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Fire claims Rodriguez home on W. Dorris Ave.

Local man jailed for interfering with firefighters

Volunteer firefighters responded twice last Thursday to a house fire at 1 West Dorris Avenue at the home of Juan Rodriguez and, at one point, the volunteers found themselves being threatened by a 21-year-old man who lived at the residence.

Juan Roberto Rodriguez was taken into custody by Schleicher County Deputy Jason Chatham and charged with Interference with Public Duties and making Terroristic Threats. Rodriguez was booked into the Schleicher County Jail and later bonded out on two surety bonds totaling \$3,000.

A 9-1-1 call came in to the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 1:20 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2006, in which the caller reported a house on fire.

The Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department was paged out and lead units reached the scene a few minutes later to find the back of the home fully involved in flame.

As firefighters deployed to battle the blaze a resident of the home reported hearing two loud pops near the back of the house moments before the fire broke out.

With firefighters attacking the blaze from all sides, the fire was quickly knocked down and the volunteers set about cooling down the hot spots and mopping up a few smoldering fires around the structure. It was at that point that the younger Rodriguez arrived and began verbally abusing the

firefighters.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones reports that Rodriguez's words became threatening and his actions began to interfere with the firefighters. Jones then radioed for assistance from Deputy Chatham who was nearby helping with traffic control. Chatham took Rodriguez into custody and the firemen went back to their labors.

One by one the fire trucks returned to the Fire Hall and the firefighters headed home in hopes of getting a little sleep before having to report to their real jobs. At that point much of the Rodriguez home remained standing, although heavily smoke and water damaged.

Some ninety minutes after the last unit reached the Fire Hall, a second 9-1-1 call came in at 6:15 a.m. reporting that the fire had rekindled and that the house was ablaze again. By the time fire crews reached the house the second time, it was a total loss.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones sought the assistance of Fire Investigator Steve Kenley of Ozona who inspected the scene on Friday, Feb. 10th. The following day, Don Turk and Thomas Hubertus, arson investigators with the State Fire Marshal's office worked the scene with his "accelerant sniffing dog" in an attempt to see if one or both of the fires might have been caused by foul play. Turk and Hubertus were reportedly unable to detect evidence of arson related to either fire.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Firefighter T.J. Rodriguez stands silhouetted against the flames that claimed the Juan Rodriguez home on the first block of West Dorris Avenue last Thursday morning. One resident of the home reportedly went to the hospital for treatment of burns and a second resident, Juan Roberto Rodriguez, 21, was arrested and charged with interfering with firefighters and making terroristic threats.

Commissioners consider expanding rural public transportation service within Schleicher County

Schleicher County commissioners heard from Robert Stephenson on Monday concerning a feasibility study the Concho Valley Council of Governments is conducting to determine the possibility of linking rail, bus and rural transportation services throughout the Concho Valley.

The plan would involve constructing a terminal in San Angelo on the site of the old Western Iron Works. The study will determine if such a facility would help reduce fuel costs and improve transportation services.

In a related item, Mr. Stephenson advised the commissioners that he has had discussions with Schleicher County Nursing Home Administrator Sara Huges and two hospital board members, J.D. Doyle and Jim Martin, regarding the possibility of placing an additional rural transportation van in service here in Schleicher County. He said the extra van would benefit local citizens who regularly travel to San Angelo for kidney dialysis treatment.

Stephenson noted the additional van would cost the county, hospital district and CVCOG approximately \$48,000.00 per year to operate. Included in the cost would be a driver and dispatcher.

There are currently two Thunderbird vans operating in the county, one 12-passenger, the other a 20-passenger van with wheel chair lift. The 20-passenger van is used 5 days a week by school children, twice a month for paid public trips and medical trips to San Angelo as needed.

Stephenson's plan would call for Schleicher County and the Hospital District to contribute an equal share of the expenses for operating the third van with each entity paying \$12,077.52. The remainder of the funding would be provided by CVCOG.

The commissioners unanimously approved a resolution supporting the CVCOG Regional Planning objective, and indicated that they would favor a way to work with the hospital in bringing a third

rural transportation van to the county.

The meeting was the commissioners first regularly scheduled session of the month. It was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin with Commissioners Matt Brown, Kirk Griffin and Johnny Mayo in attendance. Commissioner Bill Clark was absent. Also present were County Clerk Peggy Williams and Treasurer Karen Henderson.

Among other business, the commissioners met with Brian Edmiston and Mike Lux representing the Edward Plateau Prescribed Burn Association (EPPBA) and with Carol Green, an prescribed burn specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The men were on hand to discuss the county's burn ban restricting outdoor burning.

The commissioners agreed to amend the wording of the burn ban to include wording allowing prescribed burns that are conducted by the EPPBA, the NRCS and/or the Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, provided the burns are

supervised by a certified prescribed burn manager and the burn is reported in advance to the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. Likewise the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department must be notified before the burn begins and after it is completed.

The commissioners next called for bids for a transport load of unleaded gasoline for the county road department. The bids are to be opened at their next meeting on Monday, Feb. 27, 2006.

The men then approved the expenditure of \$2,500 to repair fire truck #31 and okayed the repair of the warning siren on the city water tower. It was noted the siren motor was damaged by a bird.

Maintenance man Mark Franke was directed to research the cost of a 60 horsepower skid steer loader and implements for use at the Civic Center and county barn area.

In other business the men voted to raise the cost of a cemetery plot from \$35 for four plots to \$100 per single plot. The men

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

State Fire Marshal arson investigator Thomas Hubertus on Saturday led his K-9 helper around the scene of a house fire on W. Dorris Avenue in an effort to rule out arson as the cause of two fires that completely destroyed the home. The canine was reportedly unable to any sign that either fire was deliberately set.

NOTICE

County Clerk Peggy Williams notified The Success early Wednesday morning, February 15, 2006, that circumstances beyond her control will prevent the use of the county's new voting machines during the Early Voting period in the Democratic and Republican primaries. She said she hopes the machines will be in operation by Primary Election Day on March 7, 2006.

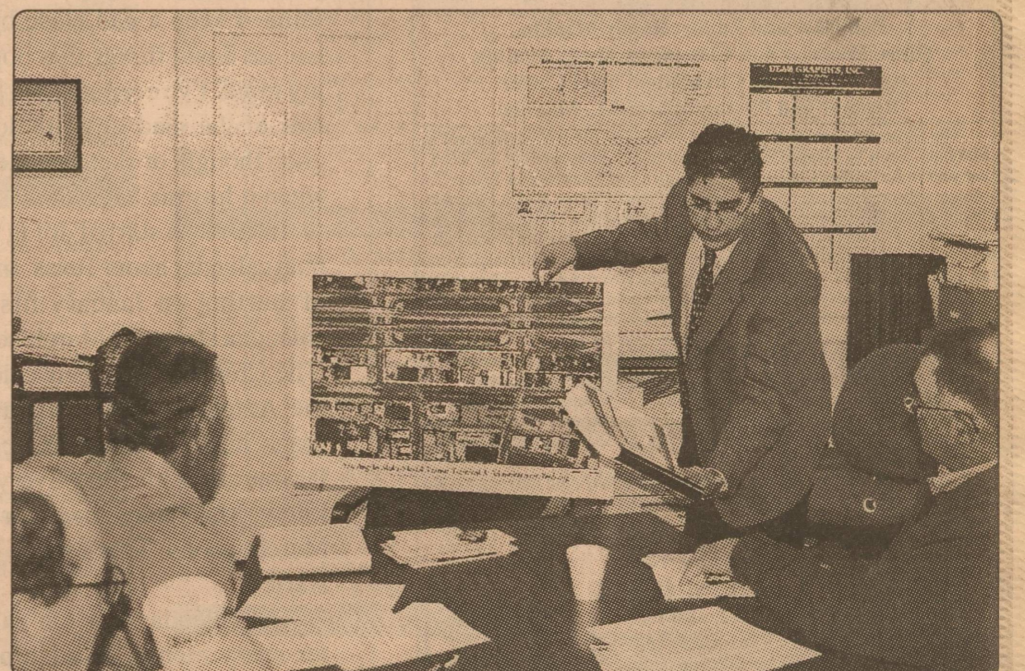


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Robert Stephenson displayed a map Monday showing Schleicher County Commissioners the area around Western Iron Works in San Angelo where the Concho Valley Council of Governments is wants to construct a terminal connecting rail, bus and rural transportation services.

George W. Bush's strange addiction

President Bush's declaration that the U.S. is addicted to oil is another step toward demonizing the oil industry, in a repeat of what happened to the tobacco industry in the 1990s. The tobacco companies are now so heavily taxed and regulated that they have almost become an arm of the government. Bush intends for no such thing to happen to the oil sector, but as Bill Clinton learned after repeatedly saying he "would end welfare as we know it" without quite meaning it, words have consequences.

The word "addicted," of course, is morally loaded, implying an unhealthy and irrational dependence. But since oil provides the cheapest and most efficient way to power automobiles, our dependence on it is natural and sensible -- the very opposite of an addiction. Bush is the James Frey of energy policy, exaggerating the negative to play to an important market segment -- in Bush's case, the mushy middle of American politics primed to believe the worst about Big Oil.

Bush isn't offering any far-reaching proposals to deal with this newfound addiction. A few billion dollars here and there on developing fuel alternatives -- and also on funding scientific research and education -- and everyone can feel good that the federal government is "doing something," while members of Congress shove the money out the door and energy interests gobble it up.

Bush's new Advanced Energy Initiative, which is charged with developing better batteries for electric cars and figuring out how to make fuel from wood chips, is redolent of all the past federal initiatives to find alternatives to oil and to gas-powered cars. Who can forget the glories of President Nixon's Project Independence? Or Carter's Synthetic Fuels Corporation? Or the first Bush's U.S. Advanced Battery Consortium? Or Clinton's Partnership for New Generation Vehicles?

They all failed. So far, the \$10 billion spent since 2001 on trying to develop alternative fuels that Bush bragged about in his State of the Union speech has also produced nothing. If there are commercially viable energy alternatives, the market will discover them without the clumsy guiding hand of government.

Ethanol, the corn-based, government-subsidized fuel, still doesn't make economic sense. As many industrial-policy programs do, the subsidies have become chiefly a favor to an important political constituency -- Midwest farmers, especially those who vote in the Iowa caucuses.

More high-minded reasons are adduced for Bush's energy push, most importantly the need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. But the top exporters to the U.S. are our nonthreatening neighbors, Canada and Mexico. This is why Bush singled out Mideast oil. Assuming he's fine with oil from U.S. allies Kuwait and Iraq, that leaves Saudi Arabia as a disfavored exporter; but whether we buy its oil or not, it is going to sell massive amounts of it on the world market.

The best result would be if Bush's "oil addiction" tack heads into that special dustbin reserved for grandiloquent, quickly forgotten State of the Union gestures. Here's hoping that a few years from now as many people remember that Bush wanted to power cars on wood chips as recall that he once planned to put a man on Mars.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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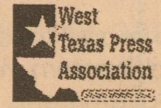
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Look away now if you're a radical Muslim with no sense of humor

As I write this another embassy has been torched by Muslim extremists angry that a Danish newspaper had published an editorial cartoon that was less than flattering of their Prophet Mohammed.

At least that's what we're being told. It's very difficult for us to know exactly what triggered the violence since self-censoring newspapers everywhere have opted not to re-publish the work lest they draw the ire of the same radical element now busy torching half the Middle East.

Among American publications, only The Weekly Standard magazine has had the guts to print the offending cartoon. I found it on the Internet, but only after a determined search. To say that I was disappointed with what I found is an understatement.

The drawing of a bearded man with a bomb on his head was no more offensive than hundreds of other cartoons I've seen.

At first I thought these people just don't get it. They don't understand that editorial cartoons are supposed to be thought provoking, not funny.

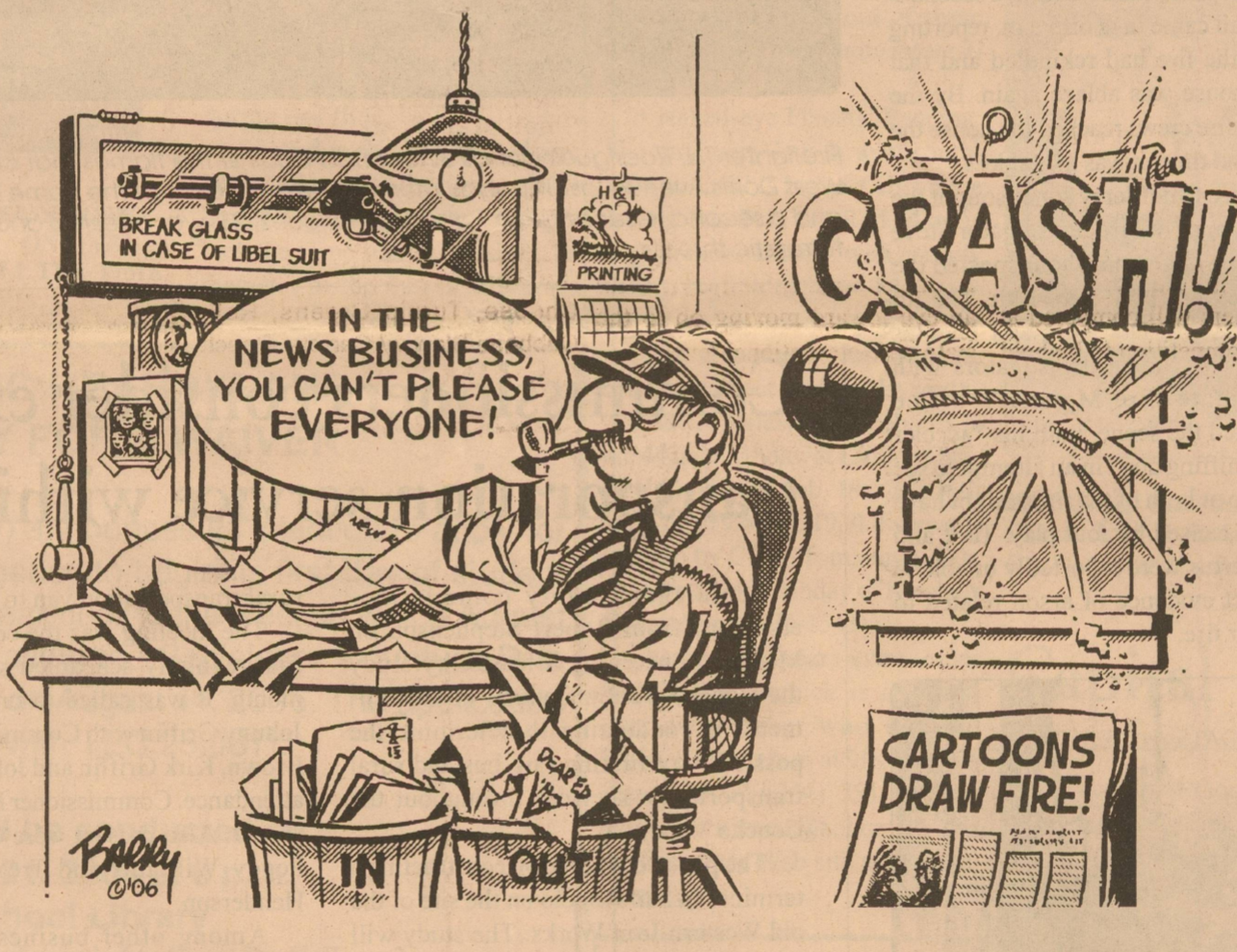
Then I recalled seeing numer-



ous cartoons, published in the Arab press, calling for the eradication of Israel and the re-expansion of Islam beyond the high-water mark it attained in the 15th century when much of Spain was under Arab control.

Those cartoons were even more inflammatory than the one that supposedly depicts Mohammed with a bomb on his head.

They get it, I decided, they get it even better than most of us in the



The original real Texas calendar

Roger Moore lives at Spice-wood, near Austin. He's in the advertising business and produces a weekly cartoon for a dozen newspapers. He travels a lot to his farm near Merkel, where he grew up.

"I do most of my creative thinking in the pickup," says Roger.

"Driving along, you have to think. I keep a pad close by so I can jot down things that pop into my mind. I've even stopped by the side of the road to write down a good thought or sketch something when it hits me."

In 1998 he started doing an annual calendar about Texas. Instead of starting on January first, his calendar starts on March second, "The Chinese have their calendar, the Aztecs have a calendar and Texas needs a calendar, too. So I came up with this. Everybody knows the New Year starts on March second. That's when Texas started."

His calendars have a cartoon for every month. In addition, he puts Texas history events on specific dates.

"It keeps me studying Texas history," says Roger, "and learn-



by **Tumblweed Smith**

ing more about it. I'll never run out of material in my lifetime to do these calendars. I've got a ton of material. I've done over 600 weekly cartoons and I can do at least that many more without doing a lot more research. It's amazing how much stuff there is out there about our history and how special we are as Texans. It's a huge state with plenty of interesting history and colorful characters. There are things going on right now that will be in the archives pretty soon."

His 2006 calendar will be the 8th one he has produced. This one will be less serious than the previous ones. For instance, it'll have birthdays of Texas legends. Lightning Hopkins of blues music fame was born in Centerville on March 15, 1912. Of course it'll have all the significant dates in Texas history, like March 6th, the

west. They know that by pitching a fit at each and every perceived slight, they can keep everyone else on the defensive.

It works, too. Look at how Europe has been cowed. Even the stalwarts of the American press have caved on this issue.

Where's the New York Times? Where's the Washington Post or the Chicago Tribune? Aren't they usually the first to chime in anytime the right of a free and independent press is challenged?

Except for The Weekly Standard, they've all gone AWOL.

So, it's been left to those of us who aren't afraid, and a few who are afraid but are still willing to stand up and say, "Enough is enough!"

Why should we in the west walk on eggshells to avoid offending the Arab world. I submit that the time has come to serve notice that the wild-eyed Islamic radicals had better start worrying about who they are offending.

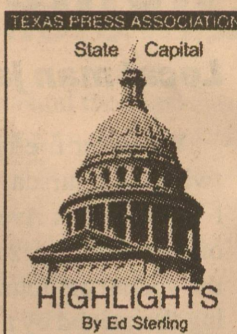
Oh, by the way, here's a copy of the cartoon that prompted all the violence. Others can cower under their beds if they wish, I'll gladly stand alongside The Weekly Standard.

Comptroller finds \$800 million in extra budget revenue

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn let everyone know she now certifies Texas has \$4.3 billion of extra revenue in the state budget, an amount \$800 million plumper than her November 2005 estimate.

Most dollar watchers hailed the revised amount, but Gov. Rick Perry, the man with the highest-profile office under the Capitol dome, did not.



Strayhorn and Perry, the two top fund-raising candidates in the race for governor, managed to put a campaign-style edge on official press releases in response to the revised revenue announcement.

The governor's press office scoffed at Strayhorn's rosier-looking revenue estimate, asking (1) why the comptroller found more money after having closed the books on fiscal year 2004-05 back in November, and (2) why she hadn't done a better job of collecting unpaid taxes.

Strayhorn snapped at Perry for playing politics and revealed through Deputy Comptroller Billy Hamilton the extra \$800 million was attributable to greater income and lower expenses at state agencies.

The extra money could be used for property tax cuts and education, Strayhorn said.

But the money, if applied to education, would only be a temporary salve. The Texas Tax Reform Commission, a 24-member panel created by Perry in the fall, is meeting at sites across the state, gathering input in hopes of finding fair and long-term ways to respread the tax burden.

Former state comptroller John Sharp, who chairs the Tax Reform Commission, talked about this in a speech to 150 Texas newspaper publishers Jan. 20 in Dallas. Sharp said it makes sense to solve the tax issue first, and to let the solution serve as a platform for the Legislature to operate from when it tackles the school-funding issue.

Perry, who Feb. 8 echoed what Sharp said, is expected to call the Legislature into a 30-day special session to solve the tax issue in time to meet a June 1 deadline set by the Texas Supreme Court. It is the governor's unique privilege to set the agenda and veto bills that don't suit him.

However, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, by virtue of his role as president of the Senate, is in command of the gate valve on all legislation. He and a handful of legislators have said they want to lower property taxes and devise a more effective school funding plan in the special session.

Lottery chips in to fund schools

Texas created its own lottery in 1992, and back then, taxpayers thought it would become a cornucopia of revenue for public education.

According to the Texas Lottery Commission, our lottery has put \$13 billion in the state coffers since it was launched 14 years ago, and since 1997, when all lottery proceeds were earmarked for the Foundation School Fund, the lottery has contributed \$8 billion to funding of schools.

Under the present funding setup, it takes \$16 billion-plus per year to fund education in Texas. So, it has taken the lottery eight years to chip in about half a year's budget for education.

Long spell for signature counting

Secretary of State Roger Williams, Texas' chief election officer, said it may

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Chatham, Huerta each place second at 60th annual Sonora Speech and Academic Tournament

The 60th Annual Sonora High School Speech and Academic Tournament was held Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11 with 23 schools participating, including 6 District 2AA schools.

Blake Chatham advanced to the finals and placed 2nd in Persuasive Speaking.

Frank Edmiston placed 5th in his first round in Prose and 4th place in his second round of competition. He advanced to the semi-finals.

Janelle Pechacek advanced to the finals in Informative Speaking and placed 8th.

Marcela Huerta placed 2nd place in News Writing and Katherine Johnson received a 6th place ribbon.

Ridge Ann Sudduth place 5th in Editorial Writing.

Chelci Rodriguez participated in Feature Writing and Rachel Joiner participated in Headline Writing.

Taylor Jenkins, Brent Martinez and Timothy Maskill participated

in three rounds of practice in LD Debate. Martinez won one round.

Joel Esparza and Taylor Niblett were participants in Accounting.

Felipe Martinez was the only participant from Eldorado in Spelling.

Abel Montalvo and Raul Rios participated in Current Issues and Events.

Josh Burleson participated in Ready Writing and Raul Rios and Chelci Rodriguez participated in Social Studies.

Number Sense had four

Eldorado High School students participating. They are Diego Barrera, Jorge Chavez, Tiffany Hernandez and Marcela Huerta.

Diego Barrera, Jorge Chavez, Tiffany Hernandez, Marcela Huerta and Rachel Joiner competed in Mathematics Division.

Science participants were Jorge Chavez, Josue Chavez, Kyle Taylor and Frank Edmiston.

The U.I.L. Academic District Competition will be held in Mason on March 20th for Speaking events and March 27 for all academic events.

Teachers coaching these events are Mrs. Sara Candela, Mrs. Teresa Vasquez, Mr. Tom Gray, Mrs. Angela Case, Mrs. Linda Chancellor, Mrs. Teresa Baker-Shirley and Mrs. Debbie Griffin.

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K of C free throw contest held Saturday

Seven boys and girls from Eldorado, ages 10-14, won the right to advance to district level and to be called winners in the 2006 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship held this past Saturday.

The Knights of Columbus from Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 11282 in Eldorado sponsored the local competition at the Eldorado Middle School Gym.

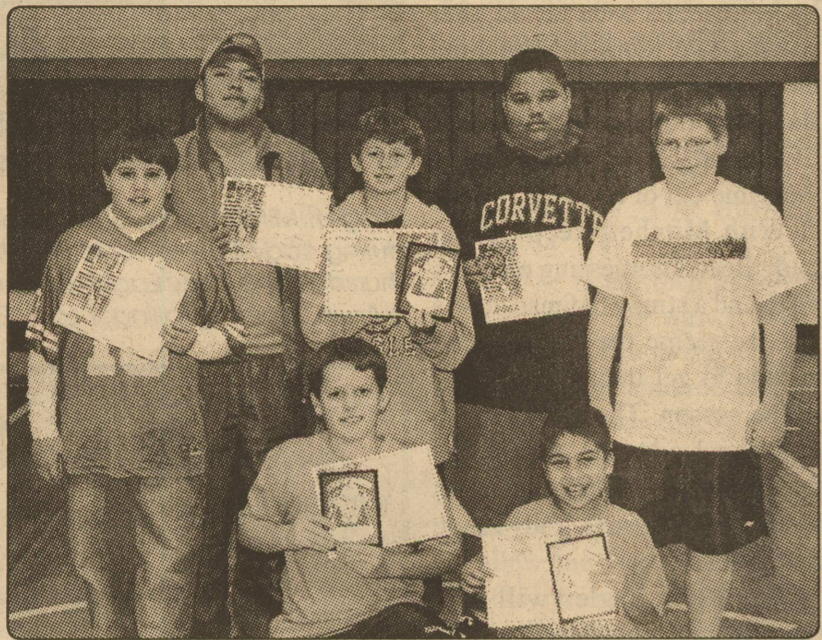
Brittany Galan was named champion in the 10 year-old girls division. No boy was chosen in the 10 year-old division. In the 11 year-old bracket, Abby Fuentes was the girls champion and Edward Hernandez was the boys champion.

Amy Alvizo won in the 12 year old girls division and Tyler Farmer won in the boys 12 year old division.

In the thirteen age division Sam Jenkins was the champion in the boy's bracket and Brenda Galan was the champion in the girls bracket.

Each contestant was allowed 15 free throws attempts in the contests. Ties were settled by successive round of five free throws per contestant until winner emerged.

Each participant received a



2005 Knight of Columbus Free Throw: Back (L-R) Tyler D. Martinez, John Paul Galan, Sam Jenkins, Miguel Huichapa and Ethan Hulse. Front (L-R) Tyler Farmer and Edward Hernandez. Sam Jenkins, Tyler Farmer and Edward Hernandez will advance to the district competition in Ozona.

patch, a certificate and, in the case of the winners, a plaque.

The winners will competed at the district competition to be held

on February 19, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at Ozona High School Gym with

an eye toward moving on to the state and international level.

BIRTHDAY LIST

- February**
 17th Betsy Thackerson, Evelyn Quintana, Cynthia Joiner, Allen Ray, Michael Box, Andy Perez, James Austin, Kayla McCravey, Cody Sherrod
 18th Idalia Adame, Felix Arispe, Hillary Hodges
 19th Dustin Ramos, Patrick Fuentes, William Robledo, Matt Peters, Carlos D. Estrada, Abby Fuentes, Randy Beach, Sharon Ussery, Edward Dominguez, James Beach, Karen Ussery
 20th Bridgett Mitchell, Lee Gillaspay, Richard Adame Jr., Manuel Martinez, Wes Adkins, Yasmin Ramirez
 21st Chelsey Martinez, Orval Edmiston, Luiz Martinez
 22nd Eric Cheatham, Peggy Daniels, Emilio Valejo Jr., Heather Nixon, Jimmy Powell, Josh Young, Ricky Fuessel
 23rd Mike Prater, Caleb Daniels

ANNIVERSARIES

- February**
 18th Earl & Lora Mae Lloyd, Mr. & Mrs. Felix Arispe
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2006 Knights of Columbus Free Throw girl participants (L-R): Mary Lou Martinez, Brittany Galan, Abby Fuentes, Amy Alvizo and Brenda Galan. Brittany and Brenda Galan, Abby Fuentes and Amy Alvizo will advance to the district competition in Ozona.

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Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, February 20**
 Closed for President's Day
- Tuesday, February 21**
 Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Toss Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk
- Wednesday, February 22**
 Meat w/ Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, February 23**
 Smothered Steak w/ Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk
- Friday, February 24**
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★
 ★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ Hoo Boy!

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2006 Softball season begins on hopeful note

by Syllas Politte

When it comes to any type of athletic event, the way you start can be a direct reflection of the way you finish. For the 2006 Lady Eagle softball team, that is great news.

The Lady Eagles opened this year's campaign with a win over the Ballinger Lady Bearcats on Monday, February 13, 2006, with a score of 8-4. The team looked great for six out of the seven innings during their game in Ballinger giving up 0 runs on 1 error. The lone meltdown came in the fourth inning when the girls gave up 4 runs on 5 errors.

The Lady Eagles were lead defensively by freshman ace Bridgett Mitchell. Mitchell pitched a complete game allowing 4 hits with 16 strikeouts.

New softball coach Brian Daniels said, "Bridgett seemed to be pitching with a lot of confidence."

Coach Daniels commented on many bright spots of the game but was most impressed with how the girls came out focused and played great defense. "Defense is definitely a huge strength for our girls, and hopefully in tie our offense will get better," remarked Daniels.

Defense was a bright spot, but the Lady Eagles did have 6 different players with at least 1 run batted in. The offensive production was led by freshman sluggers Haley Higgins and Corie Williams and seniors Sam Rodriguez and Charlotte Adame. Higgins and Williams both went 3-4; Rodriguez 2-3 and Adame 2-2 hitting at the plate. Higgins and

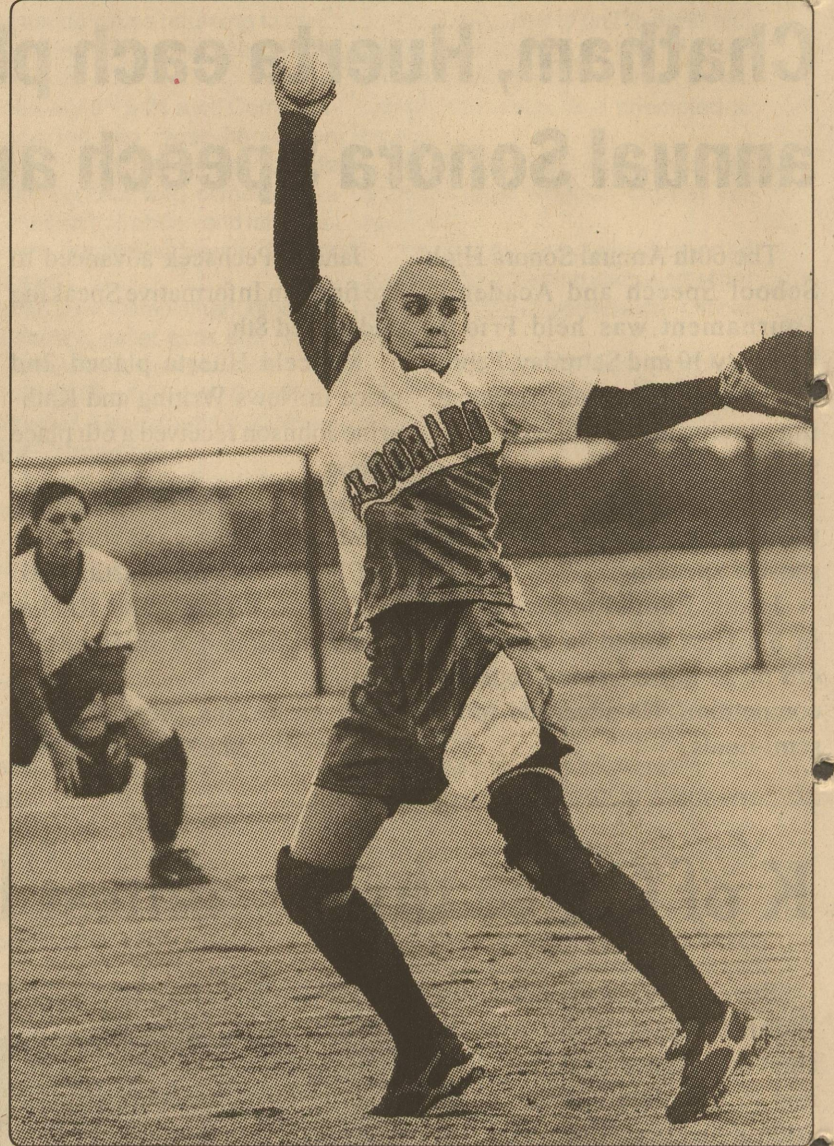
Adame each had 2 RBI's to lead the team in that category. Adame and Rodriguez both hit doubles for the Lady Eagles' only extra base hits.

As a team, the Lady Eagles had 15 hits. Coach Daniels felt that the girls did a better job hitting today than they had been but noted "Hitting a pitcher throwing in the 40 mph range is one thing, but facing the pitchers in district that throw in the 50-55 mph range is where we need to be."

The Lady Eagles jumped out to a 3-0 lead through 3 innings. Ballinger came back scoring two runs in the bottom of the fourth bringing the score to 3-2. In the bottom of the fifth, the Lady Bearcats went ahead after scoring two more runs making the score 3-4. In the top of the sixth, the Lady Eagles came to life scoring 5 runs and putting the game out of reach.

With Mitchell keeping the Lady Bearcats guessing on every pitch and a stingy defense, it was just the recipe the Lady Eagles needed to get their first victory of the season. The combination of senior leadership and skilled freshmen looks to be a great match for this year's Lady Eagle softball team.

The Lady Eagles will play their second non-district game today against Forsan at Lady Eagle Softball Stadium at 4 pm. They will then have 3 more games and a tournament before heading into district play March 7th against rival Sonora. This year's team is hungry and ready to win.



Bridgett Mitchell winds up to throw another ball to home plate during Lady Eagles softball scrimmage against Miles here last Thursday. The Lady Eagles opened their season Monday with an 8-4 win over the Ballinger Lady Bearcats in Ballinger.

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Tuesday, February 21
 Waffle Sticks, Syrup, Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk
Wednesday, February 22
 Cheese Toast, Apple Sauce, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, February 23
 Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Juice, Milk
Friday, February 24
 Choice of Cereal, Graham Crackers, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk
BASKET LINE
Monday, February 20
 Pizza, Tossed Salad, Dressing, Peach Halves
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 Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Apple Halves
Wednesday, February 22
 Chicken Burger, Sandwich Salad, French Fries, Jello/Topping
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SCISD trustees hold monthly meeting

All three Schleicher County ISD campus principals briefly spoke to the Schleicher County ISD trustees Monday night concerning their campus improvement plans for the upcoming school year. High School principal Bob Wanoreck, Middle School principal Kara Garlitz and Elementary principal Maela Edmonson each spoke of having all qualified teachers for the 2007 school year and providing a safe learning environment for their students as they increase their academic skills. Principal Maela Edmonson finished the presentation by reviewing the school district's improvement plan which mirrored much that was in each of the three campus plans.

The meeting was the board's regularly scheduled meeting. It was attended by trustees Jo Helen Kotsch, Eddie Albin, Jan Wanoreck, Leanne Higgins, Lupe Sanchez, Berta Nicholson, and Kurtis Homer, along with Superintendent George Blanch.

Among other business the board approved the minutes of one regular meeting and five called meetings. They also reviewed and

approved the district's financial reports. It was noted that SCISD had a total of \$1,550,237 in fund balance as of January 31, 2006.

Next, technology director J.D. Doyle sought and received board approval of a 3-year technology purchase plan already approved by the state and federal education agencies.

The board moved on to approve a wellness plan which will be added as a new Local Policy Update LDU-50 FFA. The wellness plan states the district will follow nutrition guidelines that advance student health and reduce childhood obesity and promote the general wellness of all students through nutrition education, physical activities and other school based activities.

Librarian Debbie Griffin then advised the board that she had prepared a grant request for a Wolslager grant in the amount of \$20,000 for video and audio equipment for the elementary. She stated since the district received two previous Wolslager grants they cannot apply again until next December. One grant was for the elementary drive-up and the other was for the

new playground equipment at the elementary.

The trustees then voted to accept a donation of a \$1,000 from Wayne and Shirley Joiner to furnish a cover for the new high jump mat. Superintendent George Blanch told the board the Ag department will build the cover.

The board then approved May 13, 2006 for the election of the School Board of Trustee for single member district 1, 2 and 5. Trustees up for reelection are Eddie Albin in SMD 1, Jan Wanoreck in SMD 2, and Lupe Sanchez in SMD 5.

Approval of election judge Betsy Jones and early voting clerk Marcie Montez was next.

The board then approved a resolution authorizing the use of direct recording electronic voting machines. This step was required by United States Justice Department and will need their approval.

A out of district trip to San Antonio for the Texas Association of Educators (TAFE) members on February 23-25, 2005 was approved.

The board then approved the application for waiver days from Texas Education Agency for parent/teacher conferences for the 2006-2007 school year. The school district is applying for a 3-day staff development waiver for the next two school years. This waiver will allow the district to trade three student instruction days for the staff development days.

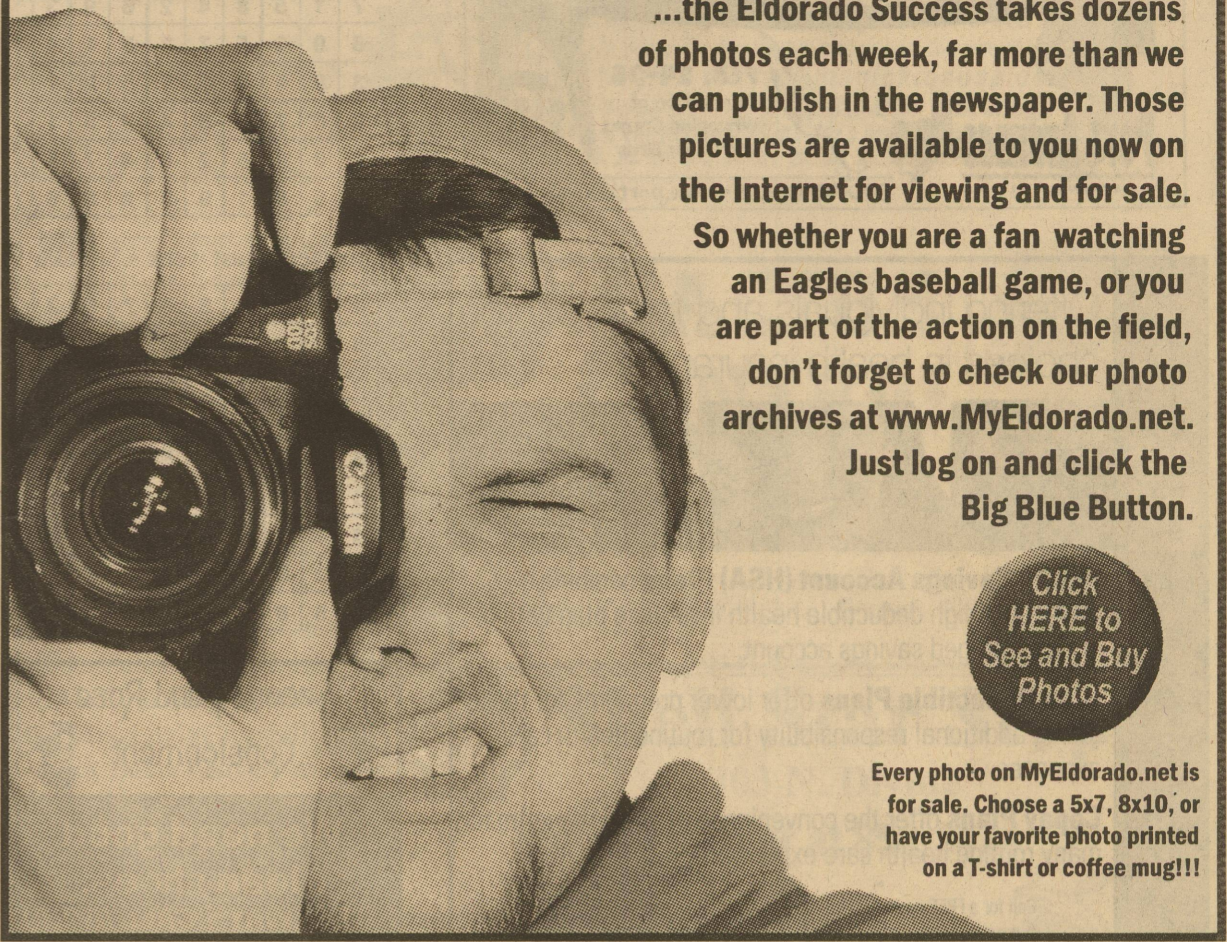
The trustees then went into executive session for about an hour. They emerged into open session and voted to extend the contracts of campus administrators and program directors including Jerry Barker, Johnny Burleson, Kara Garlitz, Maela Edmonson and Bob Wanoreck. Trustee Jan Wanoreck abstained on the vote to extend the contract of her husband, EHS Principal Bob Wanoreck.



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2006 Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Off (GEESO) Winners-4th Grade: Front (L-R): 1. Daniel Guerra, 2. Bailey Espinosa, 3. Tyler Martinez, 4. Juan Carlos Aranda, 5. Jose Aranda and 6. Michael Bilbrey. Back (L-R): 1. Elizabeth Olivarez, 2. Adriana Rios, 3. Odette Barrientos, 4. Macy Milkeska, 5. Megan Reel and 6. Jordan McCulloch.

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ACROSS

- 1. Egypt's Anwar
- 6. Party giver
- 10. Snake eyes
- 13. Really go for
- 14. Blind trio of rhyme
- 15. Felt remorse over
- 16. Brittle cookie
- 18. Well qualified
- 19. San ___ (Texas city, familiarly)
- 20. Griddle's protective gear
- 22. To this day
- 24. Hollywood's Hatcher
- 25. Serb or Croat
- 29. Hide, dog-style
- 31. Wing it, in a speech
- 35. Saharan land
- 36. Lennon's lady
- 37. Biscuit with tea
- 38. Like the Sahara
- 39. Tense, with "up"
- 42. Aqua-___ (breathing device)
- 43. Artful dodges

DOWN

- 1. Epic tale
- 2. Tennis score after deuce
- 3. "Stop it!"
- 4. Jason's ship

Attachments

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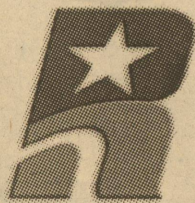
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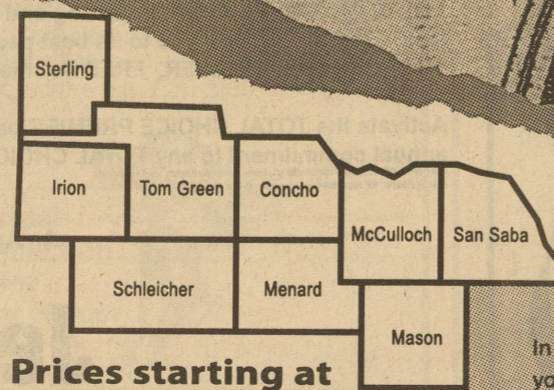
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Answer to last week's Sudoku

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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 9 • Rodriguez, Juan Roberto, male age 21, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Interference with Public Duties, and Terroristic Threat. Released on one \$2,000.00 Surety Bond, and one \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

• Key, Timothy, male age 37, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Burglary of Habitation / Warrant. Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond.

INCIDENTS

February 7 • 5:31 p.m. Caller advised that his vehicle was burglarized at his place of work. Caller advised that he was aware that his vehicle had tampered with after he arrived at his residence. Officer responded.

• 8:38 p.m. Caller requested officer at a possible domestic dispute on El Paso at city limits. Officer notified. This office was able to make contact with complainant and officer responded at same time contact was made. All appeared to be OK.

• 8:58 p.m. Complainant notified this office of a deer vs. vehicle accident 1/4 mile south of Christoval. TGSO advised if vehicle was operable to continue on to Eldorado, if not there would be a long wait period until a TGSO deputy could respond. Officer notified and contacted complainant, no injury.

• 9:37 p.m. Complainant advised of two suspicious subjects that entered Shots Convenience Store and asked mileage to both Killeen and El Paso, Texas. Complainant became suspicious when both subjects chose the longer of the two locations. Subjects left Shots en route to EL Paso driving a white Chevrolet pickup pulling a utility

tailer bearing plates returning to an El Paso resident. Officer in office at time call came in.

February 8 • 5:21 a.m. Complainant reported two loose horses on highway 277 dispatcher was unable to make contact with owner, left a voice mail on cell phone and left message with family and friends. Officer responded.

• 5:38 p.m. Complainant reported kids shooting pellet guns and hitting their house. Office responded.

February 9 • 1:20 a.m. Complainant reported a house on fire. Officers and EVFD responded.

• 3:11 a.m. Complainant reported harassing phone calls from a female caller believed to be drunk. Complainant did not request an officer, said only wanted to do complainant for future reference.

• 3:39 a.m. EVFD requested officers back at the scene of the fire. Officer responded.

• 3:49 a.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer. Office responded.

• 3:58 a.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer.

• 6:15 a.m. Complainant reported fire had started up again at East Dorris. EVFD and Officer responded.

• 11:18 a.m. Clinic requested a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.

• 1:14 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious male subject. Officer responded.

• 3:06 p.m. Caller advised that a suspicious subject was on front porch at her residence. Officer responded and met with subject back at SO.

• 4:03 p.m. Caller reported a juvenile stealing cigarettes from the store. Officers responded.

• 4:27 p.m. Complainant reported TV stolen from a trailer house. Officer responded.

February 10 • 7:37 a.m. Complainant reported a loose black cow on highway 190 east approximately 1.5 miles out.

• 12:58 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about receiving a counter-feit bill. Officer responded.

• 1:30 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a unresponsive male. Officers responded along with EMS 2.

February 11 • 2:55 a.m. Caller requested to attempt to locate a possible drunk driver on highway 277 from Sutton County. Caller gave description of white Ford F-150 that had left Sonora 10-15 minutes prior to notifying the SO. Also requested

a Schleicher County unit to meet and transport a passenger that was left behind in Sonora by the drunk driver. Officer responded and attempted to locate.

• 7:57 a.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.

• 9:56 a.m. Complainant reported a male subject cutting cactus off of her property without permission. Officer responded.

February 12 • 9:07 a.m. Complainant reported a pack of four dogs being a nuisance. Officer notified.

• 10:52 a.m. Complainant requested an officer to check on her son. Officer responded.

• 2:16 p.m. Reported a fence on fire. EVFD responded.

• 5:34 p.m. Caller advised of an intoxicated pedestrian walking down highway 277 to Super "S" Foods. Officer notified and made contact with subjects and per sheriff will escort to Christoval.

• 8:42 p.m. Caller advised a possible driver on highway 277 approximately 8 miles. Brown passenger van bearing plates. No record on return. Officer responded.

February 13 • 2:15 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had broke into her house and destroyed some of her things. Officer responded.

• 5:34 p.m. Caller advised that cell phone was stolen.

• 9:21 p.m. Caller advised of possible intoxicated driver south bound on 277 from dry draw. Driving a gray SUV bearing Texas plates returning to an Eldorado resident. Officer notified and attempting to locate.

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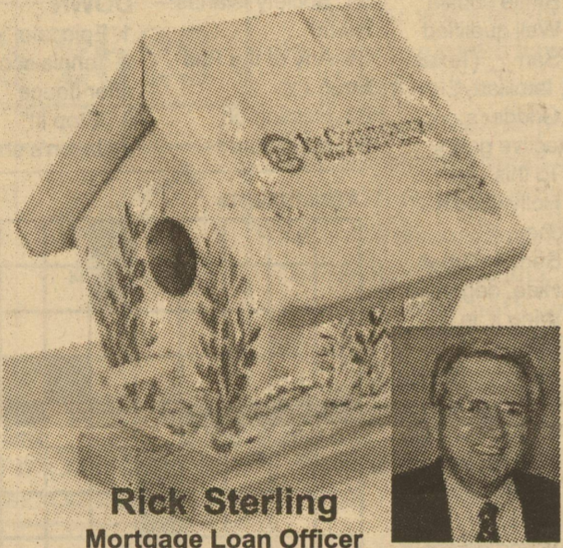
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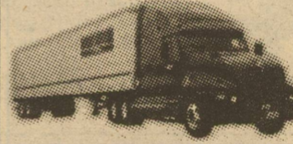
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Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Robert Buchholz as he displays his Reserve Champion Angora Doe at the Hill County District Junior Livestock Show held in Kerrville on January 21. Robert also took 1st place in the Aged Commercial Aged Commercial Angora Doe and Yearling Doe (pen of 3) and 3rd in Commercial Yearling Doe. Robert's brother Dalton's Commercial Angora Doe Kid, Aged Doe and Billy Kid placed 4th. Robert, 13, and his brother Dalton, 9, are the sons of Robert and Mary Buchholz.

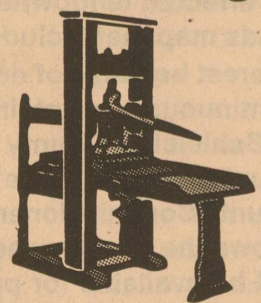
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Stargazer

Paul Derrick

Some night sky coincidences

To those who take time to notice--and since you're reading this column, that probably includes you--nature abounds with wondrous and beautiful sights like flowers, sunsets, mountains, and the night sky. But not only is the night sky awesome and beautiful, it has some interesting coincidences--things with no explanation other than occurring by chance. Here's three.

The first is Polaris, a moderately bright star located nearly straight up from Earth's north pole, also called the North Star. There is no such star above Earth's south pole, and thus no South Star. But most of the time there's no North Star either.

We're aware of Earth's daily rotation (spin) on its axis, making our days and nights. But Earth also wobbles, like a toy top as its spin slows down, and as it wobbles its north pole points to different parts of the sky. Since one wobble takes 25,800 years, we hardly notice it. For only a few hundred of these years does a star as bright as Polaris come within 1 degree of Earth's north pole, and by coincidence we happen to be living during that time.

Second is the Sun and Moon. We've all learned the Sun is vastly larger than the Moon, yet they look the same size in our sky. The diameter of the Sun is 400 times

greater than that of the Moon, but--coincidence number two--it also happens to be 400 times further away, making them appear the same size.

The third coincidence is less obvious, yet accounts for some interesting night sky alignments. As Earth makes its annual revolution around the Sun, the Sun seems to go through twelve constellations known as the zodiac. Astronomers call the Sun's path the ecliptic, and since the planets orbit the Sun (and Moon circles Earth) on nearly the same plane, the planets and Moon travel close to the ecliptic in what is called the ecliptic band.

But that's not the coincidence. What's unusual is the number of other night sky objects within the ecliptic band. While the band occupies only 1/7 of the sky, nearly 1/4 of the 21 brightest stars (Aldebaran, Antares, Pollux, Regulus and Spica) are within it. And two of the three brightest star clusters (Hyades and Pleiades) are within the band. Thus the planets and Moon often pass near, and occasionally pass in front of these objects, making for some interesting stargazing.

• Naked-eye Planets: Evening: Mercury, very low in west southwest at dusk, is highest above the setting Sun Feb. 24. Red Mars is high in the southwest with creamy Saturn high in the east. Morning: Venus is the "morning star" low in the east southeast. Jupiter is the brightest object high in the south.

• Astro Milestones: Feb. 15 is the 442nd birthday of Galileo Galilei (1564-1642). Feb. 18 is the 76th anniversary of the 1930 discovery of Pluto by Clyde Tombaugh. Feb. 19 is the 533rd birthday of Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543).

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

See more GEESO photos in next week's edition of The Eldorado Success



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Kara Sue Garlitz won First National Bank's "Valentine's Sudoku Contest" and claimed her prize consisting of Valentine's candy, movie tickets and cash for a Valentine's meal from Deanne Walker.

County commissioners meet

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also approved travel expenses for members of the county airport board to attend the 2006 aviation conference in Austin on March 22-24.

The commissioners then chose not to pay the county's annual dues to the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor coalition and tabled discussion of lighting at the Eldorado Place Apartments since Commissioner Bill Clark was not present. Clark had asked that the item be on the agenda since area residents complained about the lack of lighting and the large number of children

playing around the apartments. Likewise an item concerning road work around the school's softball field was tabled when no one appeared to discuss the issue with the commissioners.

The meeting concluded with the commissioners reviewing the current bills for the month and approving the accounts payable. Treasurer Karen Henderson requested a budget transfer and reported that she was able to take \$120,000.00 left over in the 2005 budget and transfer it into the county's contingency fund.

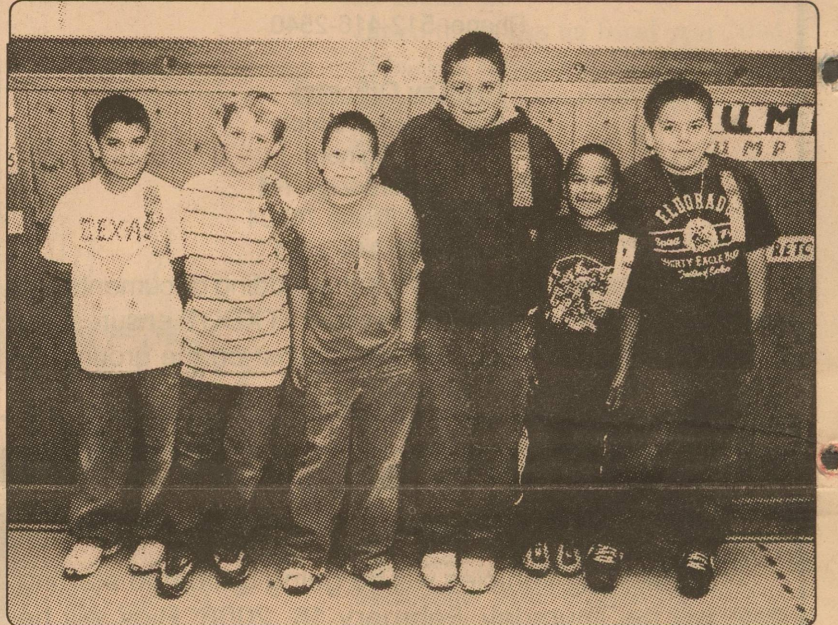


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2006 Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Off (GEESO) Winners-3rd Grade Boys (L-R): Adrian Martinez, Wesley Jackson, Julian Garcia, Carlos Guzman, Deonn Fuentes, Alex Rodriguez.

Capital Highlights...

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take a couple of months to verify all the signatures on petitions that will be needed to put independent candidates for governor on the November ballot.

Carole Keeton Strayhorn and singer-writer-humorist Kinky Friedman will need 45,540 signatures each to earn a spot on the ballot. Signatures may only be collected during a period immediately following the March 7 GOP and Democratic primaries until May 11.

Funding suggested for AG effort The Texas Criminal Justice Advisory Council said \$9.2 million is needed to expand Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's successful sex offender enforcement efforts statewide.

Abbott lauded the panel's recommendation for new funds that would pay for 56 more employees to be added to his seven-member Fugitive Unit force, which recently logged its 258th arrest. The money also would establish six regional offices across Texas to support the unit in its efforts to track down sex offenders.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER

The Schleicher County ISD (SCISD) announces its intention to apply for a waiver from the Texas Education Agency to begin its first day of student instruction for the 2006-2007 school year prior to the week in which August 21 falls. If granted, the waiver would allow the Schleicher County ISD to begin its first day of student instruction on August 14, 2006. The application of the waiver to TEA is in accordance with TEC 25.0811.

A public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 6 p.m. in the High School Library Schleicher County ISD Administration Building 205 West Fields Eldorado, Texas

Public comments will be gathered during a public hearing regarding the proposal to begin the 2006-2007 school year on August 14, 2006.

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA E INTENCIÓN DE SOLICITAR UNA EXENCIÓN

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Schleicher County ISD (SCISD) anuncia su intención de presentar una solicitud de exención ante la Agencia de Educación de Texas (TEA) para que esta autorice a SCISD a iniciar su primer día de instrucción el año escolar 2006-2007 antes de la semana en que cae el 21 de Agosto. Si la solicitud fuera concedida, la exención permitiría al Distrito Escolar Independiente de Schleicher County ISD (SCISD) comenzar su primer día de instrucción el 14 de Agosto de 2006. La solicitud de exención ante la Agencia de Educación de Texas (TEA) está presentada en concordancia con TEC 25.0811.

Habra una audiencia publica el día Martes, 21 de Febrero de 2006 a las 6 p.m. en el High School Library Schleicher County ISD Administration Building 205 West Fields Eldorado, Texas

Comentarios públicos serán recibidos durante esta audiencia pública concerniente a la propuesta para iniciar el año escolar 2006-2007 el 14 de Agosto de 2006.

PUBLIC NOTICE BY SCHLEICHER COUNTY

Chapter 258 of the Texas Transportation Code (AChapter 258") authorizes a county to clarify the existence of a public right of access over certain county roads. Under Chapter 258, the commissioners court of a county may propose and, after an opportunity for affected landowners to object to the inclusion of certain roads, to adopt a county roads map that includes each road in which the county claims the existence of a public interest because of documented county ownership or as a result of the county having continuously maintained the road since before September 1, 1981.

Schleicher County (ACounty@) claims the existence of a public interest in certain county roads that are included on a county roads map that has been proposed by the County Commissioners Court for adoption by the County under Chapter 258. A map that shows the county roads proposed to be included on the Chapter 258 county roads map will be available for public inspection during regular business hour in the Schleicher County Courthouse.

Under Chapter 258, any person asserting a private right, title, or interest in a road which the County has included in the proposed county roads map may protest the County's claim of a public interest by making a protest at the public meeting described below, or by filing a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the public meeting.

The Commissioners Court of Schleicher County will hold a public meeting for the purpose of allowing any person asserting a private right, title, or interest in a road in which the County has claimed the existence of a public right of access, by including it on the proposed county roads map, to protest the County's claim under Chapter 258. That meeting will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. on March 13, 2006, in the Commissioners Courtroom at the County Courthouse, 2 North Divide Street, Eldorado, Texas.

For protest forms or for further information, visit the office of County Judge Johnny Griffin in the Schleicher County Courthouse, or call at (325) 853-2766.

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