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## Local crews assist with Crockett County rig fire

### Big Lake fireman suffers burns to feet and legs

Area fire fighters responded on Thursday, October 2nd, to a fully involved drilling rig fire located on U.S. Highway 190, about eight miles east of State Highway 163, near the Schleicher County line.

Rig 118 is owned by Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. of Houston, Texas.

Witnesses at the scene report that the rig was circulating with a synthetic oil based mud and was drilling ahead into a horizontal pay zone below 10,000 feet when crude oil began accumulating in the rig's reserve pit.

At that time the decision was reportedly made to light a flare on the flowline. The flare promptly set fire to the crude oil and the synthetic oil based mud in the rig's pits and storage tanks. From that point the fire quickly got out of hand and the call went out for help.

Ozona firefighters responded and contacted the volunteer departments in Eldorado and Big Lake for assistance.

Destin Wilha, 27, a Big Lake fire fighter and captain on the Reagan County Sheriff's Department, was injured when he accidentally fell to his waist into a mixture of oil and boiling water. Wilha also serves as Reagan County's emergency service coordinator.

Ozona Fire Chief Bob Falkner said that Wilha was asked to check a tool house that had some fire inside. Wilha apparently saw the water but thought it was just a shallow puddle of standing water.

Wilha was wearing his bunker gear but the water went inside his fire boots, Falkner said. Firefighters came to Wilha's aid to get him out of his clothing, and he was given first aid by a Big Lake paramedic Robin Collins.

A Crockett County ambulance was dispatched and Wilha was transferred by

AirMed1 helicopter to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

At the scene, Wilha appeared to have second-degree burns on both feet and ankles, Falkner said.

Wilha seemed to be responding to treatment but the burns on the top of his feet were worse than first thought. He was transferred by careflight on Tuesday to Parkland Hospital in Dallas where he scheduled to receive skin grafts on one of his feet.

"This has become a painful reminder that we are in a dangerous business and we can let down our guard," Falkner said.

Wilha is the grandson of Wyman and Charlotte Wilha of Eldorado.

The fire started around 11:20 a.m. Smoke could be seen as the Ozona fire fighters left town, Falkner said.

On arrival, fire fighters found a heavy volume of fire and black smoke, but the rig was still standing.

"When the first truck arrived, we made a fire attack but with 1,000 gallons of water we might as well been spitting in the wind," Falkner said. "When other trucks arrived, and a lot of water trucks, we brought the fire under control about 4:45 p.m."

Departments from Eldorado and Big Lake responded, as well as many companies with water transports. Eldorado firefighters answering the call to the fire included Ray Willoughby, Billy Fish, Joey Jones, Allen Corbell, T.J. Rodriguez, Jerry Felver and Fire Chief Jerry Jones.

Melissa Perner, editor of *The Ozona Stockman*, Marla Daugherty, editor of *The Big Lake Wildcat* and Randy Mankin, editor of *The Eldorado Success* all contributed to this story



PHOTO BY PAUL PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Patterson-UTI Rig #118 was fully ablaze last Thursday when firefighters from Ozona, Eldorado and Big Lake arrived to battle the flames. A Big Lake firefighter, Destin Wilha, was injured in the fire and will reportedly require skin grafts on his feet. Crews fought the fire for more than four hours before getting it under control. There were no other injuries reported. The condition of the rig is unknown.

## Conaway meets with citizens, explains vote on financial rescue bill

Congressman Mike Conaway was in Eldorado Tuesday to meet with voters and seek their input on a wide variety of topics. But he spent most of the 90-minutes he was here explaining the recent financial services crisis and his two votes on the \$700 billion rescue package.

Conaway went into great detail explaining how the recent crisis came to be then outlined his votes, first against the bail-out on Monday, September 29th and finally in favor of the deal on Friday, October 3rd. He said the decisions were among the toughest he has made during his four-year tenure in the House of Representatives.

Noting that several provisions he did not like had been stripped from the original bill and replaced with some assurances that Republican lawmakers were seeking, he ultimately decided to vote in favor of the rescue package on Friday.

One provision he said he liked was an increase in the cap for FDIC insurance on bank accounts from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

Conaway noted that by the time he voted the bill had already received enough votes to pass. He said he could have easily voted no, which would have pleased many of his constituents. "But that wouldn't have been honest," Conaway added. "I couldn't have lived with myself knowing that I had voted against what I thought was right for purely political gain."

The congressman fielded questions from several locals, including Phil McCormick, Ray Willoughby, Stan Meador

and Bill Nikolauk.

The event was hosted by 1st Community Federal Credit Union in its Community Room and was attended by approximately 20 local citizens.

Issues discussed ranged from the recent economic crisis, to postal problems and concerns about the farm bill. Still, most of the questions concerned the credit crisis which Conaway explained

was caused when the federal government began requiring banks and other financial institutions to lend money to unqualified borrowers.

The congressman acknowledged that there was plenty blame to go around between the two parties as well as congress and the Bush administration for not properly regulating the home mortgage industry.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Congressman Mike Conaway met with Schleicher County citizens Tuesday in the Community Room at 1st Community Federal Credit Union. Most of the meeting was spent discussing the \$700 billion financial services bail out passed by Congress last week and signed into law by President Bush.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Ronnie Mittel, Shirley Joiner, Judy Christian and Cary Baker receive a \$750 Verizon Volunteer Incentives Program check last week from Concho Valley RC&D coordinator Tony Rescendez on behalf of the Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation.

## Woolen Mill gets Verizon Grant

The Eldorado Woolen Mill received a \$750 grant from the Verizon's Volunteer Incentives Program (VIP). The VIP recognizes employee's contribution of time and talent to nonprofit organizations where they live and work. Under the program, employees apply for a grant for the qualified organization

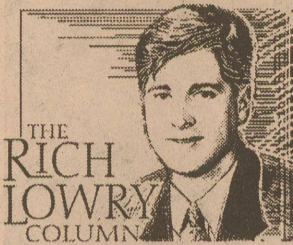
where they volunteered at least 50 hours each year. The Woolen Mill will use the funds on maintenance of the Mill's machinery.

Concho Valley RC&D's Coordinator, Tony Rescendez, assisted with the application process of the grant on behalf of the Woolen Mill.

# Is Phil Gramm to Blame?

Who's responsible for the panic of 2008? In the gathering legend, it's one man, former Sen. Phil Gramm, the ex-John McCain adviser who lamented "a nation of whiners" a few months ago and therefore is fit to have responsibility for one of the nation's worst financial crises heaped on his head.

Gramm's gravest alleged sin is pushing the 1999 Gramm-Leach-Bliley bank deregulation bill.



Barack Obama has identified the legislation as ground zero of the financial implosion. As a Texas conservative who afflicted liberalism for years before decamping to Wall Street,

Gramm is easy to vilify. That doesn't make the case against him any less unjust.

The law allowed commercial and investment banks to consolidate, repealing the New Deal-era Glass-Steagall Act that prevented banks from offering customers insurance, investment or commercial banking services. Gramm-Leach-Bliley tore down the artificial walls between financial institutions. Was this the disastrous mistake that it is now portrayed as on the stump? No.

One, Democrats in good standing supported the final bill. Robert Rubin and Larry Summers, Clinton Treasury officials whom Obama relies on for advice, supported it. Joe Biden voted for it, it passed the Senate with 90 votes, and President Clinton signed it. If the bill were so obviously the road to financial perdition, presumably some of these Democrats much keener to regulate the economy than Gramm would have voted "no."

Two, the bill was a foregone conclusion. Europe already had so-called universal banking in which financial institutions could undertake varied operations. U.S. banks were finding loopholes in the law to keep up. The Gramm bill just blessed the world as it was already evolving.

Three, the legislation appears to have alleviated the current crisis rather than making it worse. Big, diversified financial institutions have been weathering the crunch better than anyone else and have occasionally swooped in to lessen the pain. Bank of America acquired Merrill Lynch, which would have been impossible prior to Gramm's deregulation. Otherwise, Merrill would either have gone under or been bailed out by the taxpayers. Similarly, J.P. Morgan wouldn't have taken over Bear Stearns.

The root of this crisis is subprime loans lavished on people who couldn't truly afford their homes. This bad debt was securitized -- i.e., chopped up -- and spread throughout the system as complicated financial instruments. Gramm makes an unlikely villain here, since he always opposed the rush to give marginal borrowers mortgages -- and took hell for it from left-wing activist groups.

It's the very word "deregulation" that galls Gramm's critics. In their simplistic morality play, anything promoting it must be to blame. But Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were practically arms of the government ("government-sponsored enterprises") and still did more than any other institution to spread the bad debt before requiring a bailout themselves.

It's certainly possible to fault lax regulation. The Securities and Exchange Commission's 2004 decision to allow the investment banks to double their leverage looks foolhardy. But the mistakes and mania that created this crisis can't be attributed to one man. In other words, Barack Obama and every other Democrat should lay off their scapegoat of the hour.

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# No Water in the Glass

## Laura on Life

by Laura Snyder



The little annoyances of everyday life are usually only on the fringe of your consciousness. Normally, the irritating things simply pass into your brain and out again with only a furrowed brow as evidence of their existence. But then there are days like today where everything is magnified to the point that the annoyances are the only things that register and every beautiful moment is wasted.

Obviously, these are your "glass is half empty" days. Some days, though, you can't see any water in the glass at all.

I woke up on whichever side of the bed is the "wrong" side. The first thing I noticed as I rubbed my aching head is the hole in the wall that my doorknob made. Though it's been there for six years, today is the day I wondered why my husband hasn't fixed it. My husband gave me a good-morning hug, but I was still thinking about that hole.

I went into the bathroom and realized that the light was left on all night and every insect that had been stowing away in my house had migrated to my bathroom, fried itself on the 60 watt bulbs, and dropped into a mass grave in my sink. I didn't think about the fact that we had very effectively eliminated every bug in the house without using a single chemical. No. My glass had no water in it.

I stepped into the shower and noted with frustration the bathtub ring and the hard water stains on the faucet. I got dressed and realized that the buttons on my blouse couldn't hold in the beasts. I mean the breasts. Instead of reveling in the curvy (read "plus size") figure that my husband is, for some reason, very happy with, I chose to be annoyed that one of my shirts doesn't adequately cover it.

Instead of being proud of my kids for making their own lunch in the morning, I was livid because the knife was left sticking straight up out of the peanut butter jar like a lonely sentinel.

I should've been pleased at the way the Carolina room looked after we moved the furniture. But all I could see were the indents in the carpet where the furniture had once been. How long would it take before those went away?

I could have a hangnail 360 days in a year, but today was the only day I noticed. What was wrong with me?

When I walked out my front door I ran smack into a spider web. Well, okay, off hand I can't think of anything good about that. I picked at my face trying to snag some of that invisible web, but to no avail. I bent over and tousled my hair trying to dislodge any possible live critters that were hiding in there. There is nothing I hate worse than spiders.

Well, except for that weed in my begonias. No matter how many times I pull that weed, it keeps coming back. Most days I would simply pull it without thinking about it, but today there wasn't any water in my glass.

So, I took out a full arsenal of garden tools and started hacking at that weed until I had pounded it into submission. I sat back and surveyed my work. I think I got the entire root out, but, I noticed, I had also annihilated my begonias.

Only then did I realize that the weed probably hadn't been that bad. Unfortunately, I had been so focused on the weed that my entire garden had suffered.

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# From Victim to Victory

In 1964 Tommy Sullivan of Big Spring was the classic juvenile fire-setter.

"I was playing with matches next to my dad's service station and set a two and a half gallon steel bucket of gasoline on fire. The gas was used to wash parts. The fire prevention message then was 'stomp out fire.' So I put my foot in the bucket to put out the fire and splashed gasoline all over myself. I spent the next year and a half in a burn center. Through all that I died three times on the operating table and the doctor said I would always be a cripple and never walk again. A month after I was released from John Sealy Hospital in Galveston I walked into the doctor's office. He was amazed and surprised. It was nothing short of a miracle."

Tommy has been chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department 11 years. None of his firemen get paid. He says it costs him about \$8,000 a year to be a volunteer firefighter. Howard County has had an above average number of fires this year because of all the rain we had last year.



by Tumbleweed Smith

"We knew when we had that 38 inches of rain that the fire season was going to be all year long because of all the fuel that had grown up from the rain. There's broomweed out there solid that's 4 to 6 feet tall and when it catches on fire, you might just as well pour gasoline on it."

His firemen were put in danger several times this year when flames were 80 feet high.

"Through training, my firefighters put themselves and their vehicles between the alleyways and the houses to knock down the flames before they reached the houses."

His toughest job this year was the Fina Refinery fire.

"That was the first time in my life I told my firefighters this might be the one we don't walk away from. I asked if anybody

wanted to stay behind and they all said no. Our motto is 'if you go, we go.' To have a bunch of men follow you into a situation like that is a humbling experience."

People in Howard County have a high regard for the volunteer firemen. While I was interviewing Tommy a woman from the Silver Heels area of town brought in a check for \$10,000. Residents of that neighborhood had formed a group to take up a collection to show their appreciation for the firemen, who saved 105 homes out of the 107 there.

"A bunch of my firemen told me they have been eating at a restaurant and when they went to pay the bill someone had already paid it."

Tommy has designed fire trucks for his and other departments. An international industrial fire-fighting group has asked him to serve on its advisory board. He has spoken to industrial firefighters from all over the world. His wife is writing a book about Tommy titled From Victim to Victory. He has been a fireman 24 years.

# Governor says taxpayers should not bail out Wall Street

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1424, the "Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008" on Oct. 3.

It was the House's second attempt in five days to prop up faltering Wall Street financial institutions. President George W. Bush quickly signed the \$700 billion legislation referred to by some as a "bail-out" and to others as a "rescue" plan.

The House vote was 263-171. The Texas delegation cast 17 votes against the bill and 15 for.

On Oct. 1, the U.S. Senate passed the legislation on a vote of 74-25. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison

and John Cornyn both voted in favor. On Oct. 1, with Congress edging closer to passing the legislation, Gov. Rick Perry said he did not want taxpayer dollars to bail out Wall Street.

"In a free market economy, government should not be in the business of using taxpayer dollars to bail out corporate America. Congress needs to take off its partisan gloves and work together to bring both short and long term stability to the credit markets. They need to stop blaming each other and start thinking about solutions that put the taxpayers of this country first," he said in a prepared statement.

Perry joined with Democratic Gov. Joe Manchin of West Virginia in urging Congress to take action. Manchin is chair of the Democratic Governors Association and Perry is chair of the Republican Governors Association.

System to nail uninsured drivers — An estimated one in five vehicles — about 4 million — drive on Texas roads without proper insurance, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced Oct. 2.

But now there will be extra pressure to "get legal" because of TexasSure, a motor vehicle insurance verification database designed to identify uninsured motorists.

Law enforcement officers will be able to tap into TexasSure and check records of registered passenger vehicles against personal auto insurance policy information submitted by Texas insurance companies.

"If you don't have liability insurance for your vehicle, your chances of getting a ticket just went up dramatically," DPS Lt. Louis Sanchez said.

Driving without liability insurance carries a maximum fine of \$350 and hundreds of additional dollars in court costs and fees. Repeat offenders also are subject to a two-year driver license suspension.

Volunteers clean up beaches

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson on Sept. 30 estimated 3,500 volunteers hauled more than 101 tons of trash off Texas beaches during the agency's annual Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup conducted Sept. 27.

That 101-ton total is all the more impressive considering for the first time in 22 years thousands of Adopt-A-Beach volunteers couldn't reach the beaches in Beaumont, Galveston or Surfside, Patterson said.

Abbott goes after price gougers

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Oct. 2 took legal action against a hotel in Nacogdoches and another near Katy for unlawfully increasing room rates during Hurricane Ike.

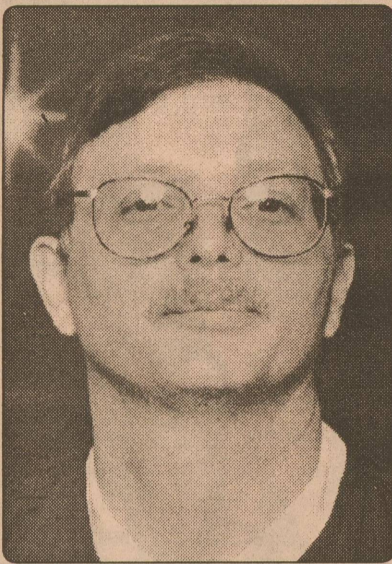
The attorney general's office is seeking civil penalties of up to \$20,000 per violation and up to \$250,000 per violation for victims over age 65.

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# OBITUARIES

## Ernest John "Johnny" Hanusch



Ernest John "Johnny" Hanusch, Jr., 52, of San Angelo passed away on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at Shannon Hospital, St. John Campus.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 4, 2008 at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Eldorado Cemetery.

Johnny was born on October 24, 1955 in San Angelo to Ernest John and Katherine Louise (Fowler) Hanusch, Sr.

Johnny was a graduate of Eldorado High School and T.S.T.I. of Waco. He was currently employed as a meat cutter with Walmart in San Angelo.

Johnny was always the first to help his fellow workers at work or those needing help in their personal life if the need was there.

He enjoyed entering food con-

tests at the stock show, taking best of show numerous times.

Gardening was his passion along with the animals he loved, Bear, Jumba and Shirley.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Hanusch, brother, Jerry Hanusch and grandparents, Elmo and Pearl Fowler and Walter and Elsa Hanusch.

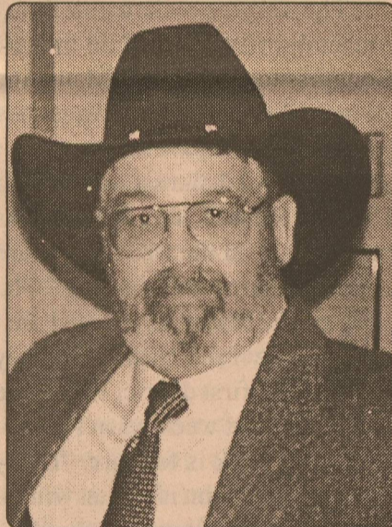
Johnny is survived by his mother, Katherine Hanusch of San Angelo; sister, Sheila Pardue and husband, Steven of Grape Creek; brother, Gary Austin Hanusch and wife, Donna of Eldorado; nephews, Gary Austin Hanusch, Jr. and wife, Kim, Cody Wayne Clements and wife, Melissa, Jody Lynn Pardue and wife, Katy; nieces, Chylynn Pardue, Katie Pardue, Cynthia Pardue, Krystal Pardue and Kathy Pardue; great niece, Sadie Clements, great nephews, Garrett and Dalton Pardue, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins along with his beloved pets, Bear, Jumba and Shirley.

Donations in Johnny's memory may be directed to the Pet Guardian Angels.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the doctors and nurses at Shannon Hospital 4 South and to the Skilled Nursing staff at Shannon, St. John's campus.

Family and friends may sign an on line memorial at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

## Jerry Edmiston



ELDORADO - Jerry Edmiston, 62, of Eldorado, passed away at Shannon Hospital on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008, after a battle with cancer.

Service was Friday, Oct. 3, at First United Methodist in Eldorado. Family visitation was Thursday, Oct. 2, at Kerbow Funeral Home. He was born in San Angelo on May 24, 1946, to Delbert and Imogene Miller Edmiston. He attended Eldorado schools and graduated in 1964.

He attended Sul Ross University and then enlisted in the United States Navy. He served four years which included a year in Vietnam. Afterwards he earned an associates degree from Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde. He also attended San Angelo State University.

He married Nelda (Nell) Fischer on Oct. 28, 1972, in San Angelo. They moved to Eldorado where he ranched and worked for the Western Company, B.J. Services, Halbert LPG, and Cleerco Drilling. He operated Eagle Video and Hayloft Beverage Center for

several years in Eldorado.

He was a hunter and avid fisherman. He was well known for his excellent barbeque. He also enjoyed wood working and dancing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Delbert and Imogene Miller Edmiston; father-in-law, Roy Fischer; and sister-in-law, Christy Fischer. He is survived by his wife, daughter, Rachel Edmiston, of Albuquerque, N.M.; son Will, and wife, Raney of Slaton; daughter Renee, and son-in-law, Larry Anderley of Jacksonville, N.C.; two grand children, Wyatt Edmiston and Brynn Anderley; sisters Genelle Sample of Grand Prairie and Jill Crawford and husband Randy of Ozona; mother-in-law, Nadine Fischer of Mereta; brothers-in-law Darrell Fischer of San Angelo; Rodney Fischer and wife Deborah of Killeen; and Jeff Fischer of Mereta. Nieces and nephews are Kelly Johnson of Grand Prairie, Ross Crawford and wife Brandy of Ozona, Colbey and G.L. Bunger of Ozona, Matthew Fischer of San Angelo, Jacqueline Codner and husband Austin of Sherman, and Nic Fischer of Mereta; two great nieces and nephews Hailey Johnson of Grand Prairie and Holt Crawford of Ozona; and many fishing buddies.

Pallbearers were Bill Sudduth, Ross Whitten, Johnny Mayo, Danny Halbert, Bobby Halbert, and Joe Max Edmiston. Honorary pallbearers were Jerry Bass and Eugene Bradshaw.

The family requests that any donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Tent Revival slated Oct 10-12 at Primera Iglesia Bautista

Primera Iglesia Bautista of Eldorado located at El Paso Street is inviting the community to attend our revival services this Friday the 10th, Saturday the 11th, and Sunday the 12th of October 2008. Also on Saturday the 11th there will be a men's and women's seminar at 11:00 am.

Gilbert Herrera will be our evangelist and singer/evangelist Noelia Cavazos will be bringing our special music. Cavazos will

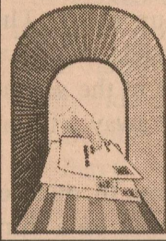
also be holding a "Puppet Children's Revival" simultaneously while Gilbert brings the message; so bring your children they will be blessed.

Gilbert Herrera is an Ex-drug addict, Ex-convict, who was also a leader of the Brown Berets of West Texas until Jesus Christ touched his heart. Gilbert says: "We're losing America and facing destruction."

Theme of the services will be "Palabras de Fuego (Words of Fire) The Harvest is Ready" John 4:35.

Friday and Saturday service will be at 7:00 pm and Saturday 11:00 am Seminar and Sunday service will be at 11:00 am. All three services will be bilingual. Come and be blessed!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

Dear Editor,

I want to express how proud I am of my daughter Cayla Vanecek, son-in-law Ben, and granddaughter Hope Cole, for their reactions on Friday evening. They were travelling South coming home from San Angelo and encountered a single car accident.

The young lady involved in the accident was hurt badly. Cayla held the young woman's head in her lap, keeping her calm until EMS arrived.

Again, Cayla and her family make me proud. Jeannette Jeffrey

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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9th Betty Robinson, Joaquin Rojas, Ronnie Mittel, Hector Chapa, Catherina Gower Harris, Jim Fryar, Pete Case, Uber Gonzalez, Jr., Hector Chapa, Tony Fay, Jose Adame

10th Mario Garza, Angie McGregor, Dorothy Dacy, Donna Hanusch, Maria Hernandez, Patti Riley, Loren Sims

11th Becky Moore, Brittani Romero, Steven Pina, Bessie Jones, Ty Williams, Kimberly Scott Thomas, Jack Griffin, Catlyn Ward, Nathan Mungia

12th Timothy Maskill, Nancy Doyle, Victoria Box, Sam Jenkins, Eddie Hill

13th Wayne Sims, Emalie Nixon-Key, Sue Russler, David I. Olivian, Sammie Mayo Ruppeck, Frances Moreno

14th Joe Bailey, Jennifer Crowder, Misty Harris, Anna Espinosa, Wayne Sims, Jennifer Arevalo, Sam Hernandez, Lidia Perez

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**Weekly Sudoku Puzzle**  
by Linda Thiele

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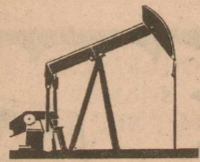
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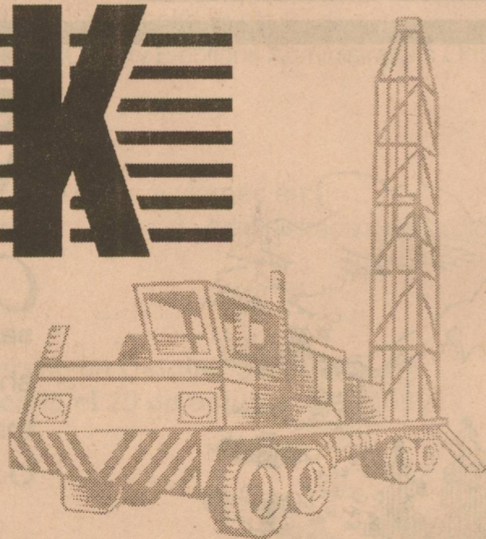
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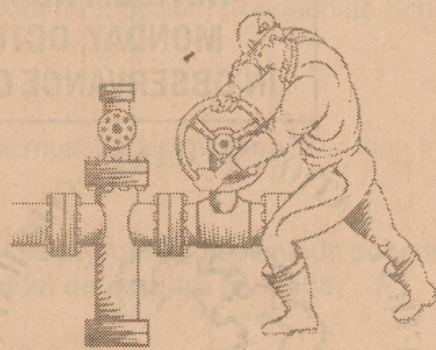
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# Eagles fall in overtime to Mason Punchers

*Plagued by turnovers Warbirds unable to rally for victory*

by Syllas Politte

Last Friday's district home opener could not have started off better for the Eldorado Eagles. Junior receiver/return man David Tiarado took the opening kick off all the way to the one-inch line which set up the Eagles first score on a run by junior running back Ivany Sanchez. After 26 seconds in the game, Eldorado led the Punchers 7-0. The Punchers were forced to punt on their first possession. With 8:37 left in the first quarter, sophomore running back Miles Mikeska took an inside hand off 27 yards for the Eagles second score. Just like that, the Eagles were on top 14-0.

Then things began to change. On a 3rd and long play late in the first quarter, Mason quarterback

Justin Yonker threw a 44 yard touchdown pass to Bobby Buist to cut the Eagles lead in half. Four minutes later Eagles quarterback Rance Cathey would throw one of two picks on the night. This one would be returned 45 yards for the tying score. At the end of the first quarter the game would stay locked up at 14.

Neither offense would be able to get much going in the second quarter. At half time the score would remain tied, but the Punchers appeared to have the momentum.

The Eagles kicked-off to Mason to start the second half. Both teams had scoring opportunities that would end up short. The Eagles made it inside their own 20 yard line twice in the second half only to come away with no points.

Late in the fourth quarter Cathey dropped back on a third down play and couldn't find a receiver open. He reversed his field and headed toward the end zone. He gained positive yardage, but as he was being brought down from behind committed the second fumble of the night for the Eagles and Mason regained possession late. The Eagle defense would slow down the Punchers offense enough for one final drive. The Eagles took over with a little more than a minute left and 2 time outs. They would get no closer than their 30 yard line before time expired.

Both teams headed into overtime for the first time all season. High School overtime rules are like college rules. Each team has an opportunity to score. When one team out scores their opponents after they have both had a shot the game is over. Eldorado would play offense first. They were unable to get anything going and after 4



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Eldorado tight end Dustin Gauna breaks across the middle after catching a pass from Rance Cathey as the Eagles battled the Punchers to a 14-14 tie in regulation last Friday night. Mason would win the game in overtime after Eldorado failed to score on the opening possession of OT.

plays came away with no points. On Mason's first offensive play of overtime, senior back up running back Adam Timms would run 25 yards for a touchdown and a Mason Puncher win.

Eldorado would lose another heart breaker and the chance to reclaim a share of the district title. Cathey said, "We had a lot of turnovers tonight and I committed some of them, but we have to get better next week and get ready for Menard." Eldorado Head Coach Johnny Burleson said, "The effort has been there the last two games. This one hurts a lot for the kids and the coaches. We'll need to watch the film and be focused on Menard."

Being focused on Menard is exactly right. The Yellowjackets are undefeated on the season and coming off a bye week. They are led by junior running back Jon Zamora, senior quarterback Zach Rambo and senior wide receiver Logan McSherry. Zamora is a quick threat out of the backfield and Rambo is an athletic quarterback.

Coach Burleson said, "They're not undefeated for no reason. They have some athletes and we will have to play good to beat them."

The Eagles will travel west on Friday night for a 7:30 kickoff with Menard. Eldorado will have to win out their remaining games to control their post season fate. It is a tough road, but senior lineman Timmy Maskill said, "Our backs are up against the wall and we are ready to come out swinging." The Eagles will need to do just that against the Yellowjackets as they go for their first district win of the season. If last week wasn't a must win, this week is for sure. "Every game at this point is a must win for us," said Maskill.

As always, KLDE 104.9 will be bringing you the action starting at 7:00.

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## EMS 8th grade defeats Mason 8-6

Eldorado 8th Grade Football team won 8-6 over Mason last Thursday evening October 2, 2008 on Mason home field.

Eric Estrada made a 25 yard touchdown scoring 6 points for the Eagles with Ruben Vazquez making a two point conversion in the first quarter.

The Mason Punchers would score a touchdown in the second quarter but the Eagles held them in the third and fourth quarter.

The offensive players of the game were Ruben Vazquez and Dylan Ramos.

The defensive players of the game went to Hagan Porras and Rico Martinez. Record: 3-0/ 2-0 District

7th Grade 5th Quarter was won by the Eagles with a touchdown by Jackson O'Harrow. The 2 point conversion failed.

Offensive players of the game were Mikayla Ramon and Miguel Huichapa.

Defensive players of the game were Bobby Martinez/Mikayla Ramon.

## City Council considers RRC citation in gas department

The Eldorado City Council met Monday, October 6, 2008 with all council members present.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay reported to the council that the probes in the above ground water storage tank on Hill Street were rusted and needed replacing. Fay passed around a photograph of the damage to the council.

Fay also reported that the Railroad Commission had recently inspected the gas plant. The RRC cited the city for not including a plan for the Schleicher County ISD gas system in their handbook. Fay advised that the discrepancy would be corrected.

Fay also told the council members the City would be losing two employees one to the military and one to another job opportunity. He informed the council street patching would continue as his remaining workers become available between their regular jobs.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then advised the council that she had visited with septic system inspector Charles McDonald who was recently hired by Schleicher County. She asked the council if they would be interested in an interlocal agreement with the county so the city could pay a share of McDonald's salary. The council asked several questions on how many septic systems where within the city limits. No further action was taken on the

matter. Mayo then informed the council she has not received a plat yet on the hospital trailer spaces and she has had no response from two garbage haulers on their rate increase.

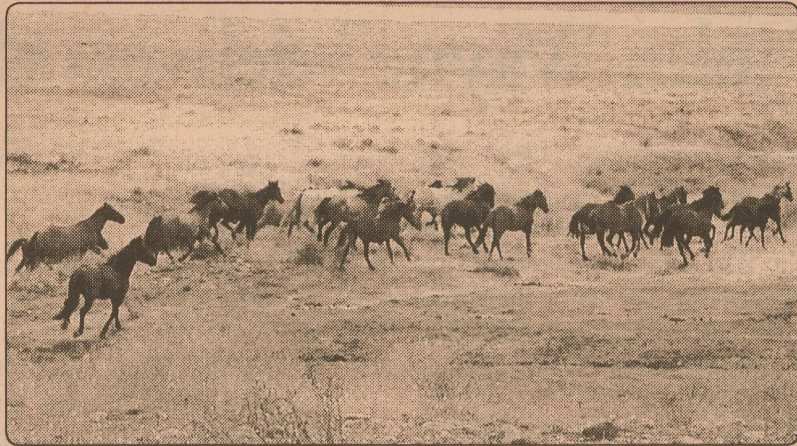
Fay and Mayo then brought up the school's request to move utility lines between the old and new gyms. A letter was circulated among the council members a letter from Architect Larry G. Harvey informing them of the school's desire to build over the space between the two gyms. The council looked over the enclosed plans before asking that the architect come provide them with more details about plans for moving utility lines that already occupy the area in question.

The council then approved the current bills and the minutes of two previous meetings on September 8 and September 23.

Under new business, the council voted to approve a resolution and contract to purchase natural gas through MuniGas at a lower rate.

Council members present were Stacy Haynes, Stan Meador, Dora Bosmans, Mayor John Nikolauk, Jon Cartwright, Richard Mendez and Dorothy Dacy.

The council is slated to meet next at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, 10, 2008 in the City Hall council chambers.



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## Touch of History

by Rene Calcoete

### Wild Mustangs

Free roaming Mustang horses were a common sight in the area that would later be Schleicher Co. in the mid -1800's. The native buffalo grass that grew so tall it touched the saddle stirrups of cowboys driving cattle through these prairies provided a healthy diet for these small ponies.

These beautiful horses were from stock the Spanish explorers left when they first came to this West Texas region.

Horses lived in North America in pre-historic times, but died out at the end of the last ice age around 10 to 12,000 years ago due to the climate changes. Many pre-historic remains of these horses have been found.

Indians used these hardy small horses as means of transportation. They would drive large herds to Mexico.

The last large Indian Battle occurred when a band of Kickapoo Indians were camped at Dove Creek Jan.8, 1865. They were driving a herd of Mustang ponies to Mexico when they were attacked by a Militia group of 325 Confederate Soldiers, under the command of Capt. S.S. Totten and Capt. Henry Fossett who mistook the group for hostile Indians. It is said that around 1,500 horses were lost during this battle.

A number of Mustangs were fenced in when Vermont Ranch enclosed 25,475 acres of ranch land in 1884. The horses would not get near the barbed wire fences or even go between the posts.

Some of the local ranchers tried

to capture these horses, and use them for saddle ponies, but they were to wild to break. A lot of the stock was shipped east to market, and some were just disposed of as being a nuisance.

Today the Bureau of Land Management is in charge of protecting, managing and controlling wild horses.

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- Oct. 15th—PSAT—Jrs. (Sign up in office)
- Oct. 17th—Sports Pictures
- Oct. 21st—TAKS Exit-Level Retake—ELA
- Oct. 22nd—TAKS Exit-Level Retake—Math
- Oct. 23rd—TAKS Exit-Level Retake—Science
- Oct. 24th—TAKS Exit-Level Retake—Social Studies
- Oct. 25th—ACT Exam
- Oct. 28th—ASVAB—Srs. (Aptitude Test)
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David grew up here, went to school here and returned here after serving honorably in the United States Army.

With the opportunities available to him after his military service he could have easily chosen to settle elsewhere, but it is here that he made his home and it is here where he raised his family, sent his kids to school and made a career in law enforcement.

I remember David as a student and I am proud to see the man that he has become. I am pleased to call him my sheriff and my friend.

David Doran has worked tirelessly to fulfill his duties as sheriff. He has modernized his department and given his officers the tools they need to do their jobs.

Times are changing and David has devoted the hours of continuing education necessary to keep up with those changing times. Today a sheriff must be more than a lawman. He must be an administrator, a diplomat and a family counselor. He must know when to negotiate...but when the time comes, he must know when and precisely how to act.

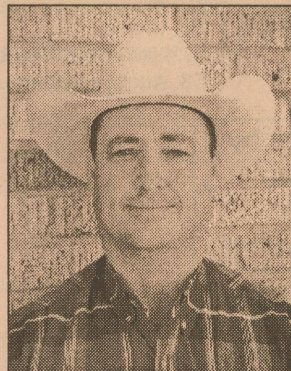
During my 38 years as a substitute teacher I have witnessed the dangers that illicit drugs pose to our youth. David understands that our children are our future and he recognizes the risks they face. His first priority upon taking office was to stem the flow of illegal drugs into and through our county and I am delighted that he remains dedicated to that task today, even as he is faced with new and daunting challenges.

Yes, David is one of us. He knows us, understands our values and shares our ideals. His hopes and dreams for his children and grandchildren are the same as ours...a better life, a safe community and a friendly hometown.

I'm voting to re-elect David Doran. Please join me in keeping him on the job working for us!



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Gene and his wife Norma of 47 years are native Texans and travel all over the county and will visit West Texas this weekend start-

ing with the Cowboy Gathering in Christoval City Park on Saturday October 11 and Sunday afternoon.

Pastor Howard will preach Saturday evening at Christoval City Park at 7:30 pm.

A mechanical bull riding contest will be held Sunday at 3:00 pm with entry fee of \$10 and buckles for the winners. Bull riding practice will be held Saturday at 5:00 pm.

Singer Blain Lilly will perform after the

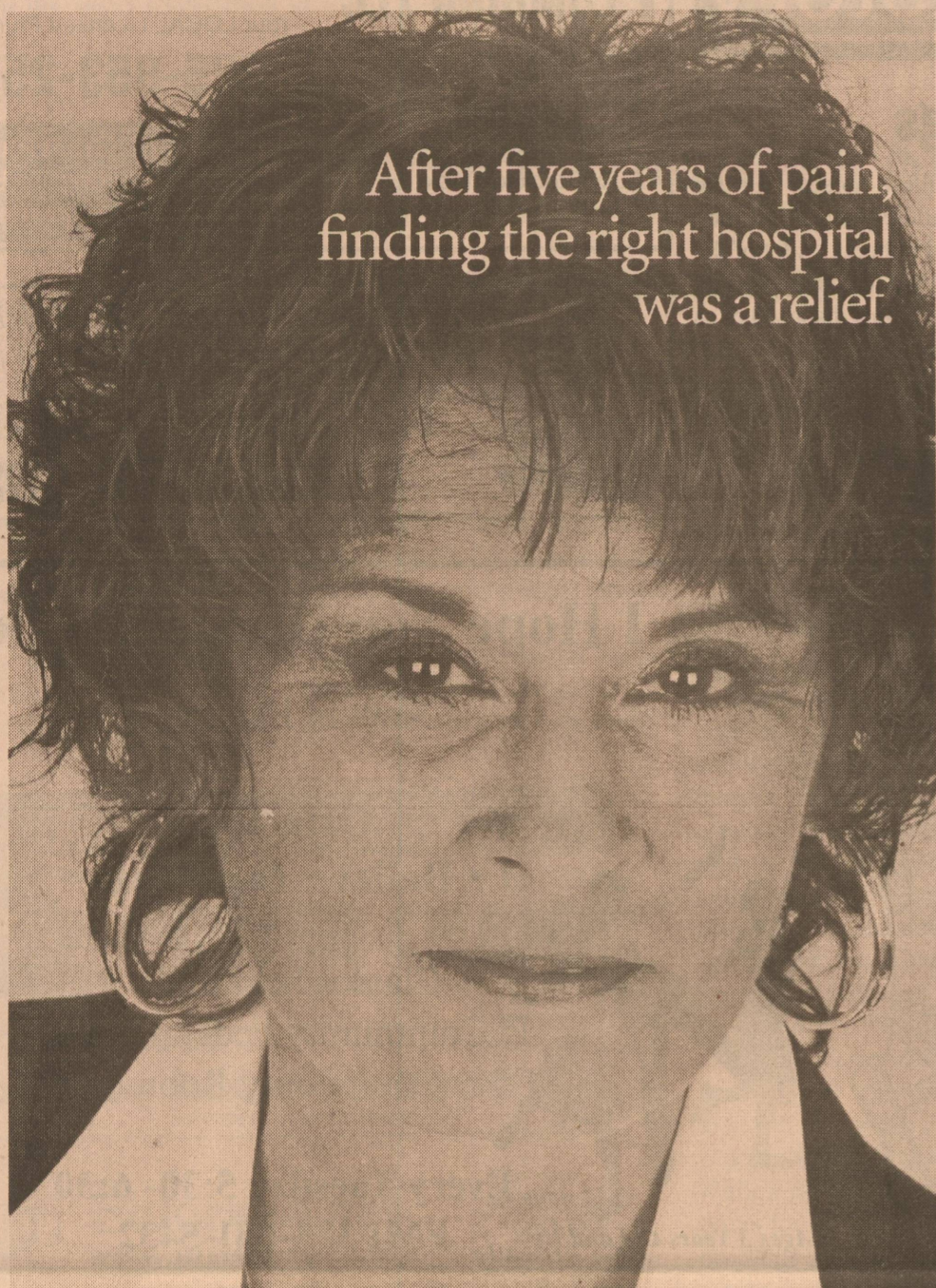
contest around 5:00 pm on Sunday.

Hosting the Cowboy Gathering will be Christoval, Brushy Top (Eldorado) and San Angelo Cowboy Churches.

First Baptist Church of Eldorado will host Dr. Howard on Sunday at 11:00 am during their morning worship service. Dr. Howard will deliver several of his poems from his album "What Made America Great, and bring a spiritual message on "Freedom and Sacrifice."

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The Eldorado Golf Club Championship was won recently by Cash Lane and Erika Snelson. Cash set a new record with his two day total of 125 which is 7 under par. Erika won the women's championship with a 141 for the two-day tournament.

## Can you pot of beans claim the Gold?

Do you have a pinto bean recipe worth \$250? The Schleicher County Nursing Home will be hosting the 3rd Annual 2008 Bean Cookoff on Saturday, October 25 and first place prize is \$250 cash.

The contest will be on site at the nursing home at 400 W. Murschion. The entry fee is \$25 per

cooking site. Beans must be made on site. Open fire, gas grill & slow cooker are allowed, beans can soak over night. Bean judging will begin at 1:00 p.m. There is a extra \$10 fee for electricity hookup.

Contestants must check in by 7:30 a.m. and tables decorated by 8 a.m. Tables must stay open until 5:00 p.m. Table judging will be at

11:00 a.m.

Vendor booths are \$10 and no alcohol is allowed on premises.

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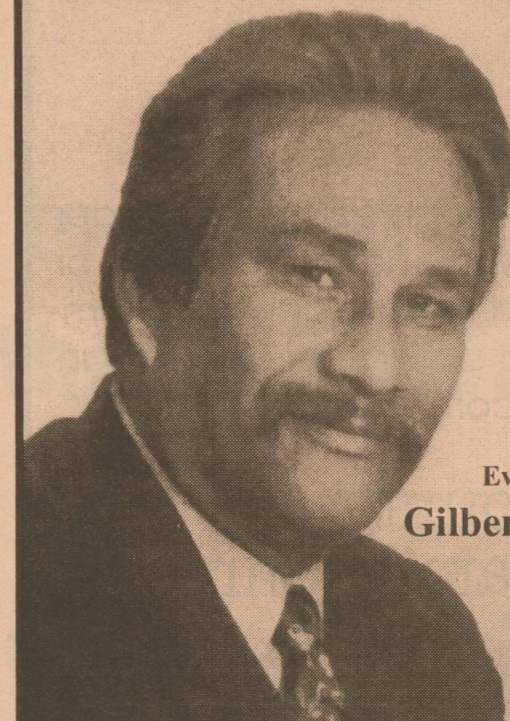
Prices will range from \$.50 - \$35.00 for pumpkins and gourds are \$.25 - \$1.00.

Local day care and classes from the elementary are invited to the Great Pumpkin Patch to hear pumpkin stories, play games, and paint pumpkins.

For more information, contact Jill Preston (325-853-3241) or Karen Stoeber (325-853-3020).

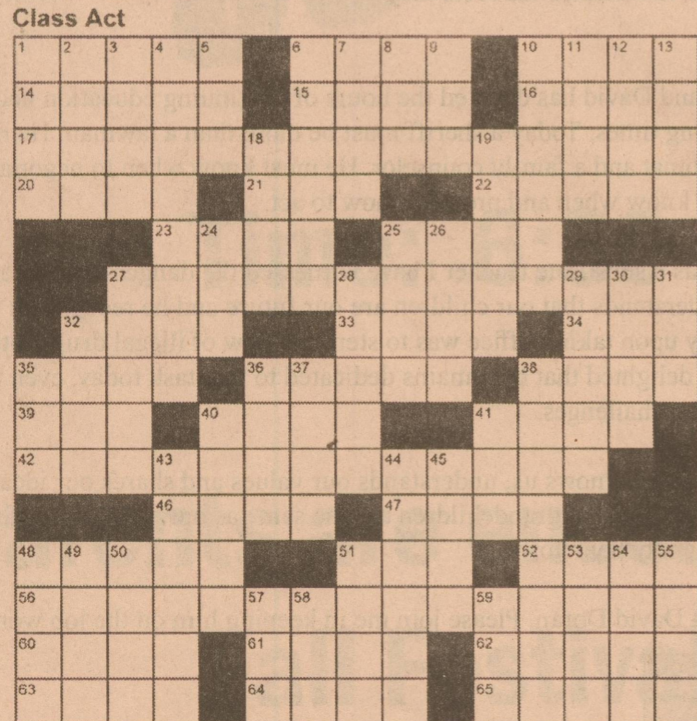
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## Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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 1. Carpentry or auto mechanics  
 6. New England catch  
 11. Lobster \_\_\_ Diavolo  
 14. Skater-turned-actress Sonja  
 15. Hosiery shade  
 16. On the \_\_\_ (fleeing)  
 17. Crackers sometimes tossed into soup  
 19. \_\_\_Wan Kenobi  
 20. Gad about  
 21. Pinhead  
 23. Old Eastwood Western  
 27. Like an oboe's sound  
 28. Pieces of spam  
 29. Pop up  
 32. Easy mark  
 33. Kennel club classification  
 34. Teacher's fave  
 37. Change machine fill  
 38. Diner basketful  
 39. \_\_\_ Scotia lox  
 40. Roofer's gunk  
 41. \_\_\_ fatty acids  
 42. Piece of grounds keeping gear  
 43. Rowan, to Martin  
 45. Open House attendee  
 46. Fictional Lorna
48. Kids' racers  
 49. On a train  
 51. Lang of Smallville  
 52. Voice man Blanc  
 53. Candice Bergen sitcom  
 59. Work with  
 60. Alpha's opposite  
 61. Bulldogger's venue  
 62. \_\_\_ capita  
 63. Exorcist's target
64. Wrapped up stown  
 7. Elizabeth player Blanchett  
 8. Dirt road feature  
 9. Ready for business  
 10. Yearned for  
 11. Hippie slogan  
 12. Like a mad dog  
 13. Friendliness  
 18. Retinal cells
22. Herbal brew  
 23. Transplant, in away  
 24. Appliance name  
 25. Office hangout  
 26. Serenade the villain  
 29. "You \_\_\_ kidding!"  
 30. Carrots' partner  
 31. \_\_\_ XING (road sign)  
 33. Victoria's Secret offerings  
 35. Meet component  
 36. Bite-sized pies  
 38. "Hood buddy"  
 39. Myrna's "The Thin Man" role  
 41. Container in a lunch box  
 42. Like much of Poe's work  
 44. Out \_\_\_ limb  
 45. Yankee Doodle's mount  
 46. Create a blockage in  
 47. Beyond plump  
 48. "Playboy" cartoonist  
 50. Russian legislative assembly  
 51. Michelle Wie's org.  
 54. On Soc. Sec.  
 55. Harry Potter pal  
 56. Uneven?  
 57. Like Willie Winkie  
 58. Auction assent



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## Election Administrator offers tips to make voting easier

by Brenda Mayfield,  
Schleicher County  
Election Administrator

Just a Reminder that the November 4, 2008 General Election is just around the corner. We are hoping for a large voter turnout this year since it is a presidential election. I thought I would pass along the following information in hopes that it might be helpful and possible make the voting process run smoother for everyone.

Some of you that voted in the March Primary earlier this year are already aware of the law that prohibits the use of wireless communication devices within 100 feet of a voting station. The voter is required to turn off the device or to leave the polling place. (Sec. 61.013). Also, the law that requires the voter to show his/her voter registration card. (Sec. 63.001) Even though I may have personal knowledge of who you are, it is required, so please make every effort to have your voter registration card with you when you come in to vote. If you have misplaced your voter registration card and your name is on the voter registration list, please do not think that you can not vote. Some voter's names may appear with special annotations like "S" for suspense ( you will need to fill out a statement of residence ) and "ID" ( for voter who must present identification in addition to a voter registration certificate). In this case you will have to show the clerk one

of the following forms of identifications before proceeding to vote: (REMEMBER THIS IS A LAW-THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS) (Sec.63.0101)

Documentation of Proof of Identification

(1) a driver's license or personal identification card issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

(2) a form of identification containing the person's photograph that establishes the person's identity

(3) a birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes a person's identity

(4) United States citizenship papers issued to the person

(5) United States passport issued to the person

(6) official mail addressed to the person by name from a governmental entity

(7) a copy of current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name & address of voter or

(8) any other form of identification prescribed by the Secretary of State

Early voting by personal appearance begins October 20, 2008 and continues through the close of business October 30, 2008 in the Schleicher County Memorial Bldg., Elections Administrator's office located at 1 North Cotton-

wood St. We will be conducting early voting during our regular business hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm with the exception of the normal lunch hour 12 noon until 1:00 pm. Everyone is eligible to vote early and we encourage anyone wanting to vote early, to do so.

Curbside Voting:(Sec.85.034) For those persons that can not come inside the Memorial Bldg. to vote early or inside the polling place on election day to vote due to needing assistance, curbside voting is an option. An election official is allowed to carry a ballot to a voter at the curb along with the proper paper work. Your ballot will be handled as a secret ballot just as it is in the polling place.

Ballot by mail is offered to those voters who are:

1. 65 years of age or older
2. Disabled
3. Confined in jail and who have not yet been convicted of a felony
4. Expected absence from the county on election day or during the early voting period
5. New Law: Persons who are

certified for participation in the address confidential program

Anyone that qualifies to vote by mail may call my office at (325)853.2302 and request an application.

Election Day voting will be conducted between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm November 4, 2008 at the following polling places:

Precinct #1- First Methodist Church Educational Bldg.

Precinct #2- Schleicher County Memorial Bldg.

Precinct #3- Schleicher County Courthouse

Precinct #4- Our Lady Guadalupe Catholic Church/Head Start Bldg.

If you are not sure what precinct you live in, again feel free to call my office and ask. We will be happy to give you that information.

I encourage you to call me at the phone number with any election questions you may have. We would like to see everyone have the opportunity to vote in the upcoming election.

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## Voter registration increases countwide

County election administrator Brenda Mayfield reported Tuesday that this year's voter registration period ended with an increase of 148 over the number that was on the books during the March primary season. She says that she expects a few registrations filed through the Secretary of State's office to trickle in between now and

election day on November 4th. 126 of the 148 increase came in Precinct #3 where many residents of the YFZ Ranch have registered to vote.

Records indicate a county-wide total of 2,027 registered voters at the end of the registration period. Early voting starts Monday, October 20, 2008.

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Bed Check

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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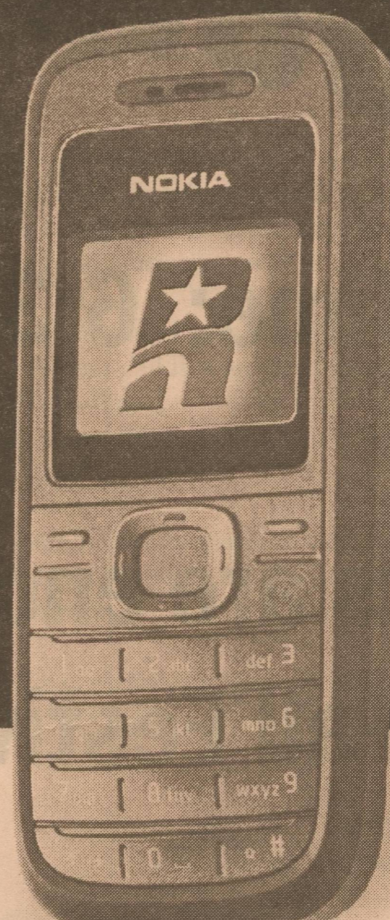
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## Uninsured drivers beware as insurance database rolls out statewide

TexasSure, the vehicle insurance verification database designed to reduce the number of uninsured motorists, is now available to law enforcement statewide.

TexasSure is a secure database that matches the records of registered passenger vehicles with personal auto insurance policy information submitted by Texas insurance companies. The project was mandated by the Texas Legislature and is a collaborative effort of the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Department of Information

Resources.

The statewide rollout follows a successful field test program by the DPS in the Austin area. TxDOT made the database available to tax assessor-collectors statewide in June.

"After a vehicle is pulled over, the TexasSure database is a fantastic tool that helps law enforcement identify those who are driving without insurance—or with an expired or phony insurance document," said DPS Lt. Louis Sanchez.

DPS strongly recommends that law enforcement agencies verify insurance coverage through existing methods before impounding a vehicle for no insur-

ance. It is DPS policy to not impound vehicles solely for no insurance, but other police departments may have their own policies.

"If you don't have liability insurance for your vehicle, your chances of getting a ticket just went up dramatically," warns Lt. Sanchez. "If you have insurance, continue to carry your proof of insurance, as required by state law."

Here's how it works: during a traffic stop, law enforcement officers may use the license plate and/or VIN of a vehicle to submit a query to the new database through the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS). Some

agencies will need to customize their software in order to obtain information from the TexasSure database. (Law enforcement departments have already received information on the program from DPS and can contact DPS TLETS for further information.)

Driving without liability insurance carries a maximum fine of \$350 and hundreds of additional dollars in court costs and fees. Repeat offenders also are subject to a two-year driver license suspension.

An estimated one in five vehicles—about 4 million—drive on Texas roads without the proper insurance.

## Texas, 33 states reach landmark \$62 million settlement with Eli Lilly & Co. *Settlement resolves Lilly's unlawful marketing of drug Zyprexa*

DALLAS – Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and 33 other state attorneys general today reached a \$62 million settlement with Eli Lilly & Co. The states' investigation found that the pharmaceutical manufacturer unlawfully marketed its antipsychotic drug Zyprexa to health care providers.

The case stands as the largest

multi-state consumer protection settlement brought against a pharmaceutical company. It follows on the heels of last May's \$58 million national settlement with Merck & Co. regarding its improper marketing of the former drug Vioxx.

Zyprexa is known as an "atypical antipsychotic" drug, which, since 1996, has been typically

prescribed for treating adult schizophrenia. Since that time, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has also approved Zyprexa for the treatment of varying degrees of bipolar disorder and for maintenance treatment of this disorder. While medical experts believed the new generation of drugs like Zyprexa reduced motion disorder symptoms and those similar to Parkinson's disease patients, the drug also produced unforeseen side effects such as weight gain, diabetes, hyperglycemia, cardiovascular complications and others.

Nonetheless, Lilly began an aggressive deceptive marketing campaign in 2001, downplayed the drug's harmful side effects and routinely marketed Zyprexa to health care providers for what is known as "off-label" uses. While a physician may prescribe drugs for off-label uses, the law prohibits a drug manufacturer

from marketing drugs to physicians for off-label uses. In this case, Lilly promoted Zyprexa for pediatric uses, for uses at higher dosage level than recognized by the FDA, for the treatment of symptoms rather than diagnosed conditions and to induce extreme sedation as a way to restrain elderly patients suffering from dementia.

Today's settlement mandates that Lilly implement a number of important reforms for a six-year period, which will extend beyond the 2013 patent expiration term for Zyprexa. First, the settlement prohibits Lilly from making any false, misleading or deceptive claims regarding Zyprexa. The company's medical staff, rather than its marketing staff, will be exclusively responsible for approving the medical content of letters and references regarding the drug's properties. Lilly's medical staff also must provide

accurate and scientifically balanced responses to requests from medical providers about off-label use information.

The company will also only provide Zyprexa samples to providers whose practice is consistent with the product's current

labeling. The settlement also requires Lilly to disclose to the Office of the Attorney General the amount of speaker fees it pays to physicians who give presentations to other physicians on the company's behalf about Zyprexa.

## EHS offers its students help with college financial aid

Eldorado High School will host a free college financial aid orientation of October 14, 2008, at 6:30 in the high school auditorium. The program, presented by Mr. Jim Glossbrenner, from the Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center, will last approximately one hour and will cover the steps in completing the general application form (FAFSA), stress the

importance of grants and scholarships, and explain the nature of student and parent loans.

Although the presentation will focus on seniors all students and parents are welcome and would benefit from the session. A drawing will be held for a \$200.00 scholarship for attending seniors or those represented by a parent.

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## Texas childhood immunization rates hit 5-year high

Immunization rates for Texas children increased 19 percent over the past five years to reach a record high in 2007, according to statistics released today by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Texas rate was 77.3 percent for 2007, up from 65 percent in 2002.

"The progress that Texas has made is the result of aggressive and sustained efforts of state and local partners along with families," said Dr. David Lakey, commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Lakey stressed that it takes continued effort to see continued

improvement.

The 2007 Texas rate is a 3.5 percent increase over 2006 numbers and ranks Texas as 22nd in the country, the highest ranking Texas has ever reached.

The national survey also provides statistics for four metropolitan areas in Texas:

- The Houston rate increased

4.3 percent from 70 percent to 73 percent.

- The El Paso County rate increased 12.3 percent from 68.9 percent to 77.4 percent.

- The Bexar County rate increased 7.4 percent from 74.6 percent to 80.1 percent.

- The Dallas County rate decreased 1.9 percent from 73.3 percent to 71.9 percent.

The CDC's National Immunization Survey provides vaccination coverage estimates for children 19 through 35 months of age. State numbers are based on the percentage of children completing the 4:3:1:3:3:1 series of immunizations. This series includes four doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP), three doses of polio vaccine, one dose of measles-containing vaccine, three doses of Hib vaccine, three doses of hepatitis B vaccine and one dose of varicella vaccine.

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## Putting The Internet On Your TV

StatePoint — For the past decade we've been told it was only a matter of time before our television sets and our computers would merge together. Now that day finally appears to have come and couch potatoes are meeting Internet lovers in the living room.

Until now, if you wanted to use your TV to view online family photo albums, YouTube videos or other online content, you either had to be a technophile or know someone who could do some fancy wiring together of your computer and TV.

Now, television manufacturers like Panasonic and others have begun to offer Web-enabled Plasma HDTV sets that provide instant access to some of the most popular content sites on the Internet. And consumers are responding at a healthy pace, with approximately 10 million households expected to have Web-enabled TV sets by 2011, according to industry research.

The attractiveness of TV sets that offer Internet content is obvious - more programming the viewer wants, exactly when he or she wants it, viewable on a large screen.

"Imagine being able to press a button and see a family member's photos from their vacation right on your own large-screen Plasma or enjoy one of the many intriguing videos found on YouTube from the comfort of your easy chair," said Bob Perry, Senior Vice President, Panasonic Consumer Electronics Company, which is offering a Web-enabled series of Plasma HDTV's.

The consumer electronics company is among the leaders in offering Web-enabled TV sets, with Panasonic's PZ850 series of VIERA Plasma HDTV's pre-equipped with VIERA CAST -- which provides instant access to YouTube, Google's Picasa Web Album and Bloomberg.

"Another terrific enhancement for the consumer is that when new Web sites become available they will be automatically available on the TV," added Perry.

The key is to allow viewers to seamlessly access an unending supply of content from the Web directly on their TV sets.

"We've been waiting for this for many years, and finally the coalescence of technology and compelling applications with consumer demand is making this possible," said Gary Arlen, president of Arlen Communications, a media and technology research firm. "Bringing the Internet to living room television sets allows viewers to access entertainment, information and other Web services where they like to watch things on a big screen."

For their part, consumer electronics companies are focusing on making all types of content

available on the TV screen -- no matter the source. For instance, Panasonic's new VIERA PZ850 television set allows viewers to watch HDTV movies and television channels, as well as Internet content and even videos and photos from their own camcorders or digital cameras.

For more information on Web-enabled TV sets, visit www.pana-

sonic.com.

"The new wave of TV sets is all about the convergence of all types of content directly onto your television screen. No matter if the content is from a Hollywood studio, your neighbor's Web site down the street or even your own family videos or photos, you now will be able to watch it on TV," said Perry.



Schleicher County Medical Center Director of Nursing Vicky Farmer gives a flu shot to Kevin Herbert during the hospital's annual Health Fair held last Thursday in the Memorial Building. The event was termed a success with approximately 300 doses of flu vaccine being given.

### Input sought for Environmental Quality Incentives Program

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Eldorado-Divide Soil and water Conservation District invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group meeting to be held at the 1st Community Federal Credit Union Building in Eldorado. This meeting will be on (October 21st) at (1:00 p.m.).

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Schleicher County.

Input received will allow the Local Work Group to make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed for county-based funding. These recommendations will be used in implementing the environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stake holder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

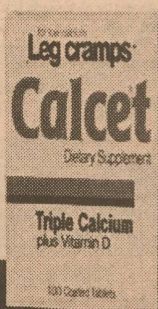
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Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usara en la Eleccion General que se llevara a cabo el 4 de noviembre 2008 se probara el 15 de octubre, 2008 a las 9:00 de la mañana en Calle cottonwood al Norte 1, Edificio Memorial del Condado de Schleicher, Oficina de Administradora de Eleccion, Eldorado, Texas para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Brenda Mayfield  
 Elections Administrator, Schleicher County  
 Administradora de eleccion, Condado de Schleicher

**Notice of General Election (Aviso de Elección General)**

To the registered voters of the County of Schleicher, Texas:  
 (a los votantes registrados del Condado de Schleicher, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., **November 4, 2008**, for voting in a general election to elect (presidential electors, if applicable), Members of Congress, Members of Legislature, and state, district, county, and precinct officers:

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el **4 de noviembre de 2008** para votar en la Elección General párar elegir (electores presidenciales, si es aplicable), Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, Y oficiales del estado, distrito condado y del precinto

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 Precinct #2- Schleicher County Memorial Bldg.  
 Precinct #3- Schleicher County Courthouse  
 Precinct #4- Our Lady Guadalupe Catholic Church/Head Start Bldg.

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 Precinct #2- Edificio Memorial del Condado de Schleicher.  
 Precinct #3- Casa de Corte del Condado de Schleicher  
 Precinct #4- Iglesia Católica de la Virgen de Guadalupe / Edificio de Educación

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:  
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 1 North Cottonwood Street  
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(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en):  
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 Calle Cottonwood al Norte 1  
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and ending on **October 31, 2008.**  
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 Eldorado, Texas 76936

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*Johnny F. Griffin*  
 Johnny F. Griffin, Schleicher County, Judge  
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**51st District Court Report**

51st. District Court of Schleicher County met Monday, October 6, 2008 with the Honorable Barbara L. Walther presiding.

Several cases came before Judge Walther and were postponed due to anything from needing more time to prepare, to getting a lawyer before proceeding. Most of the cases were reset to be heard on October 27, 2008.

The following judgements were handed down. In the case of Francis Marie Arispe, her plea bargain was reached with her being on probation for a period of 4 years, and restitution of \$5,536.08 to be paid. Ms. Arispe is also prohibited from having any contact with co-defendant Jose Valdez and others involved in the case.

In the case of Robert Sherman Young a plea bargain was reached in which he will be on probation for a period of 3 years and must pay a fine of \$750. and restitution of \$400. His lawyer stated he plans to relocate to the Houston area where he has family.

Otis Layne Babb also reached a plea bargain in which he will be serving 6 years in a state jail for the burglary charge and will be serving 365 days concurrently for

the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He did receive credit for the time he has been incarcerated.

In all the cases that were resolved by plea bargain, the defendants signed documents after Judge Walther verbally explained to them, at no time in the future can they return to court and appeal these decisions.

David Rogers, lawyer for Keith William Dutton Jr. member of the FLDS and charged with Sexual Assault, approached the bench and discussed with Judge Walther an issue and his hearing is set for Dec. 1, 2008.



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. Accidents 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**  
**October 2** • Vasquez, Jose, male age 18. Offense Driving with no Drivers License. Released on Oct. 4 on time served.  
 • Turner, Shirley Key, female age 43. Offense - failure to maintain financial responsibility. Re-

leased Oct. 6, time served.

**REPORTS**  
**October 1** • 1:21 p.m. Caller called in a controlled burn. All units notified.  
 • 2:00 p.m. Funeral home requests funeral escort for Friday Oct. 3. Units notified.  
**October 2** • 8:58 a.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer advised complainant to speak to Judge Doyle concerning any civil matter.  
**October 3** • 8:48 p.m. Complainant called to report a vehicle blocking their driveway. Officer responded.  
**October 5** • 9:00 p.m. Caller reported loud noise. Deputy responded.  
 • 10:59 p.m. Caller said a Hispanic male dressed in black was at his truck when he went outside. Caller then questioned the teen about what he was doing, and teen responded "breaking into your truck". At that point caller said teen ran. Report made and officer notified.  
**October 6** • 2:53 p.m. Complainant stated that he had received death threats. Verbal harassment. Officer spoke to complainant.  
 • 6:28 p.m. Caller reported controlled burn of old hay.  
 • Caller reported a vehicle making a sharp turn by the Sheriffs Office. Officer notified.  
 • 10:20 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver on 190 west heading toward town at a high rate of speed. Officer notified.  
**October 7** • 7:55 p.m. Caller informed Sheriffs Office that there was a loose horse in their back yard and wanted to know if anyone had reported a missing horse.  
 • 9:55 a.m. Caller reported two dogs at location. City notified.

**Grape Creek Education Foundation sponsors Bluegrass fund-raiser**

The Grape Creek Education foundation is sponsoring a Bluegrass JAMFEST! On Saturday, October 11, 2008 in the Grape Creek High School Cafetorium. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. There will be several groups featured including: JASPER JUNCTION from Greenwood, Louisiana, CLEAR RIVER from Weatherford, TX, CONCHO GRASS, from San Angelo, TX. (our very own "hometown" band,) and a very special treat, back by popular demand, GLEN BONHAM & SOUTHERN TRADITION, from Atoka, Oklahoma.

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The cost for this great day of music and fun is \$7.00 for general admission and children under 12 years of age get in free.

The funds raised will be used to further educational opportunities in the Grape Creek Schools Communities. For more information call Linda Rogers GCEF Secretary at 325-653-7030 or lrogers@suddenlink.net

**Capital Highlights...**

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Under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, businesses may not take advantage of a declared disaster by selling or leasing fuel, food, lodging, medicine or other necessities at an exorbitant rate.

**Voter registration grows quickly**  
 Since the March primaries, Texas voter registration has grown by nearly half a million people, Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade said Sept. 30.

There are now more than 13.2 million registered voters in the state, accounting for an estimated 75 percent of the voting-age population, said Andrade, the state's chief elections officer.

**Ag chief promotes dine-out day**  
 Many restaurants participated in the GO TEXAN Restaurant Round-Up Oct. 1 to help local food banks serve a growing number of Texas families.

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples asked Texans to dine out on Oct. 1. Participating restaurants donated a portion of the day's proceeds to Texas food banks in the Texas Department of Agriculture's "Texans Feeding Texans" initiative.

**Meals for Friends Menu**

- MONDAY OCT. 13**  
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- TUESDAY OCT. 14**  
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- WEDNESDAY OCT. 15**  
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- THURSDAY OCT. 16**  
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## FLDS church members sue in federal court to regain control of UEP trust.

Members of a the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) filed suit in federal court this week in an effort to regain control of the United Effort Plan trust.

The lawsuit alleges that Utah violated the group's civil rights in

2005 when the state courts took control of the trust and appointed Special Fiduciary Bruce Wisan to oversee its daily operations. The lawsuit also claims that state oversight has "secularized" the church's trust and is threatening the religious group's lifestyle.

The UEP Trust controls and estimated \$120 million in property and residences in the twin cities of Hildale, Utah and Colorado City, Arizona.

The lawsuit further alleges, "Utah, through its attorney general and the 3rd District Court, is

interfering in obvious ways with the exercise of religion by the members of the FLDS church."

State courts removed FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs and several of his lieutenants from the trust's board of directors amid allegations of mismanagement...allegations

which went unanswered by the trustees.

As part of his administration of the trust, Bruce Wisan has moved the trust toward private ownership of the property.

The trust was originally formed in 1942 and was reorganized in

the 1990's.

Bruce Wisan was named as a defendant in the case along with 3rd District Court Judge Denise Lindberg, Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff and Terry Goddard, the Attorney General of Arizona.

Wisan is quoted as saying that he doesn't believe the case has much merit and that he expects the Utah Attorney General's office to defend the case.

No individual plaintiffs are listed in the lawsuit, filed Monday by attorneys Rodney Parker and Richard Van Wagoner of Salt Lake City.

FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs was convicted last year in Utah on two charges of Rape as an Accomplice for his role in the marriage of an underage girl to one of his adult male followers.

Jeffs and seven others face charges here in Schleicher County Texas on charges of Sexual Assault of a Child as well as an array of Bigamy charges.

Monday's lawsuit could also be of interest here in Texas since an effort is underway to connect the purchase of the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado and construction there to the UEP trust. To that end, Bruce Wisan has hired San Angelo attorney Sam Allen to represent the UEP Trust here in Texas.

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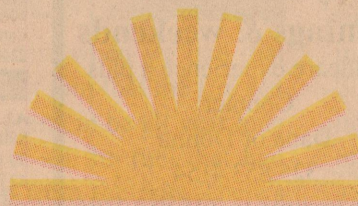
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## TDLR outlaws Fish Pedicures under state's health and safety rules

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) received several inquiries about a procedure known as "fish pedicure" or "doctor fish." This procedure involves a customer placing his or her feet in a footbath in which fish eat dead skin cells on the customer's feet. The issue is whether cosmetology and barber establishments may offer this procedure in Texas.

TDLR has concluded that the procedure is not permitted in Texas under TDLR's health and safety rules.

TDLR researched the health and safety aspects of the procedure, including seeking the opinion of officials at the Texas Department of State Health Services. In a statement issued to the press on Wednesday the agency said, "Based on this research, we believe that the procedure poses an undue risk to public health and is not consistent with TDLR's health and safety rules at 16 Texas Administrative Code, Sections 82.100 - 82.114 (barber) and 83.100 - 83.114 (cosmetology). TDLR rules do not permit this procedure because the same fish are used on multiple customers and could transmit infectious diseases."

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