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County weighs in on YFZ wastewater permit debate

Commissioners elect to take their concerns directly to state officials

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, March 14, 2005, and voted to schedule a meeting with officials from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at which time they intend to express their concerns about a proposed wastewater treatment plant on the YFZ Ranch. The men also plan to travel to Austin where they will meet with State Senator Robert Duncan and State Representative Harvey Hilderbran, as well as TCEQ officials.

The commissioners chose the direct approach rather than joining with the Upper Colorado River Authority, the San Angelo based agency that is already protesting the YFZ's wastewater permit application.

County Attorney Raymond Loomis advised the commissioners Monday of his concerns about supporting the UCRA with a monetary contribution. Loomis said that since the money hadn't been budgeted for the purpose, it shouldn't be spent.

The men agreed that the protection of Schleicher County's aquifer was a primary concern but concluded that they might better influence TCEQ by appealing directly to the agency.

"Robert Duncan has been good for Schleicher County," Judge Johnny Griffin said of the state senator. "You can't tell me that a consultant will have more influence with TCEQ than he will."

County Commissioner Bill Clark said he believed YFZ officials should be encouraged to meet with the City of Eldorado and arrange to transport their wastewater to the city's sewer plant. He noted that the city's facility is sufficiently large and suggested that a pipeline might be laid from the YFZ to the city plant.

Clark added that the thought the county's main concern should be the protection of its water. "The one thing we have that nobody

around us has is good water," Clark said. "We need to take care of it."

At issue is a proposed wastewater treatment plant on the YFZ Ranch, some four miles north of Eldorado, where followers of Warren Jeffs' and his Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, are building a new community. Preliminary plans for the sewage treatment facility calls for treated effluent to be discharged into Milligan Draw, a normally dry draw that eventually empties into the South Concho River.

David Allred, a Utah businessman and a follower of Warren Jeffs, began acquiring property in Schleicher County in late 2003 and eventually bought a 1,671 ranch on County Road 300 where he told locals he intended to build a corporate hunting retreat.

It was one year ago this week that local authorities first learned of Allred's association with Jeffs. Since that time at least ten large dormitory-style residences have been documented on the property. A 28,000 square foot meeting hall also has been erected, along with other large residences, including one that encloses more than 29,000 square feet. Now, a massive temple is being built on the YFZ and work has began two weeks ago on a sewage treatment facility.

Opposition to the wastewater plant has been spearheaded by the Upper Colorado River Authority, with support from the Plateau Underground Water District, Tom Green County and the City of San Angelo. Landowners adjacent to and downstream from the YFZ Ranch also have thrown their support behind the UCRA.

Two weeks ago, after it came to light that workers at the YFZ had already begun building the proposed wastewater facility, even before state permits had been issued, TCEQ investigators stepped in and issued a cease and desist order.

Death of Fred Jessop confirmed

Sheriff David Doran confirmed Wednesday that Fred Jessop, known by members of the FLDS Church as "Uncle Fred," passed away at 2:10 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at an undisclosed location near Denver, CO.

The 94-year-old patriarch of the FLDS church was once seen as the heir apparent to former prophet Rulon Jeffs but was reportedly outmaneuvered by Jeffs' son, Warren Jeffs when the elder prophet died in September of 2002.

Shortly thereafter, Jessop was removed from his position of leadership in the church. He has been considered missing by authorities

for several months.

Word of Jessop's death reached Eldorado Wednesday with some sources saying he died at the YFZ Ranch. Sheriff Doran told the Success that his sources indicate that while Jessop had indeed passed away, the death did not occur here in Texas.

Jessop's body is reportedly being transported to St. George, UT where funeral arrangements have yet to be announced.

The Success will publish more details on its website at www.myeldorado.net, as they become available.

Fire Dept. schedules storm spotter training March 29

Hector Guerrero of the National Weather Service of San Angelo will be guest speaker at the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. as the local volunteers train for the spring thunderstorm season. The meeting will be held at the Fire Hall and is open to the public.

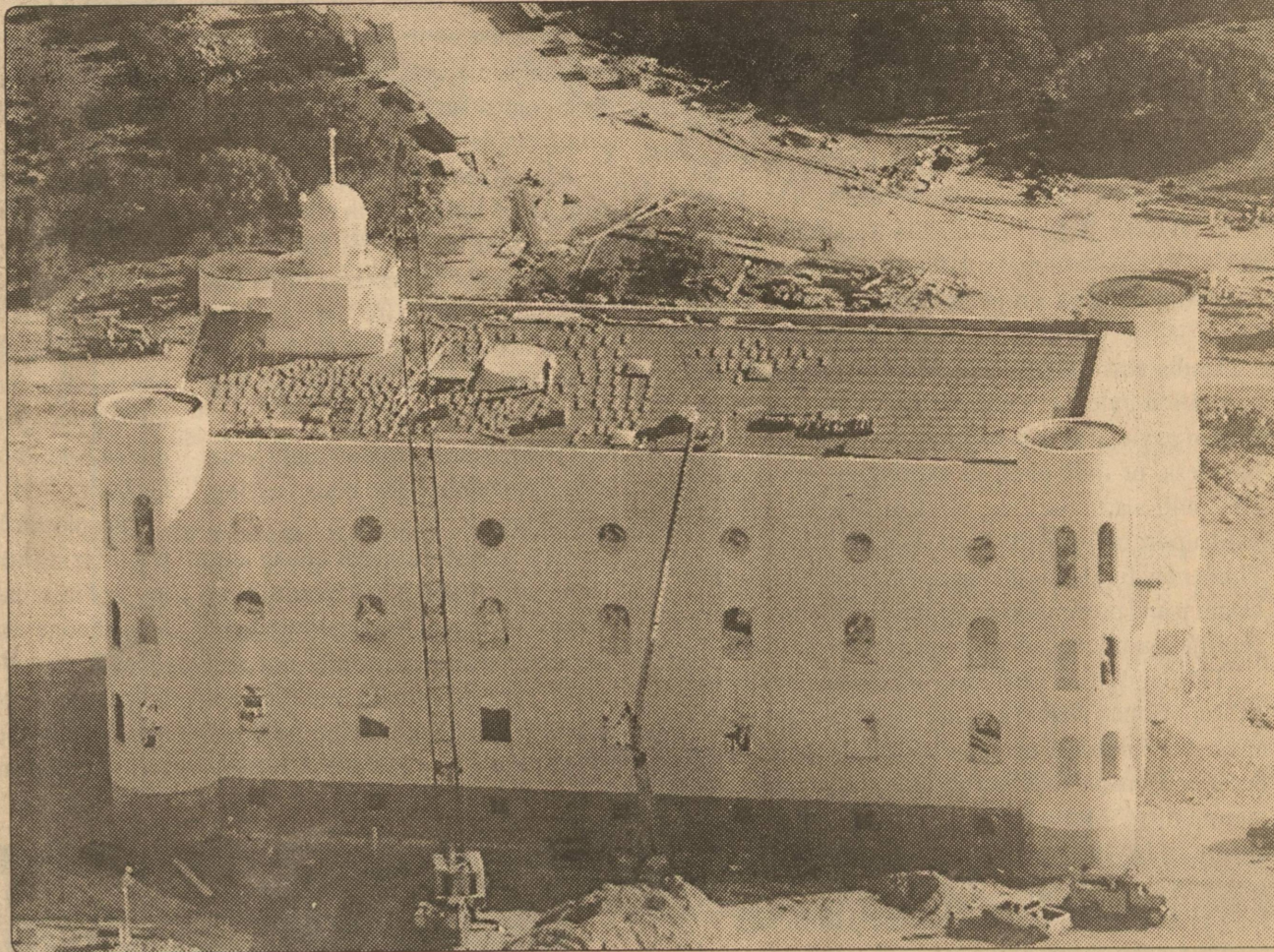
NWS Weather Service of San Angelo has many highly trained SKYWARN storm spotters who volunteer their time and radio communication skills to provide timely and accurate information about the storms seen on radar. These highly dedicated

individuals help save lives. No matter how advanced radar technology becomes, the National Weather Service will always be highly dependent on trained volunteer SKYWARN spotters.

If anyone would like to become a SKYWARN spotter, the first step is to attend a SKYWARN training session administered by the National Weather Service. These training sessions are performed in late winter, into the spring months. Training schedules can be seen by going online to www.srh.weather.gov/sjt or for further information e-mail Hector Guerrero, Warning

and Coordination Meteorologist at NWS San Angelo or by phone at (325) 944-9445.

SKYWARN spotters must have a reliable method of communication with a SKYWARN net controller. This is accomplished through amateur radio, and sometimes General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) frequencies operated by Radio Emergency Communications Teams (REACT). Amateur radio and GMRS operators are licensed with the FCC. Many local amateur radio clubs administer license classes and examinations, as well as communications and spotter logistics training.



SUCCESS PHOTO

Workers were painting an ornamental cupola Monday atop the temple building at the YFZ Ranch where FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs is relocating part of his flock from the Utah/Arizona border region.

Federal court finds Jeffs in default in Fischer lawsuit

Warren Jeffs, the leader of a polygamous Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was found to be in default last Friday in a federal civil lawsuit that accused him of blacklisting a former church member.

The news came when the clerk of the court entered a certificate of default against Jeffs, indicating that he has failed to respond to a summons to appear. The ruling means Jeffs has forfeited the right to defend himself and could be held liable for damages in the case.

Shem Fischer, who was once employed by a cabinet company in Hildale, UT, alleges in the lawsuit that he was wrongfully terminated from his job because he no longer adhered to the town's dominant FLDS faith.

Fischer's attorneys were unable to locate Jeffs to serve him with the lawsuit, so they published notices earlier this year in three newspapers in areas where the FLDS Church owns or controls property — the Spectrum in St. George, UT, the Cortez Journal in Colorado and here in the Eldorado Success.

The certificate of default was issued because Jeffs failed to respond within 20 days of the publications.

Fischer, who worked as a salesman for the Forestwood Co., alleged in the lawsuit that church officials interfered with his relationship with his employer and

blacklisted him.

Almost all of the 10,000 residents in Hildale and adjoining Colorado City, AZ., belong to the FLDS Church, which teaches and preaches the practice of polygamy.

The lawsuit further alleges that Fischer was forced out of his job



COURTESY PHOTO

Warren Jeffs, embattled prophet and leader of the FLDS Church

when he protested the firing of a fellow employee based on the co-worker's lack of belief in FLDS doctrine and because Fischer himself rejected certain tenets of the religion.

Fischer claims that Jeffs and

other FLDS leaders ordered the firings and directed church followers not to associate non-believers.

A blacklist then stopped him from finding another job, Fischer claims.

The certificate of default against Jeffs means that Fischer can now request a hearing or submit an affidavit to argue the amount of monetary damages due him. Jeffs still has the legal right to dispute the amount but can no longer defend himself against the allegations in the suit.

A similar certificate of default was issued late last year against the church's governing bodies: the Corporation of the President of the FLDS Church and the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the FLDS Church. Forestwood still is contesting the suit.

Jeffs and the FLDS Church also are named as defendants in two lawsuits in Utah State Court. One was filed in July 2004 by Brent Jeffs accusing three of his uncles, including Warren Jeffs, of sexually assaulting him when he was a child.

A month later, a group of young men who call themselves the Lost Boys sued saying that they had been banished from the community. Brent Jeffs also has attempted to serve Warren Jeffs with the lawsuit through publication. The plaintiffs in both state lawsuits have requested default judgments.

SCISD has two contested board races

Schleicher County ISD will hold the only contested election when local voters go to the polls on May 7. Leanne Higgins and Shannan Wideman both filed for the at-large seat held by John Paul Joiner who did not file for re-election. In single-member district #6, incumbent school board president Jo Helen Kotsch is being challenged by George "Tinker" Wipff.

City council members Dora Bosmans and Richard Mendez both filed for re-election, but Bill McCutcheon did not. Neither did anyone file for his seat meaning that the council will be faced with appointing someone to the position, or call a special election after the May 7 polling.

Likewise, only two candidates filed for four open seats on the hospital district board of directors. Randy Mankin filed for re-election and Dr. Jim Brame filed, as well. J.D. Doyle and Shirley Joiner chose not to seek re-election.

Plateau Underground Water District board member Pat Jackson filed for re-election for his at-large seat, but drew no opponent.

State law allows local jurisdictions to cancel the elections where there are no contested races. The two school district races will be decided on May 7, at which time local voters will also decide the issue of a city and county property tax freeze for senior and handicapped citizens.

Texans should erase what they deface

Incarceration need not be only criminal justice tool

by Marc Levin

No matter how the Legislature resolves school finance, one lawmaker wants kids to know they should use books and paper, not school buildings and stop signs, to communicate their ideas. State Rep. Dwayne Bohac, a Houston Republican, filed House Bill 1440 to make offenders responsible for restoring defaced property to its original condition.

Under this bill, graffiti offenders would make restitution by either personally erasing their markings or paying the cost incurred by the government, business, or individual in expunging the graffiti. HB 1440 also raises the Graffiti Eradication Fee paid upon conviction from five to fifty dollars. These new funds would be used to enhance graffiti cleanup and prevention programs, including the dissemination of educational materials in schools.

This legislation has two principal benefits. First, as Rep. Bohac states, graffiti "is not only a crime against the property owner who suffers the damage, but it is offensive to all who live in the surrounding community." Moreover, it contributes to an atmosphere of lawlessness that social science evidence suggests leads to more serious crimes for which long prison sentences are often the punishment.

This is the "broken windows" theory advocated by former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani when he successfully reformed that city's tarnished reputation. A 1969 study by criminologist Phillip Zimbardo illustrates this theory. He left two identical unlocked cars in the street — one in a blighted neighborhood and one in a pristine neighborhood. He found the one in the rough area was stripped bare within a day while the other remained untouched for a week. However, that changed when Zimbardo put a hammer through the window of the untouched car, serving as the invitation for it to be destroyed within a day.

Using tough but smart measures that don't involve incarceration to discourage minor crimes like graffiti, we can intervene early in the lives of youths who may be drifting toward a life of violent crime and send a message that lawlessness will not be tolerated.

In addition to combating a culture of lawlessness, this legislation embodies the powerful but often overlooked concept of restitution.

Is it too much to ask for graffiti offenders to either personally restore the property they damage or pay for it to be repaired? What is more likely to make a graffiti offender mend his ways than being required to personally scrub away the mess he has created? By paying restitution, offenders will better appreciate the harm they have inflicted on their victims, a lesson that will hopefully serve as a disincentive to committing future crimes.

Indeed, Texas should expand restitution policies to combat other crimes as well. For example, Rep. Dawna Dukes (D-Austin) has introduced HB 172, which would require individuals convicted of filing a false statement or report with a state agency to reimburse that agency, and thus the taxpayers, for the cost of processing and investigating the report.

While many prisoners may lack the financial resources to pay restitution to victims, prison work programs could be expanded with restitution payments being deducted from prisoners' earnings.

Finally, by giving judges the option of requiring personal cleanup of graffiti, HB 1440 demonstrates that restitution need not always consist of money. If we expand the role of victims in the sentencing process, courts can better determine how an offender can compensate the victim for the harm done.

By increasing funding for probation programs rather than building more prisons, the bipartisan House appropriations bill reflects a new consensus that, for budgetary reasons alone, incarceration must not be our only criminal justice tool. Yet, we cannot fall prey to those who insist that crime is society's fault rather than an individual's responsibility.

We must find new ways to make criminals restore the damage they have done to their victims. Forcing offenders to erase their graffiti from a stop sign would be a good start.

Marc Levin is director of the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, an Austin-based research institute.

They call him Indiana Jones

Ten years ago Alan Tennant moved to Marathon to get away from traffic.

He had lived in Austin and East Texas, but both became too crowded.

Now he has plenty of space. He bought a city block that had an old adobe house on it. He updated it, put a tall fence around it, planted some trees and shrubs and now he's quite comfortable.

Alan is a scholar who loves adventure. He is interested in all of nature and natural history. He has written fifteen books on snakes, birds and all kinds of wildlife. Some of his books are on the New York Times Best Seller List. Alan grew up near the Fort Worth Zoo.

"When I was seven or eight years old, I remember the lions roaring," says Alan.

"My grandmother's house was right up on the bluff overlooking the zoo. We kept the windows open because we didn't have any air conditioning and at night I'd hear the lions roaring. I'd sneak out and go down off the bluff into the zoo. Creeping



by Tumbleweed Smith

around the zoo at night was neat and scary. There was an old night watchman, but it was easy to avoid him seeing me. The animals are all active and they're doing stuff. It's nothing like going to the zoo in the daytime. It's kinda the way I got interested in animals."

He travels the world doing his research. He flew in a small plane practically from pole to pole following peregrine falcons. His snake books have brought him worldwide acclaim.

"People are fascinated with snakes. It's amazing how deep and broad the level of fascination is. I never would have thought it when I started doing these books. I've gone on national talk shows on television and made many, many appearances and people across the board are just fascinated

with snakes. Texas is a real mecca for snake lovers. Every year people call me and want me to take them to see snakes. They come from Japan, Europe, really from all over the world."

Alan shuns all the adventure titles people give him. He simply calls himself a writer. He is good at his craft. He has won the Dobie Paisano prize, one of the top four literature awards in the country.

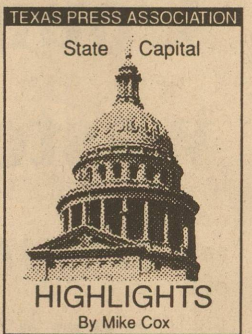
He went to Stanford, the University of Texas and has lectured in twenty-six countries. He is a tour leader and takes people on wilderness tours all over the world.

"I've taken people on underwater trips. Coral Reef ecology is something I'm interested in. I've worked on some underwater films with Disney. I take people to interesting places, people who want to do an expedition as opposed to just flying somewhere and taking a little cab or bus ride out to see some things. A lot of this is sort of putting together expeditions for people to go and see things they would never be able to see by any regular travel."

Legislators file 863 bills at deadline

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN - It wasn't quite as big a deal as some other dates this month — Texas Independence Day (March 2) and the anniversary of the fall of the Alamo (March 6) — but March 11 loomed large in the Legislature.



That day, the 60th of this legislative session, was the last day lawmakers could file bills or joint resolutions.

After the 60-day deadline only local bills, emergency appropriations and bills on issues the governor declares to be an emergency can be filed. The only other way to get a non-emergency bill considered takes a four-to-five vote to waive the rules.

As of closing time March 11, House members had filed 4,395 measures, while their Senate colleagues had placed 2,199 pieces of legislation in the hopper. That adds up to 6,594 measures ranging from resolutions honoring someone on a milestone birthday to bills that will change the way Texans pay their taxes.

So far, the Legislature has passed 853 measures — mainly non-controversial resolutions.

The deadline day saw the filing of 863 bills, the most for any single day since bill pre-filing began last Nov. 8. March 10 was almost as busy, with 651 measures filed. In fact, the last three days for bill filing are always the busiest.

Last session, more than 20 percent of the legislation was filed on days 58, 59 and 60.

HB 2 update...

House Bill 2, the education bill, passed March 11. As it stands (subject to whatever Senate changes make it out of conference committee) the measure would allocate \$1.5 billion more for public schools annually, give teachers a \$3,000 pay raise and make school system performance measures more stringent.

HB 3 update...

One of the most important bills under consideration is House Bill 3, the measure providing for the tax law changes that will fund the education bill.

House Speaker Tom Craddick (R-Midland) abruptly adjourned the House on March 11, saying he wanted members to have more time to ponder the various tax changes set forth in the bill.

A welcome "flood"...

South Texas farmers and ranchers, as well as Texans who like fishing and boating, will benefit from the release by Mexico of 733,000 acre-feet of water into the Rio Grande by Sept. 5.

That influx of water will put lakes Amistad and Falcon in fine shape and send water downstream to the Valley, where much of it will be used for agricultural irrigation.

Mexico's agreement to release the water into the river ends a 12-year dispute over provisions of a 1944 water rights treaty between that country and the U.S.

Job growth continues...

The Texas Workforce Commission reports that Texas gained 21,900 new jobs in January, the fifth straight month of job growth.

Unemployment, meanwhile, was 5.9 percent in January.

"The number of jobs is increasing, the number of employed is increasing, the number of unemployed is decreasing, and claims [for unemployment benefits] are dropping," TWC Commissioner Ronny Congleton said.

For employment information by metropolitan area, check the commission's Web site at www.twc.state.tx.us.



AFTER A WHILE, THE TORNADO RUNS OUT OF WIND!

Nautical Nonsense: An Interview with Mrs. Sponge Bob Squarepants

by Warren Throckmorton

Probably you have heard of the Sponge Bob Squarepants flap. Dr. James Dobson, Founder of Focus on the Family mentioned the words Sponge Bob and gay in a speech and then all heck broke loose. If you want to get media types excited, just mention a cartoon character and homosexuality in the same breath. For some reason, the combination inspires their creativity.

For instance, some reporters implied Dr. Dobson outed Mr. Squarepants. Creative, yes; true, no. Dr. Dobson never said Sponge Bob was gay or anything like that. The real truth is that Sponge Bob did some contractual work for a gay rights outfit and Dr. Dobson pointed that out. Although it is common for big stars to perform in charity gigs without knowing much about the charity, clearly Mr. Squarepants' handlers should have vetted this whole deal more carefully. Reportedly, he is mortified that some people now think he is gay because of the whole brouhaha.

For his part, Mr. Squarepants refuses to speak to the media directly about the matter. However, I recently was privileged to be given an exclusive interview with Sponge Bob's wife, Mrs. Sponge Barb Squarepants. Yes, I said wife. It has

been an open secret for some time; Mr. & Mrs. Squarepants became an item during the filming of Mr. Squarepants' recent movie debut and then were recently married with Mr. Crabs officiating. I spoke with Mrs. Squarepants by conch.

Me: Mrs. Squarepants, how are you holding up under the media pressure?

Mrs. Squarepants: Well, Warren it has been tough to absorb.

Me: What has been the most difficult thing about this ordeal?

Mrs. Squarepants: I think it has been the doubts about my husband's sexuality. You know questions about sponges are not new. Some of us are, you know, asexual and I think many people had questions about Bob before Dr. Dobson's insane comments.

Me: Speaking of Dr. Dobson, I understand you are pretty upset with him for his statements concerning your husband. Is that true and why is that?

Mrs. Squarepants: Yes, I am in-

censed that Dr. Dobson would call my Bobby gay. He is not gay and I resent Dr. Dobson trying to use him as a political tool.

Me: Mrs. Squarepants, my understanding is that Dr. Dobson did not say Mr. Squarepants was gay. Rather, he pointed out that your husband was in a music video made by a group that promotes gay rights causes on its website. He further noted that the makers may be using child friendly icons to advance acceptance of gay rights issues.

Mrs. Squarepants: Oh, Well, we are still incensed that Dr. Dobson would call my Bobby gay. He is not gay and I resent Dr. Dobson trying to use him as a political tool.

Me: Maybe you didn't understand. I have learned that Dr. Dobson did not actually characterize your husband's TV character as homosexual or even sexually conflicted.

Mrs. Squarepants: Well I am sure that he meant to and we are still incensed that Dr. Dobson would call my Bobby gay. He is not gay and I resent Dr. Dobson trying to use him as a political tool.

Me: I know there are many in the media who are misrepresenting Dr. Dobson's comments. Are you saying you agree with the columnists and

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OBITUARIES

Irene Parker Mills

SAN ANGELO — Irene Parker Mills passed away of natural causes Sunday, March 6, 2005, at her apartment at Alterra Assisted Living Center in Watauga, Texas. In October 1997, at the age of 89, Irene moved from her home of 50 years in Big Lake, Texas, to Watauga to be near two of her children.

Irene was born May 21, 1908, in Sherwood, Texas. She was the daughter of E.C. "Gene" Parker and Hallie Parks Parker, formerly of Eldorado, Texas. After graduating from Eldorado High School in 1927, she attended Sul Ross State College in Alpine for two years. Then Irene taught at a one-teacher school in Coke County where her first classroom had only seven or eight students, mostly from one family. James Proffitt, a former Reagan County Sheriff, was one of her students there. Irene then moved to Concho County and taught three years in a two-teacher school.

On Sept. 20, 1933, Irene married W.T. Mills in Eldorado. They first lived six miles east of Paint Rock on the Concho River. After the flood of 1936, W.T. and Irene began ranching in northern Reagan County and moved to Stiles in 1941 for their three children's schooling. After the Stiles school closed in 1946, they moved to Big Lake.

In the fall of 1961, at the age of 53, Irene returned to Sul Ross and received her teaching degree in May 1962. She taught at Reagan County Elementary School for 12 years — third grade for eight years and second grade for four years. She retired in 1974.

Irene was an active member of the First Baptist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma and Eastern Star. She and W.T. served as worthy matron and worthy patron of the Big Lake Eastern Star Chapter in 1950-1951.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two brothers, Luther and Roscoe Parker.

She is survived by her three children, Gene Clay Mills and wife Charlene of Hattiesburg, Miss.; Jerre Kay Eschberger and husband Tom of North Richland Hills, Texas; and Jim Tom Mills and wife Diana of Southlake, Texas; six grandchildren, Jim Bob Mills and wife Crystal of Hattiesburg, Miss.; Jana Kay Boyd and husband Larry of Hattiesburg, Miss.; Kirstin Eschberger of Dallas; Amy Hoogveen and husband George of Frisco, Texas; Ashlee Sasser and husband Steve of Watauga, Texas; and Mitzi Irene Driver and husband David of Watauga; eight great-grandchildren, Kaylee, Amanda and Drew Boyd of Hattiesburg, Miss.; Whitney, Klay and Abby Mills of Hattiesburg, Miss.; and Karissa and Kayla Sasser of Watauga; three nieces, Rosalind Mills Bell of Portland, Ore.; Gail Parker Dixon of Dallas; and Phyllis Parker Stephens of McCamey; one nephew, John Pat Mills of Amarillo; and two sisters-in-law, Velma Mills Kail of Houston and Irene Parker of Dallas.

Family visitation was from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at Johnson's Funeral Home. Service were at noon Monday, March 14, at the church with the Rev. J.B. Bitner officiating. Pat Bitner sang a medley of Irene's favorite songs. Irene was buried beside W.T. in Big Lake.

Pallbearers included Barry Riggs, Donald Meroney, Mikel Jones, David Werst, Ralph Way, James "Doc" Dodson, Jack Harris and Jerry Floyd. Honorary pallbearers included Cade Riggs, Tim Turner, Rodney Hooker, Richard Boggs, Bill Schneeman, Karmen Weatherby, Riley Featherston, David Jacobs, Tommy Rees, Vernon Gunn and Roger Goertz.

Ministerial Alliance plans Easter Sunrise Service

The Eldorado Ministerial Alliance will be sponsoring an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 27. The service will begin at 7:00 a.m., and will be held outside at the Memorial Building, weather permitting. The event will be

hosted by the Templo Getsemani Church. The ministerial alliance will be accepting a love offering at the service. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, in scripture, in prayer, and in praise.

Golf Play Day

by Su Scott

The Eldorado Golf Club held its monthly Play Day on Sunday, March 13. There were 30 adults and one youth, Cash Lane, who participated.

The results were:
There was a tie for 1st place because there were two teams that tied and the two teams played off on the course to determine the 1st place winner.

1st place - score 56 - Cash Lane, John Mitchell, Bill Wells, Tommy Hunley, and Edward Dominguez.

2nd place - score 56 - Don Richters, Mario Robles, Phil McCormick, and George Scott.

3rd place - score 57 - Jon Cartwright, Danny Halbert, William Robledo, and Susie Richters.

The other teams were as follows:
Score 59 - Barry Lane, Steve Snelson, Kelley Charboneau, Neil Cooper, and Cindy McGinnes.

Score 61 - Roy Guerrero, Victor Belman, Joe Garza, Karen Henderson, and Gordon Jones.

Score 61 - Moises Hill, Johnny Lee Arisp, Keith Nolen, and Gordon Emmons.

Score 62 - Casey Snelson, Erika Snelson, Su Scott, and Sam Henderson.

The next Play Day will be Sunday, April 3, weather permitting. The Eldorado Golf Club will be hosting a 2 Person Select Shot on Saturday, March 19 - Tee time 1:30 p.m.

The Eldorado Golf Club will start a Nine Hole Play Day every Tuesday afternoon starting Tuesday, April 5. Sign up by 5:00 p.m. and play will start at 5:30 p.m. Winner take all - one tie all tie, and will carry over to the next Tuesday.

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Lloyd Earl Spurgers

Funeral services for Lloyd Earl Spurgers, 82, of Victoria, formerly of Edna, were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 11, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Edna with the Rev. Danny Reeves officiating.

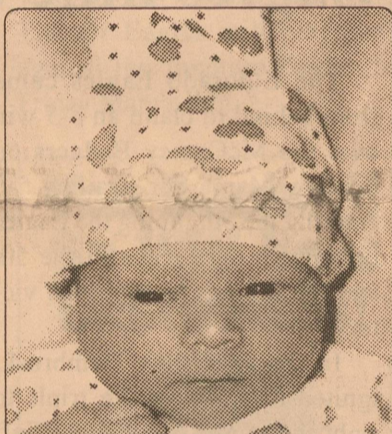
Mr. Spurgers died March 7. He was born February 8, 1923, in Eldorado to the late Rufus C. and Clara Lee Smith Spurgers. A retired operator for Trunk Line Gas Company and member of First Baptist Church of Edna, he was a veteran of the U.S. Marines during World War II. He and the former Helen Joyce McGill were married May 28, 1949, in San Angelo.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Joyce McGill Spurgers of Victoria; daughters, Debbie Fallin-Robb of Willis, Renee Norris of Hardin and Eileen Vasquez

of Katy; son, Mike Spurgers of Liberty Hill; sister, Eva Maurine Swinson of Mineral Wells; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents; sisters, Ruth Smith and Billie Louise Baggett; and brothers, Pete Spurgers, Luke Milton Spurgers and Floyd Spurgers.

Pallbearers were Michael Fallin, Joe Bob Fallin, Corey Bennett, Richard Vasquez, Ruben Vasquez, Austin Bennett and Travis Bennett.



James Byron Greer

It's a Boy!

Buddy & Jessica Greer are excited to announce the arrival of James Byron Greer.

James was born March 2, 2005 at Tucson Medical Center weighing 8lbs. 1oz. Proud grandparents are Pud & Brenda Greer and Allen & Carrie Cook of Eldorado.

Also welcoming James are his aunt and uncles Coy Cook, Dillon and Hallie Greer.

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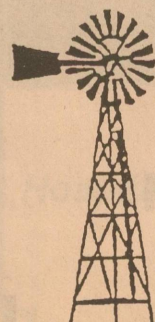
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Tuesday, March 22
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Wednesday, March 23
Meat w/ Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Juice, Milk

Thursday, March 24
Smothered Steak w/ Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk

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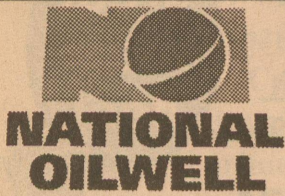
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The Eldorado Lady Eagles recently took second place in the San Angelo Umpires' softball tournament. The Lady Eagles won five of six games in the tournament. Team members include, top row (from left): Coach Brian Gibson, Kassie Tyler, Melinda Hernandez, Karina Sanchez, Desiree Valeriano, Marianna Guzman, Sam Rodriguez, Hope Fuentes and Coach J.J. Guidry. Bottom row: Chelsey Hill, Anna Fuentes, Charlotte Adame, Selina Rojas, Amika Gonzales and Rhapsody Swyter.

PHOTO BY STACI CORTEZ

Lady Eagles take 2nd in SA tournament

The Eldorado Lady Eagles softball team recently took second place honors at the San Angelo Umpires' tournament after winning five of six games in the three-day event.

On the first day of the tourney, the Lady Eagles picked up wins over Ozona, 8-3, and Eden, 5-1.

Sam Rodriguez was 2-for-2 at the plate against Ozona with two runs scored and an RBI, while Marianna Guzman, Selina Rojas and Karina Sanchez also had hits. Rojas earned the mound win, giving up no earned runs on one hit with five strikeouts and no walks.

Hill was the winning pitcher against Eden. She gave up one unearned run on one hit while fanning seven batters and walking two. Rodriguez, Sanchez and Amika Gonzales each had a hit in the contest.

Eldorado opened the second day of the tournament with a 16-7 win over Miles.

Gonzales, Rodriguez and Melinda Hernandez all had hits in the game. Hill and Anna Fuentes both scored three runs, Gonzales and Rojas each crossed home plate twice, and Guzman, Hernandez, Rodriguez and Sanchez all scored one run.

The Lady Eagles then picked up a 4-2 win over Grape Creek's junior varsity.

Eldorado scored two runs in both the first and second innings, and didn't give up a run until the top of the fifth. Both of Grape Creek's runs were unearned.

Rojas was the winning pitcher. In five innings, she allowed no earned runs on seven hits with five strikeouts and only one walk. Gonzales, Hernandez, Rodriguez and Rojas all had hits in the game.

The Lady Eagles only loss in the tourney was a 7-4 decision to Midland Christian. Hill, Rodriguez and Sanchez all had hits in the game. All four of Eldorado's runs were earned, while Midland Chris-

tian only had three earned runs.

Eldorado bounced back to close the tournament with a 6-0 win over Menard.

The game was called after only two innings because of rain. Rojas was the winning pitcher. She allowed only three base runners, giving up no hits and striking out three in the shutout.

Hill and Rodriguez led the Lady Eagles' offense with two hits apiece, while Gonzales and Charlotte Adame also had hits. Gonzales and Hill both scored two runs, and Rodriguez and Anna Fuentes also crossed home plate.

Eldorado opens district play on Tuesday afternoon with a 4:30 home game against Ozona.

Eagles nine tame Badgers

The Eldorado Eagles came from behind to claim an 8-5 win over the McCamey Badgers on Tuesday March 8th. Trailing 5-0 entering the 5th inning the Eagles rallied scoring 8 runs in the 5th and 6th innings to claim the victory.

In the 5th Kolby Dombroski ignited the rally with a triple to right and scored on a Frank Wipff single. A walk to Ryan Cathey and David Hernandez being hit by a pitch loaded the bases. Jorge Bustos then drew a walk forcing in a run. The final run of the inning came on a Caleb Nixon fielder's choice to the shortstop.

In the 6th the Eagles came up with five more runs. Again Dombroski led off the inning this time with a double. The big blows in the inning came off the bats of Ryan Cathey who doubled down the left field line driving in a run and Joey Hernandez singling to left also driving in a run.

Picking up the win on the mound was Jared Grubbs, pitching 5 innings recording five strikeouts and walking 4. Frank Wipff came in to record the save pitching a scoreless two innings.

The Eagles opened district on Tuesday the 15th at home against Reagan County.

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Monday, March 21

Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Peaches, Orange Juice, Milk

Tuesday, March 22

Cream of Wheat, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, March 23

French Toast Stix, Syrup, Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday, March 24

Cheese Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, March 25

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BASKET LINE

Monday, March 21

Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Cole Slaw, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, March 22

Corn Chip Pie, Cheese cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Apple Halves

Wednesday, March 23

Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Sandwich Salad, Chips, Pear Halves

Thursday, March 24

Pep. Pizza, French Fries, Carrot Stix, Dip, Orange Halves

Friday, March 25

SCHOOL'S OUT

IT'S GOOD FRIDAY

CAFETERIA LINE

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Chicken Fried Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Peas / Carrots, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, March 22

Chalupas, Cheese Cups, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Apple Halves

Wednesday, March 23

Chicken Spaghetti, Hot Rolls, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Pear Halves

Thursday, March 24

Pep Pizza, French Fries, Carrot Stix, Dip, Orange Halves

Friday, March 25

SCHOOL'S OUT

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Patterson to New Mexico attorneys: Come and take it

Attempt to sue Texas called "nutty" by Texas Land Commissioner

AUSTIN — Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office challenged New Mexico senators last week to come to Texas and duke it out with their Texas counterparts in response to their threats of land-grabbing litigation.

"I say to the New Mexico Senate what proud Texans at Gonzales told Santa Anna in 1835: Come and take it," Patterson said.

On Tuesday, according to the El Paso Times, the New Mexico Senate voted to sue Texas over a 146-year-old border dispute. Senators likened the threat of a lawsuit to a "slap-fight" between

neighbors. Senators also discussed taking Texas groundwater, as well as the entire West Texas town of El Paso.

The bill senators passed directs the state's attorney general to sue for the return of land, as well as compensation for mineral rights, oil and gas royalties, property taxes and grazing privileges.

"I'll bet some Yankee attorney convinced them this was a good idea," said Patterson, who has previously offered to settle the dispute with a duel.

The dispute centers on more than 603,485 acres in West Texas that New Mexico legislators com-

plain about losing in a flawed survey. In 1859, a surveyor established the nation's 103rd meridian as the border between Texas and New Mexico. But, to the benefit of Texas, he then set the actual boundary too far west — 2.29 miles in some places, 3.77 miles in others. Today, the Texas towns of Farwell, Texline, Bledsoe and Bronco lie within the strip, along with a lot of empty oil and grazing land.

The senate bill's sponsor, Sen. Shannon Robinson, D-Albuquerque, told the El Paso Times he also disputes the southern border of Texas. In 1850, he noted, New

Mexico lawmakers relied on the memories of sheepherders when it came to setting the boundary. Texas brought in several surveyors and engineers, and a water master relied on the Texans' data when setting the boundary where the Rio Grande was at the time.

"Since both the Texas and New Mexico Senate are currently in session, I propose they meet in the disputed territory to engage in a free-for-all brawl to resolve this issue. Lord knows these boys and girls could use the exercise," Patterson said. "This would also get them out of town and provide a brief respite for the rest of us. Maybe we could charge admission, with the proceeds going to the few who come out alive."

The New Mexico Senate is comprised of 42 senators, while the Texas Senate consists of only 31 senators. Regardless, Patterson expressed his confidence in the outnumbered Texans Friday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Call to support Coach Bunch

Dear Editor:

I would like to voice my concern and encourage the community to join me and others at the school board meeting to be held Monday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School library. The purpose to join us being to show support for Coach Charlie Bunch. His contract has not been renewed for the next school year. You will hear different reasons as to why.

1. RIF (Reduction in force)
2. Antics on the football field
3. Teaching ability
4. Cussing and yelling at the players

Now which is the truth? You tell me. After doing some research this is what I have found out.

1. RIF is an easy way to run come one off. In fact we have people talking of retiring after this current school year. Why not wait and see if in fact they do retire and then place Coach Bunch in that teaching position? School Board members tell me they have had to cut back in Special Education in high school (Coach Bunch's current teaching position) due to more teachers than students. The fact is that when Coach Bunch and others were moved to Special

Education that this program was in such shambles that the state was looking to audit us. Two years later we have one of the highest state grades.

2. Antics on the football field. Yes, it needed to be toned down and it was. One board member wrote a letter to our Superintendent stating this. It is inexcusable as a coach. The National Federation of High School (NFHS) requires at least one school administrator at every sports function. As sports fans we all show our backside from time to time, but shouldn't school administrators be held under the same scrutiny as a coach? I would say so.

3. Teaching abilities. I am not sure why some think Coach Bunch does not do his job as a teacher. I have not personally been at the school to see, but do know there are others that think he does a fine job. Our oldest son was also in Special Education during high school and always appreciated Coach Bunch.

4. Cussing at the players. Coach Grubbs adamantly denied this. Coach Grubbs said he does not put up with this from any coaches or athletes.

Certain people have said that the best thing for Coach Bunch to do is resign. Why? RIF is the same thing as being laid off. Is it not? Then why would you not put this on your next employment application? It is the truth isn't it?

Coach Bunch has never been reprimanded for his lack of teaching ability, for his coaching or cussing. His employment file has nothing negative in it.

When Coach Grubbs' interviewed with our school board before being hired our school board said they wanted to put kids first. They have done this. One student was lost this year to grades. Way to go! They have kept a full varsity and junior varsity squad since they arrived here. We have a sports program still in its youth.

The positive influence by coaches trickles down to the Little League. Coaches Grubbs, Bunch, and Gibson helped recruit Quisto Gonzalez and Mike Adame to take over our Pony League. This will help kids learn how it is going to be in high school. The coaches helped us get a 13 and older girls select softball team together to play in San Angelo. This gives the girls a year of playing together and they will go into high school as a team.

These young and energetic coaches have brought high academics, and involvement to our community. Are we being hypocritical now for saying this is not what we had in mind? We need to keep all of these new coaches and watch our children continue to flourish. The kids really like Coach Bunch. If his termination is truly due to RIF, then surely we can come up with a way to keep this man! Join us at the board meeting and let's all find a solution.

Thanks!
Mike Brenner

Mrs.. Sponge Bob Squarepants

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pundits who have caricatured Dr. Dobson's views?

Mrs. Squarepants: I don't understand the question.

Me: So even though Dr. Dobson did not actually say Mr. Squarepants was gay or even a gay icon, you are still incensed?

Mrs. Squarepants: Look, sponges go with the flow, and we are sponges. So we are incensed that Dr. Dobson would call my Bobby gay. He is not gay and I resent Dr. Dobson trying to use

him as a political tool.

That was pretty much that. Made me think that maybe big media and sponges have some things in common. They both go with the prevailing current, are porous and waste moves in and out of them without much notice.

Talk about your nautical nonsense.

Warren Throckmorton is director of college counseling and an associate professor of psychology at Grove City College.

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If at work or school: Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.

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OUTDOORS: If possible, get inside a building. If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Be aware of the potential for flooding. Use arms to protect head and neck.

If in a car: Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck. Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building. If there is no time to get indoors, get out of the car and lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Be aware of the potential for flooding.



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Lindsay graduated with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Economics from Texas A&M. She received her MBA-Management degree from Angelo State University. Lindsay possesses strong analytical skills and extensive accounting knowledge.

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Dennis receives Engineer of Year honors



Steve Dennis, P.E.

Former Lieutenant Governor Bill Ratliff, himself a professional engineer, addressed the Permian Basin Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers during their annual banquet, Friday, February 25, 2005 at the Midland Women's Club.

Ratliff spoke on his experiences being an engineer in the Texas Senate and encouraged all engineers to become active in the political processes which govern our communities, state and nation.

In encouraging engineers to become involved, Mr. Ratliff noted that "...now, more than ever, government needs the unique problem solving skills of engineers to help address the complex problems facing society today."

Following Ratliff's remarks, Steve A. Dennis, P.E., of Odessa was presented as the 2004 "Engi-

City of Eldorado. In the past four years Dennis has engineered and overseen the installation of new water lines in Eldorado's Orient Height's neighborhood as well as an extensive sewer plant upgrade.

Dennis holds a Masters in Agriculture Engineering, with a minor in Civil Engineering, from Texas Tech University. Prior to starting his engineering career, he volunteered for two years with the Peace Corps in Panama and served almost two years as Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, with one year of service in South Vietnam.

Professionally, Dennis has been involved in numerous municipal engineering projects throughout Texas, primarily for small, rural communities like Eldorado.

Dennis is also active in several community organizations including the Midland Rotary Club, Boy Scouts of America, Permian Basin

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee and the Odessa Aquatics Club.

Following the Engineer of the Year award presentation, the group presented four engineering scholarships.

Sarah Smith, of Odessa, a junior Civil/Architectural Engineering Major at Texas Tech University was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the West Texas Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mark Villalva, of Seminole, a junior Civil/Architectural Engineering Major at Texas Tech University, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the West Texas Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Brennan Bailey, of Big Spring, a senior at Big Spring High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Sivals, Inc.

Bradley Barnum, of Midland, Texas, a senior at Midland Lee High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Permian Basin Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

Texas Writer Series features Russ Hall

Texas Tech University Lifelong Learning Community will host a presentation and book signing for Texas author Russ Hall as part of the Texas Writers Series. Mr. Hall is the author of *No Murder Before Its Time*, a mystery novel focusing on family, ambition and greed at a Texas Hill Country Vineyard. The event will be held from 6-8 pm on March 22nd in the conference room of the TTU Office Suite located at 102 E. San Antonio St. in Fredericksburg.

Set in his native Hill Country, Hall's rollicking Texas mystery focuses not on oil barons but on grape tycoons. The wealthy Castle

family runs a 21,000-acre cattle ranch that also happens to house a successful vineyard. When a family member is murdered, almost everyone has a motive. It's up to the local sheriff, a Texas Ranger and a 72-year-old retired teacher to solve the mystery.

Russ Hall is the author of six previous books, including *World Gone Wrong*, *The Blue-Eyed Indian*, *Wildcat Did Growl*, and *Island*. He has been a journalist, antiquarian bookman, and for over twenty years was an editor for major publishing companies. He

currently lives in Marble Falls. Refreshments will be offered at an informal reception following the presentation. The cost of the event is \$5 for Lifelong Learning members and \$8 for non-members. Mr. Hall's book is currently available for sale at the Texas Tech University administrative offices located at 102 E. San Antonio St. in Fredericksburg. Reservations are recommended to insure seating.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact Wanda Merchant at the (830) 990-2717 by e-mail at wanda.merchant@ttu.edu.

Rep. Conaway urges support of Goodfellow

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Wednesday, March 9th, Congressman Mike Conaway (R-TX) issued a letter to Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld urging the Department of Defense to consider the important role that Goodfellow Air Force base plays as a joint training facility for all four branches of the military.

"Texas is 'military friendly' and I am proud to have Goodfellow in my District," Conaway stated in the letter. "The San Angelo community is cohesive, active and informed, our people love and support the military. The BRAC rounds of 1995, 1993, and 1991 all impacted Texas with closures, while many other states did not face base closures. In our case, Goodfellow was a receiving base, and continues to have the land, resources and desire to once again be a 'receiving base.'"

Conaway's letter comes on the heels of a meeting that occurred between Defense Department officials and several members of the Texas delegation. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) invited Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) and 14 members of the Texas Congressional delegation to gather in Washington, D.C. for a meeting with key Department of Defense officials responsible for the nation's military installations. Congressman Conaway could not attend the meeting due to the mandatory Budget Committee mark-up hearing that he was already scheduled to attend, but had the letter delivered in his place.

"Congressman Conaway's commitment to Goodfellow Air Force Base has been evident since his first day in office," said Michael Dalby, President of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce. "He has worked closely with the city of San Angelo and leading members from the community and we appreciate his efforts greatly. He clearly understands the importance of Goodfellow Air Force Base to the nation's defenses."

Congressman Mike Conaway serves on the House Armed Services Committee.

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ACROSS

1. Part of NYPD: Abbr.
5. ___ Romeo (Italian car)
9. Walkway for a pirate's victim
14. Canyon sound
15. Hang in the hammock
16. Like a King story
17. School on the Thames
18. Inland Asian sea
19. Madonna title role
20. Smith brothers?
23. "Game, __, match!"
24. "Happy motoring" company
25. Terry Bradshaw's team
27. Apply gently
29. Add-__ (extras)
31. Summer zodiac sign
32. Bottled water brand
34. Focal points
37. Netman's org.
41. Smith brothers?
44. Castaway's home
45. Love personified
46. Plow maker John
47. Minister,

DOWN

1. Rotten marks
2. Outer: Prefix
3. Monthly payment for most
4. Ice grabbers
5. AA-related group
6. Feudal estate owner
7. Dents and scratches
8. Parcel out
9. The Carolinas' ___ River
10. Potok's "My Name Is Asher ___"
11. Spring up for most
12. Gunpowder component
13. "Ode on a Grecian Urn" poet
21. In total accord
22. Archaeologist's find
26. Jeweler's magnifier
27. He loved Lucy
28. Hertz competitor
30. Shut loudly
33. New York's ___ Fisher Hall
35. Lennon's widow
36. USN VIPs
38. Some fishermen's weapons
39. Time in office
40. Length times width
42. Tangle, or disentangle
43. Common theater name
48. Incorporate
50. Degrading sort
52. Walks nervously
53. Advertising suffix
54. Gimlet fruits
55. On/off routes
56. Ice cream serving
58. One of the Van Halens
61. Hawaiian coffee area
62. Condo division
63. Butterfly catchers
65. USNA grad

Smith Brothers

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County Commissioners meeting held Monday

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, March 14, 2005, to handle several items of business. The meeting was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin with Commissioners Matt Brown, Kirk Griffin, Johnny Mayo and Bill Clark in attendance.

After approving the minutes of the Feb. 28 meeting, the men then heard an update from County Clerk Peggy Williams who told them that she had received a quote of \$37,485.25 for 5 voting machines. Williams noted the machines provide voters with a paper printout which she said is greatly preferable to machines that don't leave a "paper trail."

The commissioners voted at their previous meeting not to buy voting machines despite the fact

that a new state law requires them to do so. Ms. Williams said she wanted to make them aware of the price and that she would try to get a price for leasing the machines.

Williams then advised that she had asked for permission from the Secretary of State to combine the consolidate the county's four polling places into one and hold the county's property tax freeze election in the Memorial Building on May 7. She noted that the city, hospital and school were slated to hold elections in that building on the same day.

The commissioners then met with Family and Consumer Science extension agent Roxanne Fentress who advised that she had formed a planning committee to advise her and that she would soon

be starting programs aimed at nutrition and diabetes education.

Next, the men met with Cathy Kuykendall regarding the closure of the south portion of Colpitts Street. It was noted that the commissioners had already voted to proceed with the closure and Commissioner Bill Clark was authorized to place signs on the street as well as public notices in the newspaper concerning the issue. A hearing has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 28, 2005 in the commissioners court room for the purpose of seeking public comment on the street closure.

The commissioners then met with their grant consultant, Kay Howard of Lubbock. Ms. Howard went over several resolutions the

commissioners need to pass in order to qualify for government grants. The men voted unanimously to adopt an Affirmative Action Plan, as required under the grant program. It was noted that several other resolutions had already been adopted at previous meetings.

The men then took up the discussion of the YFZ Ranch wastewater permit application and a request from the Upper Colorado River Authority that the county contribute funds toward hiring a consultant from the firm of Jackson Walker.

The men opted not to participate with the UCRA (see story on Page 1) but voted instead to meet directly with state legislators and environmental regulators. They want to ensure that state environmental rules are being enforced at the YFZ Ranch and to urge the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to help protect the county's aquifer.

Following a lunch recess, the commissioners returned to review and approve the county's monthly bills.

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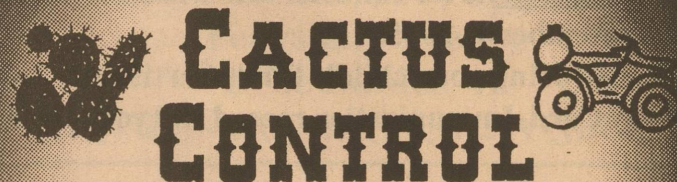
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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PETA wants you to stop eating meat

Dear Editor:

On March 20, the first day of spring, thousands of Americans across the country will "pledge to be veg"—at least for one day. The occasion? The 20th anniversary of the Great American Meatout.

Whether you want to slim down, heat up your love life, or clear your conscience, going vegetarian will help! Did you know?

- Vegetarians live longer, healthier lives. Meat-free diets help ward off heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, and other debilitating diseases.

- Going veg is one of the easiest methods of "girth control." Vegetarians tend to be slimmer than their meat-eating counter-

parts—without having to count calories.

- Vegetarian diets can help your sex life sizzle. The cholesterol and fat in meat and other animal foods slow the flow of blood to all the body's vital organs, not just the heart.

- Meat-based diets gobble up water, energy, land, and other resources. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, eating meat is one of the most environmentally damaging things we can do (only driving cars is worse).

- The best way to help animals is to stop eating them! Simply by becoming a vegetarian, you'll save more than 2,000 animals during your lifetime.

Ready to give vegetarian diets a try? Take the veg pledge and PETA will send you a free "Pledge 2B Veg" pack—complete with a vegetarian starter kit, coupons for delicious vegetarian foods, easy recipes that the whole family will love, a free DVD, and colorful stickers to help you stick to it. Visit GoVeg.com to order your pack today.

Sincerely,
Paula Moore
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JV Eagles clip RC Owls

The JV Eldorado Eagles recorded a 14-4 victory over the Reagan County Owls on Monday March 14th. A led of 6-2 turned into a 14-4 win as the Eagles ripped four consecutive triples to bust the game wide open.

Recording hits for the Eagles were Sammy Estrada, Logan Jones, Manny Gonzalez, Lalo Sanchez, Louie Buitron, Jorge Mata, Michael Redish, and Louie Almazon. In the 5th inning the Eagles recorded six consecutive hits to break the game wide open.

Manny Gonzalez went the distance to get the win. He had 11 strikeouts with only one walk. The JV Eagles will play next against the Junction Eagles on Friday March 18th.

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Notice of Public Hearing

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requires each district's board of trustees to hold a hearing for public discussion of the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report. The public hearing will be held on March 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. 10-11b

Project Graduation 05'

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 annual drug/alcohol free party of games, food and prizes for the graduating seniors hosted by their parent's.

To make a prize or a cash donation contact Karen Robertson 853-2462, Pam Bryan 450-2381 or Shirley Joiner 853-2561.

ACCEPTING BIDS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following vehicles will be going up for bid starting date will be Thursday, March 10, 2005. Bids will be taken until March 24, 2005. Bids will be opened on March 28, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

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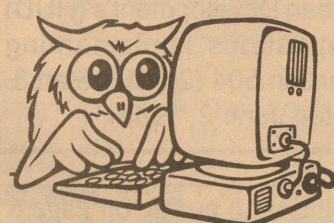
1990 Chevy LL
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1993 Chry CND 4D
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Schleicher County Medical Center is making changes to serve you better in caring for you and your loved ones!

Over that past few weeks we have been preparing for new services in the clinic. SCMC created a new position to facilitate a faster registration process for the Family Clinic. Luz Valero has moved from Medical Records Department Supervisor to Family Clinic Admissions.

Luz has been with SCMC for 17 years. She is a Eldorado native and continues to raise her family in Eldorado. Luz decided after being in Medical Records for about 10 years she would like a change and applied for this position. "We are very excited to have Luz in this position, she come with the experience we were looking for and the professionalism we want. It just could not have been a better match," says administrator Sharon Dietz.



Come and say "hello" to one of these ladies as we celebrate National Womens and Social Worker Month during the month of March.



Get to Know the new face in Medical Records: Jasper Rogers will be the new face as Medical Records Supervisor. Jasper was born in Wichita Falls, and graduated from Kaufman High School. She is a certified transcriptionist and holds an associates degree in applied science in health information technology. She chose to come to work at SCMC because she feels "it is a family oriented facility." Her hobbies include: riding horses, reading and doing craft projects.

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• Por favor traigan el certificado de nacimiento, tarjeta de Seguro Social, y tarjeta de vacunación de sus niños o niñas.

Sales tax collections rise as economy continues to improve

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today announced that state sales tax revenue in February totaled 1.34 billion, up 5.9 percent compared to February 2004.

Strayhorn delivered \$325.4 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 7.2 percent increase compared to March 2004. So far this calendar year, local sales tax rebates are up 6.7 percent compared to the first three months of 2004.

State sales tax revenue for

February, and March payments made to local governments today, represent sales that occurred in January.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent March sales tax payments of \$221.5 million to Texas cities, up 7.5 percent compared to March 2004. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 7.1 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$19.1 million, up 9.4 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 8.7 percent higher than last year.

Another \$9.1 million went to 95 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 19.4 percent compared to last March. Nine local transit systems received \$75.6 million in sales tax rebates, up 4.5 percent compared to a year ago.

Locally, sales tax rebates were up across the board with Schleicher County seeing the largest percentage gain, up some 38.22 percent over the same month last year. The City of Eldorado's rebate totaled \$6,486.09, some 18.74 percent higher than March of 2004. Year to date numbers are also improving for the local

jurisdictions with all three showing marked improvement. (See chart below)

For details of March sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, April 8 and will be reported the following week in The Success.

March 2005 Sales Tax Rebates

Local Jurisdiction	Mar. '05	Mar. '04	% Change	2005 YTD	2004 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$6,486.09	\$5,462.32	18.74%	\$20,959.31	\$20,024.23	4.66%
Schleicher County	\$10,428.03	\$7,543.98	38.22%	\$28,083.76	\$19,795.10	41.87%
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$9,824.48	\$7,634.10	28.69%	\$27,111.93	\$19,941.26	35.95%

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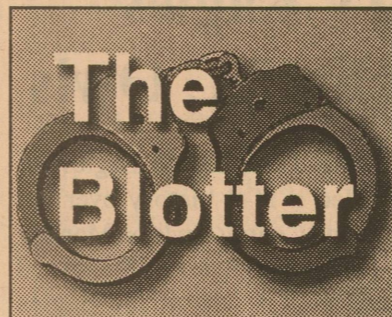
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **BESSIE R. WESTBROOK**, Deceased, were issued on February 22, 2005, in Docket No. 1619, pending in the County Court of Schleicher County, Texas to **ARNIE LEE WESTBROOK**, Independent Executor.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED: February 23, 2005
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ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE OF BESSIE R. WESTBROOK, DECEASED



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

ARRESTS
March 8 • Aycock, Anthony Dewayne, male age 33, arresting officer SC deputy, offense D.O.M. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

March 10 • Thomas, Jim Bob, male age 33, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Felon in Possession of Firearm, Possession of a Controlled Substance less than 2 oz. and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

March 11 • Gutierrez, Victor Jr., male age 55, arresting SC deputy, offense theft. Transferred Out.

INCIDENTS

March 8 • 5:57 p.m. Complainant reported a skunk in yard. S.O. was unable to make contact with animal control.

March 9 • 12:20 a.m. Caller reported controlled fire.
• 12:50 p.m. Caller reported a big brown pit bull loose. Officer and Animal Control responded.

March 10 • 7:00 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS responded.

March 11 • 9:25 a.m. Complainant reported losing a pair of glasses in a case.

• 10:06 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for her husband. Officers and EMS 2 responded.

• 12:40 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.

• 3:30 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officers responded.

March 12 • 12:37 a.m. Bank alarm set off. Officer responded.

• 1:17 p.m. Complainant reported loud music. Officer responded. Officers responded and located source of music, officers advised that noise ordinance could not be enforced until night.

• 2:07 p.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off in the amount of \$9.80. Officers responded.

• 3:40 p.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off in the amount of

\$41.10. Officer responded and notified Sutton County.

• 7:34 p.m. Complainant reported motorist needing assistance. Officer responded.

• 8:19 p.m. Complainant reported suspicious activity. Officers responded.

• 9:55 p.m. Complainant reported wide load being transported late at night. Officer responded.

• 11:41 p.m. Complainant reported reckless driver almost having an accident. Officer responded.

March 13 • 4:37 p.m. Complainant reported three vehicles racing on Hwy 277 north bound. Tom Green Co. responded.

• 5:10 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 7:47 p.m. Dispatch received a 911 call with no answer. Dispatch called back several times but got a busy signal. Officer made contact with subject and subject stated number was dialed by accident.

• 8:47 p.m. Complainant reported a wreckless driver almost hitting her vehicle. Officer responded and was unable to locate SC advised Sutton SO and Sutton responded.

March 14 • 6:44 a.m. Complainant reported that there was a cow in the road on Hwy West 190.

• 7:55 a.m. Complainant reported loose livestock out on highway. S.O. made contact with owner.

• 4:24 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to report theft of money from her purse. Officer responded.

• 6:41 p.m. Complainant reported a black calf loose on county road 915 close to Case Ranch. Ranch owner notified.

• 9:18 p.m. Complainant requested an officer. She and her daughter were receiving threatening phone calls. Officer responded.

March 15 • 8:51 a.m. Complainant asked to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 2:02 p.m. Complainant reported finding a purse. Officer responded.

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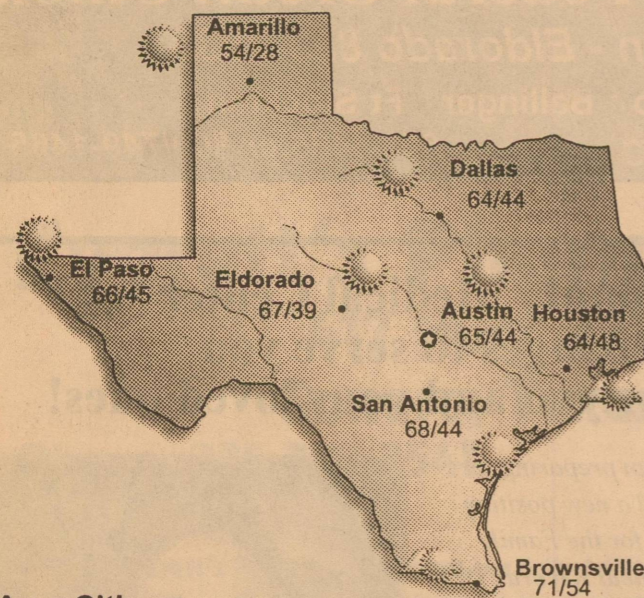
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 3/18	Sat 3/19	Sun 3/20	Mon 3/21	Tue 3/22
67/39	72/39	72/40	66/43	71/47
Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	Occasional showers possible. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	66	46	sunny	Kingsville	70	50	sunny
Amarillo	54	28	sunny	Livingston	63	41	mst sunny
Austin	65	44	sunny	Longview	60	40	mst sunny
Beaumont	62	46	pt sunny	Lubbock	64	35	sunny
Brownsville	71	54	mst sunny	Lufkin	63	43	pt sunny
Brownwood	68	46	sunny	Midland	67	39	sunny
Corpus Christi	66	53	sunny	Raymondville	71	51	sunny
Corsicana	63	43	sunny	Rosenberg	64	47	mst sunny
Dallas	64	44	sunny	San Antonio	68	44	sunny
Del Rio	72	43	sunny	San Marcos	67	46	sunny
El Paso	66	45	sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	39	sunny
Fort Stockton	71	46	sunny	Sweetwater	67	42	sunny
Gainesville	62	39	sunny	Tyler	60	40	mst sunny
Greenville	61	39	sunny	Weatherford	62	40	sunny
Houston	64	48	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	65	38	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	42	36	rain	Minneapolis	37	29	mixed
Boston	41	27	mst sunny	New York	45	29	sunny
Chicago	47	32	rain	Phoenix	74	50	mst sunny
Dallas	64	44	sunny	San Francisco	62	50	pt sunny
Denver	51	22	pt sunny	Seattle	53	31	mst sunny
Houston	64	48	mst sunny	St. Louis	56	37	sunny
Los Angeles	67	54	pt sunny	Washington, DC	50	34	pt sunny
Miami	79	65	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 3/18	Sat 3/19	Sun 3/20	Mon 3/21	Tue 3/22
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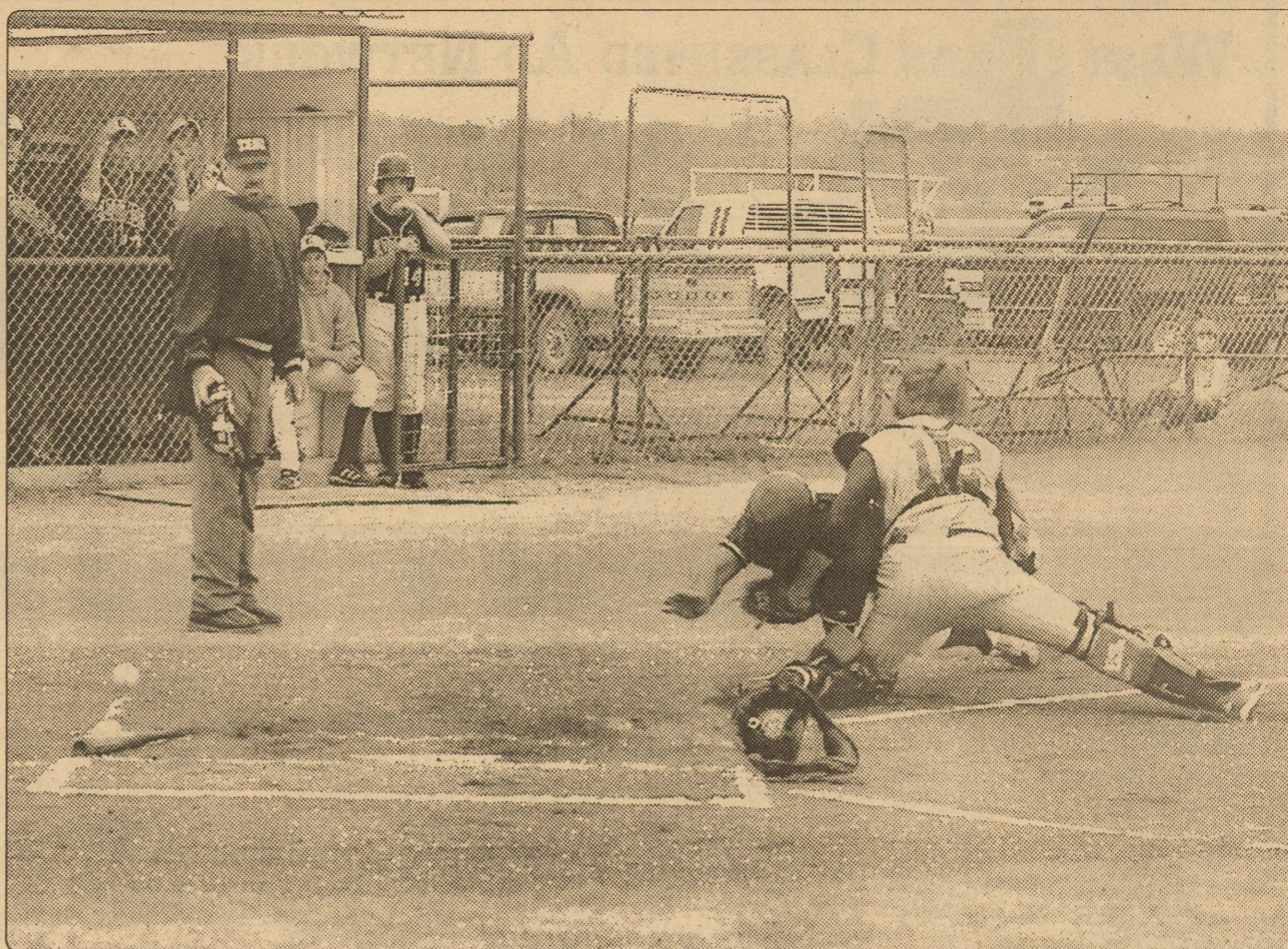


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Stargazer

Paul Derrick

Albert Einstein: Just as the name Frankenstein elicits visions of monsters, the name Einstein is synonymous with genius, and with good reason. His theories of relativity revolutionized our understanding of the cosmos perhaps more than anyone before or since.

Born in Ulm, Germany, March 14, 1879, Albert Einstein died 50 years ago in Princeton, NJ, April

18, 1955, at 76. In one decade he shook the foundations of physics and cosmology with theories so complex that most of us have difficulty grasping them.

Anyone can come up with a theory: There's life on Mars. The Apollo 11 Moon landing was faked. The Moon is made of cheese. A theory is just a proposed explanation for some phenomenon.

When tested by scientific methods, some theories prove to be preposterously wrong, like the theory that intelligent beings dug canals on Mars. Some offer partial explanations, like Copernicus' theory of a Sun-centered cosmos and Isaac Newton's theories of gravity. And some, like Darwin's theory of evolution and Einstein's relativity theories continue to find strong support.

In 1905 Einstein published his Theory of Special Relativity which deals with high-speed motion, and in 1915 his Theory of General Relativity dealing with thought of space and time as

constants, fixed and unchanging, but Einstein, by thinking way outside the box, realized that it's the speed of light that's constant, not space or time. High speeds (vastly faster than humans can generate) and strong gravity can alter time and space. Time can speed up or slow down—not just seem to, but actually pass at different rates—and gravity can warp and stretch space.

If these ideas boggle your mind, don't feel bad. Even scientists of his day struggled with them. Since changes in time and space aren't apparent in everyday life, they defy our common sense, yet the theories continue to be borne out by scientific tests.

Eventually even Einstein's theories will be modified by new ideas and evidence. But just as he stood on the shoulders of giants before him, the shoulders of this 20th century genius have, for the last 100 years, enabled scientists to see farther into the workings of nature than most of our minds can comprehend.

The Best of Springtime

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Ah, spring is here, and it's time to think about garden parties and colorful ways to bring joy to your next gathering of family and friends. Keeping it simple by using shortcuts with ready-made mixes and springtime candy favorites will create just the right "pizzazz" for your next party.

For giving cookies and cupcakes a visual boost, Starburst Jellybeans provide a low fat decorating alternative. Plus, lollipop cookies are sure to be a treat for young and old alike. They can be used as a centerpiece and then your guests can take them home as party favors.

Be sure to stock up on the pastel colors of M&M'S so you can design a variety of flowers and shapes in the coming months. Think about the bridal and baby showers you'll soon be planning — and preparing — for family members and special friends.

For more recipes, decorating, gift and family fun ideas, go to www.brightideas.com.

Springtime Strawberry Cake

- 1 (18-ounce) box favorite cake mix
- 1 cup strawberry jam
- 2 (12-ounce each) containers whipped vanilla frosting
- Red food coloring, paste or gel
- 1 (14-ounce) bag Starburst Jellybeans
- 1 (16-ounce) bag Starburst Tropical Fruit Chews

1. Prepare cake according to package directions. Bake in two 8-inch round cake pans.
2. Let cakes come to room temperature. Cut both into matching strawberry shapes. Layer with strawberry jam sandwiched between.
3. Tint frosting with red food coloring to desired shade, then frost entire cake.
4. Separate yellow jellybeans from bag and arrange on cake, following photograph as a guide, to appear as strawberry seeds.
5. Select and unwrap 14 green fruit chews. Warm in microwave 3 to 4 seconds, just to soften. Using fingers, press all fruit chews into one piece and slightly flatten. Using a rolling pin, roll out chews until wafer thin. Cut out two leaves. Gather up remainder and form stem. Place stem and leaves at top of cake.

Note: Can also be baked in 8-inch heart-shaped cake pans. Makes 12 servings.

Bonnets

- 1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough or ten 4 1/2-inch cookies
- 10 (2 1/2-inch) medium cupcake liners, bought or homemade
- 2 (16-ounce each) containers white frosting
- Food coloring
- 1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Easter
- Starburst Jellybeans
- Skittles Candies for Easter
- Starburst Fruit Chews

1. Roll sugar cookie dough to 1/4 inch thickness and press out ten 4 1/2-inch cookies. Bake the cookies according to directions on the package. Set aside.
2. Remove paper cupcake liner from cupcakes. Slice off rounded top of cupcake.
3. Ice top of cupcake with 1 tablespoon frosting. Turn cupcake upside down and place on the cookie. Set "cookie hats" on wire rack.
4. Divide icing into 4 bowls. Beginning with a few drops of food coloring, tint icing to desired pastel shade. One at a time, place icing into microwave for 15 seconds. Stir icing and check consistency for pourable consistency.
5. Pour frosting over "hats," covering them completely. Set aside for 10 minutes.
6. Decorate using candies.
7. To make hat ribbons, unwrap fruit chews and soften in microwave for 5 seconds. Then thinly roll and cut into thin ribbons and wrap around the hats.

Makes 10 bonnets

Flower Cupcakes

- 1 (18.25-ounce) box yellow cake mix
- 1 (16-ounce) container white frosting
- 1 (16-ounce) Starburst Jellybeans, Original or Tropical Fruits

1. Make cupcakes according to package directions.
2. Spread frosting onto cooled cupcakes and place jellybeans on top in a flower design.

Makes 1 dozen cupcakes

Garden Cookies

- 1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 6 large green craft sticks
- 1 (16-ounce) container prepared vanilla frosting
- Assorted food coloring
- 2 (14-ounce each) bags M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Easter
- 6 (6-inch) flowerpots or containers
- 6 Styrofoam squares or floral oasis

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Knead cookie dough and flour together until smooth.
2. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out 6 tulip shapes (approximately 4 inches high and 3 inches wide) from dough, and transfer to cookie sheet. Gather up dough scraps and re-roll, if necessary.
3. Slide a craft stick underneath each cookie, and press it into dough. Bake until golden brown, about 12 to 15 minutes. Transfer cookie sheet to wire rack.
4. While cookies are cooling, divide vanilla frosting among 4 bowls. Using food coloring, tint to pink, light blue, yellow and pale purple. Spread frosting over each cookie, and arrange chocolate candies on top. Let dry, about 30 minutes.
5. Fill flowerpots with Styrofoam.
6. Press craft sticks into Styrofoam. Arrange green candies around craft sticks.

Makes 6 large cookies

A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on January 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-60 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2005 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2004, you won't need to reapply for 2005 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2005. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

SCHLEICHER CO. APPRAISAL DIST.
PO BOX 936
ELDORADO, TX 76936
325-259-2617

For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn
Property Tax Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, TX 78711-3528

or call 1-800-252-9121

or on the Web at:

www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html