22-9)

Discus: 3. Jessica Valero (52') 2400m Run: Marcela Huerta 12:31.02

Buitron (2:54.15)

Graves - 1st (1:23)*

200m Dash: 1. Cassandra Buitron '(31.49); 2. Jessica Vale- (16.39)

ta (7:35)

* ribbons were given to each heat of every race as a result you Swyter (1:01.24) might see two 1st places in a race. 8th Grade Girls Track Results: lez (33.3); 3. Desiree Valeriano

Long Jump: 3. Amika (33.6) 800m Run: 1. Cassandra Gonzalez, (11-3); 4. Leslie Cruz $(10-9^{3/4})$

Buitron (1:11.15); 1. Darci lez, Desiree Valeriano, Leslie Cruz Chelsey Hill (2:10)

100m Dash: 4. Leslie Cruz

400m Dash: 4. Amika Gonza-1600m Run: 4. Marcela Huer- lez (1:12); 2. Desiree Valeriano (1:16)*; 1. Chelsey Hill (1:16)* 300m Hurdles: 1. Rhapsody

200m Dash: 2. Amika Gonza-

1600m Run: 5. Rhapsody Swyter (8.01)

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(13.93); 2. Darci Graves (14.74) 400m Dash: 1. Cassandra

100m Dash: 1. Jessica Valero 100m Hurdles: 3. Rhapsody Swyter (20.19)

* ribbons were given to each heat of every race as a result you 800m Relay: 3. Amika Gonza- might see two 1st places in a race.

Varsity softballers drop two games

On Tuesday, March 16, the dogs. The girls in green were unable to recover after Brady seized ing up a 15-5. the lead with a 4-run 1st inning. the Lady Eagles.

supplied a one-two punch for the nally reached the 10 run limit in have a long lay over between Eldorado girlsl; Green laced one the 5th inning. hit and walked twice, while Heronce. Melinda Hernandez went 1for-2 and Courtney Whitten ripped Robertson got one hit apiece.

Despite the lackluster score, Eagles as they scored two runs in Rodriguez walked once. Senior seven different players got hits for the 1st and racked up three more Clara Herrera walked once. in the 2nd. But Eldorado couldn't Betsy Green and Clara Herrera hold defensively and Junction fi- son explained, "It just kills us to

rera tallied a hit and sacrificed Fuentes led the Eagles offensively, out and the scheduling conflict Whitten stroked a double and had one run, and Fuentes drove home a one hit. Ashley Doran and Jessica run and managed to cross the plate We lose our consistency. We have

Then, on Friday, March 19, a one RBI and also tacked on two EHS Lady Eagles lost, 13-0, to the spirited effort by the Eldorado girls bases on balls. Senior Rachael Fu-Brady High School Lady Bull- could not quite prevent the Junc- entes touched home once and also tion High School team from notch- chipped in with a walk. Amanda

Figueroa finished 1-for-3, Betsy Things began well for the Lady Green scored a run and Samantha Following the loss, Coach Gib-

games like we have been having. Courtney Whitten and Anna With the Miles tournament rained with Winters, we had to wait a week and a half between games. herself. Junior Selina Rojas tallied to learn how to mentally be prepared for games."

JV falls to Junction

Junction's JV outlasted the Lady Eagles JV 19-11 on Friday, March 19.

Sophomore Karina Sanchez went a perfect 3-for-3, served up a pair of RBIs and scored a pair of runs to lead the Eldorado girls. In all, the EHS JV got RBIs from eight different playrs. Ashley Doran tacked on two RBIs and circled the bases twice. Marianna Guzman hadthree hits and two runs scored. Melinda Hernandez, who laced three hits for the Lady Eagles JV. Kim Contreras and Charlotte Adame each had two hits. Katey Blair generated an RBI and Josie Diaz delivered a run-batted-in.

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18 Eldorado Golfers took advantage of St. Patricks Day and 83 degree weather to go to Comfort, Texas and play golf at Buckhorn Country Club. There were three teams of five and one team of four. Bob Whitten brother of Ross Whitten also played with the group. Back (L-R) Lynn Griffin, Kirk Griffin, Steve Snelson, Don Richters, Wayne McGinnes, Ross Whitten. Middle Row: (L-R) John Cartwright, Ken Newman, George Scott, Phil McCormick, open session they voted unani- ing for open seats. It was noted that Kerry Joy, C.R. Sproul, Clay Whitten, Bob Parker, Chris McCravey. Front Row: (L-R) Ronnie Sauer, Robert Bybee, Sam Henderson.

What about a new Year Book?

were sold in the past several years. is out. The book will contain es-The "Talon" had less pages and sentials - mug shots, group shots, only black and white photos for a etc., for each campus. The DVD reason...cost.

paying \$35.00 for a yearbook paid graduation pictures. Music and for the cost of printing it. Not so. videos included. The cost for printing last years was \$10,800. Ads and concessions add- cost". At cost is \$13.00 for the ed a little to solving the financial books and DVDs are on sale now. problem, but still not enough. Each Students in Middle School and year some of the cost was reduced, Elementary can go to the school but not all.

So each year the cost kept and DVD.

The cost of the year books con- creeping up. The new books will tinuously increased to the point be hard bound not hardback. All that no one was satisfied with pages in color...the price is one we them. Out of 600 students enroll- can live with ... the book and the ment at SCISD only 100 copies DVD will be ready when school.

will contain extra stuff like mor-Most people thought that by phing from childhood to present

> The cost of "the" book is "at secretary to purchase your book

Freeman and Attorney James Ko- tool are meeting with success. OURTESY PHOTO sub. About half way through the It was then noted that there will session Dr. Lillian Perez and he be no contested races for Hospital

Management Consultant Andy

husband, Juan Perez, were called in to join the meeting.

mously to refer a patient care concern to Medical Staff for review.

The seven trustees, including Shirley Joiner, Ricky Fuessel, Su-Williams, Jim Martin and Randy cancelled the May election. Mankin, spent most of the evening discussing health insurance benefits for the district's personnel. After hearing the recommendation from an employee committee, presented by Staci Jurecek, and after a lengthy discussion the board voted to upgrade its health insurance coverage somewhat. They also decided to continue offering the district employees the option to choose an in-house plan that allows employees to make use of services in the hospital and clinic. The new insurance plan will cost the hospital \$127.65 per employee per month.

In her administrative report Sharon Dietz updated the board on grant applications that have been submitted to various agencies. She also discussed statistics and compared the way the hospital and clinic are being utilized now, as compared to the level of usage in recent years. Among other items, Ms. Dietz advised the trustees that Kim Taylor has completed training and received her certification as a "certified coder" which will help with filing Medicare claims

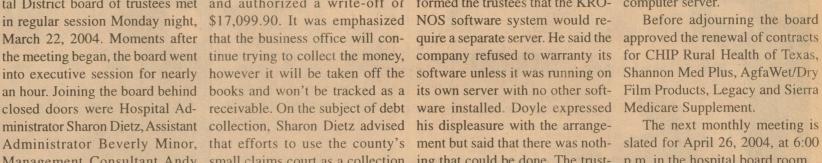
the district's financial reports, noting that the district ended the event include Lakeview, Sonora, month in the black, with a profit of \$8,164.00. The group reviewed

The Schleicher County Hospi- also reviewed the bad debt listing tal District board of trustees met and authorized a write-off of formed the trustees that the KRO- computer server. small claims court as a collection ing that could be done. The trust- p.m. in the hospital board room.

Hospital trustees OK new health insurance plan

Board in the May election, with Susie Richters, Jim Martin, Frank When the board returned to Williams, and Ricky Fuessel fil-Shirley Joiner did not file and that there will be a vacancy on the board. The board then voted unanimously to declare the four unconsie Richters, J.D. Doyle, Frank tested candidates to be elected and

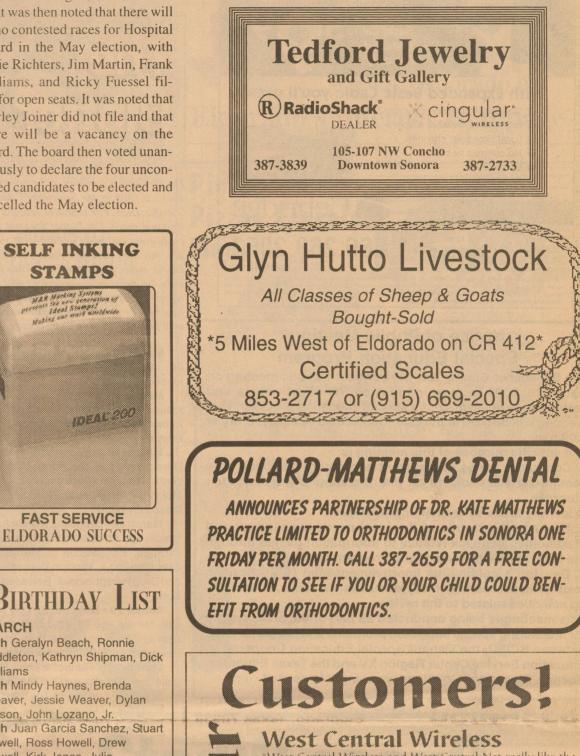
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In other business J.D. Doyle in- ees voted to spend \$2,499 for a

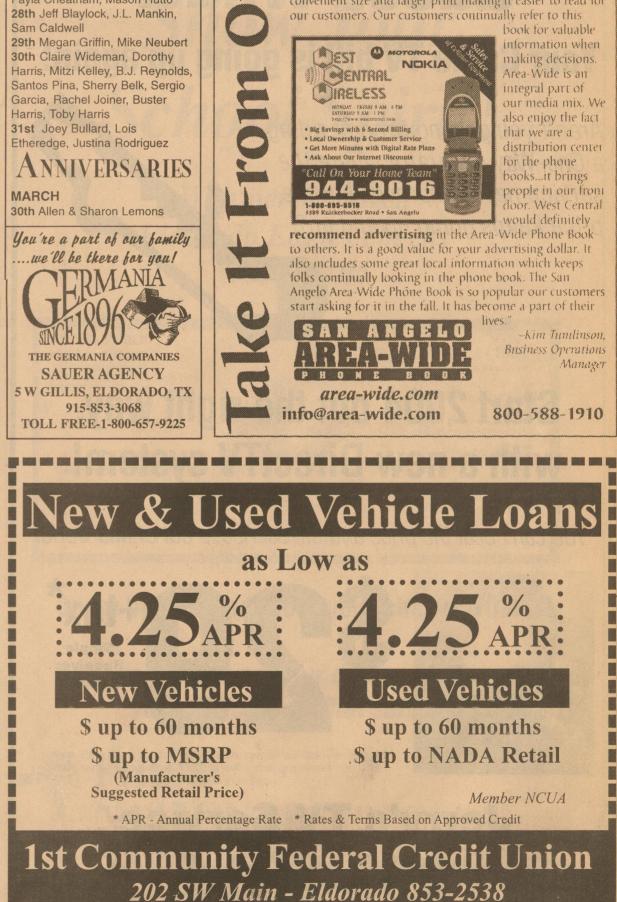
Before adjourning the board

The next monthly meeting is





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EHS netters play in Big Lake

by Coach Matt Rutherford

traveled to Big Lake this past vo made the semifinals in consoweekend with Chandra Wanoreck and Maxie Holley placing first match and lost her second. Lofourth in girls' doubles. The rest gan Jones and Mark Bybee faced • of the team fared very well. Al- tough draws but played well. lison Reynolds went three rounds deep in singles while the doubles nis team hosts the Eldorado Eight teams Shay Parker and Russel Invitational Tennis Tournament at Cathey and Lauren Brown and the high school courts. Teams com-Taylor Baker also played three ing to Eldorado for this two day rounds.

The doubles team of Michael Ozona, Miles, Veribest, and Wall.

Ballew and Ryan Cathey made it The Eldorado Tennis Team to the quarterfinals. Abel Montallation while Kristin Mittel won her

This Friday and Saturday the ten-

Beverly Minor then went over

BIRTHDAY LIST MARCH

25th Geralyn Beach, Ronnie Middleton, Kathryn Shipman, Dick Williams 26th Mindy Haynes, Brenda Weaver, Jessie Weaver, Dylan Wilson, John Lozano, Jr. 27th Juan Garcia Sanchez, Stuart Howell, Ross Howell, Drew Howell, Kirk Jones, Julie Chancellor, John Chancellor, Fayla Cheatham, Mason Hutto

County okays interlocal agreement with City

The Schleicher County Com- The court is looking at purchas- Commissioners Matt Brown, Kirk missioners Court held a relatively ing the building that previously Griffin, Bill Clark and Johnny short meeting Monday, March 22, housed Hugh's Tire Shop. 2004 with all four commissioners present.

inter local agreement between the kit was being prepared and hope- tion was taken and the meeting court and city council after sever- fully in 60 to 90 days construction adjourned. al adjustment were made. Judge can begin. Griffin presented the draft to City will present it to the City Council at their next meeting.

The court then opened two bids for diesel fuel. Griffin fuel bid viewed and paid the monthly bills. \$1.239 per gallon and Regal Oil, Inc. bid \$1.293. The court accept- cial called emergency executive ed the cheaper bid of \$1.239.

chase of real estate for county use. County Judge Johnny Griffin,

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tery chapel was briefly discussed. surer Karen Henderson. The ses-The court voted to approve an Judge Griffin stated the building sion lasted about an hour. No ac-

One indigent requested for Administrator Randy Mankin who payment on an electrical bill was voted on by the commissioners in the amount of \$90.00.

The commissioners then re-The meeting ended with a spesession on legal matters. In atten-No action was taken on the pur- dance was Sheriff David Doran,

Mayo. Also, present was County Construction update on ceme- Clerk Peggy Williams and Trea-

> Scripture If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. James I: 5-6

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The Schleicher County ISD will conduct a public meeting on March 29, 2004 to receive input on the effectiveness and performance of the district's special education program. This meeting will be held in the Eldorado Middle School Library at 7:00 p.m.

The specific purpose of this meeting is:

1. Conduct a needs assessment and gather feedback from community stakeholders on the operation of the education program;

2. Identify areas in need of improvement;

3. Evaluate the results of the local needs assessment and stakeholder feedback relative to information gained through the local review of student and program data; and

4. Develop a continuous improvement plan (CIP) detailing results, measures, activities, resources, timelines, and followup activities related to the review.

This meeting is being conducted as part of the state system for monitoring special education programs and is a partnership between SCISD, the Menard Special Education Cooperative, **Education Service Center Region XV and the Texas Education** Agency. Please plan to attend, your input is needed.

Good readers - 3rd Grade Teachers Lisa O'Harrow, Geralyn Beach and Eva Jo Sessom pose with their students who successfull completed the new TAKS reading test. Passing the test is now a requirement before a student may be promoted to the 4th grade.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN



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 ant reported finding several backchecks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS March 17 • Irby, Oscar, male age 20. offense Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

March 19 • Wade, Jason Eric, male age 21, offense Driving While Intoxicated, and Evading Arrest. Released on Bond.

March 19 • Hammond, Robert Derek, male age 22, offense Possession of Marijuana (less than 2oz.), and Making Alcohol Available to Minor. Released on Bond.

March 19 • Lehmann, Marcie Ann, female age 18, offense Fictitious Registration, Possession of Marijuana (less than 2oz.), Minor in Possession, and Drug Paraphernalia. Released on Bond.

March 20 • Bunyard, Sawyer Mc-Call, female age 18, offense Possession of Marijuana (less than 2oz.). Released on \$1000 Surety Bond.

March 20 • Renfro, Benny Ray, male age 27, offense Out of County





Warrant, and Possession of Marijuana (less than 2oz.). Released on \$250 Cash Bond.

March 20 • Reyna, Arturo, male Officer responded. age 37, offense Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

age 40, offense Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

Martin, male age 19, arresting officer self. Officer responded. DPS trooper, offense Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$1000 Surety Bond

packs. Officer responded.

• 6:10 p.m. Complainant call to report that he would be having a con-sleep. trolled burn.

and requested to speak with an officer about a minor accident. Officer responded. March 17 • 10:48 a.m. Complain-

ant reported a subjects lifeline going off. Officer responded.

• 7:08 p.m. Complainant on Western Drive reported a suspicious ve- a vehicle driving at an excessive hicle. Officer responded, unable to speed. Officers responded. locate

ant on West Avenue reported a possible prowler outside her residence

• 12:36 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle broke down on the high-March 20 • Reyna, Santo, male way, and it could cause an accident. Officer responded.

• 2:22 p.m. Complainant reported March 21 • Hargrove, Santigo a small child on a 4 wheeler by him-

> • 11:39 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver. Officer respond-

March 19 • 12:05 a.m. Complain-March 16 • 3:36 p.m. Complain- ant reported that a truck was following her around. Officer responded.

• 12:55 a.m. Complainant reported that her husband would not let her

• 10:37 p.m. Complainant report-• 8:17 p.m. Complainant called ed loud music. Officer responded. 11:25 p.m. Complainant called again. Officers responded and subject was arrested.

March 21 • 12:01 p.m. Hospital ed. requested a basic transfer to San Angelo.

 6:24 p.m. Complainant reported • 6:55 p.m. Complainant request-

March 18 • 3:00 a.m. Complain- ed a ambulance for a elderly female. EMS and Officer responded.

> • 7:41 p.m. Complainant advised that there was a trailer without any back lights. Officer responded.

> • 8:44 p.m. Hospital called for an ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

> • 10:04 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident. All units responded.

March 22 • 7:15 a.m. Complainant reported vandalism at the Eldorado High School. Officer responded.

• 3:21 p.m. Complainant reported a lost cell phone.

• 6:55 p.m. Complainant on Old Sonora Road requested to speak with officer about someone breaking into her home. Officer responded.

• 7:00 p.m. Complainant reported loose livestock. Officer responded.

• 10:35 p.m. Complainant on Hall Street reported that someone had broke into his home. Officer respond-

 10:36 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with officer. Officer responded.

March 23 • 10:30 a.m. Complainant reported a missing pistol from his pickup.

Corporate retreat or prophet's refuge?

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ing alone. Buster Johnson, a county supervisor in Mojave County, explained that he has been in con-AZ, the county where Colorado tact with Flora Jessop and is aware of Schleicher County will give this City is located, will be coming, of suspicions she has about the thing some time and let us do our too. He is said to be one of Jes- construction on the YFZ property. job," Doran added. "If there's a sop's strongest supporters.

as well, including reporters for the not aware of any connection be- prevail." Salt Lake City Tribune and the tween the Fundamentalist Latter Phoenix New Times, two newspa- Day Saints and the buildings that pers that have devoted dozens if are being built north of town," not hundreds of articles in recent Doran stated. years to the FLDS and the issue of

polygamy on the Utah/Arizona at the same time, we have to unborder. A reporter with ABC's derstand that the people working

here this week.

Locally, Sheriff David Doran too," the Sheriff continued.

"I take this very seriously, but

be living out there have rights,

"It is my hope that the people "I know that Ms. Jessop is com- need for law enforcement to step Several print journalist and mitted to her cause, and I applaud in, we won't hesitate to do so. But broadcast reporters are expected, her for it. But, at this time I am until then, I hope cooler heads will



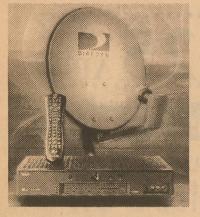
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TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, IF ANY, OF LLOYD B. JOHNSON, DE-CEASED, their executors, administrators, heirs and assigns, and to all persons interested in the Estate of, LLOYD B. JOHNSON, Deceased: No. 1602, County Probate Court.

Lillian A. Johnson, Jerry Don Johnson, Barbara Lynn Krueger, Patty English & Debbie Segler filed in the County Probate Court of Schleicher County, Texas, on the 11th day of March, 2004 Application to Declare Heirship.

Said Application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after expiration of ten days from date publishing this citation, the same being the 12th day of April, 2004 at the Schleicher County Courthouse, Eldorado, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Probate Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in Eldorado, Texas, this the 19th day of March, 2004.

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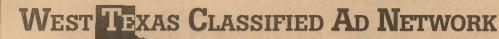
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Card of Thanks

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Many thanks for all the acts of kindness shown to me and my family during my recent illness. Your cards, letters, calls, and prayers meant so much to us. It is a privilege to call Eldorado home.

Sandra Helmers

Our sincere appreciation to those who helped us March 7th; EMS Personnel-Sheila Prather & Lee Barajas, First Responder/Deputy David Olivan, SCMC Nurses-Pearl Vinlove & Terri Domingues, Dr. Lillian Perez & Dr. James Lucas. We would also like to thank everyone for their flowers, food, prayers and support. These are the times we appreciate living in a town such as Eldorado. Thank You for making a hard time much more bearable.



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traveled to Big Bend. He was on his way home when he passed through town last Thursday. Spurlock says he bought the rig in

Oklahoma and purchased the mule's, Kate and Mandy, in Kentucky. The mules are six years old. Spurlock says the worst part of the trip was coming up the hill outside of Iraan PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN



Schleicher County ISD trustees hold monthly meeting

The Schleicher County ISD ementary Writing in 2001-2003. board of trustees met Tuesday evening, March 23, 2004 in the students in elementary were rec-Wanoreck were absent.

adoption. After a slide presentation remain in 3rd grade. about the various projects, the students explained their involvement portion of the meeting, Leigh Ann with their individual projects and Higgins and Mike Lux spoke to the how it changed them. The students board about Ag teacher Cory stained. included Jordan Gesch, Rasophy Steven's departure from the dis-Swyter, Allie Perez, Megan Eu- trict. Mrs. Higgins is concerned bank, Michael Redish, Chelsey about the future of the FFA pro-Hill, J.P. Joiner, Jasmine Ramero, gram and the school's Ag depart-Franky Sanchez, Deisy Rios and of the long term educational benuary, using only one class hour hoped the school would seek out projects.

The children, under the direc-Board President Jo Helen Kotsch above others their age. In other business, Elementary Committee. The committee is tract extension and/or renewals. students, teachers and principal made up of elementary, middle Center for Educational Account-

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Middle School Library with trust- ognized for achieving the miniees Jo Helen Kotsch, Eddie Albin, mum standards on the new TAKS and Kurtis Homer in attendance. students met the higher "com- ed the district had a fund balance tionary contract for the 2004-2005 Trustees Berta Nicholsona and Jan mended" standard. Superintendent Gesch praised the third grade and The meeting began with a their teachers for overcoming the justment of \$42,198 was then made Whitten and Brian Gibson. group of 8th grade Language Arts hardships they incurred when their for the acquisition of two vehicles. students addressing the board teacher Mrs. Sessom was away and learning projects like the Ea- in her family. Gesch also comgle Arcade, Project Angel Tree, a mended the many substitute teach-

be active in the FFA program.

Next, the trustees voted to can- tion. tion of Katrina Gonzales and Ilse cel the May school board election Williams, noted that they learned since trustees Berta Nicholson, closed doors for the discussion of Mikeska, Randy Mitchel, Kathy many valuable life lessons while Kurtis Homer both filed for reeleccarrying out the service projects. tion and don't have an opponent. from the hour-long executive ses- Parker and Eva Jo Sessom.

Also, forty-three third grade funds

minutes of their previous meeting, the reviewed and approved the disof \$1,341,928.00 on Feb. 29, 2004. school year. They are Charlie An undesignated fund balance ad-

about their experience with service from the classroom due to deaths lot at 204 West Warner for \$2,000. brarian were offered a term contract The lot is adjacent to the School's for the 2004-2005 school year. Annenberg Building and will be local food drive, Willing To Teach ers who tutored the children. Stu- used to increase playground space a term contract for the 2004-2005 Kids (WTTK), and Nursing Home dents who don't pass the test will for middle school students. Voting school year are Traci Charboneau, During the public comments trustees Eddie Albin, John Paul Gonzales, Kriss Griffin, Delia Joiner, Kurtis Homer and Lupe Herrera, Suzanne Johnston, Larry Sanchez. Jo Helen Kotsch ab- Meador, Christy Meador, Rick

Jim Brown an energy systems engineer from Austin met with the a probationary contract for the board and explained that the 2004-2005 school year are school as 107 air conditioning Lavonne Espinosa and Kittie Gib-Selvia Aranda, Juanita Segura, ment Higgins and Lux both spoke units and that 95 of them are in bad son. shape. He said that several 23 yearlogged 11,970 minutes since Jan- gives to the students and said the ommended that the board spend at school year are: Geralyn Beach, each week to implement the another young Ag teacher who will units and he offered several financ- lene Edmiston, Branda Gray, Deb

The board then approved 2005- sion and voted to accept administold the students the are "a cut 2006 textbook adoption list recom- tration recommendations for Doyle, John Kotsch, Susie Richmended by the Textbook Adoption teacher and professional staff con- ers and Ray Ballew were offered

gent upon the availability of state onie Reynolds, Don Richters, Amy Rutherford, Matt Rutherford, Gina The board then approved the Sauer (part time), Rene Valeriano, Teresa Vasquez and Bill Wells.

The following high school John Paul Joiner, Lupe Sanchez reading test. Twenty-four of the trict's financial reports. It was not- teachers will be offered a proba-Bunch, Jesse Garza, Marilyn

> High School Counselor Mau-The board voted to purchase a reen Hodges and High School Li-

Middle school teachers offered for the purchase of the lot were Tamalyn Dombroski, Katrina 🌒 Singleton and Jim Wyatt

Middle school teachers offered

Elementary teachers offered Daniel Sanchez. The class has efits that an agriculture teacher old units were still in sue. He rec- term contracts for the 2004-2005 least \$700,000 to replace the 95 Janet Curtis, Claudia Droll, Daring options. The board took no ac- by Griffin, Allene Halbert, Candi. Homer, Lana Jones, Maggie Mar-The trustees then went behind tinez, Mickey McGregor, Lynna personnel matters. They emerged Newman, Lisa O'Harrow, Joela,

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Professional employees J.D a contract renewal for the 2004-

Before adjourning, the board da Thomas and Cory Stevens, both of whom submitted letters of resignation. They will work through the end of the current school year.

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