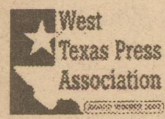


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## TCEQ not ready to act on violations at YFZ Ranch

### Wastewater plant permit clears first hurdle

Officials with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality say that the investigation into environmental violations at the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado is still moving forward, but the state agency is not yet prepared levy a fine or other penalties against the ranch's owner, YFZ Land L.L.C.

In October of 2003, a Utah man named David Allred formed YFZ Land, L.L.C. and began using the company to acquire property in Schleicher County. Eventually 1,691 acres were bought some four miles north-northeast of Eldorado and construction soon began on a series of three-story log cabins. Allred's claim that the land was intended as a hunting retreat where he could entertain his business clients didn't hold up under scrutiny and by mid-March of this year it was discovered that the man had fronted the purchase of the land for a reclusive sect of fundamentalist Mormons and that the group's prophet, Warren Jeffs was intent on building a new community on the property.

By early summer, a number of environmental concerns came to light and TCEQ inspectors began visiting the property. Shortly thereafter the ranch was cited for 29 environmental violations ranging from the operation of an unlicensed bulk cement plant and the dumping of sewer water on ranch roads for dust control to the improper storage and disposal of used motor oil and filters. The ranch was also ticketed for operating an unlicensed public water supply system.

Since that time, the violations have been reviewed by the TCEQ Enforcement Division, which is reportedly ready to send its recommendations to the agency's lawyers.

TCEQ attorney Wendy Cooper told The Success on Tuesday that she is still awaiting documentation from the Enforcement Division to reach her

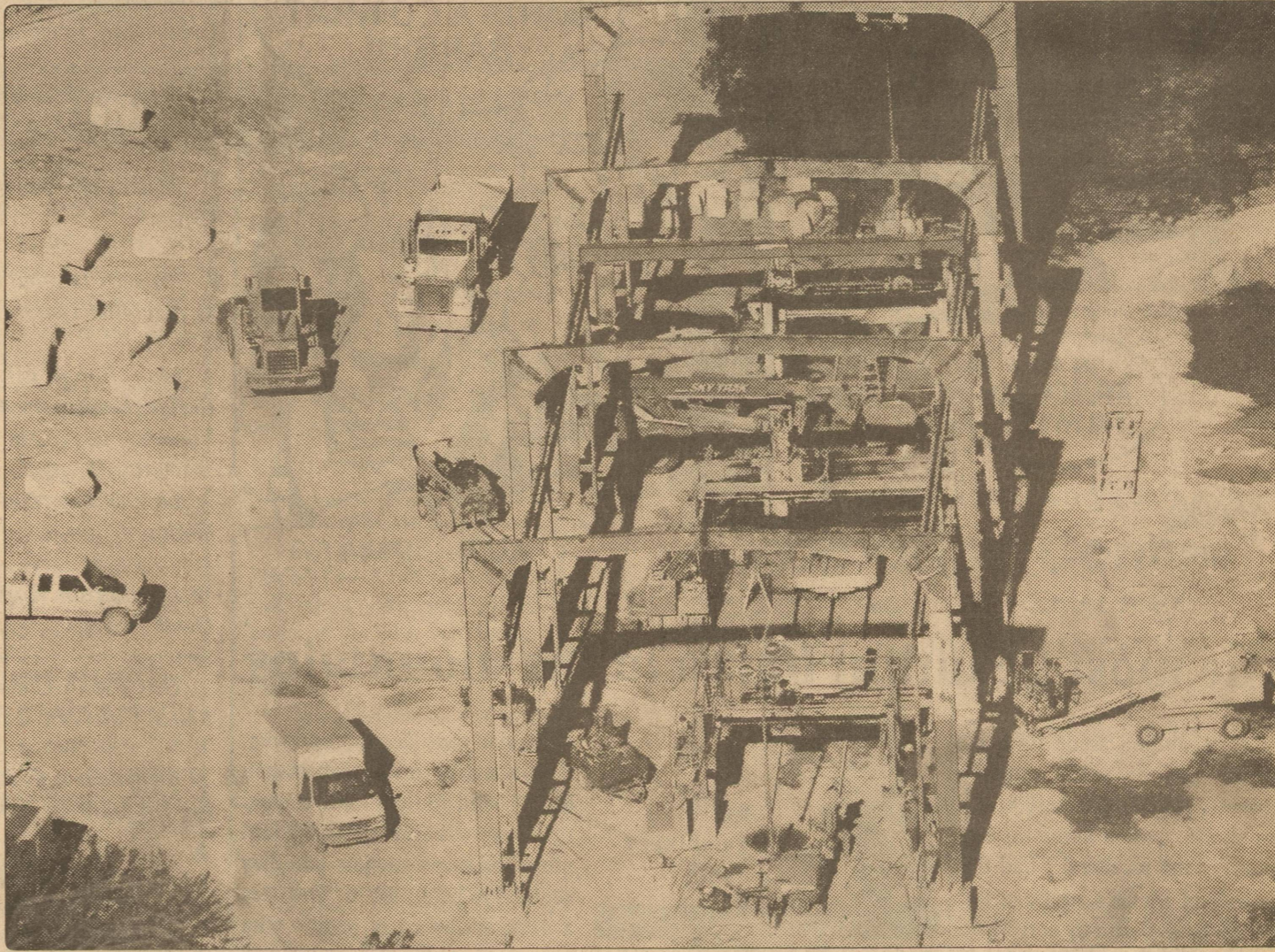
Ft. Worth office. She said that once all the paperwork is complete a decision will be made on how to proceed. She noted that a negotiated settlement is a possibility, but wouldn't rule out that if YFZ officials don't agree to the agency's terms that a court order might be sought. Cooper said that the final determination will eventually be made public, but said it could still be weeks, even months down the road.

### A river runs through it

An application for a permit to build a sewage treatment plant on the YFZ Ranch cleared its first major hurdle earlier this month when TCEQ officials in Austin said the application was "administratively complete." An agency spokesman defined the term to mean that "all the holes have been filled in on the application, things like taxpayer I.D. number and things like that." He said that missing documentation has been provided and that the application will now move on to the technical review process where agency engineers will check to see if the wastewater plant is designed to handle and effectively treat the amount of wastewater that YFZ officials say the ranch will produce.

The Success has learned that YFZ intends to build the sewage treatment plant on the north side of its property near where a rock crusher currently stands. While the permit application originally called for treated water discharged from the plant to be used for irrigation, plans have changed and the application now calls for treated effluent to be pumped uphill to the south end of the ranch where it will be discharged near the entry gate into Milligan Draw. From there, the water will flow down the draw, effectively creating a creek that will run to the northwest through the property.

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COURTESY PHOTO

This large gantry crane supports a series of rock saws that are converting native limestone into stone blocks at the YFZ Ranch. The crane and rock saw assembly stands just south and east of a large foundation where FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs is rumored to be building the group's first-ever temple. For a sense of just how large the machinery is, note the workers standing beneath the apparatus in the lower part of the photograph near a huge saw blade.

## County wins grant to extend sewer lines

Some residents of the Orient Heights neighborhood will be connected to the City of Eldorado's sewer system soon thanks in part to a \$267,225.00 Colonia Grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), the state agency that oversees the distribution of community development grants to cities, counties and other non-profit entities.

Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin received word last week that the county's application had been approved. Judge Griffin announced the news to Schleicher County Commissioners Monday during a routine meeting of the Commissioners Court.

Grant Administrator Kay Howard,

who assists both Schleicher County and the City of Eldorado with their grant applications, told The Success on Tuesday that she was pleased that Schleicher County had received the Colonia Grant, especially in light of the fact that the county had been turned down on several previous applications for the same grant. Ms. Howard went on to say that the grant award notification was preliminary and that the ORCA board will finalize the process at a future meeting in Austin.

Colonia Fund infrastructure grants are awarded to counties below 100,000 population to fund community development projects such as sewer, water, and housing rehabilitation projects in unin-

corporated "colonia" areas. Qualifying areas must lie within 150 miles of the U.S./Mexico border.

Schleicher County will contribute \$24,497.50 in matching funds while the City of Eldorado will kick in another \$10,000.00 in cash toward the project. Together the county and city will provide another \$23,094.50 in in-kind services toward the project. The county has agreed to remove and fill-in old septic tanks and cesspools while the city will waive all inspection and sewer tap fees as part of its in-kind services, Ms. Howard said.

Work should begin sometime in 2005  
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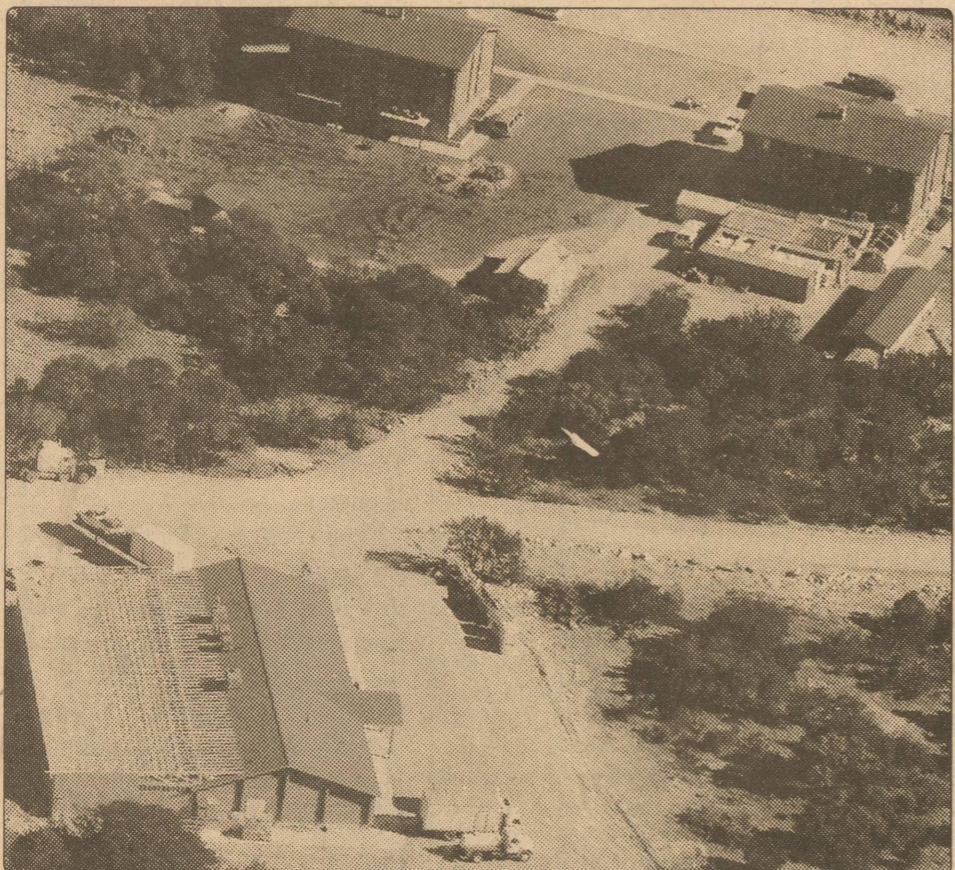


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Two of the three original dormitory-style buildings can be seen in the upper part of the photo above, just east of where an addition is being built on a recently completed building at the YFZ Ranch. The building is believed to be used as a storehouse or commissary.

## FNB saying farewell to Snelson

Customers of First National Bank of Eldorado have the opportunity today to stop by the bank and offer their best wishes to Jeanne Snelson who is leaving the bank to become the Schleicher County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Snelson has been employed at the bank for 27 years. She was elected to the Tax Assessor/Collector position in

the Nov. 2 General Election. She will assume her new duties on Jan. 3, 2005.

Her friends and co-workers hope everyone will stop by to wish Jeanne well in her new job.

The bank will be holding its Customer Appreciation Day at the same time and encourages everyone to come by for a visit.

## 2.5 pounds of pot lands Del Rio men in jail

Guadalupe Pena, 33, and Baltazar Pena, 24, both of Del Rio, were arrested by DPS Trooper Danny Nunez on Monday, December 13, 2004, and charged with possession of marijuana after he discovered a 2.5 pound brick of the illicit weed hidden in the third row seat of the men's 2001 Chevy Tahoe.

Nunez said he pulled the men over for speeding, some 8 miles east of Eldorado on U.S. 190, and could tell right away that all wasn't as it seemed. First, the men's stories didn't match, Nunez said. One told him they were heading to Ft. Worth while the other said it was Dallas. Neither of the men could give the trooper a name of the person they were going to visit.

Secondly, the men told Nunez they were planning to be gone for two or three days, but neither of them had a change of clothes in the car. Finally, one of the men told Nunez he had gotten a call that his mother was ill and was in a hurry to get to Dallas to see her. About that time the man's cellular phone rang and Nunez answered it, only to find himself speaking with the suspect's wife, who, according to the trooper, said she knew nothing about her husband's trip and who said that his mother lived in Mexico.

Nunez reports that he asked for and received permission to search the vehicle, leading him to find the marijuana. Nunez estimates the street value of pot at \$2,500.00.

Schleicher County deputies George

Arispe and Kevin Herbert responded to the scene to back up Nunez and helped him transport the prisoners to jail. They were both charged with Possession of Marijuana (more than 4 oz. but less than 5 lbs.), a State Jail Felony. At press time

they remained in the local lockup awaiting arraignment.

The driver, Baltazar Pena, got off light on the traffic ticket, however, Trooper Nunez issued him a warning for the speeding violation.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Schleicher County Deputy George Arispe patted down a prisoner Monday before placing him in his pickup for transport to the Schleicher County Jail. The man, Guadalupe Pena, 33, of Del Rio is charged with Possession of Marijuana after DPS Trooper Danny Nunez discovered a 2.5 lb. brick of pot hidden in the Chevy Tahoe in which he was riding. The car's driver, Baltazar Pena, 24, also of Del Rio, was also arrested and charged with the same crime.

### And you thought headline writing was easy



If you've ever considered going into the newspaper business, there seems to be plenty of openings for headline writers. Consider these headlines:

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- Found: dirty white dog...looks like a rat...been out awhile...better be reward.
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- '83 Toyota hunchback -- \$2000 only driven to and from work at Notre Dame
- German shepherd, 85 lbs. neutered. speaks German. free.
- Bill's septic cleaning "we handle American made products"
- Open House -- body shapers toning salon -- free coffee & donuts
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- Marijuana Issue Sent To A Joint Committee
- Governor Chiles Offers Rare Opportunity To Goose Hunters
- Study Reveals Those Without Insurance Die More Often
- Woman Improving After Fatal Crash
- Properly Drafted Will Reduces Anxiety After Death
- Man Jumps off 2nd Street Bridge; Neither Jumper Nor Body Found
- Lawyer Says Client Not That Guilty.
- Legislator Wants Tougher Death Penalty
- Gas Cloud Clears Out Taco, Bell.
- Alzheimer's Center Prepares For An Affair To Remember
- Typhoon Rips through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
- Old School Pillars Replaced by Alumni
- Man Minus Ear Waives Hearing
- Bandit Steals Clock, Faces Time
- Arson Suspect is Held in Massachusetts Fire
- Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
- New Vaccine May Contain Rabies
- Stolen Painting Found by Tree
- Drunks Get Nine Months in Violin Case
- Teacher Strikes Idle Kids
- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant



### The most beautiful burro in the mountains

I have judged some unusual events over the years: beauty pageants, duck races, all kinds of cookoffs, even a llama kissing contest. Last weekend I had the privilege of being a judge at the Most Beautiful Burro and Mule Contest in Fort Davis. The animals had names like Doc, Tinkerbell, Maggie Mae, Sammy, Chula Mula, Blue, Dinamito, Billy the Kid and Jesse James.

I was thrilled to be there in the fall. I've never seen more color in the mountains. It was rainy and foggy, too, which added an element of interest. The clouds nestled on top of the mountains and the colorful desert plants in the palisades looked spectacular. The trees had leaves of red, gold and orange. Fort Davis has had 30 inches of rain this year, quite a bit more than usual.

But this weekend was about mules and burros. They came from as far away as Colorado City.



by Tumbleweed Smith

They wore everything from dollar bills to Mardi Gras beads. The owners paraded their livestock in front of the judges and put money in the bribe jars, which were lined up at the judges' feet. Hey, it worked. That's the way they raised money, which went to the 4-H kids. Some of the little girls parading their mules or burros threw kisses and winked at the judges.

The Fort Davis Merchants Association sponsored the event. The idea for it came from Donna Trammel, who owns a rock shop in Fort Davis. She had attended similar mule contests in Victoria.

"We were trying to figure out some way to raise money for our

4-H kids," says Donna, "and what is more native to West Texas than burros and mules. We started talking to some of the local mule and burro owners and they seemed to be all for it. They are a different breed of people who love showing their animals."

Wild burros roam the mountains west of Fort Davis. They are descendants of burros used by miners and soldiers years ago. The burros used to run wild in downtown Fort Davis. The courthouse lawn was one of their favorite hangouts. A fence was built around the courthouse with turnstiles in it to keep the burros out.

The categories for judging were the longest ears, the loudest bray, the hardest working, the most obstinate, the most beautiful, the best dressed, the most congenial and the mule or burro that traveled the farthest distance.

"The event started as just a burro contest, but some of the local mule owners thought we were slighting them so we opened the competition to mules as well."

The event raised nearly \$2,000.

### Water issues to heat up in 79th Legislature

AUSTIN — Except when dry spells force homeowners to cut back on their yard watering, most Texas urban dwellers tend to see their glass as half-full. But not a farmer depending on water for his livelihood.

Though more than 80 percent of Texans live in the big cities, agricultural interests still consume most of the state's water, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs told a Lubbock conference on water issues last week. That sets up a rural versus urban battle for water rights that will get legislative attention during the next session, she said.

"A lot of interesting things are happening," Combs said at the meeting. "It's going to be a significant water session."

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Mike Cox

new and existing customers will receive a 5 percent rate cut. Existing customers will receive a 15 percent one-time discount when they renew.

Meanwhile, State Farm Insurance, which has about 30 percent of the Texas market, is continuing to contest a state-ordered 12 percent rate rollback.

As the appeal process plays out for State Farm, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has asked Senate Business and Commerce Committee chairman Sen. Troy Fraser (R-Marble Falls) to look for ways to "further reduce the cost of homeowners insurance for the working families of Texas."

lawmakers filed 5,592 bills of which only 1,383 passed. The governor vetoed 48 bills.

**Farmers Insurance settles...**

Ordered by the state to reduce its homeowner policy rates by 17.5 percent, Farmers Insurance — with about 10 percent of the state's homeowners market — has reached a settlement with the State Department of Insurance.

Under the agreement, which Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said would prevent expensive litigation, Farmers'

**Audit assesses state workforce...**

A report just released by the State Auditor's Office shows the average state worker earns \$32,681 a year. The report says state pay lags significantly behind the private sector and even other state governments.

Turnover rate is 15 percent, with workers younger than 30 leaving at a 30 percent rate. Older employees tend to stay on because they are nearer retirement. In fact, the report said, employees approaching retirement age are the majority at most state agencies.

The good news for the 142,394 state workers across the state is that Sen. Todd Staples (R-Palestine) has filed a bill for an across-the-board pay raise.

Finance Committee chairman Sen. Steve Ogden (R-Bryan) also has said he supports more money for state employees, who have not had a pay hike since 2001.

**Bills filed...**

As of last Friday, 226 bills have been prefiled in the House and another 104 bills prefiled in the Senate in preparation for the Jan. 11, 2005 start of the 79th Legislature. No water rights measures have surfaced yet.

During the 78th Legislature,

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### Weekly Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- Sagan of "Cosmos"
- Golden... (senior)
- Lauder of cosmetics
- Natural emollient
- Routine learning
- Phonics
- Big wheel's wheels
- Be deficient in
- Unspoken
- Have conservative viewpoints
- Sharpshooter
- Jakley
- Candied tuber
- B-52s' homes: Abbr.
- Bother persistently
- Task for Holmes
- Table insertion
- Car owner's paper
- March count
- Take the podium
- Hotfoots it
- Avenger Peel
- Comic strip units

**DOWN**

- Lily variety
- Not of this earth
- Toga sporter
- See 21-Down
- Woody's son
- English channel, with "the"
- Place to graze
- Put back to 0
- Slim down a bit
- Rich fertilizer
- Butter sub
- Latvia's capital
- Celestial hunter
- Removes the squeaks from
- Phone button
- Blame-taker
- Design with acid
- Type in again
- Showman Ziegfeld
- Contractor's calculation
- Layered do
- Dash dial
- Send forth
- Superlative suffix
- With 4-Down, "Jurassic Park III"
- actress
- "Go team!"
- Showman Ziegfeld
- Letter after Aleph
- "Sir," in colonial India
- Abounding
- Proton's place
- Urban renewal target
- Blood fluids
- Black belt's blow
- Subtle glow
- Mikita of hockey
- Cigar end?
- On the house
- "Great job!"
- Language suffix
- Coral or Aral
- "Hood salutation
- In progress
- Spanish cash, now
- Scissors sounds
- Lawn care tool
- Bygone rulers
- "Without a doubt!"
- "Aquarius" show
- Slaughter in baseball
- Essayist's alias
- Bubbly bandleader
- Sit for a snap
- W.'s org.

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"Don't know nothing 'bout history..."

At the Star of the Republic Museum at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, museum staffers ask visiting school students a few questions about Texas history to assess their level of understanding.

From the museum's latest newsletter, here are a few examples:

Q: "Who was Sam Houston?"  
A: "The guy they named San Antonio after."  
Q: "Who were the first Texans?"  
A: "Adam and Eve!"  
Q: "What did the Indians eat?"  
A: "Indian food."

# OBITUARIES

## James Milton Condra, Jr.

SONORA — James Milton Condra Jr., 67, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, in San Angelo after a brief illness.

Jimmy was born Aug. 3, 1937, in Dryden, Texas. He was the son of James Milton Condra Sr. He attended elementary school in Dryden and high school in McCamey, Texas. He served in the 3rd Infantry of the U.S. Army and, after being honorably discharged, he attended Texas Western College in El Paso.

Jimmy began his career in the oil and gas business during high school working on a pulling unit for Yale E. Key. After his service duty, he worked for Kennedy Trucking, Dowell, Texas Eastern Transmission, Mobil Oil and BTA Oil Company.

Jimmy moved to Sonora in 1974 while working for Lively Exploration. On June 3, 1978, Jimmy married Diana Cahill in San Angelo, Texas. He started a contract pumping and roustabout service, which evolved into JIMCO and DICON Enterprises. In 1996, they fulfilled their dream by moving to their ranch in the eastern part of Sutton County.

Jimmy loved Sonora and Sutton County and served his community in many capacities, including the

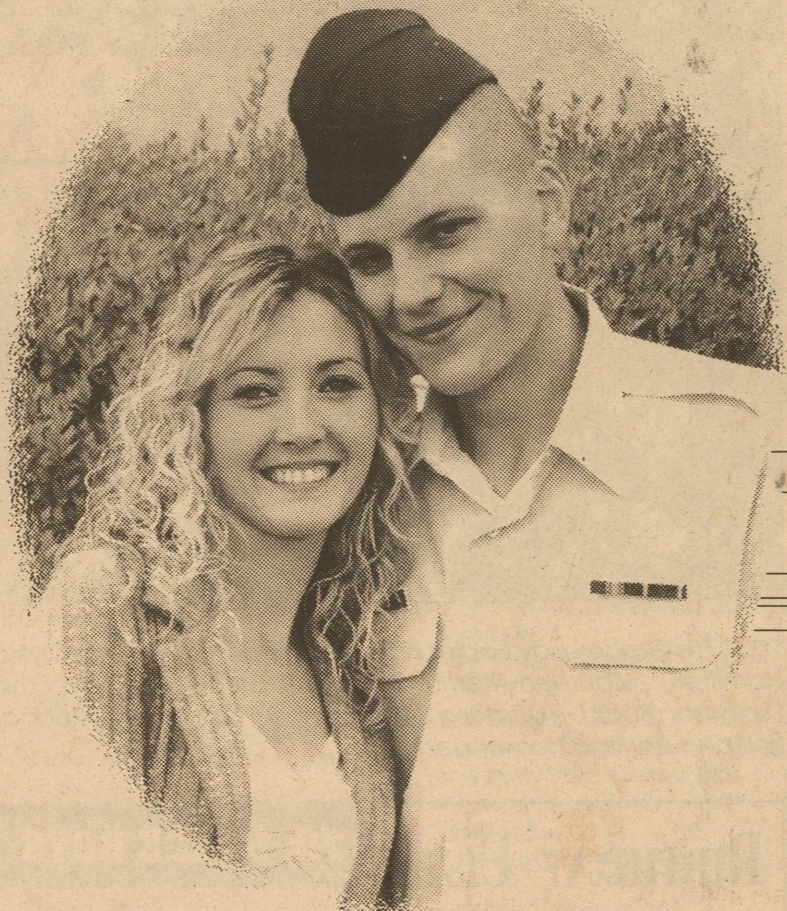
Sonora ISD, Sutton County Airport and 4-H Club. He was a very dedicated and active member of the First United Methodist Church.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Diana Cahill Condra of Sonora; daughter, Jamie Sue Haga of San Antonio; son, Justin Condra and wife Donette of Austin; daughter, Whitney Condra Keller and husband Shane Keller of Galveston; granddaughter, Erica Maingot; sister, Dottie Routh and husband Steve of Ballinger; and niece, Julie Guzman and children Matt and Michaela of San Angelo.

Funeral service was Sunday, Dec. 12, at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora. Burial followed in the Sonora Cemetery in Sonora, Texas.

Pallbearers were Bud Whitehead, Espy Whitehead, Ben Pool, Cleve T. Jones, Billy Burnham, Mario Duran Jr., Glen Richardson and Bobby Doran. Honorary pallbearers were Arnold Gilcrease, Jim Mathews, Al Lynch, Jackie Howard, Aaron Cranford, Bob Cramer and Jim Stimmel.

The family requests memorials be made to the Sutton County Health Foundation, Box 18, Sonora, TX 76950, or your favorite charity.



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hanusch, Jr.

## Clark/Hanusch exchange vows

Kimberly Kay Clark and Gary Austin Hanusch, Jr. were married October 6th in San Angelo.

The bride's parents are Teresa Driggs and Danny Clark both of San Angelo.

The groom's parents are Gary and Donna Hanusch of Eldorado.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of

Water Valley High School.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of San Angelo Central High School and attended Angelo State University.

Gary is currently serving active duty with the United States Air Force and is stationed at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.

## Chamber seeks nominations for man & woman of the year

The Eldorado Chamber of Commerce is taking nominations for man and woman of the year 2004 for the annual Community Awards Banquet held January 18. Nomination forms may be requested from the chamber by phone (853-3109) or by email (Eldorado@sccn2.net). On the nomination form there is a space to explain why the nominee deserves the award for the year 2004. Perhaps you know someone who has been an example to the community, or been especially generous this year. Submit your nominations by December 31. Finalists will be published prior to the awards banquet.

## Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, December 20**  
Chicken Strips w/ Cream Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, December 21**  
Hamburger Steak, Oven Fried Potato, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion Slices, Bun, Carrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
- Wednesday, December 22**  
Meat Loaf w/ Tomato Sauce, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Corn Bread, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Thursday, December 23**  
Turkey w/ Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Corn Bread Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Cabbage Salad, Pumpkin Pie, Milk
- Friday, December 24**  
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Rosanna Sudduth Sauer, Jim Runge and Barbara Fry Byrant are members of Eldorado High School Class of 1962. Their class plans to donate up to 28 trees to the community in coming years. Two live oak trees were planted at the Middle School playground area (shown here), one was planted near the Stephen F. Austin Oak Tree at the courthouse and another at the Cemetery Chapel at the Eldorado Cemetery. The first four trees are planted in memory of Jim Cheek, Mikel Jurecek, Jerry Thomerson and Frank Williams, classmates who have passed away since graduation in 1962. Future trees will be donated by the class with the passing of each remaining classmate. A memory plaque will be placed at the base of each tree.

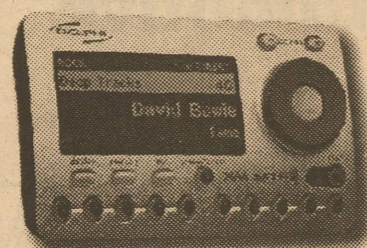
## And the winner is...

Present your organization's award at the annual Community Awards Banquet January 18, 6:00 PM at the memorial building. Sponsored by the Eldorado Chamber of Commerce, this "event of encouragement" will be a forum to honor the community's top performers. If your organization would like to present an award (Teachers, Masons, Knights of Columbus, Pioneer family, scholarships, etc.) just let the chamber know so we can put you on the schedule. The event will be casual with a catered meal of brisket, sausage, ribs, and all the fixin's.

Banquet tickets are available in advance for \$9 (\$10 at the door). For more information contact the Eldorado Chamber of Commerce at 853-3109 or Eldorado@sccn2.net.

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**November 29, 2004**  
Eldorado 05-02-00-00=07  
Ozona 07-06-05-00=19  
Playing for the Eagles: David Tirado (4), Ram Perez (2), Ivany Sanchez (1). Also playing for the Eagles: Tony McCord, Ryan Castillo, Hugo Rios, Wes Brown, Dustin Ramos and Mason Baker.

**December 6, 2004**  
Eldorado 00-14-02-06=22  
Wall 27-03-16-02=48  
Playing for the Eagles: David Tirado (3), Wes Brown (1), Ivany Sanchez (10), Mason Baker (5), Juan Medrano (3). Also playing for the Eagles: Tony McCord, Ryan Castillo, Ram Perez, Hugo Rios, Dustin Ramos, J. Trujillo and Shane Young.

**Water Valley Tournament December 10, 2004**  
Eldorado 11-14-15-23=63  
Lakeview 08-12-04-08=32  
Playing for the Lady Eagles: Chelsey Hill (1), Maxie Holley (7), Katey Blair (10), Chandra Wanoreck (9), Josie Diaz (1), Jessica Robertson (12), Taylor Baker (12). Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Karina Sanchez.

**Water Valley Tournament December 11, 2004**  
Eldorado 09-10-13-12=44  
Veribest 04-19-16-12=51  
Playing for the Lady Eagles: Chelsey Hill (2), Katey Blair (11), Chandra Wanoreck (24), Josie Diaz (6), Taylor Baker (11). Shooting 3 points: Katey Blair (1) and Chandra Wanoreck (6).

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**Water Valley Tournament December 9, 2004**  
Eldorado 08-09-19-14=50  
Forsan 06-13-18-20=57  
Playing for the Lady Eagles: Chelsey Hill (8), Maxie Holley (6), Katey Blair (10), Chandra Wanoreck (14), Josie Diaz (6), Jessica Robertson (2), Taylor Baker (4). Shooting 3 points: Katey Blair (1) and Chandra Wanoreck (2). Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Karina Sanchez.

**VARSITY BOYS**

**Water Valley Tournament December 9, 2004**  
Eldorado 23-20-12-17=74  
Water Valley 11-07-12-08=40  
Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (17), Drew Bosmans (10), Jorge Bustos (6), Michael Ballew (6), Ryan Cathey (5), Samuel Estrada (4), Jared Grubbs (7), Kolby Dombroski (6), Jeremy Ussery (7), Frank Wipff (6). Shooting for 3 point: Terrell Boysaw (1), Jorge Bustos (1), Ryan Cathey (1), Jared Grubbs (1), Jeremy Ussery (1).

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# SCISD trustees review annual audit report

Don McKee a representative with Reed, McKee and Co., Certified Public Accountants went through the Schleicher County ISD annual Financial Report for the year ending August 31, 2004 with the board of trustees.

Mr. McKee guided the board through the financial highlights which noted the district had \$318,882 decrease in revenues due to the a decrease of state funding because of fewer students. The school district planned for the 5 percent shortfall in state and federal by raising the local property tax rate to the bench mark of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation. McKee noted there was a net decrease in fund balance of \$128,491.00 primarily due to the capital expenditures for new air conditioning units and other items. Also noted was the designation of \$507,900 for several new air conditioning units over the next few years leaving a unreserved fund balance of \$764,599 for the start of the new school year.

McKee also warned the trustees to watch the Average Daily

Attendance and PIEMS reports and to be conservative in predicting student attendance. He noted that area school districts as a whole have dropped their student count. He said that 82 percent of the SCISD budget is now going toward employee salaries and benefits.

SCISD currently has 575 "eligible" students enrolled, meaning students for which the school is compensated by the state. Superintendent George Blanch noted that, as of December 1st, student enrollment has declined by 26 students from one year ago.

Mr. McKee congratulated the district on their record keeping but recommended better documentation of some transportation records. Overall, however, McKee said it was a "really clean audit" and that the district should be proud of their bookkeeping personnel.

School trustees on hand for the meeting included Jo Helen Kotsch, Jan Wanoreck, Kurtis Homer, Eddie Albin and Lupe Sanchez. Trustee John Paul Joiner and Berta Nicolson were absent.

Other financial reports were approved along with November 8, 2004 board minutes.

In other business, the board called for bids for a 71-passenger air conditioned activity bus. Supt. Blanch recommended the purchase price be paid out of fund balance since the bus will take eight to nine to arrive.

The trustees then okayed calling for bids to sell the district's old band trailer, a 2110 Ford tractor and 1984 white Chevrolet Suburban, to be advertised at a later date. The also approved a silent auction which will be held in January for the sale of miscellaneous items the school no longer needs.

Other items approved by the trustees.

Next, the board waived tuition fee for an EHS senior student who has attended school here since kindergarten and has recently moved to Christoval. They also authorized an out-of-district school trip for 16 students with adult supervision to the state convention of the Texas Association for Future Teachers (TAFE).

The board then accepted the donation of four trees from the Class of 1962.

Supt. Blanch reported that the search for a new superintendent has so far yielded eight applicants. He noted that the first day of school for 2005-2006 school year will be August 22nd but said that the district may apply for waiver to start earlier. Blanch advised the board that there is an effort under way in Austin to move the delay the start of school until after Labor Day, possibly extending the year pushing into June.

Before adjourning, the trustees received the resignation of bus driver Robert Bybee and custodian Yolanda Adame who recently accepted the custodian position with the county.



COURTESY PHOTO

Marcelo Romo and Martin Vasquez received their high school diplomas from SCISD on Friday, December 14, 2004, after completing their high school requirements through the Schleicher County I.S.D. Alternative Education Program. Here AEP teacher Anne Reeb and EHS Principal Bob Wanoreck are shown with Romo and Vasquez as they received their diplomas.

## Conaway opening district offices Jan. 3

Congressman-elect Mike Conaway announced the locations of his first two congressional district offices. Conaway signed leases in the Claydesta Center in Midland and the O.C. Fisher Federal Building in San Angelo. Each office will serve as a base for Congressman Conaway and his staff to serve each community and constituents in the 11th District.

"Setting up district offices has been a priority since my election November 2nd," said Conaway. "The best way to serve the people of District 11 is to make sure that every constituent has access to the services we can provide. I will work closely with each community

in all 36 counties and setting up these district offices is a good first step."

Conaway also announced the hiring of his San Angelo Regional Director, Joanne Powell. Powell has more than 18 years of Congressional District Office experience for Congressmen Tom Loeffler and Lamar Smith and will be responsible for the San Angelo region. The San Angelo Region generally includes the counties of Tom Green, Coke, Sterling, Irion, Schleicher, Sutton, Menard, Concho, Runnels, Mitchell, and Nolan.

The offices will open on January 3rd, one day prior to Conaway's swearing-in in Washington. Con-

gressman Conaway will use the offices to conduct official business when he is working in the district and the congressional office staff will be available full-time to help constituents with any issues they might have pertaining to the federal government.

For more information, please contact Jeff Burton at (432) 352-3923.

## County wins ORCA sewer project grant

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with a formal announcement and a ceremonial check presentation to be scheduled by ORCA.

Ms. Howard is also working on two additional grant applications through ORCA's Community Development Block Grant program, one each for the county and city. If the two grant applications are successful, the county should be able to complete the water system extension begun last year by the city in the Orient Heights neighborhood. The city's grant application seeks to replace aging water mains in the downtown part of Eldorado.

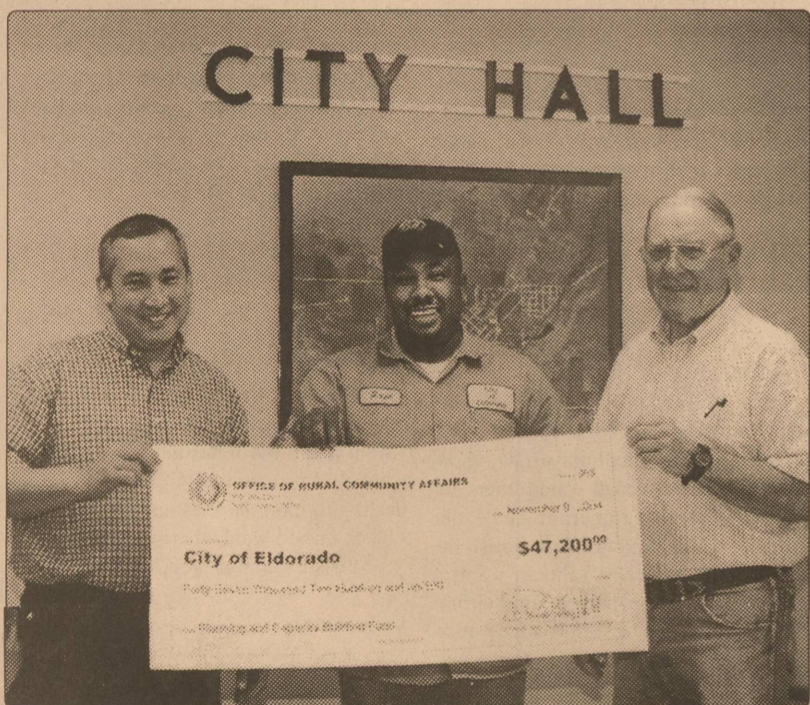
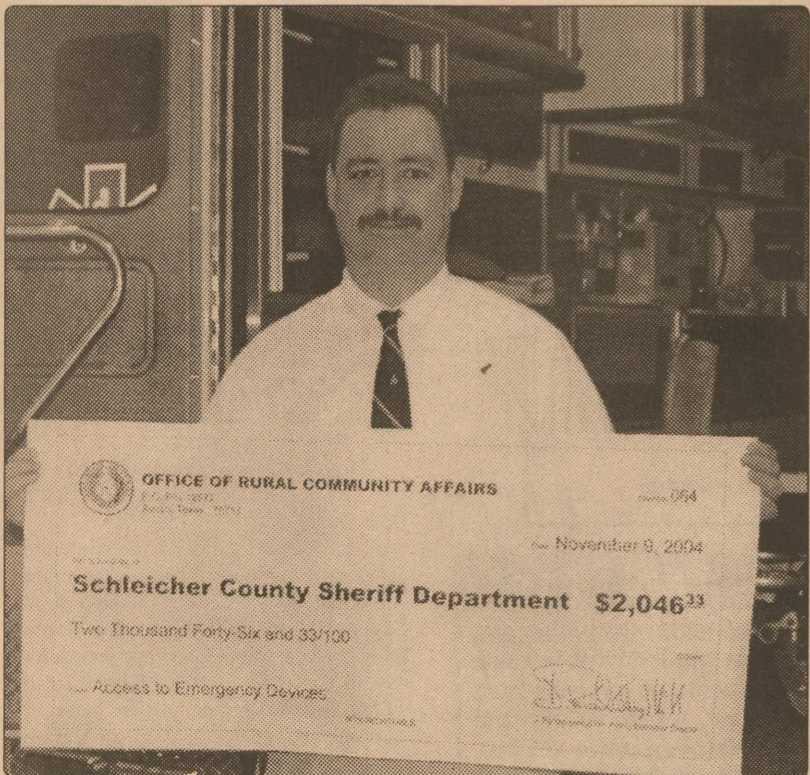


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From left, Eldorado City Councilman Tommy Minor, City Superintendent Floyd Fay and Mayor John Nikolauk display a check for \$47,200.00 the city received recently from the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs. The money will be used to fund an infrastructure planning study the city council approved some time ago.



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Sheriff David Doran displays a check for \$2,046.33 his department received recently for the purchase of automated emergency defibrillators for use by he and those of his officers who are trained as emergency medical first responders.

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Toya Daniels (R) was named Employee of the Year by Schleicher County Medical Center during the facility's annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 4, 2004. Ms. Daniels was selected by her fellow employees for the honor. Here she is shown with Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz.



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**ARRESTS**

**December 10 • Gallegos, Salvador P.,** male age 29, arresting officer SC deputy, offense disorderly conduct.

**December 10 • Perez, David,** male age 34, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Disorderly Conduct.

**December 10 • Moya, Norberto, Huete,** male age 18, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Evading Arrest, Detention Public Intoxication, Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

**December 10 • Lambert, Thomas Luther,** male age 28, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Motion to Revoke, DWI.

**December 13 • Covert, Tori Leigh,** female age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Warrant Failure to Appear, Possession of Marijuana.

**December 13 • Pena, Guadalupe,** male age 33, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Possession of Marijuana (>4oz <5 lbs.)

**December 13 • Pena, Baltazar M.,** male age 24, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Possession of Marijuana (>4oz <5 lbs.)

**INCIDENTS**

**December 6 • 8:56 a.m.** Complainant reported cattle on East Hwy 190. Officer notified.

• 3:41 p.m. Complainant re-

quested officer response, man causing trouble on Main Street. Officer responded.

• 4:46 p.m. Caller reported her son choking on food. Officers and EMS 2 responded.

**December 7 • 10:02 a.m.** Complainant requested an ambulance for an elderly female who had fallen. EMS 2 responded.

• 8:13 p.m. Complainant reported his ex-wife throwing away some of his personal belongings. Officer responded.

• 9:19 p.m. Caller requested to meet with an officer. Officer responded.

**December 8 • 2:04 a.m.** Medical Center requested EMS for a basic transfer. EMS responded.

• 8:18 a.m. Bank alarm sounded. Officer responded and reported everything was O.K.

• 10:36 a.m. Requested an officer to respond to a lost little boy. Officer responded.

**December 9 • 12:33 a.m.** Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Subject requested officer assist girlfriend to leave residence. Female stated that subject pushed her. Female was advised to leave subject's property.

• 10:06 a.m. Complainant reported goats missing. Officer notified. At 11:15 a.m. complainant advised located goats.

• 9:53 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

• 10:55 p.m. Complainant stated that her boyfriend had kicked her out. Officer responded.

**December 10 • 1:30 a.m.** Complainant requested an officer at his residence saying there was a fight. Officers responded.

• 9:28 p.m. Complainant reported kids being too loud at the Eldorado Place Apt. Officers responded.

• 10:05 p.m. Complainant reported juveniles fighting at the Eldorado Place Apt. Officers responded.

**December 11 • 4:20 a.m.** Caller requested an ambulance for her husband. Officers and EMS responded.

• 5:37 a.m. Caller requested an ambulance for a transfer to Shannon. EMS responded.

• 11:27 a.m. Complainant reported electrical power on phone line. Southwest Texas Co-op was notified.

• 2:59 p.m. Complainant wanted a skunk killed. Officer responded.

• 8:22 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver in a red 2-door passenger car. Officer responded.

• 11:12 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary in progress. Officers responded, unknown male entered business from back and fled on foot prior to officer's arrival.

**December 12 • 11:13 a.m.** Complainant stated that some one had been bitten by a dog. Officer and animal control responded.

• 11:55 a.m. Caller reported niece missing. Officer was notified.

• 12:15 a.m. Caller reported juveniles throwing rocks at her residence. Complainant reported no damages to residence. Officer responded.

• 7:33 p.m. Caller reported stolen bike with several items on it.

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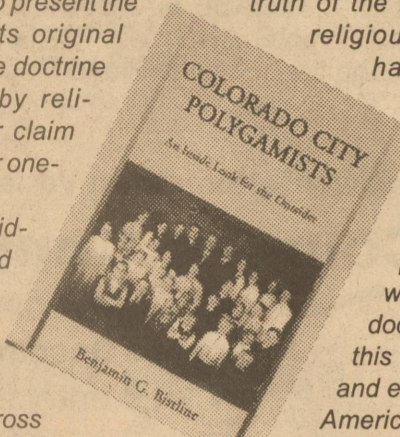
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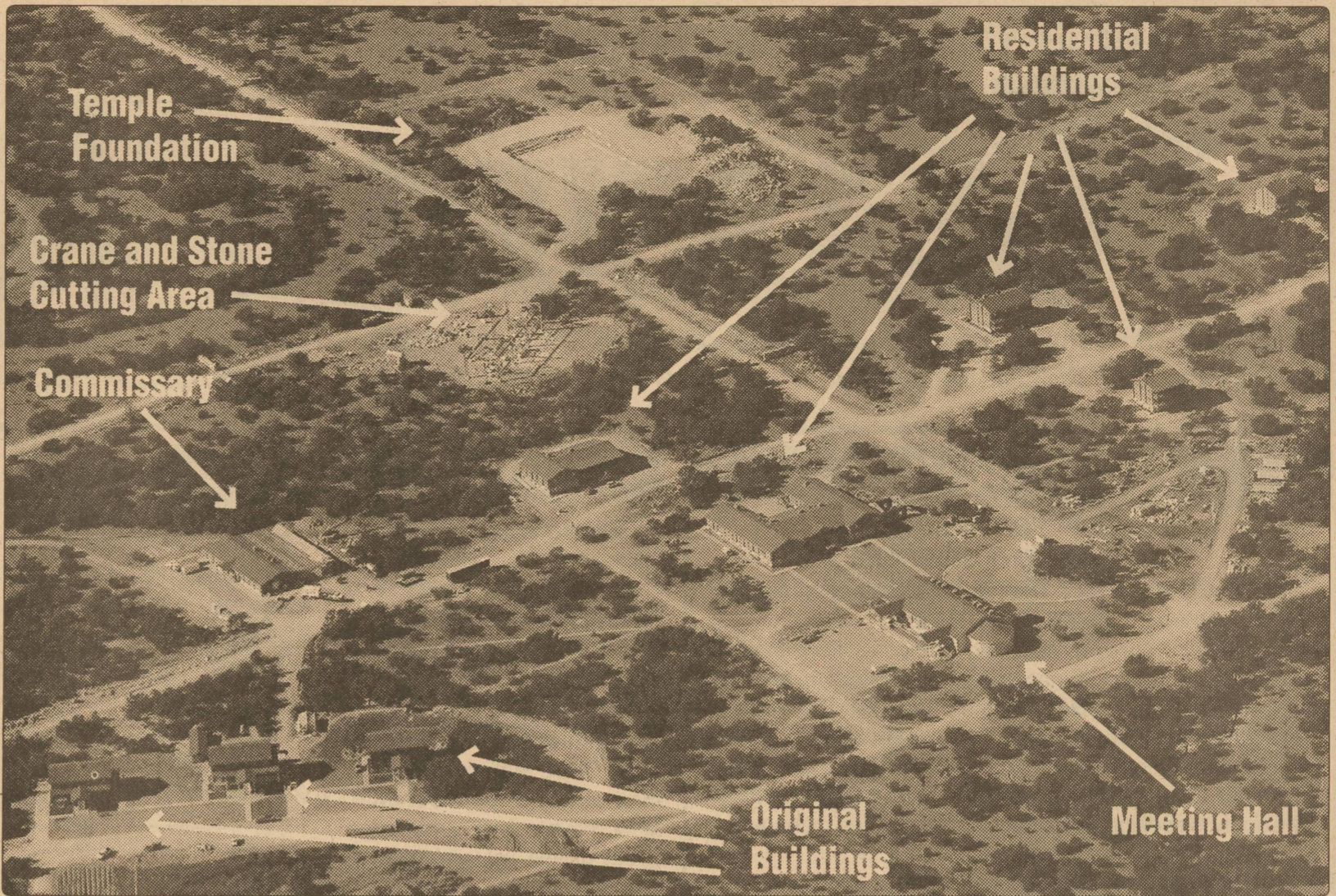


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This aerial overview of a portion of the YFZ Ranch shows the position of several new buildings in relation to the three original dormitory-style buildings. Also visible is a large gantry crane and stone cutting area and the foundation where many believe FLDS-watchers believe that Prophet Warren Jeffs intends to build the group's first-ever temple. By no means does the photo show all the buildings on the ranch. Nor does it show the rock quarry, concrete batch plant, rock crushing plant or barns and shed that have been built in less than a year.

## Large crane being built over YFZ stone cutting area

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### Chiseled in stone

Work continues on the construction of a large gantry crane over a stone cutting area at the YFZ Ranch. The crane stands just south and east of a large foundation where church observers believe the prophet Warren Jeffs intends to build the first-ever FLDS temple. Located beneath the massive crane assembly are a series of rock saws where native limestone is being cut into blocks.

Meanwhile, a combination of explosives and huge tractor driven rock saws are prying loose tons of limestone from the quarry on the west side of the ranch.

One recently excommunicated member of the FLDS church told the Success that if the stone blocks are indeed used to build a temple, it will signal a major shift in church teaching.

"I'm not exactly sure what it means," private investigator Sam Brower told *The Success*. "But if Warren is building a temple then he's probably turned his back

on Short Creek (Colorado City, AZ/Hildale, UT). And if Warren is turned his back on Short Creek then he's probably planning to bring his most faithful followers with him to Eldorado."

If Brower is correct and a large number of Jeffs' followers do converge on the YFZ Ranch, they will find a number of newly completed buildings awaiting them, including several residential buildings and a large meeting hall. Recent aerial photos of the meeting hall reveal the installation of new awnings over its entryways. Also,

cubbyhole-like structures near the meeting hall's doors appear to hold a number of shoes, leading some observers to speculate that the building is already serving as a school for a number of children.

Nearby, a new addition is being built on to a newly completed storehouse or commissary, more that doubling the size of that structure. A freshly poured concrete slab stands near several mobile homes and another foundation, resembling those on the nine already completed residential buildings, stands ready to support yet another building.

## County Commissioners meeting held

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, Dec. 13, 2004 and, among other items of business, learned that the county had received a \$267,225.00 grant through the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) Colonia Infrastructure fund with which the county intends to extend sewer lines into the Orient Heights neighborhood which lies just outside the Eldorado city limits.

Initially Judge Johnny Griffin advised the commissioners that the county had received a Community Development Block Grant for the completion of a water system upgrade in Orient Heights. However, it was learned later that it was the Colonia Grant that had been approved, the same grant for which the county has applied numerous times. (See related story on Page 1)

In other business the commissioners discussed their intention to close the southern-most portion of Colpitts Street. A request from Rennond and Cathy Kuykendall to close the street was supported by the commissioners at an earlier meeting, but that was put on hold when the City of Eldorado expressed concerns about accessing property it owned in that area. The item came back up for discussion Monday after it was learned that the city had worked out a trade with the city whereby the two parties would exchange property so that the city would have access if and when the street was closed. The commissioners agreed to move forward with the street closure and authorized Commissioner Bill Clark to check with attorney James Kosub for the wording to put on signs that must be posted on the street. Legal notices will also be published so that a public hearing may be held.

The meeting was called to or-

der at 9:14 a.m. by Judge Griffin with commissioners Bill Clark, Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown in attendance. After the approval of the minutes of the meetings held on Monday, November 22, and Monday, November 29, 2004, the men briefly discussed the ORCA grant and approved a list of 12 county holidays for 2005.

The men then discussed need to appoint members of the county Historical Commission but took no formal action on the subject. They also noted that they will soon need to cast the county's votes for the board of directors of the Schleicher County Appraisal District.

The subject of purchasing a "man-lift" or "scissor-lift" for use at the Civic Center was again discussed, as was the need to buy a small front end loader. The men reviewed a couple of equipment brochures but took no action on the matter.

Next, the commissioners approved year-end salary adjustments for the county's non-elected employees. Since it is unlawful for governmental entities to award Christmas bonuses, each year the county makes one-time salary adjustments and this year was no different. County employees will receive \$50 per year of service, up to five years or a maximum of \$500.

The men then addressed the need for rules at the cemetery chapel and determined that at this time there would be no fees for use of the building and that a list of rules wouldn't be drawn up until such time as the building became a problem. It was stated, however, that use of the chapel would be on a first come, first served basis.

Discussion then turned to the need to build an awning over the doorway to the chapel and the need for a steeple on the building. The men all agreed that an

awning was needed and that a steeple would look good on the building. Judge Griffin said he favored placing a cross on top of the steeple but Commissioner Clark cautioned that while he was certain most people in the county wouldn't mind placing a cross on the building, the county could not endorse a particular religion. It was agreed that prices for an awning and a steeple would be sought and the subject was dropped.

Next, the men discussed whether or not to pave a half-mile stretch of County Road 243, the ownership of which until recently was in dispute. Ultimately it was decided that the county owned the roadway and Commissioner Clark argued Monday that the county should improve the road and bring it into the same condition as other similar county roads. The men finally decided that since it was in Clark's precinct, he should be the one to make any decisions regarding the road.

County Treasurer Karen Henderson then sought and received approval to move \$6,839.65 from the General Fund checking account to the Farm to Market checking account to reimburse for fuel used by the Sheriff's Department, Road Department and Golf Course. The commissioners also authorized Henderson to transfer \$11,561.41 from the Meals Program checking account to the General Fund checking account to reimburse the Sheriff's Department for groceries purchased for the Senior Center Meals Program.

As the meeting ended, Treasurer Henderson explained that money was being spent out of the county's contingency or reserve fund due to higher than expected electricity and fuel expenses, as well as unforeseen costs at the civic center, cemetery chapel and county airport.

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