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## Jeffs ruled competent to stand trial

Saying that Warren Jeffs was "much improved in his appearance and demeanor," Utah's 5th District Judge James L. Shumate ruled last Friday that the FLDS prophet is competent to stand trial.

The judge said he asked Jeffs' defense team to get an evaluation of their client's mental and physical condition after he appeared frail and disoriented at a March 27th hearing. The request for a competency evaluation was sealed by the judge, leading to a great deal of speculation about Jeffs' mental and physical well being.

A group of media outlets, asking for the evaluations unsealed, won a partial victory when Judge Shumate said he would release redacted copies of the documents despite arguments from defense attorney Walter Bugden that his client's psychological condition should be withheld under medical privacy laws. Shumate said he would personally review the documents and "black out" the portions he deemed private.

The judge further ruled that a media pool photographer will be allowed in the courtroom for the trial, with certain restrictions. Defense attorneys had hoped to exclude the photographer after *The Deseret Morning News* published an enhanced photo of a note that Jeffs attempted to give Judge Shumate during the March 27 hearing.

The note reportedly said that Jeffs abdicated his position as prophet of the FLDS church, according to a photo analyst employed by *The Deseret Morning News*.

Judge Shumate also quashed a subpoena issued for reporter Ben Winslow of *The Deseret News*. The defense wanted Winslow to identify the law enforcement source who confirmed the contents of the disputed note.

The redacted report outlining Jeffs' physical and mental condition were released by Shumate on Tuesday. In it his physicians said Jeffs had spent so much time on his knees praying that he developed ulcers on his knees. Jeffs was also said to be suffering from a "Depressive Disorder" including features of agitation and depression.

Jeffs' condition is said to have improved. Apparently, he lost several pounds while fasting.

Jeffs reportedly denied having hallucinations but said that he did receive "impressions" that he considers "inspiration."

Jury selection for the Jeffs trial will begin Sept. 7, and the trial is scheduled Sept. 10-21 in St. George, Utah.

Jeffs stands accused of two counts of rape as an accomplice, a first-degree felony, for allegedly ordering the marriage, then performing the marriage ceremony between a 14-year-old girl and her 19-year-old cousin.



PHOTO BY JUD BURKETT THE SPECTRUM

Warren Jeffs consulted with attorney Richard Wright, during a pretrial hearing held Friday in Utah's 5th district court in St. George. Judge James Shumate ruled during the hearing that Jeffs was competent to stand trial and ordered that jury selection to begin on Sept. 7th.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

A brightly colored rainbow arched across the eastern sky early Sunday evening after a round of storms moved through county. Flooding closed a number of roads throughout the area, including FM 2596 (McIntosh Road shown here) where a number of rain-swollen draws rose to cross the highway. Emergency workers stayed busy much of Friday and Saturday rescuing stranded motorists in the eastern part of the county, and at one point, a DPS helicopter was called in from Midland to rescue three Lake Charles, Louisiana, hunters trapped by rapidly rising water.

## Masked thief grabs \$5,000 bank deposit

Money stolen as store clerk makes night deposit

A ski-mask wearing bandit made off with a bank bag containing more than \$5,000 in cash and checks Sunday night from the driveway of First National Bank.

Super "S" Foods' clerk Deena Day appeared at the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 11:10 p.m. Sunday evening to report that she had been robbed as she attempted to deposit the store's receipts in the night depository at the bank. Lawmen promptly fanned out across town but never saw the robber.

Sheriff David Doran reports that Ms. Day was approached by a man wearing a ski-mask as she stepped out of her car and attempted to deposit the store's bank bag. The suspect was said to be a stocky male with a deep voice, approximately 5 feet 5 inches, in his early 20s. The bandit reportedly demanded that Ms. Day surrender the bank bag. When she failed to immediately comply, he wrested it from her hands then fled on foot across South Main Street where he disappeared into the park next to the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater building.

The bank bag reportedly contained some \$3,000 in checks and \$2,000 in cash. The incident is being investigated as a felony robbery.

"It's not considered a bank robbery since it didn't take place inside the bank," Chief Deputy George Arispe explained.

Sheriff Doran notes that the robbery remains under "active investigation."

Doran further encouraged anyone with information about the robbery to contact his office at 325-853-2737.

## Forty-five EHS grads receive diplomas

With strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" filling the room, forty-five members of the Class of 2007 took their final steps together as they filed into the high school auditorium May 25th for commencement ceremonies. A few minutes later, following a salutatory address by Brittany Jennings and a valedictory address by Kristin Mittel, members of the class made their way onto the stage one-by-one to receive their diplomas.

EHS Principal Bob Wanoreck announced the graduates' names as they crossed in front of the podium. SCISD Board President Kurtis Homer handed out the diplomas while Superintendent Billy Collins moved each graduate's tassel to signify the beginning of a new chapter of their lives.

As the diplomas were presented, those graduates receiving scholarships and awards were announced.

Following the presentation of diplomas, the graduates gathered on the stage and celebrated by tossing their caps high into the air. Family members and friends then moved in to greet the graduates.

The graduates, along with the awards and scholarships they received, were announced during the ceremony as follows:

Luis Almazan; Selvia Guadalupe Aranda; Steffani Denise Barler; Drew Van Percy Bosmans, Concordia University Scholarship; Joshua Lynn Burleson; Mark Wesley Bybee; Russell Garrett Cathey; Josue Ranulfo Chavez;

Maria Guadalupe Contreras; Ana Maria Cordova; Alicia Ann Corrales; Andrew Martin De Anda

Also, Edward Adam Dominquez, Terry Bebe Memorial Scholarship, Hernandez Family & Friends Scholarship; Samuel Estrada; Holly Ford; Anna Fuentes, Terry Bebe Memorial Scholarship; Juan Garcia; Sandra Garza, Sylvia Diane Garza, Mariana Guzman; Zachariah Hash; Marcos D. Hernandez; Tiffany Christian Hernandez, Angelo State University Carr Scholarship; Chief Deputy Association Scholarship, Lions Club Scholarship, Woman's Club Scholarship

Also, Byron Hibbs, U.S. Navy Excellence Award; Jileesa Nicole Hibbs; William Neal Higgins, David Hernandez Memorial Scholarship, Terry Bebe Memorial Scholarship; Marcus Hinojosa, Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship; Enrique Jalomo; Brittany Nicole Jennings, Angelo State University Carr Scholarship, Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Hext Memorial Scholarship; Richard Logan Jones, Billy Gene Edmiston Memorial Scholarship, Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center Scholarship

Also, Barryn Cash Lane; Felipe Martinez, Jr., Texas A&M University Regents Scholarship, Vernon West Memorial Scholarship, Masonic Lodge Scholarship, Lions Club Scholarship, Robert & Mary Payne Massey Memorial Scholarship, Brian & Velma Hunt Scholarship, Texas A&M Meek Lane Doss Scholarship; Ricky Mercado; Kristin Brienne Mittel, Lions Club Scholarship, Fred Igo Memorial Scholarship, Mitzi

Sessom Memorial Scholarship, Texas Tech Scholastic Achievement Scholarship, Texas Education Agency Valedictorian Tuition Scholarship; Abelardo Montalvo, David Hernandez Memorial Scholarship, Lions Club Scholarship, Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Super "S" Scholarship

Also, Artie Charles Montalvo; Leanna Christine Morales; Rachel Rios; Raul Rios, Jr.; Justina C. Rodriguez, Las Agu-

ilas Spanish Dance Club Scholarship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scholarship, West Central Wireless Scholarship, Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship; Chelsi Ann Sellers, Ridge Ann Sudduth, A.E. Prugel Memorial Scholarship, Angelo State University Carr Scholarship, Masonic Lodge Scholarship, Texas 4H Opportunities Scholarship; Benjamin Lewis Taylor; Kassandra Lynn Tyler; and Veronica Villa.



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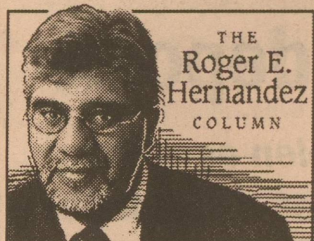
EHS graduates (L-R) Abel Montalvo, Kristin Mittel, Ricky Mercado and Felipe Martinez, Jr. filed into the high school auditorium Friday night for the school's 2007 commencement ceremonies.

## Political Correctness vs. Historical Accuracy

Down at the old English colony of Jamestown in Virginia, they are spending the summer celebrating what organizers call "America's 400th Anniversary."

The queen of England visited, and President Bush showed up to give a speech on the actual day of the anniversary.

It was May 14, 1607, that a small band of English settlers landed in Jamestown to try to establish a colony. There had been failed attempts before; people who attended elementary school in the United States



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and paid attention in class might remember the Lost Colony of Roanoke.

But Jamestown succeeded. It was the first permanent English colony in North America, predating by 13 years the more celebrated one in Plymouth, Mass. You heard of the Pilgrims even if you paid no attention in class.

What a lot of people do not know -- even if they paid attention throughout grammar school, high school and college -- is that the first permanent European settlement in what is now the United States was not English, but Spanish.

St. Augustine, Fla., is the nation's oldest town, founded Sept. 8, 1565, by Pedro Menendez de Aviles. Spaniards in the decades that followed founded a string of Atlantic Coast settlements into the Carolinas. South Carolina's Parris Island -- home of the Marine Corps' boot camp -- was once the Spanish town of Santa Elena. Florida remained a Spanish colony, except for a period of English rule between 1763 and 1783, until the young United States bought the territory in 1821.

The second-oldest city in the United States is Santa Fe, N.M., which Spaniards began to settle in 1607.

Does it matter? Is Jamestown right to mark "America's 400th Anniversary"? What about the 442nd, coming up in St. Augustine?

The dominant "Anglo" society of the United States, multicultural vogues notwithstanding, has tended to celebrate English accomplishments over Spanish. So in the national imagination, Jamestown and Plymouth take precedence over St. Augustine and Santa Fe.

Which is a perfectly accurate view of history. The United States is an English-speaking country with legal customs and political traditions inherited from England. That legacy incongruously combines a deep respect for liberty with slavery and land-grabs from Indians. But the good and the bad came from the people who founded Jamestown. Spain may be *la Madre Patria* of Spanish-speaking Latin America, but in the United States it is Mother England.

Which is not to say the Spanish past counts for nothing in American history. All Americans can celebrate that it was the Spanish who first brought Western Civilization here. And Americans of Hispanic heritage can take pride knowing that our presence in the U.S. began almost four and a half centuries ago. That's not just politically correct -- it is historically accurate.

As is the idea that those settlers of long ago, whether English or Spanish, were the first of tens of millions of immigrants who came and continue to come seeking better lives, and who give the American nation its soul.

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# Naming the Condiments

## Laura on Life

by Laura Snyder



A parent knows that if a child is bored, there is going to be a time-out in his near future. There is truth in the old adage, "Idle hands make the devil's work."

Children always need to be doing something. So if that something does not include a game, a toy, or an "adventure", then that's when you will find a happy face carved on the bumper of your husband's truck, a plastic toy tied to the cat's tail, or glitter paint polka dots decorating the family room sofa.

They have to do something. Our job as parents is to make sure they never get bored. Tell them you dropped a dollar bill in the backyard somewhere. That'll keep them busy until they find the garden hose. A piece of bubble wrap will amuse them for hours or until the bubbles are completely popped, whichever comes first. Give them a paint brush and a bucket of water and tell them to "paint" the house. You'll need to be sure to hide all of the "real" paint, though.

Be creative. You might even get some work out of them if they don't realize it's work. Tell them to play basketball with pinecones and a trash can. Do a scavenger hunt using the things in the yard that you need to have picked up. Tell them to draw foam pictures on the lawn furniture with dish soap and water. "Erase" them with a sponge. When they are bored, they are open to

almost anything.

It is interesting, though, to see what they do when they are bored while their parents are close by. We went to a restaurant the other day and after the waitress brought our beverages, the kids were bored. They had done all the games on the placemat a bazillion times already. The jokes weren't funny anymore and you can only color the dinosaur so many ways with the three crayons that were provided. So, yes, they were bored.

My ten-year old solved the dilemma very creatively by deciding to name the condiments. He started with the salt and pepper. They were Sally and Peter. The ketchup became Kenneth and the Hot Sauce became "Hottie". My husband and I were happy to cooperate with the Naming of the Condiments because at least it kept the natives happy while we waited for the food.

Soon, the sugar became Shelley and they were still trying to come up with an appropriate name for the Sweet and Low when the waitress brought the food.

I asked for the Sally and Peter. My son said, "You can have Peter, but Sally says she can't come. She's playing with Shelley."

I was okay with the Naming of the Condiments, but when they started to develop a personality and an attitude to go with it, I was ready to call it quits.

"Well, tell Sally that if she doesn't get over here right this instant, she's going to bed when we get home!"

"Sorry, Sally, you can't play with Shelley anymore, my Mom is in a mood", he consoled the salt shaker.

"I'm not in a mood! What would you do if Kenneth walked out on you before you had a chance to put him on your hot dog?" I asked, feeling like an idiot. The people at the next table were staring at us.

Just as the waitress walked by, my husband asked for "a little Hottie". My daughter handed him the Hot Sauce, but after throwing him a disgusted look the waitress never came back to the table again. She clearly thought he was a pervert.

You can see what I mean. Things happen when your kids are bored. We may never be allowed back in that restaurant again.

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## Likely passage of road bill lessens prospect for special session

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Here's a Friday, May 25, snapshot of what's going on at the state Capitol with sine die, the end of the 80th regular session of the Texas Legislature, set for 10 p.m. Monday, May 28.

A conference committee of House and Senate members concurred on SB 792, the transportation bill that lawmakers had to rework to avoid the governor's calling a special session. Gov. Rick Perry said he would summon the Legislature

back to Austin if the bill stripped too much authority from the Texas Department of Transportation in devising a new, comprehensive road plan. So, the bill satisfies Perry and gives lawmakers and their constituents a two-year study period they can use to get a better picture of how their own local and regional road plans might interface with Perry's statewide plan.



### Senate kills voter fraud bill

HB 218, the "voter I.D." bill, died in the Senate. Under the bill, Texans would have had to present a valid picture identification card or two other forms of identification other than their voter registration card in order to cast a ballot.

Rep. Betty Brown, R-Terrell, the author of HB 218, said her bill was meant to prevent voter fraud. Opponents said the bill targeted minorities, the elderly and the disabled. Opponents also disputed allegations of widespread voter fraud enabled by false identification at the polls.

Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Galena Park, who is recovering from a liver transplant, disobeyed doctor's orders by remaining at the Capitol to help block the bill from further consideration by the full Senate.

### Memorial Day observance is held

Because the end of the legislative session coincides with Memorial Day, May 28, the House and Senate met in a joint session on Thursday, May 24, for an early observance.

Lawmakers, the governor, lieutenant governor and other state officials honored present and former members of the military and especially the loved ones of military men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since March 2003.

Family members and friends were seated in the House chamber and came forward to be recognized as the names of fallen military members were called.

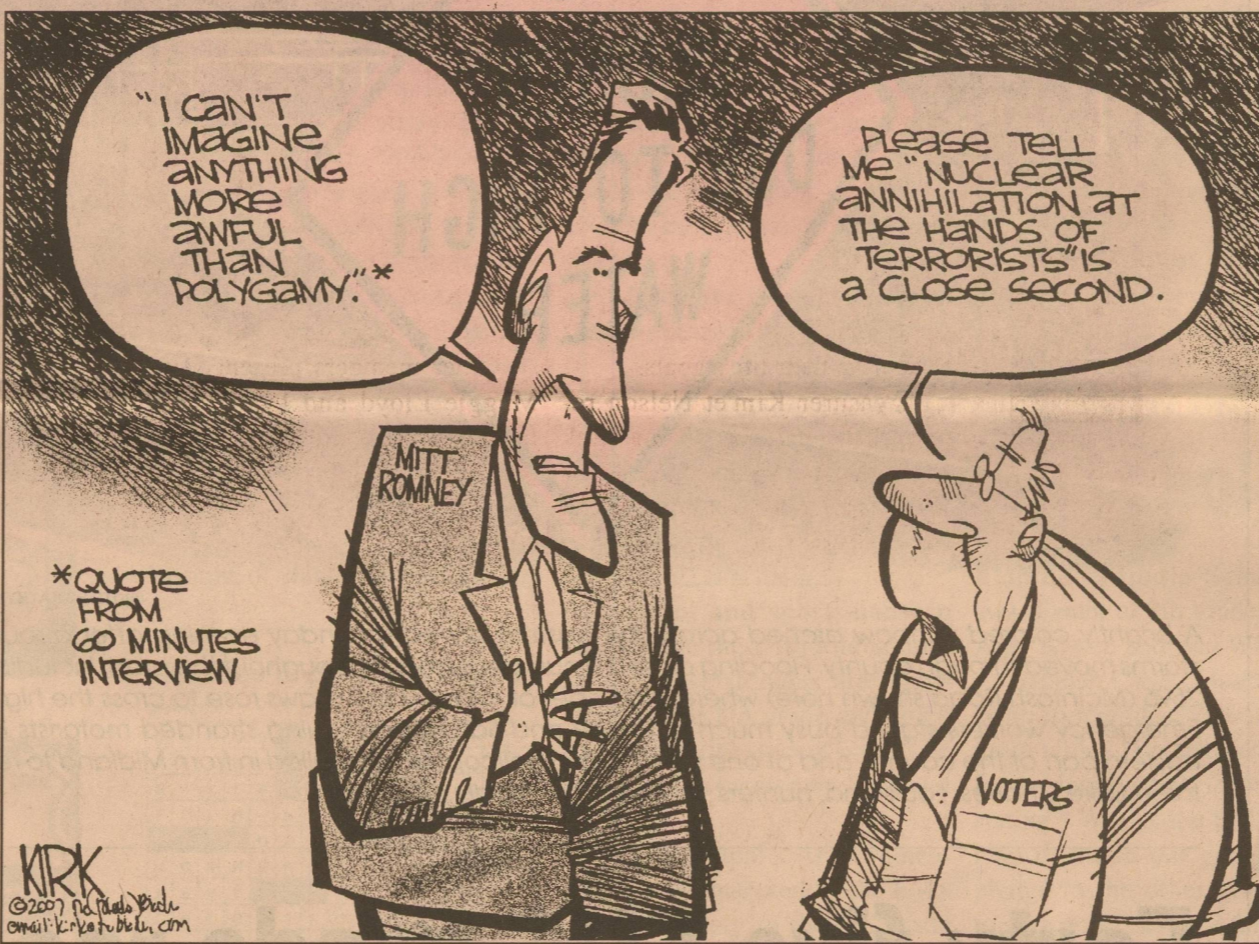
### TYC-fixing bill moves forward

Texas Youth Commission reform is in the works with the adoption of the conference committee report on Committee Substitute to SB 103 by Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, and sponsored in the House by Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson.

At early presstime for this column, the legislation was due for a final vote by the full House, and delivery to the governor's desk.

Investigative reporting initially published by The Dallas Morning News spurred a growing body of detail bringing to light corruption at the agency, including rape, abuse and mistreatment of TYC inmates.

Public outcry prompted management changes at the agency and public hearings drew input from people across Texas. Lawmakers filed more than two



## OnStar in the Lone Star

My daughter-in-law swears by OnStar, the computerized tracking device that can help you in all sorts of ways. She says she uses it way too much because it's so convenient.

"You can just say an address and OnStar will tell you how to get there," she says.

The other day my friend Jerry Worthy volunteered the use of his new GMC Acadia to take 5 of us to a meeting in a city 100 miles away. About 40 miles into the trip, one of the passengers needed to make a phone call to somebody at our destination. He tried to use his cell phone, but he was out of range.

Jerry, who is extremely proud of his new vehicle, said, "We'll let OnStar make the call."

He did whatever is necessary to get the OnStar operator on the line. She happened to be female. By her accent, we could tell she was probably from a place halfway around the world. In fact, she might be in a place halfway around the world while she was talking to us. The sound quality was poor. She sounded muffled and there was a slight echo at times.

Her initial greeting was cordial: "How do you do, today, Mr. Worthy, how can OnStar be of service to you today?"

Jerry Worthy: I need to make a telephone call. He gave her the number.



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OnStar: Very well, Mr. Worthy. You are not authorized to use the On Star telephone yet as it has not been fully made operational. In order for you to use the service, you need to purchase a hundred minutes of telephone time to get 30 minutes of free phone service. The cost is \$14.99. Would you like to go ahead and purchase the telephone time?

Jerry: Yes.

OnStar: I need your full name, Mr. Worthy. Please give it to me now.

Jerry: J-E-R-R-Y W-O-R-T-H-Y, he carefully spelled.

OnStar: Is that with a G? G-E-R-Y?

Jerry, getting embarrassed and a little frustrated: No. It is with a J. And my name has 2 R's. He spelled it again. J-E-R-R-Y W-O-R-T-H-Y.

The OnStar operator spelled the name back and got it correct this time. Jerry told her she had it right.

OnStar: I need your correct address, Mr. Worthy. Would you give it to me now?

Jerry told her his address, which happens to be on the Snyder high-

way.

OnStar: Would you please spell Snyder for me?

Jerry, losing patience: S-N-Y-D-E-R.

OnStar: And what is your phone number, Mr. Worthy?

Jerry told her and she repeated it back, missing only a couple of numbers. Jerry corrected her.

OnStar: What is your email address, Mr. Worthy?

Jerry gave it to her. It included the word "suddenlink" in his email address. On Star had a lot of trouble getting that word correct. Jerry must have repeated the phrase a dozen times and spelled it out. Each time he spelled it she would read it back to him. Finally, Jerry said, "Do you speak English? I'm going to give you my email address real slow one more time and please don't say it back to me. I'm tired of having to correct you."

OnStar: How would you like to pay for the \$14.99?

Jerry: Credit card.

OnStar: May I have the number, please?

Jerry kept giving it to her until she finally had the correct numbers, expiration date and security code.

By the time she got that information, we had reached our destination and didn't need to make the phone call. The wonders of modern technology.

# OBITUARIES

## Everett Glendon Aldridge



John and Fern (Hughes) Aldridge. He was united in marriage to Helen Williams on February 1, 1953 in Eldorado, TX. Glendon served his country in the US Air force during the Korean War. He was in the trucking industry driving a truck and doing mechanic work in Texas retiring in 1996. Glendon was of the Baptist Faith and enjoyed woodworking.

**GENESEO, ILLINOIS** — Everett Glendon Aldridge 76 of Geneseo passed away Monday, May 28, 2007 at Good Samaritan Village, Geneseo.

Funeral services will be 1:00 pm Thursday at Vandemore Funeral Home LTD, Geneseo. Rev. Arthur Bergren will officiate.

Burial will be in the National Cemetery, Rock Island; where Military Rites will be accorded by the Moline American Legion Post 246. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Memorials may be left to the Glendon Aldridge Memorial Fund.

Glendon was born on June 24, 1930 in Grape Creek, TX the son of

Survivors are his wife Helen of Geneseo, Illinois; son and daughter in law Steve and Edie Aldridge of Gold Bar, Washington; daughter and son-in-law Nancy and Rob Verdick of Geneseo; granddaughter Jonna and grandson Jerry Verdick of Geneseo; brother Voy J. Mitchell of Celina, Texas; sister Maudie Short of Ft. Stockton, Texas; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Juanice and Charles Orr of Eldorado.

He was preceded in death by his mother Fern Aldridge Mitchell, his father John Earnest Aldridge, stepfather Jerome Mitchell and 2 brothers Rubel Aldridge, Alton Mitchell.

View a celebration of life video and share an online condolence with Glendon's family at [www.vandemorefuneralhome.com](http://www.vandemorefuneralhome.com).



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### And the winner is...

Bob Johnson's name was drawn as the winner of the 2007 Child Welfare Board fundraiser. Bob and Sherry Johnson won a lamp handcrafted of mesquite by Earl Lloyd of Eldorado. Board members attending the drawing were: (L-R) Christy Meador, Jim Martin, Michelle McCants, Susie Richters, Ilse Williams, and Delia Herrera. Drawing for the unique prize were Sofia and Cooper Meador. The Schleicher County Welfare Board would like to express their sincere appreciation to all who donated to the organization! With your generous help, our work can continue.



## Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Preceptor Kappa Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the club room of the Memorial Building on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 with eight members and one pledge repeating the opening ritual.

The first order of business was to review the applications from Eldorado High School graduating seniors for the annual scholarship offered by the chapter. The scholarship based on character and need is given for entrance to a college or a trade school. Our choices this year were Marcus Hinojosa and Justina Rodriguez. As 2007 recipients we hope that our scholarships help in some small way for these students to achieve their life's goals.

Treasurer Kim'et Nelson reported the balance of our bank account and announced that Flora Hubble had sold the last of the cook books the sorority was selling to help their finances.

Each year Beta Sigma Phi International selects projects and asks that chapters choose one to donate to. This year Kappa Delta

voted to send to the Texas Guide Dog Foundation. It was stated that the cost of training a guide dog was \$38,000 before it can be given to a blind or disabled person.

Glenda Harris gave a program on setting personal goals and scores and keeping them. She stated that her goal was to keep her blood sugar and other health scores to an acceptable level. She is diabetic and has had heart surgery.

Refreshments of pizza, brownies and soft drinks were served by hostesses Mary Leigh Dunagan and Mrs. Nelson.

The next social is set for June 1. Members will meet and drive to San Angelo for dinner and a movie.

Other members present were Maggie Lloyd and Linda Del-lavechia. Also present was our newest pledge Belinda Faulk.

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Retiring High School Principal Bob Wanoreck and Art Teacher Bill Wells were presented Mesquite rocking chairs in recognition of their many years of service to Schleicher County ISD. The school had its 10th annual Staff Appreciation luncheon on Friday, May 25, 2007. The meal consisted of barbecue and all the fixin's.

## St. Luke Baptist Church marks 69th anniversary

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating their 69th Anniversary on June 3, 2007 at 3:00 PM.

Jesus Christ Church of Ballinger, TX will be the host church with Rev. T.G. W. Boone will bringing the message. Dinner will be served 12:30 -2:30 p.m. The public is invited.

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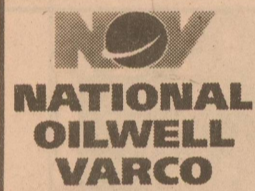


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4th Grade 1200 Meter Runners opened the 19th Annual Shannon Harbor Relays on May 11, 2007 (R-L): Arden Mertz, Whitney Perez, Estephanie Estrada, Ivie Katherine Mynatt, Melissa Hernandez, Kiarra Trevino (Fastest Girl..1200 meter with a time of 5:22), Dalton Buchholz (Fastest Boy..1200 meter 4:59), Tres Whitten, Jacob Sanchez, Tony Rey Martinez and Wesley Jackson.

**Samantha Brown, Ben Wipff to visit Australia as 'People to People' student ambassadors**

Eldorado's Samantha Brown and Ben Wipff, both 8th graders, will embark on the trip of a lifetime June 6th when they travel to Australia as 'People to People' student ambassadors..

The organization was founded by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower to give American youths the opportunity to travel and meet with their counterparts in other countries.

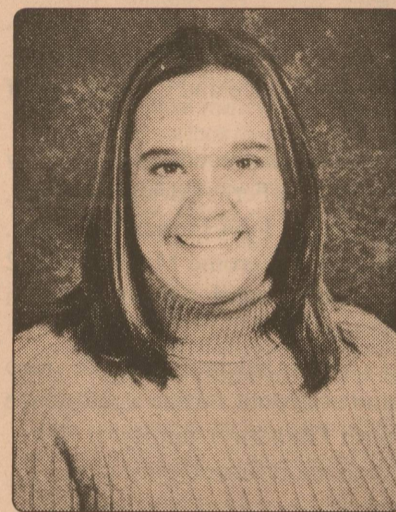
Samantha and Ben will be traveling to Australia. They will get to swim in the Great Barrier Reef and see the Sidney Opera House complex, with several stops

along the way.

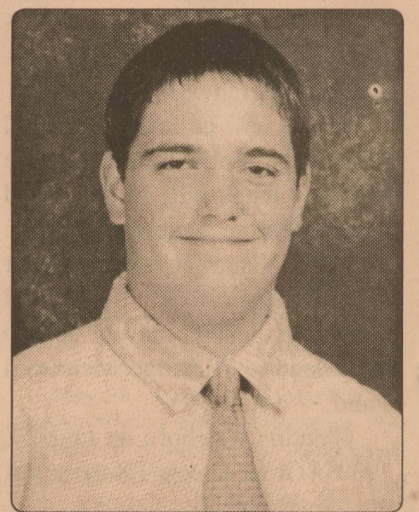
The duo will spend two nights exploring the wildlife and experiencing daily life on an Australian farm. They will also spend a couple of nights with a family in the city.

Samantha and Ben will be traveling with a group of other Texas youths with whom they have been holding monthly meetings for the past six months.

The pair will also meet up with a group from the Lubbock area. In all, the group will consist of about 40 Student Ambassadors. The trip will be last 20 days.



Samantha Brown



Ben Wipff

**Eldorado Middle School honors top scholars**

Eldorado Middle School's academic awards were presented on Thursday, May 24, 2007 in the EHS Auditorium with Jaymie O'Harrow, Student Council President, welcoming the parents and guests of the EMS students. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and Texas Flag and Moment of Silence was led by Marci Minor, Student Vice President.

Individual awards were presented as follows:

Student Council representative Bailey Minor, Student Council Secretary recognized Student Council sponsors Traci Teaff and

Pam Crenwelge and thanked them for their dedication and service to the council for the past two years.

Schleicher County Soil and Water Conservation poster winners in 5th Grade were: 1st Place - Lupe Pasillas, 2nd Place-Madison Albin and 3rd Place - Sasha Rodriguez. 6th Grade winners were 1st Place - Avery Nolen, 2nd Place Austin Stapp and 3rd Place Ryan Espinosa.

Perfect Attendance Awards were presented to 5th grader Lupe Pasillas and 6th graders Lori Escobar and Jessica Pasillas. These students were neither absent nor tardy for the entire year.

Scholarship Awards (Top 10 Students-Not In Ranking Order): 5th Grade- (Top 6-10) Bailey Espinosa, Obdulia Huerta, Elizabeth Olivares, Lupe Pasillas and Mikayla Ramon (Top 5) Madison Albin, Morgan Bridges, Taylor Carter, Addye Chatham and Abri-



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

The 2006-2007 Perfect Attendance Award was given to three Middle School Students. (L-R): 5th grader Lupe Pasillas, and 6th graders Lori Escobar and Jessica Pasillas.

ana Islas; 6th Grade - (Top 6-10) Miranda Arispe, Will Barker, Lori Escobar, Ryan Espinosa, Ethan Hulse and Nancy Iglesias; (Top 5) Mary Lou Martinez, Blaine Mitchell, Avery Nolen, Jessica Pasillas, Austin Stapp; 7th Grade - (Top 6-10) Robert Chavez, Ryan Fortenberry, Ashby Ragsdale, Ana Sanchez, Christian Sanchez (Top 5) Brianah Creek, Abby Fuentes, Amanda Garcia, Oscar Robles, and Charli Swinford; 8th Grade - (Top 6-10) Emily Hulse, Allyson Jarrett, J.R. Martinez, Jaymie O'Harrow, and Ashley Paulson; (Top 5) Amy Alvizo, Morgan Barker, Kaitlyn Bluford, Miles Mikeska and Ben Wipff.

Citizenship Award winners are selected by teachers in each grade level. They are: 8th Grade: Emily Hulse and Morgan Barker; 7th Grade: Charli Swinford and Robert Chavez ; 6th Grade: Veronica Fuentes and Kevin Solis; 5th

Grade: Maria Reyes and Jackson O'Harrow; Most Improved: 5th Grade- Elizabeth Estrada and Tyler Martinez; 6th Grade-Brooke Guerrero and Hector Reyes; 7th Grade - Nelly Hernandez and Ricardo Franco; 8th Grade - Cruzita Trujillo and Trevor Harrington. Most Congenial: 5th Grade - Sasha Rodriguez and Juan Carlos Aranda; 6th Grade - Robin Hibbs and Eric Estrada; 7th Grade - Brianda Torres and Evan Joiner; 8th Grade - Amy Alvizo and Miles Mikeska.

The American Legion Awards were presented to a 6th grade girl and boy elected by their classmates for their display of good courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. This year's award was presented to Avery Nolen and Austin Stapp by Weldon Jenkins, a member of the American Legion. The Lions Club Award is awarded to the 8th grade boy and girl who had the highest scholastic average for the 2005-2006 school year. Recipients of this award were Kaitlyn Bluford and Ben Wipff. The award was presented by Lions Club President Mason Vaughan. The Leadership Award was presented to Amy Alvizo and Morgan Barker both 8th graders who were chosen for outstanding citizenship.

SEE SCHOLARS ON PAGE 8

**Athletic physicals slated today**

Athletic physicals for incoming seventh graders will be conducted today, Thursday May 31, 2007 at the Eldorado Gymnasium. Times are 9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 3 pm.

Youths are encouraged to bring their physical forms filled out and signed. The cost of the physical will be \$1.

Also, any high school athletes that need a physical may attend.

**FREE Summer Tennis Camp**

FREE: To all 7th and 8th grade students in Eldorado.

Where: At the Eldorado High School Tennis Courts

When: Starts on June 18, 2007 till June 21, 2007.

Time: The Camp begins at 9 am. Everyday till 10:30 am.

Students will do conditioning drills, work on the basics of Tennis and play singles and doubles matches against other players of their own level.

Coach San Miguel, the high school tennis coach and his assistants will provide instruction.



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## Future of Sonora FSA office subject of public meeting

Jan G. Wanoreck, County Executive Director for the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced that John T. Fuston, State Executive Director for Texas FSA and members of his management team have scheduled a public meeting in Sutton County Tuesday, June 12th at 9:00 AM at the Lighthouse Community Church located at 1705 N. Crockett Avenue, Sonora, TX.

According to Wanoreck, declining staff numbers as well as federal budget constraints have required FSA to re-evaluate the way the agency conducts business in the 21st century; thereby necessitating closure or consolidation of FSA county offices throughout the U.S. and in Texas.

"Government agencies are becoming increasingly obligated to reconsider how we conduct business and to take a hard look at how the private sector has improved delivery of goods and services through consolidations and mergers," said Wanoreck. "Improving how the Agency implements program delivery requires that we streamline and centralize delivery

of services. It is our goal to insure all of our offices are better-staffed, better-equipped and operational five days a week"

This meeting will provide the only forum for public comment on the Texas FSA proposed office restructuring plan in which the Sutton county office is being considered for closure. All public comments will be taken into full consideration prior to development or implementation of a final restructuring plan.

"If you have a vested interest in federal farm program delivery in Sutton County then June, 12th is your chance to have your voice heard by the Texas FSA State Office Management Team," said Wanoreck.

If office closure does occur, an important option for producers in Sutton County to consider is the right to choose another FSA county office where they wish to conduct business. If another county is more convenient for any individual producers, they will be allowed to choose that office to meet their business needs

For more information, contact Jan G. Wanoreck at 325-853-3535.



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Scotty and Samantha Carman are moving to Eldorado. Scotty Carman was hired as High School Principal last week by the SCISD board of trustees. He replaces Bob Wanoreck who retired at the end of the school year. Samantha Carman was also hired to fill a teaching position. The couple comes to Eldorado from Nueces Canyon where he was the Jr. High and High School Principal.

## Commissioners revisit Civic Center fees issue

The Schleicher County Commissioner's Court met Tuesday, May 28, 2007 with Judge Johnny Griffin and Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Lynn Meador and Kirk Griffin in attendance. Commissioner Matt Brown was absent.

Booster Club representative Becky Lux was present to express her concern about the increase in rental fees at the Schleicher County Civic Center. She felt that the fees were too high for a school related non-profit groups, and objected to the fee for setting up the day before.

The commissioners sympathized with the concern and, despite Judge Griffin's admonition that offering discounts to certain groups creates problems, the men opted to discount the rental fees by 50 percent for all school affiliated groups.

County Agent Cory Stevens then presented the court with a bid proposal for constructing a concession stand, rest room and shop complex at the county rodeo arena. The structure would be 85 ft by 40 ft. with a 14 ft. ceiling. The concession stand would be 600 sq. ft. and the two rest rooms would be 300 sq. ft. each. A maintenance

shop would occupy 1,200 sq. feet with the remainder being an awning covering the area in front of the concession stand.

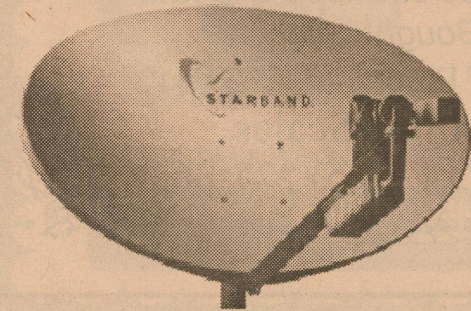
After more than an hour of discussion, Judge Griffin advised the court he will speak with an attorney to clarify the questions about whether the county may act as its own general contractor to purchase material and labor separately so as not to have to put the project up for bid. So far, the lowest price the county has received on the project is \$84,190.91 and the highest is \$93,105.96. No formal action was taken on the matter.

Commissioner Lynn Meador next presented a bid proposal from Chris Phillips for laying new water lines at the Ft. McKavett Cemetery making water available within 50 feet of very lot. The bid of \$8,341.00 was approved by the court.

In closing the commissioners approved holding a sale of surplus lawn equipment with sealed bids at a later date.

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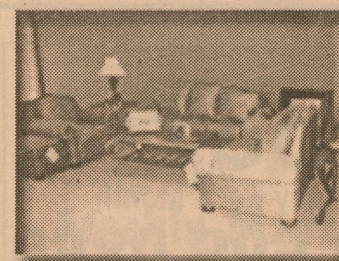
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by Rene Calcote

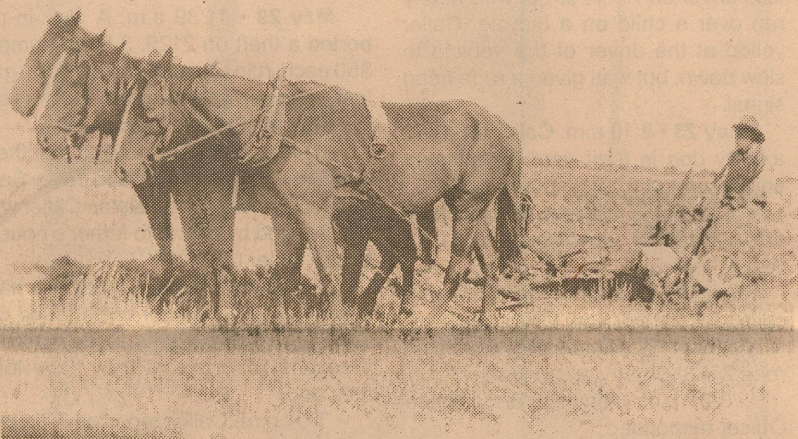


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S.W. Mather tilled the soil behind a team of horses in early day Schleicher County.

## Farming in Schleicher County

Between eleven and twenty percent of the land in Schleicher County is prime farmland. For the most part this area lies in the southwestern part of the county in the Rio Grande basin. This region contains rich black soil, and yields good crops, when the weather is favorable.

The first farmers settling in Schleicher County were mostly stock farmers. They planted small fields of red-top cane for the livestock. Later cotton as well as corn, oats, wheat and milo maize proved to be staple crops. Farming made a drastic change after the tractor was brought into the county. The number of farms rose from sixty in 1900 to two hundred and eight in 1910. The average size of farms dropped from more than 12,000 acres to a more manageable 3,950

acres. In 1920 farmers planted 4,360 acres in cotton and harvested 1,366 bales. In 1930 sixty five percent of cropland harvested produced 3,329 bales of cotton.

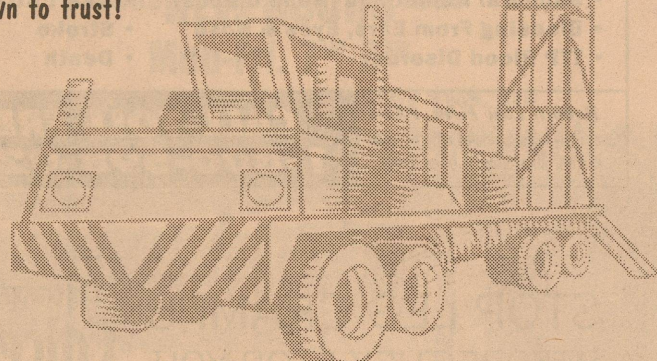
Ben Hext wrote in the Schleicher County History Book, "I recall hearing people say the ones who bought farm land at \$5 an acre were bound to be crazy because there was no such thing as paying for land at that price."

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- Tuesday, June 5**  
Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Chocolate Cake, Milk
- Wednesday, June 6**  
Roast Beef w/Gravy, Mashed Potato, Brussel Sprout, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/Nuts, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, June 7**  
Pork Chop w/Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Corn Bread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk
- Friday, June 8**  
Hamburger On Bun, Lettuce/Tomato/Onion, Oven Baked Fries, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple, Milk

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**ACROSS**  
1. Clean with elbow grease  
6. State with assurance  
10. Playbill listing  
14. "ER" actress Christine \_\_\_  
15. After the bell  
16. Height: Prefix  
17. Ticks off  
18. Division word  
19. "Not guilty," e.g.  
20. \$10's, \$20's, etc.  
23. Anthem contraction  
24. "Finito!"  
25. Newsboy's cry  
27. Dancers in a pit  
31. Hefty volume  
33. Big Apple tennis stadium  
34. Fixations  
38. A debit card is tied to one  
42. Crackers served with soup  
43. "Go back," on a PC  
44. Like much of today's music  
45. Aircraft carrier, informally  
48. Chain unit  
51. Links selection  
52. Yon maiden  
53. Creating a ruckus

**DOWN**  
1. Feudal drudge  
2. Adman's award  
3. Tiny stream  
4. Hand-me-down  
5. Next to  
6. Trues up  
7. Vivian of "I Love Lucy"  
8. Sundance's girl

9. Vintage autos  
10. Bit of toy ammo  
11. Mete out  
12. Take the wheel  
13. Papal topper  
21. \_\_\_easter  
22. Blood-related  
26. Cancels  
27. PC alternatives  
28. Job conditions agcy.  
29. "Where the Sidewalk Ends" author Silverstein  
30. Composer Berlioz  
31. Drink with scones  
32. Needing no Rx  
34. NFL threepointers  
35. Go for game  
36. Inner: Prefix  
37. Metro station  
39. Seven-time homer king Ralph  
40. Company name abbr.  
41. Homer Simpson's neighbor, \_\_\_ Flanders  
45. TGIF part  
46. Chaney, Jr. or Sr.  
47. Protractor measurements  
48. Clip wool from  
49. Neon \_\_\_ (aquarium swimmer)  
50. Borneo ape  
51. Speck in the ocean  
54. Run \_\_\_ (go wild)  
55. Skye neighbor  
56. Christmas candy shape  
57. Chip in  
58. "... and that's the thanks \_\_\_?"  
59. "Fiddler" of Rome  
61. Rock's \_\_\_ Lonely Boys

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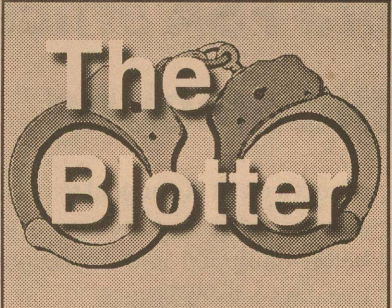
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Honor Roll: Branda Arispe\*, Marisa Arispe\*, Reagan DeHannis, Star Foley\*, Arantza Sanchez, Jordan Stanford\*.  
**Mrs. O'Harrow's Class**  
"A" Honor Roll: Sydney Coverrubiaz\*, Kade Creek\*, Nicolas Flores\*, Chase Mertz\*, Noah Sorrells\*.  
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**Mrs. Sessom's Class**  
"A" Honor Roll: Mikah Boone, Jess Gonzales, Davis Hutto, Will Mynatt.  
Honor Roll: Alex Alvarez, Katya Gonzalez, Elizabeth Griffin, Laney Landeros, Branda Minor, Audrey Nolen, Leroy Torres, Zelenia Vasquez, Luis Miguel Martinez\*.  
**THIRD GRADE**  
**Mrs. Jones Class**  
"A" Honor Roll: Eli Hulsey, Cade Ledbetter\*, Heather Moreno, Abigail Narvaez\*, Rylea Self\*.  
Honor Roll: Clayton Arendt, Luisa Muniz, Michael Rios\*, Tito Rios, Aaron Santellano.



*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 23 • Guerra, Trinidad, male age 32, arrested for violation of probation order. Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.  
May 26 • Luna, Teresa, female age 29, arrested for driving while license invalid. Released on a \$1,000 Surety Bond.  
May 28 • Fedler, Amy, female age 26, arrested on a Sutton County Warrant. Released on a \$500 Surety Bond.

**INCIDENTS**  
May 22 • 8:56 a.m. Complainant reported criminal mischief. It was the 3rd time their mailbox had been shot up multiple times and donuts were cut in the lot with rocks thrown at windows.  
• 9:25 a.m. Caller reported many goats out on Rudd Road. Officer notified.  
• 10:41 a.m. Complainant reported a 500-pound steer on Hwy. Road 1828.  
• 1:54 p.m. Caller reported green pickup truck driving up and down roads 429, 426 and 1828, looking around. Caller reported they stopped at his residence and took off as soon as they saw him.  
• 6:16 p.m. Caller reported a possible fire at city limit south.  
• 6:20 p.m. Caller observed a reckless driver on North street who nearly ran over a child on a bicycle. Caller yelled at the driver of the vehicle to slow down, but was given a rude hand signal.  
May 23 • 8:10 a.m. Caller reported a stray dog in their yard. Requested animal control. City responded.  
• 3:10 p.m. Caller reported a drunk driver at a local convenience store. Officer responded.  
• 4:10 p.m. Caller requested an officer speak to their son. Officer notified.  
• 5:40 p.m. Caller reported cattle on road 2596. Deputy responded.  
• 8:01 p.m. Domestic disturbance. Officer responded.  
May 24 • 8:45 a.m. Walk-in reported a lost black Angus, branded with a B2 on left side. Officer responded.  
• 9:11 a.m. Caller reported a lost cell phone at Shell station. Officer responded.  
• 1:12 p.m. Caller reported a controlled burn about 17 mi. out on 2129. All units notified.

• 5:16 p.m. Caller reported a bright red Dodge pickup with silver smoke stacks on the back, weaving in and out of traffic in an erratic manner causing near accidents. Officer notified.  
• 10:07 p.m. Caller reported a possible shoplifter and requested a deputy to investigate. Officer responded.  
May 25 • 3:52 a.m. Report of vehicle swept off of roadway by water on county road 245.  
May 26 • 12:59 a.m. Tom Green Co. called saying someone reported a reckless driver on Highway 277 driving a silver SUV.  
• 1:29 p.m. Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.  
• 4:51 p.m. Complainant requested officer assist in domestic dispute. Officer notified.  
• 9:51 p.m. Complainants reported a domestic dispute on South Main street. Subject was assaulted. Intoxicated subject would not talk to officer.  
May 27 • 12:24 a.m. Subject's vehicle will be parked in front of Bank. Vehicle ran out of gas and would be picked up the next day.  
• 4:17 a.m. Caller reported a drunk driver on South Divide on wrong side of the road. Caller stated that they continue to follow the vehicle and it keeps swerving all over the road. It turned down Murchison Road. Officer notified.  
• 5:48 p.m. Caller reported many bees in their laundry room at their residence. Officer notified.  
• 6:16 p.m. Caller reported a male subject drinking and driving in a blue Ford 1/2 cab truck. Had stopped at Town and Country to get beer out of the cooler in the back of truck. Officer notified.  
• 11:10 p.m. Complainant said they were making their daily night deposit at the bank, and as soon as they were about to put the deposit into the box, a subject took it from them and ran off. Subject was wearing dark clothing and a dark blue ski mask. About 5'5" - 5'7", stocky, jeans, dark gray hoodie, deep voice, sounded young. About mid-20's.  
May 28 • 7:20 a.m. Caller reported an injured dog at their residence and requested a deputy for assistance. Deputy informed.  
• 4:43 p.m. Caller reported they would be burning brush on county road 1828 about 14 miles NE of Eldorado. VFD notified.  
May 29 • 11:39 a.m. A walk-in reported a theft on 2129. 3 hand pumps, \$50 each, ruined...and approx. 1000 gallons of diesel. Theft happened between Fri. 5-25 at 10 am to 7 am 5-29.  
• 1:40 p.m. Caller notified that they were traveling to Eldorado from San Antonio to pick up their sister. Caller will be escorted by officer to father's house to pick sister up.  
• 1:49 p.m. Caller reported she had picked up a lost border collie found on CR 2129. Caller wants to be notified if anyone reports that they have lost their dog.  
• 3:01 p.m. Caller reported a house was wide open like someone had broken in. Wanted an officer to go check it out. Officer notified.  
• 3:33 p.m. Caller reported a stereo stolen from their vehicle. Officer responded.  
• 7:02 p.m. Caller requested assistance in reference to an oxygen bottle that was on fire. Units responded.

**HONOR ROLL**  
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**5th Grade**  
"A" Honor Roll: Madison Albin, Addye Chatham, Obdulia Huerta, Abriana Islas and Jackson O'Harrow  
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**6th Grade**  
"A" Honor Roll: Ryan Espinosa, Avery Nolen, Jessica Pasillas and Austin Stapp  
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**7th Grade**  
"A" Honor Roll: Brianah Creek  
"A-B" Honor Roll: Robert Chavez, Ryan Fortenberry, Abby Fuentes, Amanda Garcia, Clarissa Gomez, Marissa Gonzales, Melissa Gonzales, Karina Granados, Nancy Granados, Polli Guerrero, Nelly Hernandez, Ashby Ragsdale, Oscar Robles, Ana Sanchez, Christian Sanchez, Charli Swinford, Brianda Torres, Dacy Whiddon, and Kaylee Wilha  
**8th Grade**  
A Honor Roll: Amy Alvizo, Morgan Barker, Kaitlyn Bluford, Miles Mikeska, Jaymie O'Harrow, Ashley Paulson, and Ben Wipff  
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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Eldorado City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Zoning Map for attachment to Ordinance #102-07 (approved May 7, 2007). Such Zoning Map proposes boundaries for Residential (Conventional & Mobile), Commercial, and Flood Zones within the City of Eldorado.

The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 11, 2007, at the City Hall. Citizens are invited to offer written or verbal comments at that time. A Draft of the Proposed Zoning Map, as well as newly adopted Ordinance #102-07, are available upon request at the City Hall. 22-23b

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Eldorado will conduct a Public Hearing on Proposed Unsafe Building Ordinance #103-07 as captioned below:

**"AN ORDINANCE DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY OF ELDERADO, TEXAS; DESIGNATING SUCH STRUCTURES AS PUBLIC NUISANCES; AUTHORIZING PROCEDURES FOR REMEDIAL ACTIONS TO EITHER REPAIR OR REMOVE SUCH STRUCTURES; AND PROVIDING ENFORCEMENT TOOLS, ASSESSMENT OF ASSOCIATED EXPENSES AND PENALTIES, AND AUTHORITY TO ENSURE REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF SUCH STRUCTURES."**

The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 11, 2007, at the City Hall. Citizens are invited to offer written or verbal comments at that time. Copies of the Proposed Ordinance #103-07 are available upon request at the City Hall. 22-23b

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#### INVITATION FOR PAVING BIDS

The City of Eldorado is accepting written, sealed bids for rebuilding 8900 linear feet of street and seal coat 7300 linear feet of existing street. Bid opening will be held Monday, June 11, 2007, at 6:30 PM. Specifications are available at the City Hall between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM Monday through Friday. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

For more information, please contact Utility Supt. Floyd Fay at 325/853-2691. Bids should be submitted and received by City Secretary no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, June 11, 2007, at the City Hall, City of Eldorado, 6 S. Cottonwood St., P. O. Box 713, Eldorado, TX 76936. 22-23b

## Eldorado Spotlight



Spotlight shines on 8th Grade students Amy Alvizo (L) and Morgan Barker (R) who were presented the Leadership Award during the Middle School Awards Assembly Thursday, May 24, 2007. They were chosen by the entire student body for outstanding citizenship, friendship and sportsmanship.

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dozen bills, including SB 103, to fix problems at the agency.

### Final work due on state budget

A Sunday, May 27, vote was expected for the \$150 billion 2008-2009 state budget.

Passage of a budget is the Legislature's primary and only constitutionally mandated duty.

The budget bill, HB 1, was in conference committee at press time for this column.

### Speaker change rumors continue

On and off huddles of lawmakers and murmurs in the halls and House gallery in the final week of the session kept rumors alive about

a possible ousting of Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, as speaker.

Lawmakers could attempt to remove the speaker by a vote of no confidence or wait until after sine die to mount campaigns for the powerful post.

Already mentioned as definite or possible candidates are Reps. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, Brian McCall, R-Plano, and Jim Keffer, R-Eastland. Another name to emerge is Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson.

But Craddick appeared unruffled about the prospect of challengers and stuck to his assertion that he intends to finish his third and current term as speaker and run for a fourth.



American Legion Bev McCormick Post 257 members (L-R) Weldon Jenkins, Phil Edmiston, Buff Whitten, Gene McCalla and Guy Crippin saluted the flag Monday as members of the Goodfellow Air Force Base honor guard posted the colors during the annual Memorial Day Service at the Eldorado Cemetery. About 50 people turned out for the ceremony despite less than favorable weather. A highlight of the ceremony came with the reading of the names of twenty-three Schleicher County veterans who died while in service of their country. The honored dead include: World War I — Thomas Ballew, Roach H. Holland, Neal Kelly, Bev McCormick, Sam I. Nicks, Jr., Roy Stevenson; World War II — Hobson Ashmore, Joyce C. Blackmon, William H. Currie, David E. DeLong, Jr., Earnest Dickey, Jr., Robert E. Doty, Thomas R. Henderson, Jr., Alton Page, Orville K. Puryear, Clark M. Reynolds, Raymond R. Reynolds; Korean War — Walter Jones, Robert H. Nolen; Vietnam War — Elton Harris, David Overstreet, Selwin Taylor and Danny Rutherford.

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## Ag Commissioner quadruples fine for gas price gouging

AUSTIN - As gasoline prices continue to increase so will the cost for those caught cheating Texas drivers. Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced today the Texas Department of Agriculture is increasing penalties for any fuel pump found out of tolerance in the state. This is the first time since 1996 TDA has increased the penalties for weights and measures violations.

"Gas prices are high enough without consumers getting short-changed at the pump," Commissioner Staples said. "Drivers need to have confidence they are receiving exactly what they are paying for every time they fill up."

In accordance with specifications published by the National Institute of Standards and Technol-

ogy, TDA tests fuel pumps using a tolerance of six cubic inches - about six tablespoons - per five gallons. The new penalties for first and subsequent offenses are based on how much a pump varies from the tolerance level.

The penalties are:

- More than twice in excess of tolerance (12 cubic inches) - \$100 per device for the first offense and \$200 for each device for the second offense;
- More than three times in excess of tolerance (18 cubic inches)

- \$150 per device for the first offense and \$300 for each device for the second offense; and

- More than four times in excess of tolerance (24 cubic inches) - \$250 per device for the first offense and \$500 for each device for the second offense.

TDA has 72 weights and measures inspectors throughout the state checking more than 68,500 fuel pumps a year. An inspector will place an "out of order" tag on any pump not dispensing the correct amount of fuel within the

allowable tolerance. An entire station can also be tagged out of order if a majority of the pumps are dispensing fuel in favor of the station owner, even if the pumps are within the tolerance level. The owner or operator is responsible for having a pump fixed and re-inspected by TDA before the pump can be further used to sell fuel. This is in addition to any penalty the owner or operator may incur.

"At TDA, we take our consumer protection efforts very seriously whether inspecting eggs, grocery store scales, plants from nurseries or gas pumps," Commissioner Staples said. "Since we oversee many regulatory programs that directly impact a consumer's pocketbook, our inspectors are on the front lines, helping ensure shoppers are getting both high quality and accurate quantity for the products they are buying."

In addition to fuel pumps, TDA is also increasing fines for non-compliant commodity scales and pricing discrepancies at the checkout counter. All of the new penalties went into effect May 25, 2007.

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## EMS honors top scholars

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friendship, and sportsmanship throughout their middle school years. These students are nominated by the 8th grade and voted on by the entire student body. The award was presented by Principal Garlitz.

The Principal's Achievement Award was presented by the EMS Legend Society to the 8th grade students who are able to achieve "A Honor Roll" all four years at

Eldorado Middle School. The award went to 8th grade students Amy Alvizo and Ben Wipff.

Brianah Creek, Student Council President-elect ended the program with a "reflection" or look forward at the 2007-2008 year by stating "We ask the EMS staff to help us attain our goals and we pledge to the other grade levels to set a good example for you and if we should ever fail you, to hold ourselves accountable."

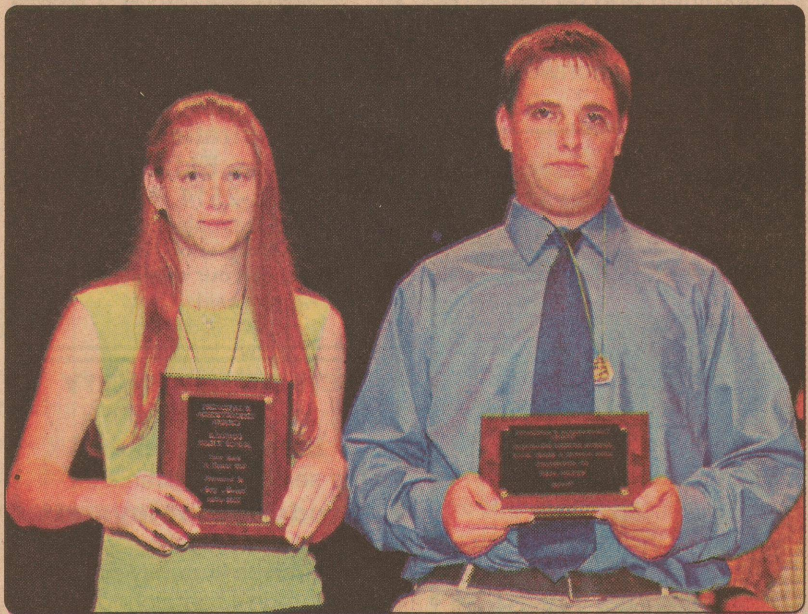


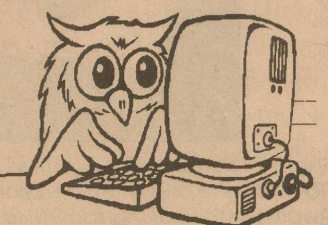
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The Principal's Achievement Award was presented to Amy Alvizo (L) and Ben Wipff (R). These two 8th grade students were able to achieve straight "A" every single 6 weeks throughout their Middle School careers.

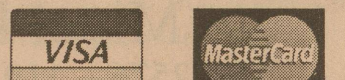
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