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## TCEQ seeks \$18,813 fine against YFZ

Officials expect second round of fines to follow

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has handed down its first penalties, totaling \$18,813.00, against YFZ Land L.L.C., the company that owns the YFZ Ranch.

According to a document filed Monday with TCEQ Chief Clerk LaDonna Castanuela, TCEQ inspectors found forty separate violations of state environmental rules during four visits to the ranch, beginning on April 16 and continuing through August 16, 2004.

Among the violations were the ranch's failure to obtain a permit to operate an on-site sewage disposal system and failure to obtain an air quality permit for a cement bulk plant. YFZ personnel later applied for and received the necessary air quality permit. A permit to construct and operate a wastewater treatment plant is under review at TCEQ headquarters in Austin.

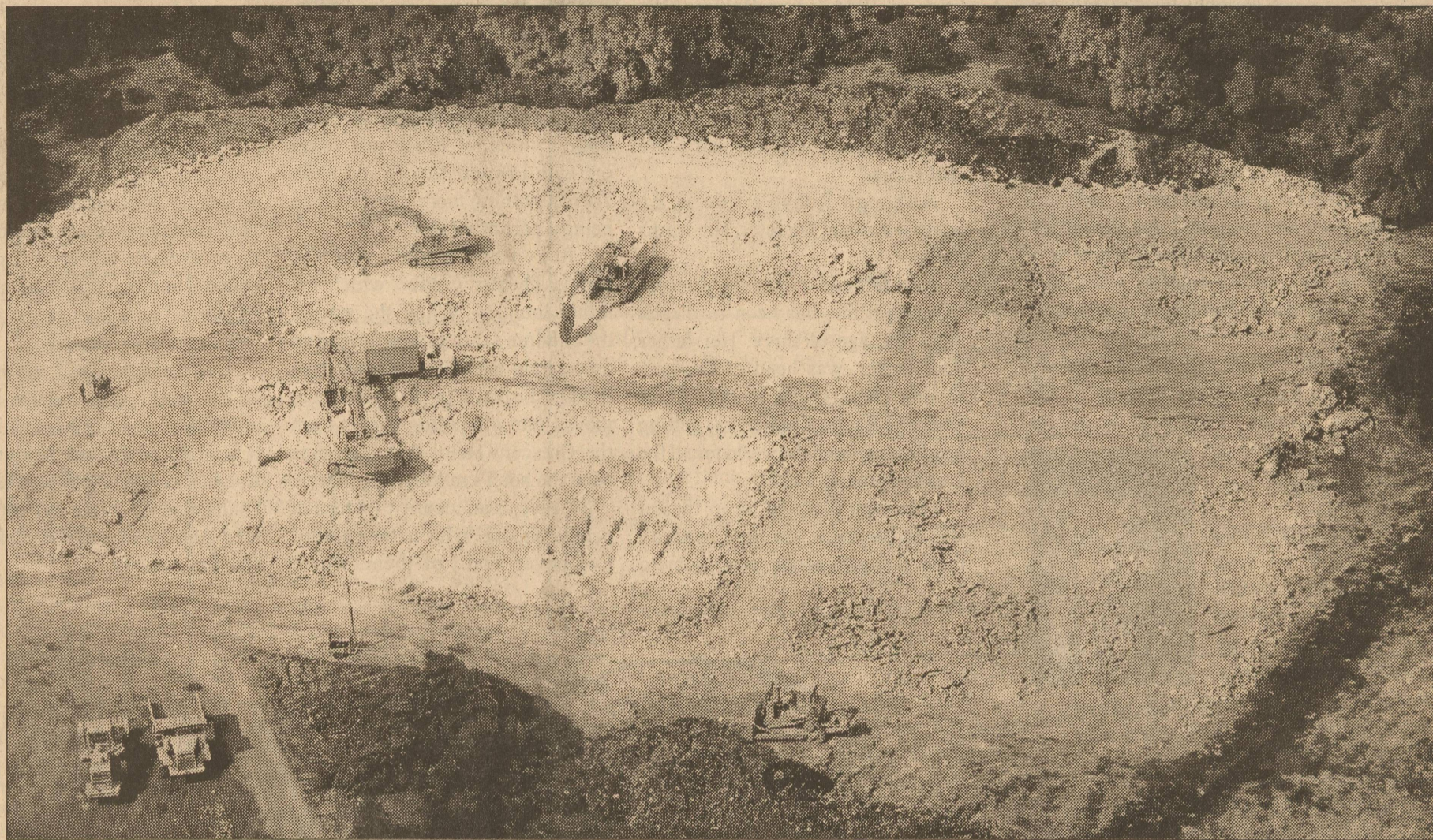
Other violations noted in the TCEQ report was the failure to take the cement plant out of operation after the first citation, the dumping and burning of municipal solid waste, the dumping of partially treated wastewater on ranch roads, and failing to notify TCEQ of the start up of a new public water system.

Wendy Cooper, an attorney with the TCEQ Litigation Division told the Success on Tuesday that YFZ officials will have 20 days to respond to the petition filed by her office. At that time the YFZ could request a hearing on the matter. She said that ranch officials could also contact the TCEQ to negotiate a settlement.

If YFZ officials don't respond to the petition, the complaint will be forwarded to the agency's executive director for enforcement, Ms. Cooper said.

Meanwhile, a series of subsequent complaints are still winding their way through the channels at TCEQ. The Success is aware of three inspections by state regulators since the August 16, 2004 inspection referred to Monday's petition. Each of those inspections reportedly turned up additional violations, including the continued burning of trash, storm water runoff from the ranch's rock quarry and the ponding of untreated wastewater.

Last week, local pilots began reporting that work had begun on the construction of a wastewater treatment plant near Milligan Draw on the northeast corner of the ranch. Aerial photos obtained by the Success last week confirmed that report and TCEQ officials told the newspaper on Tuesday that the agency has not yet issued a permit for the facility and that work on the plant should not begin until a permit is issued.



SUCCESS PHOTO

Construction is apparently underway on the wastewater treatment plant at the YFZ Ranch despite the fact that the State of Texas has yet to issue a permit for the facility. A spokesperson for the TCEQ told the Success that work on the plant was not supposed to have begun until final approval is given by the state.

## UCRA launches offensive against YFZ wastewater permit application

### Schleicher County commissioners asked to support the effort

Stephen Brown is opposed to wastewater permit application filed by the YFZ Ranch. He says the ranch has a long history of non-compliance with state environmental regulations and he wants to see the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality step up its efforts to bring the ranch into line with state rules.

To that end, Brown, who once served as the San Angelo city manager, and who is currently employed as a management consultant by the Upper Colorado River Authority, says the UCRA has earmarked \$7,500 for legal and technical support as it moves to oppose the permit application. He asked Schleicher County commissioners on Monday to consider making a one-time contribution to the effort. Brown was accompanied by Hyman Sauer, who was appointed to the UCRA board of directors by Governor Rick Perry.

Interestingly, some four miles from the spot where the meeting was taking place, heavy equipment operators at the YFZ Ranch were cutting their way through solid rock as they dug large lagoons for the ranch's new wastewater plant. The work carried on even though the state has yet to issue a permit and construction on the project which should not begin without TCEQ approval.

Brown pointed to the work at the YFZ site as yet another in a series of violations and suggested that Schleicher County had good reason to side with the UCRA as it opposes the wastewater permit. While Brown didn't ask the commissioners for a specific dollar amount, but he did assure them that he wouldn't be returning to ask

for more. "If this thing goes farther than just an investigation, then the UCRA will foot the bill," Brown said.

The request left the commissioners asking themselves if it was legal for the county to spend tax dollars to pressure a state agency to act against a landowner within the county. "To tell you the truth, I don't know if it's legal," Judge Johnny Griffin told Brown.

Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk was also on hand for the meeting and offered his opinion that TCEQ was simply gathering evidence and would take action soon. "I never thought I would hear myself say this, but TCEQ does a good job, as I well know from past experience," Nikolauk said. "Believe me, we deal with them all the time at the city."

Brown was undeterred, however, and argued that the YFZ permit application fails to provide adequate safeguards for the area's groundwater. He said the first phase of the two-phase project will accommodate a town of 1,000 people, giving him serious concerns about groundwater contamination.

Brown went on to note that the YFZ Ranch has received numerous citations from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and that the ranch has a poor track record when it comes to compliance with environmental regulations.

"A follow up inspection last week showed that they have not complied," Brown said.

Of particular concern to the UCRA are the portions of the YFZ permit application concern-

ing the discharge of effluent from the proposed facility and the lack of a liner in the plant's lagoons, Brown said.

"We don't think that the plant they are proposing will provide sufficient treatment," Brown stated. "We would prefer that they use the water to irrigate instead of discharging it into Milligan

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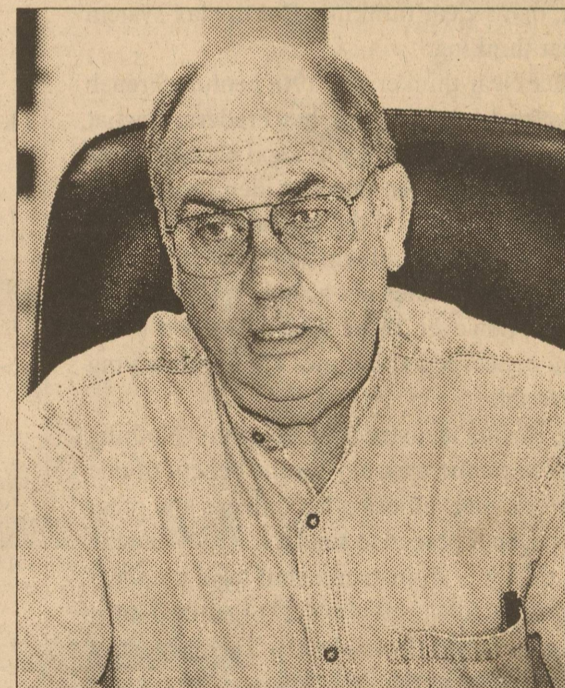


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Stephen Brown asked Schleicher County commissioners Monday to join the UCRA in opposing a wastewater permit application from the YFZ Ranch.

## Hospital trustees ink contract with Dr. Gordy Day

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met Monday evening, Feb. 28, 2005, and voted unanimously to hire Dr. Gordy Day of San Angelo and to contract with him to provide clinic, hospital and emergency room coverage beginning in August of this year, which coincides with the planned retirement date of Dr. James Lucas.

Board President Randy Mankin commented after the meeting that he was pleased to have reached an agreement

with Dr. Day saying, "Dr. Gordy Day is an excellent physician we have been trying to recruit for quite some time. He has provided ER coverage for us for several years and I am happy that he will be joining our staff."

It was noted that Dr. Day, who presently operates a clinic at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, will continue to maintain clinic hours in San Angelo after he begins his clinic practice here. He will also serve as the hospital's chief of staff, supervise mid-level practitioners

such as physician assistants or nurse practitioners, and ensure that the emergency room is staffed round-the-clock.

"James Lucas is a gifted doctor and Eldorado has been lucky to have him," Mankin added. "When he notified the board last year that he planned to retire this August, we immediately began looking for a physician of his caliber to take his place. We believe Dr. Day is that physician."

The board vote to hire Dr. Day came at the end of a three-hour meet-

ing in which the trustees reviewed the hospital's finances and explored ways to stem the flow of red ink in the facility's nursing home. Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz took exception to the statement that the nursing home is losing money and explained that new accounting standards employed by Medicare shift a large portion of the hospital's administration and overhead costs to the nursing home, preventing the costs from being reimbursed in the hospital under Medicare's Critical Ac-

cess Program.

Discussions followed about ways to separate the management of the nursing home from the hospital, but none of the solutions were considered workable. At one point, the board briefly considered the possibility of closing the nursing home but that idea did not garner any support either. Before they moved on to other business J.D. Doyle told his fellow trustees, "None of us wants to see it, but it may come down some day to See "Hospital Board" on Page 7

# 1040 Plunder

by Lee Wishing

In a week I will be a reluctant recipient of plundered property. The modern day Robin Hood purloined the cash last year on my behalf and without my knowledge. Technology comes into play too. Using a piece of sophisticated software, my computer and a phone line, \$646 will be wired to my bank account in a few weeks.

The software? TurboTax. The confiscator? The Internal Revenue Service.

A few days ago I finished my taxes. Trusting the accuracy of TurboTax as I have for years, I briefly reviewed the computer generated return, electronically filed the 1040 and requested that the refund be sent to my bank account. Later, reviewing a printed copy of the return, I told my wife, "We are going to be recipients of property that doesn't belong to us!"

Knowing that we are not acquainted with any lawbreakers and questioning the veracity of my concern she said, "Ssssh, I don't want the kids to hear this. They'll believe it."

"But it's true!" I replied.

It is true, really.

My wife and I have four kids. Specifically, we have four little tax credits between the ages of five and nine—two boys and two girls—who are worth \$1,000 each at tax time.

Line 43 of our 1040 shows that the tax on our income is \$3,354. Line 51 notes that the child credit is \$3,354 making the total credits, line 55, offset our tax liability.

But my zero tax liability isn't the point of this story. I really have a negative tax liability. The federal government will not only return the money I had withheld during the year, they'll be kicking in another \$646, which is the difference between the total of the child tax credits on line 55, \$4,000, and my tax liability of \$3,354 on line 43.

Believe it or not, the federal government is going to give me \$646 of your money. The formula on Form 8812—the Additional Child Tax Credit form—that determines I get an extra pile of dough is complex. I checked the calculation and it was correct. I called a tax accountant and he said it was correct.

But is it right?

My six year-old daughter, Mary, asked me what I was writing about. I explained the concept: "I just filled out our tax forms and I learned that the federal government will be giving us money that doesn't belong to us. They will be taking it from other people and giving it to us." "That's not right!" said my first-grader.

Eight year-old daughter Sarah was listening. "I don't like that. I mean, I don't like that the government is going to take money from other people and give it to us," she said sadly.

Gosh, that's clear thinking. But the tax system blurs clear thinking.

Another clear thinker, the 19th century French economist and legal philosopher Frederic Bastiat, defines my \$646 serendipity as legal plunder in his book "The Law." Bastiat says that identifying legal plunder is simple: "See if the law takes from some persons what belongs to them and gives it to other persons to whom it does not belong."

I'm sure, however, those who developed Form 8812 were concerned about me. They were trying to be charitable.

Again, Bastiat is instructive. He says, "Nothing can enter the public treasury for the benefit of one citizen or one class unless other citizens and other classes have been forced to send it in. ... When the law does this, it is an instrument of legal plunder."

Bastiat also calls legal plunder "organized injustice." That's a far cry from charity. The purpose of the law according to the Frenchman is "to prevent injustice from reigning." It is injustice to deprive a person of liberty by taking his property through the force of law and to give it to another.

Bastiat begins his book stating that life, liberty and the ability to create personal property are gifts from God. I can't do anything about the \$646 now, but I can encourage our legislators to turn away from legal plunder and to, as Bastiat says at the close of his book, "try liberty, for liberty is an acknowledgement of faith in God and His works."

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Commentary by Lee Wishing

## Dallas Children's Theater not just for kids

TIME magazine has named the Dallas Children's Theater as one of the top five children's theaters in the country. Robyn Baker Flatt founded the theater in 1984 and has guided it to its present prominence.

"We started out with 500 dollars back in 1984," says Robyn. "We found a school that had a couple of rooms we could lease for not too much money. We put together a season of 4 plays. It was totally insane."

We started back then and we're still going."

Although Robyn's title is Executive Artistic Director, she works hard.

Last fall and winter she directed two plays. She has been in theater since the age of three. Her father, Paul Baker, was head of Baylor's Drama Department in the 1950's when the Baylor Theater was getting headlines around the world for all the creative productions.

"The best place to be in theater was at Baylor at the time, with all those fantastic people coming by to



by Tumbleweed Smith

act, direct or just get inspired.

We had Charles Laughton, Burgess Meredith and there was always someone from Broadway or Hollywood coming by. It was just vibrating with life and energy and ideas. There's nothing more glorious than being a part of all that."

Robyn had worked with the Dallas Theater Center, which her father founded. When she started the children's theater, she formed an association with El Centro College to stage the plays. In 1988 her theater moved into a building across from the Crescent Hotel that had once been the hotel's marketing office.

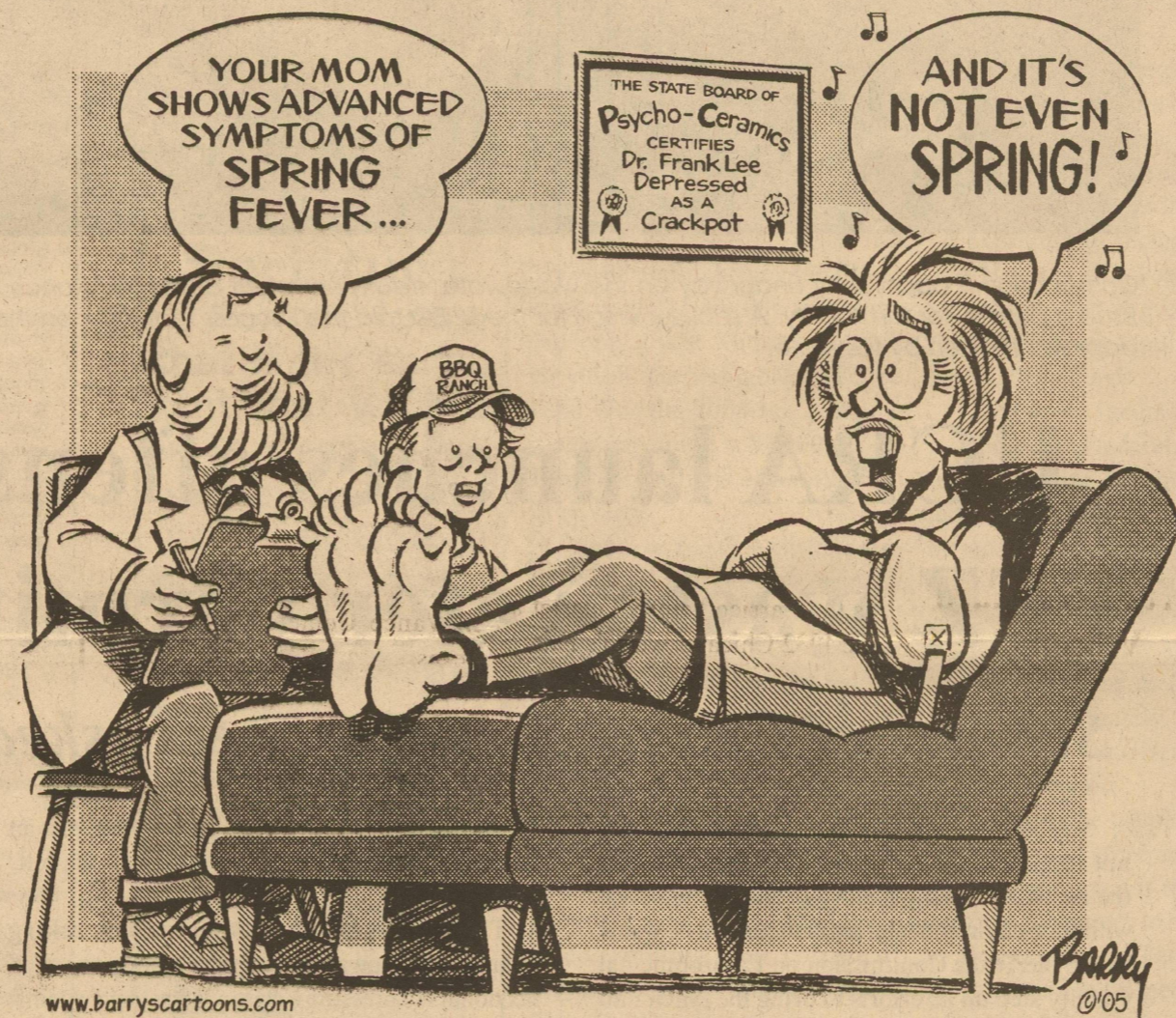
"It gave us an identity. Instead of people saying 'who is this group?' I've never heard of them, where

are they?" Suddenly they were saying 'Oh, that's Dallas Children's Theater. They're across from the Crescent.'"

Like her father, Robyn was able to raise money from some of the wealthiest and most influential families and foundations in Dallas and around the country. Robyn is quick to give credit for the theater's success to the people who work there.

The theater has a staff of 25 and hires up to 200 contract workers each year. The theater's budget is approaching 3 million dollars annually. The broad range of services includes the professional season of 11 plays, a national tour that this year will go to 65 cities. The theater serves around 250,000 people annually.

Last year the DCT moved into its new multi million dollar theater at Skillman and Northwest Highway. It is state of the art, designed by Robyn's architect husband Richard. Youngsters up to the age of 18 can take courses like movie making or standup comedy.



## Texas' Health Care System Unprepared for Older, Poorer, Sicker Population

The Texas health care system is unprepared for the future, according to the March Texas Medicine magazine, the official publication of the Texas Medical Association.

State demographer Steve Murdock, PhD, says Texas is among the fastest-growing states in overall population, and the greatest increases forthcoming are statistically the sickest people and the biggest consumers of health care, the magazine reports.

Dr. Murdock predicts seniors will comprise almost one-quarter of all Texans, according to Texas Medicine. By 2040, more than 8 million of our neighbors will be people over 60. That's significant because older people are among the greatest health care consumers.

"The elderly use a disproportionate amount of health care dollars. If you double that population, you increase the total dollar burden and that impact is going to be significant," Leslie L. Cortes, MD, tells Texas Medicine. Dr. Cortes is a TMA member and president-elect of the Texas Geriatrics Society.

The "graying of Texas" leads to another problem facing the medical community — access to specialized care. Texas Medicine notes only 9,000 physicians in America have formal training in geriatric medicine. That equates to only 2.5 physicians

per 10,000 elderly patients, and with more people joining that group, the ratio could go even lower.

Specialized training means a better understanding of unique needs. One example pointed out that older people's bodies metabolize medications more slowly, something physicians need to take into account as they prescribe dosages differently than what might be normal in a younger patient.

The fastest-growing ethnic population also is raising a red flag for the future health of Texas, according to the official monthly publication of the Texas Medical Association.

Hispanic people are quickly evolving from a minority to a majority ethnicity in the Lone Star State. They also statistically suffer more cases of obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure than other population groups.

Yet Hispanics are less likely to have health care coverage or access to medical services than Anglos, according to the magazine. More than one-third of Texas Hispanics are uninsured, compared to 15 percent of Anglos without health insurance and 23 percent of African-Americans, Texas Medicine reports. Lacking health insurance means less preventive care, and the likelihood of more costly treatments for acute and chronic illnesses.

The increasing overall population, paired with these forecast increases in populations that typically are in greater need of health care, and more of whom are uninsured, points to increases in health care costs. Finally, the article's experts note trends showing a populace in poorer health leads to a less-educated populace: Ill children attend less school, and don't perform as well when they're there. And education is tied to wealth.

The result? If the trends are not reversed, Texas will be statistically sicker, less educated, and poorer.

"One reason emphasis is placed on education is its tie to socioeconomic success. It is the best predictor of future income," Dr. Murdock notes. "In terms of reflecting the population, there needs to be an increase of minorities in different fields, including medicine."

The article suggests improving the health status of the Hispanic populace will help stave off Texas' predicted health problems.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 40,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 120 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective since 1853 is to improve the health of all Texans.

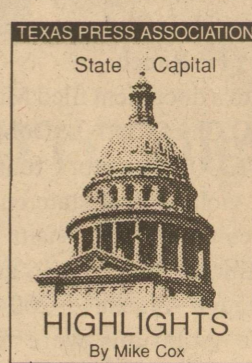
## Legislators roll dice with casino gambling bills

AUSTIN — If the prospect of legalized casino gambling in Texas amounted to a poker game, no one's shuffled the cards yet, but the seal's been broken on a new deck and the ante's on the table.

That happened Feb. 24 when a Republican house member and a Democratic senator filed legislation calling for a vote on a constitutional amendment that would allow up to a dozen casinos in Texas.

As many as seven casinos could be located in major metropolitan areas, two on the coast and three wherever they had the best opportunity of improving the community's economy.

Measures filed by Rep. Charlie Green of Fort Worth and Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston will need a two-thirds vote in both cham-



bers and the governor's signature, but if that happens, Texans will get to vote on Nov. 8 to create a Texas Gambling Commission

mission that would license and regulate casinos.

Even if voters approve a constitutional amendment, final authority to open a casino would rest on a local option election.

In announcing their resolutions, the two lawmakers said casino gambling would bring in some \$2.1 billion a year for the state and another \$730 million for local governments. Neither legislator offered odds, but both said they think they have a shot at getting the amendment on the ballot.

Rep. Kino Flores (D-Mission) earlier filed a bill that would allow 24 casinos in the state, still contingent on approval of a constitutional amendment.

### End of line for RR Commission?

The Texas Railroad Commission had its start in 1891 during the administration of Gov. James Hogg. One hundred fourteen years later, a name change could be coming down the track.

Rep. Corbin Van Arsalde (R-Houston) has filed House Joint Resolution 42, a measure that would put a constitutional amendment on the ballot to rename the regulatory agency the Texas Energy Commission. Rep. Buddy West (R-Odessa) has filed a similar piece of legislation, House Bill 1078.

The two lawmakers would like to see the agency renamed because it doesn't have much at all to do with railroads these days. It did when it was created, but oil and gas regulation long ago eclipsed the RRC's role with railroads.

### Traffic program hits red light...

Garland city officials say using cameras at intersections to discourage drivers from running red lights has resulted in a 20 percent decrease in the dangerous offense.

But the House on Feb. 24 passed on first reading House Bill 1347, a measure by Rep. Gary Elkins (R-Houston) that would make the red light enforcement tool illegal in Texas.

Elkins argues that the presence of the cameras, which photograph the license plates of vehicles going through an intersection after a light has changed, increases rear-end crashes and has more to do with municipal revenue-generation than safety.

The House member from Garland, fellow Republican Joe Driver, says using the cameras lowers the number of collisions and saves lives.

The House will have to vote on the bill one more time before it goes to the Senate.

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# OBITUARIES

## J.D. Redwine

J.D. Redwine, 78, long-time resident of Eldorado, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2005, in a San Antonio hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce. He is also survived by son Michael Redwine and wife Mary; daughter Sheila Prater and husband Mike; and daughter Jeanie Tamayo and husband Fred.

Funeral service is planned for 3:30 p.m. today, Thursday, March 3, 2005, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo. Burial will follow in Lawnhaven Cemetery.

## Gene Whitehead

MENARD — Gene Whitehead of Menard passed away Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, in his home with his family at his side. He was 92. Funeral service were at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at the First United Methodist Church of Menard. Pallbearers were Brent Haney Bratton, Wesley A. Roland, Monte Lyckman, Bill Royal, Murph Compton and Scott Dudley. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Junell, Marvin Roland and Jimmy Powell.

Gene was born in Calf Creek, Texas, on March 2, 1912, to Effie Boyer and Cary Barnett Whitehead. He attended Brady schools and married the love of his life, Nance Bauhof, on Nov. 9, 1933, in Del Rio, Texas.

Gene started his career with Brady Freight Lines, then became partners with Houston Harte and merged business with Sunset Truck Lines. Gene and his brother, C.L. "Whitey" Whitehead, formed Merchants Fast Motor Lines in Abilene. Other business interests were Oil Transport, Gypsun Transport, Prudential Steel in Canada with partner Frank Late, Transport Insurance Company of Dallas, Merchants Metals and Hackney Fence of Houston. After moving to Menard, Gene purchased Menard National Bank along with partner William "Bill" Carter and served as Chairman of the Board.

Gene was past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and past president of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. When Gene and his family moved to Menard, he quickly became a pillar of the community. He was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Menard County Chamber of Commerce in 1996, received an Honorary Chapter FFA Degree in 1997-98 for his involvement with the 4-H and FFA programs, and always generously contributed to the annual PTA auction benefiting Menard schools and children.

Ranching was one of Gene's main interests. He had ranches in Menard, Concho and Schleicher counties and the Granite Hill Hereford Ranch in Llano County on which he bred prize-winning Herefords that won blue ribbons in cattle shows all over the United States.

Gene was friendly and down to earth. It was always fun to see and visit with him. You could catch him at the post office of downtown

or at the bank and he would always greet you with a smile and hearty handshake. He enjoyed people dropping into the office just to say "hi" and people felt comfortable doing so. You could count him being there right around 9 a.m. because he didn't know the meaning of the word "retire." Gene will be sorely missed by his family, friends and this community.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Effie and C.B. Whitehead; two sisters, Minnie Grimes and Audrey Montgomery, all of Brady; his brother, "Whitey" Whitehead of Dallas; his son, William Gene Whitehead; daughter-in-law, Leigh Whitehead; and granddaughter, Kara Leigh Whitehead of Llano.

Gene is survived by his loving wife, Nance Whitehead, of Menard; and grandson, Cody Gene Whitehead of Austin; along with loving nieces, nephew and friends.

The family requests memorials to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.



**Robert L. "Leonard" Wilson**

SAN ANGELO Robert L. "Leonard" Wilson, 89, of San Angelo passed away Saturday, February 26, 2005 in a local hospital. He was born July 29, 1915 to Irvin Otto Wilson and Lillie Belle Kuentler Wilson in San Angelo. Most of his adult life was spent in Eldorado and San Angelo. He was married to Lois Smith on October 21, 1941 in Crane, Texas. He was a wonderful father and grandfather and was a member of Harriet Baptist Church in Harriet, Texas. Leonard was a well driller in both the water and oil industry. He also served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII in the Army Signal Corp.

Leonard is survived by his children Marilyn and Larry Riordan of Plano, Carolyn and Gary

Turner of San Angelo, Robert and Carolyn Wilson of Aledo; grandchildren Laree and David Boomhower of Copperas Cove, LeAnn and Ronnie Norman of Mansfield, Kimberly and Jenny Hollmig of San Angelo, Julie and Terence Zelek of Germany, Deborah and Jeff Donelan of Silver Lake, Kansas, Scott Wilson of Aledo; great grandchildren Phylecia and Christy Boomhower of Copperas Cove, Riley and Rance Norman of Mansfield; Brother-in-law J.W. Smith of San Angelo; sisters-in-law Doris Locke of California and Patricia Pryor of Teague; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Paul Pryor officiating. Graveside services followed at the Eldorado Cemetery.

## Wilfred Thomas "Bill" Carrico

SAN ANGELO — Wilfred Thomas "Bill" Carrico, 84, died on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, in San Angelo, Texas, after a short illness.

Mr. Carrico, who earned numerous honors for his musical career as both a performer and director, retired 22 years ago after heading the music department at Pecos High School for 33 years. He had also taught at high schools in Eldorado, Laredo, Fort Stockton and Alpine. He was born in Dallas, Texas, to William Lee and Lefa Ellen Harper Carrico on Jan. 1, 1921.

Mr. Carrico was featured with his parents and older brother John as the Carrico Family Quartet at the 1932 Chicago World's Fair.

Mr. Carrico, who was honored as the top high school trumpet player in the state of Texas for three consecutive years, was called the youngest director in the Southwest because he began his directing career at age 11. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from Sul Ross State University. The high school choirs and marching, concert and stage bands he directed for over 42 years earned hundreds of awards and honors in Texas and Oklahoma. Beginning as a teenager and continuing into his 70s, Mr. Carrico also played in several professional bands that performed throughout Texas.

Mr. Carrico was a founding member of the Texas Music Educa-

tors Association and was inducted into the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame for his accomplishments. Pecos High School also named its renovated band hall after Mr. Carrico several years ago.

For several years, he served as a judge for the Reno International Jazz Festival, then the largest in the world, as well as numerous state and local competitions in the Southwest. Mr. Carrico ran a summer twirling school in Pecos for many years that attracted students from across West Texas, and also taught at many music camps, including an annual summer camp at Lake Tahoe, Nev.

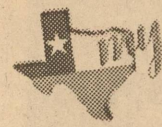
He was also an active member of Phi Beta Mu, the American Federation of Musicians, the Texas Music Adjudicators Association and the University Interscholastic League state music advisory committee over the years.

Mr. Carrico is survived by sons and daughters-in-law Craig and Laura Carrico of North Richland Hills, Texas, Brett and Kathy Carrico of Chugiak, Alaska, Lance and Kathleen Carrico of San Angelo, Texas; and daughter and son-in-law Mary Lisa and Terry Boose of Norwalk, Ohio. He has 13 grandchildren, Katy, Travis, Danielle, Orrin, Lucas, Ethan, Megan, Shannon and Jack Carrico, and Will, Brynna, Weston and Joel Clayton Boose.

Mr. Carrico is also survived by sisters-in-law Sammie Jo Lane of San Angelo and Helen Carrico of Reno, Nev. He also is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Reba Modell Burleson Carrico, in 1983 and by a grandson, Clayton Thomas Carrico Boose in 1988.

A rosary was held Tuesday, March 1, at Johnson's Funeral Home with a Mass at Holy Angels Catholic Church in San Angelo on Wednesday, March 2. The family attended graveside service in Vance Cemetery in Vance, Texas.



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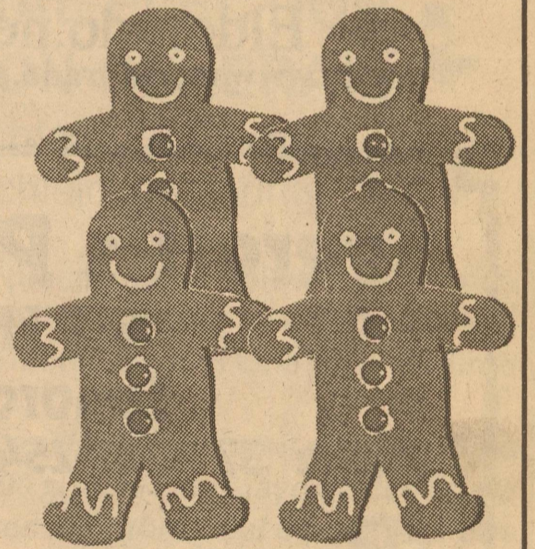
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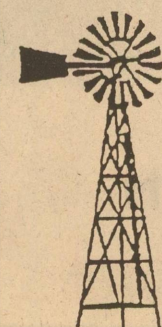
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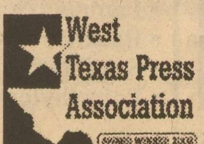
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## Meals for Friends Menu



**Monday, March 7**  
Spanish Meatballs, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk

**Tuesday, March 8**  
Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/ Pears, Milk

**Wednesday, March 9**  
Oven Pork Chop, Noodles, Carrot, Bread, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk

**Thursday, March 10**  
Meatloaf w/ Tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk

**Friday, March 11**  
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**Eagles nine go 1-1 on week**

by Coach Gary Grubbs  
 After a slow start the Eagles got their bats going in the 5th inning Tuesday evening, March 1st, and pounded their way to a 15-2 win over the Miles Bulldogs in Miles. Trailing 2-0 going into the 5th the Eagles exploded for 9 runs in the inning, ending the game with 15 hits.

The Eagles tallied 6 hits in the 5th on their way to scoring 9 runs. The big blows came from Jared Grubbs, Russell Cathey, and Jorge Bustos who drove in runs. The Eagles then followed that up with 2 runs in the 6th with an RBI single coming from Grubbs and Frank Wipff.

They added 4 more runs in the 7th to put the game out of reach. Russell Cathey led the inning off with a single and scored on a Caleb Nixon double. Later Frank Edmiston singled to left scoring 2 more runs.

The Eagles threatened early but were unable to get the big hit at the right time. Playing steady defense behind the solid pitching of Ryan Cathey the Eagles finally



COURTESY PHOTO  
 Joseph Turnbull of Eldorado is headed to the State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Finals in Austin, after winning the 14-year-old division at the Regional Tourney held Feb. 27 in Wall. He hit 22 of 25 free throws to claim the title and win the trip to State. Joseph is an 8th grade student at Eldorado Middle School and is the son of Montee and Gloria Turnbull. He is the 3-time champion of the won the Eldorado District competition.

broke through in the 5th. Cathey pitched a complete game 4 hitter, two of those hits coming in the 1st inning when the Bulldogs scored their only runs. He finished with 9 strikeouts and one walk.

The Eagles are now 3-1 and will play in their own tournament on Friday at 11:00 against Rock-springs. A concession stand will be available.

The team braved cold and wet conditions last Thursday to best the Crane Golden Cranes 4-3 in the Sonora Tournament. The Warbrids got the win behind strong pitching by Frank Wipff and some timely hitting.

Coming up big for the Eagles at the plate was senior Joey Hernandez who went 2 for 3. The Eagles trailing 3-1 came up with a big 4th inning scoring three runs. The big hit in the inning came off the bat of David Hernandez driving in Frank Wipff with the go ahead run. From there Wipff was able to hold the Cranes down.

Wipff ended the game with three strikeouts while surrendering only four hits in the complete game victory.

The next day the Eagles dropped a 6-2 decision to the Alpine Bucks under horrendous game conditions.

The team managed only two runs on four hits. Both runs were driven in by catcher Caleb Nixon in the 7th inning.

The pitching for the Eagles was solid. Jared Grubbs pitched four strong innings followed by two good innings from David Hernandez. The Eagles pitchers did not give up a single walk in the game while allowing only seven hits. All six Alpine runs were unearned as the wet field played a hand in 9 Eagle errors in the field.

Eldorado fans are urged to attend the Eagles tournament this weekend and support the team!



CHANDRA WANORECK  
 2-2A 1st Team All-District



KATEY BLAIR  
 2-2A 2nd Team All-District

**Wanoreck & Blair named to 2-2A All-District B-ball Team**

The District 2-2A All-District Girls Basketball Team was announced this week after all three of its playoff teams were eliminated from the state tourney. Eldorado's Lady Eagles placed two players on the team, with senior Katey Blair a being named to the Second Team squad. Junior Chandra Wanoreck was named to the First Team All-District squad while Juniors Maxie Holley and Taylor Baker were named to the Honorable Mention Team.

Wall's Lauren Weishuhn was chosen the district's Most Valuable Offensive Player while Ebony Goodloe of Reagan County was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Paige Weishuhn of Wall was selected as the District 2-2A New-comer of the Year.

Eight Lady Eagles were recognized for their academic's excellence. The Academic All - District players from Eldorado were Katey Blair, Chandra Wanoreck, Maxie Holley, Karina Sanchez, Chelsey Hill, Jessica Robertson and Josie

Diaz. Academic recognition a student must have a overall average of 90.

Coach Kittie Gibson said she was very proud of the academic success of the whole team which showed the hard work and dedication that the girls had both on the court and in the classroom. She noted that they truly are STUDENT - Athletes! The Lady Eagles ended their season with 8 wins and 21 losses.

Each year the All-District squad is selected by the district's coaches who nominate players from their own teams. The coaches are prohibited from voting for their own players, however.

**Play Ball!**

Baseball and Softball registration to begin  
 Thursday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m. and  
 Draft will be Sat., March 19 at 10:30 a.m.  
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All children will get a form at school if you lose it you can get another one the day of registration. New players need to have birth certificate with them. There will be no exceptions this year, all children wanting to play must be signed up by the time draft starts March 19 at 10:30 a.m.

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**Milk & Bread Offered**  
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**Breakfast**  
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**BREAKFAST**  
**SPRING BREAK**  
**Monday, March 7**  
 Sleep in until Noon  
**Tuesday, March 8**  
 Go Shopping  
**Wednesday, March 9**  
 Take a Trip  
**Thursday, March 10**  
 Lounge around on the beach  
**Friday, March 11**  
 Having lots of FUN after the weekend its back to School!  
**BASKET LINE**  
**SPRING BREAK**  
**Monday, March 7**  
 Get up late play with Friends  
**Tuesday, March 8**  
 Go Shopping  
**Wednesday, March 9**  
 See the Monkeys at the Zoo  
**Thursday, March 10**  
 Body Surfing!  
**Friday, March 11**  
 Having lots of FUN! After the weekend its back to School!  
**CAFETERIA LINE**  
**SPRING BREAK**  
**Monday, March 7**  
 Going to the Movies  
**Tuesday, March 8**  
 Go Shopping  
**Wednesday, March 9**  
 Relaxing in the Pool  
**Thursday, March 10**  
 Dolphin watching & Deep Sea Fishing  
**Friday, March 11**  
 Dreading inevitable return to school on Monday

# OBITUARIES

## Elizabeth Applewhite

OZONA — Elizabeth Applewhite went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. Church service were at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Ozona Methodist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1920, in San Angelo, Texas, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Coose of Juno and later Ozona. Reared and educated in Ozona Public Schools, she graduated from Draughton's Business College in San Antonio, Texas. She attended classes in the summer and took correspondence courses during the winter months while working as secretary of Ozona Public Schools for Superintendent C.S. Denham.

In March of 1951, she began her 38 and a half-year career at the Crockett County Water Control. Lib was a woman of many talents. She didn't just work for the water district when she began. The office was shared by Bright Baggett's Insurance Agency, and Lib worked for him too. She also helped with the Red Cross. Lib was a very active helper in her community.

Lib met and later married the love of her life, Charles Applewhite, on March, 14, 1946, after he came to Ozona as a surveyor with National Geophysical. He later became a partner in the Ozona Butane Company for over 40 years. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1996.

After retirement, they were Helping Hands volunteers and delivered Meals on Wheels.

Lib was known for her love of life, positive attitude and her love of the Lord. She was a devout member of the Ozona Methodist Church.

She will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie; a son, Johnny Childress; a grandson, George Austin Preston; her parents, Modenia and Steve Coose; and a sister, Jo Nell Corder.

Lib is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Richard Preston of Eldorado, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Shelley Applewhite of Hamilton, Texas; and a daughter and son-in-law Vicki and Kip Nichols of Hamilton, Texas. Grandchildren include Trey and Hunter Preston, Clifford and Emily Nichols, Derek Nichols, Randy Moore and Shannon Moore, Amberlie Applewhite, John Clayton and Megan Childress and Courtney Childress. Great-grandchildren include Charles Russell Childress and John Cole Childress.

She is also survived by a beloved sister, Willa V. Baggett of Peach Tree, GA.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Gene and Alex Applewhite of Hamilton, Texas, Billie and wife Mae Applewhite of Grandbury, Texas; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and lifelong friend, Dorothy Friend of Ozona, Texas.

## National Nutrition Month



### County Agent's Update

by Roxanna Pentz

Increasingly, consumers want fast, easy, and good tasting foods to fit a busy lifestyle. Whether it's fast food, take out, or a sit down restaurant, eating out has become part of the American lifestyle. Today, food is available almost everywhere we go—schools, businesses, drugstores, convenience stores, bookstores, supermarkets, vending machines, sports and cultural events and recreation centers. The following tips will help you make wise food choices for "Healthy Eating, Healthy You."

Be adventurous and expand your horizons. Variety is the "spice of life" in your food choices and is key to good nutrition and health. Choose foods based on flavor, texture and colors that are tasty and healthy. Explore the wide world of nutrition by trying a variety of foods.

Treat your taste buds. You decide how much and how often. Choose foods sensibly by looking at the big picture; it's what you eat over several days, not just one meal or day that counts. So enjoy all your favorite foods, just try eating them in moderate amounts.

Balance food choices with your lifestyle. Choosing the right balance of foods helps you get the right combination of nutrients. So balance your food choices with your physical activities to achieve and maintain a healthy weight and lifestyle.

Be active. Be creative and enjoy a variety of ways to stay active to feel your best. There's no need for expensive equipment or complicated fitness programs. Start by making a list of physical activities that fit into your lifestyle and schedule one every day.

For more information about National Nutrition Month visit [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org) or contact the Schleicher County Extension Office at 853-2132.

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## BIRTHDAY LIST

### MARCH

3rd Andy Baker, Annette Jackson, Justin Harlin, Lois Dean, Raymond Spears Jr., Mitch Wilkerson, Levi Jones, Taven Espinosa  
5th Robbie Len Saldivar, Steve Minor, Kimberly Hight, Deanne Walker  
6th Christy Meador, Rosa Hill, Dwayne Caulder  
7th Johna Joiner, Tyler Corley, Frances Peters, Jordan Pina  
8th Candice Andrews, Justin Edmiston, Teresa Marie Barajas, Slim Green  
9th Danny Crowder, Michael Peters, Ryan Farmer, Myrt Williams  
10th Emily Espinosa, Curtis Wilson, Dora Mankin, Isabelle Martinez, JR. Rodriguez, Raul R. Gonzalez, Whitney McGinness, Michael O'Daniel, Donna Daniels, Juan Galan, Jan Bailey

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Get away from the windows. Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it. Use arms to protect head and neck. If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

If at work or school: Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.

Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, or shopping malls. Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it. Get down low and use your arms to protect head and neck.

**OUTDOORS:** If possible, get inside a building. If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of the potential for flooding. Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a car: Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck. Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building. If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

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## Schleicher County Child Welfare Board

by Ilse Williams

"We are Schleicher County Citizens who care for the well-being and protection of our county's children." That's how the Schleicher County Child Welfare Board sees its mission. With President Marco Alvizo directing the discussion, the board met on February 22 in the Eldorado Middle School. Members present were: Marco Alvizo, Pam White, Christy Meador, Holly Brame, Bertha Castillo, Connie Wells, and Ilse Williams. In their meetings, the group discusses in which ways help can be given to families where children are hurting.

The board is often able to provide support where needed. Frequently the board works in conjunction with other non-profit groups in the county. Bound by confidentiality provisions and

common sense ethics, board members do not divulge names of families they try to help. The board also provides a local contact for the Texas Department of Protective and Family Services. While informed about abuse and neglect reports that were made to TDPFS, members would rather prevent such extreme cases from happening in the first place.

In their January meeting the board heard from Sonora Child Welfare Board Members what kind of fundraising and support activi-

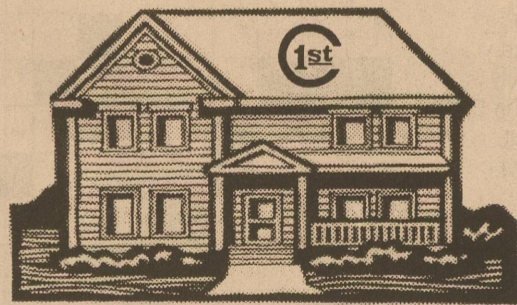
ties are done in Sutton County. In their February meeting, the board began their plans for the upcoming annual fundraiser. This year's raffle prize will be an exotic game hunt! The fundraiser will be held during April, the month traditionally devoted to Child Abuse Prevention.

What would board members like for you to know? When you see children suffer, don't walk away...You will be amazed to see how many others are willing to help if you just take the first step!

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## Get To Know... Marion Porter Food Services Supervisor / Dietary Department



Marion was born and raised in West Virginia. She has lived in many other places: Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC and in Eldorado, Texas.

Within one week of moving to Eldorado she applied for a job at Schleicher County Medical Center and was hired. She has had many jobs within the facility. She started as an aide in the Nursing Home, then became an aide in the hospital. She has been in the Dietary Department since 1983.

Schleicher County Medical Center sent Marion to school, in 1983, for Food

Services Supervisor certification. She tries to make everything from scratch as much as possible. She loves the residents and instills in her staff that "this is the residents home so we are guests serving them."

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 A lot happens in 10 years, so let's make this a great reunion - we have a lot to catch up on!! Hope to hear from you soon!



**Eldorado High School  
 Honor Roll  
 4th Six Weeks**

**9th Grade**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Blake Chatham, Jorge Chavez, Tyler Dombroski, Emmanuel Gonzalez  
 "85 & Above" Honor Roll: Jose Buitron, Misti Daniels, Erika Estrada, Marybel Fuentes, Chelsey Hill, Luis Huichapa, John Joiner, Jorge Mata, Michael Redish, Clayton Sauer, Chelsey Stone, Raul Trevino, Kasandra Tyler  
**10th Grade**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Felipe Martinez, Kristin Mittel  
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**11th Grade**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, Lauren Brown, William Edmiston, Esperanza Fuentes, Maxie Holley, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Karina Sanchez, Chandra Wanoreck  
 "85 & Above" Honor Roll: Charlotte Adame, Josefina Diaz, Joel Esparza, Micaela Gonzalez, Philip Meyer, Caleb Nixon, Myra Robles, Chelci Rodriguez, Alison Sproul, Frank Wipff  
**12th Grade**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Katey Blair, Brandie Cross, Kolby Dombroski, William Griffin, Maria Huichapa, Ashley Minor, Emily Newman, Jessica Robertson, Britney Sellers  
 "85 & Above" Honor Roll: Laurie Almazan, Terrell Boysaw, Ryan Cathey, Hortencia Cruz, Linda Fuentes, Antonio Garcia, Julie Hight, Blanca Huichapa, SanJuanita Huichapa, Brence Minor, Luis Rodriguez

**State washer tossing champs  
 will be crowned at annual  
 Eldorado Elgoatarod Festival**

In addition to the goat races which spoof the Iditarod, the goat fry cook-off and the plethora of vendors on the grounds, the Eldorado Elgoatarod will play host in 2005 to an expanded washer tossing tournament. Washer tossing has always been a mainstay at Eldorado festivals, but this year, with the demise of the Schleicher County Days, the event has been moved to April 2 on the well established washer pitching course at the courthouse grounds. Boldly going where no one has gone before, the popular tournament is inviting washer tossers from throughout the state to compete for the title of "best washer tosser in Texas."

Friday night are a gnat catching contest and stupid human tricks. But the Friday night event that is sure to catch the eye of the assembled tossers is the blindfolded washer tossing contest.

Goats, of course, are the stars of this show and new goat events this year are the "Cutest Kid Goat Contest" and the "Cutest Kid Dressed Like A Goat Contest." Add these to the already established and popular goat kissing contest, goat pill flipping contest, stick goat races, best pet dressed like a goat, best dressed goat and the goat lookalike contest, and you surely will be "goaded" to attend the festivities.

This will be the third annual Elgoatarod which features goats pulling a variety of conveyances over a short course on the parking lot. This year the event will begin with April Foolishness activities on Friday evening, April 1. Built around a jam session on the small Elgoatarod stage, local Jon Cartwright will introduce his new song, "Plural Wives Blues," a tribute to new neighbors. Also on the agenda

While built around the goat races, other contests include the onion eating contest, worst Elvis impersonator contest, stupid pet tricks, chigger catching contest, crab crawl races and jalapeno eating. Add the Mobile Dairy Classroom and goat milking demonstrations to the assembled arts, crafts and scrumptious food vendors on the grounds and there is something for the whole family. This year's midway has been further expanded to include even more inflatables and attractions. Another new feature for this year's show is the Guinness Record Breaking Attempt Giveaway. Any person who breaks any Guinness Record and then gets it accepted as an official record will receive \$100 from the "EOBOC." The Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing committee is the umbrella organization that sponsors this event as well as many other activities in Eldorado.

**Girl Scout  
 cookie update**

Eldorado Girls Scouts will be selling boxes of cookies on Saturday March 12 from 10 AM-4PM at the corner of Hwy. 277 and Hwy. 190 East. Old Gas Station, Runge's World Headquarters. One day only sale, so mark your calendar for March 12.

Interested washer tossers should contact WT Coordinator Janna Pridemore at jpridemore@swtec.com. Arts, crafts and food vendors should contact EOBOC chairman Jim Runge @ eoboc@hotmail.com, as should other potential contest participants

**CITY OF ELDORADO  
 CITY OFFICERS ELECTION  
 MAY 7, 2005**

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**Weekly Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**  
 1. Set one's sights on (gramophone slogan)  
 6. Hobo concoction  
 10. Clarinetist Artie  
 14. Shorthand whiz  
 15. New Rochelle, N.Y. College  
 16. "Toodle-oo!"  
 17. Wiener holder  
 19. Slaughter in Cooperstown  
 20. Store, as fodder  
 21. "\_\_\_ the season ..."  
 22. Writer Ferber  
 23. Vittles  
 25. Frozen dessert  
 27. Garment bottom  
 30. Renter's sign  
 32. Green spheroid  
 33. Yalie  
 34. "See no \_\_\_ ..."  
 35. Analyzed, grammatically  
 38. The "E" in BPOE  
 40. Draw out  
 42. Terrier type  
 43. KP tool  
 45. Defective fireworks  
 47. Prior to, in poetry  
 48. "\_\_\_ Master's Voice"  
 49. Tungsten or mercury  
 50. President pro \_\_\_  
 51. Compete hand-to-hand  
 54. Urban blight  
 56. Like Dali's watches  
 57. Dadaist Jean  
 59. Wore away  
 63. High point  
 64. Steinway offering  
 66. Timid creature  
 67. Word on Irish stamps  
 68. Watergate's Senator Sam  
 69. Drops the ball  
 70. Clarinetist's buy  
 71. Boy Scouts' actions  
**DOWN**  
 1. Arthur of the court  
 2. Lay \_\_\_ the line  
 3. 2000 Subway Series team  
 4. Actress MacDowell  
 5. "You missed it"  
 6. Title for McCartney  
 7. Horn sound  
 8. Join the service  
 9. Former 49ers coach Bill  
 10. Helmsmen  
 11. Transport to hell?  
 12. Make amends  
 13. Attended  
 18. Recover from  
 24. Tried to beat the tag  
 26. Air-quality org.  
 27. Dickens's Uriah  
 28. Model Macpherson  
 29. Mickey Spillane sleuth  
 31. Give the slip to  
 35. Went by bike  
 36. Bronte's Jane  
 37. Consider  
 39. "Bunny" footwear, e.g.  
 41. Skips class  
 44. Mentalist's claim  
 46. Drank noisily  
 49. \_\_\_ Melodies (old cartoons)  
 51. Forest clearing  
 52. Kitchen gadget  
 53. Brewer's offering  
 55. Wavy pattern in fabric  
 58. Whittle down  
 60. Jay's late-night rival  
 61. Author Bagnold  
 62. Mob rulers  
 65. Sparks or Rorem

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## County sets property tax freeze election for May 7

Schleicher County commissioners met Monday, Feb. 28, 2005 and voted to call a special election for May 7, 2005 for the purpose of deciding a property tax freeze for senior and disabled citizens. It was noted that Tax Assessor/Collector Jeanne Snelson had verified 97 of 113 names appearing on the petition, enough to force the election.

County Clerk Peggy Williams explained that she would like to consolidate the election with the City, School and Hospital Board elections being held on the same day, but noted that the county is required to have a polling place in each of its four precincts. Williams said she would ask the Texas Secretary of State for permission to consolidate the election but doubted if it would be allowed.

Also on the subject of elections, the men chose not to purchase new voting machines, even though the state and federal government has ordered all Texas counties to purchase the handicapped-accessible equipment.

At issue is the cost. County Clerk Peggy Williams noted that five machines, one for each of the four voting precincts and another for early voting, would cost the county \$40,000 with an additional \$4,000 per year in license fees. Software upgrades and maintenance would push the annual cost even higher.

Williams asked for the discussion since she is the one required by the state to administer the county's elections. She explained that the new law requiring the machines is very clear.

County Judge Griffin noted, however, that a number of rural county judges have indicated that their counties cannot comply with the law. "What happens if you raise taxes to pay for the machines and it pushes the county's tax rate past the rollback point?" Griffin asked. "If the voters support the rollback and the commissioners are required to cut something, aren't they going to cut the voting machines? If that's the case then

why bother?"

It was discussed that there is a sentiment among some members of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association that the state is going to relax the rules and exempt some of the least populated counties, including Schleicher.

"The only thing worse than not buying something you must have is buying something and finding out later that you didn't need it," commented Commissioner Bill Clark.

The other men agreed and voted not to purchase the machines at this point in time.

The meeting was the second and final meeting for February and was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin at 9:15 a.m. with commissioners Johnny Mayo and Matt Brown in attendance. Commissioner Clark joined the meeting in progress and Kirk Griffin was absent.

Among other business the men approved the minutes of the previous meeting and met briefly with Coach Rene Valeriano regarding operation of the county swimming pool. Valeriano agreed to run the pool again this year and they briefly discussed Texas Department of Health requirements that the pool be painted, including new depth markings on the side.

The commissioners chose not to purchase a new diving board when it was explained that a used board would cost \$3,000. Instead the men hope to make use of the old high diving board that was taken down due to liability concerns. If the board will work it will be installed as a low diving board.

The commissioners then met with Stephen Brown concerning the Upper Colorado River Authority's opposition to a wastewater permit application filed by the YFZ Ranch. (See story on Page 1) Brown asked the men to consider paying part of the cost of hiring

the law firm of Jackson Walker. The commissioners asked for a legal opinion on the matter and asked that the item be placed on the agenda for their next meeting.

Approval was then given for the payment of \$25 dues to the Concho Valley Rural Conservation and Development Area. It was noted that a grant through the RC&D was once obtained for the Woolen Mill.

The men then approved a series of resolutions required under the Texas Community Development Program which administers grant funds, including the grant the county recently received to install sewer lines in the Orient Heights neighborhood. Among the resolutions was one that stated that excessive force would not be used against participants in a non-violent civil rights demonstration. The item drew a few chuckles from the men, but was approved in turn.

Next the commissioners okayed two resolutions opposing a couple of Governor Rick Perry's favorite causes. The first was a resolution opposing a cap on property appraisals. The second was a resolution opposing the development of the Trans-Texas Corridor.

The men returned after lunch to review and approve the county's monthly bills.

## Hospital Board meeting

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raising taxes or closing the nursing home."

One option that the board has considered is leasing either the nursing home, or the hospital, to a management company. None of the trustees appeared ready Monday night to surrender day-to-day control of either of the facilities to an outside company.

The meeting was the group's regularly scheduled meeting for February. It was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Randy Mankin with trustees Shirley Joiner, Ricky Fuessel, J.D. Doyle and Jim Martin in attendance. Trustee Susie Richters joined the meeting in progress. Also on hand were hospital administrator Sharon Dietz, assistant administrator Beverly Minor and hospital consultants Andy Freeman and Karla Betterton.

Among other business the trustees approved the minutes from the January 24 meeting and heard from Sharon Dietz who told them that the community outreach program was going well. As part of the program, hospital personnel have offered free blood pressure checks at two local churches and Hepatitis B vaccines were given at the school.

The trustees then reviewed the district's year-end finances with Andy Freeman and Karla Betterton. Much of that discussion centered around ways to stop the hospital's costs from being assigned to the nursing home. The trustees also reviewed the district's bad debt listings, which are always a sore spot with the trustees. Before voting to write off

\$22,673 in bad debt the trustees again discussed the possibility of publishing the names of past due accounts in the newspaper.


The board then voted to call for a trustee election to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2005 and approved Bessie Jones as the election judge and Beverly Minor as the early voting clerk. It was noted that the seats held by J.D. Doyle, Shirley Joiner and Randy Mankin are up for election as well as a one-year unexpired term for the seat held by the late Frank Williams.

Continuing, the trustees approved the renewal of the hospital property insurance at \$7,423 and asked that the policy's replacement cost limits be reviewed. They also okayed the renewal of the facility's general liability insurance at \$1,834. The premiums for both policies were down from last year.

After approving a series of routine contracts, including one with VistaCare Hospice, the trustees voted to purchase a refurbished incubator and approved the annual reappointments of Rico Forlano, DC, and Beckie Silva, RN, FNP, GCNS to the hospital staff. They also briefly discussed amending the district's enabling legislation to provide for single-member districts if the board so chooses.

The meeting ended with a 15-minute long executive session after which the trustees returned to open session and voted to approve the contract with Dr. Gordy Day.

The board's next meeting is slated for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2005 in the hospital board room.



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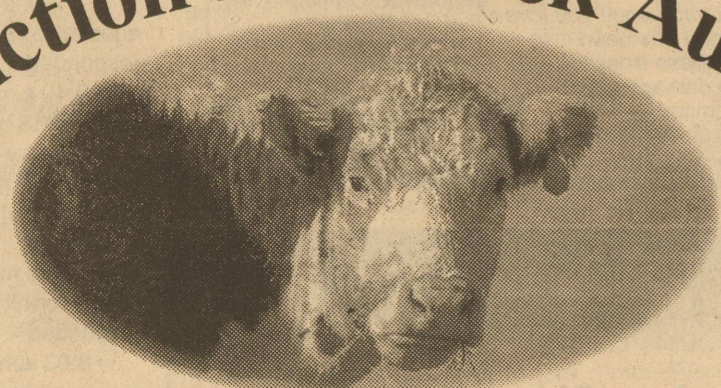
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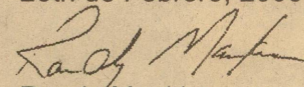
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# UCRA opposes YFZ wastewater permit

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Draw." The UCRA's interest in the YFZ Ranch relates directly to Milligan Draw, Brown said. The draw, which normally runs only during heavy rains, eventually flows into the South Concho River which in turn empties into Twin Buttes Reservoir and Lake Nasworthy. After flowing out of the lake, the river merges with the North Concho inside the San Angelo city limits, before flowing eastward and dumping into the Colorado River at O.H. Ivie Reservoir. The UCRA regulates the upper reaches of the Colorado River and its tributaries, including the Concho River.

Brown noted that the UCRA has hired attorney Ed Small of the

Jackson Walker law firm. He said Mr. Small can be a "bulldog" when it comes to protecting his clients.

Judge Griffin restated his concern that it might not be appropriate for the county to get in a legal battle but Brown explained that the UCRA isn't considering a lawsuit at this time. He said that the attorney's legal expertise would be added to the technical skills of hydrologists currently serving on the UCRA staff.

"We're talking about doing a study," Brown said, "just a study and some encouragement to the TCEQ to do their job."

Brown went on to note that he would be appearing before the San Angelo city council later in the week to ask for their support and

said that he had already received commitments from landowners along the South Concho River.

"The YFZ has a history of non-compliance," Brown told the commissioners. "They have been cited by the TCEQ several times and don't seem to be serious about correcting their environmental problems."

The commissioners thanked Brown for his time and agreed to ask County Attorney Raymond Loomis for his opinion about the legality of providing funds to the UCRA.

Brown's departure didn't end the discussion, however, and the commissioners met briefly with Myrta Overby and Martha Ellen Tucker, sisters who own a ranch that borders the YFZ's northeast corner. They pointed to a map showing that Milligan Draw runs through their property after it leaves the YFZ and expressed their concerns that discharged wastewater would be crossing their land.

At one point County Commissioner Bill Clark suggested that neighboring landowners, and the environment in general, might be better served if the YFZ would lay a pipeline and send its wastewater to the City of Eldorado's sewer plant. He noted, however, that the city council was pressured by local citizens not to accept wastewater from the YFZ when ranch officials approached the city last year and asked to haul their sewage to the city's treatment plant until a new plant could be built at the ranch.

The Success subsequently learned that the San Angelo city council voted unanimously on Tuesday to set aside \$7,500 for support of the UCRA as it opposes the YFZ wastewater petition.

Schleicher County commissioners will take up the issue again at their next meeting. They asked Monday that the item be placed on the agenda for the March 14 meeting.



**New lawman on the job** — Traven Berrie began work last week as a Schleicher County Deputy Sheriff. He is a recent graduate of the Concho Valley Law Enforcement Academy. Berrie was raised in Harriet and is a 2002 graduate of Veribest High School.

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## 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**  
February 23 • Lozano, Charles Joe, male age 41, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Public Intoxication Enhanced. Released on \$500.00 PR Bond.

**INCIDENTS**  
February 21 • 3:18 p.m. Com-

plaintant reported trapping a skunk in a cage, requested officer kill skunk. Office responded.

• 5:35 p.m. Complainant asked to speak to an officer. Officer notified.

• 8:30 p.m. Complainant stated that someone had stolen his cellular telephone from his vehicle. Value \$300.00. Officer responded. Case still under investigation.

• 9:52 p.m. Emergency roadside service reported a vehicle accident with a deer. Officer responded.

• 10:38 p.m. Request for a basic transfer to Shannon. EMS 1 responded.

February 22 • 5:35 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS responded.  
• 8:45 a.m. Complainant requested an officer be a witness in destroying some drugs. Officer responded.

February 23 • 5:46 p.m. Complainant reported skateboarders at Community Credit Union.

• 6:40 p.m. Complainant reported a male subject sexually harassing her and her sister. Officer responded.

• 7:52 p.m. Sutton Co. Sheriff's officer notified SC Sheriff's office of an intoxicated pedestrian on South Divide. Officer responded.

February 24 • 1:00 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an elderly female. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 3:09 p.m. Hospital requested ambulance for a ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.

• 8:09 p.m. Complainant reported several juveniles harassing her son. Officer responded.

• 10:57 p.m. Caller reported a fuel drive off -- total amount \$57.00 -- in a red dually truck. Truck was headed North on Hwy 277. Officer responded and Tom Green Co. was notified.

February 25 • Complainant reported an abandoned bicycle in front of her residence. Officer notified.

February 26 • 12:35 a.m. Bank alarm went off. Bank personnel notified.

• 1:54 a.m. Complainant reported someone was knocking on her wall late at night for several nights in a row. Officer responded.

• 12:34 a.m. Complainant reported finding an abandoned bicycle on his property. Officer responded.

• 2:16 p.m. Hospital requested ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.

• 7:20 p.m. Complainant found a stray Jack Russell dog.

• 8:40 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

• 9:40 p.m. Request for an ambulance. EMS responded.

February 27 • 12:38 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance to take her father to the ER. EMS responded.

• 1:28 a.m. Complainant requests officer for hit and run report. Officer responded.

• 8:03 a.m. Complainant reported a suspicious van with Colorado tags parked across from his residence from the previous night. Officer responded and reported driver resting.

• 11:45 a.m. Complainant reported a speeding motorist in a red truck. Officer responded and reported vehicle clocked on radar at 73 mph.

• 7:29 p.m. Caller reported possible break-in at her residence on NE Main. Officer responded.

February 28 • 12:30 a.m. Complainant stated that there had been an accident 13 miles out on 190 West.  
• 1:56 a.m. Complainant requested an officer at Laredo Street. Officer responded.

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**Creamy Garlic Dip**  
Makes 10 (2-tablespoon) servings  
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1/2 cup dry Nestlé Carnation Instant Nonfat Dry Milk  
2 tablespoons sliced green onions  
1 tablespoon cider vinegar  
1 clove garlic, finely chopped  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper  
COMBINE sour cream, dry milk, green onions, vinegar, garlic, salt and pepper in small bowl; stir until smooth. Serve with assorted cut-up vegetables.

**Creamy Fruit Smoothie**  
Makes 4 servings  
3 cups fresh, frozen (unsweetened) or canned fruit, drained  
1 1/3 cups (1.2-ounce envelope) dry Nestlé Carnation Nonfat Dry Milk  
1/2 cup water  
1/2 cup ice cubes  
2 tablespoons granulated sugar (optional)  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
PLACE fruit, dry milk, water, ice, sugar and vanilla extract in blender; cover. Blend until smooth.

**Zesty Potato Salad**  
Makes 8 servings  
1/4 cup dry Nestlé Carnation Instant Nonfat Dry Milk  
1/4 cup water  
1/4 cup Dijon-style mustard  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
2 pounds (about 6 large) red-skinned potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes, cooked, drained and cooled  
2 cups green beans, cut into 1-inch pieces, blanched  
1 cup chopped red bell pepper  
1/4 cup sliced green onions  
Lettuce leaves (optional)  
COMBINE dry milk, water, mustard, salt and pepper in small bowl until well mixed. Combine potatoes, green beans, bell pepper and onions in large bowl; add milk dressing and toss well to coat. Serve immediately or refrigerate. Serve over lettuce leaves.

**Banana Nut Bread**  
Makes 2 loaves  
4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 1/3 cups (1.2-ounce envelope) dry Nestlé Carnation Nonfat Dry Milk  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
4 large eggs  
3 1/2 cups (about 7 medium) mashed very ripe bananas  
2 cups granulated sugar  
1 cup vegetable oil  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Grease two 9 x 5-inch loaf pans.  
COMBINE flour, dry milk, baking powder and cinnamon in medium bowl. Beat eggs, bananas, sugar and vegetable oil in large mixer bowl on medium speed until well blended. Gradually beat in flour mixture; stir in nuts. Spoon into prepared loaf pans.  
BAKE 60 to 65 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks 10 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

**Confetti Frittata**  
Makes 4 servings  
2 cartons (8 ounces each) egg substitute  
1 1/3 cups (1.2-ounce envelope) dry Nestlé Carnation Nonfat Dry Milk  
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese  
2 cups (about 6 ounces) sliced fresh mushrooms  
1/2 cup finely chopped red bell pepper  
2 medium green onions, sliced  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
PREHEAT oven to 400°F. Spray 10-inch ovenproof skillet with nonstick cooking spray.  
COMBINE egg substitute and dry milk in medium bowl; mix thoroughly. Stir in cheese, mushrooms, bell pepper, green onions, salt and black pepper. Pour mixture in prepared skillet.  
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San Angelo, TX 76902

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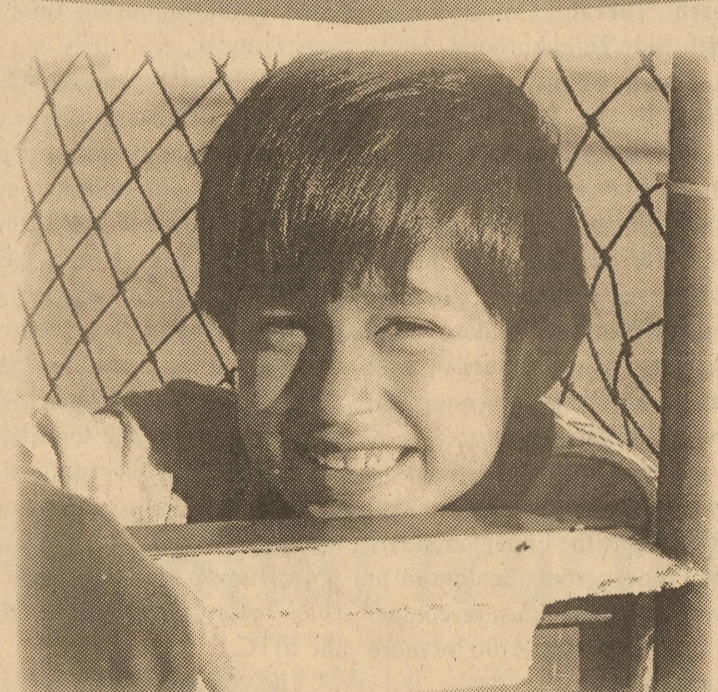
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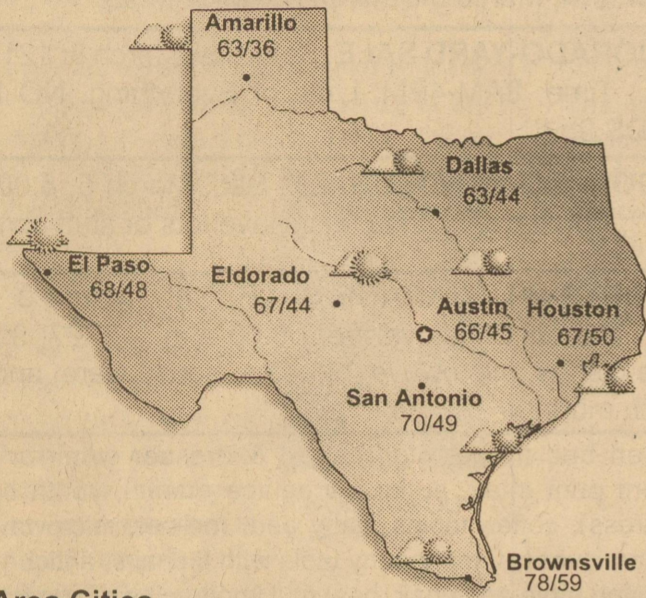
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Fri 3/4	Sat 3/5	Sun 3/6	Mon 3/7	Tue 3/8
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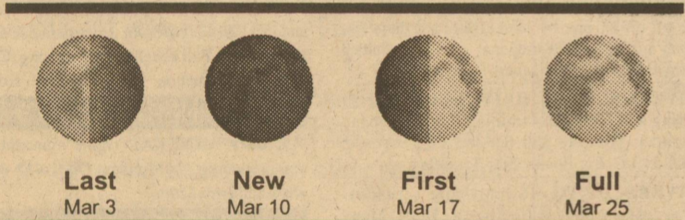
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Greenville	60	40	pt sunny	Weatherford	62	40	pt sunny
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Chicago	33	27	sunny	Phoenix	75	56	sunny
Dallas	63	44	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	52	rain
Denver	54	32	pt sunny	Seattle	57	41	pt sunny
Houston	67	50	pt sunny	St. Louis	43	36	sunny
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Miami	69	58	cloudy				

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High	High	High	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

AUSTIN — Jerry Patterson, Chairman of the Veterans Land Board, announced VLB land loans of up to \$60,000 are now available for Texas veterans and can be used for tracts as small as one acre. The required down payment is only 5 percent, with a 30-year fixed term, and the interest rate is an extremely low 6.64 percent.

In 2003, the minimum acreage that could be bought with a VLB land loan was reduced from five acres to one acre, making it easier for veterans to buy lots closer to urban areas. A Texas veteran can simultaneously have a VLB land loan, a VLB home loan and a VLB home improvement loan. The maximum VLB home loan amount is currently \$240,000.

The Texas Veterans Land Board was created in 1946 to help veterans returning from World War II buy land for agricultural purposes. The program has changed over the years as land prices rose sharply. VLB loan amounts increased from the original \$7,500, to \$20,000, \$40,000, and now \$60,000.

"We're always working to enhance benefits for Texas veterans," Patterson said. "No other state can match what the VLB offers:

low-cost home, land and home improvement loans, nursing homes and cemeteries — all exclusively for Texas veterans or their spouses. And all of our programs are self-funding, which is good news for Texas taxpayers."

Information on Veterans Land Board loans for land, home purchases and home improvement is available at 1-800-252-VETS (1-800-252-8387) and the agency's Web site at [www.texasveterans.com](http://www.texasveterans.com). Information is also available

on Texas State Veterans Homes for veterans or their spouses who need affordable, skilled nursing care. In late 2005, the first Texas State Veterans Cemetery near Killeen will provide an honored place of rest for veterans and their spouses.



**Happy Pen Pals** - Fourth grader Chasity Willis and her pen pal Mabel Freitag met last Friday at a luncheon hosted by Teacher Darlene Edmiston. Mrs. Edmiston's 4th grade class is part of an experiment called the Community Pen Pal Project. Students write a letter to a member of the community and then wait for a reply. Students and community members then get to know each other by through the time tested mode of communication, pen and ink. The luncheon gave both students and adults a platform to actually meet each other in person and share their experiences.

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## IRS tool helps determine EITC eligibility

The Internal Revenue Service announced a new Web-based tool to help working families determine if they are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit. The EITC Assistant will help take the guess work out of the EITC eligibility rules.

The EITC Assistant is one in a series of steps taken by the IRS to encourage all eligible taxpayers, but only those who are eligible, to claim the valuable EITC refund. For the 2004 tax year, the maximum credit is \$4,300, which helps lift millions of families out of poverty.

The new EITC Assistant also reflects all the tax law changes, including new income limits for eligibility as well as the optional use of nontaxable combat pay for use in refund calculations. EITC Assistant is available in English and Spanish on IRS.gov.

By answering a few simple questions and providing some basic income information, the program will assist taxpayers in determining their correct filing status, determining whether their children met the tests for a

qualifying child and estimate the amount of credit that taxpayers may receive.

The IRS also is expanding a pilot project to reach out to taxpayers with limited English proficiency. Grassroots outreach efforts in Miami and Los Angeles last year will be expanded to include Chicago and Houston this year. The IRS will host a series of events in those four cities to help families file their federal tax returns.

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. Congress originally approved the tax credit legislation in 1975 in part to offset the burden of social security taxes and to provide an incentive to work. Initial estimates for 2004 show approximately 22 million low-income families received about \$38 billion.

To qualify, taxpayers must meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if they did not earn enough money to be obligated to file a tax return. The amount of the credit is determined by earned income and the number of children

in the household.

IRS Publication 596, available in English and Spanish, outlines eligibility requirements for EITC and highlights tax law changes. Taxpayers also can find the eligibility rules in Fact Sheet 05-10 and through 1040 Central on IRS.gov.

For example, in the 2004 tax year, individuals without qualifying children must earn less than \$11,490 (\$12,490 if married filing jointly); individuals with one child must earn less than \$30,338 (\$31,338 if married filing jointly) and individuals with more than one child must earn less than \$34,458 (\$35,458 if married filing jointly).

Congress also enacted a special provision for military families with combat pay. Combat pay is not taxable. However, families have the option of using combat pay to calculate their EITC refund (and the child tax credit) if it helps maximize the refund. Be aware that either all or none of the combat pay must be used in the calculation. Taxpayers cannot use part of their combat pay to enhance their refund.

Again, the EITC Assistant will help taxpayers determine if use of their combat pay will help them qualify for a larger tax credit.

## Endangered properties list features 13 new sites

AUSTIN, Texas — Austin's Congress Avenue Historic District, is one of 13 sites across the state on the 2005 list of Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places announced by Preservation Texas.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) partners with Preservation Texas to recognize these landmarks, through the Historic Endangered Landmarks Program (HELP), which identifies, tracks and publicizes endangered historic properties in Texas. The THC maintains a statewide database of identified properties, used to direct assistance to those properties most in need.

The other sites included on the 2005 list are Zedler's Mill, Luling, Caldwell County; Winkler House,

Castroville, Medina County; Residential Tear Downs in Inner-City Neighborhoods, Dallas, Dallas County; Iron Bridges of Collin County, Sister Grove Creek, Collin County; Wayside Church at Trezevant Hill, Fort Worth, Tarrant County; near North Side neighborhood, Houston, Harris County; San Jacinto School House, Walker County; St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, El Paso, El Paso County; Sanderson Railroad Depot, Sanderson, Terrell County; Jefferson Playhouse, Jefferson, Marion County; Bloomburg State Bank Building, Cass County; and Ranch San Francisco, near San Ygnacio, Zapata County.

If there is an endangered property in your area, please download and complete the Endangered Historic Property Identification form at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us), or contact the THC at 512/463-6100 for more information.



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