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City urged to adopt tax freeze

Brigitte Rogers of Sonora, a member of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature, appeared before the Eldorado City Council Monday night to advocate the adoption of a property tax freeze on senior citizens and disabled persons.

Ms. Rogers noted that a constitutional amendment allowing for such a tax freeze was introduced in the Texas Legislature last year and passed on votes of 143-0 in the State House and 27-0 in the State Senate. The amendment then received the approval of 81 percent of Texas voters, including 72 percent of Eldorado voters.

Ms. Rogers then explained numerous counties and cities have already approved the freeze, including the cities of San Angelo and Sonora as well as Sutton County.

"In Eldorado there are 131 seniors over 65 and 14 disabled. Many of this group of citizens endured the depression, protected our freedom by fighting in World War II, and some fought in Korea," Ms. Rogers said. "These are the same people that have been paying their fair share of taxes for more than half a century."

She said that the Silver Haired Legislature had made the tax freeze their number one priority. She said she is now traveling her district urging the various cities and counties to approve the freeze on behalf of their senior and disabled citizens.

Also taking part in the discussion was Scott Sutton, chief appraiser of the Schleicher County Appraisal District. Sutton explained that he had calculated

the impact of such a freeze on the local governmental entities and said that while a tax freeze would impact only 3 percent of Schleicher County's taxable property, some 16 percent of property within the City of Eldorado would be affected. Sutton noted that the freeze would cost the city \$300 for each penny of a future tax increase.

The council then reviewed the city's tax rates for the past 20 years. It was noted that much of the city's current tax rate is due to two certificates of obligation. The debt on one of the certificates will be retired in 2006 while the second one, passed several years ago to fund street improvements around the school, won't be paid off until 2009.

Mayor John Nikolauk thanked Brigitte Rogers for her presentation but questioned the need for a tax freeze when the city hasn't raised taxes in a number of years. He went on to explain that the city must pay its bills and asked what good a tax freeze for senior citizens would do if the city was forced to raise utility rates on the same senior citizens in order to compensate for lost revenue.

Ms. Rogers said she understood the financial pressure local governments face, particularly in West Texas. She then explained that the new law allows for citizens to petition for an election to decide the issue. She said that she didn't mean to convey a threat but said that a petition is already being planned for Schleicher County and said that she would begin one for the City of Eldorado, too. Ms. Rogers noted that the dead-

line for a special election in September requires the petition start right away.

At that point Mayor Nikolauk replied that the city council had only just received her request and couldn't be expected to make a decision that would permanently bind future councils without giving the issue some thought.

City Administrator Randy Mankin pointed out that the council's next meeting is slated for July 12. He assured Ms. Rogers that the topic would be on the agenda.

That seemed to satisfy Ms. Rogers who said she would have a representative present for the July meeting. However, she told the council that she intended to proceed with the petition, saying that it could be discarded if the council votes for the tax freeze.

The council continued discussion of the matter, well after Ms. Rogers left the meeting. Much of the council members' concern seemed to focus on the permanence of a freeze, and the burden it might place on future councils.

In other business, the meeting began with Municipal Judge Pat Ragsdale administering the oath of office to five of the council's seven members. Mayor John Nikolauk and council members Toni Sudduth, Tommy Minor and Juakin Rojas each began a new two-year term. Council member Bill McCutcheon was sworn in to fill a one-year unexpired term. Other council members present included Dora Bosmans and Richard Mendez.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Randy Mankin, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay.

A public hearing regarding the closure of a 300 ft. portion of Pelt Street nearest the Golf Course, drew no comments and the council voted in favor of closing the street to traffic. The action had been requested by members of the golf club and was made possible when the county officials relocated the entrance to the county airport. It was explained that a gate will be installed across the closed portion of the roadway with and that city personnel will be provided with keys so that they may have access to a city water well located behind the gate.

Superintendent Floyd Fay then updated the council on work in his various departments. He explained that a problem with a new cutting tool had caused a two-hour repair job to last six hours, leaving the town without water for much of the day two weekends ago. Fay said that the tool was being repaired and that a larger tool, capable of cutting 8-inch cast iron mains was being acquired.

Fay went on to note that a landfill employee left to take an oilfield job and that he is in the process of screening applicants in hopes of finding a qualified applicant to fill the position.

Carolyn Mayo then updated the council on the city's financial reports. She pointed to a shortfall in the city's utility

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Pair of criminal cases disposed in District Court

Two criminal cases were disposed in District Judge Walther Court Monday, June 7, 2004.

Oralia Pina, plead guilty to felony forgery and received 5 years deferred adjudication probation with restitution of \$1,272.74 and court costs of \$275.00.

Luis Mata, plead guilty to one count of felony Indecency with a Child. Two other charges were dropped. Mata received 7 years deferred adjudication probation and a fine of \$1,000.00 plus court costs totaling \$320.00.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Looking for tax relief — Brigitte Rogers of Sonora, a member of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature, asked the Eldorado City Council to consider freezing taxes on senior and disabled citizens, as provided by a constitutional amendment passed by Texas voters last November.

TCEQ cites YFZ Ranch on environmental violations

State inspectors found a number of environmental concerns at the YFZ Ranch, including one that poses a threat to groundwater, according to documents released last week by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

TCEQ inspectors visited the ranch twice, first on April 16, 2004 with a follow up investigation ten days later, on April 26. Both times the investigators noted compliance violations.

Among the violations is the alleged illegal use of a concrete batch plant without proper registration or permit. Documents acquired by The Eldorado Success under the Texas Open Records Act, indicate that on April 26 investigator Mark Newman ordered that a rock crushing and concrete plant be shutdown until appropriate authorization was obtained by the ranch.

Interestingly, aerial photos taken by the Success that same day indicate that land was being cleared just north of three large 3-story buildings already constructed on the ranch. Subsequent photos reveal that extensive concrete work continued at the site, for several days following the shutdown order. A TCEQ spokesman told the Success on

Tuesday that ranch officials have applied for some permits, but that there has been no authorization given to restart the concrete plant.

Another violation involves an undersized septic facility connected to the three large buildings noted above, as well as tanks connected to four mobile homes. According to the documents obtained by the Success, state officials are so concerned about possible contamination of ground water and/or runoff into Milligan Draw that they have labeled the septic system as a "Class V Injection Well."

YFZ Ranch officials were ordered to "cease and desist" operation of the domestic sewage waste facility. They were also cited for failing to obtain a permit for a sewage facility and were again ordered to cease and desist operation until authorization is granted by the state for additional construction.

An agency spokesman told the Success that the septic system too small to handle the waste water from the first three building erected on the property. There has not been another inspection since two even larger buildings were

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The rush is on! Land Rush Day planned for Saturday

Eldorado, famous as the "City of Gold," is also famous for its altitude, "Top of the Divide," and any number of interesting people, Jim Runge for example. The town also became well known near the turn of the last century for its Land Rush when, as an incentive to pioneers and settlers, state and railroad land was offered for sale at low, low prices. The result, a rush of people headed into the county and the sleepy little village of Eldorado blossomed.

Today, we celebrate the Eldorado Land Rush with our annual county festival, formerly known as Schleicher County Days. This year's Land Rush

Day will be held on Saturday, June 12, at the Schleicher County Courthouse Square. It is sponsored by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce.

Besides the scandal of changing the festival's decades-old-name, the event will include equally scandalous activities: a greased pig contest, various races, dunking booth, obstacle course, water games, jalapeno and onion eating contest, a parade, washers & horseshoe pitching contests, water games and entertainers by the dozens.


The parade begins at 9 AM and cash prizes will be awarded for the most entertaining float, as well as the best decorated bicycle. The theme for the bike decorating contest is "Living High in the Wild West." Entries in the parade are encouraged and yes, bands are welcome!

A Little Miss, Mister and Baby Land Rush Day contest will be held on the courthouse square for children 0-9. Judging will be based on pioneer outfits and congeniality.

Among the booths that planned for the day-long event are: Knights of Columbus (hamburgers & cokes); Eldorado Senior Citizen Center (cakes, breads, pies); Shirley Odom (wood crafts items & doll dresses); The Honey Tree (Texas honey & plant stands); Eldorado Girls Softball All-Stars (cookies, brownies & cup cakes), Sheriff's Dept (free gun locks).

Also, Eagle Arcade Youth Center (burritos, nachos, bottled water); Dora Castro (guizo, corn cups, Ceviche & frozen popicles); Schleicher County Medical - Nursing Home (engraved brick pavers); Wayne Raasch (Democratic congressional candidate); Jessie Valero (tea & lemonade); Darlene/ Front Porch Country Crafts (horseshoe art, neck coolers & crafts); and many, many more.

So, grab your family, hop in your buggy and head on down to Eldorado Land Rush Day. And remember, don't be late because the rush is on!



ELDORADO LAND RUSH DAY
(formerly Schleicher County Day)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

9:00 a.m. — Parade (Floats and decorated bicycles will be judged during the parade with cash prizes being awarded.)

9:30 a.m. — Land Rush Day begins on Courthouse square

10:00 a.m. — Little Mr. and Miss and Baby Land Rush Day

11:00 a.m. — West Texas Cloggers to perform live

11:30 a.m. — Jalapeno Eating Contest

12:15 p.m. — Land Rush Day Winners Announced

Scheduled vendors and events include: Arts and Crafts booths, Food Vendors, Various Entertainers, Greased Pig Contest, Washer & Horseshoe Pitching; Water Games, Obstacle Course (for kids and adults)

* Additional events may be added.



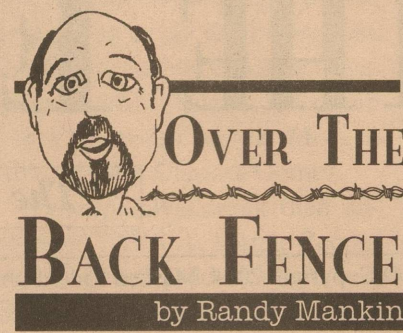
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Outstanding State Piano Soloist- EHS junior, Anna Troy, received a Number 1 rating at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest from judge Timothy Woolsey. The contest was held in San Marcos on Saturday, May 29, 2004. Ms. Troy performed on the piano Trois Nocturnes Opus 9 Number 1 by composer Fryderyk Chopin. She is the daughter of Stan and Vicky Troy.



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Memories of Ronald Reagan



I can't recall a time when I wasn't aware of Ronald Reagan. Like many of my generation, I first became acquainted with him through his movie roles, mostly in rerun on weekend TV.

Then, before I was old enough to even think about voting, Reagan left the acting career behind him and entered the political arena. And, before anyone who knew anything about politics could see it coming he unseated a popular governor and took over the top job in California.

I really don't want to get into politics here, but Ronald Reagan was a political animal and everything he did in the second half of his remarkable life was shaped by politics. And, it could reasonably be argued that all politics during that same time period were equally influenced by him.

No, it isn't politics I'm interested in here, but the man. I liked Ronald Reagan, probably the way the vast majority of Americans liked him, not because of any particular thing he did or said, but because of how he made me feel.

To begin with, Ronald Reagan made me proud to be an American. He spoke in eloquent terms about this nation and always accented its virtues. There are always plenty of people who want to find fault with America, but Ronald Reagan staked out the higher ground. Some probably credit him with being a brilliant political tactician. Not me. In my mind Reagan's patriotism had nothing to do with politics. It was simply who he was.

Ronald Reagan could also be tough. Remember the Soviet Union? In eight short years he managed what seven presidents before him couldn't, he fought and won the Cold War, and he did it without firing a shot. Yes, he ran up a deficit, but he spent the Soviets under the table. Ask yourself what it would have cost to meet the Russians on the battlefield. Or, worse yet, what would another forty years of "containment" have set us back? He also proved to be a tough negotiator in the domestic arena. Remember that when Ronald Reagan the Republican was president the Democrats owned both houses of Congress, and had for more than a quarter of a century. It's fashionable these days for presidents of both parties complain about Congress, but not Ronald Reagan. He took his argument straight to the American people.

I also liked Ronald Reagan's sense of humor. He was willing to poke fun at himself and was so adept at it that he could use it to his advantage, even during a debate. At one point in his debate with Walter Mondale, a question came up about the difference in the two men's ages. Reagan said he didn't

see it as an issue and then pledged not to use Mondale's youth and inexperience as a campaign tool.

Somehow, Ronald Reagan's detractors manage to blame him for everything that went wrong during his administration while giving the credit for all the successes to his underlings. They especially like to credit Reagan's speech writers and try to convince us that the 40th president was only an actor reading his lines.

For weeks before his trip to Berlin Ronald Reagan was advised by his State Department, as well as most of his other advisers, to drop a particular line from a speech he was to give.

"It needs to be said. No, it has to be said," the president is quoted as having told one of his aides on the flight to Germany.

A day later, standing in front of the Berlin Wall, Ronald Reagan said what others before him were too timid to say. "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

Less than a year after Ronald Reagan left office, the wall that had stood for everything that was wrong with the Soviet Union, was toppled, not by tanks, but by individuals. A fitting tribute, I think.

This week, while many mourn the passing of Ronald Reagan, I find no room for sorrow. He lived a remarkable life and accomplished many great things. And, the Alzheimer's that once robbed him of his memories no longer plagues him.

Ronald Reagan has passed on. Now he belongs to the ages.

An Interview Trip to the Valley

Every week my radio program has a report from East, West, North, South and Central Texas. When I run low on interviews from one part of the state, I go there and replenish my supply. Last week I went to the Rio Grande Valley, one of my favorite parts of Texas. I love the palm trees, birds, resacas and citrus. The valley is booming. I was told McAllen has five Holiday Inns.

On the way down I made a stop in Kingsland to interview La Von Freydenberg, spokesperson for the Plungettes, who do dance routines using colorful bathroom plungers. Then between Tilden and Three Rivers I stopped in at Choke Canyon, the only state park with a gymnasium.

Tuesday morning, during a light rain, I was in a park in Harlingen watching Rick Hartman practice fly casting. He is a fishing guide who competes in casting contests. Then I visited Mike Dailey who told me about the architects who built much of Harlingen. Gloria Saldivar told me about her family business of making tamales and Tony Bennett told me how he has made a living as a bird painter for more than 30 years. His work has appeared in several bird books. I interviewed Susan and Cavanaugh Francis about their



by Tumbleweed Smith

business, Texas Thread. They took an old building with ancient equipment and started making thick thread that is sold all over the world. It is used in awnings, tarpaulins, tents and straps that hold down cargo on trucks. Ruth Forstner keeps the huge flag that flies over the Valley Morning Star newspaper in good shape.

The flag gets whipped by the winds and has to be repaired every couple of months. I interviewed Pappy Martin about his clock collection, Raoul Gonzales about guitar making, Eloise Campbell about salt found on her ranch, Dennis Cole about making fine knives and Verne Wheelwright about starting work on his Ph.D. when he was 65. He is studying research at Leeds University in England and hopes to write books about the future. To make a living, he sells paper to printing houses all over the world.

The valley has a bunch of interesting people. Doug Murphy told me about the Palo Alto Battlefield where the first battle of the Mexican-American

war took place. The battlefield is now a national historic site near Brownsville. In Port Isabel I interviewed Ed Meza, who is in charge of two city-operated museums in his town. He is also the coordinator of the famous light house in Port Isabel. It's a state park, but operated by the city. Also in Port Isabel I listened to historian and book writer Rod Bates tell me about some treasures he has found using a metal detector. I did a report on Bill Haley, who gave birth to Rock and Roll with Rock Around the Clock. He lived in Harlingen. The city recently unveiled a huge downtown mural of him. I interviewed Robert Wittenbach, who built brick car washes and started the no-streak washes. In Brownsville I interviewed Rosa and Manuel Mondragon who make unbelievable pinatas which are truly works of art.

In Olmito I met Joe and Rosa Perez who sing traditional Mexican duets and write poetry. In Rio Hondo, Gay Landry told me about making duck decoys. In Sebastian, Rudy Garza showed me why he is the state champion archer. In Sarita, Homero Vera told me about the Kennedy ranching family which played a prominent part in settling the area once known as the wild horse prairie. In San Antonio, I interviewed Joey Kelly, grandson of the famous clown, Emmet Kelly.

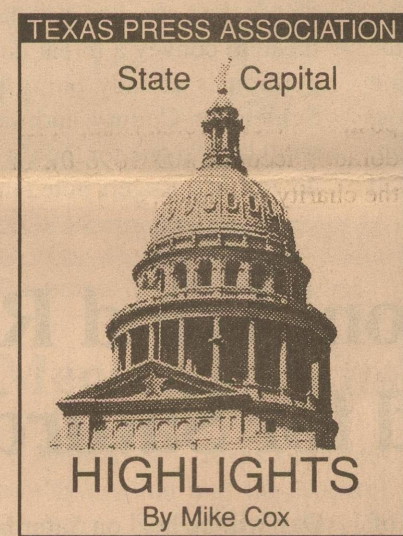
Reagan boosted 2 Texans to White House

AUSTIN — When the news came that former President Ronald Reagan had died, Texas Republicans were holding their annual convention in San Antonio.

Party veterans recalled that nearly 20 years earlier, President Reagan had been in Dallas for another Republican event — the party's national convention. In Big D on Aug. 23, 1984, the nation's Big R accepted his party's nomination for a second term as president.

Reagan carried Texas and 48 other states in his landslide re-election, but a Web site called "Things Named in Honor of Ronald Reagan" shows only one Texas high school — in San Antonio — named after the late president.

Clearly, there is no correlation between the number of times a politician's name goes up on a public building and the impact that person has on a particular area. If that were the case, and assuming only Republicans got to name buildings, every other school in



Texas would be named for Reagan. From the standpoint of Texas history, Reagan was no Sam Houston, but his presidency helped put two Texans in the White House inside a decade. By choosing George Herbert Walker Bush as his vice presidential running mate in 1980, Reagan paved the way for the Bush presidency in 1989. That presidency, though it only lasted one term, made it feasible

for son George W. Bush to seek the governorship. Becoming governor of the nation's second-most populated state, in turn, gave the younger Bush the successful shot he took at the White House.

Both the 41st and the 43rd president will be at Reagan's funeral, along with a lot of other Texans.

Gas up, auto insurance may go down...

It's costing more to fill your vehicle with gasoline, but it's getting a little less expensive to drive around with the required level of auto insurance.

If the Texas Department of Insurance OKs it, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. will decrease what it charges for collision coverage by an average of 2.2 percent in August.

Earlier this year, USAA cut its rates in Texas by 4.5 percent. Progressive Insurance followed suit in March, dropping its rates by 2 percent.

The Texas rate decreases buck the national trend. According to the Insurance Information Institute, auto insurance rates are expected to increase 3.5 percent this year. Estimated national average cost for auto insurance is \$871 a year.

Go figure...

Nervous that someone will steal your brand new vehicle? According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, a 5-year-old car or truck has a better chance of being stolen than a new set of wheels fresh off the showroom floor.

In its annual listing of the most-stolen vehicles in Texas, the DPS said cars and trucks five years and older amount to roughly 70 percent of all vehicles stolen in the state (pickups claim three of the first four categories).

In the good news category, auto theft dropped 4.6 percent in Texas last year compared with the year before. Even so, nearly 100,000 vehicles were stolen, a loss of \$782 million.

The top vehicles most preferred by thieves include General Motors pickups, Ford pickups, Honda Accords, Dodge pickups, GM Suburbans, Honda Civics, Toyota Camry, Ford Taurus and Ford Mustang.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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6. Willy Wonka's creator	52. Washington's Sound	66. Stitch anew	8. Snake's sound	23. Rummy cake
10. Garment bottom	53. Ketchup spills	DOWN	9. Spike or Ang	24. Tiny particle
13. Early rocket stage	59. Texas shortstop, familiarly	1. Kellogg-Briand	10. Take off	25. Get lucky while prospecting
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16. Do some successful sleuthing	62. Fitzgerald of jazz	4. SASEs, e.g.	15. Honeymooners accommodations	29. Sturm Drang
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				56. Notable times
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				58. Gush forth
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Willene Page Garlitz



ern Star.

Willene was preceded in death by her parents, her precious granddaughter, Laura Page Schneemann, and her granddog, Princess Beulah Mae.

Willene was loved and will be missed by her husband of 49 years, Elmer Garlitz, and her children, Sharon and Mark Elam of Rockwall, Terrie and Dan Schneemann of Big Lake, Don Garlitz of Whitehouse, Greg and Leeona Garlitz of Olton, and Kara Sue Garlitz of Eldorado.

Missing "Grandma" are Jenni Champion of Rockwall; Katie and Marco Duran of Rockwall; Wil, Julie and Casey Schneemann of Big Lake; Allison, Matt, and Rachel Garlitz of Whitehouse; M'Kenzie Garlitz of Missouri City; Chris and Shara Germany of Olton; and her great-grandson, Jacob Champion, of Rockwall.

She is also survived by her beloved aunts and uncle, Julia and Joe Schreiber, Alice Nunn, Eileen Page, and Juanita Page; brothers and sisters, George A. and Zelma Page, Nancy and Jimmie Allen, Patsy and Charlie Beaty, and Marie Legg. She also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers are Mark Elam, Dan Schneemann, Wil Schneemann, Chris Germany, Scott Beaty, Tommy Minor, Kenneth Schwartz, and Ernie Gonzales.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Eagle Arcade Youth Center, Attn: Linda Gonzalez, Box 71C, Eldorado, Texas 76936 (or direct deposit at First National Bank of Eldorado, account #09-1096-0), or the charity of choice.

Willene Page Garlitz passed away on June 6, 2004, at Community Hospital in San Angelo surrounded by her family.

Willene was born in San Saba, Texas, on July 29, 1935, to Cora Shelton and George Bowden Page. She attended elementary and junior high school at Lakeview in San Angelo, Texas. She completed her education at Gustine High School in Gustine, Texas, graduating Valedictorian of the class of 1952 at the age of 16.

Willene fell in love with and married Elmer Garlitz on January 14, 1955. She gave up her job as a telephone operator with General Telephone Company to raise their five children. Elmer and Willene made their home in San Angelo before moving their family to Eldorado in 1971.

Willene loved and nurtured her family. She took great pleasure and pride in her children and grandchildren, and she took every opportunity to attend all she could in which they participated.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eldorado. She was very proud to be a fifty-year member of the Order of the East-

Conrada Vara Jaquez



Brother: Joe Vara of Kermit; and one Sister: Candy Mesa of Kermit.

Conrada was also preceded in death by two Sons: Tony Jaquez and Juan Jaquez; one Daughter: Lala Rhoades; one Brother: Manuelito Vara; and three Sisters: Maria Lujan, Christina Jaquez and Nasaria Esparza.

Prayer service was held at 7:00 pm, Thursday, June 03, 2004 at Family Services Funeral Chapel. Funeral Service was held at 10:00 am, Friday, June 04, 2004 at First Baptist Church in Kermit with Pastor Dudley Mullins officiating. Interment followed at Kermit Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Grandchildren: Blas Hernandez, Jr, Rene Subia, Joselito Salinas, Trey Jaquez, Cody Lozano and Abraham Jaquez. Honorary pallbearers are her remaining Grandchildren.

Conrada Jaquez, age 85, Kermit, entered into rest Tuesday, June 01, 2004 at Winkler County Memorial Hospital in Kermit. She was born Wednesday, February 19, 1919, in Sierra Blanca, Hudspeth County, TX to the late Hinojo and Angelita (Porras) Vara.

She married Catarino Jaquez on November 25, 1934 in Ft. Stockton. He preceded her in death on June 08, 1967. Conrada was a member of the First Baptist Church. She loved cooking and taking care of her family. Her favorite pastime was Sewing And Crocheting.

She leaves behind one Son: Catarino Jaquez, Jr. of Andrews; three Daughters: Sandy Hernandez of Kermit, Elida Subia of Andrews and Mary Lozano of Eldorado; one

'Power Up' VBS slated at Community Baptist Church

The workout coach shouts, "Power Up! Join the team. We can make a difference the world will see. Power Up!" And VBS leaders at Community Baptist Church are responding to the challenge.

Jesus Helps You Power Up! Is about far more than being in shape. It offers kids the opportunity to help reshape their world.

This high-impact, spiritual workout will take place daily

from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., June 20-25, right here at Community Baptist Church on Warner Street. Beginning each evening at Power Up! Place, our Workout Team will explore five great "one-another" passages of the New Testament: Love One Another; Accept One Another; Serve One Another; and Forgive One Another.

In every story, kids will discover that they are built up to build others up. Through hands-on activities (including Movers and Shakers Fitness Fun, Munch and Crunch Café, High-Impact Crafts and more), they'll discover that Jesus builds us up from the inside out. He can make us into powerhouses for Him. Through great Faith Lift Praises, such as "Serv-

ing One Another" and "Your Word in My Heart," kids will discover "God Is Able to Build You Up."

So get ready to do the spiritual stretch! Sit up. Push up. Don't give up. You're cross training for life. Your kids won't want to miss a minute of the action! Secure their positions on the Workout Team today!

Sign up at the Power Up! Explosion Preregistration Event in the church parking lot at 12 E. Warner Street on Sunday June 20, at 4:00 p.m. There will be snow cones and a Power Up! Obstacle Course with prizes to help you get in shape! Call 853-3288 with any questions or to do quick and easy phone enrollment. Let's put on those gym shoes and begin the workout!

Rev. Casal gives message at FPC

Sunday, June 13, the Rev. Jose Luis Casal will deliver the message at First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado at 10AM. Rev. Casal is a native of Cuba and received his Masters of Evangelical Theology from the Seminary in Havana, Cuba. Ordained in 1971, his ministry has touched lives in Ecuador with the Latin American Council of Churches, in Miami with Iglesia Presbyteria, in Chicago as National Coordinator for Hispanic Presbyterian Men, and now in Midland as the Regional Mission Coordinator.

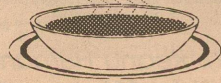
Jose Luis and his wife, Cecilia, have four children and will be preaching from the Word of God at 10AM Sunday June 13 at the Presbyterian Church in Eldorado (2 North Cottonwood St.). Rev. Leonard Wideman, pastor of First Presbyterian Church commented, "We are thrilled to have him



Rev. Jose Casal

preach for us again. Jose Luis oversees about 35 churches in West Texas and he preaches at each of them once a year. He is a godly man with a desire to bring our two cultures together."

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, June 14

Country Fried Steak, Baked Potato, Spanish Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Lime Rice Swirl, Juice, Milk

Tuesday, June 15

Oven Fried Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Zucchini Squash, Wheat Bread, 1/2 Orange, Lemon Square, Milk

Wednesday, June 16

Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Tossed Salad w/ Tomato, Wheat Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

Thursday, June 17

Fried Catfish, Corn Tomato Casserole, Spinach, Corn Bread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

Friday, June 18

Beef & Cheese, Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Tortillas, Creamy Coleslaw, Fruit Salad, Milk

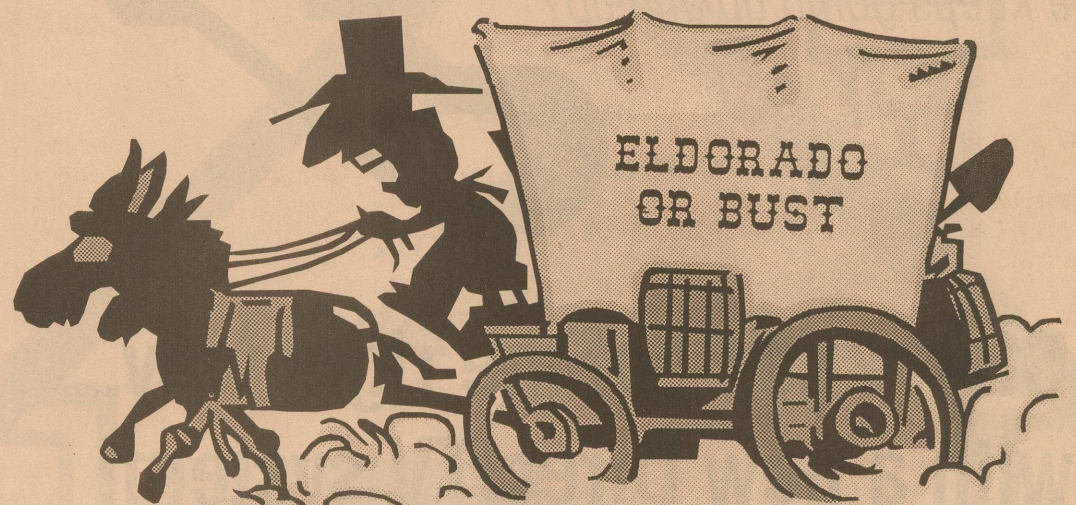
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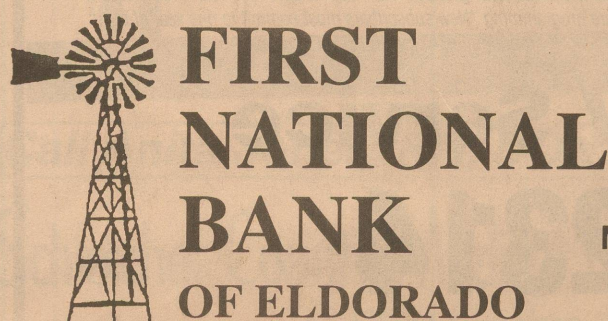
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2004 Pee Wees A's Team: Front (L-R): Cade Ledbetter, Victor Castro, Jonah Griggs, Michael Rios, Joey Jacobsen, Julissa Martinez. Back (L-R): Coach Tony Martinez, Coach Hector Rios, Tony Rey Martinez, Coach Tony Martinez, Jacob Sanchez, Coach Reyes Sanchez, Jose Guerra, Coach Walt Griggs. Players not in photo were Whitney Sullivan, Jesus DeLuna, Jeremiah Geuea



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2004 Pee Wees Ranger Team: Front (L-R): Dalton Morris, Chase Mertz, Marcos Ramon, Roman Gonzalez, West Ramon. Back (L-R): Martin Iglesias, Coach Jeff Chancellor, Jaime Chancellor, Arden Mertz, Justin Whitten, Jessie Gonzalez, Jacob Mettlen, Coach Amalio Ramon. Player not in photo Byron Aycock.



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2004 Pee Wees Red Sox Team: Front (L-R): Keanu Hernandez, Lonnie Estrada, William Parks, Ryan Farmer, Abigail Narvaez, Strait Pridemore, Chelsea Walker. Back (L-R): Julian Guzman, Monti Buitron, Coach Julio Narvaez, Gabriel Villareal, Coach Vickie Farmer, Canyon Marshal. Coach and players not in photo were Coach Angela Belman, Aaron Santellano, and Tori Guerrero.



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2004 Pee Wees Astros Team: Front (L-R): Megan Powell, Mercedes Ochoa, Riley Umpress, Whitney Perez, Regan DeHanis, Eveluyn Martinez. Back (L-R): Deonn Fuentes, Junior Gonzalez, Christian Martinez, Alex Rodriguez, Fabian Gomez, Jess Gonzales. Coaches and players not in photo were Coach Linda Gonzalez, Coach Jessica Fuentes, Hudson Martin, Isaiah Olivan, and Justin Ochoa.

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Eldorado Golf Club Play Day

The Eldorado Golf Club held its monthly Play Day on Sunday, June 6th. There were 27 adults and two youths, Cash Lane and Chance Meyers, who participated. The results were:
 1st place-score 54-Mario Robles, Cash Lane, Su Scott, and Albert Torres.
 2nd place-score 57-Moises Hill, Oscar Martinez, C.R. Sproul, and Susie Richters.
 3rd place-score 58-John Mitchell, Roy Guerrero, Gordon Emmons, and Guy Crip-pin.
 The next Play Day will be Sunday, July 4th. The Eldorado Golf club will have a 3 Person Select Shot Tournament on Saturday, June 12th. Tee time is 1:30 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Mayor questions tax freeze

Dear Editor:

In 2003, the Texas Legislature approved an amendment to the Texas Constitution that allows cities and counties to freeze property taxes on the homes of persons older than 65, as well as disabled persons. City councils and county commissioners courts across the state may now decide whether or not to enact the freeze. If enacted the property taxes of senior citizens and disabled persons would be permanently capped, not at their present rate, but at their current dollar amount. In other words, someone paying \$500 in taxes this year, would never pay more, regardless of future tax rates.

This sounds like a great idea and, according to the most recent tax records, it would benefit 131 senior citizens and 14 disabled persons living in Eldorado. However, before making such a decision, the city council must consider a few basic facts.

First, the city has a budget that is necessary to maintain its current operations. Not only does the City of Eldorado provide the same basic services that most small cities provide, like water and sewer, it also owns and operates its own natural gas distribution system and landfill. In fact, the vast majority of the city's revenue is generated by its utility department. Still, it is necessary to levy a tax to support the operation of the city.

If the City Council decides to enact the tax freeze, as is being proposed by some, then 16 percent of the city's tax base would be exempt from future tax increases. That's all well and good, except that the freeze is permanent and might serve to tie the hands of future city councils.

In recent years, the City of Eldorado has held the line on taxes, choosing to finance most of its operations with utility fees. However, as we have all seen on the news, natural disasters happen and emergencies occur. Eldorado is not exempt and I question the logic of limiting the city's ability to cope with such a disaster.

The fact of the matter is, unlike the federal government, the

city's budget must balance each and every year. As appraised values rise and fall with the whims of the agricultural and oil & gas markets, the city has to adjust its tax rate up and down in order to pay the bills. If a tax freeze is enacted, a future city council could be faced with some tough options: 1) raising rates on water, gas, sewer and garbage; 2) raising taxes on those property owners who won't be protected by a freeze; or 3) cutting back or suspending services.

It is my understanding that the Schleicher County Commissioners have decided not to enact a property tax freeze.

Still, it is being considered by the City Council and will be taken up at our meeting in July. In the meantime, there is a petition being circulated that would bypass the City Council and force an election on the issue.

It is my hope that the people of Eldorado will allow the City Council to weigh the options and come to a decision before signing any petition. There will be plenty of time for petitions after the council meets in July. Besides, an election would cost several times more than any tax savings that might be realized. And, remember, the tax freeze would only apply if and when there is a tax increase — not something that is likely in the near future.

I ask all citizens to Eldorado to think about this issue carefully, ask questions and consider the possible implications of a tax freeze, especially the impact that such a freeze might have on utility rates. Also, carefully consider the fact that a tax freeze would be PERMANENT and cannot be reversed, even in an emergency. Then, once you have the facts, contact your council member and let them know what you think. I can assure you that the City Council wants to do what is right, and what is fair.

John Nikolauk, Mayor
City of Eldorado

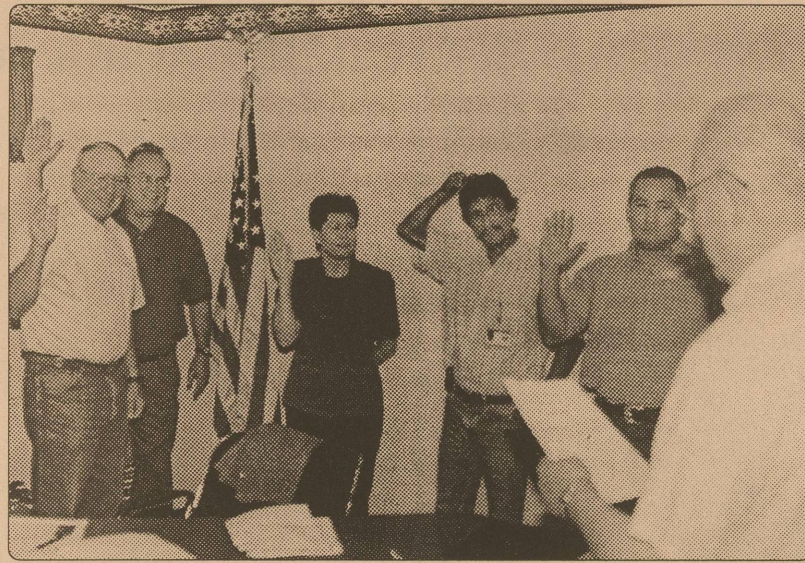


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Oath of office — (L-R) Mayor John Nikolauk and City Council members Bill McCutcheon, Toni Sudduth, Juaquin Rojas and Tommy Minor took the oath of office Monday night from Municipal Judge Pat Ragsdale.

City Council meeting held

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fund and expressed a hope that the numbers would improve. Ms. Mayo also distributed the city's investment report and explained that she was considering opening an account at 1st Community Federal Credit Union so that city customers who bank with that facility could pay their utility bills by bank draft. The city already accepts bank drafts through First National Bank of Eldorado.

Next the council heard from City Administrator Randy Mankin who advised that work on the water improvement project in Orient Heights subdivision is complete. He said that when the contractor made the switch over to the new lines, it was discovered that two additional residences were connected to the old system. Mankin said an extra tap was made and the two home were connected to the new water mains.

Most of the work was funded with a grant through the Texas

Office of Rural Community Affairs. A "change order" was authorized, by the council so that the grant would pick up the cost of the extra work, amounting to \$1,340.

Mankin also advised that work will begin soon to rehabilitate a portion of the street near the school gym. He noted that the city is still paying for the original paving project and said that additional work is needed now in order to stop the rapid deterioration of the pavement. Other streets will also be repaired during the summer months, Mankin added.

Before adjourning the council approved the minutes from last month's meeting and okayed the payment of the city's monthly bills.

After briefly discussing a proposed skateboard/rollerblading ordinance, the council opted to call a public hearing on the issue. They also asked for a public hearing regarding the lowering of speed limits in the Glendale Addition, as well as other parts of town.

The council's next meeting is slated for 6:00 p.m. on July 12, 2004 at City Hall.

SCRA Sweetheart Contest 2004

Contest will be open to girls ages 12-18. You must reside in Schleicher County.

You will be judged on horsemanship, tickets sales, and interview. Anyone wanting to participate contact Wendy Daniels at 450-3166 or 853-2202.

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SRU Dean's List released

Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas and the Rio Grande College have named 308 students to the spring semester Dean's List for 2004, the honor roll of students maintaining a 3.3 or greater grade point average. Undergraduate students enrolled for 12 or more semester hours who maintain an average of 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's List. Graduate hours are not included in the computations.

Helen Christina Redish, a 2003 graduate of Eldorado High School, was one of the 308 students who made the Dean's list. She is the daughter of Mack and Angela Redish of Eldorado

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- 1/4 cup lemon juice from concentrate
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- 10 wooden sticks

1. In large bowl, stir together orange juice, sweetened

- condensed milk and lemon juice. Pour into paper cups.
- 2. Cover each cup with foil. Make small hole with knife. Insert wooden stick or plastic spoon into each cup through hole. Freeze overnight or until firm. To serve, remove foil; tear off paper.

Blueberry & Peach Shortcake

Makes 6 to 8 servings

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon lemon juice from concentrate, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (6.5-ounce) prepared sponge cake layer
- 2 tablespoons sugar

- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- Sliced peaches

1. In large mixer bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Stir in 1/3 cup lemon juice and vanilla. Spread on cake; chill 2 hours.
2. In small saucepan, mix sugar, cornstarch, water and remaining 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Cook and stir until thickened. Add blueberries; cook until bubbly. Chill 1 hour.
3. Before serving, top cake with peach slices and blueberry sauce. Refrigerate leftovers.

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Strawberry Tunnel Cream Cake

Strawberry Tunnel Cream Cake

Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 1 (10-inch) prepared round angel food cake
- 2 (3-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1/3 cup lemon juice from concentrate
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 to 4 drops red food coloring, optional
- 1 cup chopped fresh strawberries
- 1 (12-ounce) container frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed (5 1/4 cups)
- Additional fresh strawberries, optional

1. Place cake onto serving plate. Cut 1-inch slice crosswise from top of cake; set aside. With sharp knife, cut around cake 1 inch from center hole and 1 inch from outer edge, leaving 1-inch-thick cake walls and 1-inch-thick base on bottom.
2. Remove cake from center, leaving 1-inch-thick base on bottom of cake. Reserve cake pieces. In large mixing bowl, beat cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Stir in lemon juice, almond extract and food coloring if desired. Stir in reserved torn cake pieces and chopped strawberries. Fold in 1 cup whipped topping.
3. Fill cavity of cake with strawberry mixture; replace top slice of cake.

4. Chill 3 hours or until set. Frost with remaining whipped topping; garnish with strawberries if desired. Store in refrigerator.

Lime-Filled Pastry With Mixed Berries

Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry (one-half 17 1/4-ounce package)
- 1 egg white, slightly beaten
- Coarse sugar or granulated sugar
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1/3 cup lime juice from concentrate
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 3 cups fresh raspberries, blueberries and/or quartered strawberries

1. Let folded pastry thaw at room temperature, 20 minutes. Preheat oven to 375°F. On a lightly floured surface, unfold pastry; roll out 5 x 10 inch rectangle. Cut 3/4-inch-wide strip from each long side of rectangle; cut 3/4-inch-wide strip from each short end of rectangle. Set aside 4 strips.
2. Place pastry rectangle on ungreased baking sheet. Brush with egg white. Lay pastry strips on top of pastry rectangle, aligning outer edges of strips to fit. Brush strips with egg white and sprinkle with sugar. Prick bottom of rectangle several times with fork.
3. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until light brown. Cool.
4. In medium-sized bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk, lime



Low Fat Raspberry Mousse

juice and sour cream. Spoon into cooled pastry rectangle. Cover and chill up to 4 hours. Top with berries before serving. Store leftovers, covered, in refrigerator.

Low Fat Raspberry Mousse

Makes 12 servings

- 2 (10-ounce) packages frozen red raspberries in syrup, thawed, divided
- 2 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Low Fat Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice from concentrate
- Red food coloring, optional
- 1 (8-ounce) container frozen light whipped topping, thawed

1. In saucepan, combine one package undrained raspberries and cornstarch; cook and stir until thickened and clear. Chill while making mousse mixture.
2. In blender, combine remaining package drained raspberries, sweetened condensed milk and lemon juice; blend until smooth. Place in bowl; stir in small amount of food coloring if desired. Fold in whipped topping.
3. Spoon half mousse mixture into dessert dishes; top with equal portions of raspberry sauce then remaining mousse mixture. Chill at least 1 hour. Refrigerate leftovers.

Materials courtesy of Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk

Eagle Arcade Youth Center opens Saturday

A new youth center, which was a brainchild of a group of 8th grade students who complained there was usually "not enough for teens to do on weekends," will open on Saturday, June 12.

After English teacher Katrina Gonzales introduced her 8th graders to the idea of service learning projects, a small group consisting of 6 students (Gabby Alvites, Chris Harrington, Selvia Aranda, Juanita Segura, Ernesto Sanchez, and Zeus Garcia) called themselves the Arcade Group. The Arcade Group proceeded to investigate the possibilities of having a place where students could have a center for activities such as air-hockey, Playstation II set ups, a pool table, regular board games and a few arts/crafts.

After many hours of research into such legal problems as liability and finances, the group have procured a basement room at the Memorial Building and will hold their Grand Opening in conjunction with Land Rush Day, set for June 12, to show off their accomplishments. The group have sold a lot of baked goods to finance the project and will continue their fund raising with a booth at Land Rush Days. The booth will have burritos, nachos and cold drinks. The little ones will enjoy winning prizes at the ring toss.

The Arcade is open to all students in the 7th to 12th grades. Annual membership dues are only \$10 with admission at the door costing \$1.00 per day.

The Eagle Arcade Youth Center is located in the Corral Room in the Memorial Building which has held youth groups in the past. The room will be opened from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings with separate times for Middle School and High School Students.

Adult supervision will always be on the premises and parental permission must be on file.

The game room will offer a pool table, Playstation II, air-hockey, foosball, ping-pong, board games, crafts and karaoke. Also, monthly tournaments!

The adult supervising board consists of Joe Dombroski, Ilse Williams, Linda Gonzales, Bill Wells, David Olivan and Ernie Gonzales.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Eagle Arcade Youth Center Takes Wing- Front-Luis "Chomper" Huichapa tries his luck at the new pool table while Gabriel Vasquez, Adriana Granados and David Ramirez look on. The Eagle Arcade Youth Center will hold it's Grand Opening on Sat. June. 12.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

"The Order of the Rose" is an honor given to Beta Sigma Phi members who have given generously of themselves to the sorority's way of life. This honor is conferred on cherished and devoted members whose thought, conduct and purpose reflect the high ideals of Beauty, Love, and Truth. During the ceremony each member bears the Torch which is a symbol of the light within her soul to guide and lead her from the darkness of

selfishness into the light of love and loving service to others.

In 2003/2004 five new members join member Flora Hubble in this Golden Circle of Friendship Preceptor Kappa Delta chapter of BSP. Receiving their beautiful Rose pins as members of this circle were: Kim'et Nelson, Dorothy Dacy, Dorothy Clark, Mary Leigh Dunagan and Barbara Jackson. These women have spent many years in service to the ideals Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

State cites YFZ Ranch

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completed nearby. "We are taking this very seriously and are taking the appropriate steps," a TCEQ official told the Success. "This has been forwarded to our enforcement division for action."

Other violations cited at the ranch include the failure to register two diesel generator engines prior to their construction and operation, as well as violations of Texas Storm Water Discharge rules.

Attorney Rod Parker of Salt Lake City, UT, represents the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS), a Mormon splinter group that acquired the ranch in late 2003. Parker said Tuesday that he was un-

aware of the alleged environmental violations at the YFZ Ranch. He noted that he doesn't stay in constant communication with Prophet Warren Jeffs, the leader of the FLDS and said it likely that Jeffs is living at the ranch and is aware of the TCEQ investigation.

The Success continues to monitor developments at the YFZ and will endeavor to keep its readers informed.

Meanwhile, the newspaper is still trying to contact YFZ Ranch officials and/or FLDS Church officials. So far, none have been willing to talk to the Success. On Tuesday, the Success extended another request, this time through Attorney Rod Parker, for an interview with church or ranch leaders.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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EMS students honored during end-of-year program

Eldorado Middle School's academic awards were presented on Friday, May 27, 2004 in the EHS Auditorium with Tyler Dombroski, Student Council President welcoming the parents and guests of the EMS students. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and Texas Flag was led by Marcela Huerta, Student Vice-President and a moment of silence was led by Dylan Dombroski, Student Council Secretary.

The outgoing Eighth Grade Class, in a special graduation recognition ceremony, was presented special certificates from Middle School Principal Kara Sue Garlitz. At the end of the assembly Middle School the 8th grade students presented their eighth grade teachers and principal with a decorated picture frame to remember them by.

Individual awards were presented as follows: Mr. Jim Wyatt presented the **Industrial Technology Awards**. 7th graders Timothy Maskill and Marcela Huerta and 8th grade Clayton Sauer and Rhapsody Swyter each received the award for outstanding student in industrial technology-woodworking.

Perfect Attendance Awards were presented to Jorge Medrano, Misti Daniels, Luis Huichapa and Lalo Sanchez. These students were neither absent nor tardy for the entire year.

Schleicher County Soil and Water Conservation cash awards were presented to the 1st-3rd poster winners by Mary Leigh Dunagan. First place winner was Adriana Hernandez, 2nd place winner was Mareen Martinez and 3rd place winner was Victoria Garza.

Service Learning recognition was presented by Board Trustee Kurtis Homer and grant coordinator Ilse Williams. The noted that community service projects totaling 8,788 hours

were shared by the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes. The 8th grade class had a total of nine projects from learning on how to stop bullying to child abuse earning 3,411 total hours which came to 63.2 hours of community service per 8th grade student.

Exceptional Behavior Recognition given by Eldorado Middle School staff went to: 5th Grade students-Amy Alvizo, Robert Buchholz, Laura Garcia, Rosi Iglesias, Allyson Jarrett, J.R. Martinez, Miles Mikeska, Bailey Minor, Marci Minor, Jaymie O'Harrow, Ashley Paulson and Ben Wipff. 6th grade students: Mary Alice Aguirre, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Timothy Cuevas, Dylan Dombroski, Emily Espinosa, Victoria Garza, Crystal Hamilton, Adriana Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Garrett Lux, Maureen Martinez, Ramiro Perez, Gregory Rodriguez, Maegan Self; 7th grade students: Deyanira Cruz, Juan Carlos Escobar, Victoria Fuentes, Haley Higgins, Marcela Huerta, Chris Minor, Bridgett Mitchell, April Porras, Kirsten Stubbs, Sara Trickett, and Jessica Valero; 8th grade students: Louie Buitron, Macy Chatham, Lupe Contreras, Caleb Daniels, Erika Estrada, Maygen Eubanks, Jordan Gesch, Amika Gonzalez, Manny Gonzalez, Nancy Hernandez, Luis Huichapa, Jorge Mata, Chelsey Pridemore, Michael Redish, Lalo Sanchez, Clayton Sauer, Chelsey Stone, Steven Trevino and Desiree Valeriano.

Citizenship Awards winners are selected by teachers in each grade level. They are: **Eighth Grade:** Allie Perez and Jordan Gesch; **Seventh Grade:** Marcella Huerta and Brent Martinez; **Sixth Grade:** Patricia Hernandez and Ramiro; **Fifth Grade:** Deisy Aranda and Robert Buchholz; **Most Improved: 5th Grade-** Alex Guzman, David Luna, and John Espinosa; **6th Grade-**Crystal Hamilton and Garrett Lux; **7th Grade-** Darci Graves and Juan Carlos Escobar; **8th Grade-** Juanita Segura and David Ramirez.

Most Congenial: 5th Grade- Marci Minor and Briley Ledbetter; **6th Grade-** Emily Espinosa and Dylan Dombroski; **7th Grade-** Sara Trickett and Nancy Cathey; **8th Grade-** Deysi Rios and Manny Gonzalez.

Scholarship Awards were given to the top ten students academically in each grade level. Receiving Scholarship Awards in alphabetical order were: **Eighth Grade-Top 5 Medalist-** Macy Chatham, Jorge Chavez, Tyler Dombroski, Jordan Gesch and Allie Perez; **Bottom 5 Medalist-** Blake Chatham, Caleb Daniels, Clayton Sauer, Chelsey Stone and Rhapsody Swyter; **Seventh Grade-Top 5 Medalist-** Rance Cathey, Victoria Fuentes, Marcela Huerta, Kirsten Stubbs, and Corie Williams; **Bottom 5 Medalist-** Deyanira Cruz, Meg Griffin, April Porras, Sara Trickett and Joseph Turnbull; **Sixth Grade-Top 5 Medalist-** Hunter Alvizo, Wes Brown, Timothy Cuevas, Dylan Dombroski and Emily Espinosa; **Bottom 5 Medalist-** Ryan Castillo, Adriana Hernandez, Tanja Hibbs, Gregory Rodriguez, and Maegan Self; **Fifth Grade-Top 5 Medalist-** Amy Alvizo, Miles Mikeska, Jaymie O'Harrow, Ashley Paulson and Ben Wipff; **Bottom 5 Medalist-** Deisy Aranda, Torey Griggs, Allyson Jarrett, J.R. Martinez, and Aaron Parsley.

The **American Legion Awards** were presented to a 6th grade girl and boy who were elected by their classmates for their display of good courage, honor leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. This year's award was presented to Emily Espinosa and Dylan Dombroski by Guy Crippin a member of the American Legion.

Lions Club Award is awarded to the 8th grade boy and girl who had the highest scholastic average for the 2003-2004 school year. Recipients of this award were Allie Perez, Macy Chatham and Jordan Gesch. The award was presented by Lion Club representative Vickie William.

The **Leadership Award** was presented to Macy Chatham and Tyler Dombroski both 8th graders who were chosen for outstanding citizenship, friendship, and sportsmanship throughout their middle school years. These students are nominated by the 8th grade and voted on by the entire student body. The award was presented by Principal Garlitz.

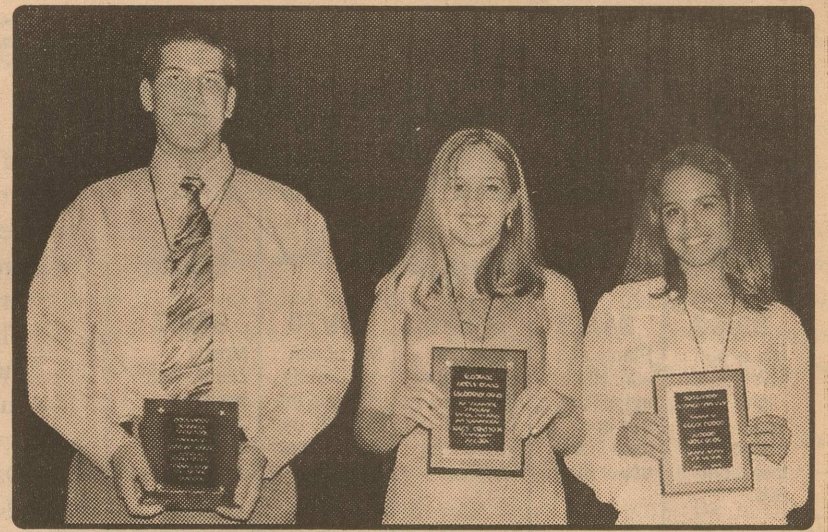


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2004 Middle School Lion Club Scholarship Award Honorees: L-R Jordan Gesch, Macy Chatham and Allie Perez. This award is awarded to a 8th grade girl (tie) and boy with the highest average.

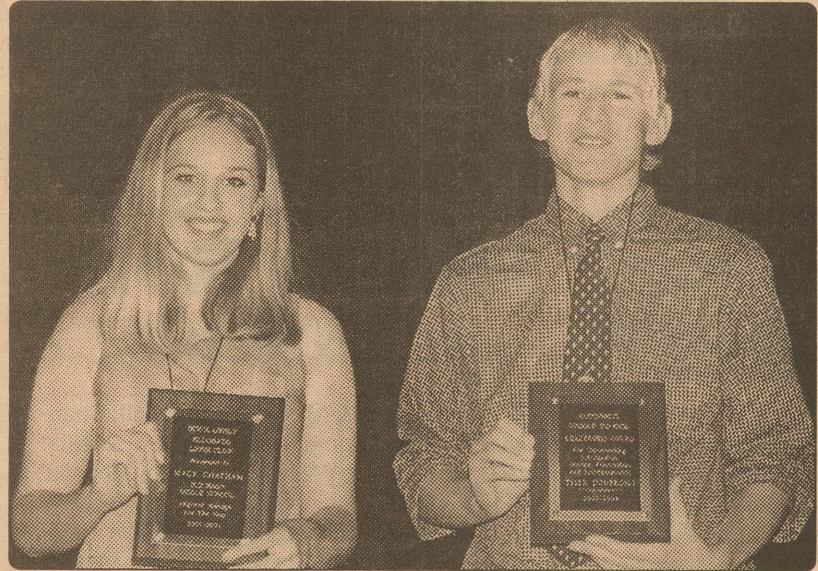


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2004 Middle School Leadership Awards: L-R Macy Chatham and Tyler Dombroski. were nominated by their 8th grade classmates. They were chosen for outstanding scholarship, service, friendship and sportsmanship by the entire EMS student body.

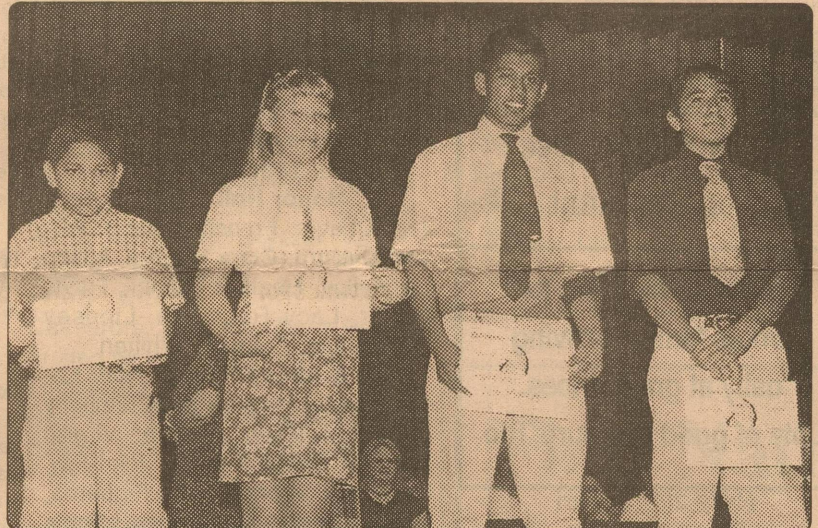


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2004 Middle School Perfect Attendance Awards: L-R Jorge Medrano, Misti Daniels, Luis Huichapa and Lalo Sanchez.



Eldorado Middle School Honor Roll 6th Six Weeks

5th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Amy Alvizo, Allyson Jarrett, J.R. Martinez, Miles Mikeska, Bailey Minor, Marci Minor, James O'Harrow, Ben Wipff

"A-B" Honor Roll: Deisy Aranda, Zack Brame, Samantha Brown, Robert Buchholz, Eloy Bustos, Kymberlin Conn, Colten Daniels, Laura Garcia, Brittaney Gauna, Torey Griggs, Rosy Iglesias, Sam Jenkins, Josh Jurecek, Briley Ledbetter, Carli McAngus, Aaron Parsley, Ashley Paulson, Holly Romero, Rudy Sanchez.

6th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Hunter Alvizo, Ryan Castillo, Timothy Cuevas, Dylan Dombroski, Emily Espinosa, Adriana Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Tanja Hibbs, Maureen Martinez, Maegan Self.

"A-B" Honor Roll: Mary Alice Aguirre, Mason Baker, Wes Brown, Samantha Dominguez, Victoria Garza, Crystal Hamilton, Alicia Hernandez, Clarissa Hernandez, Garrett Lux, Juan Medrano, Marcos Medrano, Ramiro Perez, Cory Ragon, Dustin Ramos, Hugo Rios, Greg Rodriguez, Junior Trujillo.

7th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Marcela Huerta, Kirsten Stubbs, Corie Williams.

"A-B" Honor Roll: Cassandra Buitron, Rance Cathey, Deyanira Cruz, Juan Carlos Escobar, Victoria Fuentes, Darci Graves, Meg Griffin, Haley Higgins, Chris Minor, Bridgett Mitchell, April Porras, Lindsay Pridemore, Sara Trickett, Joseph Turnbull

8th Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Jordan Gesch
"A-B" Honor Roll: Macy Chatham, Jorge Chavez, Lupe Contreras, Caleb Daniels, Tyler Dombroski, Luis Huichapa, J.P. Joiner, Allie Perez, Michael Redish, Deysi Rios, Lalo Sanchez, Clayton Sauer, Chelsey Stone, Rhapsody Swyter, Kassandra Tyler, Desiree Valeriano.

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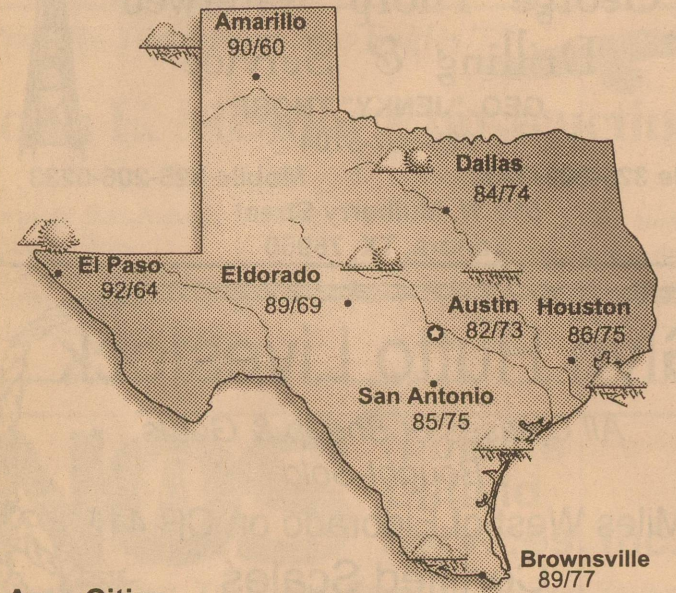
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 6/11	Sat 6/12	Sun 6/13	Mon 6/14	Tue 6/15
89/69 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	91/69 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	93/70 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	94/70 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	94/67 Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms.
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Beaumont	87	74	t-storm
Brownsville	89	77	t-storm
Brownwood	86	70	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	86	77	t-storm
Corsicana	82	71	rain
Dallas	84	74	pt sunny
Del Rio	91	75	pt sunny
El Paso	92	64	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	95	70	mst sunny
Gainesville	82	70	pt sunny
Greenville	82	71	t-storm
Houston	86	75	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	67	t-storm
Boston	67	53	t-storm
Chicago	71	61	t-storm
Dallas	84	74	pt sunny
Denver	79	50	pt sunny
Houston	86	75	t-storm
Los Angeles	73	58	pt sunny
Miami	85	78	t-storm

Moon Phases



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Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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

Sheriff's Dept. offers gun locks

The Schleicher County Sheriff's Office will provide 1,700 free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program. The safety kits, which include a gun lock, will be distributed on June 12th 2004 from 9am until 4pm at the upcoming Land Rush Days to be held on the on the Court House Square.

Project Child Safe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), will distribute millions of firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice Grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

"We encourage residents to pick up a Project ChildSafe Safety Kit so that they can securely store their firearm" said Sheriff David R. Doran. "Each kit con-

tains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gunlock. The locks fit on most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in your home."

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, Schleicher County Sheriff's Office is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe will distribute gunlock safety kits to all 50 states and five U.S. territories.

"We are pleased to have the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office as a Project ChildSafe partner" said Dee Dee Dockins, spokesman for the program. Project ChildSafe is an important step forward in helping ensure that all firearm owners fully understand their responsibilities with respect to the safe handling and storage of firearms."



Eldorado High School Honor Roll 6th Six Weeks

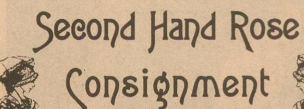
9th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Kristin Mittel

"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Josue Chavez, Candace Engdahl, Holly Ford, Anna Fuentes, Sandra Garza, Tiffany Hernandez, William Higgins, Brittany Jennings, Richard Jones, Liz Lacy, Felipe Martinez, Abelardo Montalvo, Raul Rios, Kimberly Samaniego, Ridge Sudduth, Krista Troy

10th Grade

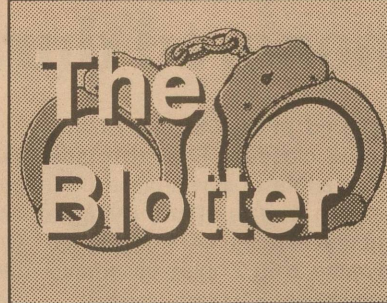
"A" Honor Roll: Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, Esperanza Fuentes, Chandra Wanoreck



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ARRESTS

May 3 • Sobley, Chad Ed, male age 27, Motion to Revoke, offense Burglary.
• Timms, Charles Ray, male age 37, Motion to Revoke, offense Possession of Controlled Substance.

May 4 • Delgado, Raymundo, male age 47, arresting officer SC Officer, offense DWI (2nd), Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

May 5 • Scarbrough, Christopher, male age 27, arresting officer SC Officer, offense No Drivers License and No Liability Insurance, Paid Fines.

May 6 • Contreras, Jose Miguel, male age 23, arresting officer SC Officer, offense Resisting Arrest and Disorderly Conduct, Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond.

INCIDENTS

June 1 • 8:40 p.m. Complainant on N. Cottonwood called 911 and reported someone was breaking in to their home. While on the phone with dispatch the subject advised that it was just a friend and asked to disregard the call. Dispatch tried calling the subject's phone to make sure everything was OK. Got no answer and sent officer to investigate. Everything was OK.

June 2 • 3:04 a.m. Complainant reported loose livestock (cows) 2 miles east on Hwy. 190.

• 8:35 a.m. Complainant reported a dog in their backyard on West Avenue. Animal Control was notified.

• 10:44 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer in reference to a burglary on a ranch. Chief deputy interviewed subject who stated burglary involved break in of building and removal of several items. Burglary is under investigation.

• 11:25 a.m. Subject reported 56 head of nannies (Boar Crosses) have been taken. Livestock has ear tags and a letter "J" on right jaw. Taken from ranch 17 miles on FM 2596. Chief deputy spoke with complainant and theft is under investigation.

• 6:13 p.m. Complainant reported a subject driving without a license. Officer responded and arrested subject.

June 3 • 8:22 a.m. Subject on Main reported goats and sheep in their backyard. Officer responded.

• 5:49 p.m. Officer investigated a suspicious person walking near business on Hwy. 190. Officer gave subject an escort to the county line.

• 5:50 p.m. Motorist flagged officer down and asked for assistance. Vehicle was inoperable.

• 11:04 p.m. Caller reported a pedestrian who appeared to be intoxicated. Subject was headed on north main. Officer responded and made contact with subject.

• 11:46 p.m. Caller reported loud music on N Main. Officer responded.

June 4 • 11:34 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.

June 5 • 12:50 a.m. Sutton County Sheriff Office called and advised of an intoxicated driver that had been involved in a hit and run in their county. Also they advised Tom Green County. Officer responded.

• 11:28 a.m. Complainant on Dixie requested an ambulance for female subject. EMS2 and officer responded.

• 1:57 p.m. Subject requested to speak with an officer about a possible break in to their storage building. Officer responded.

• 2:00 p.m. Complainant reported a horse tied up near a tree on Rudd Road but the horse was still able to reach the road. Officer responded.

• 5:37 p.m. DPS of San Angelo advised they received two complainants about two dead deer in the middle of US Hwy. 277 N. TxDOT was contacted.

• 6:27 p.m. Subject reported bees found at rodeo arena.

• 6:31 p.m. Complainant on South Main reported loud music. Officer responded.

• 9:39 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to make a report. Subject hit a deer and requested a blue form.

• 10:06 p.m. Complainant reported a stranded motorist 6 miles North on US 277.

June 6 • 1:03 a.m. Caller reported neighbors having a party and being loud. Possible unsupervised teens. Two officers responded.

• 12:35 a.m. Vehicle accident reported at county line north. Two officers and EMS2 responded.

• 12:49 a.m. Complainant requested an officer check on their residence. Officer responded.

• 1:35 a.m. Complainant reported loud music on Main. Officer responded.

• 10:35 p.m. Caller reported a fight in progress on Depot Road. Arrest made on male subject.

June 7 • 7:32 a.m. Complainant reported that the High School had been broken into.

• 11:45 a.m. Caller stated two children were locked in a car. Officer responded.

• 1:02 p.m. Caller reported a white Jeep Cherokee speeding on West Hwy 190. Officer responded.

• 5:18 p.m. Subject reported a suspicious vehicle near their residence. Officer responded.

• 5:33 p.m. Complainant reported a semi trailer seemed to be having problems with the trailer. Officer responded.

• 6:05 p.m. Subject on Eastfield Dr. reported that some criminal mischief had been done to their car. Officer responded.

June 8 • Complainant called to report they would be having a controlled burn on their ranch.

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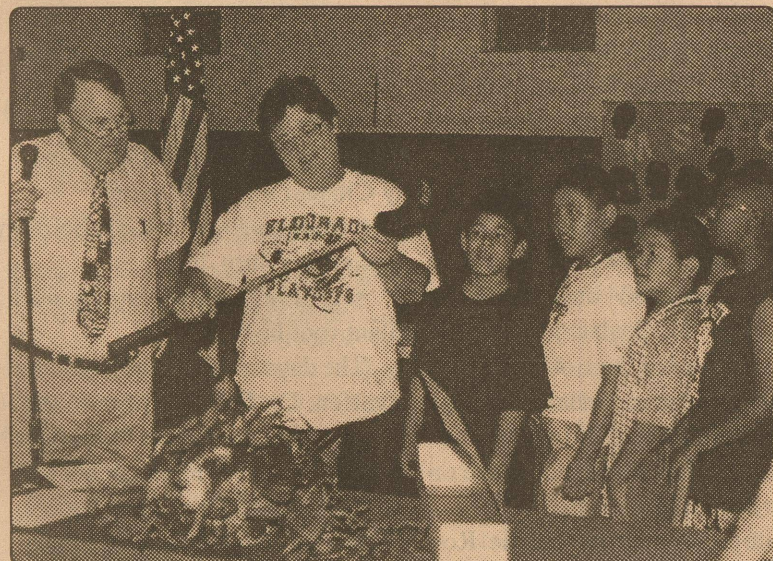
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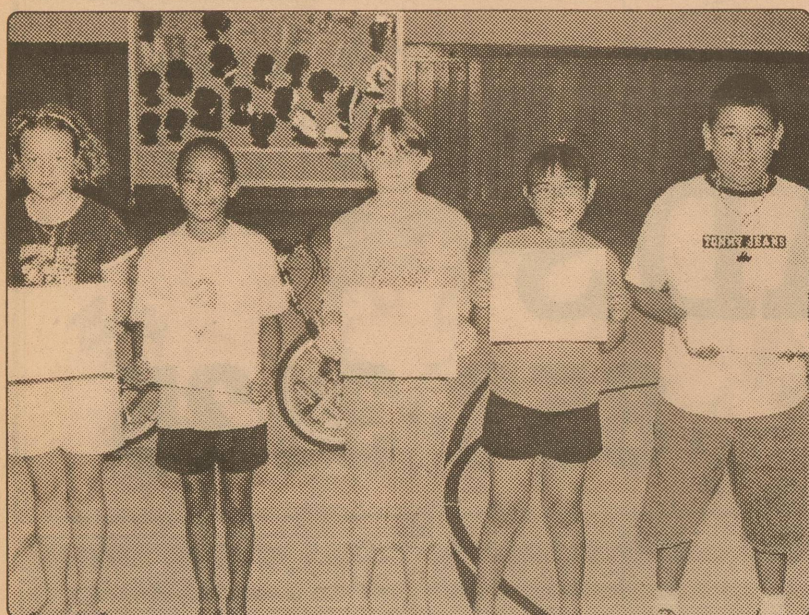


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2004 Gold Presidential Award Winners: L-R Shelby Seymore, Abby Fuentes, Charlie Swinford, Amanda Garcia and Oscar Robles.

Elementary students recognized at awards assembly

The Eldorado Elementary held its end of school recognition and awards assembly on Friday, May 27, 2004 in the Elementary Gym.

The assembly opened with Elementary Principal Bob Wanoreck leading the assembled students, teachers, parents and grandparents in the Pledge of Allegiance and salute to the Texas Flag.

Principal Bob Wanoreck then announced numerous end-of-school awards. Among these were:

Perfect Attendance from (8-18-03 to 5-25-04): Kindergarten-Marina Estrada and Leroy Torres; First Grade: Janee Nichole Lacy; Second Grade: Caitlyn Grubbs; Third Grade: Camron Capps, Edward Hernandez, Kasey Gonzalez, and McCall Miller; Fourth Grade: C.J. Knutson, Sean McCord, Roman Medrano, and Dacy Whiddon.

Accelerated Reader High Point Individuals out of each class were: Janee Nicole Lacy (90.3 points)-Mrs. Curtis' Class; Claire Wideman (115.0 points) Mrs. Gray's Class; Jessica Gonzalez (87.2 points)-Mrs. Halbert's Class; Ob-

dulia Huerta (110.0 points)-Mrs. Jones Class; Addye Chatham (96.4 points)-Mrs. McGregor Class; Elizabeth Olivares (108.5 points) Mrs. Mikeska's Class; Stacy Valeriano (144.3 points)-Mrs. Beach Class; M'Kenna Gillespie (139.4 points)-Mrs. O'Harrow's Class; and Miranda Arispe (144.8 points) Mrs. Sessom's Class. McCall Miller received his T shirt for making the 100 Point Club with 112.3 points and Pollie Guerrero receive a shirt for making the 100 Point Club with 100 points.

The Gold Presidential Award for Education Excellence went to 4th graders who achieved an "A" yearly average in Reading and Math and received a commended in 2 out of 3 areas on the TAKS test. It is a very prestigious award to recognize academic success in the class room. Receiving the award were: Oscar Robles, Amanda Garcia, Charlie Swinford, Shelby Seymore, and Abby Fuentes.

The Silver Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement was given to 4th grade students who showed com-

mitment and improvement in academic subjects. Receiving the award this year were: Ashby Ragsdale, Brianda Torres, Briannah Creek, Robert Chavez, Morgan Gillespie and Clarissa Gomez.

Principal Wanoreck then announced TAKS Academic Recognition. Fourth grade students recognized as Commended were: Canutita Acosta (writing); Sierra Arispe (writing); Maddison Bilibrey (writing); Allen Espinosas (writing); Abby Fuentes (Reading and Mathematics); Amanda Garcia (writing and reading); Morgan Gillespie (writing and reading); Pollie Guerrero (writing and reading), Evan Joiner (reading); Colt Jones (writing and reading); Ashby Ragsdale (reading); Oscar Robles (reading and mathematics); Christian Sanchez (writing and mathematics); Shelby Seymore (writing, reading and mathematics); Charli Swinford (writing, reading and mathematics) and Dacy Whiddon (writing.)

Third grade students recognized for their TAKS Academic Recognition were: Miranda Arispe (reading and math); Paige Boysaw (reading); John Brenner (math); Camron Capps (reading); Shelby Daniels (reading); Lori Escobar (reading); Ryan Espinosa (reading and math);

Veronica Fuentes (math); Jalen Garza (reading and math); Kasey Gonzalez (reading); Lane Griffin (reading and math); Robin Hibbs (reading); Mary Lou Martinez (reading and math); McCall Miller (reading and math); Blaine Mitchell (reading and math); Rudy Montez (math); Avery Nolen (reading and math); Victoria Olivan (reading); Brian Parsley (reading and math); Marcus Perez (reading); Hagen Porras (math); David Ragon (reading and math); Dylan Ramos (reading and math); Hector Reyes (reading); Austin Stapp (reading and math); Rose Turner (reading and math) and Stacey Valeriano (reading and math.)

Mrs. Darlene Edmiston presented Shelby Seymore with a certificate in recognition of her Perfect Writing TAKS Score of 4.

Students presented retiring 4th grade teacher Mrs. Melissa O'Harrow with a golf club putter that had a wooded handle with a special inscription.

Closing the assembly a boy and a girl were chosen to be the recipients of two new bicycles. Students with perfect attendance for a six-week period were entered into the contest. Winning the bikes this year were: Roman Medrano and Caitlyn Grubbs.

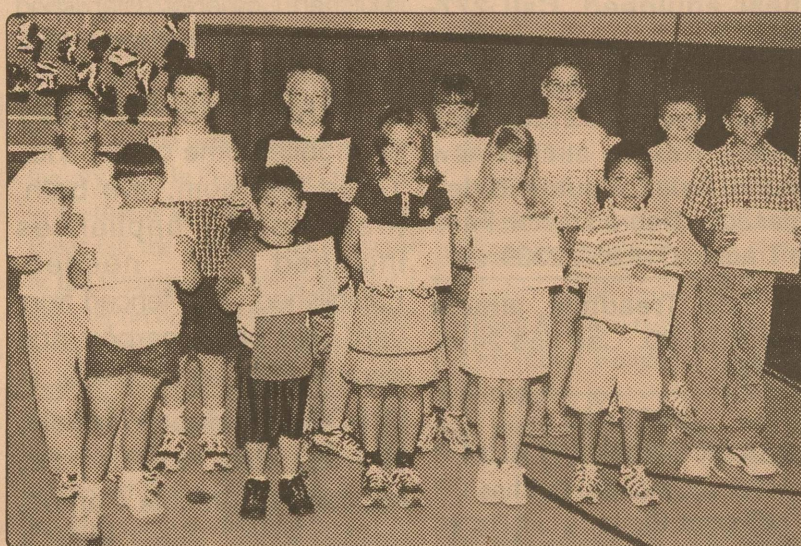


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2004 Elementary Perfect Attendance Award: Front L-R: Marina Estrada, Leroy Torres, Janee Nicole Lacy, Caitlyn Grubbs, Edward Hernandez and Roman Medrano; Back L-R: Sean McCord, McCall Miller, C.J. Knutson, Kasey Gonzalez, Dacy Whiddon and Camron Capps.



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2004 Elementary Presidential Silver Award Recipients: L-R: Clarissa Gomez, Morgan Gillespie, Robert Chavez, Briannah Creek, Ashby Ragsdale and Brianda Torres.

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Menard burn tour slated June 12

MENARD - Texas Cooperative Extension and the Natural Resources Conservation Service offices in Menard County are sponsoring the "Menard County Burn Tour" June 12.

The three-ranch tour departs Menard County's Courthouse at 8:45 a.m.

Texas Department of Agriculture private pesticide license holders completing the entire tour are eligible for three continuing education units.

"We'll be touring actual prescribed burning sites on three area ranches," said Billy Kniffen, Extension agent for Menard County. "It makes a more lasting impression if participants can actually see the results of what's trying to be explained. That's the case with this tour. We plan to look at each site and discuss the goals associated with that particular ranch."

"One of the sites we'll visit were burned in 2002 and again earlier this year. We will compare the 2002 and 2004 burns results at that site. We'll also look at the impact fire has had on shin oak, algerita, cedar and mealy-cup sage and what worked and what problems were faced with using fire on each ranch."

Stop-one will be on the Roy Jacoby Ranch three miles south of Menard on Hwy 83. Topics addressed will include:

- protecting hunting blinds, fences and making the area safe;
- chemicals following burning to control pricklypear and other plant species;
- herbicide effects on wildlife, and
- grazing cattle, sheep and goats after burning.

The tour heads for the Ray Lam-

mert Ranch 10 miles south of Menard at 10:15 a.m. To reach the ranch, turn left on FM 1773, go about 10 miles to Bill Royal's Gate. Turn left and proceed north up the lane. The house on the right marks the Lammert Ranch headquarters.

Talks will include:

- water supply;
- fire guards;
- impact of fire and burning on exotic game;
- key plant identification for livestock and wildlife and
- burning impact on cedar.

The John Jordan Ranch is the final ranch stop. From Lammert's Ranch, proceed east on FM 1773, turn north on FM 1221 for about five miles. The ranch is on the left.

Topics to be discussed include:

- pros and cons of prescribed fire relating to wildlife;
- Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association, Menard County Chapter and burn teams;
- managing of the ranch before and after a burn, and
- grazing management and plant root health.

The days speakers will include: Kniffen, Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist, San Angelo; Ellis Klett, Menard rancher and EPPBA chair; Dr. Jake Landers, Extension range specialist-emeritus, San Angelo; Gary Bates, NRCS, Menard and Charles Anderson, NRCS district conservationist, Menard.

The tour is set to adjourn back at Menard at 2:30 p.m.

Individual registration is \$10 per person by June 10. The fee includes lunch and refreshments. For more information and to RSVP call Menard's Extension office at (325) 396-4787 or the NRCS office at (325) 396-4708.

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