

# Wondering what wine goes with bologna? Just ask Martha!

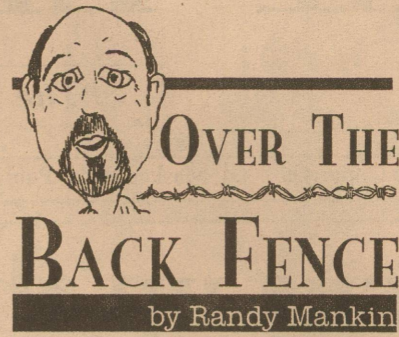
Our pastor, Rev. Bob Jacobsen, is probably fighting a losing battle, but he's been trying to turn me into a better person. And...I've been trying to do my part, although I must admit it's been difficult.

So, you'll understand why last week was so hard for me. I mean, with Martha Stewart being sentenced to five months in prison, it was all I could do to keep from exploding.

Regular readers of this column will remember that I once compared the sound of Martha's voice to that of fingernails on a blackboard. But that was before Brother Bob began working on the new kinder and gentler Randy.

I really didn't have a problem with Martha, honestly I didn't, except maybe her sense of style and the fact that she always seemed to be talking down to her audience. Kathy really liked her show, however, and it seemed as if every time I wanted to watch something good, you know, like a History Channel series on the greatest weapons of World War II, she would be watching Martha.

I'm sure the domestic diva gave good advice, otherwise Kathy wouldn't have watched. It's just that learning how to iron a pleated dust ruffle never really appealed to me. And, in keeping with my ster-



## OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

ling record on disliking popular TV shows (I didn't like Seinfeld, either) the less I liked Martha, the more popular she became.

It's about this point that Brother Bob usually has something profound to say like, "It serves you right," and I start feeling guilty.

I will admit that I did gloat a little when Martha was arrested, and I did make a few jokes about how she would be teaching her viewers how to hide a hacksaw in the hem of a dress, but that's all behind me now as I try to be more considerate.

Evidence to my efforts is the fact that I didn't even laugh when the TV comedians began saying things like, "It looks like stripes are going to be in this season."

Nor did I tell any of the funnies that I dreamed up. As much as I wanted to, I didn't say a word about how Martha probably cleaned the ink off her fingertips

with a mixture of lemon juice and baking soda.

Neither did I repeat the one about how once Martha is finally behind bars the Homeland Security color code will lowered from orange to a lovely shade of saffron yellow.

No, I held it all in and suffered in silence, not even enjoying the fact that, by doing so, I was growing as a person.

I doubt very much if Martha will think so, but I wondered this afternoon if her legal problems could work to serve a greater good. Just think of all the dreary lives she can brighten in the big house. Why, with her sense of style, prison tattoos might never be the same again.

It's actually fun to think about the possibilities. Why, a clever person like her, there's no limit to the combinations of witty and inspiring things she could print on a license plate.

Then, of course, there is the impact Martha could have on prison food. But to be on the safe side, and a smart girl like her always errs on the side of caution, she had better take along a bottle of Pepto Bismol, because the prison food just might have an impact of its own.

# Those girls are twirling Plungers!

As the parade moves down Main Street, we notice a marching group of ladies in cowgirl regalia, most of them at least middle age. They're prancing and dancing to music from a huge sound truck in front of them.

They're wearing red cowboy hats, boots, bright blouses, capri pants and gloves and vests with fringe. And they're doing baton routines with bathroom plungers.

"When we go down the street in a parade and people see these plungers, you just cannot imagine the looks we get," says Lafon Frydenberg of Kingsland, who handles publicity for the group. "We're such a hit."

There are some good reasons why the group attracts attention.

"First of all, we're old women. Most of us are in the prime of our life, 50's, 60's and 70's."

The group is called The Plungettes. "It's about sixty ladies that march and perform in parades and small functions across the country."

The Plungettes are becoming well known. There's a waiting list of potential members. They were



by Tumbleweed Smith

in the July 4th Parade in San Diego, California.

"We've been to Jackson, Mississippi for the Sweet Potato Queen Parade," says Lafon. "That was one of my first big parades. Another biggie for us was the inaugural parade for Governor Rick Perry in January of last year."

The group started when a member was trying to put together some type of skit for one of the service clubs. She went to the hardware store for inspiration and it came to her in a flash when she spotted the red and blue plumber's friends.

"Plungettes were formed right then and there. She thought it would be neat to use them as batons. We started with five little ladies who did this skit."

They have both summer and winter uniforms in red, white and blue.

"Our sound truck in front of us

plays the music loud and we have routines we do with the plungers, which have streamers and glitter on them. Most of us are in sync. We're getting pretty professional at it."

They rehearse every Monday night.

"The rehearsals are fun. It's good to learn new things and keep in shape, but the real benefit is the togetherness and friendship we all feel."

They were invited to the Anatole Hotel in Dallas last November to perform at the international world pest control convention.

"We didn't know what we were getting into. We worked up two or three routines. It turns out there were about 2,500 people in that room. We were up on stage and did our thing. The crowd clapped their hands to the music and laughed. We got a standing ovation."

The Plungettes are all volunteers. They don't get paid. When they do night time performances, their plungers are lighted.

"We try not to use them at home."

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

1. Biblical measure
6. Fail to mention
10. Cooking direction
14. Sports venue
15. Mrs. Dithers of "Blondie"
16. \_\_\_-mutuel betting
17. Clean up broken glass, say
20. "Shame!" syllable
21. Tot's "piggies"
22. Battleship in 1898 news
23. Sideshow setting
24. Corporation's constitution
26. Leave high and dry
29. Limerick, e.g.
30. March 17 slogan word
31. Bit of punctuation
32. Greek T
35. Follow up a fried chicken dinner, maybe
39. Adversary
40. Comic Professor Irwin \_\_\_
41. "Bus Stop" playwright
42. A great deal
43. Large Andean flier
45. Diacritical marks above vowels
49. Extinct bird of Mauritius
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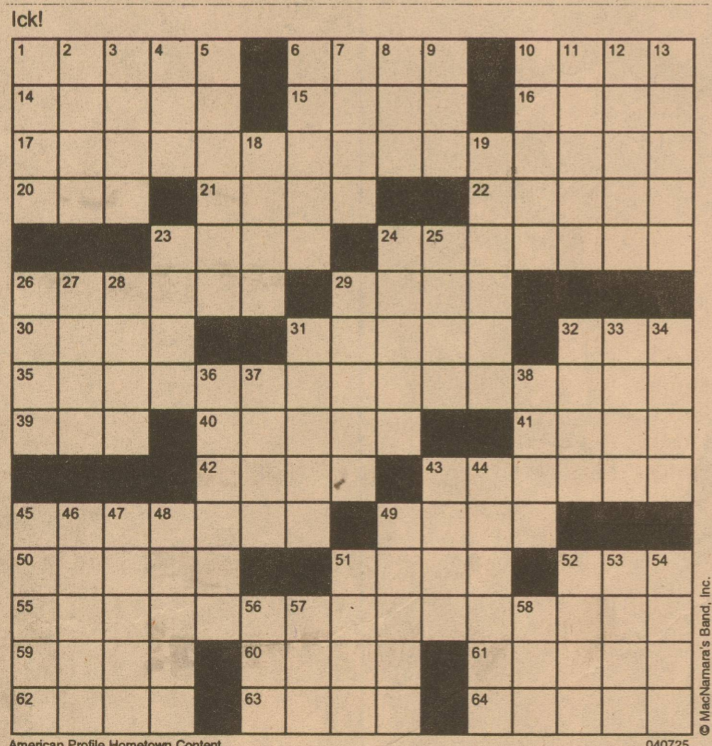
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2. "Exodus" author
3. At one's \_\_\_ and call

### ACROSS

51. Tibia or fibula
52. Hyundai competitor
55. Stand firm
59. Baseball's "Slammin' Sammy"
60. Bell-ringing cosmetics company
61. Noted Big

### DOWN

4. Squid's defense
5. Stretch tight
6. Group of eight
7. Mineral hardness scale
8. Wrath
9. Beer source
10. Asparagus unit
11. Quietly understood



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# Texas to house 8,800 additional troops

AUSTIN — Texas still has to go through what the military calls the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) process next year, but the Pentagon has announced that the state will receive 8,800 additional soldiers by 2006.

In Killeen, 5,000 of those troops will go to Fort Hood as the Army adds the 4th Brigade to the 4th Infantry Division in 2005. An additional 3,800 troops will go to Fort Bliss at El Paso to create the 4th Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division in 2006.

To accommodate expected increases in vehicle traffic at Fort Hood in Central Texas, the Texas Transportation Commission will hold hearings in August on \$20.5 million in roadway and infrastructure projects in the Killeen area.

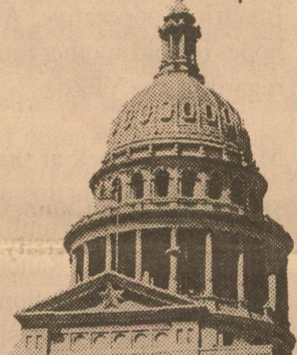
In announcing the military's plans last week, Gov. Rick Perry said the state also was open to proposals from El Paso community leaders on transportation needs connected to the now-scheduled enlargement of Fort Bliss.

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By Mike Cox

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### \$5 million wireless settlement

Texas and 31 other states filed an agreement settling a deceptive practices investigation against three top telecommunications companies over misleading advertising and service charges, Attorney General Greg Abbott said.

Under the terms of the agreement, Cingular Wireless, Sprint PCS and Verizon Wireless must provide customers with coverage-area maps that are as accurate as current technology allows; give consumers at least two weeks to terminate service contracts without incurring penalties; and change the way they advertise and sell services and coverage.

### Dove hunt looks good, but...

Biologists with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife predict a good dove season this fall, but "good" is a relative term.

While dove numbers look OK, biologists say recent counts show a long-term decrease in bird numbers is continuing. While the number of mourning dove has declined about 15 percent in the last 20 years, millions of dove still manage to outfly Texas hunters.

"I think we'll see good dove production this year despite the heavy rains in some areas," said Jay Roberson, TPWD dove program leader. "Hunting success should be good, provided feed conditions remain good."

The season in the Central and North Zones begins Sept. 1, followed by the South Zone opening day on Sept. 24. Bag limits continue at 15 in the North Zone, 12 in the Central Zone and 15 in the South Zone.

In an effort to get to the bottom of the population decline, TPWD is working with 27 other states in a bird-banding study. Hunters bagging banded birds are urged to call 800-327-2263 to report the bird. Those who do will receive a certificate of appreciation and will have helped provide data that can be used to improve hunting conditions, TPWD says.

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# OBITUARIES

## Walter Frank Williams

ELDORADO — Walter Frank Williams was born June 1, 1944, to J. Tom and Cecile Hyde-Williams in Schleicher County. He graduated from Eldorado High School in 1962. He entered the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Boston in the Mediterranean. Upon returning home from the service, he went to work for Northern Natural Gas Company.

He met Claryce Schrier on Sept. 5, 1964. Frank and Claryce were married Oct. 2, 1964. Together they raised two daughters, Tina Rena and Teresa Ann.

Frank was a very kind and giving man. He was always helping people. He was a very talented and creative carpenter, electrician, plumber, backhoe operator and especially loved building. He always did everything 150 percent. Most who knew him remember his garden. He gardened like his mom taught him — "Plant enough for the birds and the bees, your friends and neighbors, then, whatever is left is yours."

Frank served as a city council member in Eldorado and was a member of the Jaycees. Frank served as an elder at Jefferson Street Church of Christ in Hobbs, N.M. He served on the board and as president of Pine Springs Church Camp in Sacramento, N.M., and contributed countless hours rebuilding two of the main buildings of the camp after a tragic fire in 1989. He loved the camp and the people involved in operating it. He always wanted the kids who attended to have a nice place to worship the Lord. He always made sure no child who wanted to go to camp was left out. He

served as a hospital board member for Schleicher County Medical Center.

Frank battled many health problems over the years. He never did complain about feeling bad; he just wanted to do what he needed to do to get better. He would stand when it seemed there was no way he could have the strength. He was the best husband, father, Grandpa, adviser and friend anyone could ever have. We will all miss him more than words could possibly say, but we are comforted knowing he is in God's care.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Cecil Williams, Bernard Williams, James Williams, David Williams and Bobby Williams; and one sister, Mary Katherine Warren.

Survivors include his wife, Claryce Schrier-Williams; two daughters, Tina Baker and husband Lee of Coynosa, Texas, and Teresa Sullivan of Eldorado; brothers, Harold Williams and wife Barbara of Rye, Colo., and Billy Williams and wife Beverlee of Eldorado; sister, Ann Brock of Burleson, Texas; sister-in-law, Carolyn Williams of Wolfe City, Texas; brothers-in-law, Fred Schrier and wife Frances of Balmorhea, Texas, and Charles Schrier; mother-in-law, Anita Schrier of Eldorado; grandchildren, Ross and Russell Taylor, Dryden Baker, Ashley and Whitney Sullivan; and countless nieces, nephews and cousins.

Service was Friday, July 23, at Mertzon Highway Church of Christ in Eldorado.

Memorials may be made to Pine Springs Summer Camp, C/O Lubbock Christian University.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Eldorado's Masonic Lodge 890 honorees and family members came together to celebrate 50 and 65 years of dedicated service to the Lodge. Honorees Back L-R: Henry Mittel, Jr., Edward Meador, Sarah McCravey (Billy McCravey), Penny and Robert Bland Sue Wallace and her brother Mike Blaylock (Jess L. Blaylock), Donald K. Neill and wife Bula, Robert Wilson and his sister Carolyn and District Deputy Grand Master R.W. Jim Cusenbary. Front L-R Robert L. Wilson and Neal Brenner.

## Eldorado Lodge 890 honors its long-serving members

Seven distinguished Masons were honored in a ceremony to honor 50 and 65 years of service to the Eldorado Lodge 890.

The ceremony was observed Thursday evening July 22, 2004 with family members present with a presentation of pins in recognition of their continued membership.

Presenting the 50 and 65 year pins was District Deputy Grand Master R.W. Jim Cusenbary.

Receiving their Fifty Year pins were: Robert Bland, William Edward, his wife Sarah accepting, Edward Frank Meador, Henry Meador, Jr., Donald Kyle Neill and Robert L. Wilson. 97 year old Jess Leo Blaylock was also recognized with his daughter Sue Wallace and his son Mike Blaylock accepting his 65 year pin.

Graduating senior Neal Brenner who was the recipient of the Lodge's Lamar Medal was also present with his mother and father Mike and Patsy Brenner.

Also present until the fire alarm blew were three members of the Eldorado's Volunteer Fire Department, Joey Jones, Jerry Felver and Michael Felver. They were there to accept the Eldorado Lodge 890 Community Builder Award.

The Eldorado Lodge 890 was chartered in December 8, 1904. They will soon celebrating their 100th year. They had 8 charter members: J.A. Whitten, A.K. Bailey, Junior Warden, E.M. Barbee, S.A. Williams, A.S. Adams, M.B. McKnight and J.B. Hext.

The first meeting was on top of the old Hoover Drug Store on Main Street. The current Lodge was built in 1964 and is located on Warner Avenue.

Masonry, or Freemasonry is one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the world. It's full title is Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. It aims to promote brotherhood and to foster "morality among its members. At times, some Masons dress in elaborate, colorful costumes, and take part in dramatic rituals, many of which are secret to all except members.

Men of any religious belief may join. The Masons do not sensor any particular denomination of faith. They try to promote "religion in which all men agree, that is, to be good men and true."

They call God the "Great Architect of the Universe," and base most of their symbols and rituals on tools and practices of the building profession.

Throughout its long history, Masonry has brought together men of varied faiths and opinions. The Masons spend millions of dollars annually for hospitals, homes for

widows, orphans, and the aged; and other kinds of relief for people in distress.

Many of the ideas and rituals of Masonry stem from the period of cathedral building from the 1900's to the 1600's. At the time, masons (stoneworkers) formed associations called guides in various European cities and towns. Freemasons were another group of stoneworkers who traveled from community to community. They also had organizations, sometimes referred to as lodges. With the decline of cathedral building in the 1000's, many of the masons' and freemasons' organizations became purely social and societies. The groups began accepting members who had never been stoneworkers, and called these men speculative masons.

In 1717, four fraternal lodges, which may have been originally founded as Masons' organizations, united under the Grand Lodge of England. The Masons of today consider the formation of the Grand Lodge of England to be the beginning of their society. The order spread quickly to other lands, and included such famous persons as Benjamin Franklin and George Washington.

Some historians believe that it may have been a group of Masons who staged the Boston Tea Party in 1773. About that time, Masonry began to take on political and military aspects. After 1882, it abandoned the political tinges, and assumed the social and fraternal character it has today.

Masons now emphasize the fact that they do not favor any specific religious, political, or economic creeds. The number of Masons in the United States is twice that of the rest of the world. About 1 of every 12 adult American males is a Mason.

## Edmiston among A&M grads

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 5,047 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies in College Station.

Among those recognized were: Haley Marie Edmiston of Eldorado, Bachelor Of Science- Nutritional Sciences. She is the daughter of William and Darlene Edmiston.

## A&M lists honor students

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2004 spring semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours or first semester students taking least 12 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

A second designation, "Dis-

tinguished Student," recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours or 12 hours for first semester students.

Among those recognized as "Distinguished Student" were: Ben Russell Edmiston, Bachelor Of Business Administration, Accounting, son of William and Darlene Edmiston.

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# Eagles optimistic about upcoming season

## Local gridiron squad begins workouts on Monday

Eldorado went only 2-8 last year and Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine has picked the Eagles to finish in the cellar in District 2-2A this season.

But that doesn't reflect the attitude of the Eagles. With a strong crop of veteran players returning and a successful off-season program, expectations are high for their 2004 campaign.

It's been a long summer so we're all ready to take the field," said Gary Grubbs, Eldorado athletic director and head football coach. "Our kids have worked hard in the off-season and are more than ready. By no means, is last where we will finish."

The team will begin two-a-day workouts on Monday morning. The varsity squad will work offense from 8 to 10 a.m. and defense from 7 to 9 p.m. The junior varsity will practice from 10 a.m. to noon. Varsity players should report to the field house at 7:30 a.m. and junior varsity players at 8:30.

The Eagles return seven starters from their high-octane shotgun

offense, including junior quarterback Frank Edmiston, junior running back Andy Mejia, senior wide receiver Terrell Boysaw.

One of the biggest advantages for Eldorado is the return of four starting offensive linemen - seniors Will Griffin, Joey Hernandez and Manuel Arispe, and junior Frank Wipff. Junior Diego Barrera is expected to fill the lone vacancy up front.

"I feel the offensive line is going to be the key to how well we perform this year," Grubbs said. "No doubt, it's a veteran group. I know Coach (Brian) Gibson, our offensive coordinator, is very excited about this group. We definitely will be able to move the ball and put points on the board.

"I feel like we will be able to run the ball effectively. With the addition of a good group of receivers to surround Terrell, we will be able to throw the ball well."

Other receivers expected to aid the Eagles' air attack are seniors Jared Grubbs, Kolby Dombroski, Rigo Arispe, Eric Garcia and Ryan Cathey, and juniors Jorge Bustos, Michael Ballew and Caleb Nixon.

Also solidifying the running game for Eldorado are juniors Kyle Taylor and Nestor Hernandez.

Defensively, the Eagles return five starters, including Dombroski

at end, Taylor at inside linebacker, Edmiston and junior Nestor Hernandez at outside linebackers and Arispe at corner back.

Other probable starters going into the season are junior Joel Esparza at tackle, Wipff at end, senior Luis Hernandez at inside linebacker, senior Tico Robles at corner and Grubbs at free safety.

"With our added speed and strength, I feel like we are going to be much improved on defense," Grubbs said. "We are definitely

going to have a unit that can get to the ball quicker."

Also expected to aid Eldorado's defense are seniors Simon Duran and Tony Garcia at tackles, Joey Hernandez at end, and Boysaw, Bustos, Cathey, Nixon and Eric Garcia in the secondary.

"The kicking game should be one of our strengths this year, having Bustos and Duran back to handle all of our kicking duties," Grubbs said. "Both of them were first team all-district last year."



Championship Flight winners of the Eddie Mae Kinser Memorial golf tourney were (L-R) Darla Lipham, Frances Tackel, Branda Gray, and Su Scott.

## Low score of 52 wins Eddie Mae Kinser Memorial

by Branda Gray

The Eddie Mae Kinser Memorial four lady select shot tournament was held Saturday, July 17th.

The championship flight was won by Su Scott, Branda Gray, of Eldorado, Frances Tackel and Darla Lipham of Sonora with a score of 52, fourteen under par, the lowest score ever shot on the Eddie Mae Kinser tournament.

Second place was won by scorecard playoff with a 58. Second place went to Melissa O'Harrow of Eldorado, Debbie Young, Lana Mott and Vickie Neace of San Angelo.

Third place went to Rose Doyle of San Angelo and Katie Campbell of Bronte with her granddaughter Kirstie Morrison of Crane and Honey Joy of Big Springs with another 58.

## President's Flight Tournament

by Branda Gray

The President's Flight was won by Karen Henderson Marilyn Whitten, Kathy Newman and Cindy McGinnes of Eldorado, by scorecard playoff with a score of 64.

Second place went to Jodie Finklea, Wanda Neville, Anita Hudson, and Lori Newton of Sonora with a 64.

Johnnie Rowoldt, Amy Kitten, Allamay Schafer, and Marcie Padgett of San Angelo came in third with a 64.

Closest to the pins were won by: #1 - Vickie Neace 1 foot 3 inches; #2 - Linda Williams 6 inches; #3 - Neve Gonzales 12 feet 5 inches #4 - Branda Gray 4 feet 11 inches; #5 - Jackie Mathews 5 feet 3 inches.

Longest Drive was won by Su Scott.

### SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

#### CROSS COUNTRY-HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTY MEETING- AUGUST 9TH- Middle School Gym, 3:30 P.M.

**BAND Remember-** All band students, eighth grade included, will have a sectional on their instruments daily beginning the week of August 2nd-August 6th. The schedule will be as follows: 9:00 a.m. Flutes/Trumpets; 10:00 a.m. Clarinets/Trombones & Baritones; 11:00 a.m. Tubas, Horns, & Saxophones; 12:00 a.m. Percussion; 2:00 p.m. Region Woodwinds; 3:00 p.m. Region Brass/Percussion. Flags will start off the summer band by attending sectional on their All Region Band music. You will be notified about your flag camp schedule. **There will be a Full Band rehearsal August 9th & 10th 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and an uniform check August 11th all day 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

#### HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Eldorado High School registration will be as follows:

- 11th graders - August 5, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 10th graders - August 5, 2004 from 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon.
- 9th graders - August 5, 2004 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Seniors will have their senior pictures taken on August 6, 2004 starting at 8 a.m. in the High School gym foyer. The seniors will also register for their classes on August 6, 2004 starting at 9 a.m.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Thursday, August 5, 2004

- 5th grade 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
- 6th grade 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
- 7th grade 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
- 8th grade 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

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## Hospital trustees meet, renew contract with Dr. Lucas

Schleicher County Hospital board members went directly into executive session Monday night for the purpose of discussing a contract renewal for Dr. James Lucas. The group returned to open session a few minutes later and voted to extend Dr. Lucas' contract for another year.

The meeting was the board's regularly scheduled session and it was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Board President Randy Mankin. Trustees Susie Richters, J.D. Doyle, Ricky Fuessel and Jim Martin were present for the meeting. Ms. Richters, volunteer with the Schleicher County EMS, left early in the meeting to help with an ambulance run.

Also on hand was Administrator Sharon Dietz, Asst. Administrator Beverly Minor, as well as Hospital Consultant Andy Freeman.

Ms. Dietz advised the board

during her administrator's report that the search continues for a second physician. She noted that she has already interviewed on physician and that a second on has asked for an interview.

Ms. Dietz went on to explain that the hospital's payroll has been converted over to direct deposit and explained that the conversion, coupled with new bookkeeping software, has greatly reduced the time required to prepare the facility's payroll. She added that training for the new computer software is ongoing and that billing personnel recently completed a class in Abilene.

Ms. Dietz ended her report by explaining that a the district has received a bio-terrorism grant in the amount of \$21,000.00.

Beverly Minor and Andy Freeman then went over the district's finances with the trustees with

much attention being paid to losses in the nursing home. Freeman outlined the district's past 12 months and noted that costs associated with the nursing home are pulling down the district's bottom line. He concluded by saying, "We can not sustain this long term."

The trustees then reviewed an approve the write-off of some \$24,000.00 in bad debt. And, as he does at almost every board meeting, Randy Mankin explained that writing off the money doesn't mean the district won't continue trying to collect it. Instead, the hospital won't continue booking it as money it expects to receive from accounts receivable.

Mankin then reported that a committee, investigation options for restructuring the way the hospital, clinic and nursing home are managed, has looked at several options. "We are studying a few

different models but don't have one we want to bring before the board at this time," Mankin said.

In other business Mankin appointed a budget committee consisting of Ricky Fuessel, Shirley Joiner and himself. The committee is charged with preparing a proposed budget to present to the board for fiscal year 2005.

Before adjourning the trustees learned that by filing a report with the state, the hospital may be reimbursed for some of its indigent care. Ms. Dietz explained that the district's uncompensated care, eligible under the plan, totals approximately \$17,000.00. The board then voted to purchase BMP lab equipment for the detection of early stages of heart disease. The board then voted to reappoint social worker Ollie McCown and pharmacist consultant Shannan Wideman to the hospital's allied staff. The board also approved several policy and procedure manuals.

As the meeting ended, Randy Mankin noted the death of fellow board member Frank Williams. "He was a very caring individual who gave freely of himself in order to make this world a better place. Frank was a good board member and will be missed."

Ricky Fuessel agreed saying that he had enjoyed his time on the board with Frank Williams. "I hope we can find another one like him," Fuessel added.

The next meeting of the hospital board of trustees is slated for Monday, August 23, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the hospital board room.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

TCEQ inspectors this week released a list of 29 rule violations for which they have cited the YFZ Ranch. The violations have been referred to the agency's enforcement division in Austin.

## State ratchets up pressure on YFZ

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filters with other solid waste, and the operation of a public water system without a TCEQ permit. (See list of violations below) Another violation involved the operation of a concrete batch plant following a

shutdown order from TCEQ.

Region 8 Director Ricky Anderson told the Success that TCEQ investigators from his San Angelo office made a second inspection of the YFZ Ranch on July 13, 2004, at which time they uncovered the

additional violations. "We view these as being very serious and they have been forwarded to Austin for review and possible action by our enforcement division," Anderson said. He noted that the case remains open and under active investigation.

In a related matter, the Success has learned that Wasteline Engineering, Inc. of Ft. Worth has been hired to design a lagoon-style sewer plant, similar to the one operated by the City of Eldorado. The city has yet to receive the written request that city council members last week voted to require of YFZ Ranch before they would consider entering into a contract for wastewater treatment while the ranch's new plant is being built.

### A Closer Look at Alleged Environmental Violations at the YFZ Ranch

#### Outstanding Alleged Violations

- (5-18-04) Failure to obtain authorization from the TECQ for the construction and use of a Class V injection well that resulted in an unauthorized discharge into or adjacent to waters in the state.
- (7-13-04) This previously alleged violation is considered to be a continuing alleged violation.
- (5-18-04) Failure to submit an application, fee, and the required planning materials to obtain approval from the executive director prior to beginning construction of on-site sewage facilities.
- (7-13-04) This previously alleged violation is considered to be a continuing violation.
- (7-13-04) Operation of a rock crusher without proper authorization. YFZ was ordered to shutdown operation of the rock crusher.
- (7-13-04) Concrete batch plant, ordered shutdown on 4-26-04, still had capability of being used.
- (7-13-04) Unauthorized outdoor burning in the caliche pit where the concrete batch plant is located.
- (7-13-04) Operation of an unregistered cement storage silo.
- (7-13-04) Failure to properly dispose of wastewater pumped from holding tanks.
- (7-13-2004) Failure to provide written notification to the commission of the start-up of new public water supply immediately upon meeting the definition of a public water system.
- (7-13-04) Failure to properly dispose of used oil filters.
- (7-13-04) Failure to properly label containers of used oil.
- (7-13-04) Failure to post a storm water construction site notice at a location that is readily available to the general public.
- (7-13-04) Failure of site notice to specify all permit required information.
- (7-13-04) Failure to provide an accurate, site specific and complete list of potential pollutants and sources.
- (7-13-04) Failure to include a description of the intended schedule/sequence of construction activities in the SWP3 (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan).
- (7-13-04) Failure to specify in the SWP3 an accurate description of the total property acreage and construction activity acreage.
- (7-13-04) Failure to describe the soil at the construction site in the SWP3.
- (7-13-04) Failure to accurately identify all permit required items on the site map.
- (7-13-04) Failure to specify the name of the receiving waters in the SWP3.
- (7-13-04) Failure to include a copy of the Construction General Permit (CGP) with the SWP3.
- (7-13-04) Failure to implement structural controls to minimize pollutant discharge to the draws on the property.
- (7-13-04) Failure to describe stabilization practices and a schedule of implementation to be used at the construction sites.
- (7-13-04) Failure to describe permanent pollution control measures for post construction storm water discharge in the SWP3.
- (7-13-04) Failure to provide an adequate description of the waste materials stored on site and controls for reducing pollutants from these materials.
- (7-13-04) Failure to provide adequate description of pollutant sources from non-construction areas with control measures to minimize pollutant discharge.
- (7-13-04) Failure to conduct inspections of structural controls according to permit requirements.
- (7-13-04) Failure to identify all authorized non-storm water discharge on the SWP3 and implement pollution measures.
- (7-13-04) Unauthorized discharge of hydrocarbon (diesel) adjacent to the waters in the state.

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**KIDS KAMPUS** (2) #2 Pencils; 1 Small school box; (10) Folders (pocket & brads; 3-red, 3-green, 2-yellow, 2-blue); Kleenex (large box); (2) 8 count box of crayons; \$5 for Pre-K Weekly Reader; (1) 70 page spiral notebook; (1) glue stick; (1) 4 oz. Elmer's White glue; 1 pkg. construction paper; (1) eraser (pink rubber); 1 box sandwich size bags; Fiskars scissors (round end); 1 backpack (to hold folders & jackets); 1 water bottle (12 oz.) PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES WITH CHILD'S NAME IN LARGE PRINT.

**KINDERGARTEN** Elmer's White School Glue - 4 oz.; 1 Glue Stick; (2) #2 pencils; Eraser (pink rubber); Crayons - 1 box of 24; 1 box of 12 long colored pencils; Fiskars for Kids scissors (metal blades); 1 large box Kleenex; School box-small; 2 vinyl (plastic) pocket folders; Boys (1-box sandwich size ziploc bags) Girls (1-box gallon size ziploc bags); 1 water bottle; Backpack **THAT WILL HOLD FOLDERS**; (1) regular size towel for napping (no mats, large towels, or blankets); ALL SUPPLIES SHOULD BE LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME IN LARGE PRINT; Other supplies may be requested by your child's teacher.

**FIRST GRADE** # 2 Pencils; Large Elmer's Glue (white only); School box; Metal inlaid scissors; Crayons -16 count; 1 pkg. 9 X 12 assorted construction paper (loose); 1 box Kleenex; 4 pocket folders (bottom pocket); 40 page spiral notebook; Pencil top erasers; \$2.00 for Weekly Reader; (1) Box sandwich size zip-lock bags.

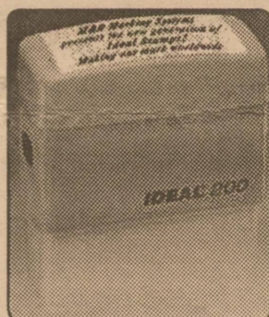
**SECOND GRADE** 6 Pencils - (#2); Crayolas box of 24; Elmer's glue (white); Zipper pouch, large eraser; Fiskars's scissors; 4 Red marking pencils; Kleenex (200 count); 6 pocket folders with bottom pockets; Map colors; Kleenex (200 Count); 2-70 page spirals; \$2.00 for Weekly Reader.

**THIRD GRADE** Crayons box of 24; (4) #2 pencils; Kleenex (200 count); Scissors - sharp point (Fiskars only); Zipper pouch for notebook; (4) four red marking pencils; small Elmer's glue; Loose leaf 3 ring notebook NO TRAPPER KEEPERS; 1 pkg. dividers (do not write on these); Map colors; 1 spiral notebook (70 pages); 1 pocket folder w/bottom pockets; \$2.00 for Weekly Reader; **INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS MAY GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES NEEDED THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**FOURTH GRADE** 3 Ring notebook NO TRAPPER KEEPERS; Notebook paper (no college or narrow ruled); Eraser; Map colors; Ruler both metric and American standard; Glue; Scissors 6" or 7" sharp point; 6 Red grading pencils; Kleenex - large box; #2 Pencils; 6 subject dividers with tabs; Zipper pouch; (3) Spiral notebooks (70 pages); (3) pocket folders (with 3 holes); Composition notebook (not a spiral)

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## SCISD reverses decision to borrow

The Schleicher County ISD Board of Trustees met briefly Monday, July 26, to revisit the Capitol Acquisition Program (CAP), voted on July 19. At that meeting, it was decided to take advantage of the program as a way of borrowing as much as \$600,000.00 for capital improvements.

Acting Superintendent George Blanch informed the trustees that he had received the Schleicher County Appraisal District certification of the 2004 appraisal roll which he said calculated to be

lower than the estimated \$231 million used by the board last week to calculate the proposed \$600,000.00 loan.

Blanch explained that with property values coming in lower than expected, some \$217 million as opposed to the \$231 million as previously expected, the district's ability repay the funds could become

an issue.

Blanch, then offered an entirely new set of figures, based on a \$1.49 per \$100 valuation, which would raise approximately \$170,000 more than last year. The group agreed with the idea and voted unanimously to rescind last week's vote to borrow \$600,000 for the CAP along with its \$1.50 proposed tax rate.

Trustees Eddie Albin, John Paul Joiner, Berta Nicholson, Lupe Sanchez, Jan Wanoreck and Jo Helen Kotsch voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Trustee Kurtis Homer was absent.

It was noted the vote will raise save the district \$50,000 in interest and still raise \$170,000 over a single year, with which to fund needed budget maintenance and repair expenditures.

There being no further business, the board adjourned.

### Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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**Which one is the skilled performer?** Rodeo Clown Steve Whitt of Round Rock, Texas, and his dog Stitches, performed for the crowd Saturday night at the 35th Annual Eldorado Rodeo. The lighthearted moment was a break from Steve's more serious duties, protecting the Cowboys and Cowgirls inside the arena.

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## Mayor goes supersonic

Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk, realized one of his lifelong ambitions last Friday when he went supersonic in a Air Force T-38 jet. Before his retirement, Lt. Colonel Nikolauk logged 13,643 hours as an Air Force pilot. His career track saw him flying some of the nation's larger, and slower, planes. He flew everything from single-engine prop trainers to multi-engine jets. At one point, while on combat duty in Viet Nam, Nikolauk even had the opportunity to spend some time in the left seat of Air Force One.

But, over his 30-year career, even as the Air Force was turning almost exclusively to jet powered planes, Lt. Colonel Nikolauk never enjoyed the opportunity of breaking the sound barrier. His final assignment saw him posted at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo where he ended his career, retiring as the base commander.

"I had pretty much resigned myself to the fact that my chance to fly faster than the speed of sound had passed me by," Mayor Nikolauk told the Success.

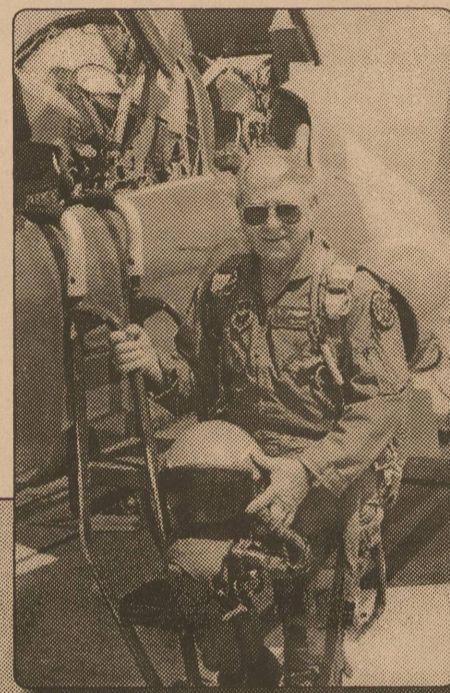
But all that changed last week when the Air Force granted the 73-year-old Mayor a ride in a T-38 jet fighter.

After passing a routine pre-flight physical, Nikolauk took off from Laughlin Air Force Base at Del Rio as the back seat passenger of Captain "Ponch" Rodriguez. But it should come as a surprise to no one that the retired Lt. Colonel soon found himself flying the plane.

After taking the T-38 up to and beyond the speed of sound, roughly 761 mph, in air space designated for supersonic flight, the mayor turned the plane northward and few a few circles around Eldorado before heading back to land at Laughlin.

"It was one of the highlights of my flying career," Nikolauk said later. "I will never forget it."

John Nikolauk, a native of Greenwich, Connecticut, says he has considered Eldorado to be his hometown since 1955, that's when he met and married Ebba Blaylock. He retired from the Air Force in 1982 and returned to Eldorado where he and Ebba still make their home. Soon after returning to Eldorado full-time, Nikolauk became active in community affairs, serving on the SCISD board of trustees and the Eldorado City Council before being elected mayor in 1991. In addition to owning a pipe and tobacco shop in San Angelo, Mayor Nikolauk has kept himself busy by working at Goodfellow AFB as a defense consultant and as a right-of-way acquisition representative in connection with the large wind energy farms being constructed in Crockett, Pecos and Upton Counties.



**Top --** Lt. Col. John Nikolauk U.S.A.F.-Ret. climbs into a T-38 jet as he prepares for his first-ever supersonic flight.

**Center --** Nikolauk and Capt. "Ponch" Rodriguez made a low pass over Eldorado last Friday at 4:45 p.m.

**Bottom --** A fresh-faced Lt. Nikolauk posed for the camera shortly after earning his pilot's wings in 1954.



## County fathers eye subdivision rules, hear library request

High School Librarian Debbie Griffin, representing the County Library Board, met with Schleicher County Commissioners Monday to present several budget requests on behalf of the Public Library, as part of the request, Griffin asked the men to consider a pay raise for Librarian Jeri Whitten. She then asked that they continue to fund the part-time assistant position and informed the men that Janet Oglesby has been hired to fill the post. Griffin also asked for an additional \$500 in the 2005 budget for supplies.

The meeting was the second of two monthly meetings for the commissioners with Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown in attendance. Also present for the first time since recovering from heart bypass surgery was County Judge Johnny Griffin.

Among other business, the men learned that the Cemetery Chapel construction has advanced from foundation to the erection of steel beams frame and a seal coat on the cement flooring.

Cleaning rules and regulations and rental of portable pens at the Civic Center where a couple of topics briefly discussed but no action was suggested.

Commissioner Matt Brown then advised that Attorney Chad Elkins was reading over the County's 1998 subdivision rules and said he hoped they would consider updating the regulations.

Next, the men voted for a resolution concerning HB2292 that offers objections to reductions of services in the area of Child Medicaid, Pregnant Women, Medical Needy and CHIP Child Insurance programs.

The men also voted to approve an employee health insurance plan through the Texas Associations of Counties for the 2004-2005 policy year. It was noted that the premiums will actually decline this year by some 2 1/2 percent.

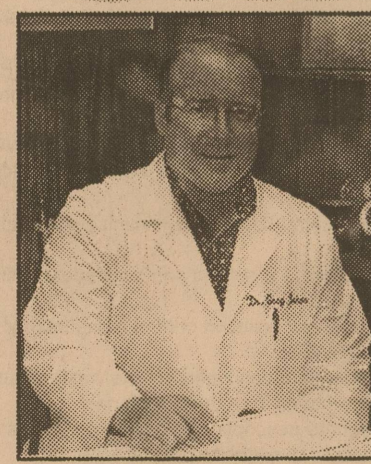
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## Eldorado Head Start under new management, again

The Eldorado Head Start program will have new local administrators...once again. The Head Start grant in the amount of \$5.2 million for the Concho Valley was approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and turned over to the Concho Valley Council of Governments June 21. The CVCOG will partner with the San Angelo Independent School District and West Texas Rehabilitation Center to operate the Head Start and Early Head Start Program for the 10 area counties in the Concho Valley Region which includes the Eldorado Head Start program.

On July 6, 2004 the Executive Committee of the Concho Valley Council of Governments (CVCOG) held a special meeting and approved a Provisional Policy Council for the Concho Valley Head Start Program consisting of parents and community members. This council will serve a term of 60 days until a new Policy Council members can be elected.

The new Provisional Policy

Council consist of four parents: Sandra Espinosa of Eldorado, Katherine Fierro, Ozona, Pete Gonzales and Stephanie Rodriguez of San Angelo.

Community representatives are Carol Harrison of the United Way of the Concho Valley, Hilda Lopez of Menard Education Cooperative and Carol White, Region XV Education Service Center.

Jeffrey Sutton, Executive Director with the CVCOG told the Success that they were working 12 to 15 hours a day preparing to deliver quality program to the students and parents of Eldorado and the surrounding area Head Starts.

The San Angelo Head Start programs are in the process re-locating. The locations for the 10 surrounding counties including Eldorado's Head Start will keep their present location which is the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Education Building. The Success has learned the utilities and lease agreements are in the process being transferred to the

new grantees and are in the process of interviewing staff.

Presently, the CVCOG will be also working to opening the 10 Head Start facilities as soon as possible. Counties include Coke, Crockett, Concho, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Sterling, Sutton and Schleicher. San Angelo Head Start programs are scheduled to start as close to September 6 as possible.

Eldorado Head Start program changed administrators in September 2002 after the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) suspended the Tom Green County Community Action Council (CAC) as operator of the program.

The CAC was a private, non-profit corporation and organization which served Tom Green County and surrounding counties administering various federal and state programs designed to help those needing assistance.

Community Development Institute-Head Start (CDI), a Denver-based company, took over as

temporary administrator of the program in September 2002, turning over the program now to the CVCOG.

In January 2004 former Executive Director Juan Domingo Cortez, of Tom Green Community Action Council was sentenced to 63 months for embezzlement of Federal Funds and was ordered to pay \$20,000 in fines and \$805,083.55 in restitution to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The CAC managed the Head Start Program and Early Head Start Program, operating approximately 15 Head Start centers. Federal monies provided through HHS to the CAC to operate the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs included, for FY 2000, approximately \$3,699,808; \$4,091,668 for FY 2001; and, \$4,179,633 for FY 2002. In addition, the CAC received federal funds from HHS for the Early Head Start Program of approximately \$968,691 in FY 2000; \$1,144,625 in FY 2001; and, \$923,254 in FY 2002.

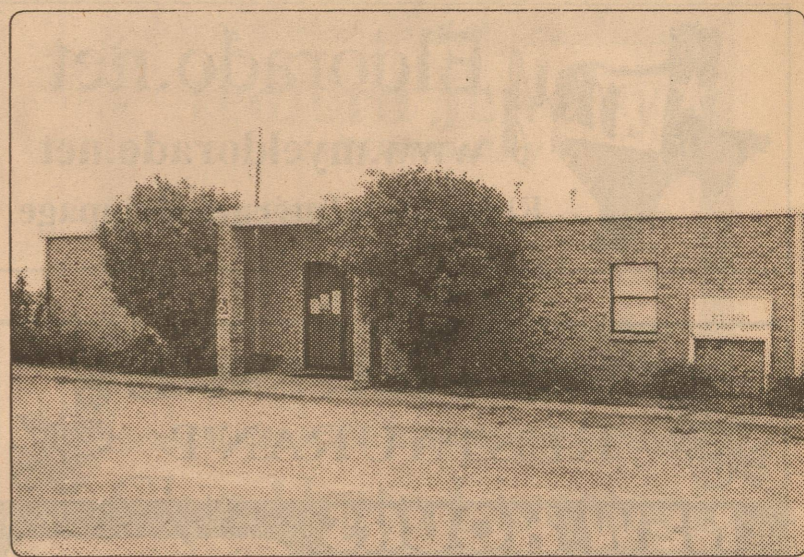


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Eldorado Head Start holds classes here in the Education Building at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Head Start is now being managed by the Concho Valley Council of Governments and, despite, the financial trouble the program has experienced in recent years, all is expected to run smoothly this year.

## Washington on the Brazos...In plain English:History shaped by Geography

by Mark K. Campbell

Was there anything more horrifying as a kid than being told your vacation spot would also be a history lesson?

That's what some kids have heard as drivers pulled into Washington on the Brazos State Historical Site in the southeast Texas town of Washington.

Lots of us think history is cool but you can't put many 8-year-old boys in that number. So you might also mention that a tour of Blue Bell Creamery follows the walk through our great state's history.

### Early Lone Star happenings

Amid green pasture lands and pecan covered riverbanks, the Navasota River merges with the Brazos River. One mile south of that confluence, Andrew Robinson built a ferry in 1822. Since it's much easier to cross one river instead of two, Robinson's Ferry was a big hit.

Also helping it become so successful was the fact that the La Bahia Road - an ancient pathway laid out by Indians to the east and Spanish from the west - came right to the ferry crossing. Today La Bahia in Spanish apparently means "Farm Road 390" (with a special copper-colored road sign) and you can drive a big chunk of it.

Soon a town sprung up around the area. It was eventually named, like 2,000 other towns in America, Washington - but after an arrival's hometown back in Georgia, not the first president.

By 1835, General Sam Houston was using Washington as a supply point, gathering supplies and volunteers at the crossing.

To increase their population of 100, citizens of Washington decided to build an assembly hall and offer it to the delegates of the 1836 Convention at no charge.

Delegates arrived without checking hotels.com and found out that not only was the building unfinished but the town didn't have enough lodging.

Not too far away, Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna was laying siege to the Alamo. While that was going on, the delegates - 59 of them - settled into the hall just as a blue norther hit on March 1 (no one bothered to check the doppler radar) and began beating out the Texas Declaration of Independence.

They put a flap up around the only window in the place, but it probably didn't matter since the entire place was unfinished any way. But it had a window, by

gum!

Not once but twice the assemblage was notified of the horrible goings-on at the Alamo. Some delegates wanted to rush out to aid the heroes. But did not.

### Santa Anna is coming to town

The Alamo fell March 6, but the convention didn't hear about it until March 15. Even though word was spreading that Santa Anna was headed for Washington, the group remained for two more fearful days, carving out not only a constitution but a new, independent government. However, on March 17, everybody split.

It was a mad dash to Robinson's Ferry which was suddenly busier than Galveston's Bolivar ferry during Spring Break. This sudden, leave-everything-behind mass exodus became known as the Run-away Scrape and it really kicked into gear when Houston fled.

When East Texans saw the general fleeing, they packed up too and sped away to either Louisiana or Galveston. All stayed away until word got out of the great triumph of Texas troops at San Jacinto. Then everyone returned, even those who had finally managed to get a gulf view condo.

### Meanwhile back in Washington

After everybody got back, the town of Washington reassembled. They even held a big ball on the first anniversary of the signing in 1837.

But things started getting a bit rough in Washington. A race track

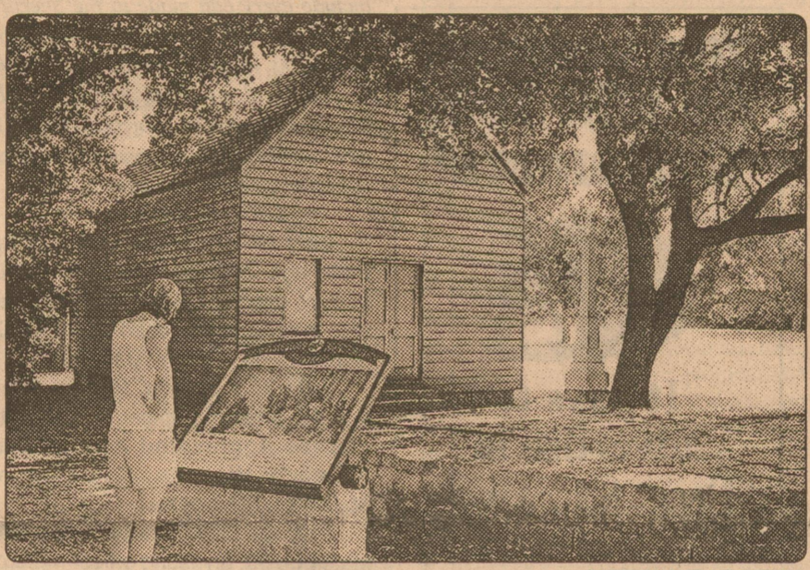


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**The Old Building** -- This replica of the building where delegates met to pound out the Texas Declaration of Independence and the new constitution is near the Visitors Center.

arrived as did plenty of drinking establishments catering to bored, hardcore Texas veterans.

Churches helped turn Washington from its evil ways and soon the population began to grow again.

In 1839, the town numbered 250 citizens and in 1842, Washington was named the capital of Texas. That's when things took off economically faster than you could say 8-liners.

Houston and the second president of Texas, Anson Jones, welcomed courts and foreign embassies. Things were hoppin'.

President Houston met with Indians to discuss peace in Washington and Jones' inauguration and inaugural ball were held there.

And it was in Washington in 1845 that the Texas Congress approved being annexed by the United States of America. The state

capital was moved to Austin.

### Should've voted yea

In 1858, town officials made the decision that doomed Washington. They refused to pay \$11,000 to have the railroad come through there. So it went on either side, in Navasota and Brenham. And, despite owning a one-time prosperous riverboat trade, Washington began to drop like a bowling ball in a vacuum.

Townfolk so disagreed with the decision that they not only moved themselves to Navasota or Brenham but took their houses, too - which, of course, really clogged up La Bahia. Especially when they moved the Episcopal church.

The last Washington building burned in 1912. The Texas legislature voted to begin preserving the

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#### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 7/30	Sat 7/31	Sun 8/1	Mon 8/2	Tue 8/3
<b>86/66</b> Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>87/66</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>89/66</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>91/66</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>92/67</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM	Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:36 PM

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San Antonio 91/74	Brownsville 96/76

#### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	67	t-storm	Kingsville	95	74	pt sunny
Amarillo	80	58	pt sunny	Livingston	89	71	t-storm
Austin	89	72	t-storm	Longview	84	71	t-storm
Beaumont	88	74	t-storm	Lubbock	83	63	t-storm
Brownsville	96	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	87	72	t-storm
Brownwood	87	68	t-storm	Midland	88	67	t-storm
Corpus Christi	92	77	pt sunny	Raymondville	98	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	87	71	t-storm	Rosenberg	89	74	t-storm
Dallas	86	75	t-storm	San Antonio	91	74	t-storm
Del Rio	91	74	t-storm	San Marcos	90	73	t-storm
El Paso	92	69	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	84	69	t-storm
Fort Stockton	89	67	t-storm	Sweetwater	85	66	t-storm
Gainesville	83	70	t-storm	Tyler	85	71	t-storm
Greenville	84	70	t-storm	Weatherford	85	69	t-storm
Houston	88	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	82	66	t-storm

#### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	69	t-storm	Minneapolis	79	60	cloudy
Boston	82	70	pt sunny	New York	85	72	pt sunny
Chicago	85	68	pt sunny	Phoenix	103	82	mst sunny
Dallas	86	75	t-storm	San Francisco	72	57	pt sunny
Denver	77	52	t-storm	Seattle	84	61	sunny
Houston	88	74	t-storm	St. Louis	84	69	pt sunny
Los Angeles	78	62	pt sunny	Washington, DC	86	72	pt sunny
Miami	87	78	t-storm				

#### Moon Phases

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# Eldorado is full on Running of the Bull weekend

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dor booths to enjoy the hilarious "Bull Shooting" emanating from the stage.

"I'd say this year's crowd was a lot bigger than last year's," Runge told the Success.

Timed to loosely coincide with the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona Spain, about the only similarity between the two events, other than Jim Runge's white Pamplona-styled costume, trimmed in red, was the amount of "bull" running free on the local stage. One by one, storytellers, poets, and pathological liars, made their way to the Bully Pulpit to regale the audience with tall tales and short stories.

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Renowned cowboy poet Dennis Gaines from Kerrville was the headliner for the event and noted author Elmer Kelton, of San Angelo served as one of the judges.

"I think everyone had a good time," Runge said later. "That's what it's all about anyway and that's how we get them to come back next year."

And, Runge notes, plans are already being made for the 2005 edition of Running of the Bull which he is certain will be even bigger and better than this year's effort.



Jorge and Robert Chavez entered their riding lawnmower in the Running of the Bull Parade last Saturday morning

**The Blotter**

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. 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**

**July 20** • Levingston, Kermit Ira, male age 28, arresting officer S.C. deputy, offense Making Alcohol available to a Minor, Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond, Concho Bail Bonds.

**July 23** • Buitron, Ramiro, male age 42, arresting officer S.C. deputy, offense Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Released on \$5,000.00 PR Bond.

**July 23** • Tankersley, Doug Loif, male age 33, arresting officer Mertzon DPS trooper, offense Possession of Controlled Substance and Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon, Released on (2) \$20,000.00 Surety Bond, Quick Bonds.

**July 23** • Romero, David Gilbert Jr., male age 21, arresting officer S.C. deputy, offense Driving while License Suspended, Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond, Quick Bonds.

**July 24** • Hernandez, Lodocario Martinez, male age 56, arresting officer S.C. deputy, offense No Divers License and No Insurance, Released after Paying Fines.

**July 25** • Klein, Chippie Lee, male age 22, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense DWI, Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bonds, Angel Bail Bonds.

**July 25** • Malkowski, Justin Leigh, male age 22, offense Public Intoxication, Received Citation.

**July 25** • Kelly, Kayla Anne, female age 19, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Public Intoxication, Released with Citation.

**Incidents**

**July 19** • 1:58 p.m. Reported a grass fire at 190 West at the Ford Oglesby Ranch. Eldorado Volunteer Fire Dept. responded.

• 2:28 p.m. Complainant called 911 and advised he needed an officer. Officer responded.

• 7:17 p.m. Caller requested assistance with a controlled fire. Eldorado Volunteer Fire Dept. responded.

• 8:26 p.m. Complainant reported the sewer plant alarm had been on for about an hour. City was notified.

**July 20** • 7:29 p.m. Complainant called to report that a tree had fallen on her car. Officer responded.

• 8:12 p.m. Complainant called to report that there was a grass fire out at his property. Eldorado Fire Dept. responded.

10:18 p.m. Complainant called to report a suspicious person around her home. Officer responded.

**July 21** • 5:30 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer in reference to harassing phone calls. Officer responded.

**July 22** • 11:23 a.m. Complainant

reported a local business had refused to pay her and refused to give her back her tools. Property valued at 10.00 and 500.00. Officer responded advised complainant to speak with J.P.

• 6:17 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

• 7:44 p.m. Caller reported a fire on 190 East. Eldorado Volunteer Fire Dept. and Ft. McKavett Fire Dept. responded.

• 8:10 p.m. Caller reported fire on her property. Eldorado Volunteer Fire Dept. and Ft. McKavett Fire Dept. responded.

• 8:30 p.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 9:03 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver on a dirt bike. Officer responded.

• 10:18 p.m. Caller requested an ambulance. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

**July 23** • 10:18 p.m. Caller reported fight. Officers and EMS 2 responded.

**July 24** • 12:13 a.m. Caller reported neighbor had loud music. Officer responded.

• 1:40 a.m. Caller requested welfare check. Officers responded.

• 5:10 a.m. Caller reported a white male walking along 190. Officer responded motorist ran out of fuel.

• 9:00 a.m. Complainant called to report that he would be having a control burn.

• 11:28 a.m. Complainant called to report a reckless driver. Officer responded.

• 3:50 p.m. Complainant called to report a reckless subject driving a motor scooter. Officer responded.

• 8:03 p.m. Complainant stated there was a male subject on his property that was probably an illegal. Officer responded USBP was notified.

• 11:25 p.m. Complainant reported someone laying in the roadway. Officers responded.

**July 25** • 1:00 a.m. Caller reported water leaking on to the road. City was notified was unable to repair until the morning.

• 3:52 a.m. Caller reported stolen vehicle. Officer responded and caller was drunk vehicle was not stolen.

• 10:37 p.m. Caller reported two subjects arguing. Officer responded.

**July 27** • 8:57 a.m. Complainant called to report some wild turkeys dying out at her ranch. Officer responded and contacted game warden.

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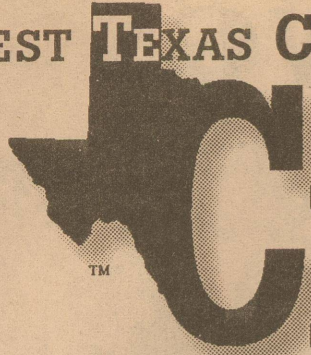
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To those who organized, helped get donations, helped umpire and announce and made sure things ran smoothly... Thank You

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# The Great Outdoor Party



Southwest Grilled Chicken

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It's time to fire up the grill and invite friends and family over for backyard entertaining.

### Southwest Grilled Chicken

Makes 4 servings

- 1 (4-ounce) jar pimientos with liquid
  - 1/2 cup ReaLime Lime Juice from Concentrate
  - 1/2 cup vegetable oil
  - 1/4 cup Chef Paul Prudhomme's Magic Pepper Sauce
  - 2 tablespoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Meat Magic
  - 3 large cloves garlic, minced
  - 4 (6-ounce) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Prepared salsa

Heat grill.

For marinade, combine pimientos, lime juice from concentrate, oil, pepper sauce and Meat Magic in a blender. Process until smooth, about 30 seconds. Stir in minced garlic.

Add marinade and chicken breasts in a resealable plastic bag. Squeeze out excess air, seal bag and refrigerate 3 hours or overnight.

Grill chicken over medium heat, 10 to 15 minutes or until cooked through. Decorate chicken breasts with lime wedges and pimiento strips. Garnish with sour cream and serve with salsa.

### Cream Cheese & Ham Tortilla Rolls

Makes 2 rolls

- 4 ounces cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- 3 tablespoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Salt Free Seasoning

1/4 cup marinated artichoke hearts, drained and finely chopped

- 1 (4 ounce) jar pimientos, drained and finely chopped
- 2 10-inch flour tortillas
- 6 ounces cooked ham, sliced thin
- 4 ounces provolone cheese, sliced thin

Combine cream cheese, lemon juice from concentrate, seasoning, artichokes and pimientos in a mixing bowl. Layer each tortilla with cream cheese mixture, ham and provolone. Roll tortillas tightly and wrap in plastic wrap to hold the form. Refrigerate at least two hours before serving. To serve, cut rolls into 1-inch thick slices.

For more recipes, visit [www.chefpaul.com](http://www.chefpaul.com), [www.realemon.com](http://www.realemon.com) and call 1-800-611-0423 ext. 50



Summer Shrimp Kebabs

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Makes 4 servings

- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 1 (4-ounce) jar pimientos
- 1/4 cup ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- 2 tablespoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Seafood Magic, divided
- 12 peeled shrimp, about 1/2 pound
- 1 summer squash, cut into 1/2-inch rounds
- 1 small onion, cut into 1-inch squares
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch squares
- 12 mushrooms, medium size
- 1 yellow bell pepper, cut into 1-inch squares
- 4 cherry tomatoes
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch squares
- 1 zucchini, cut in 1/2-inch rounds

Combine olive oil, pimientos, lemon juice from concentrate and 1 tablespoon Seafood Magic in a blender. Process at medium speed until smooth and creamy, about 30 seconds. Place mixture in a bowl and set aside. Mixture may be made ahead and refrigerated until ready to use.

Thread shrimp and vegetables onto four 12-inch skewers (3 shrimp

per skewer). Alternate shrimp with groups of vegetables to make an attractive presentation. Top each skewer with a cherry tomato. Brush each kebab lightly and evenly with the olive oil/pimiento mixture, then sprinkle 3/4 teaspoon Seafood Magic on each kebab, making sure all sides are seasoned evenly.

Cook the kebabs in a convection oven at 375°F for 5-7 minutes or until shrimp are just cooked through and vegetables begin to brown on the edges.

Serve immediately.

### Texas Black Bean Caviar

Makes 2 cups

- 3 (16-ounce) cans black beans
- 2 (4 ounce) jars sliced pimientos
- 1 bunch scallions, sliced, about 1 cup
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano, chopped
- 1/4 cup ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate

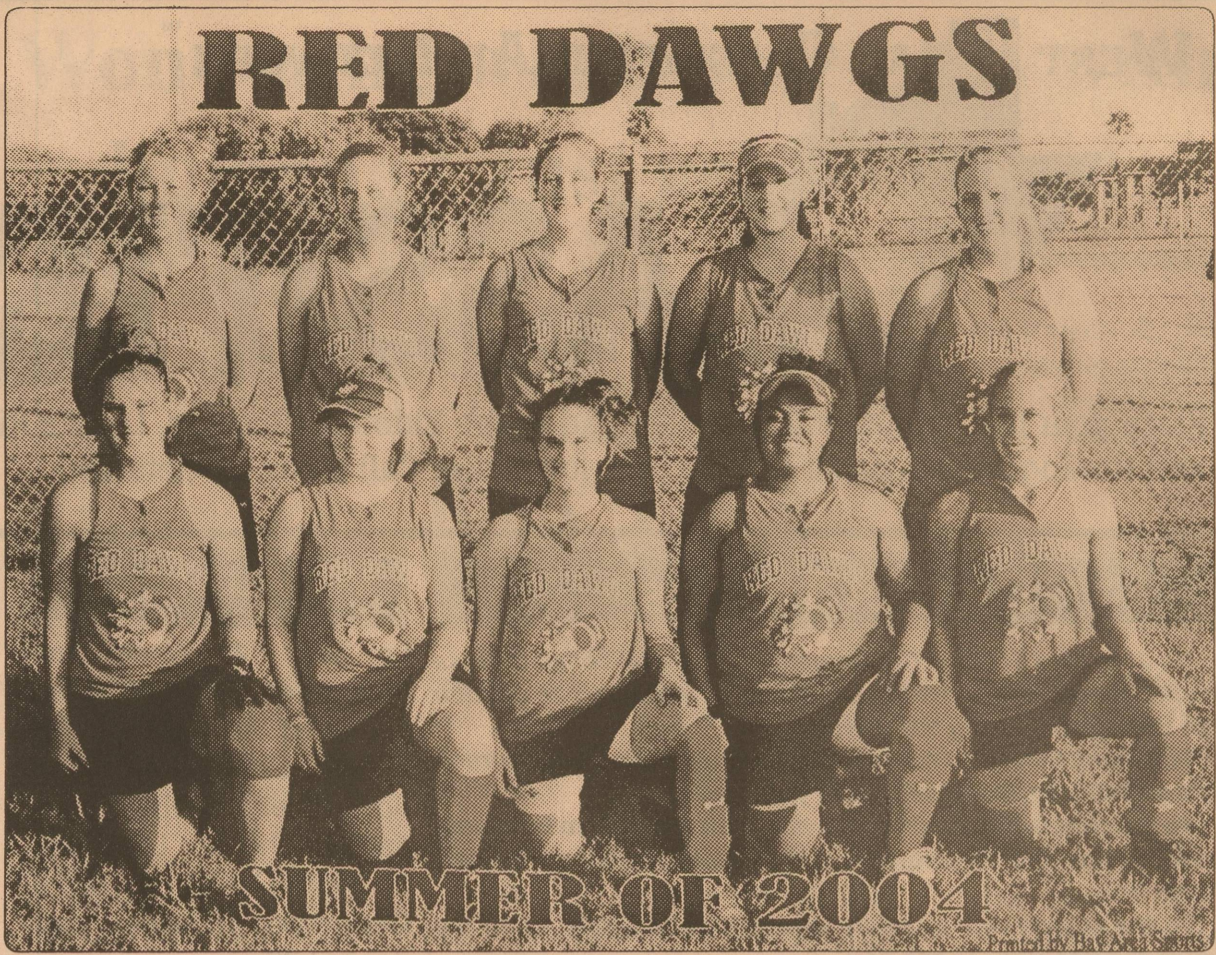
2 tablespoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Barbecue Magic

- 1 tablespoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Magic Pepper Sauce
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 bunch parsley, chopped, about 1 cup
- 3 jalapeño chilies, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced

Drain beans and discard liquid. Combine all ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate for at least 6 hours in sealed container to allow flavors to marinate.

When ready to serve, place mixture in a bowl and top with diced pimientos. Accompany with an assortment of crackers, bread or chips.

Materials courtesy of Chef Paul Prudhomme's Magic Seasoning Blends, Dromedary Pimientos, ReaLemon and ReaLime



RED DAWGS  
SUMMER OF 2004

COURTESY PHOTO

The Red Dawgs softball team which is made up of girls from Coahoma, Odessa, Eldorado and Greenwood has qualified for the ASA 18-and-under Western Nationals in McAllen Aug. 2 through Aug. 8, after finishing second in the ASA 18-and-under state tournament over the July 4 weekend. The Red Dawgs compiled a 5-2 record at the state tournament, losing to the Rio Grande Valley Stars both times. They defeated teams from Rio Grande, El Paso and Corpus Christi en route to the championship game where they lost to the Stars, 10-1. Front row, from left: Brittany Allison, Betsy Green, Cheyenne Grice, Ami Martinez and Elizabeth Conley. Back: Ashle New, Emily Burgess, Christie Rich, Kall Roberts and Allison. The team is coached by Rocky New, Terry Don Roberts and Wade Allison. The Western Nationals tournament is expected to feature around 40 teams from the Western United States.

## Local sales tax revenues continue to grow

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced recently that the state received \$1.18 billion in sales tax revenue in June, up 4.1 percent compared to June 2003, and marking 10 consecutive months of sales tax growth. So far in fiscal year 2004, state sales tax revenue is up 7.7 percent compared to the same point in fiscal year 2003.

Strayhorn delivered \$315.6 million in July sales tax allocations to cities, counties and other local taxing entities, up 3.2 percent compared to last July. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 7.7 percent higher than last year.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent July sales tax allocations of \$214 million to Texas cities, up 2.7 percent compared to July 2003.

Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 8 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$18.8 million, up 0.9 percent compared to last July. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 6.8 percent higher than last year.

Eighty-five special purpose taxing districts around the state received July sales tax allocations totaling \$8.6 million, up 3.6 percent compared to last July. Nine local transit systems received \$73.9 million in sales tax allocations, up 5.3 percent compared to a year ago.

June state sales tax collections and July sales tax allocations to local governments mostly represent sales that occurred in May.

Locally, the City of Eldorado's numbers showed the most improve-

ment, climbing some 17 percent while Schleicher County and the Schleicher County Health Services Tax, collected by the county for the ambulance service, and other related expenses, climbed .83 and 11.85 percent, respectively. (See chart below)

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For details of July sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html).

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, August 13.

### July 2004 Sales Tax Rebates

Local Jurisdiction	July '04	July '03	% Change	2004 YTD	2003 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$10,801.86	\$ 6,051.50	78.49%	\$52,424.99	\$44,661.09	17.38%
Schleicher County	\$9,555.07	\$ 6,915.48	38.16%	\$54,827.45	\$54,375.16	.83%
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$ 9,321.77	\$ 6,781.87	37.45%	\$53,837.97	\$48,129.97	11.85%

## Washington-on-the-Brazos: a trip back in time

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area, naming it a park in 1915.

Annual celebrations are now held every March 2 at Washington-on-the-Brazos, and thousands flock there annually, providing no one is moving a church.

### The park

Recent upgrades have really improved Washington-on-the-Brazos.

A replica of the original assembly hall is parked under the shade of towering trees.

A crushed rock walking trail - wide but not handicap accessible - circles past the building, old Washington foundations, down to the Brazos, and up to an amphitheater that must be the nicest in any state park. Usually amphitheaters are a couple of boards nailed together that never get mowed under. Not here. This one is spacious and impressive.

The river, recently swelled from big rains, was as ugly as the Rio Grande. Signs warn about getting in the Brazos but you wouldn't want to. Really.

A visitor's center, opened in 1998, offers a ton of information. The Star of Texas Museum, which is star-shaped, is loaded with interactive areas that will entertain even most bored kid.

The grounds also house Barrington's Farm, which is actually

President Jones' old homestead. Costumed staff "work" the farm. Old people love this.

There's a big, flat, grassy picnic area that has some of the most majestic pecan trees in the state. Since entry to the park is free, every fall there must be a reenactment of the Runaway Scrape as citizens flood the grounds, scrounging for pecans.

The buildings at Washington-on-the-Brazos are open until 5 p.m. The grounds stay open until dusk.

### Diversion No. 1

A few miles away in Brenham is the Blue Bell Creamery. They offer a tour for \$3 and it's very popular in the summer.

Tours are conducted on weekdays, several times daily. You learn lots of things. Like: Blue Bell has been around since 1907. And they sell it all the way over into Florida and Tennessee. Brown lid half gallons contain the most expensive ingredients. We watched them make the newest flavor, Cantaloupe and Cream.

The tour is short and ends with a scoop - your choice. There's a store to buy shirts and other things you'll discard when you get home.

### Diversion No. 2

Not too far from Washington-on-the-Brazos - right off La Bahia

in Independence - is the Antique Rose Emporium.

This place has a boatload of flowers, including, you might be surprised to know, roses. Lots.

It's a nursery but the grounds are filled with cute things like a tin man made from metal buckets and a small church where many folks in the area get married.

It was 4,000 degrees on the day we were there. Still, the spouse deemed it necessary to walk every inch of the place.

There were lots of plants. Lots.

### Diversion No. 3

Everyone said to visit Round Top so we did.

A while back, a family decided to serve gourmet food out of this dinky cafe. It became a hip hangout.

It kind of looks like a bad Chili's. There are t-shirts tacked to the wall, old clippings stapled everywhere, and how-to-live-life missives written in permanent marker curving around the stuff push-pinned up.

The food was marginal. And expensive enough to be considered a splurge. It was kind of cool that a place like this would be in such a small town. But going there once was enough.

Actually, it's for sale. Apparently, it was just too far off La Bahia.