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County rescinds Burn Ban

Fire Chief Jerry Jones met briefly with Schleicher County Commissioner Monday, April 24th and advised that conditions are now right for them to lift the county-wide burn ban that has been in effect since November 28, 2005.

Jones told the commissioners that recent rains have "greened up" the undergrowth across most of the county. He said he drove over much of the county on Sunday and that his only concern was for the western-most portion of the county, and area where few people live and where lifting the burn ban would have little impact.

With that the commissioners agreed to Jones request to rescind the burn ban effective immediately. They noted, however, that the ban could be easily reinstated if Jones determines that conditions warrant such a move. It should be noted that outdoor burning of trash is still prohibited within the city limits by city ordinance.

The meeting was the commissioners' regularly scheduled session and was called to order by County Judge Johnny Griffin with commissioners Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown in attendance. Commissioner Bill Clark arrived shortly after the meeting began.

Among other business, the commissioners met with Extension agents Roxanne Fentress and Cory Stevens who asked for the county's help with the annual spring clean up day on Friday, May 5.

The men approved the clean up date and agreed to make county crews and equipment available for trash pickup. To have trash picked up on that date call the Extension Office at 853-2132. No tires, wire, batteries or appliances containing Freon will be picked up. It should also be noted that county employees cannot go on private property.

As part of the clean up day, the City of
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PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Bringing the heat

Eagles pitcher Artie Montalvo focused last week on the target given him by catcher Caleb Nixon as he uncoiled from his wind up and sent a fast ball hurtling toward home plate in the Warbirds' game with Wall. The Eagles nine came out on the short end of a 10 - 0 score.

FLDS man defies prophet, pays taxes on home

Patrick Pipkin, 23, of Colorado City, AZ, publicly defied FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs last week and appeared at a meeting with Bruce Wisan, the Salt Lake City accountant who was recently appointed as Special Fiduciary to oversee property owned by the United Effort Plan trust. The UEP, which owns most of the property in the twin cities of Hildale, UT and C-City, AZ, was once controlled by Jeffs and his supporters. But a Utah judge last year removed the fundamentalist prophet and several of his lieutenants from their positions as UEP trustees.

Since that time, Wisan has been locked in a power struggle with Jeffs' followers who until now have refused to recognize his authority over the property.

Delinquent taxes, and a town full of Jeffs' faithful who are refusing to pay is threatening to bankrupt the twin cities, as well as the local school district.

Still, Jeffs' order stands and FLDS members are supposed to refrain from paying their taxes.

The first indication that there might be a leak in the dike came last week when an eviction order was issued for Lyle Jeffs, FLDS bishop and brother to Warren Jeffs. However, instead of standing firm and refusing to pay his taxes, a FLDS member appeared on Lyle Jeffs' behalf and paid some \$14,000, the amount necessary to settle Lyle Jeffs' tax liability.

But at the same time, Lyle Jeffs was pressuring Patrick Pipkin to ignore Wisan's plea to pay back taxes. Later, when it was learned that Pipkin had attended a town hall meeting at which Wisan spoke, Pipkin was challenged by Lyle Jeffs and asked, "Are you for Warren?"

Pipkin reportedly told Lyle Jeffs that he still believed in the FLDS church, but not in Warren Jeffs.

On Thursday, April 21, 2006, Pipkin returned home to find his belongings in the yard along with a pair of notes from his mother telling him that he would be "damned" because of his decision not to follow Warren Jeffs.

At first, Colorado City town Marshall Helaman Barlow refused to intervene but did offer to help Pipkin gather his belongings so he could leave town. But, a phone call to Wisan's office brought a visit from attorney Jeffrey Shields who presented documentation that Pipkin had signed an occupancy agreement in which he also agreed to pay taxes.

That ended the standoff, but apparently not the animosity between Pipkin and family members who remain loyal to Warren Jeffs. Later that night, after Pipkin moved back into the house, his uncle, and several other family members, moved away in the middle of the night.

Meanwhile, Warren Jeffs remains a fugitive from justice. He is wanted by state authorities in Utah and Arizona and on a federal warrant for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution. The state charges against Jeffs stem from his involvement in arranging and ordering the marriage of under aged girls to older men within his church who were already married to one or more other women. Jeffs is also said to have presided over the marriage ceremonies and, on more than one occasion, he is said to have refused to allow an under aged girl to leave her marriage. That particular allegation resulted in him being charged by authorities in Washington County, Utah, as an accomplice to rape.

Annual clean up day slated for Friday, May 5th

by Roxanne Fentress, Co. Extension Agent

All Eldorado residents are being encouraged to participate in the Great Texas Trash Off on Friday, May 5th. Local sponsors include Eldorado Pride, Schleicher County, the City of Eldorado and the Texas Cooperative Extension.

We will have two major goals. The first goal is to clean up large items of trash and debris. The second goal is to encourage the planting of trees and other life giving plants. We will be emphasizing those that do not require large amounts of water for maintenance.

County Judge Johnny Griffin and County Road Superintendent, Clay Bursleson have stressed the County will be happy to pick up any items in the alleys on May 5th but cannot go on private property. If you have any large items that need to be picked up, please call the County Extension Office at 853-2132 and we will try to help make arrangements for pickup. Unfortunately, we do not have any means for tire disposal. Freezers and refrigerators can be picked up if the Freon has been removed by authorized personal.

The City of Eldorado landfill will be open Friday, May 5th 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. and load fees will be waived for Schleicher County residents, but not commercial loads. Remember to cover your load with a tarp before going to the landfill.

All volunteers are asked to meet at the Extension Office at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 5th, to sign up. Noon meal will be provided.

For more information on the Cleanup Effort, please call Roxanne Fentress or Cory Stevens at the Schleicher County Extension office at 853-2132.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Schleicher County Family and Consumer Sciences agent Roxanne Fentress (L) and senior 4-H member Allison Reynolds show Head Start students the proper hand signals for bicycle riders.

Eldorado Head Start students receive lesson bicycle safety

The Eldorado Head Start held a Bicycle Safety Day on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at the Catholic Church education building, and the weather turned out to be cool and cloudy for the riders.

As part of the event, the students participated in a Bicycle Rodeo, sponsored by the Schleicher County Family and Consumer Sciences Programming Committee and assisted by Senior 4-H members Lauren Brown, Chandra Wanoreck and Allison Reynolds.

Catie Wiedenhofer of San Angelo, director of the Safe Kids Coalition, presented

a brief safety program to the children outside.

Safety information packets, including safety coloring book and crayons were provided to the students by the Texas Department of Transportation from San Angelo.

Then, as the program moved indoors, Schleicher County Family and Consumer Sciences agent Roxanne Fentress and local 4-H members reinforced the training by going over safety signals the students had learned earlier as they rode their bikes around inside the building.

Healthy Rivers Help Rural Texas

by Myron Hess
Manager, Texas Water Project
National Wildlife Federation

In rural Texas, water is life. Never is that more clear than in a dry year like this one. Across much of the state, farmers and ranchers are suffering. The fish and wildlife that depend on rivers and streams are hurting too.

Of course, droughts are a fact of life here in Texas. They remind us how precious water really is. And how little of it we have in dry years.

That's why we need to plan carefully for population growth. Projections show that the population will double by mid-century. Most of those 40 million people will be living in urban or suburban areas. Right now, most water is used in rural areas.

These growing cities will demand more and more water. To some degree, shifting more water to urban areas is inevitable, and even appropriate. But the state needs to make sure that rural Texas is not left high and dry in the process.

One part of that picture is taking care of Texas rivers. Increasingly, hunting, fishing, and tourism are important components of rural economies. And those activities depend, to a large degree, on healthy rivers and streams.

But in many rivers the state has issued enough permits to drain them dry when rainfall is scarce. Right now many of those permits aren't being fully used, but that will change.

Here's how it works: Surface water is public property and people get perpetual permits to pump it out and use it. Within limits, that's fine. We all need water.

The problem is that Texas law sets few limits on how much water can be taken from a stream. If we take too much out, we can artificially worsen and extend droughts for the river and the wildlife that depend on it. That's on top of natural droughts like the one we are in right now. The growth in urban population means that more of these existing permits will start to be used and the water will be piped off to urban areas.

Healthy river systems benefit people as much as they do wildlife. Hunting, fishing and bird watching create billions of dollars in economic activity every year in Texas. Setting reasonable limits on water withdrawals would help keep our rivers healthy and it would help to protect the economy in rural Texas.

If we're smart about it, Texas has enough water to meet human needs without unduly damaging our natural resources or rural economies. One of the simplest things we can do is to make sure that every water user in Texas uses water efficiently.

The city of San Antonio has proved that greatly increasing efficiency is possible by cutting its per capita water use nearly 40 percent since 1982. The result is that total water use in the city has stayed basically flat while the population has increased by more than 300,000.

If other cities followed San Antonio's lead, there would simply be less need to move water from rural areas to cities.

Agricultural water conservation also has much promise. By providing financing to help willing farmers take actions like lining irrigation canals and installing efficient irrigation systems, the state and cities can help free up more water that could be moved without hurting rivers or farmers. Similarly, that type of funding might help finance land stewardship practices that protect the land, the wildlife, and the water supply.

Beyond conservation, the state needs to implement some common-sense legal protections for environmental flows in our rivers. During the last legislative session, a bill was filed that would have gotten things moving in the right direction. It never

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An open letter to our out-of-county subscribers

Let me preface my remarks by saying that we here at *The Success* have experienced no substantial problems with mail delivery inside the confines of Schleicher County. But, the same is not true for those papers we mail to our out-of-county subscribers.

Delivery times of a week or more are not at all uncommon and that is for newspapers sent to relatively close destinations like Austin and San Antonio. It gets worse, much, much worse for subscribers living farther away.

There have been many times when we have heard from subscribers who received two, three or four weeks worth of papers, all bundled together. Their assumption is that we mailed them that way in hopes of saving money. The assumption is wrong.

The brutal truth is that the Postal Service doesn't care to deliver newspapers or any other mail product that falls under the Periodical classification. The money is in the junk mail, but more about that in a moment.

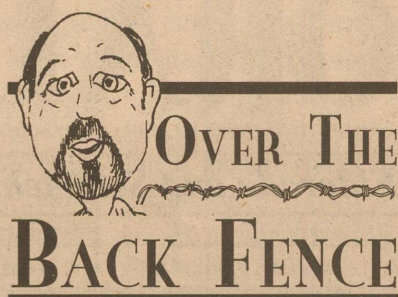
My purpose here is to explain in advance to our out-of-county subscribers, provided the postal service can deliver this edition in time, why delivery is about to get much worse.

It's all about the dollars

You see, the U.S. Postal Service lost most of the lucrative 1st Class mail business years ago to E-mail and the Internet.

Instead of looking for ways to improve service and win back its lost customers, the powers-that-be at the Postal Service decided to go after other markets. That's when they began selling caps, T-shirts and other such nonsense.

What in the world were they thinking? If the Postal Service can't deliver the mail, the job for which it was created, how is it going to



compete in the hard-nosed world of retail with the likes of J. C. Penny's and Wal-Mart?

But, as my old Graddad was fond of saying, "Even a blind pig finds and acorn every once in awhile." So it was with the Postal Service.

What they found was that as Congress restricted telephone marketing and unsolicited faxes, the doorway opened for the Postal Service to expand its stake in the junk mail delivery business.

The door swung open even more widely as Internet users found ways to intercept junk E-mails and block the pop-up ads that once infested the Internet.

Companies like Capital One were quick to see the opportunity put their foot in the door before it slammed shut. The credit card solicitations mailed by Capital One and other companies like them represent the bulk of the Postal Service's business. In fact, Capital One is the single largest customer the Postal Service has.

Now for the bad news

In recent years, as the bulk mailers and mega-mailers grew, so did their influence over the U.S. Postal Service. That influence has been used to cut ever-sweeter deals and force other postal customers out of the mail stream.

According to the Domestic Mail Manual, Periodical Class mail like newspapers are supposed to be routed along with 1st Class mail. But

it almost never happens that way.

Now comes the new 24-sack rule, a sorting and sacking rule that guarantees more delays in out-of-county delivery even as it drives up the cost. The rule is set to take effect next month and I fear that it will kill off our out-of-county subscriber base.

Fighting Back

Partially in anticipation of the new rules, and partially in response to the already poor service our out-of-county subscribers receive, we recently unveiled our E-Delivery edition. It is an electronic version of the paper that is identical in every way to the one you currently receive by mail, or purchase on the news racks, except it features more color photos. The E-Delivery edition is sent via E-mail directly to the subscriber's inbox, and (here's the best part) it arrives almost instantaneously.

The cost of an E-Delivery edition is only \$27 per year, that's less than the cost of an out-of-county mail subscription and it is delivered every Wednesday afternoon, even before the paper appears on news racks.

Single issue copies of the E-Delivery edition may be purchased from our website at www.myeldorado.net, but annual subscriptions are much more economical. And, even better, I'll send you a free sample.

Simply send me an e-mail with "Free Sample" in the subject line and I'll take care of the rest.

Benjamin Franklin was this country's first Postmaster General. But, before that, he was a newspaper publisher. Franklin often bragged on the national "Post Office" because of its efficiency in delivering the news. I wonder what he would say about the situation now?

Come to think of it, however, Franklin also discovered electricity. So, he would probably be the first to sign up for an E-Delivery edition.

Committee cranks out property tax legislation

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The 79th Texas Legislature convened for its third special session on April 17.

The House began its work by splitting the tax reform plan crafted for Gov. Rick Perry by former state comptroller John Sharp and the 24-member Texas Tax Reform Commission into four separate pieces of legislation.

On an 8-1 vote, the House Ways & Means committee approved the first of those four bills, House Bill 1, by Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, and co-sponsors Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, and Dan Branch, R-Dallas.

Rep. Mike Villareal, D-San Antonio, vice chairman of Ways & Means, cast the only vote against the bill. Villareal represents rich and poor school districts. He said the legislation widens the gap between rich and poor school districts in funding per student.

What the bill does, mainly

HB 1 buys down school district property taxes 17 cents to \$1.33 in the current year. An amended version of the bill contains a self-enrichment provision, letting local school districts conduct elections to add an extra 3 cents to the tax rate.

This buy down is supposed to give school districts "meaningful discretion" in setting tax rates. Chisum said his bill would satisfy the Texas Supreme Court order issued last fall that required the Legislature to meet in special session.

What to do with 'surplus'

However, with news from the state comptroller's office that the state budget surplus is \$8.2 billion rather than the \$4.3 billion reported earlier, the governor and others suggested using some of that money to buy down school property taxes much more: as low as 90 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property.

Advocacy groups for teachers and the poor argued that the state budget surplus is a phantom because of the longterm lag in teacher pay, inadequately funded health programs and a host of other needs. Others complained that HB 1 exacerbates the lack of equity in school funding, so the cost-per-student gap between rich districts and poor districts widens.

Full House to consider HB1

The amended version of HB 1 now moves to the full House for consideration.

Meanwhile, Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, offered SB 1, her version of school finance reform. It includes a \$2,000 raise for teachers.

But as concerns about teacher pay and the condition of public education in Texas pour in, the governor's office is holding fast its story, that until Gov. Perry changes his mind, the special session is only about one thing: lowering the tax rate.

Cigarette tax phase-in OK'd

House Ways & Means also approved a cigarette tax to help offset the cut in the property taxes.

Under the Perry-Sharp plan, the tax was a full dollar above the present tax of 41 cents per pack.

The committee instead adopted legislation by Rep. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston, phasing in a cigarette tax to increase by 55 cents after Sept. 1 and by another 25 cents in each of the two following years.

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College Pranks

During my freshman year at Baylor, I learned how to play. We guarded the campus the night before homecoming, as tradition dictates. During the 3 AM to 6 AM shift, about 30 of us staged a huge auto wreck at the main intersection on campus. We had cars and bodies scattered everywhere. When a big truck came through and saw the obvious carnage, it took the driver about a block to stop his rig. When he finally arrived on the scene, we quickly got up and sang: "Good morning to you. We're all in our places with bright shiny faces and this is the way to start a new day."

Pretty soon the cops put a stop to that. Guarding the campus proved futile. Just after 6 AM, when the guard session was over, somebody painted TCU on the stadium wall. It had to be sandblasted off and we felt responsible. We went to Fort Worth and painted a big BU in front of TCU's administration building. Some more creative ag types planted a big BU in rye grass on their playing field.

We once found a dead dog on the street, picked it up, and sneaked into a restroom in the girls' dorm. We carefully placed it into a toilet



by
Tumbweed
Smith

first, with the head and front paws showing.

We'd load up my convertible with anybody who was in Kokernot Hall and head for Lake Waco. We practically lived there during the spring.

When we saw a bunch of scouts, we'd go over to their campsite, pile out of the car, form a line, stand at attention, play taps on a trumpet, get back in the car and drive off.

We used to sit on Judge Baylor's statue and smoke. We had fun. We had so much fun I had to take an accounting course over in the summer.

That was OK with me. I didn't want to leave campus anyway.

During the summer we lived in Brooks Hall in a large room just above an archway. One complete wall of our room was windows. We used to hit golf balls out those windows toward downtown Waco. We

had water gun fights. Sometimes we'd put ink in the guns and guys who got shot with ink would have purple or blue on their faces and then we'd go eat at a downtown restaurant. We wouldn't tell the guys who got inked how horrible they looked. They wondered why everybody stared at them.

We brought back a dead shark from the coast onetime and put it under our wing director's bed. It was there for a week before he figured out what was stinking up the place.

One religious guy was always bothering guys in the dorm trying to save their souls. One night while he was asleep we sneaked into his room, sprayed a ring of lighter fluid around his bed, lighted it and chanted, "You're in Hell." We once took a guy's bed and personal belongings and set them up in the shower room. When he walked in, the record player was playing one of his favorite tunes. A couple of Chinese students rebuilt a Model A in somebody's dorm room over the holidays. One inventive student got a camel from a visiting circus and put it on the third floor of the library building.

OBITUARIES

Isabella McCutcheon

Isabella McCutcheon, 94, of Eldorado passed away Monday, April 24, 2006, at a local nursing home. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home. Services are planned for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2006, at First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado.

Erelene Patton Enochs

Oak Hill-Cedar Valley Pioneer Association.

Erelene and Buster moved to their ranch in Schleicher County near Eldorado, Texas, where she spent the past year with family and friends at her side. Loving care was provided her by Adela Sandate, Martha Lara, Lorena Castro and Vista Care.

Erelene is survived by her husband Buster, son Archie Ray, daughter Linda both of Austin, Texas, two grandchildren Brett Enochs of Austin and Erin Enochs of San Antonio. She is also survived by brother-in-law Tom Enochs, sister-in-laws Wenona Isaacs, Ethel Etheredge, Pearl Enochs and Amy Patton as well as many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a very special friend Kathy Hardin of Mason, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at the Eldorado Cemetery Chapel Thursday, April 27 at 10:30 a.m. with burial Friday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Oak Hill, Texas. The Rev. Andy Anderson will officiate. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home, Eldorado, Texas.

Erelene Patton Enochs, wife of A.R. (Buster) Enochs died April 24, 2006 at their ranch home near Eldorado, Texas. She was born October 24, 1912 in Oak Hill, Texas to Andrew and Webster Grumbles Patton. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and four brothers.

Erelene married Buster on March 31, 1945 upon his return from World War II. She will be remembered for her cooking ability. She always saw there was plenty of good food, especially her homemade cookies.

Erelene was proud of her Texas pioneer heritage. Her family came to Oak Hill in December, 1870 and was engaged in farming and ranching. She was active in the



Justin Leggett and Tara Holley

Holley-Leggett Engagement

James Mack and Karen Holley are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tara to Justin Leggett of Helotes, Texas.

Justin is the son of Rhonda and Gerry Usrey of Colleyville and grandson of Billy and Beverlee Williams of Eldorado.

The wedding is planned for October 21, 2006 at Texas Old Town, Kyle, Texas.

Tara is a graduate of Eldorado High School. She is a Senior Business Analyst with Digital Motorworks in Austin, Texas.

Justin is also a graduate of Eldorado High School. He graduated from Angelo State University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. He is a Senior IT/Programmer Analyst at USAA in San Antonio, Texas.

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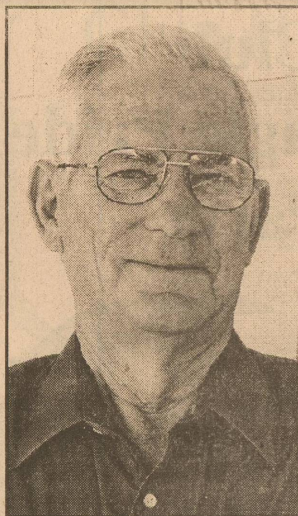
Committee OKs business tax

House Ways & Means also passed a business activity tax that would capture revenue from corporations — primarily legal

and medical practices — that have legally avoided paying the franchise tax in the past.

A taxable entity would get to choose the least costly of two methods: one, based on a firm's total revenue with deductions for either the cost of employees' salaries and benefits; or another, based on production and manufacturing costs. The tax rate would be 1 percent for most businesses and 0.5 percent for retailers and wholesalers.

A Message to the Residents of Schleicher Co. ISD



I, Robert Jay, have placed myself as a candidate for the position of School Board Trustee, Place 1, in the upcoming May 13 election.

I have a genuine concern for the educational well-being of Texas children enrolled in public education, in particular, those in Schleicher County. I would welcome the opportunity to work as a member of the Schleicher Co. ISD Board utilizing my experience in the school system to help improve and ensure a quality educational experience for our children. My wife, Pansie, and I moved to Eldorado in 1960. Our four children were reared here and graduated from Eldorado High School. Before retiring, I was employed by the SCISD school system for 34 years. During those 34 years, I held various educational positions including teaching mathematics, science, AP chemistry, physics, as well as serving as the high school principal.

The students of SCISD deserve a school system that provides safety and security in a nurturing environment as well as one that promotes an atmosphere of rigorous and intellectual learning. Teachers deserve an environment where they are supported and comfortable instructing at a level that places SCISD as a premier educational institution.

Your support, whether you are an actual voting member of District 1, or you are simply an advocate for the improvement of our educational system, is greatly appreciated.

Political Ad Paid for by Robert Jay

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, May 1

Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

Tuesday, May 2

Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Choc. Cake, Milk

Wednesday, May 3

Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/ Nuts, Juice, Milk

Thursday, May 4

Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Corn Bread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk

Friday, May 5

Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce/Tomato/Onion, Oven Baked Fries, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple, Milk

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

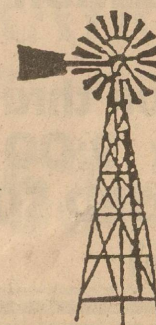
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Lady Eagles playoff hopes, season come to an end

by Syllas Politte
 Friday April 14, 2006, the Eldorado Lady Eagles ousted the Ozona Lady Lions 11-4. This was a game that most people thought Eldorado would easily win.

While the score would end up reflecting that, the game was by no means a walk over. Eldorado found themselves in several jams during the course of the contest. In two or three innings the Lady Eagles were forced to work their way out of bases loaded situations. Errors haunted the Lady Eagles providing the Lady Lions with some room to score.

The win over Ozona wasn't pretty, but it was a win none the less.

The problem may have been that the Lady Eagles were looking past the Lady Lions to their contest the following Tuesday verse Grape Creek.

On Tuesday April 18, 2006, the Eldorado Lady Eagles softball team traveled to Grape Creek knowing that they must win to stay alive in the district race. The Lady Eagles were coming off back-to-back wins over Reagan County and Ozona, and they were ready for the two games that would decide their playoff fate.

Eldorado would start out the game as they had during their previous

matchup with Grape Creek, losing early. The Lady Eagles gave up three runs in the first inning.

They managed to fight their way back throughout the game. After the 7th inning, both teams were tied. Eldorado came out in the top of the 8th and scored enough runs to move ahead of Grape Creek by 1 run.

In the bottom of the inning, Grape Creek would rally. They scored the go-ahead run with two outs and secure the victory.

They also ruined any thoughts this young Eldorado team had of making the playoffs for the first time in school history. The final score was 9-8.

The same problems that plagued the Lady Eagles all season were in full force Tuesday. Errors, errors and more errors. All but one Lady Eagle starter had at least one error.

Grape Creek scored 7 unearned runs on costly errors. Eldorado not only had fielding errors, but they had some running errors as well.

The youth of this years team finally caught up with them. Coach Brian Daniels said, "They just made mistakes you would expect a young team to make." He went on to say that the girls played hard and fought to the end.

The Lady Eagles were at home



Corie Williams kept her eye on the ball last Friday as she prepared to drive this pitch through the infield against the Ozona Lady Lions. The Lady Eagles won the contest by an 11-4 score.

Friday April 21, 2006 for their final district contest of the season. The game had no effect on the playoff hunt.

The Lady Eagles ended up dropping their final contest to the

Wall Lady Hawks.

The future looks very bright for the Lady Eagles. They will be returning their entire infield and many of the key players that have provided offensive and defensive sparks this season.

They will be dropping to Class 1A and many of the freshman that were relied on to carry this team will have one full season of varsity experience under their belt.

Many of these girls play summer ball and fine tune their skills year round. It is exciting to look at whets coming back and the potential this team has.

I'll be the first to say that I look forward to writing the headline: Lady Eagles Make 2007 Playoffs or Lady Eagles Win 1A State Championship. I won't be greedy, but I think we all know which sounds better.

Eagles nine fight back for win over GC

by Syllas Politte
 The biggest question for the Eldorado baseball team this season has been which team will show up to play? The question is not directed to their opponent, but to the Eagles themselves.

Will it be the Eagle team that looks sluggish and defeated, or the Warbirds that have made the playoffs 2 out of the last 3 years?

Tuesday April 18, 2006 in Grape Creek, the Dr. Jeckyl/Mr. Hyde personality of the team made itself apparent.

Eldorado was in a hole early against Grape Creek giving up 6 early runs.

In the top of the top of the 6th inning, Eldorado began their rally. The Eagles scored 3 in the 6th and

2 in the 7th to end up with a 9-6 win over the second place team in district.

Junior Russell Cathy pitched 5 solid innings said Head Coach Geoff Pilcher. "Russell had a real nice game on the mound for us today," Pilcher said.

Senior Jaaron Crawford came in to pitch the last two innings and earn his first save of the season.

"If these guys had played the whole season like they did today their is no doubt in anyone's mind we would be in the playoffs," Pilcher said.

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Lady Eagles tennis team places 2nd in District 2-2A

The Lady Eagles Team finished 2nd place over all in the district. District 2-2A was held on Monday and Tuesday, April 10 and 11.

Allison Reynolds and Lauren Brown placed third in the girls doubles. They duo won their first game against Waterhouse and Galbreath of Wall 4-1 and then lost to Mason's Nesloney and Radtke 4-2.

Seniors girls doubles Taylor Baker and Maxie Holley lost in the quarters in girls doubles to Levario and Moore of Reagan County 1-0 and 6-3.

In boys singles Michael Ballew placed third while playing injured, losing to Swade Draper of Sonora 4-6, 6-2. Ballew won his first match against Zach Gonzales of Reagan County 4-3. Then he lost to Abilez of Junction 0-3 and played Buist of Mason, 3-5, who lost to Draper of Sonora. 4-6, and 1-0. Ballew was only one to have a chance for a playback and advance to regionals, but he lost to Draper of Sonora.

Chandra Wanoreck placed

third in girls doubles. Wanoreck won against Hernandez of Reagan County 1-0 in her first match and then lost to Lange of Junction 2-3.

In boy's singles Abel Montalvo won consolation against Flanary of Wall 8-4.

Hilderbran responds to teachers' pay raise requests

AUSTIN - Representative Harvey Hilderbran today responded requests to vote about House Bill 1 by stating that the Texas Legislature's first priority is to meet the Supreme Court's June 1 deadline for addressing the school finance issue.

"The governor called us into a special session with the purpose of keeping our schools open this fall, so that is my top priority," Hilderbran said. "Once we accomplish this, I expect and hope to get the opportunity to vote on a teacher pay raise and other funding issues."

The Texas Supreme Court ruled last year that the existing school finance system was unconstitutional because it did not allow counties any meaningful discretion for setting property tax rates. Because the majority of Texas counties were setting the rate at the Legislature-mandated \$1.50 cap, this resulted in a de facto statewide property tax. The Texas Constitution outlaws statewide property taxes.

"I support a teacher pay raise, increasing teacher benefits, and giving teachers the tools they need to properly educate our children," Hilderbran said. "However, I am sure our educators would all agree that making sure our children are able to attend school this fall is the most pressing task."

Hilderbran noted that, during a special session, the Texas Legislature may only address those issues that the governor specifically requests in his proclamation ordering such a session.

"Once we accomplish the task

of constitutionally funding public schools, the governor may open the call up to other issues," Hilderbran said. "At that time, I will vote to ensure that our teachers are not left behind."

Healthy Rivers

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became law, but it did garner support from key legislators on both sides of the aisle.

There is cause for hope. The Governor has appointed a new Environmental Flows Advisory Committee to keep working on the issue in preparation for the next regular legislative session in January. You can find information about the issue and the new committee at www.texaswatermatters.org.

We need the Texas Legislature to step up to the plate and do right by our Texas rivers and rural Texas. Of course, we need to meet growing human water needs in our cities, but we also have an obligation to be good stewards and to pass along a rich Texas natural heritage to our kids and their kids on down the line. The good news is that, with the Legislatures help, we can do both.

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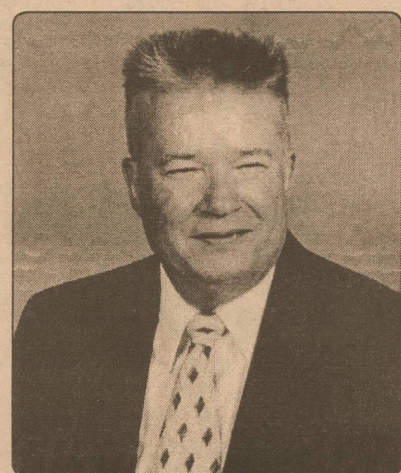
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


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State athletes can participate in Games of Texas to be held in Williamson County in July

Texas athletes who want to compete with the state's best should check out eligibility requirements to participate in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Games of Texas being held in July in Williamson County, located just north of the state capital in Austin.

Sports for the 2006 Games of Texas include: archery, badminton, baseball, bowling, boxing, disc golf, fencing, golf (youth/adult) gymnastics, lifeguard competition, racquetball, sand volleyball, soccer (youth), softball (adult), swimming, tennis (youth), track and field and for the first time in Games of Texas history, Wiffleball.

Many of the sports, such as badminton, baseball, bowling, fencing and sand volleyball, do not require prequalification. Others, such as adult softball, swimming, tennis, and track and field, do require prequalification. Registration deadlines and fees are different for each sport.

For a full listing of eligibility

requirements, registration deadlines and fees – as well as venues, schedules and hotel information – athletes should visit the official Games of Texas website at www.taaf.com/gamesoftexas. The Games begin July 21-23 with soccer competition. All other sports will be held July 27-30.

Local athletes such as Round Rock fencer Ray Sexton say the Games of Texas is a fantastic opportunity to compete in first-class venues, have fun and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow competitors.

"While Games of Texas is not a national championship, it is a fun local event," said Sexton, an optometrist who has competed in 15 of the last 16 Games of Texas. "I've brought home a number of medals over the years, and they are very nice. In fact, my wife's first competition was at the Games of Texas. She had a lot of fun and has been competing ever since."

Local lifeguard groups, including those who work at City of Round Rock and City of Cedar Park municipal pools, are expected to compete in the lifeguarding venue. Teams must pre-qualify for this state championship event by placing in other competitions first. A list of lifeguard competitions around the state can be found

on the TAAF website at www.taaf.com.

"We'd like to challenge other local lifeguard groups, to form teams that have the potential to compete in the Games," said Jennifer Gonzales, Aquatics Supervisor of the City of Round Rock. "Not only is it fun to compete, our guards hone their lifesaving skills and are better prepared to react in a real emergency situation."

Games of Texas, sponsored by the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation, is the largest multi-sport event in Texas with approximately 10,000 athletes competing in 20 sports and more than 25 venues. In addition to the athletes, more than 40,000 spectators, volunteers, and officials are expected. The estimated economic impact of the event each year is \$10 million.

One of the biggest challenges in preparing for all those athletes and spectators is enlisting and training volunteers. Organizers

say 1,000 volunteers are needed for registration, concessions, score-keeping, traffic flow, ushering, event setup and cleanup and scores of other duties. Volunteers are being coordinated by the Round Rock Volunteer Center. To volunteer or get more information on volunteering, call 388-4575 or visit www.volrock.org.

Host cities include Cedar Park, Georgetown, Leander and Round Rock, as well as Brushy Creek and Fern Bluff Municipal Utility Districts and Williamson County. The Opening Ceremony will be July 28 at the Round Rock ISD Athletic Complex, 10211 West Farmer Lane, Austin.

The Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Games of Texas, modeled on the Olympic Games, is an annual amateur athletic competition. Since 1991, the TAAF Games of Texas have been recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee as an official State Games.



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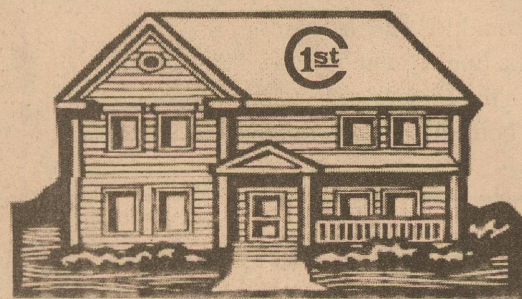
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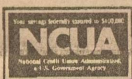
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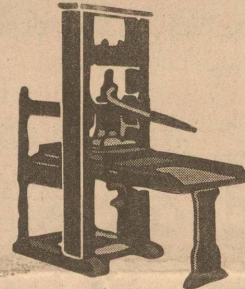
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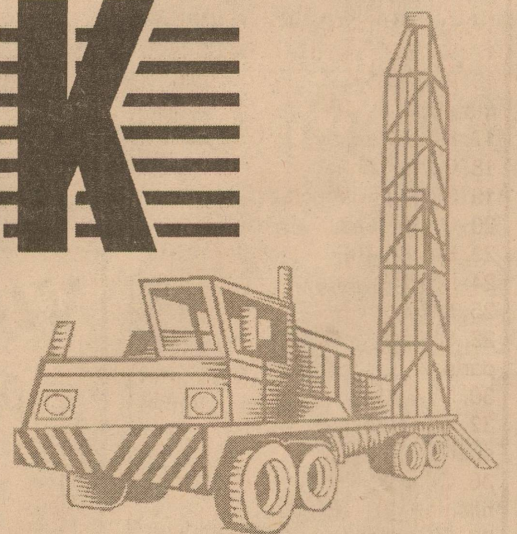
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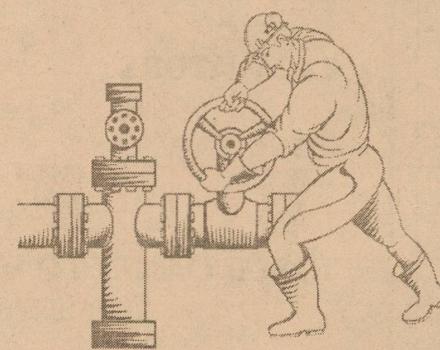
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Hospital District trustees hold monthly meeting

The Schleicher County Hospital Board met Monday evening with four board members present including Randy Mankin, Dr. Jim Brame, Jim Martin and Ricky Fuessel. Nursing Home Administrator Sarah Huge and nursing home bookkeeper Beverly Minor were also present.

Sarah Huge reported the Nursing Home was fully staffed and recently welcomed 4 new residents. Upcoming nursing home events will include the observance of Cinco de Mayo on May 5, and a special memorial day service will be observed on Monday,

May 29. Huge also told the board that an anonymous donor has agreed to pay for the installation of a new whirlpool in the nursing home. The whirlpool is being purchased with funds raised in a series of fund raisers.

Among other business, the board voted hire Kiser Carpet to repair and install new tile in walk-in shower stall. The cost will be \$3,793.00 for labor and tile. Another bid was received from an uninsured vendor in the amount of \$850.00 for the tiles and no labor cost quoted.

Also approved was the payment of a \$300 per year rental fee for the electronic voting machines belonging to Schleicher County.

Administrator Sarah Huge recommended hiring a TILE (Texas Index of Level of Effort) nurse consultant for the period of one year and the board approved the suggestion.

It was explained that the consultant will visit the facility once a month to monitor the nursing home reimbursement rates.

Texas Index of Level of Effort (TILE) is a classification system used to determine daily reimburse-

ment rates for residents in Texas nursing facilities. The rates determined by TILE classifications are used to calculate maximum cost allowances for nursing home residents and to determine reimbursement rates for the facility.

Beverly Minor then reviewed the district's financial reports and advised the board that nursing home income was \$7,100 ahead of budget and there was no bad debt to report for the month.

County discusses voting machine rental

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Eldorado will waive disposal fees for Schleicher County residents on Friday, May 5th. Dumping fees will still apply to commercial haulers.

Fentress then informed the court of the successes of the 4-H programs, reported in last week's Success.

County Clerk Peggy Williams then presented the court with a draft of the Election Service Contract. The contract is a term and rental agreement for the electronic voting machines and readers for each local governmental entity. Ms. Williams told the court the only question she has received was from the Water District. Williams said the Water District was not aware that they had pay the rental fee for the use of the machines even if they do not hold an election.

Under the county's present policy, each local governmental body, including city, school, hospital district, and water district, is required to pay \$300.00 each year in order ensure the availability of the county's electronic voting equipment, regardless of whether or

not they hold an election that year. To date, the county has spent some \$12,000 above and beyond the \$67,000 in grant funds that were used to purchase the voting machines.

Ms. Williams explained further local jurisdictions will also be required to pay the cost of programming fees and election supplies on those occasions when they do hold an election. She noted that she will have a draft copy of the rental contract ready for the commissioners to review at their next meeting.

In other business, the commissioners approved an indigent request for payment of an electric bill in the amount of \$163.89.

Next, Judge Griffin read aloud a letter from Gaines County farmer Jerry D. Harris regarding a lease agreement he has for Schleicher County school land located in Gaines County. In the letter, Mr. Harris asked for a 4-year extension of the lease. After discussing

several aspects of the lease, including Harris' participation in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) with some of the land, the commissioners opted to take no action. It was noted, however, that the deadline for Harris to renew the CRP program is Friday, April 28. The commissioners aren't slated to meet again until Monday, May 8, 2006.

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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1. Iowa college town
5. Author Silverstein
9. Pisa landmark
14. Talk like 32-Down
15. Vault's need
16. Piano key material
17. Not tricked by
18. Pelvic bones
19. Sibling's daughter
20. Chow down
23. Bullring VIP
24. Bronte's Jane
25. Not many
28. CIO merger partner
30. Menu pick
32. Wedding party's spot
36. Order to a rifleman
39. Make sense
41. Business card abbr.
42. Filled beyond full
43. Bisect, like a sheet of paper
46. Lays turf on
47. Painting on plaster
48. Big, fat mouth
50. "Absolutely!"
51. Speaker in the Hall

DOWN

1. Flying high
2. Sal of "Exodus"
3. Fruity-smelling compound
4. Fine china name
5. "The Jeffersons," vis-a-vis "All in the Family"
6. Links target
7. Beethoven dedicatee
8. Like lettuce or spinach
9. Cost of a phone call, once
10. Big Apple theater award
11. "... is me!"
12. Ltr. accompanier
13. Reuben bread
21. "... man ___ mouse?"
22. Surface calculation
25. Popular corn chip
26. Went for congers
27. Joins with a torch
29. Stone: Prefix
31. Christmas poem opener
32. Cartoon duck
33. Be nuts about
34. Runs without moving
35. Beer, slangily
37. Stephen of "Danny Boy"
38. ___ May Clampett chip
40. Formed a mental image of
44. Standard
45. English physicist Michael
49. ___ capita income
52. "Peer Gynt" dramatist
53. Replay technique, for short
55. Pyle of Mayberry
56. Tour giver
57. Certain navel
58. Barely beat
59. Helsinki native
60. Shade sources
61. Treater's pickup
62. The whole shebang
63. Nanki-__ ("The Mikado" character)

Giant Words

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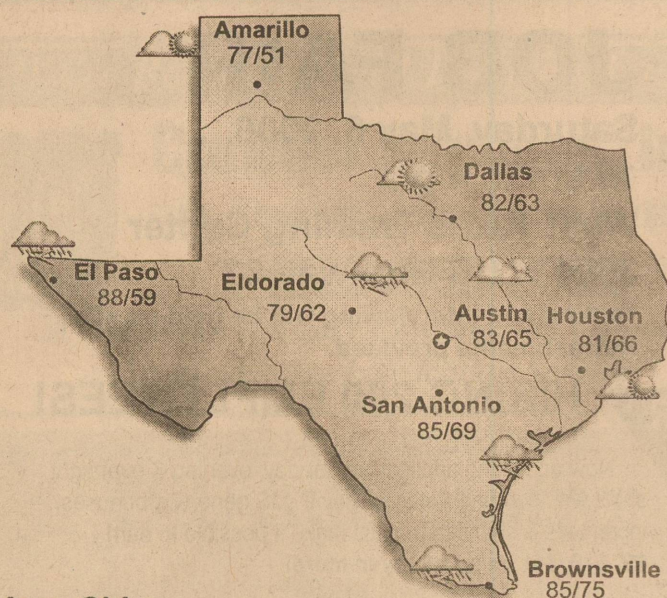
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 4/28	Sat 4/29	Sun 4/30	Mon 5/1	Tue 5/2
79/62 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	78/60 A few thunderstorms possible.	81/57 A few thunderstorms possible.	78/55 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	80/58 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
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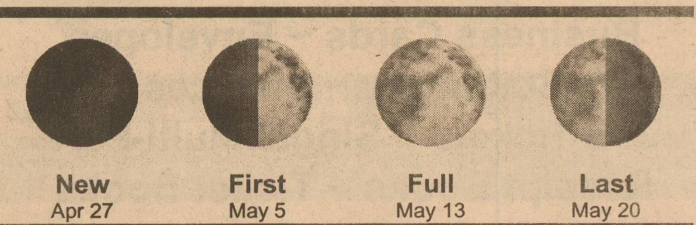
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	77	51	pt sunny	Kingsville	86	72	t-storm
Austin	83	65	cloudy	Livingston	81	58	mst sunny
Beaumont	80	61	mst sunny	Longview	79	58	sunny
Brownsville	85	75	t-storm	Lubbock	79	58	t-storm
Brownwood	82	64	pt sunny	Lufkin	81	58	sunny
Corpus Christi	82	74	t-storm	Midland	78	61	t-storm
Corsicana	80	62	mst sunny	Raymondville	88	73	t-storm
Dallas	82	63	mst sunny	Rosenberg	81	66	pt sunny
Del Rio	82	70	t-storm	San Antonio	85	69	t-storm
El Paso	88	59	t-storm	San Marcos	85	65	cloudy
Fort Stockton	83	60	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	79	60	sunny
Gainesville	79	59	pt sunny	Sweetwater	80	60	t-storm
Greenville	79	59	mst sunny	Tyler	79	58	sunny
Houston	81	66	pt sunny	Weatherford	79	60	pt sunny
				Wichita Falls	82	60	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	74	49	pt sunny	Minneapolis	72	50	sunny
Boston	57	42	mst sunny	New York	66	47	pt sunny
Chicago	62	42	sunny	Phoenix	78	58	pt sunny
Dallas	82	63	mst sunny	San Francisco	67	56	mst sunny
Denver	74	44	pt sunny	Seattle	65	49	cloudy
Houston	81	66	pt sunny	St. Louis	73	50	sunny
Los Angeles	65	56	rain	Washington, DC	74	50	mst sunny
Miami	84	70	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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Fri 4/28	Sat 4/29	Sun 4/30	Mon 5/1	Tue 5/2
10	8	10	10	11
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- ARRESTS**
April 21 • Lozano, Gracie Valdez, female age 27, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Af-fidavit to Release Surety/Order for Theft by Check. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.
• Flores, Everson Lee, male age 22, arresting officer SC deputy, offense MTR-DWI.
April 22 • Segarra Rivera, Carla Yolanda, female age 19, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz.
April 23 • Ramirez, Atonio, male age 31, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Family Violence 3rd.
April 24 • Corona, Mary Lou, female age 49, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Public Intoxication.

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• Dominguez, Jose D., male age 44, arresting officer DPS trooper, Border Patrol Hold.

INCIDENTS
April 18 • 7:14 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to respond in reference to a dog bite. Officer responded and animal control was notified.
• 7:50 p.m. Complainant reported a skunk by the post office. Officer reported clear.
• 8:44 p.m. Complainant reported property being stolen from her yard for the second time. Officer responded.
• 9:14 p.m. Complainant reported a speeding driver running a stop sign in a residential neighborhood. Requesting officer to patrol. Officers were notified.

April 19 • 12:50 a.m. Caller advised of an A/C unit on top of the Middle School that sounded as if it were about to break down. This office notified school official at residence.
• 3:47 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.
April 20 • 6:09 a.m. Caller contacted and advised S.O. of loose livestock on Hwy. 190 West approx. 24 miles out of Eldorado. Officer was notified as well as landowner.
April 22 • 10:44 a.m. Complainant reported that two of her bicycles were stolen from the baseball field. Estimated value was \$300. Officer was notified.
• 10:12 p.m. Complainant reported subjects throwing rocks at equipment on county road 426. Breaking windows. Officers responded.

April 23 • 9:31 p.m. Complainant reported a domestic dispute across the street from his residence. Officers responded.
• 9:35 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to stop by local business in reference to dispute from fuel being dropped. Store reported had received a shipment of regular unleaded gas from company out of Menard and upon measuring the gas tank it was 981 gallons short of fuel. Subject was advised to contact owners of business. Officer responded.

April 24 • 1:36 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had keyed all of the left side of his truck and the rear fender on the right side. Officer responded.
• 3:17 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated subject at her residence that would not leave. Officer responded.
• 5:59 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle has passed the bus with their stop sign out. Officer responded and was unable to locate.
• 6:04 p.m. Complainant reported a control burn by the golf course.

April 25 • 10:36 a.m. Requested to speak to an officer in reference that was made against her. Officer responded.

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Solution to puzzle on Page 7

Giant Words

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T	O	R	E	R	O	E	Y	R	E	F	E	W		
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Eldorado Spotlight



The Spotlight this week found senior 4-H member Taylor Baker and Head Start student Lindy Sanchez coloring a page from the Texas Department of Transportation Safety Coloring Book. Taylor was one of the 4-H members to assist Schleicher County Family and Consumer Science Roxanne Fentress during Bicycle Safety Day on April 25 at Eldorado Head Start.

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Womans Club tours Concho Valley Home for Girls

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Womans Club met Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Memorial Bldg. and we traveled to San Angelo for our annual field trip. The theme for our meeting was "We are Taking a Trip" and our destination was Concho Valley Home for Girls in San Angelo. Sixteen members and one guest had a very special day. Sammie Ruppeck, Director, welcomed us to the home. Sammie, daughter of John and Thelia Mayo and sister of Johnny Mayo, had been with Girls Home for

many years.

Sammie and her assistant had prepared a delicious luncheon of sandwiches, salads, cookies, and drinks. We thank them very much for our wonderful refreshment time.

We next enjoyed talks by Jesse, Stella, and Sammie. Each told us many different things about what makes up day to day living at the home for the girls and everyone there. Sammie told us about how members of the San Angelo Philia Club, a Womans Service Club, saw the need for a place where young girls could live and be a part of a caring home life. It took a lot of hard work from members of the club and others and many trips to Austin before the Girls Home was a reality as a part of the State of Texas Dept. of Family and Protective Service Dept.

The first home was donated by a doctor. Today there are three homes. Jackie, Stella, and Sammie told us about how the girls learn how to prepare for taking care of themselves each day as they grow up and especially when they are graduated from high school and leave the home and are ready to be on their own. They learn useful things like money management, health and nutrition, how to apply for a job, the importance of good manners, and the ability to get along with others. The girls learn how to cook and take care of where they live. On our tour we saw how well the girls kept their living quarters. They go to school at either Lincoln or Lake View. During the day and there they learn more about how to have good people skills and other skills we all need as we enter adulthood.

A special treat for us was a visit from a young woman, Chrissy, who at the age of 10 came to the home and was there until she graduates from high school. We enjoyed hearing how she had grown to be the beautiful person she is now. Today she is a confidant

young woman who has all goals for that are strong and caring as she prepares for each new day.

Chrissy's young son has special needs which she meets each day through love, care, insight and self assurance that she is a wonderful mother along with just being a great all around person. We thank Chrissy for coming from Brownwood and sharing with us some of the things she learned while living at the home.

It takes the help of lots of volunteers, counselors, very special house parents, good community support and many other supporting organizations and folks who help in the day to day growth of young girls growing up.

Today, we are happy to say, the young ladies can attend any State College for free. They also have financial help once they are out on their own with their living expenses and now they have help with their transportation expense.

We would have liked to meet the girls but they were in school. The girls have many special friends in the community and one such

person is Bishop Michael Pfeifer who once a month takes the girls out for lunch. Eva Tucker has also been a special friend just to mention two of their many wonderful special friends.

We learned so much during our visit. We are convinced the girls are getting the best care that caring, loving, knowledgeable people like Sammie, Jackie and Stella, the house parents and many others can pass on. Sammie told us that today the girls are confronted with many problems they didn't have when she first was associated with the home. We thank Sammie, Jesse, Stella, and Chrissy for taking time out from their busy schedules to acquaint us with much of what the home means to the girls and how far the home has come since its inspection. Sammie told us they are having a Silent Auction and lunch at the home on the afternoon of May 7th and anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

Their address is 412 Preusser. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 12:00 noon in the Memorial Bldg. Club Room.

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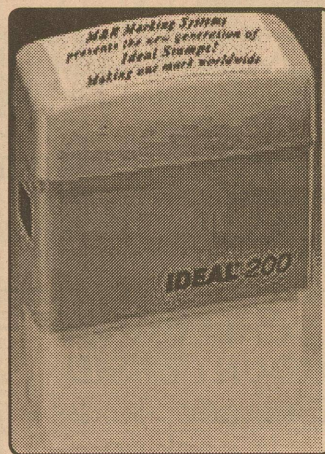
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State bound scholar

EHS senior Frank Edmiston received a 2nd place medal in Prose on Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the UIL Regional Academic meet held on the campus of Abilene Christian University. Edmiston had 7 minutes to perform two comedy excerpts from "Watson goes to Birmingham-1963" and "Out of Control." He will now advance to the State UIL meet in Austin on May 4 and 5th. Katherine Johnson placed 6th in Newswriting and will travel with Edmiston to state as an alternate.



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