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Lockney residents question Fischer's intentions, motives

Wisn refutes claim Fischer was driven off UEP property

Approximately 160 residents of the South Plains community of Lockney gathered Friday evening, May 12, 2007 in the town's Community Center to hear what their newest neighbor, Samuel Fischer of Hildale, Utah, had to say about his intentions for a manufacturing facility he purchased on the outskirts of their town. They also wanted to question him about his affiliation with the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and its jailed prophet Warren Jeffs.

Fischer began by speaking briefly about his background and his desire to relocate the custom cabinet-making shop he owned in Hildale to Lockney where he expand into modular cabinet manufacturing and tap into the booming housing markets in Lubbock and Amarillo. The 176,368 sq. ft. Tye Company manufacturing facility, once used to make farm implements, was ideal for the job, Fischer commented, and the price was right.

Fischer said he called the meeting to address what he called inaccuracies in news articles about him and his plans for the Lockney plant.

Fischer initially required that all questions be submitted in writing and more than a dozen questionnaires were turned in. But his attempt to sidestep questions about his connection to the polygamous FLDS church and its embattled prophet Warren Jeffs, were soon turned aside by several women in the crowd who insisted that Fischer be more forthcoming.

At one point, after Fischer questioned the accuracy of a story about him that appeared a week earlier in the *Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon*, Cheryl Edwards of Lockney stood, held a copy of the newspaper aloft and asked, "What in here is not true?"

Fischer would only say that the newspaper's claims that he did not intend to hire local workers was wrong. When he cited not other errors in editor Alice Gilroy's story, additional questions from the crowd finally brought Fischer to the topic of how he could be the father of 24 children, and ultimately to the question of polygamy.

Fischer explained that after his first two offspring died, he and his wife chose to adopt two children. His wife then gave birth to several more children. That's when the couple were confronted with the opportunity to adopt 9 more youngsters.

The previous adoption went so well, Fischer said, that the couple decided to adopt

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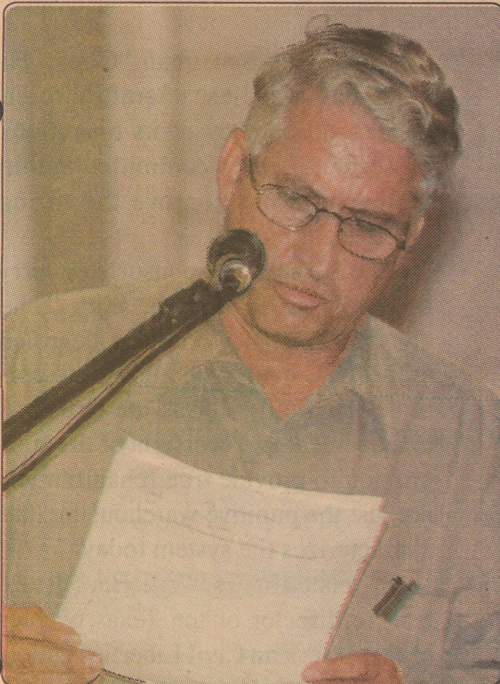


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Samuel Fischer looked over questions submitted by audience members last Friday evening at a Town Hall Meeting in Lockney. Fischer was prodded by audience members into admitting that he has two wives. He also acknowledged that Warren Jeffs is his spiritual leader.



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Remembering David

Eldorado pre-schoolers remembered David Hernandez last Friday prior to the opening of the annual Shannon Harbor Relays. The youngsters set out a liveoak tree and placed a memorial marker at the East end of Eagle Stadium in memory of the Eldorado Eagles star athlete who died in an automobile accident on February 11, 2007. Andres and Tomasa Hernandez (pictured in foreground) were on hand to participate in the memorial service for their late grandson.

County hikes rental rates at Civic Center

Fire Chief Jerry Jones was on hand Monday to ask Schleicher County Commissioners for an additional \$582.85 to help offset the cost overruns associated with erecting a new building to house the county's emergency communications equipment. Jones said he would seek equivalent amounts from other local jurisdictions. The commissioners discussed the matter briefly then approved it by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin with Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Lynn Meador, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown in attendance. Chris Phillips was present to speak with the commissioners about maintenance of the courthouse sprinkler systems. The commissioners voted to hire Phillips to inspect the system and return with a report. Phillips also discussed swimming pool drainage problem. He will give the county a estimate for replacing the Fort McKavett Cemetery water system.

The men then opened seven bids for new heating and air conditioning systems for the Schleicher County Jail. The lowest bid was \$22,379.00, from Marks Services and the highest bid was \$52,370.12 Expert Air. A motion by Kirk Griffin to accept the lowest bid from Marks Service, was unanimously approved by the court.

Sealed bids were then received for a transport load of diesel fuel. Griffin Fuels submitted the lowest bid at \$2.2316 per gallon for off-road diesel. The second bid of \$2.4707 was submitted by Regal Oil. The commissioners voted accept the bid from Griffin Fuels.

County Extension Agent Cory Stevens and shop teacher Jim Wyatt were on hand to submit plans for a new concession and restroom complex at the rodeo arena. The men envisioned a 60 ft. by 40 ft. building with a 20 ft. awning. Judge Griffin was concerned that the restrooms were too small and asked that they be enlarged. After discussing the plans the commissioners

asked the men to obtain prices of material and come back with an estimate. No other action was taken on the matter except that the commissioners discussed the possibility of the county serving as its own general contractor in order to avoid a formal bidding process.

The commissioners then voted to raise the rental fees for the three sections of the Civic Center. The fee for non-profit social meetings and dances was increased to \$300 per section. Non profit business rental fees were raised from \$400 to \$900 for the entire building or \$300 per room, up from \$225. Fees charged to "for profit" businesses were raised from \$900.00 to \$1,050 for the entire facility or \$350.00 per section. The fee for the use of pens increased by \$100 to \$600.

A \$600 damage deposit will be required for each room. There will also be a \$100 per day fee for rehearsals and decorating. A \$100 fee will also be charged for events requiring security.

All events are to conclude by 1 a.m. and the new rates will take effect on July 1, 2007. It was noted the Civic Center is a smoke free facility and a strict non-smoking policy will be enforced.

It was noted as an information item that County Road 425 will have an electric gate placed across it with signs posted. The farms on County Road 425 are putting high fences around their fields and the high gate will help control the deer population. The commissioners expressed no concerns about the gate.

The court then discussed participating with the City of Eldorado in bidding process for street repair in hopes of getting a better price for both entities. The court took no action but thought it would be worthwhile to pursue.

The final discussion of the day involved restricting the consumption or possession of alcoholic products at

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Tornado warning packs Memorial Building

A tornado warning on Wednesday afternoon, May 9th, sent Eldoradoans scurrying for cover. As many as 300 people showed up at the Memorial Building and dozens of others went to the hospital and nursing home, looking for cover. A visual sighting of a twister was reported southwest of town

on FM 2129 and a rapidly rotating wall cloud was seen passing south of town a few minutes late. Heavy rains and small hail pelted much of the county.

Storm spotters from the National Weather Service, the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department, Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department

and EMS, kept track of the storm. Doppler radar in San Angelo confirmed the presence of a tornado but reported that the storm's rotation had lessened by the time it reached Eldorado. After about an hour, an all-clear signal was sounded and citizens returned to their daily routine

City wins \$200K grant to upgrade old water mains

Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk announced Monday that the City of Eldorado was successful in applying for a \$200,000 grant for the purpose of upgrading the aging water lines in the central part of town. He noted that the 8-inch lines that run through the alleys on either side of Southwest Main Street were installed in the 1920s and 1930s.

"I am pleased that the Regional Review Committee looked favorably on our request," Nikolauk commented after learning the grant application had been approved. "Usually, grants are only approved for low to moderate income neighborhoods. But, with the help of our engineer Steve Dennis and our grant consultant Kay Howard, we were able to show that the water mains in the center of town control the water service in the entire town, including low to moderate income neighborhoods."

Nikolauk is a member of the Regional Review Committee but was prohibited from voting on Eldorado's application.

Once the grant receives final approval from the Office of Rural Community Affairs in Austin, the city will begin the process of selecting a project engineer and grant administrator. The city council will then approve the final design of the project and a contractor will be hired.

Mayor Nikolauk said he hopes to have the process completed by the end of summer.

Baccalaureate slated Sunday

EHS graduating seniors will begin graduation week Sunday evening with the annual Baccalaureate Service planned for 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Reverend Andy Anderson will deliver the baccalaureate message as part of the traditional service, hosted each year by the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance. Special music for the event will be provided by Syllas Politte. The EHS brass ensemble under the direction of Jerry Barker will play the processional and recessional marches.

A reception is planned following the program in the courtyard adjacent to the auditorium.

Family and friends of the EHS graduates are encouraged to turn out and support the class as they make their first appearance in their graduation robes.

The EHS Baccalaureate is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Everyone is invited to attend.

Beware the Bees

Fire Chief Jerry Jones explained this week that an increasing number of Africanized Bees are being reported in the county. He notes that warmer weather means that large bee colonies will be on the move. Already this season there have been reports of bee attacks on humans within Schleicher County.

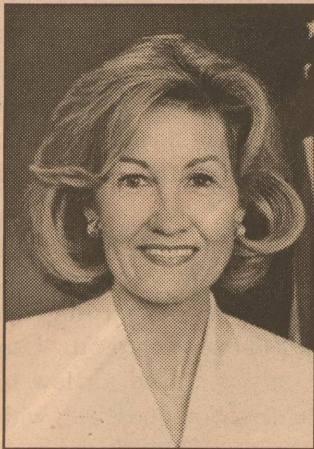
Jones urges anyone who encounters a bee colony to give it a wide berth. Likewise large swarms of bees should be avoided.

Bees may be reported to the Fire Department through the Sheriff's Department switchboard at 325-853-2737.

Jones notes that calls will be handled on a case by case basis. Not all colonies need to be exterminated and the Volunteer Fire Department simply doesn't have the manpower to try to kill out or relocate every bee colony.

Rising gas prices require a comprehensive energy strategy

As the price of gasoline hits an all-time high, many Americans are worrying that they cannot afford a family vacation this summer. Families, individuals and businesses all feel the pinch at the pump. Some of my colleagues in Congress are eager to blame our nation's energy suppliers, but raising taxes on the profits of energy companies will not lower prices. A comprehensive, long-term and bipartisan solution is needed to ensure a safe and reliable energy supply and reduce our dependence on foreign



Commentary

by U.S. Senator
Kay Bailey Hutchison

oil. Our national and economic security depend upon it.

Over 60 percent of our crude oil is imported from foreign countries, and many of those countries are hostile to the interests of the United States. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has promised to use his "strong oil card" to "finish off the U.S. empire," even if that means colluding with Iran and other nefarious regimes. Reliable energy is

too important to the success of our economy to be tied to the whims of some dictator thousands of miles away. If we truly want to be energy independent, we need to expand domestic production of all energy sources—alternative technologies and renewable energy as well as traditional oil and natural gas. Imposing restrictions on supply while international demand rises leads to higher prices. This is a simple lesson from Economics 101 that is apparently lost on many politicians.

America is blessed with bountiful reserves of oil and gas in areas such as the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and Outer Continental Shelf. As the Washington Post noted, "the nation needs to be as willing to explore off its own shores for the resources it needs as it is to import them from abroad." Under a plan issued by the Department of the Interior, potential production in the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean and off the coast of Alaska could equal 20 years worth of what we import from Saudi Arabia or Venezuela.

Unfortunately, political demagoguery has thwarted our attempts at energy independence. If President Clinton had signed a law passed by Congress for energy exploration in ANWR a decade ago, we would now be producing over 1 million additional barrels of domestic oil each day, a 20 percent increase over current levels. With today's advanced technology, we can explore these rich sources of energy using only a small portion of surface land, thereby protecting our environment and wildlife in ANWR. In addition, we must expand our refining capabilities to fully convert these natural resources to usable energy. The American downstream energy industry is working hard in this regard and will add over 1.9 million barrels per day of new refining capacity by the year 2012.

Conservation and new energy technologies are also crucial aspects of an effective and balanced energy plan. Texas is a leading adopter of alternative energy solutions and boasts the nation's highest wind power production and the most alternative fuel vehicles on the road. We are also leading the charge in the development of cellulosic ethanol made from grass and biodiesel made from soy. These crop-based alternatives draw upon renewable resources that are abundant in Texas. As consumers increasingly seek cars with better gas mileage, automakers produce more fuel-efficient products to meet demand. I have introduced legislation in the Senate to amplify the federal government's efforts in alternative energy research and development. The last Congress streamlined the regulatory process to encourage more investment in nuclear power plants, which with better technology are our cleanest and most efficient energy source and produce significantly less waste than ever before.

Our nation's energy policy is stuck in the era of bellbottom pants and platform shoes, and we are long overdue for a change. However, we cannot combat climbing prices without a plan for increased domestic production of traditional oil and gas and alternative resources. Such a plan would also put us in charge of our own economic security, rather than relying on suppliers that seek to harm our country. Congress must act, but not with knee-jerk penalties for the firms that help drive our booming economy. American ingenuity has always solved our toughest problems, and we must put it to work in this arena. Alternative energy sources, conservation and responsible use of our domestic resources will provide affordable energy for our families and businesses.

Stars Keep Exploding

Astronomers recently discovered what they describe as the brightest exploded star ever seen, releasing 100 times more energy than your run-of-the-mill supernova.

To help humans imagine an explosion that cataclysmic, scientists compared it to the sudden flameout of Britney Spears' career, only not so massive and embarrassing. (This new super-duper nova at least had the sense not to do something rash with its hair.)

The announcement also makes you wonder why all those pathetic loser novas are called "super" at all.

Fair's fair. It's time for a downgrade, just like they did with Pluto. (Bonus scientific review: For years Pluto was considered a planet in good standing. Then one day they decided it wasn't, and now it's just a dark, cold and lonely place.)

Even before this star, sadly named SN 2006gy, exploded, it was so bright that, if seen from the same distance, it would be 5 million times brighter than our sun.

(I say "our" sun, referring of course to the United States, which owns the sun but lets other nations use its energy free of charge. But do they give us free oil? No, of course not.)

Scientists speculate that at that

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level brightness, even SPF 45 would be "ineffective."

"You wouldn't want to skimp on the sunscreen. I'd recommend at least SPF 60," said one scientist who asked to remain anonymous because he was imaginary. "And you shouldn't forget to re-apply after coming out of the water, which unfortunately would be boiling."

Closer to Earth, at least somewhat, we have a star named Paris Hilton, who recently decided to follow a "simple life" in the slammer. Her new slogan: "Jail -- it's hot!"

Naturally there's some question of whether Paris should be sent to jail, where she would be free to corrupt hundreds of women hoping to turn their life around.

But jail time could be a good career move for Hilton. As Michael Levine, a longtime Hollywood publicist, said, "It will actually increase her star appeal."

He continued, "There's a segment of our society that's somehow engaged in the soap opera that is Paris Hilton, and this is a very compelling plot line in the soap opera."

And that's why people are jealous

of Hilton. They don't have a plotline compelling enough to employ a publicist. Many, unfortunately, are stuck living normal lives.

Someone who could have used the services of a publicist recently was Randall Tobias, who resigned as Deputy Secretary of State after it was revealed he had used an "escort service" that provided massages.

After his resignation, Tobias told ABC News that using the escort service was just like "ordering pizza."

Good point. But despite the many similarities I can discern two key differences. In the former transaction: 1) there is no pizza, and 2) there is a massage.

I know what I'm talking about. I've ordered pizza before, often with extra toppings. You don't get that kind of service even when ordering a "party pizza."

Tobias will now be seeking new employment. Perhaps there's an opening on Pluto.

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Voters okay tax relief amendment for seniors, disabled

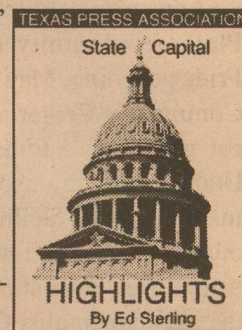
by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Texas voters approved Senate Joint Resolution 13 in the May 12 election.

Unofficial results available May 13 revealed the statewide turnout was only 7 percent, with 88 percent of the voters casting ballots in favor of the resolution.

SJR 13 amends the state constitution to authorize the Legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead.

The change benefits older or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed a year ago in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.



Guv threatens special session

The bill the Texas House and Senate passed enacting a two-year moratorium on private toll road projects landed on Gov. Rick Perry's desk May 7.

The legislation, HB 1892 authored by Rep. Wayne Smith, R-Baytown, and sponsored by Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, puts Perry's Trans Texas Corridor on ice but grants powers to certain county and regional tollway authorities. Those entities would have first option in building projects within their jurisdictions.

Perry said the moratorium is not what bothers him the most about the bill.

The big issues, he said, are potential loss of federal funding and the wording of the bill, which he said would adversely affect the Texas Department of Transportation's contracting and oversight responsibilities. A letter from the Federal Highway Administration raises those questions.

Perry suggested lawmakers reconsider and rework the bill before the end of the current session. He hinted that the alternative to that would be a veto and then a special session.

House passes TYC reform bill

The House on May 7 tentatively approved legislation to overhaul the Texas Youth Commission, which earlier this year was put in conservatorship after reports surfaced of sexual abuse of inmates and fiscal mismanagement at the agency.

SB 103 by Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, is crafted to enhance transparency of its operations, prosecute offenses committed within the agency, and improve the hiring practices of guards.

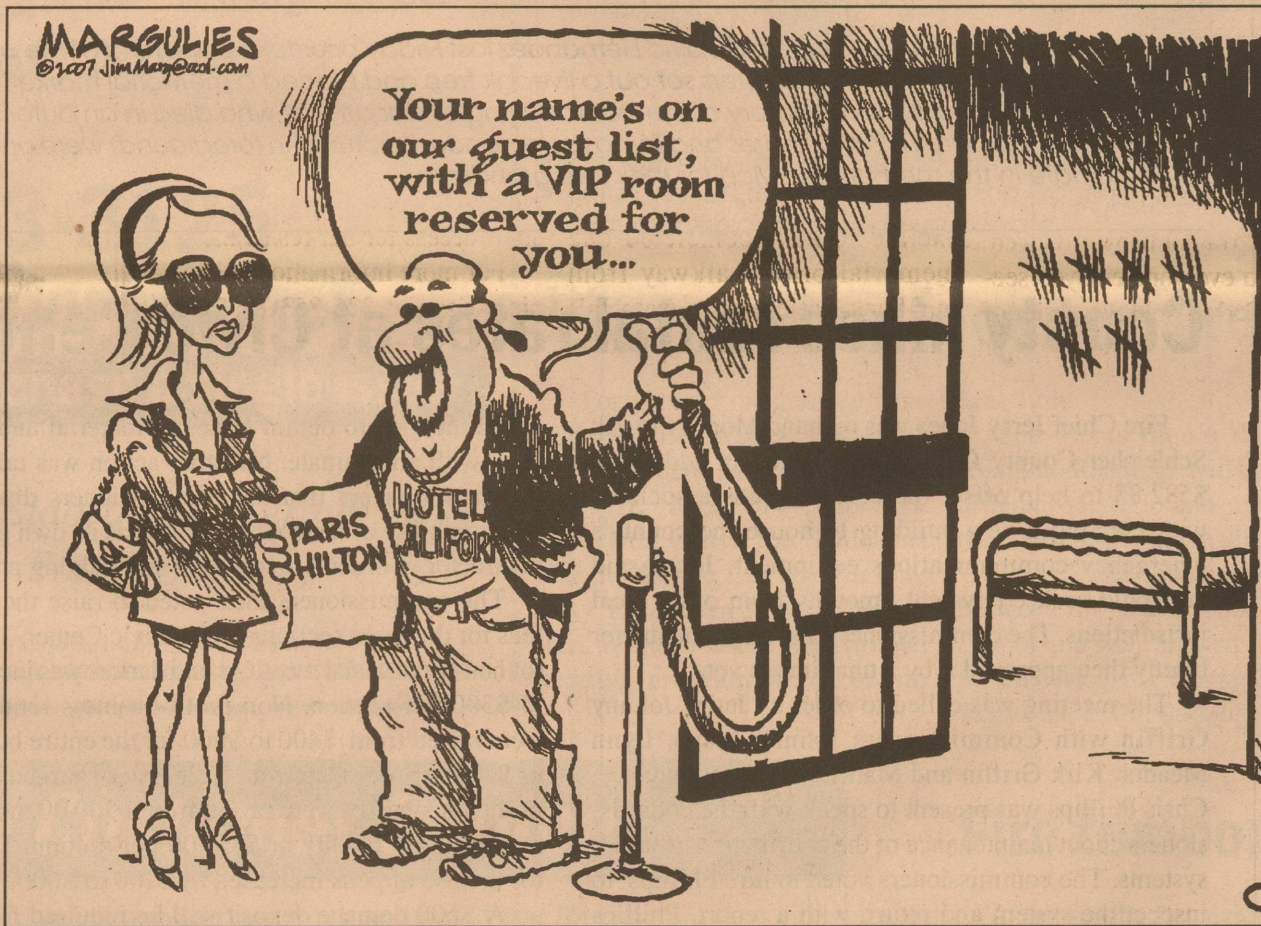
The bill's House sponsor, Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson, said, "The abuse and poor performance identified at the TYC cannot be allowed to continue. This bill reforms the structure, management and oversight of the commission to provide true rehabilitation, not just the punitive warehousing that characterizes the system today."

In related news, Will Harrell, executive director of the Texas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, was named ombudsman for the TYC, contingent on passage of SB 103. His job will be to evaluate and secure youths' rights.

Agency would send border funds

The House on May 7 passed its version of the border security bill.

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The Texas State Railroad Will Run This Summer

I've ridden the steam train from Rusk to Palestine many times. The last time I took half a dozen family members with me, including my 3-year-old grandson Caleb. He has been a train nut practically since he was born. He loved the train ride, the sounds, the bridges and the trees whizzing by. We walked from one end to the other and had popcorn and ice cream while we did it. The gift store, one of the best in the state, had all kinds of tempting items. Caleb went home with some.

There was a petition wanting passengers to sign it in hopes of urging the legislature to appropriate more money to the railroad. I signed it. I visited with Terrie Gonzalez, editor of the Cherokeean newspaper in Rusk. She says funding for state parks has been cut.

"Texas ranks 49th in per capita spending for state parks," says Terrie. "Thank God for Mississippi or we would be in last place."

She says parks are in severe financial crisis right now because they don't have enough money to operate.

"This dates back to 1991 when



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

the legislature appropriated a sporting goods tax that had never been in place before. In 1990 voters said they wanted to have better parks and ok'd an additional sales tax on sleeping bags and camp stoves and things like that. When you make those types of purchases, there is a sales tax that is extra for those items only. That money is earmarked for state parks. They thought it would generate around 30 million dollars a year, but it started bringing in more than 100 million dollars annually. Then in 1991 legislators started using that money for other purposes and they capped it, resulting in a shortage of funds for the parks department."

Terrie says seventy-two parks department jobs were terminated, including twenty-two at the Texas State Railroad. Plans were made to run only one train a day and it

would go from Rusk to Palestine. The folks in Palestine threw a fit and held meetings to protest. The parks department representatives said they would use some of the 2007 money designated for the railroad to keep it operating through the end of 2006. Then the Parks and Wildlife department received some unanticipated windfall money from oil and gas leases. The railroad now has enough money to run the train through August of 2007.

"There's going to be a proposal in this legislative session that will remove that cap and say this money was intended for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department so let's give it to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. It's my understanding that when this legislative session started, there was a 50 billion dollar surplus, so I think they would have a very difficult time explaining why the parks department is not getting proper funding."

There is talk of privatizing the railroad. I just hope it keeps on running so Texans can enjoy going through the woods on a steam train.

OBITUARIES

Daniel H. Wagner



he retired from the oil field and took over operating the G.H. Davis ranch that had been in his family for three generations.

Dan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Florence and Haynie Davis; his parents, Marjorie and Hal Wagner; and one brother, Harry Wagner.

He is survived by his beautiful daughter, Danielle Wagner of Sonora; his one true "Mi Amor," Dora Vidates of Reynosa Tamps, Mexico, and a host of friends who will greatly miss him and the fun motorcycle trips they took.

SONORA — Daniel H. Wagner, father, friend, rancher and longtime resident of Sonora, passed away at his home on Saturday, May 12, 2007, after a brief battle with cancer.

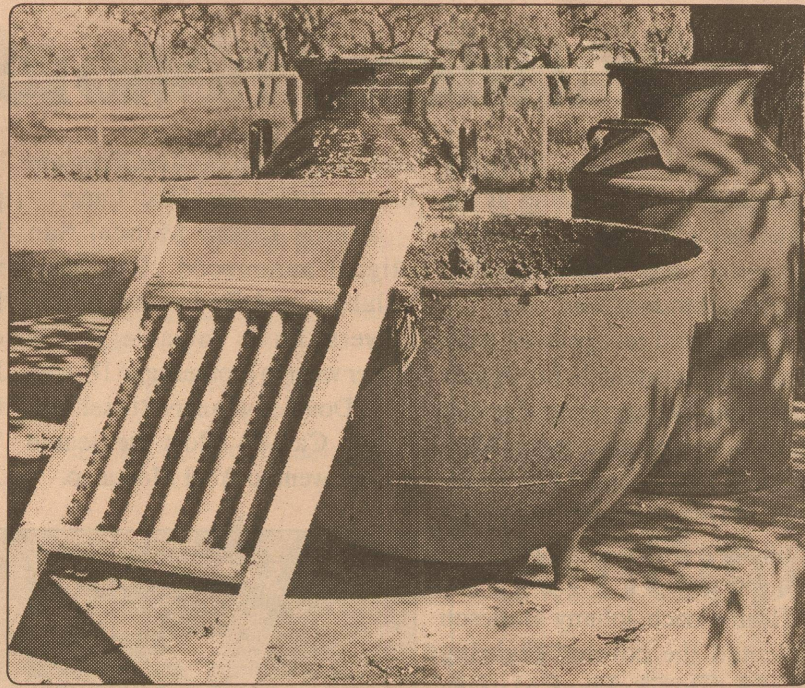
Funeral services, under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home, were held Tuesday, May 15, at the First United Methodist Church of Sonora. Graveside service followed in Sonora Cemetery.

Dan was born May 22, 1949, in Pennsylvania and spent his childhood in Houston, Texas. He came to Sonora in the late 1970s where he worked in the oil field. In 1992,

Dan enjoyed spending time with his friends and made sure everyone was having a great time. Wherever Dan went, the fun always followed.

Pallbearers were friends of Dan, Wylie Norton of Christoval, Marvin Shurley and Steve Ponsetti of Sonora, Gary Lidiak of Houston, Ricky Dae and Bobby Bartz of San Angelo. Honorary pallbearers were Dennis Brooks, Art Martinez, Cliff Brister, Tim Ponsetti, Ken Nunley and Tom Glasscock.

Donations may be made to Hospice of San Angelo.



Touch of History

by Rene Calcutt

One wash day in the 1800's you would need a big old iron pot to heat water in, outside on an open fire, a rub board and lots of lye soap. The following is recipe for lye soap from "Ma's Cookin' Cook Book".

6 lbs. Melted fat (cooled)
1 can of lye
2 1/2 pints hot water

Dissolve the lye in the hot water. Let cool. Then pour, very slowly, the lye water into the cooled melted fat. Stirring constantly. Continue stirring until it is cool and very thick. Pour into

molds or leave in the original pan. Cut into desired size pieces, and let dry.

Note: Use only enamel or cast iron vessels.

Another recipe given to Wenona Isaacs by the Callis Family, dating back to 1833 is for Cookies.

5 cups sugar
4 teaspoons nutmeg
2 1/2 cups lard
5 eggs
2 cups clabber milk
2 teaspoons soda

Enough flour to make a rather stiff dough.



Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Dorothy Dacy was the hostess for the May 8, 2007 business meeting of Kappa Delta chapter of BSD. As a spring thunderstorm was happening in Eldorado nine members met to discuss current business which included announcing that Mary Leigh Dunagan and Maggie Lloyd were voted as best programs in 2007. Following the treasurer's report by Kim'et Nelson minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. Dacy. It was decided that the chapter would meet later in the month to review and vote on two scholarships to be awarded to high school graduates this year. These scholarships can be awarded for either college or a trade school. Both need and leadership are considered in the selections.

President, Glenda Harris suggested that the end of the year social this year might be dinner out and a movie instead of the usual couples picnic. A time and date to

be decided later.

Following the meeting a baby shower was held for Stoni and Lyndi Harris. Members brought gifts for the new baby to be born in June. A wonderful array of baby gifts were opened and everyone enjoyed seeing them. Perhaps old memories of baby showers for their new babies or grandbabies were recalled.

The hostess served refreshments of sandwiches, chips, dips and punch to eight members and one new pledge, Belinda Faull. There was also a beautiful decorated cake by member Kim'et Nelson with a baby and the name of the expected baby, Jack Walker on it. This will be the first grandchild of our president Glenda Harris. He would have been the great grandchild of past charter member Betty Hanusch, now deceased.

Mary Nolen won the sunshine gift.

Other members there to enjoy the festivities were: Flora Hubble, Barbara Jackson, Laura McCutcheon and Linda Delvelchia.

Nursing Home Chit Chat



by Annie Arispe

Nursing Home Activity Director

We at the Schleicher Co. Nursing Home in Eldorado are excited to have completed one memorial brick walkway from our back patio to the waterfall and lilly pond where residents and guests enjoy watching the fish and celebrate the blossoming of water lillies.

Our hope is to extend the walkway over to new vegetable garden boxes and to flower beds.

The estimated cost for the new walkway is \$6,000 and we need to raise \$5,000 before we can begin construction. Can you help make our new sidewalk a reality?

Memorial bricks sell for \$50 and \$150. Granite pavers sell for \$350. Proceeds will cover construction costs.

You are invited to come visit the Nursing Home and tour the lovely back yard with its beautiful

trees, flowers, Dove aviary and butterflies,

Please purchase a memorial paver so there will be more wheelchair access for our residents.

For more information call Annie Arispe at 325-853-2507 Ext. 132.

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Meals for Friends Menu

Monday, May 21
Swiss Steak w/Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Corn Bread Muffins, Toss Salad, Orange Sections, Milk
Tuesday, May 22
Polish Sausage, Fresh Baked Sweet Potato, Steamed Cabbage, Corn Bread and Pears, Milk
Wednesday, May 23
Chopped Steak, Parslied Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Wheat Bread, Cucumber/Tomato Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Milk
Thursday, May 24
Barbecue Chicken, Baked Beans, California Mix Vegetables, Macaroni Salad, Corn Bread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk
Friday, May 25
Tuna Noodle Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Toss Salad w/Tomato, Red Applesauce, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk.

In Loving Memory of Bobby Daniels
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Never have we felt so lost or all alone~
As we did the day that God called you home...

You are so special in many different ways~
Without you now its emptiness that will fill our days...

We are very thankful for the precious time we had~
With you as a wonderful Husband,
Our Papa and an excellent Dad...

We're grateful that our memories are many instead of just a few~
They're all that we have left now, since we no longer have you...

But I know some day we will meet once more~
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Winner of this week's \$100 drawing is Jennie Wipff. She is shown here accepting her prize from Michele McCants.

Congratulations to the ATM winners at last week's Spring into Summer celebration!
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EHS athletes honored at Sports banquet

The 2007 Sports Banquet was held Monday evening at the Schleicher County Civic Center. The event was hosted by the Eldorado Booster Club.

Awards and recognitions were given by each coach for Junior Varsity and Varsity sports. Special awards were also announced. Most Valuable Player and Most Dedicated Players with the recipients being chosen by their peers in each sport.

Head Coach Johnny Bursen presented the coveted Fighting Heart Award to seniors Mariana Guzman and Russell Cathey. The award has been given since 1986 to a male and female athlete who has displayed exceptional devotion and teamwork.

Coach Manuel San Miguel announced Cross Country. Most Dedicated went to Alicia Corrales and Hunter Alvizo. Most Valuable in Cross Country went to Dillon Dombroski and Claudia Pasillas.

Coach Bursen presented several football awards. Most Dedicated Player went to Russell Cathey and Most Valuable Player went to the late David Hernandez. Manny Gonzalez was named 2006 Defensive Back of the Year, Johnny Mejia was named 2006 Offensive Receiver of the Year. Josue Chavez received 2006 Offensive Lineman of the Year and the late David Hernandez was named the 2006 Offensive Back of the Year. Neal Higgins was named 2006 Defensive End of the Year and Juan Garcia was named the 2006 Head Hunter of the Year.

Cheerleader sponsor Sharon Carter recognized the current JV and varsity cheerleaders and introduced next year's 2007-2008 Varsity Cheerleaders. They are Amika Gonzalez, Darcy Graves, Bridgett Mitchell, Cassandra Buitron, Corie Williams and April Porras.

Girls basketball coach Evelyn Gordon then announced All District. All District Basketball 1st Team included Cassandra Buitron, 2nd Team Haley Higgins and Kirsten Stubbs. All District Honorable Mention included Bridget Mitchell and Mariana Guzman. 2006 Most Dedicated Basketball Player went to Mariana Guzman and Most Valuable Basketball Player Cassandra Buitron.

Boys basketball coach Rene Valeriano recognized and presented his awards to his players. Coach Valeriano announced that Drew Bosmans and Zack Hash were placed on the All-West Texas Team.

2006 Most Valuable Basketball Player of the Year went to Drew Bosmans and 2006 Most Dedicated Basketball Player of the Year went to Michael Redish.

Golf Coach Don Richters announced Golf's 2007 Most Valuable

Girl and Boy Golfer. They are Kirsten Stubbs and Cash Lane.

Tennis Coach Manuel San Miguel announced 2007 Most Valuable and Dedicated Tennis Players. Most Valuable Tennis Player went to brothers and District Boys Doubles winners Russell and Rance Cathey. Most Dedicated honors went to Abel Montalvo.

Baseball Coach Geoff Pilcher presented the 11A All-District Baseball honorees. Russell Cathey was named 2007 District 1st Team Defensive Most Valuable Player of the Year. 1st Team District Pitcher Rance Cathey, 1st Team Out Fielder Louie Buitron, 1st Team Catcher Dustin Gauna and 2nd Team Infielders Neal Higgins

and Logan Jones. 2007 Baseball Most Valuable Player of the Year went to Russell Cathey and 2007 Baseball Most Dedicated Player of the Year recipient went to Juan Carlos Escobar.

Softball Coach Brian Daniels announced the 11A All-District Softball Team. Three team members were given 1st All-District Team status. They are First Baseman Corie Williams, Catcher Haley Higgins and Pitcher Bridgett Mitchell. Cassandra Buitron was named to the District 1st Team and chosen Defensive Player of the Year and Second Team All-District Amika Gonzalez. Honorable Mention: Meg Griffin, Darcy Graves, and Senior Mariana Guzman.

Eldorado's 2007 Most Valuable Softball Player goes to Haley Higgins and Cassandra Buitron. 2007 Most Dedicated Player went to Bridgett Mitchell.

Girl's track coach Johnny Bursen presented the 2007 Most Valuable In Track Athlete Award to Bridgett Mitchell and Most Dedicated In Track to Claudia Pasillas, who advanced to Regionals in the 3200 Meter Run.

Boy's track coach Stuart Carter announced that Wes Brown was named 2007 Most Valuable In Track and Ryan Castillo was named 2007 Most Dedicated In Track. A new award, called the Team Leadership Award, was given to Russell Cathey.

The Booster Club announced a new scholarship in honor of David Hernandez. The first recipients of the David Hernandez Memorial Scholarship went to seniors Neal Higgins and Able Montalvo. There were six candidates.

Booster Club President Syllas Polite prepared a video of this year's and last year's sports to conclude the banquet. Kristin Mittel gave the benediction.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
 EHS seniors Russell Cathey and Mariana Guzman received the prestigious Fighting Heart Award at the annual EHS Sports Banquet held Monday night at the Civic Center



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
 EHS seniors Abel Montalvo and Neal Higgins received the first-ever David Hernandez Memorial Scholarships presented at the annual EHS Sports Banquet held Monday night at the Civic Center. The scholarship is given in memory of their former teammate, David Hernandez, who died in an automobile accident earlier this year.

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Monday, May 21
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Tuesday, May 22
 Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, May 23
 Pancake on a Stix/Syrup, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday, May 24
 Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, May 25
 NO SCHOOL

BASKET LINE

Monday, May 21
 Steak Sandwich, Baked Chips, Cucumber Salad, Pineapple Tidbits

Tuesday, May 22
 What Ever Lunch, Fritos/Burger, Salad, Pork-n-Beans, Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, May 23
 Crisptos/Cheese Sauce, Ranch Style Beans, Carrot Stix/Dip, Sliced Peaches

Thursday, May 24
 Sack Lunch, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Carrots/ Cookie, Apple Slices

Friday, May 25
 NO SCHOOL

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Monday, May 21
 Pep Pizza, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits

Tuesday, May 22
 Burritos, Cucumber Salad, Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, May 23
 What Ever Lunch, Tossed Salad, Carrot Stix's/Dip, Sliced Peaches

Thursday, May 24
 Sack Lunch, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Carrots/Cookie, Apple Slices/ Milk

Friday, May 25

Tech/ASU bill heads to Governor

A bill that would move Angelo State University into the Texas Tech University system passed unanimously in the Texas Senate Tuesday, an e-mail from Senator Robert Duncan said.

H.B. 3564 sponsored by Representative Drew Darby of San Angelo, and Senator Robert Duncan or Lubbock, now sits on the desk of Governor Rick Perry.

Only last month, the Texas State House voted for the measure that would move ASU to the Tech System by September of this year. Both chambers passed the bill by

large enough margins to overrule any possible veto. Not that it will be necessary since the Governor has already said that he favors the idea of realigning the state's universities as a way of advancing opportunities for higher learning in the state.

Representative Darby says he filed the bill at the request of ASU boosters unhappy with the Texas State university system. The move to affiliate with Texas Tech is viewed as one that strengthen both schools and supports ASU's goal of growing its enrollment from 6,200 to 10,000.



Rachel Pena of Rockspings, LuCinda Birkenfeld of Ozona, Ridge Ann Sudduth of Eldorado, and McKenzie Watkins received the 2007 A. E. Prugel Memorial Scholarship Award. They are shown here displaying the photo of the late Mr. Prugel.



Seaman Kimberly Samaniego

Samaniego completes boot camp

Kimberly Samaniego completed boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois on March 30, 2007 and is currently in Meridian, Mississippi.

Samaniego joined the Navy on January 29, 2007. She will be deployed to Williamsburg, Virginia at the end of May.

Samaniego is a 2006 graduate of Eldorado High School and is the daughter of Manuel and Judith Samaniego of Eldorado.

A.E. Prugel memorial scholarship dinner held

Four students from surrounding counties were honored May 8, 2007, at a dinner held at the Sonora Depot for being recipients of the A.E. Prugel Memorial Scholarship Award. The recipients of the scholarships were Ridge Ann Sudduth of Eldorado High School, LuCinda Birkenfeld of Ozona High School, Rachel Pena of Rockspings High School and McKenzie Watkins of Sonora High School.

The committee members for the scholarship fund include Linda Johnson, Glen Richardson, Bill Savell and Jack Smith.

Susan Prugel, daughter of A.E. and Celeste Prugel, attended the dinner.

Other guests were Jay Stewart, Credit Office President, Capital Farm Credit and parents, grandparents and siblings of the recipients.

The scholarship committee announced that for the first time the scholarship would also be given to last years four recipients as soon as they enroll for the Fall 2007 term at the College or University of their choice.

The scholarship has been awarded to 52 students from

Schleicher, Crockett, Edwards and Sutton Counties since 1995. Anyone wishing to donate to the scholarship fund may contact Capital Farm Credit at (325) 387-2777 or mail your contribution to P.O. Box 397, Sonora, Texas 76950.

Voters OK amendment

Eldorado voters approved a state constitutional amendment Saturday by a 72-12 margin. The local result closely reflects the statewide returns as Texas voters passed the measure 810,843 to 113,734. The amendment extends property tax reduction previously passed by the legislature to elderly and disabled citizens whose tax rate had been frozen by an earlier amendment.

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Lockney residents seek answers about Fischer, FLDS

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all 9 children. Then, he added, they adopted the children's mother, as well.

The statement sent a murmur through the audience and prompted even more questions. Eventually, Fischer admitted that he considers the adopted mother to be his wife.

The admission at once confirmed the most controversial part of the *Hesperian-Beacon's* story while at the same time prompting another round of questions from the audience.

Fischer soldiered on and tried to direct the conversation back to his plans for the manufacturing facility that stood a few blocks from the Community Center, but those statements only drew more questions, this time about why he found it necessary to leave Utah.

Fischer told the audience he was being forced by the State of Utah to leave the million dollar home he owns and the plant where he now makes cabinets. He explained that the United Effort Plan Trust, the financial arm of the FLDS Church, had been taken over by the state. The trusts assets, he said, are being drained off by Special Fiduciary Bruce Wisan, the man who was appointed to protect it.

Fischer went on to allege that a close friend of his was being forced off his farm near Beryl, Utah. The farm had been taken over by the state, Fischer said, and his friend chose to walk away rather than fight.

Fischer continued to be peppered with questions from the audience and, toward the end of the question-and-answer session, he admitted that he is a follower of FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs. "He is my spiritual leader," Fischer said.

When questioned whether any of the money he gives the church is directed to the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado, Fischer answered that he didn't know. He said that as a Mormon he is required to tithe ten percent if his income to the church and that he didn't know what happened to the money after that.

The meeting ended with Fischer imploring the crowd to give him a chance. He told the he hadn't come to Lockney to pave the way for others from Utah. "Judge me for what I am, not what you read in the paper," Fischer urged. "Judge me

after I've been here a while. Give me a chance. If I'm not real, you'll find out soon enough."

People gathered in clusters inside and outside the Community Center as soon as the meeting was over. A few approached Fischer inside the hall to ask for employment applications while others offered their support. But the vast majority headed out the doors where some huddled to discuss the meeting. Others simply headed for their cars.

"I'm not sure what to think," one farmer told two others. "It sounds like a done deal to me. I doubt if there's much if anything we do about it."

"I don't like it," another said as he made his way to his pickup.

Lockney ISD Superintendent Phil Cotham explained that he had been researching the FLDS ever since the story broke a week earlier in the *Hesperian-Beacon*. "From what I understand, they home school their children," Cotham stated. "I doubt this will have much impact on the school. As for the town...well, I don't know."

For his part, Samuel Fischer declined to comment to *The Eldorado Success* except to say that he is in no way connected to the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado. "I am here to meet with the people of Lockney," he said. "I want them to learn the truth about me."

Bruce Wisan Responds

When word of the Lockney meeting reached Special Fiduciary Bruce Wisan in Salt Lake City, he reacted quickly by advising *The Success* that Fischer's claim that he is being forced to leave his home "is an absolute falsehood." Wisan said that since he had taken over the UEP Trust no one has been evicted. "We have asked a couple of families to relocate to other houses so that the people who originally built a home might have it back," Wisan said.

"All Sam Fischer needs to do to stay in his so-called million dollar home is continue to pay his taxes," Wisan explained.

Wisan said that the judge who appointed him has given him the authority to start breaking up the UEP so that the people who built their homes on UEP land might be able to own them.

"Samuel Fischer can own his home and he can own the building where is business is located if he will only pay the closing costs and the filing fees," Wisan stated. "But, Warren Jeffs has apparently ordered his followers not to cooperate," Wisan added. "I don't understand it."



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
 Cheryl Edwards of Lockney motions for Samuel Fischer to stop and return to a statement he made about adopting nine children and their mother.

Wisan also refuted Fischer's claim that one of his friends was being forced off a farm near Beryl, Utah.

"That's simply untrue," Wisan stated.

He then explained that Harker Farm near Beryl had once belonged to Parley Harker who told his family and friends one day that he had given the farm to the UEP trust. Witnesses say that Harker even stood up in church one day and announced that he had realized his dream of donating his farm to the UEP.

But, Harker's farm was never deeded to the UEP, instead it was signed over to the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the FLDS Church. In other words, it was transferred to Warren Jeffs.

Wisan, acting on behalf of the UEP Trust, recently won an \$8.8 million judgement against Jeffs individually and in his capacity as head of the FLDS Church. With that judgement in his pocket, Wisan moved to seize Harker Farm and take it away from Warren Jeffs.

"It's a dairy farm," Wisan told *The Success* on Tuesday. "As such there is much that must be done. The cows must be fed and milked regularly. Otherwise they're just hamburger meat."

Wisan said he contacted some of the Harker brothers who lived on and operated the farm to ask them to stay and run it. He said consultations with the Harker's attorney, and with a bank that has a lien against the farm appeared to be going well. "Then the church leadership got involved," Wisan stated. "Now the Harkers are refusing to stay."

Wisan said he would like to

work out an arrangement whereby the Harker family could regain possession of their farm. "I don't think Warren is going to allow that to happen," Wisan added.

Success publisher Randy Mankin extended an invitation Friday night for Samuel Fischer to come to Eldorado and hold a town hall meeting. He declined the offer. He also declined to answer questions except to say that he has no connection with the YFZ Ranch and that he has no partners or investors in his cabinet making business.

As always, *The Success* seeks comment from Warren Jeffs, his attorneys and his representatives at the YFZ Ranch.

Co. raises fees at Civic Center

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the county swimming pool, park and baseball fields. The commissioners visited with Sheriff Doran about enforcement of the rule if it is put in force. Doran told the court his deputies would enforce the ordinance, but said he needed guidance on citations and fines. The court instructed Doran to speak with the County's attorneys about setting a fines and associated legal issues.

No other action was taken on the matter.

Before adjourning, the commissioners reviewed the county's bills and approved a budget amendment requested by County Treasurer Karen Henderson.

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- Coconut source
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 - Sudden burst
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 - Green TV chef?
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 - "Star Wars" princess
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 - Batters' stats
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 - Wise old head
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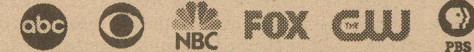
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Playday dates have been set for Tuesdays this summer. We will have our first three playdays in June: 12th, 19th, and 26th. All kids wanting to participate are welcome. We will have the following events: barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, goat hair



County Agent's Update

by Cory Stevens

pulling, and breakaway roping. We will have the same format as last year with kids participating free of charge. We will have a parent meeting at the first playday to plan future dates, and discuss a prizes day, with kids competing for prizes.

All events will begin at 7:00PM. FMI call: 853-2132
Upcoming events for your Calender:
• Horse Club Playdays: June 12, 19, 26
• Jr. High Leader Lab: June 14-15
• District Leader Lab: June 28-29

28-29
• Golf Tournament Benefiting 4H Club; June 16
• County 4H Camp: July 5-7
• State 4H Horse Show: July 23-28
For more information on any of these events contact the extension office at 853-2132.

Ranchers Roundup, May 22nd in Sonora

The annual Ranchers Roundup is slated for May 22nd in Sonora at the Extension Office. This is a multi-county program. We will have speakers covering the following topics: Wild Life Survey, Management of Prescribe Burns, Taking Livestock Fecal Samples, and

Drift Minimization. The program will begin at 9:00AM with a fee of \$25 at the door, or \$15 if paid by Friday, May 18th. Fee will include catered lunch, refreshments during breaks, and educational materials. Four CEU's will be offered at this program.

Lady Eagles' good season ends on Ballinger diamond

Errors proved to be the undoing of the Lady Eagles on May 4th as they fell 2-1 to the Trent Lady Gorillas, according to Coach Brian Daniels.

He noted that defensive and base running errors, combined with allowing two unearned runs to cross the plate was more than his team could come back from.

"Bridgett Mitchell did a good job on the mound," Daniels said. "She allowed only four hits in 7 innings."

Corie Williams was 3 of 4 at the plate with a triple, to lead Eldorado's offense.

The Lady Eagles ended the season with a 14-7 overall record and 8-2 in district play. They were the outright District Champions.

Coach Daniels noted that the girls went deeper in the playoffs than any previous Lady Eagles softball team.

"We will miss the play of Mariana Guzman," Daniels said of the team's only senior.

With seven starters returning

next year the future looks bright for the Lady Eagles squad. Coach Daniels says he is optimistic that the 2008 season will bring more victories and another run at the State 1-A title.



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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE Schedule of Events - Friday, May 18th

- 4:00 p.m. Event Set up Begins
- 6:00 p.m. Survivor and Caregiver Registration Begins
- 6:30 p.m. Team Captain Meeting at the stage area
- 7:00 p.m. **OPENING CEREMONY**
Flag Ceremony and Honor Guard
Pledge of Allegiance
"National Anthem"
Invocation
Introduction of the 2006 Relay Committee
Housekeeping Rules and General Information
- 7:30 p.m. **SURVIVOR'S CEREMONY**
Introduction of Survivors
Caregivers - Please join the Survivors as they walk. Your survivor does not have to be present for you to participate.
- 8:00 p.m. First Lap - Each team should walk together and carry their Team sign - Done Olympic style
- First team walkers will start their laps after the team lap
- 9:00 p.m. Noodle Race - Team 1
- 9:30 p.m. Luminaria sales will end
- 10:00 p.m. **LUMINARIA CEREMONY (All Walkers Stop)**
LAPS WILL RESUME AFTER CEREMONY
- 11:30 p.m. 2x4 Race - Team 2
- 12:00 a.m. CURFEW (18 years of age and younger who are not part of a team or with a family that is a team MUST leave premises - wristbands will be checked!)
- 12:00 a.m. Road 2 Recovery Team 6
- All money to count for prizes should be turned in at this time!
- Teams may continue to do onsite fundraising but it won't count for prizes.
- Saturday, May 19th
- 1:00 a.m. Chubby Bunny Team 4
- 2:00 a.m. Water Balloon Volleyball Team 5
- 3:00 a.m. Life Savers Team 3
- 4:00 a.m. Mummy Wrap Team 7
- 5:00 a.m. Water Balloon Toss Team 8
- 6:00 a.m. Bubble Walk Team 9
- 6:30 a.m. **TRASHY TEAM AWARD - PLEASE HELP PICK UP THE AREA!**
- 6:45 a.m. All walkers stop
- 7:00 a.m. Closing Ceremonies & Awards

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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Capital Highlights...

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HB 13 by Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, creates a border security council to oversee distribution of more than \$100 million to border law enforcement agencies.

Swinford's bill encourages cities and counties to cooperate with federal agencies in immigration matters.

The bill also provides for a study to evaluate expedited deportation of illegal immigrants held in state jails and prisons for criminal offenses.

Speaker Tom Craddick said, "This is one of the most important pieces of legislation that we will pass this session as it affects the safety of every citizen of this state and country."

The bill moves to the Senate for further consideration.

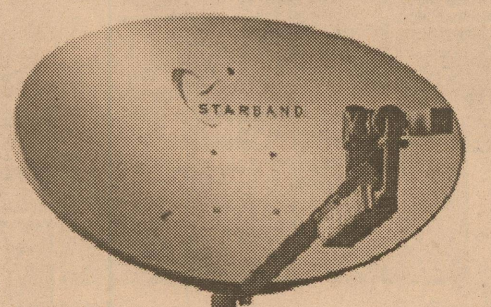
Bill ties teacher raise to tax relief

Also moving to the Senate for further consideration is HB 2785, legislation reducing the school property tax rate to 91 cents per \$100 valuation in the 2008-2009 biennium.

An amendment to HB 2785 by Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, prevents the state from reducing property taxes further without giving school districts and open-enrollment charter schools an amount equivalent to \$6,000 for every full-time teacher, librarian and counselor.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said Dunnam's amendment "tacks on \$4.4 billion in other costs which would likely gut tax relief that we promised Texans last year."

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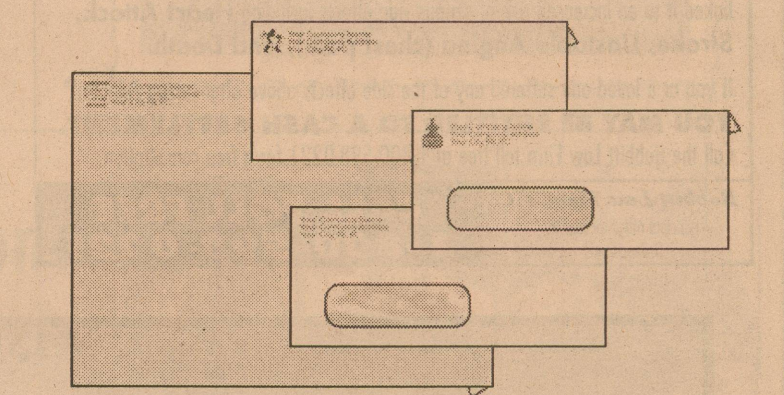
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Bastrop officials indicted for diverting public funds

Commissioner, sheriff charged with utilizing inmate labor, county funds for personal projects

BASTROP - A grand jury today returned public corruption indictments against Bastrop County Sheriff Richard Hernandez and Bastrop County Commissioner David A. Goertz. Prosecutors with the office of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott sought the indictments after a state investigation revealed the two officials were diverting county resources for their personal benefit.

Hernandez, 51, and Goertz, 51, were each charged with one count of abuse of official capacity for illegally misusing taxpayer resources, including county equipment, materials, inmate labor, facilities, and credit accounts.

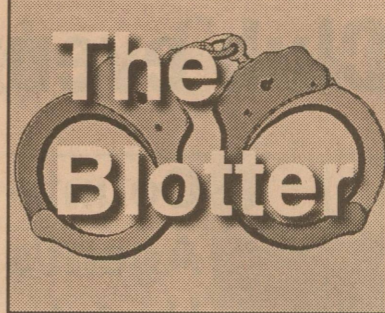
"Texans will not tolerate government officials who violate the public trust," Attorney General Abbott said. "Any public servants who choose to unlawfully enrich themselves at the taxpayers' expense must be held accountable for violating the law. The citizens

of Bastrop County can rest assured that the Office of Attorney General is aggressively prosecuting these officials for abusing their positions."

According to court documents filed by the Attorney General, Goertz used county inmate labor to perform electrical wiring and several other work projects at his home. These documents indicate that inmates also constructed a steel railing and two barbecue pits that were later installed at the county commissioner's private residence. The Attorney General's investigation also revealed that Goertz approved overtime pay for a county employee who supervised inmates while they worked on these non-county projects. State investigators conducted a search of Goertz's residence on Tuesday.

Hernandez is charged with using county materials, taxpayer resources, and inmate labor to construct barbecue pits that he later sold for personal profit. According to state investigators, Bastrop County resources were used to build and improve a mobile barbecue trailer that the sheriff later sold for his personal benefit. Hernandez required the buyer to pay him with cash. State investigators conducted a search of the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday.

Following the indictments, arrest warrants for Hernandez and Goertz were issued, and those warrants are being served by law enforcement officers with the Office of the Attorney General.



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

ARRESTS

May 8 • Riojas, Joe Luis, male age 28, sentenced to SAFF.

May 10 • Ramon, Casario, male age 52, offense Harassment. Released on \$1,000 PR Bond.

May 11 • Moreno, Armando, male age 19, offense Motion To Revoke-Burglary of a Building and Burglary of a Habitation.

INCIDENTS

May 8 • 11:05 a.m. Caller reported a lost silver LG cell phone. Officer responded.

• 2:55 p.m. Caller reported a controlled burn on 277 north. All units notified.

• 3:14 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver on 277 south traveling north. Officer responded.

• 8:46 p.m. Caller reported that a county inmate had been calling his house asking for his wife.

• 10:45 p.m. Caller reported loud music coming from a trailer behind their house on North Divide. Officer notified.

• 11:46 p.m. Caller reported a male subject stealing right in front of the camera at Town and Country. Officer notified.

May 9 • 6 p.m. Caller reported that his neighbor backed into him. A blue form was requested.

• 7:03 p.m. TxDot employee called to inform Sheriff's office that Hwy. 915 was closed due to high water. Also FM 2596 was shut down as of 7:35 p.m.

May 10 • 3:42 p.m. Caller reported a Colt 45 3 1/2 stainless pistol missing. Officer responded.

• 9:50 p.m. Caller reported loud music on Hill Street. Officer responded.

• 10:22 p.m. Caller reported loud music on Herman and McWhorter.

• 10:39 p.m. Caller reported an intoxicated woman had entered their mother's home without con-

sent. Officer responded.

May 11 • 3:59 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver on Dorris. Officer responded.

• 8:19 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver in a company pickup tossing beer cans out of the window. Officer responded.

• 9:02 p.m. Caller reported the bus alarms going off at the school. Officer responded.

• 10:59 p.m. Caller informed that Rosa's Casita was on fire. Fire dept. and EMS paged out. Officer responded.

May 12 • 12:26 a.m. Caller said someone was trying to break into their residence. Officer responded.

• 1:49 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to Shannon. Ambulance paged out.

• 9:00 a.m. Caller reported a lost Palomino horse with white blaze. Officer responded. Another caller reported the horse was in pasture about one mile north on 277. Owner notified.

• 5:53 p.m. Caller reported a possible fire near their location on CR 245. Fire chief notified.

May 13 • 9:41 a.m. Complainant reported loose livestock on Hwy. 277 north. Officer notified.

• 8:45 p.m. Caller reported a goat stuck in a fence for about 4 days. Officer notified. Owners name not listed in phone book. Unable to contact.

May 14 • 9:30 a.m. Caller reported that he will be burning some brush on Denny Street.

• 3:20 p.m. Caller reported he will be burning some brush on 190 west.

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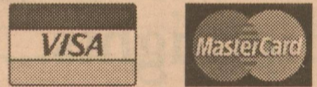
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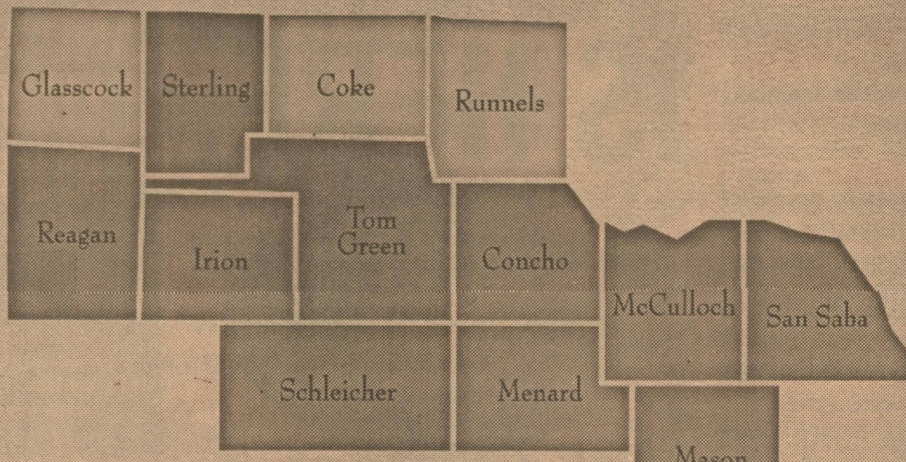
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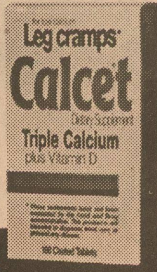
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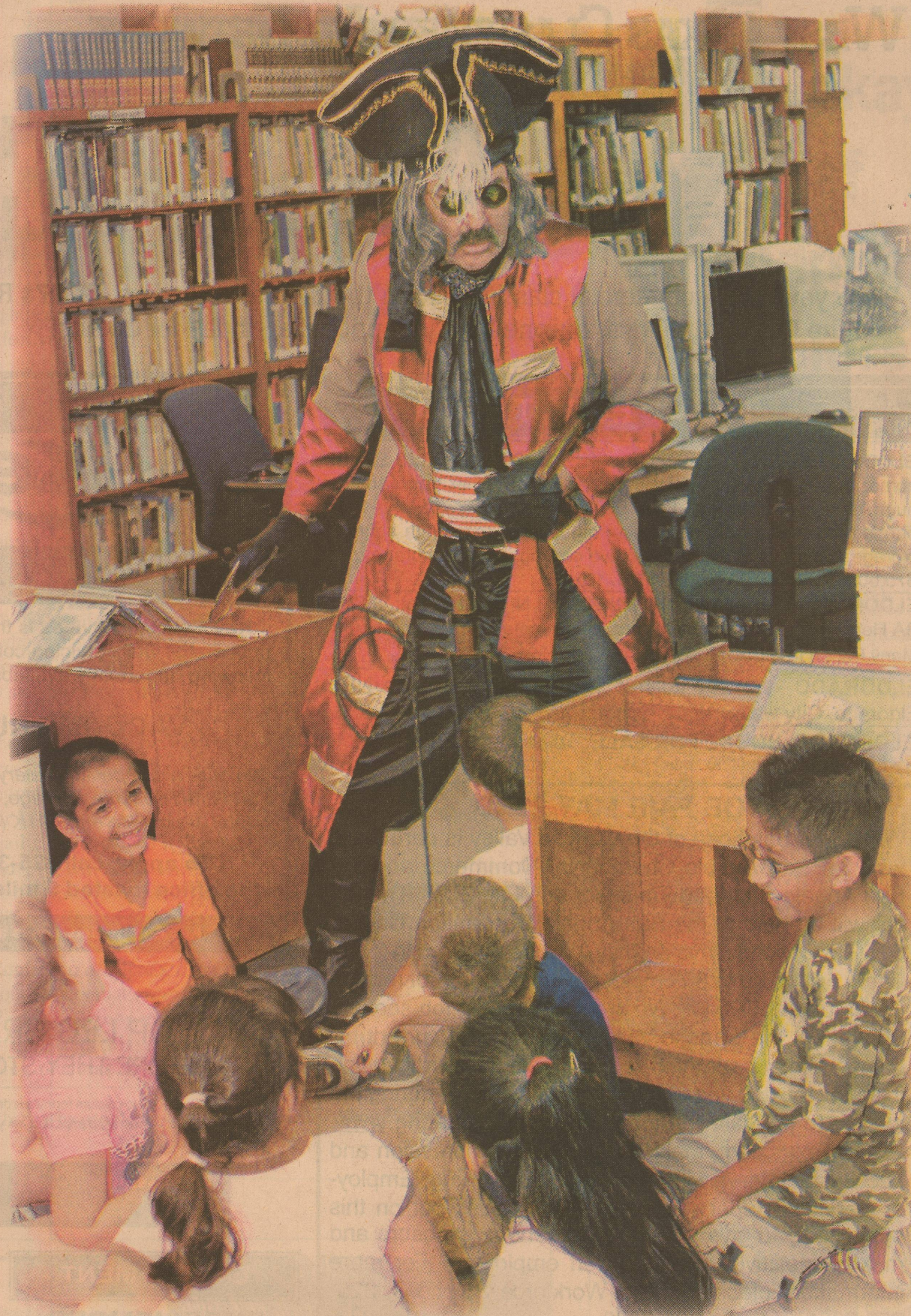


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Pirate Captain Tagoo stopped by the Schleicher County Public Library to help Librarian Jeri Whitten kick off the Summer Reading Program "Sail Into Reading." Forty-two first graders were not at all intimidated by the ugly Pirate.

First graders look for Treasures in Reading

Forty two first graders from Eldorado Elementary along with their teachers Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Halbert, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Guiterrez visited the Schleicher County Public Library Tuesday, May 15 to learn from Librarian Jeri Whitten about the summer reading program which begins

June 12th.

The Texas theme this year "Sail into Reading" will be a little different for Eldorado readers as they will sail into reading with "Pirates." The students were introduced to several books about Pirates and were treated to a surprised visit from Pirate Captain Tagoo, a.k.a. Jim Runge.

The children were encouraged to come to the library this summer for Pirate stories, games and treasure hunts hosted by the "Captain" who will answer questions and help children tour the library.

The Reading Program is to encourage children of all ages to continue reading throughout the summer.

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Fire temporarily closes Rosa's

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Gelasio Martinez the restaurant's owner, tells *The Success* that he hopes to have repairs completed and the restaurant open to the public as early as Friday.



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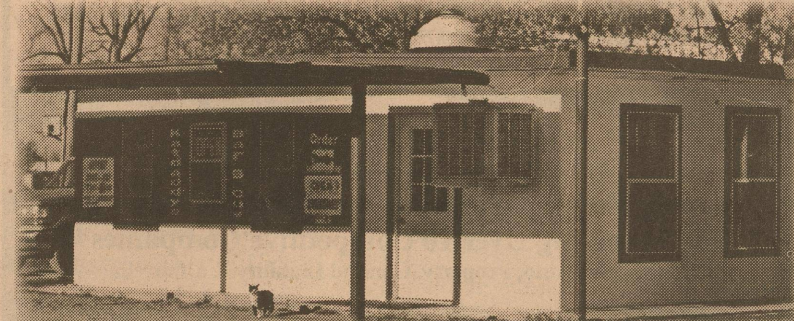
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