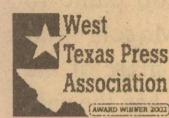


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About face...FLDS officials retreat from YFZ hunting retreat story

Allred now claims property intended for FLDS community

Eldoradoans can expect as many as 200 new neighbors soon, that's if the latest story being told by YFZ Ranch officials is to be believed. David Allred, the Hildale, Utah man who handled the purchase of some 1,691 acres of land four miles north of Eldorado, and who organized a company called YFZ L.L.C. to manage the property, met with Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran and Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 28th in an attempt to address a storm of controversy surrounding the land.

Allred reportedly admitted that the story he had told locally that the YFZ Ranch would be a corporate hunting retreat, was just that, a story. Instead, he claimed that the ranch had always been intended as a community of members of the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints. Allred said he had hoped the cover story would help to fend off the media frenzy that ultimately followed the FLDS to Eldorado.

Allred was joined in the meeting by three other men, Ernie Jessop, who was

identified as the Presiding Elder of the group and the man who is currently in charge of day-to-day activities at the YFZ Ranch. Also present were Allan Steed, who holds the office of Patriarch in the FLDS and Roy (or Royce) Steed who was identified as High Counsel.

The men reportedly told Doran and Doyle that they wanted to "be proactive" and notify local officials about their intentions at the ranch. They said the hunting retreat story had "backfired," thereby bringing the very media attention that they sought to avoid.

Sheriff Doran, said he had only a couple of hours notice about the meeting, tried to arrange for the men to meet with County Judge Johnny Griffin only to find that the judge was out of town and wouldn't be home until later that evening. He said he called Judge Jimmy Doyle in so that more than one person would be present to hear the men's story.

Doran said he prepared a list of questions he wanted answered, as well as questions he has heard from community

members. Included among those questions was the issue of polygamy.

"They admitted that, yes, plural marriage, or celestial marriage, as they refer to it, is at the very core of their belief system and is a very sacred part of their religious beliefs," Doran said.

"I told them that it is unlawful in Texas to engage in two or more state-sanctioned marriages at the same time," Doran said. "But, polygamous marriages, or marriages that are off-the-books, aren't addressed by state law."

"I made it clear, however, that taking on a spiritual or celestial bride under the age of 16 and the consummation of such a marriage is considered a felony in Texas," the Sheriff said. "Such a violation could result in state prison time followed by a lifetime of having to register as a sex offender."

Doran said that the men told him that some members of their group may have been involved in underage marriages in the past, but that the practice is not tolerated anymore.

"They say they want to be left alone to live as they choose, without interference from the government," Doran added.

Some of the interference the men are concerned about came last week from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which cracked down on the YFZ Ranch for air and water quality violations.

"They were concerned that the TCEQ had been called in on them specifically because of who they are," Doran continued. "I assured them that the city and county, as well as several local businesses, are regularly monitored by the TCEQ. Yes, the state has tough environmental rules, but they are tough for everyone."

Another of the questions the men addressed were the buildings that are being constructed on the YFZ. They told Doran and Doyle that two more buildings are under construction, bring the total to five. The buildings are designed to house a group of Prophet Warren Jeff's closest followers, the men reportedly said.

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PHOTO BY STACI KEY

Bringing in reinforcements — David Allred (center), the man who purchased the property for the YFZ Ranch, was joined last week by Roy Steed (L), Ernie Jessop (R), and Allan Steed (background) for a meeting with Sheriff David Doran and Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle. The men reportedly told the officials that their previous claims that the YFZ Ranch was going to be a corporate hunting retreat were false and that they used the cover story in hopes keeping the news media away. They now claim the property is owned by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS) and that a community of some 200 FLDS members will soon be living at the ranch.

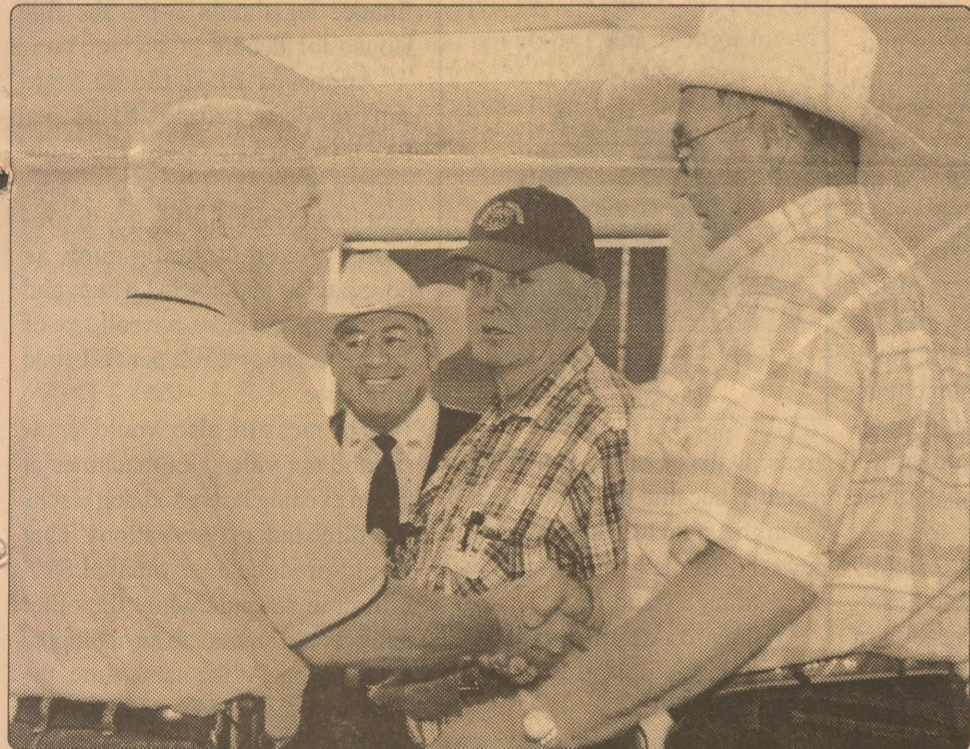


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Expert advice — Sheriff Kirk Smith of Washington County, Utah, met with local officials last Thursday in the Schleicher County Memorial Building and updated them on what to expect from FLDS members who are moving to the area from his county. Here, Smith (L) is greeted by (L-R) Chief Deputy George Arispe, Fire Chief Jerry Jones and County Commissioner Johnny Mayo.

Utah sheriff meets with local leaders about FLDS

Sheriff Kirk Smith of Washington County, Utah, told a group of twenty-five local citizens last Thursday that they could expect their new neighbors on the YFZ Ranch to keep a low profile and avoid trouble. Smith's county, located in the southwest corner of Utah, is where Hildale is located, the hometown of David Allred. He is the man who bought the YFZ Ranch, and who a few hours before Smith's arrival in Eldorado, admitted to local officials that the property is actually owned by the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints, a sect that broke away from the Mormon Church nearly a century ago when it renounced the practice of polygamy.

Sheriff Smith and his undersheriff Pete Kuhlmann were joined by Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe at a public meeting held for local officials in the Memorial Building. Prior to hearing from Smith, Doran informed the audience that he and Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle had met with YFZ Ranch officials the day before and that they had admit-

ted to misleading the community about their intentions. (See related story above)

"They said that they represent the FLDS and that a group of no more than 200 select members of the church will soon occupy the three buildings that are complete and two more that are under construction on the ranch," Doran said.

Doran then introduced Sheriff Smith and thanked him for traveling to Eldorado in order to help educate the public on the FLDS.

Sheriff Smith said he first became aware of developments here in Eldorado when he saw Doran being interviewed on TV. "I thought, wow, this guy is holding up pretty well," Smith said. "I knew I had to come here because anyone who could stand there and face down that mob of journalists while explaining that constitutional civil rights apply to everyone, even a group of outsiders...well a guy like that needs to be supported"

Smith told the audience that his is in

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4-Hers compete at Dist. Round-up

Schleicher County 4-H member recently participated in District 4-H Round-up at the ASU campus on May 1st. Over 500 4-H members, parents and adult leaders attended the event.

Locally, the following 4-H members competed in their respective categories: Meg Griffin, 3rd place in Jr. Companion Animals; Will Griffin, 1st place in Sr.

Food & Nutrition; and, Taylor Baker, Maxie Holley, Chandra Wanoreck, Alison Sproul and Emily Newman won 2nd in Sr. Family Life.

The senior age 4-Hers have qualified to attend State 4-H Round-Up to be held on the Texas A&M University Campus on June 7-11. Congratulation to all the winners!

Clean-up day slated tomorrow!

Eldorado residents are being encouraged to participate in the Great Texas Trash Off on Friday, May 7, 2004. Local sponsors include: Eldorado Pride, Schleicher County, the City of Eldorado and the Texas Cooperative Extension. The first goal is to clean up large items of trash and debris.

Crews will be picking up items in the alleys on May 7th. Both government entities stress they cannot go on private property to pickup items.

The Extension office will be coordinating these pickups so if you have any questions about the clean-up day or would like to sign-up, please call 853-2132 and we will try to make the arrangements. Please note that we do not have means for tire disposal and cannot accept any item containing freon.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Extension office at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 2004, to sign-up. FMI contact the County Extension Office.



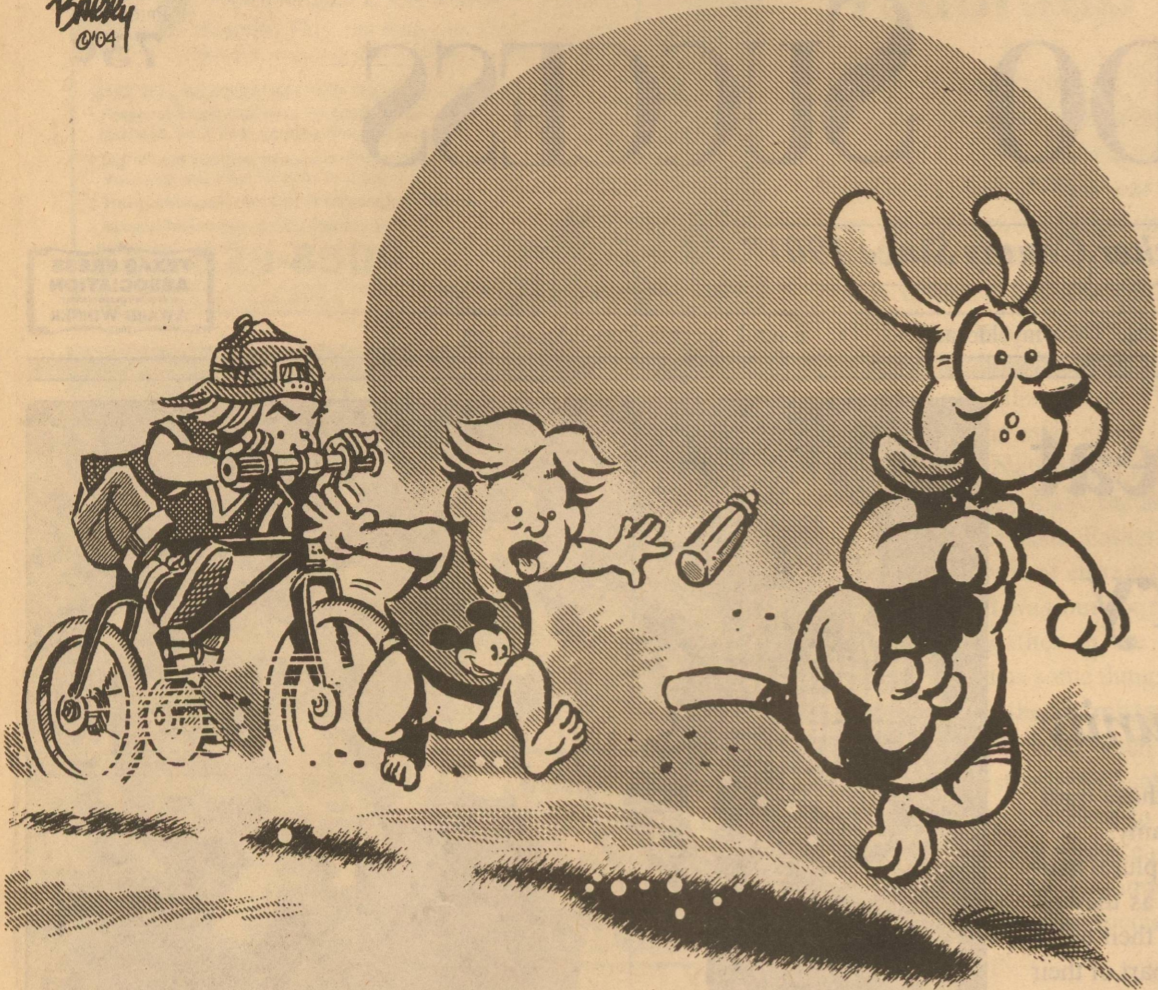
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

At long last — Jimmy Gilstrap looked on last week as employees of AEP and Southwest Electric Coop worked to install a new automated generator at his home. Gilstrap's son, Bodlie, relies on a respirator to help him breathe following a tragic auto accident that left him paralyzed from the neck down. That means the Gilstraps are dependent on electric service. Jimmy and his wife, Carolyn, often found themselves having to hand crank an old generator when the power would go off. Community members (most of whom wish to remain anonymous) learned of their plight, and with the help of AEP and SWTEC, raised the funds to purchase and install this new generator that will come on automatically any time the power goes off. The Gilstraps say they are overwhelmed by the generosity of the community and extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone involved. Helping to install the machine were Rogelio Adame, Gus Hinojosa, Phil Edmiston and Delwin Greer (not pictured).

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY...



Things they never tell moms before they are moms #33

A Smelly Awakening

Billy Warrick of Hereford grew up in the Southeast Oklahoma woods. He and three of his buddies went possum hunting at night. He remembers one hunt extremely well.

He and his friends went to a new patch of woods near their homes.

"We had four good hunting dogs," says Billy. "They chased something up a tree and it went into a real dark spot. I was good at climbing trees, so I told them I'd climb up there and see what it was."

He was about ten feet up in the tree when he asked his fellow hunters on the ground for a stick or something to punch that thing and see what it was.

"I found out real quick it was the west end of a east-looking skunk that had climbed up a leaning sapling next to the tree. They normally don't climb trees but that little old dead sapling was leaning



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

over and he just ran up it." Skunk juice hit him in the face and on his shirt. It nearly made him sick.

"That hunting trip was over. The dogs had the smell on them, it was terrible. So we headed home."

Now Billy slept with his dad, who was crippled. He depended on Billy to get up in the mornings and build a fire in the cook and heating stove.

On the way home, Billy got to thinking about how he was going to get in bed without his daddy knowing that he had skunk all over him. "It's impossible. Don't ever try it."

Billy sat on the front porch and took off his shoes. He crept into the house as quiet as he could.

"I heard dad snoring. So I went and undressed by the stove, warmed up about fifteen minutes. That got the skunk smell stirring

up pretty good."

He finally got up enough courage to take the big step. He walked into the bedroom and eased into the bed.

"Dad just kept snoring. He had that long saw really going. Just about the time I got under the covers all I heard was two big snorts. His daddy yelled out, 'Gosh-a-mighty there must be a skunk under the house.' About that time he got to thinking that skunk must be in the bed with him."

His Dad reached across the bed.

"I tried to scoot just as far from him as possible. He reached over and touched me and said 'I oughta make you sleep under the house with the dogs.' I asked him not to make me do that."

Billy's Dad was a good hunter himself. He ran trap lines with Billy and went hunting with him frequently in the woods.

"Understanding my situation, he was real nice about it. He let me stay in the bed, but I don't think either one of us slept much that night."

Billy built a real good fire the next morning.

Shouldn't we expect just a bit more honesty from God's one true church

Members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints have been taught by their prophets for generations that they represent the one true church of God. The prophets knew this because that same God had told them so, personally.

He, and that's a He with a capital "H," also told the prophets that the practice of plural marriage is not only approved, but required.

The idea of plural marriage, or polygamy as it's better known here, seems a bit odd to many of us, but to the members of the FLDS it is a principal about which there is no room for compromise. In fact, when the leaders of the Mormon Church, the original Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, bowed to pressure from Washington, D.C. and gave up the practice of plural marriage so that Utah could be admitted to the Union, the forefathers of the current FLDS turned their collective backs on their brethren, and their sistern, too.

Please, if it seems as if I am demeaning the FLDS, or the LDS for that matter, over their religious beliefs, I hope you will understand that I mean no disrespect. I only inject a little humor here because some of these things are so serious that laughing is the only way to keep from crying.



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

For years, nay, for decades, the FLDS stayed well below the radar and out of the national limelight. Stories of plural marriage, even the forced plural marriages of underage girls to vastly older men, a practice that many allege is routine within today's FLDS, attracted scant attention outside the boundaries of Utah and Arizona. Even a news junkie like me was shocked to learn that the practice of plural marriage is so widespread.

I do remember reading not too long ago that a Utah man named Tom Green had been convicted of polygamy, or was it child rape...and that wee bit of random news probably caught hold in my brain only because the county to the north of Eldorado is also named Tom Green.

So, when we were told that a local ranch had been purchased by a Utah man who planned to build a corporate hunting retreat, the idea seemed plausible. But, when the first photos of the place came to light, the whole thing began to smell

a little fishy.

When Flora Jessop came to Eldorado in late March, and brought the blinding glare of the national spotlight with her, the only people who continued to cling to the thought that the YFZ Ranch was going to be a hunting retreat were the YFZ officials themselves, but even they didn't believe it. Still, they kept up with the charade even in the face of incontrovertible evidence to the contrary.

Well, last week the group finally came clean. No, the YFZ isn't going to be a hunting retreat, and no, it isn't owned by David Allred. It's owned by the FLDS, always was, and it will soon be home to a couple of hundred FLDS members. That's if the current story can be believed.

If I seem overly cautious, I'm sorry. My otherwise trustful nature has been sorely tested in recent weeks.

Call me a cynic, but I can't help it. After dozens and dozens of attempts to get anyone associated with the FLDS to comment on the record, I've grown tired of their claims that they won't talk to a newspaper because newspapers can't be trusted to tell the truth.

Sorry, but in the light of the YFZ hunting retreat fiasco, the thought that the FLDS questions anyone's truthfulness is absurd.

Committee cracks down on insurance fraud

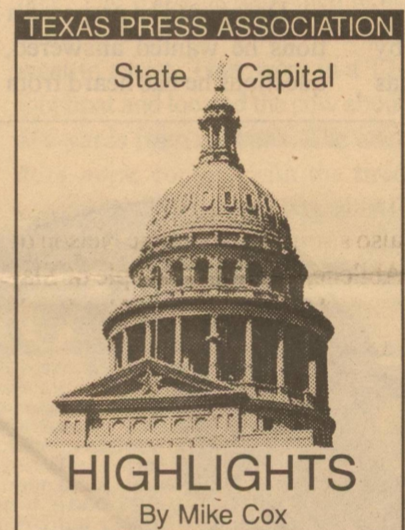
AUSTIN — The insurance industry says fraudulent claims are getting to be a pain in the neck in Texas.

To combat the problem of phony claims, including fake neck injuries from minor traffic accidents, the industry has formed a group called the Texas Committee on Insurance Fraud, according to the Insurance Council of Texas.

"The smell of money is luring more and more people to fake injuries, set fire to their homes, stage car accidents and even stage their own death to illegally obtain money from insurances companies," said Craig Sparks, chairman of the new organization.

The task force plans to lobby for tougher insurance fraud penalties in the next regular session of the Legislature. The committee also intends to push for stronger prosecution of people, groups or even companies caught perpetrating an insurance fraud.

For its part, the Texas Department of Insurance has started funding special prosecutors for district attorneys in the major metropolitan



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By Mike Cox

areas. Dallas County DA Bill Hill recently became the first prosecutor in the state to take on an attorney whose sole responsibility will be insurance fraud cases.

The reason why all this matters: higher claims paid translate into higher premiums.

To report suspected insurance fraud, call the state's Insurance Fraud Hotline at 1-888-327-8818.

Education bill goes to House...

Over the weekend, the House Select Committee on Public School

Finance sent its substitute for House Bill 1 and House Joint Resolution 1 — the proposed school finance legislation — to the full House for debate.

Approved 21-7, the package caps property taxes at \$1.05 per \$100 valuation, raises the state portion of the sales tax to 6.75 percent and expands sales tax to previously exempt items such as newspapers and bottled water, and imposes a business payroll tax of 1.25 percent or \$500 per full-time employee.

The measure also would legalize and tax video slot machines at seven existing horse and dog tracks and three Indian reservations. That would produce an estimated \$1.5 billion in revenue while the other taxes would amount to an additional \$2.8 billion. At the same time, the property tax cut would provide \$4.7 billion in relief.

As one legislator said, the committee's product should only be taken as a first draft.

Tom Phillips retiring...

Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips, 54, announced his retirement last week.

Appointed by Gov. Bill Clements in 1988, Phillips won't be going straight to the rocking chair, however. He said he'll start teaching in the fall at the South Texas College of Law in Houston.

Phillips' successor will be appointed by the governor.

DPS effort may not get rave reviews...

The Department of Public Safety has announced a crackdown on illegal drug use at rave parties.

A rave party is an all-night dance with music, light shows and often illegal drugs. Particularly popular in the summer, these events often are staged in open fields and they attract illegal drugs like bugs to an outdoor light bulb.

The DPS has no beef with dancing or loud music, but it hopes to educate Texans on the dangers of drugs such as Ecstasy, Ketamine, LSD, nitrous oxide, methamphetamine and the old standbys marijuana, cocaine and alcohol.

For more information on this issue, check the agency's Web site at www.txdps.state.tx.us.

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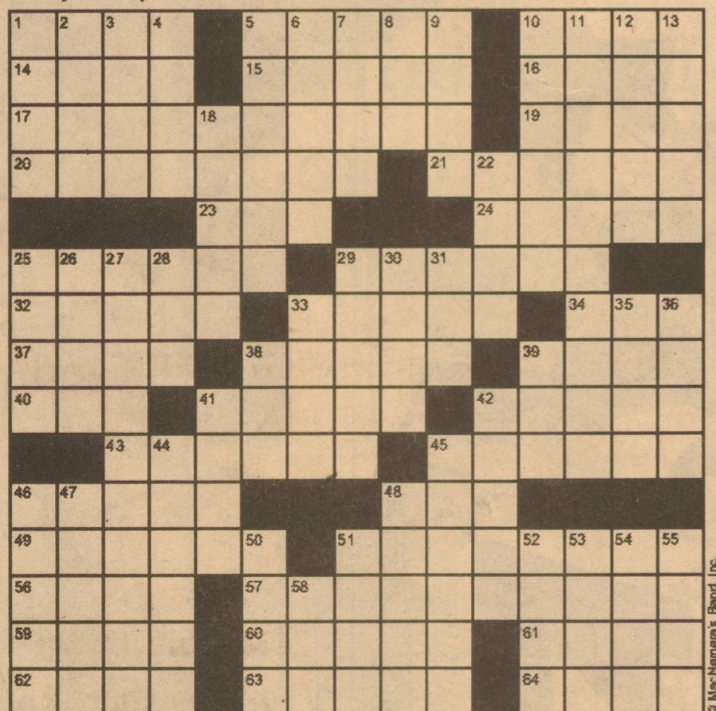
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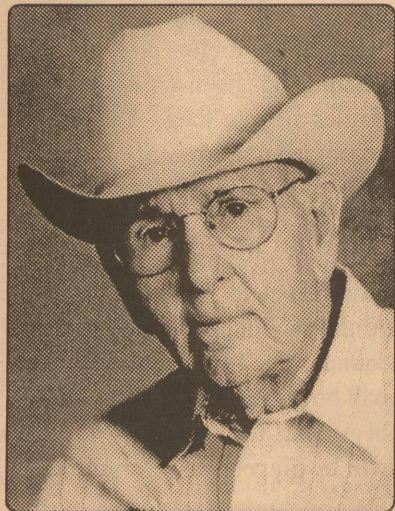
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Curtis Carroll Short



He was a very hardworking and vital part of the ranch. Even in his spare time, Curtis kept busy. He participated in rodeos and polo in his younger years, even traveling to Florida for polo matches. In later years, Curtis and Frankie enjoyed fishing at Amistad Lake near Del Rio, Texas. Curtis built a house boat for family use at Amistad, complete with living area. It saw many fun vacations.

After retiring from ranching, he and Frankie moved to the Tisdale Ranch to act as caretakers for Morty Mertz. He and Frankie always had a garden, and were very generous with their crops. It wasn't long before they each had their own gardens because they were convinced the other didn't know what he/she was doing.

ELDORADO — Curtis Carroll Short, 93, passed away on May 4, 2004. Born in San Angelo, Texas to Joe and Bertha Short. He was the second child of three. He had an older sister, Florence Short Self, and a younger brother, James Alton Short, deceased. Curtis was married to Frankie Hannum Short on July 11, 1935. Curtis and Frankie had one son, Roy Wayne Short.

He is preceded in death by his wife, of 69 years, Frankie Short, who passed away September 27, 2003.

He worked for several prominent ranchers in Crockett, Irion, and Schleicher County. His last job was as ranch manager of the Fay Baugh Spence Ranch for 36 years. He single-handedly ran the ranch, did the books, and took care of maintenance and improvements.

Curtis is survived by one son Roy Short and wife, Maudie Short of Ft. Stockton, Texas; grandchildren, Sandra Billingsley and husband, Michael Billingsley, of Boerne, Texas; David Short, and wife, Martha Short of Ft. Stockton; and Gretta Short of Ft. Stockton; great-grandchildren, Abbey & Caleb Billingsley of Boerne, Texas and Maddy, Jake and Ryan Short of Ft. Stockton.

Graveside Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 6, 2004 in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Olga Susan Chappel McBurnett



She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne Johnson, and husband, Sid, of Eldorado, and one granddaughter, Laura Leddy and husband, Brian, of Mansfield. She is also survived by Pauline Nelson of Abilene, Frank E. Chapple of Slaton and Sarah Jarrett and husband, William, of Hobbs, N.M., along with numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband, Pete; her parents; brother, H.A. Chapple; and sister, Martha Wingfield.

Sue will be remembered by many for her care as their nurse. She is fondly referred to as "Sue Sue" by the numerous caregivers in the nursing home in Eldorado. The family would like to thank each and every one of them for the special care they gave her. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you give to your favorite charity.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the Mertzon Highway Church of Christ in Eldorado, Texas, with Paul Shero officiating. Burial were in the Christoval Cemetery. Pallbearers were her nephews.

ELDORADO — Olga Susan Chappel McBurnett, 87, passed from this life on Thursday, April 29, 2004, in the Schleicher County Nursing Home. She was born in Christoval, Texas, on Oct. 31, 1916, to Frank Elmore Chapple and DLula Shepherd Chapple. She was better known to many as "Sue."

She graduated from high school in Christoval and attended Abilene Christian College. She graduated from Shannon School of Nursing as a registered nurse. She married Melvin Davis "Pete" McBurnett on April 11, 1942. While living in Odessa, she worked at the Odessa Medical Center Hospital and was a substitute teacher for the Ector County ISD.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, May 10

Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Biscuit, Heavenly Hash Cake, Orange Juice, Milk

Tuesday, May 11

Bar-B-Que Brisket, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk

Wednesday, May 12

Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Roll, Vegetable Salad, White Cake/Caramel Icing, Milk

Thursday, May 13

Glazed Ham, Cooked Cabbage, Sweet Potato w/ Apples, Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding, Milk

Friday, May 14

Chicken Salad Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Potato Chips, Fresh Banana, Milk



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Building Dedication-Pastor Walter Griggs and former pastor Rev. Ken Otwell of Quitman, Texas officiated the building dedication of classes rooms and evangelists quarters during the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Agape Assembly of God which was founded in 1984. The occasion was celebrated with a church service, meal on the ground and music.

Workforce Dev. Board plans Youth Fair at Sunset Mall

SAN ANGELO — The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board Youth Advisory Group, is sponsoring a Youth Fair at Sunset Mall in San Angelo on Saturday, May 15, 2004, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Anyone age 14 through 21 will benefit from this event. There are a number of activities planned including:

- easy resume preparation,
 - summer jobs for youth,
 - crimes that affect your career,
 - Job Corp, information about college,
 - how to dress for the interview and much more.
- Local businesses have donated many door prizes, such as
- a diamond ring,
 - backpacks,
 - video games,
 - gift certificates for food and merchandise
 - a one year membership to the

YMCA and a Sunset Mall gift certificate, to name a few

There will be a drawing every 30 minutes. This is a free event for the youth ages 14 through 21. Contact Cathy Ballard at (325) 655-2005 if you would like more information.

Scripture

Therefore thou art great, O Lord God; for there is none like thee, and there is no God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

2 Samuel 7:22

BIRTHDAY LIST

- MAY
- 6th Charlotte Adame, Cole Pina
 - 7th Bobby Quintana, Mario Robles, Mikinzie Holley, Brenda Robinson
 - 8th Rooster Jackson, Bay Aguilar, Ray Ballew, Wm. Chris McCravey, Kathy Mankin, Shannon Wilkerson, Denver Smith
 - 9th Martha Adame, Susan Parker, Lydia Elkins, Heather Homer, Antheinette Mankin, Alex Massingill
 - 11th Austin "Fifi" Herrera, Judy Christian, Lynna Mikeska, Nancy Lester
 - 12th Teresa Poyner, Rosetta Lozano, Lindsey Koenig, Cory Edmiston, Glenn Parker

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You are Invited to Mother's Tea



Elementary school mothers, grandmothers or guardians are invited to Mother's Tea on Tuesday, May 11th.

This is for the Moms of the Pre-kindergarten through 4th grade classes.

You are welcome to join us for muffins, fruit, coffee and juice.

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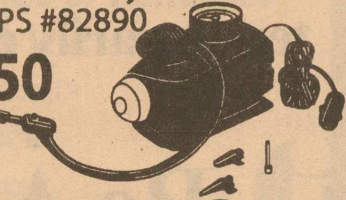
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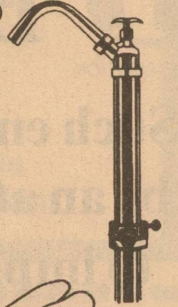
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State-bound High Jump — EHS Sophomore Rachel Joiner placed 2nd with a jump of 5'4" at the 1-AA Regional Track Meet in Abilene last Saturday. Joiner will jump Friday in Austin at 12:10 p.m.

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Lady Eagles close out 2004 softball season

The EHS Lady Eagles softball team closed out their season on Tuesday, April 20, falling to the Wall Lady Hawks 13-0. The loss capped a disappointing season for the team but the season did have its moments.

One of those moments came a week earlier when the Eldorado girls gave the Grape Creek girls all they wanted in a hard fought 13-12 loss.

The Eagles relied on Betsy Green for well-timed hitting. The junior brought home five runs on two hits. Senior Courtney Whitten had the opposition chasing balls all over the field for the Eagles, going 4-for-5 with an extra base hit and producing an RBI. Junior Sheryl Alexander finished

3-for-5 with a double and two base hits. Samantha Rodriguez provided two RBIs and roped two hits. Selina Rojas ripped two hits in three at bats, notching a run. Senior Clara Herrera finished 2-for-4 and also added two runs. Jessica Robertson's swing looked good, as she stroked two hits with a run.

"The girls played hard and played well enough to win but sometimes the game just doesn't break in your direction," Coach Brian Gibson said afterward. "A couple of calls here and a couple of plays there, and the outcome is completely different."

On Thursday, April 8, the girls fell 14-1 to the Sonora Lady Broncos.

Betsy Green knocked in the only Eagles run in the contest and Samantha Rodriguez went 1-for-2 and Courtney Whitten scored once.

Eagles nine down Wolves 14-4

by Coach Gary Grubbs

In what will be the Eagles last tune up for their Bi-District series with Anthony the Eagles downed the Colorado City Wolves 14-4. This gave the Eagles a small measure of revenge after the Wolves put the Eagles out of the playoffs in the area round last year.

The Eagles scored early and often. The Warbirds scored five in the bottom of the 1st and three runs in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th to end the game by the 10 run rule. The Eagles tallied 9 hits on the day while just giving up 3 in five innings. Homer Hernandez, Jared Grubbs, and Frank Edmiston each had two hits. Trey Chavez, Frankie Arispe, and Joey Hernandez each record-

ed one hit.

On the mound the Eagles used five different pitchers for the five innings. Alan Dykstra, Homer Hernandez, Trey Chavez, Ryan Cathey, and Frankie Arispe all pitched an inning showing the depth of the Eagles pitching staff. Pitching has been a strength of the Eagles all year long. The pitchers combined to allow only 3 hits, one walk and recorded 4 strikeouts.

The Eagles improved their record to 16-5 on the year and will now travel to Alpine to face the Anthony Wildcats in the Bi-District round. The best 2 out of 3 series will be played on Saturday May 8th beginning at 11:00 am. The games will be played at Kokernot field.



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Headin' home — Eagles JV player Jorge Bustos round third base on the way home recently as the Warbirds junior varsity squad took on the Reagan County Owls JV. The JV season may be over but the varsity season continues Saturday with bi-district playoffs against Anthony in Alpine.

Bi-District Baseball Game against Anthony starting at 11:00 am in Alpine on Saturday May 8th. This will be a best 2 out of 3 series all played on Saturday.



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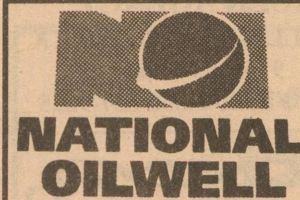
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Home at last, home at last, Albino Bats have a home at last!

by Jim Runge

The poor little albino bat colony of Eldorado finally has a decent home of its own. This is the only known Albino Bat Colony of its kind in North America, but up until this week, the colony was in dire straits. It was just disgraceful that this rare specie did not have a suitable retreat to call it's permanent home.

Albino bats are normally born in Florida or Arizona, usually in March. Actually, they are not born white, but lose their color from abuse and having the daylight hours scared out of them. They lead a rough life, beaten from birth until they are no longer able to function, normally by late October. They are pummeled with white round objects their entire life and this constant fear and stress of seeing oncoming objects adds to their scarcity of color. It is a puzzlement as to why PETA has not intervened, because after a terrible spring, the bats fly off to cities all over the US and Japan for even more mistreatment.

TAS plans field school in Menard

The Texas Archeological Society (TAS) will hold special sessions for teachers at the summer archeological field school, June 12-19, 2004 near Menard, Texas. Excavations will be conducted on the site of the Presidio San Saba. We offer training for the youth (age 7 & above, accompanied by adult) and adults (beginner to advanced). You may attend as many days as you choose. See www.txarch.org for more information on field school.

Archeological investigations will focus on Presidio de San Saba near Menard, Texas. Drs. Grant Hall and Tamra Walter from Texas Tech University will be principal investigators. Host society for camp arrangements will be the Concho Valley Archeological Society. TAS will be working at the invitation and in conjunction with Presidio de San Saba Restoration Corporation. Information on the companion mission near Menard may be viewed on the TAS sponsored web site Texas Beyond History www.texasbeyondhistory.net.

The camp will be set up along the San Saba River (bring your tent, camper or find a nearby motel). A camp kitchen offers meals and showers are provided. The workday is from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. then afternoon programs highlight replication and subsistence skills. Evening speakers recap the day's excavations and local history.

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See the web site www.txarch.org or call 1-800-377-7240 for more information.

There, large crowds gather to watch men throw these white objects at the poor bats and some bats are literally broken in two.

A few of the pitiful castoffs have found their way to Eldorado over the past several years. It is thought that these vagabond bats are attracted to Eldorado for two reasons. First of all, there are no large arenas where they can be publicly humiliated by being incessantly tormented, and secondly, their hero, Batman, is here and serves not only as their idol, but also as a shield from harm. But a suitable home was not available and they have been languishing in makeshift digs during this time. They are almost comatose and have just laid around the little hovel at the EOBBC world headquarters in a depressed state, up until this point. The organization's officers have been frantically searching the internet for blueprints for an Albino Bat House constantly during the past two years, but to no avail. Then in a desperate attempt to build just such a structure for these wayward bats, the EOBBC has lucked out...again!

As it turns out, a current Eldorado resident was a member of the Albino Bat Rescue in a former life and had built many such houses. Ironically, amateurish plans were given to this man and immediately, he realized the discrepancies and corrected them to build the house as it should be constructed. The house has been placed in the proper location, at the proper height and inclination, calibrated to the proper latitude and longitude, painted the proper color, canted at the proper angle and facing the proper direction in relation to the sun, etc., and now sits in the southeast corner of the Hysterical District.

The bats are now available for viewing and visitors may observe the Albino Bats at almost any hour, and since they are still in the recovering mode, there is no danger

of them biting!!! You must get out of your car and look underneath the black, eleven foot tall structure located in the recently groomed Tagoo Bird Refuge and Sanctuary, to see the bats hanging from the ceiling and various corners of their unusual home. These rare creatures have even been unable to reproduce and are in danger of becoming extinct. It is hoped that their species can be revitalized and regain their normal family structure of fifty or more wives (that is another reason they settled in Eldorado).

Mr. Walter Powell, the bat house builder, tells us that the Albino Bat and the Tagoo Bird are kindred spirits and get along very well. The Tagoo serve as a protector of the bats, and are actually more dangerous than the bats themselves as they sometimes think that intruders are set to harm these helpless bats even more. Therefore, it is advisable that you check to see if Batman or any Tagoo Birds are lurking in the vicinity, before proceeding to look into the elevated bat house.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

New digs for the homeless bats — Eldorado's colony of Albino Bats are enjoying their new home, pictured above in the Hysterical District and Tagoo Bird Sanctuary near the intersection of SW Main and West Street. The Albino Bat House is the latest in a growing collection put together by Eldorado's own Jim Runge.

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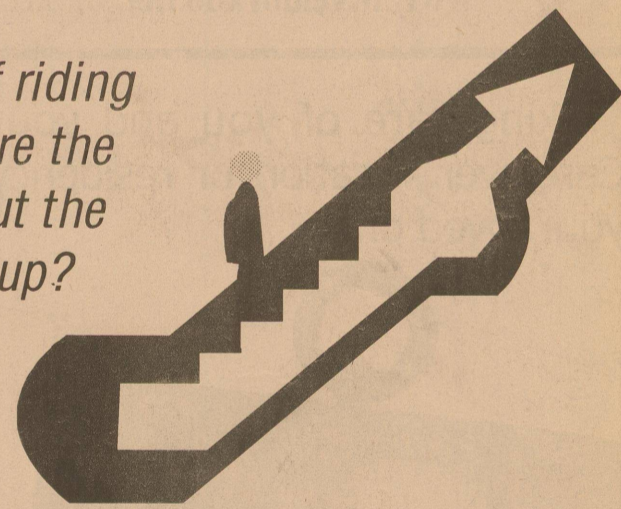
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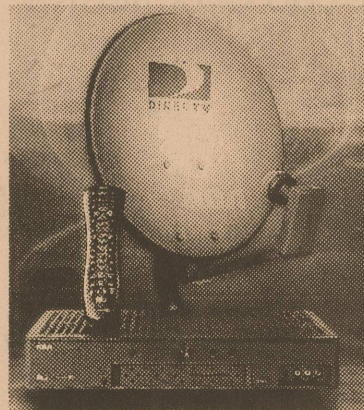
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Utah sheriff updates local officials on FLDS

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the middle of his second four-year term as Sheriff of Washington County. Prior to taking office, the spent 34 years as a Utah Highway Patrol officer. He said that he and his officers probably know more about the FLDS and its members in the twin cities of Hildale, UT and Colorado City, AZ, than any other law enforcement agency in the country. He noted that the strip of Arizona that lies north of the Grand Canyon and south of the Utah border is a virtual no-man's land. "For years the State of Arizona ignored that area and paid little attention to the goings on in Short Creek. That's the town that was later renamed Colorado City," Smith said.

"Then in 1953, as word got out that the citizens of Short Creek were practicing polygamy, the state raided the town and arrested all the men," Smith continued. "The women and children were shipped off to other towns and pretty soon the whole thing became a P.R. nightmare. It wasn't long before Arizona officials released the men and let them go home where they were reunited with their families. Arizona hasn't been too interested in polygamy ever since. At least until recently."

Smith said that for the most part, Colorado City and Hildale residents are hard working, law abiding citizens who just want to be left alone. He noted that his department has had very few problems there and that on the rare occasion when he has needed to detain someone from the community he would call one of the community leaders and they would produce the individual he was seeking.

Several audience members challenged Smith on the practice

of polygamy and news reports that underage girls are forced into polygamous marriages with older men. Smith explained that polygamy, or plural marriage, is the one principle to which FLDS members are most loyal. "They practice polygamy and that has gotten them the one thing they don't want, attention from the outside world," Smith said.

Smith went on to say that underage sex, and child rape are problems in society as a whole, not just in the FLDS. "As law enforcement officers we dwell a lot on statistics," Smith said. "You take any group of people and a certain percentage of them will be child molesters. It's the same in this group."

Judge Johnny Griffin agreed with that assessment, noting that Schleicher County has its own problems with sex offenders.

Smith then complimented Sheriff Doran on being able to establish a dialogue with the FLDS members on the YFZ Ranch. "My officers and I have worked around them for years and we haven't gotten them to come in and sit down and talk to us," Smith said. "I thought I was coming down here to give your guys some pointers but your sheriff has been able to do in three or four weeks what we haven't been able to do in sixty years."

Smith said he was going to return to Utah and use what he learned here in hopes of establishing a better relationship with the FLDS community in Hildale. He concluded the meeting by saying that he had invited Sheriff Doran and Chief Deputy Arispe to visit him in Utah and that he would set up a meeting with his counterpart in Mojave County, AZ if they would agree to make the trip.

The Success has learned that Doran and Arispe will be making such a trip later this month.

"It's all about education," Doran said. "The more we can learn about the FLDS and how they live in Colorado City and Hildale, the better we can deal with them here."

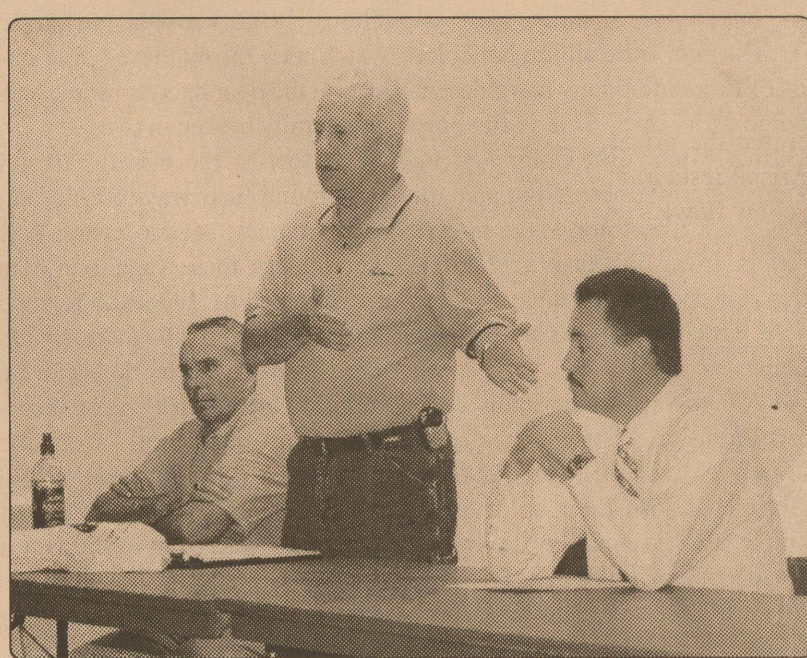


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Kudos for the local guys — Sheriff Kirk Smith of Washington County, Utah, praised the efforts of Sheriff David Doran in opening a dialogue with FLDS members at the YFZ Ranch. He said his department has been trying for sixty years to accomplish the same thing.

FLDS leaders drop hunting retreat charade

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When asked about the number of inhabitants Allred replied that a group of people, not to exceed 200, will inhabit the buildings when they are done. He said the individuals will be hand-picked by Warren Jeffs.

The number, higher than previously claimed by the ranch officials, prompted another series of questions.

"They told us that they represent the FLDS church under its Prophet Warren Jeffs," Doran said. "They said the group is non-violent and hard-working, but that they are a closed community."

For his part Judge Doyle asked the men if they planned to do any shopping or buy any materials in Eldorado. The men replied that most of their building material is being shipped in from Bountiful, British Columbia, Canada. They

acknowledged buying some supplies at City Lumber in San Angelo and a tractor at Porter Henderson Implement Company, also in San Angelo. As for groceries, and everyday household supplies, the men explained that they buy in such large quantities that it is more cost effective to purchase from a wholesale warehouse like Sam's.

Among other questions the men addressed were:

Q. Is the FLDS a threat to our local indigent health care or welfare system.

A. No, their intent is not to move to Eldorado and apply for welfare, or overwhelm the local indigent health care system.

Q. Can our school system expect an increase from the new FLDS community?

A. No, they do not plan on enrolling any students in the public school system. Members of the FLDS currently home school their children under a Utah-approved home school system. They anticipate enrolling their children under a similar system here in Texas.

Q. Will there be FLDS owned construction companies competing with local contractors?

A. No, they do not intend to take away any jobs from the local economy and they don't anticipate forming any construction companies here.

Q. Why did the FLDS choose Eldorado?

A. They looked at several pieces of property in the West Texas area and chose the property north of Eldorado because it appealed to them and the price range fit what they were willing to pay.

Q. Does the FLDS plan to take over the local government?

A. No, they say they are a closed society that prefers to be left alone to raise their families according to their own beliefs. They claim to have no desire to run for any local office, thus drawing unwanted attention to themselves. They did say, however, that they reserve the right to vote and that they regularly practice that right.

Q. Should we worry about the FLDS recruiting local youths to join their community?

A. No, they say it is not their practice to recruit from outside their ranks. They maintain that the new community will consist of a select few of their true believers who closely follow the teachings of the FLDS, or the original Mormon doctrine.

When asked what he thought of the new story being offered by the FLDS leaders Justice of the Peace James Doyle said, "We'll just have to wait and see."

For his part, Sheriff Doran says he remains skeptical and will continue to monitor things closely at the YFZ Ranch.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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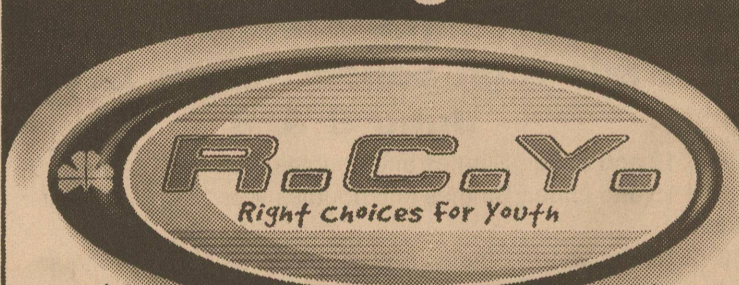
Schleicher county pool will be available for rental on Monday, May 10 at a fee of \$25 an hour.

A deposit of \$25 will be required to hold the pool for the date requested. Pool will open to the public on Saturday and Sunday May 22 and 23 for that weekend only and then open for the season on May 29.

Hours of operation will be Tuesday - Sunday 1pm - 7pm. Admission will be \$1 for everyone. Swim lessons will start on Tuesday June 8 from 11am to 12pm at a fee of \$30 per student.

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Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Outgoing president, Flora Hubble, assisted by Geneva Wade decorated the private room of Casa Arispe restaurant with accents of yellow flowers on lace table cloth as Preceptor Kappa Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met on April 27, 2004 to celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the sorority's Founder's Day. April 30, 1931 was the founding date of Beta Sigma Phi. Kim'et Nelson also presented us with a carnation at each of our place settings.

Ms. Hubble led in the opening ritual and welcomed guest, Glenda Harris. All nine members were present for dinner, installation of new officers, and a beautiful pledge ceremony read by Dorothy Dacy. New members Laura McCutcheon and Geneva Wade were welcomed into the chapter with this ceremony.

Kim'et Nelson was installed as 2004-2005 president. Officers installed to assist her were: Dorothy Dacy, vice president, Mary Leigh Dunagan, extension officer, Mary Nolen, recording secretary, Flora Hubble, corresponding secretary, and Barbara Jackson, treasurer. Dorothy Clark will be "sunshine girl." New members Laura McCutcheon and Geneva Wade will

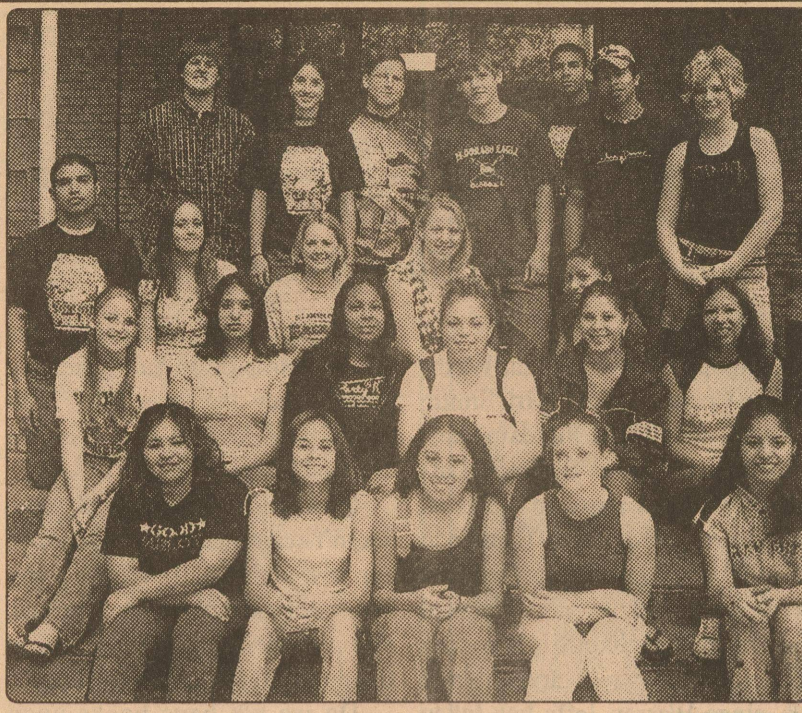
share the duty of "telephone girls." Guest and former member, Glenda Harris, led the installation ceremony. We are pleased that Glenda will be coming back into our chapter this year. Her mother, Betty Hanusch was a founding member of our chapter and we have missed Glenda being with us the past eight years.

Kim'et Nelson read the "Founder's Day Pledge", Mary Nolen read the "Message from International" and Barbara Jackson read the meaning of what the 2003-2004 theme "Colors of Friendship" and what each color represented.

The 2004-2005 theme is: Give the Gifts of Sisterhood.

Ms. Hubble presented awards to both the new pledges as "Pledges of the Year" and Ms. Hubble was awarded "Woman of the Year." She has received this award many years as she served us as president.

After the closing ritual secret sister gifts were exchanged and each member learned who her secret sister for 2003-2004 had been. Barbara Jackson won the sunshine gift. Flora Hubble will be hostess for the next business meeting on May 11th. Dorothy and Monroe Dacy will later host the couples picnic to end the sorority year.



Eldorado's High School Texas Association of Future Educators: Front L-R: Charlotte Adame, Alicia Corralas, Tiffany Hernandez, Courtney Whitten, Lupe Hernandez; 2nd Row L-R: Kristen Mittle, Mayra Robles, Hope Fuentes, Karina Sanchez, Micaela Gonzalez, & Clara Hernandez; 3rd Row L-R: Danny Sanchez, Ashley Doran, Taylor Nibleff, & Kasey Boysaw; Back Row L-R: Travis Joiner, Rachel Joiner, Josh Trejo, Kolby Dombroski, Terrell Boysaw, Tony Chavez, & Lacey Ragsdale.

Eldorado's T.A.F.E. video wins 1st Place at State conference

T.A.F.E. (Texas Association of Future Educators) State Conference was held February 27 -28 , 2004 at San Antonio Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio, Tx. The theme was "No Teachers, No Education...No Future."

T.A.F.E. members attending were Kolby Dombroski, Travis Joiner, Danny Sanchez, & Josh Trejo, Micaela Gonzales, Hope Fuentes, Lupe Hernandez, Mayra Robles, & Karina Sanchez.

Eldorado's T.A.F.E. organization won several awards and honors. The group video won 1st Place in the Multi Media Contest (competed against all classifications thru 5A). Plus, Outstanding Chapter Award (won by doing projects all year).

Also a Top Ten Project Award

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Pesticide training offered here

The Schleicher County Extension office will be hosting a Pesticide Applicators Training and testing on Tuesday, May 18th, 2004 at the Extension office. The training will start at 9:00 a.m. and should conclude around 3:30 p.m.

This training is for individuals who would like to obtain a Pesticide Applicators License in order to purchase and apply restricted

use pesticides. If you are interested in participating in this training, please call the Extension office at 853-2132. This class is limited to the first 15 individuals signed up. In addition, you must purchase a training manual for \$20 prior to the training date.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Extension office.

Golf Play Day

by Su Scott

The Eldorado Golf Club held its monthly Play Day on Sunday, May 2nd.

There were 23 adults and two youths, Cash Lane and Chance Meyers, who participated.

The results were:

1st place-score 58-Rocky Robles, Gordon Emmons, Karen Henderson, and Chance Meyers.

2nd place-score 58-John Mitchell, Phil McCormick, Dennis Terry, Charlie Pharis, and Nancy Lester.

There were three teams that tied for 3rd place with a score of 61. There was a scorecard play-off to see what team won 3rd. The team that placed third was:

3rd place-score 61-Moises Hill,

Danny Halbert, Alvin Terry, and Susie Richters.

The next Play Day will be Sunday, June 6th.

The Eldorado Golf Club will have a 2 Person Select Shot Tournament on Saturday, March 20th. Tee time is 1:30 p.m.

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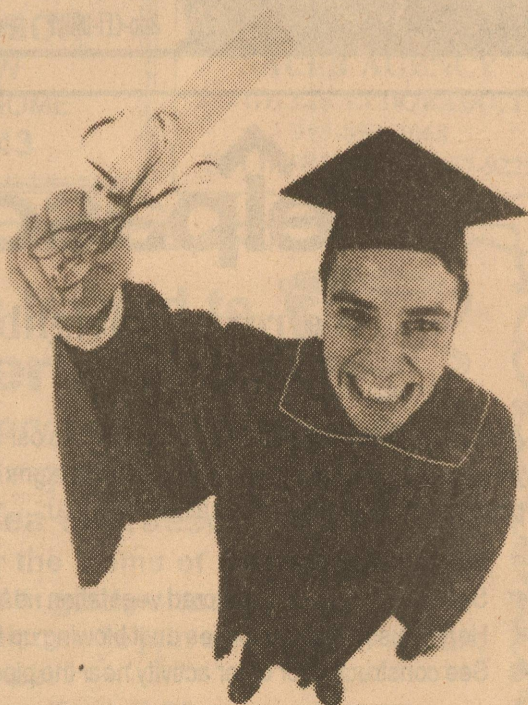
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on May 27, 2004

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Project Graduation 04'

Graduation is soon approaching and planning is underway for this year's project graduation. If you would like to make a contribution of gifts or money you may do so at the First National Bank of Eldorado c/o Shirley Joiner.

Project Graduation is a drug alcohol free party for high school students hosted by the parent's of the Senior Class 2004. We appreciate every-one support.

All senior parent's we need your help. Please contact Candi Homer to see what help is still needed. Her number is 853-2261.

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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.

Doesn't trust Sheriff Kirk Smith

Dear Editor:
 I'm appalled to see that Washington County Sheriff, Kirk Smith, could brush off the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint's move to Texas as if it were no big deal. If anyone should know how serious this matter is, he should. He has witnessed first hand how chaotic it is getting in Colorado City, Az. and Hildale, Ut. since Warren Jeffs has taken control. Many members have lost wives, children, parents and homes, including Warren's own brothers and the town mayor of 20 years.
 The wives are being remarried and hundreds of children are being torn from their fathers, then receiving new ones within days. Underage girls are being married off in the name of God. Warren's home is being turned into a fortress.
 Orsen William Black fled to Mexico under Sheriff Smith's watch after being charged with 5 felonies for crimes against children, and yet he's going to bring this Texas sheriff up to Colorado City, Az. and Hildale, Ut. and romance him on what a wonderful and peaceful little community it is. And why shouldn't He, I'm sure He's sick of this whole polygamy issue too, as so many are. So why not let them all go to Texas? Out of sight, out of mind, right?!!
 But please, let's not forget about the real issues. It's hard enough escaping from Colorado City, so what are these children going to do in the middle of the Texas desert? How will they get out now?

What about the under aged boys that they drop off in Salt Lake City because they don't meet the FLDS standards? Where will they be dropped off now?
 How will a young girl, who doesn't want marriage, get out of this new compound? Who's going to monitor the birth and death in this new secluded setting? This move should throw up many red flags.
 Do we not have books upon books about fanatical leaders? They all seem to share the same disturbing attribute. They keep their followers isolated, uneducated, and fearful of the outside world. Texas, it should worry you that "All they want is to be left alone." Left alone to do what?
 Isn't it clear what happens when they're left alone? Now that the state of Utah and Arizona won't leave them alone to break laws, rape the welfare system and underage girls, they're trying to make a run for your state. They have already deceived you once with what they are building and I can assure you it won't be the last. Their own attorney, Rodney Parker, said it himself, they are running from prosecution. This should raise concern for all of the people in Texas, Utah and Arizona.

Pennie Petersen
 Ex-Colorado City, AZ resident
 Phoenix AZ

Editor's note: Pennie Petersen is the sister of Ruth Stubbs Holm, whose testimony led to the conviction of her polygamous husband, Colorado City Police officer Rodney Holm, on charges bigamy and unlawful sexual conduct with underage girls. She is also the sister of Roberta and Beth Stubbs Black, both young wives of Orsen William Black, referred to in her letter.

Eldorado Eagle 2004 Golf Teams



2004 Eldorado Boys Golf Team:
 L-R Coach Richters, Chance Myers, Cody Melton, Drew Bosmans, Cash Lane, Adam Dominguez, Epolo Hernandez.



2004 Eldorado's Girls Golf Team:
 L-R: Brittany Jennings, Karina Sanchez, Coach Richters, Myra Robles, Gentry Newman

The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

trolled Substance, More than 2 grams Less than 400 grams, arresting officer DPS trooper.

INCIDENTS

April 29 • 5:26 p.m. Hospital request for a basic transfer. EMS responded.
 6:40 p.m. Complainant southwest of Eldorado saw 2 suspicious aircraft flying together. Officer responded.
April 30 • 5:03 p.m. Complainant called to advise that he would be having a controlled burn.
May 1 • 7:15 a.m. Complainant advised fire extinguishers found in the middle of the road. Officer responded.
 1:30 p.m. Complainant requested a criminal trespass be served on a male subject. Officer responded and trespasser served.
May 2 • 6:24 p.m. Complainant called and requested assistance for a female having an attack. Officer responded.
 7:00 p.m. Complainant called and advised some subjects out by Pave Paws partying. Officer responded.
 7:30 p.m. Hospital called and requested a basic transfer to Shannon. EMS 2 Responded.
May 3 • Complainant called to report a gas leak. Officer responded.
 12:58 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to Community. EMS 2 responded.
 7:54 p.m. Complainant reported a gas leak. Officer responded.
May 4 • 7:30 a.m. Complainant stated he would be having a control burn.

ARRESTS

April 30 • Benavidez, Anthony, male age 44, offense Possession of Marijuana, Less than 2oz., Fictitious Inspection Sticker, arresting officer DPS trooper.
May 1 • Virgen, Diana Ramos, female age 43, offense Possession of Cocaine less 1 gram, arresting officer DPS trooper.
May 3 • Wedom, Michael Allen, male age 18, offense Possession of Controlled Substance, Less than 2 grams, arresting officer Sonora DPS trooper. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.
May 3 • Miranda, Raquel, female age 47, offense Possession of Con-

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Craftsmen and artists are invited to participate. Glass blowing requires special equipment and supplies that the average person would have difficulty assembling. The Junction center has two gas fired furnaces as well as all the necessary equipment and supplies.
 Experienced instructors, Dale Battle and Vickie Bunting, will give instruction in basic hot glass techniques. Students will gain experience in blowing hot glass. All basic tools and materials are furnished except a mouthpiece and glass color which can be purchased at the center.
 Students can register for two weeks, June 27-July 9 or July 4-16 for \$800 or three weeks, June 27-July 16 at \$1,000.
 The TTU-Junction campus has housing and dining facilities available for students at a very reasonable rate or they can stay at local motels or commute.
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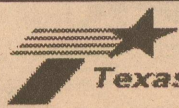
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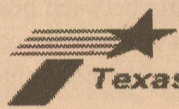
NOTICE TO BIDDERS SCHLEICHER COUNTY AIRPORT TxDOT CSJ # 0407ELDOR

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Sealed proposals need to be addressed to Ms. Edie Stimach, TxDOT, Aviation, 150 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78604. Proposals will be received until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 2004, then publicly opened and read. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

You may view and obtain plan sets, free of charge, at our website, www.dot.state.tx.us/business/avncontractorinfo.htm. Or you may buy plan sets from the reproduction companies that are listed on the Aviation website.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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Eldorado Spotlight



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Eldorado Woman's Club tours Mt. Carmel Hermitage

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Womans Club's April 13, 2004 meeting was our Annual Field trip. This year we met at the Memorial Bldg. and then traveled to Christoval. Our first stop was Country Junction Cafe for a delicious lunch. From there we went to Mount Carmel Hermitage located off Allen Road. Thirteen members and two guests, Ruth Davis and Nancy Lester were present. Nancy made the arrangements for our visit. Father Faben met us at the front entrance of the Hermitage and was our tour guide. He had us gather in the chapel where he told us some things about the growth of the Hermitage since its beginning in 1991 when he first came to Christoval. As I sat in this unique chapel listening to Father Faben I marveled at how each past came together to surround worshippers in a setting so special it felt

just right for the reason it had grown from a small space to its current perfection. Mere words couldn't describe the love, devotion and dedication that has gone into such a special place as well as the other building and places as well as the courtyard. It is easy to understand why these remarkable men have chosen to call the Hermitage home and have dedicated their lives to serving God in a very structured life style.

At present there are four men in residence and another will soon be arriving. Besides Father Faben we were privileged to meet Bothers John David, Martin May, and John Healy. Father Faben said the Hermitage was designed after the old monasteries of Europe. The Brothers begin each day at 3:30 a.m. with special prayers until 7:30 a.m. then they have a simple breakfast. They then turn to their chores and duties for the day. There is a small gift shop where they have jellies, breads, chocolates and other things to sale. Nancy taught them how to make the jellies. Jalapeno jelly is one of the favorite flavors. Father Faben told us the remarkable building of the Hermitage has been made possible through the generous contributions of labor, money, food, and many other things from many wonderful people. All has been gratefully appreciated and used wisely as the beauty and serenity of the place testifies.

Father Faben, who was born in Cuba, left there in 1960 when Castro gained control of the country. At age 9 he came to relatives in Florida and was later joined by his mother. He said he always wanted to be a priest. His mother worked very hard for many years. She saw he got a chance to go to college. Today his mother lives in



Serene sanctuary — Members of the Eldorado Woman's Club toured the Mt. Carmel Hermitage on Allen Road near Christoval on April 13, 2004.

Christoval. Father Faben told us a small infirmary is on his needed list for the future. He also said the Hermitage also is a retreat for men who wish to have a quiet pace for a short time. For this reporter it is easy to see why it would be a perfect place for a retreat. We thank Father Faben and the others at the Hermitage for making our Field Trip such a

special time. What a great privilege it was to share the acres, chapel, other building and courtyard with these dedicated men who were so gracious to introduce us to a bit of Heaven right here in our part of the world.

Our final meeting for our current year will be Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at 12:00 noon in the Club Room of the Memorial Bldg.

Game Warden field notes

Boat-Ropers 'R US — After an all-night shift on Falcon Lake, wardens received a call about two cow dogs who had run a cow into the lake, which is a common occurrence. What is not common is the cow tried to swim to Mexico in the widest and deepest part of the lake. The wardens happened to be about a mile down the lake and went to assist. They were in a 17-foot boat and located the cow about 600 yards from the bank. The wardens made contact with the tired animal, and the rodeo began. Af-

ter a lengthy battle between beast and boat, the boat won, and the cow was taken to shore without much incident.

Wardens Rescue Girls from Tree During Flood — March 15, game wardens rescued girls from up in a tree in a flooded area. Two vehicles had washed off of a Blanco Creek low-water crossing between Sabinal and Concan in Uvalde County after heavy rains. There were six people and one dog total in the vehicles. All were rescued approximately three miles downstream from the crossing. Game Wardens Dennis Gazaway, Mark McQueary, Mark Chapa, and Steve Backor all responded to the call.

Wrong Number or Incriminating Call? Game wardens in Val Verde County were patrolling Amistad Lake when they came in contact with three people who were bank fishing. None of the suspects had fishing licenses, one individual had outstanding warrants, and the other two were in possession of marijuana. Much to the dismay of one of the suspects in possession, his cell phone went off with a text message stating "Are you smoking yet, Dopey?" Charges are pending.

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