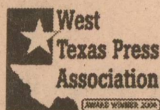


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Sheriff Rick Wheeler of Custer County, South Dakota, Sheriff Kirk Smith of Washington County, Utah and Sheriff David Doran of Schleicher County Texas met in Utah last week to discuss aspects of the Warren Jeffs/FLDS investigation. Each of the men have FLDS communities located within their jurisdictions.

Lawmen gather in Utah to compare notes on Jeffs

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran traveled to Utah last week where he met with Washington County, Utah Sheriff Kirk Smith and Rick Wheeler, the newly elected sheriff of Custer County, South Dakota.

The lawmen met in St. George, Utah where they spent much of their time comparing notes and exchanging information concerning communities of Warren Jeffs' followers located in their separate jurisdictions.

Doran explained that the trip was beneficial and noted that since Sheriff Wheeler is new to his office he felt it was important to meet with him and share information he has developed in over the past three years. Doran went on to explain that Sheriff Kirk Smith traveled to Eldorado to meet with him and his officers shortly after the FLDS compound on the YFZ Ranch was discovered in 2004.

"I appreciated Sheriff Smith's assistance and his help in coming up to speed on the Jeffs' case," Doran stated. "Hopefully, I was able to share some information that Sheriff Wheeler will find helpful."

Rick Wheeler is Sheriff in Custer County, located in the Black Hills of South Dakota, where an FLDS compound is being developed near the town of Pringle. Word of the South Dakota compound first made news when The Eldorado Success reported its existence in March of last year. Since that time construction of a series of large buildings has continued on the site, much the same as construction continues near Eldorado at the YFZ Ranch.

Another Jeffs/Texas connection

Accompanying Sheriff Doran on his trip to southwest Utah was his chief deputy, George Arispe. Doran explained that the men stopped to eat at a truckstop on the outskirts of Las Vegas, Nevada where they met a Nevada Highway Patrol officer in the parking lot. The trooper turned out to be Eddie Dutchover, the man who detained and arrested FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs on August 28, 2006.

As the lawmen visited Doran and Arispe soon learned that Dutchover is originally from Fort Davis, Texas. And, as an example of just how small this world really is, it turns out that Dutchover is the cousin of George Arispe's wife, Annie.

"It was an absolute coincidence that we met up with Trooper Dutchover," Doran told the Success. "Then to learn that he was a Texan and related to George's wife...well that's just too cool."

Jeffs' defense keeps on keeping on

Warren Jeffs attorneys continued their legal battle this week to regain possession of items seized when Jeffs was stopped and arrested by Trooper Dutchover. Claiming that the documents, laptop computers, cellular telephones, global positioning monitors and other property, are sacred items that should be protected by the court, the attorneys further asked that if the judge fails to require the government to return the items, that he should at least prevent them from being released to the press or to any of the parties who have filed civil lawsuits against Jeffs or his FLDS church.

County Commissioners deal with swimming pool, softball field

Drainage problems at the Schleicher County Swimming Pool and the need for a new softball field dominated much of the conversation at the Monday, April 23 meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court.

County Judge Johnny Griffin explained that Dr. Pat Johnson, who lives across the street from the County's swimming pool, had complained about pumping water from the county pool onto the roadway near his home. The objection related to fact that the method of getting rid of the water was unsanitary and the fact that the water contained algae.

Rene Valeriano manages the pool for the county. He advised that the water that was pumped out was rain water that collected at the deep end of the pool. Valeriano explained when the pool is in full operation the filter is back flushed once a week and that water was usually pumped onto the ground in the adjoining park. The pool is then completely

drained after the swimming season. The commissioners instructed Valeriano to contact the City of Eldorado to see if the water could be sent down the sewer system.

Next discussion turn to a request from the Eldorado Youth Softball Association representative Marco Alvizo for a new girl's softball field. Alvizo told the court that construction of a new youth softball field would be donated to the association if a location with up to 2-4 acres could be found. Alvizo advised that the association had 7 teams this year and competed with Ozona and Sonora. The number of teams is causing conflicts with using the existing fields. Jennifer Hausenfluck, representing the youth baseball league was also on hand to participate in the discussion.

Alvizo asked the commissioners if they had any land available for their use. The court discussed an array of options, ranging from purchasing property to

condemnation. Several possible sites were discussed. The court agreed to work with the association on finding a location for a new softball field but took no formal action on the matter.

Sheriff Doran was present to discuss replacing the aging air conditioning units at the Law Enforcement Center. Doran explained that the existing units are more than 27 years old and no longer functioning properly or efficiently. The court told asked Sheriff Doran to gather information necessary for them to go out for bids for new AC units.

The commissioners then, by order of the court, agreed to accept the resignation of Roxanne Fentress, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, effective April 30, 2007.

The court also called for bids for one load of diesel fuel to be opened on May 14, 2007.

County Extension Agent Cory Stevens was also present to inform the court that Clean Up Day would be Friday, May 18. Local road crews annually coordinate picking up junk and yard debris collected around the city.

Treasurer Karen Henderson next presented the county's bills and a quarterly report and County Clerk Peggy Williams read the minutes from April 9, 2007 Commissioners Court meeting.

Road Superintendent Clay Burelson then reported that Mary Street had been paved and the job was finished.

George Spinks and Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle appeared before the commissioners to thank them for sending the airport board to the TxDOT Aviation Convention in Corpus Christi.

Judge Johnny Griffin advised the commissioners that he had received a notice that TxDOT Aviation engineering will proceed with repaving the local airport runway with hot mix.

The meeting ended with several items being placed on the next agenda, including consideration of an alcohol ban at the county baseball fields and a discussion of rental fees at the Civic Center.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Rance Cathey (L) and his older brother Russell Cathey (R) will represent Eldorado High School in the Conference 1A Regional Tennis Tournament this week in Abilene. The duo won the Boys Doubles title at the district meet held April 10-11 at Central High School in San Angelo.

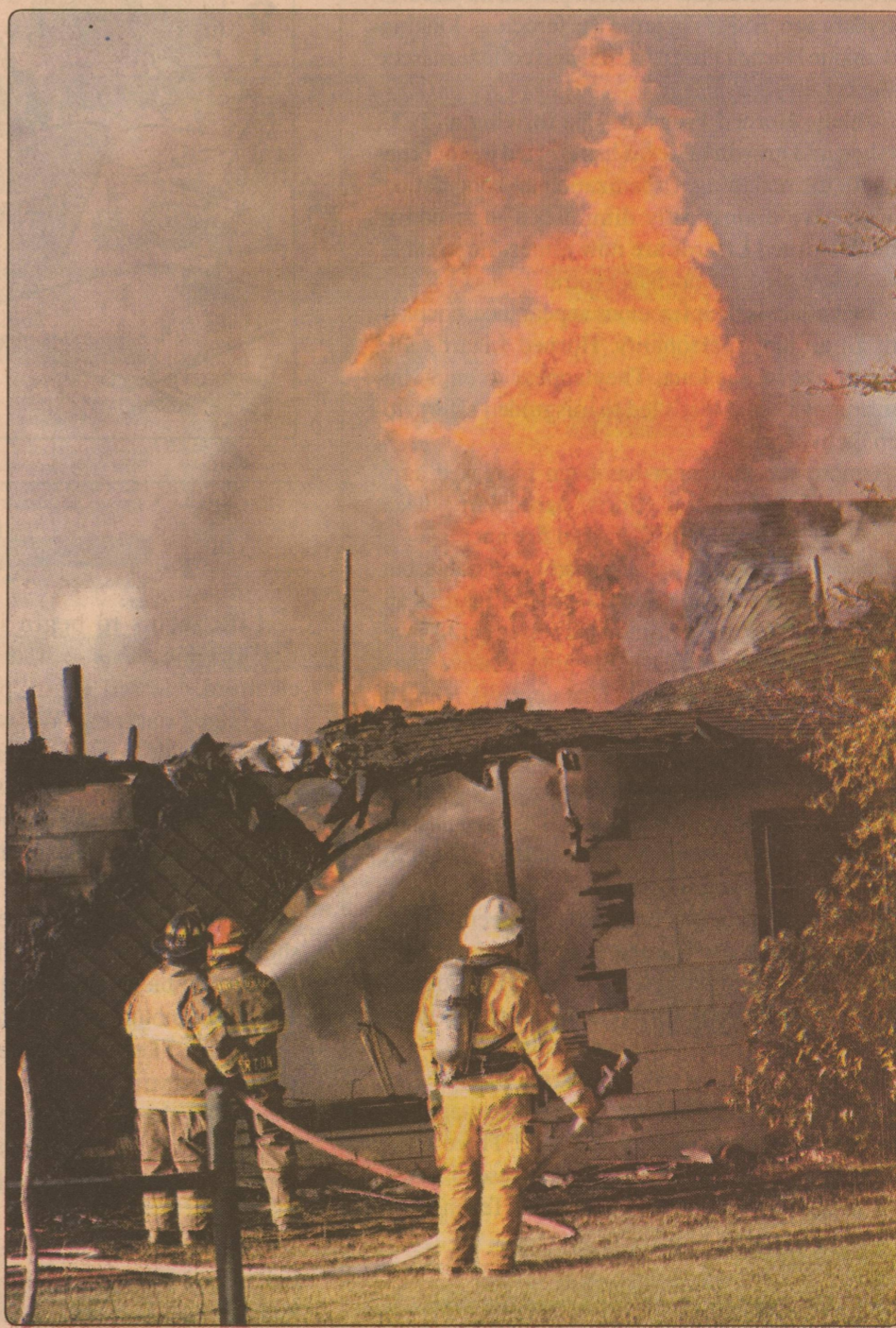
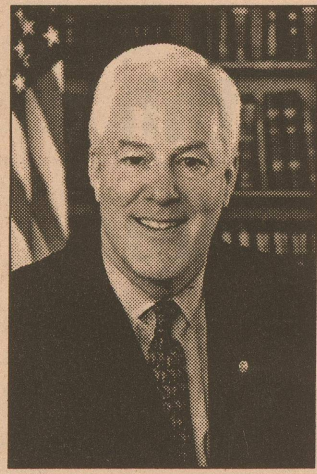


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Christoval and Wall firefighters battled this house fire early Tuesday evening at a hunting cabin on the Bruton Ranch a half-mile north of the Schleicher/Tom Green County line. The fire is believed to have been started by lightning as a band of thunderstorms pushed through the area moments before the fire began. Units of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department were called to the scene as firefighters struggled to bring the blaze under control. Witnesses at the scene report that no one was in the house at the time of the blaze.

Watching out for an original Texan

When pioneer settlers from the south and east first reached central Texas, they found a particularly appropriate creature already occupying the area. The prehistoric-looking reptile, now known as the



Commentary

by Senator John Cornyn

Texas Horned Lizard, seemed to reflect the land itself—rugged, fearsome, spiny, tough—and wondrously friendly, all at the same time.

Many of us who grew up in Texas spent countless hours watching and studying “horn frogs,” or “horny toads,” with their distinctive, protective spikes and horns, as they scuttled in their brown and tan camouflage through arid territory. Being cold blooded, they love hot weather and they’ve always been part of

the Texas mystique.

The Texas Legislature declared the Texas Horned Lizard—one of three lizard species found here—the official state reptile in 1993. But their fame extends even further.

William Porter, who wrote under the pen name ‘O. Henry’, popularized the Horned Lizard in a 1911 short story titled: “Jimmy Hayes and Muriel.” Hayes was a young, green Texas Ranger working the border. Muriel, a Horned Lizard, was his beloved “side partner” who traveled inside Hayes’ blue flannel shirt. Like most of O. Henry’s stories, this one has a surprise ending.

Among non-fiction Texas Horned Lizards, “Old Rip” is the most famous. It’s an article of faith in Eastland County (between Abilene and Fort Worth) that Old Rip hibernated for 31 years while trapped in the cornerstone of the county courthouse. As the story tells it, he slowly revived when he was freed in 1928, and lived another happy year as a celebrity. Old Rip can still be viewed in a locked case in the Eastland courthouse.

In 1897, four students at AddRan Christian University in Waco were asked to find a school mascot. Looking for something distinctively Texan, they narrowed the choices to the cactus and the Horned Frog. Lizards were overrunning the football field, so the nod went to the reptile.

AddRan became Texas Christian University in 1902, and the school moved back to Fort Worth a few years later. The students’ decision proved inspired. A few years ago, ESPN declared the ferocious-looking and unique Horned Frog to be the best college mascot in the country.

Athletic Horned Frogs may be thriving at TCU, but the rapid growth of Texas has created major problems for the real thing. Urbanization and population growth have dramatically diminished their native habitat. Horned Lizards are now almost impossible to find in Waco and much of central Texas.

Their allure is their ferocious appearance, coupled with an amiable personality. Horned Lizards are three to five inches long. They appear to enjoy human company, and that’s led to misguided efforts to keep them as pets.

A more recent danger has been increased agriculture and pest control efforts, particularly those combating the onslaught of the red fire ant.

Spiders, beetles and grasshoppers are suitable, but the first food choice of a Texas Horned Lizard is an ant—specifically, the common harvester ant. As we use more pesticides to battle fire ants, however, harvester ants are dying as well. That deprives Horned Lizards of an important food source.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is moving to safeguard these valued reptiles. The Horned Lizard now enjoys protected status. That means they can’t be captured, possessed, transported or sold in Texas without a special permit.

The Department has enlisted volunteers across the state to look for Horned Lizards and monitor their well-being. Sightings east of the Hill Country are now becoming rare. To lend a hand, or learn more, visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/hornytoads/.

Horned Lizards look frightful, but they’re friendly, unique creatures that share our heritage and contribute to our appreciation of nature. There’s still plenty of room for them in the vast expanse of Texas. With care and attention, these original Texans will be with us forever.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee’s Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee’s Airland subcommittee. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge. For Sen. Cornyn’s previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column.

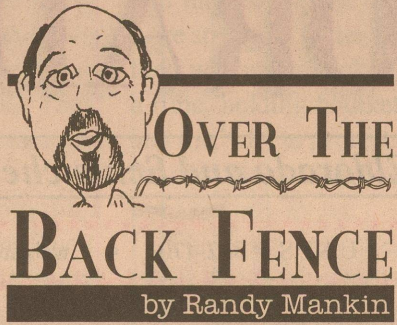
Another slice of cornbread, Leonhard?

I had the opportunity last week to celebrate my birthday in San Francisco. The day was made even more special by the fact that Kathy and I were there to be with our daughter Sarah for her “White Coat” ceremony. The event marked her halfway point in medical school, an event that neither of us were willing to miss.

A day earlier, Sarah had taken us on a scenic tour of the north bay area. We walked through the Muir Woods and marveled at the towering redwood trees. We also visited a scenic overlook at the north end of the Golden Gate Bridge. The bridge deck was hundreds of feet below us but we still had to look up to see the top of the north tower that loomed overhead. It was a picture perfect day, without a cloud in the sky. The view of the bridge with San Francisco in the background was breathtaking.

But wait, it gets even better. We then drove north along the coast on Highway 1 where we stopped to walk along a black sandy beach. No kidding, the sand was black, well...almost black, made up of finely crushed stone the pounding surf had ground away from the rocky shoreline. Driving northward from there we stopped to snap photos of a family of seals sunbathing on the sand.

The road then entered a spectacular valley which traced the route the San Andreas Fault north and slightly westward from the Golden Gate.



Turning to the east, we drove through hills so green that they put me in mind of Ireland. Then it was up into the forest and down into the rolling Napa Valley, blanketed with vineyards.

That Sunday we went into the city where Sarah showed us the sights. The pyramid-shaped Trans-America tower, Chinatown and the Haight-Ashbury district that gave birth of the hippie movement of the 60s & 70s. But I was most impressed with the Exploratorium, a hands-on science museum located on the grounds of the 1915 Worlds Fair.

Interestingly, while in the museum, I was honored to learn that I share my April 15th birthday with Leonhard Euler, the Swiss mathematician who first assigned the Greek letter pi to express the ratio of a circle’s circumference to its diameter. In fact, this year would have been his 300th.

I normally don’t give much thought to birthdays. Falling, as it does, on income tax day, I’m usually not in a mood to celebrate mine. Adding salt to the gaping wound is the fact April 15 is also the day the Titanic sank and Abraham Lincoln

died. (Actually, Lincoln was shot on the 14th but survived until the morning of the 15th.)

But now I learn that I share my birthday with a giant of mathematics. It put me in a different mood the rest of the day.

Just think, without Euler school kids would never have learned that the area of a circle is equal to pi times its radius squared.

Which brings me to one of my favorite childhood memories. My granddad picked me up from the school bus and was taking me to his farm for the weekend.

He asked what I had learned that day as he piloted his pickup down the gravel road.

I told him that I had learned that the area of a circle is equal to “pi R squared.”

“What!?” he asked. So I explained again but he wasn’t convinced.

Finally, as we drove up at the house he killed the engine then turned to me and said, “Boy...don’t you know that pie are round and cornbread are square?”

I’m not sure what prompted that memory except that up until this birthday, the best one I had ever spent was when my Grandad gave me a shiny new pair of cowboy boots. Later that day, he made sure to stop by a cafe where he carried me in and bought me a slice of coconut cream pie.

Now I have a new birthday memory. Happy Birthday, Leonhard and congratulations, Sarah!

Budget bill goes to conference committee

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN – The Texas House of Representatives on April 17 refused to accept Senate amendments to House Bill 1, the proposed state budget for 2008-2009.

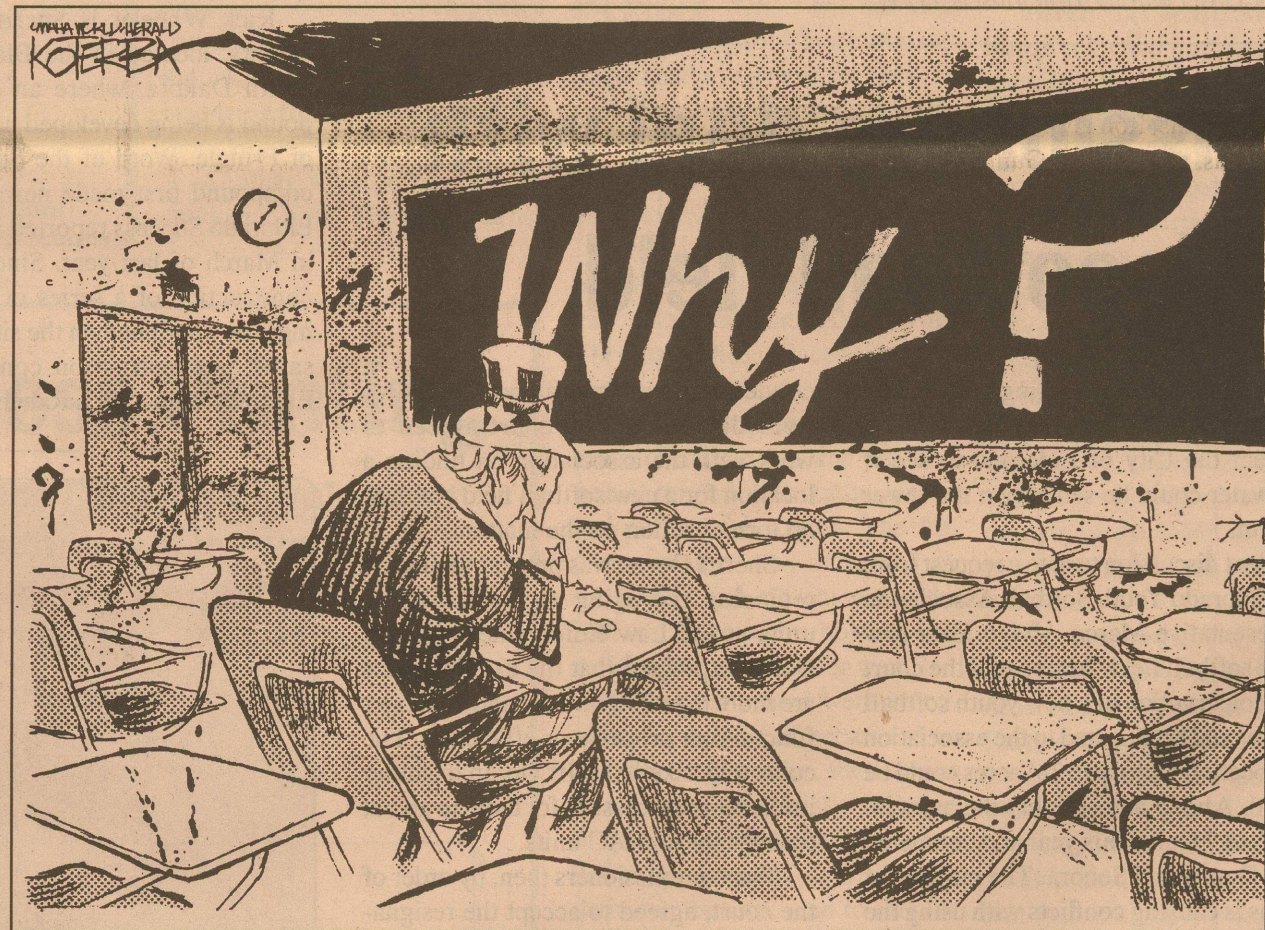
Differences in the House and Senate versions of the \$150 billion budget will have to be worked out in a 10-member conference committee.

Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, named the five House appointees to the conference committee: Reps. Warren Chisum R-Pampa; Ryan Guillen, D-San Diego; Sylvester Turner, D-Houston; Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown; and Lois Kolhorst, R-Brenham.

Four floor motions to instruct conferees to go into the negotiations with certain non-negotiable points were voted down by the full House. Chisum thanked members for voting down the motions, saying he thought it better to proceed “without tipping your hand.”

Senate members had not been named to the conference panel as of press time for this column.

The Legislative Budget Board’s pie chart of the Senate version shows education getting 36.6 percent of the budget, health and human services getting 31.6 percent, and the remaining one-third of the budget going to all other functions, including, for example, business and economic development, property tax relief and public safety and criminal justice.



Seasonal Words

Life seems to begin in the springtime. The earth feels cleansed, blessed again, purged of winter’s darkness. We witness the season of hope and renewal. Spring is when you want to sit and watch a bug for about an hour or just stretch out and stare at your shoes. It’s when you think about going barefooted and wearing shorts and t-shirts. You might even get out that bicycle and take a spin or climb a mountain. It makes you feel frisky, like you’re three years old and you’ve just finished taking a bath. You begin to imagine how the fruits of summer will taste and you think about the old swimming hole.

The earth warms. The sky boils. The wind ceases its relentless howling and settles down to a gentle breeze. The early green leaves on mesquite trees turn a shade of light green that artists find difficult to duplicate. Lawns come back to life.

No season offers more promise than springtime. And no place shows off its spring wardrobe any better than Texas. When it’s



by Tumlweed Smith

winters are mild we still anticipate spring. We want to hear the birds, to feel the sunshine, to experience life outside the house. Spring makes you appreciate the sense of freedom that makes Texas famous. The skies open up and seem larger. Texas has more sky than most places, anyway.

The sunsets are fabulous. Have they always been there? Or is it that we’ve been in the house so long we’ve forgotten to look toward the west at day’s end? The 24-hour celestial parade is an event not to be missed in the spring. We awaken to a dawn dressed up in sunrise pink. Later, the golden sun illumines the clouds. By mid-afternoon they become active and bounce around and bump each other. At sundown, the sky is streaked with reds and oranges. Then darkness brings its own special magic. It’s fun to go outside at night, lie on a pallet and look at the stars. If you’re lucky you’ll see one fall. You might even see a satellite streaking across the heavens. Spring makes you glad to be alive.

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House approves handgun bill

The House passed HB 991 by Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs, legislation that would make the names of concealed handgun license holders confidential.

Current law allows a requestor to give the Department of Public Safety another person’s name and find out if that person holds a Texas concealed handgun license.

Advocates of the legislation say it’s nobody’s business who has a license. Opponents say it’s a matter of personal safety to be able to find out who might be carrying a concealed handgun.

The measure now moves to the Senate for consideration.

If HB 991 becomes law, concealed handgun licenses will be the only confidential state-issued licenses.

Senate amends loan program

The Senate on April 18 passed legislation amending the forgiveness part of the Texas B-On-Time Loan Program.

SB 1496 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, would allow students who graduate within five years from an eligible four-year institution with at least a 2.5 grade point average to have 50 percent of their education loan forgiven.

In 2003, Zaffirini’s SB 4 created the B-On-Time Loan Program, providing Texas students with a zero-interest higher education loan. Under the program, students are required to graduate with a 3.0 GPA within four years for a four-year degree or within five years for a five-year degree to have 100 percent of their loans forgiven.

Senate passes redistricting bill

Legislation by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, would require congressional redistricting to be determined by a bipartisan panel appointed by the House, Senate and governor’s office.

The Senate passed SB 1068 by Wentworth on April 16, and it has moved to the House for further consideration.

Until the recent, mid-decade redistricting, lines were redrawn every 10 years.

OBITUARIES



Shelly Ann Fennern

ELDORADO — Shelly Ann Fennern, 47 years old, went to be with the Lord on Monday April 23, 2007. At her request no services will be held.

She was born January 7, 1960 in Madison, Wisconsin to Dale and Barbara Strong. Shelly married Jeff Fennern and has one daughter, Farah Fennern.

She is survived by her husband Jeff Fennern and daughter Farah Fennern. She is also survived by her sister Lisa Strong and her family of Ft. Benton, Montana, her sister Cheryl Todd and family also of Ft. Benton, her brother Dale Strong Jr. and family form Marquette Heights, IL. She is preceded in death by her parents Dale and Barbara Strong.

Shelly lived to help others, not only people but animals also. You could always find her in her backyard with her pets.

Shelly adopted many adults and children into her life and family over the years. Two very special children to her heart were Sasha and Kiki Rodriguez. They will miss her dearly. Shelly touched the lives of many, many people and she will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Shelly, although you are not here with us we will carry you in our hearts everyday. We will all miss you and we love you very much.

Patricial Powers Pitts

SAN ANGELO — The passing of Patricia Powers Pitts on Friday, April 20, 2007, at the age of 73, has brought a great loss to her family and the many friends she held so dear.

Pat was born on March 17, 1934, to Dr. R.L. and Dorothy Powers. She graduated from San Angelo

High School and attended Texas Tech University where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She enjoyed a close relationship with many classmates until her death.

She married John C. Pitts on May 29, 1958, sharing nearly 49 years of happiness together. They were blessed with two daughters, Judy and Jill, and the love that filled the Pitts home will warm their memories for years to come.

After the family moved to Eldorado in 1968, Pat enjoyed friendships associated with her employment at the First National Bank of Eldorado and Eldorado Elementary School, along with her church family at the First Presbyterian Church. She was affectionately known as "Nanny" to her three granddaughters, J'Nae, Bryttani and Allison, whom she adored.

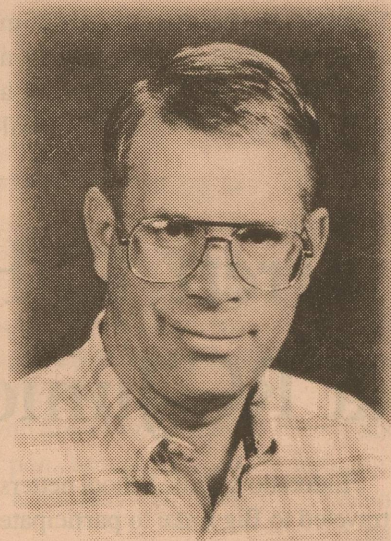
In 1999, she and John relocated to San Angelo where they enjoyed renewed friendships with longtime friends as well as their involvement in St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

In addition to her husband and lifelong companion, John, she is survived by her loving daughters, Judy Zwazchka and husband Franz, and their daughters, J'Nae Elizabeth and Allison Elaine of Grape Creek; and Jill Gentry and her daughter, Bryttani Elaine and husband, Tim Panalis, and their daughter Alexis Ruth of Byers, Colo. She is also survived by her sister, Nancy Buttery, and husband Robert of Green Valley, Ariz., and their children Douglas, Carolyn and Cynthia, along with their respective families. Also surviving Pat are her cousins, Ron Perkins of Abilene, Texas, and Charles Gunn of Lancaster, Texas.

Even through long periods of illness, mom possessed great qualities of inner beauty, strength, grace and determination. She taught by example and has left a great legacy.

Mom was a woman of faith in our Lord and took seriously the task of raising her family in the church. Though her guidance and devotion are deeply missed by all who knew her, her spirit surely lives on in the hearts and memories of the many people whose lives she touched. A service at her graveside was held Monday, April 23, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, and was followed by a memorial service at St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

The family requests memorials be made to St. Paul Presbyterian Church, VistaCare Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.



John F. Kotsch

ELDORADO — John F. Kotsch, our beloved "Gramps," departed this life on Thursday, April 19, 2007. His battle is over and now he is receiving his reward from his heavenly father for a life of servanthood and faith. He was eager to tell others about his Lord and Savior and considered himself very blessed.

John was born Oct. 1, 1948, in San Antonio, Texas, to John and Vicky Kotsch. After high school graduation, John served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. His future wife, the former Jo Helen Lively, was a pen pal to John while he was in Vietnam, and when they finally met, they became lifelong soulmates. They married April 21, 1969, in Eldorado, Texas, which became their lifelong home.

John and Jo Helen were blessed with three children, Amy Hernandez and husband Jeff, Michael and wife Nikki, and Andy, who preceded him in death. The joy of his life was his grandchildren, Hunter and Addie Grace Hernandez, and Faith, Kayla and Austin Kotsch. Others who will miss him are his brother, Charles Laplante; sisters Jackie

Butcher and Charlotte Dillon; and many nieces and nephews.

John was very gifted with his hands and built many beautiful things, including their ranch home, which they built together. He gave family and friends many lovely gifts made from wood. On one of his good days before he became so ill, he finished his last grandchild's gift made of wood, so he could say he had given each grandchild a special gift made with his own hands.

He worked 20 years for Schleicher County Independent School District as maintenance director. His sharp wit and sense of humor made him a favorite of all.

Service was Sunday, April 22, at First Baptist Church, Eldorado, where he served as chairman of the deacons and taught Sunday school for many years. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Bob Wanoreck, Ronnie Mittel, Hal Porter, Robbie Sanford, Glen Nix and Scott Barton. Honorary pallbearers were the deacons of First Baptist Church.

All memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church of Eldorado and Hospice of San Angelo.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, April 30
Country Fried Steak, Baked Potatoes, Spanish Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Lime Rice Swirl, Juice, Milk

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

Wednesday, May 2
Pork Chop w/Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Tossed Salad w/Tomato, Wheat Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

Thursday, May 3
Beef & Cheese Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Tortillas, Creamy Coleslaw, Fruit Salad, Milk

Friday, May 4
Fried Catfish, Corn Tomato Casserole, Spinach, Corn Bread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

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26th Raul Trevino, Martha Diaz, Erika Snelson, Juan Rodriguez, Mya Minor, Amalio, Jr.

27th Dana Ray Owens, Jesse Fuentes Jr., Johnny Herrera, Lindsay Johnson, Carla J. Estrada, Johnny Estrada

28th Jeannifer Rivera, Buddy Key, Roho Rodriguez, Tom Gray

29th Suzanne Rojas, Suzie Esparza, Canyon Faull, Carlos Jose Fuentes, Pepe Chavez, Ebba Nikolauk

30th Prissy Paxton, Dora L. Arispe, Stoney Harris, Margarita Arispe, Landon Nixon, Kimberly Edmiston, Leeroy Arispe, Asa Paschal, Debbie Bursleson.

MAY
1st Joe Christian, Isaac Saldivar, Richmond Adame, Page Holt, Aubrey Martinez

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Dedication service slated

The Mertzson Highway Church of Christ will be having a special dedication service honoring the late Richard Kent for a multimedia projector.

The service will be Sunday, April 29, 2007 at 6 p.m.

The multimedia projector has been made available thru the Richard Kent Memorial Fund and we will have a short display of the system with refreshments to follow.

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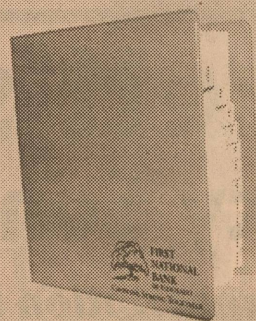
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ***
★ Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.
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EHS tracksters compete in Regional qualifiers meet

Eldorado High School track ran in Ballinger Friday April 20th: The meet was a warm up meet consisting of athletes who have qualified for regional meets. The Eagles ran not only against class A qualifiers, but also against competitors in other classifications.

The 1600m relay team placed 3rd with a time of 3:46. Members of the relay include Dustin Ramirez, Ryan Castillo, Johnny Mejia, and Ivany Sanchez. Dustin Ramirez placed 2nd in the 400m

with a 54.34. In the 100m dash Wes brown placed 2nd-11.29, Ivany Sanchez 3rd-11.11.35, and Ryan Castillo 4th-11.89. Ryan Castillo placed 4th in the 200m in a time of 24.6. Kevin Dykstra was 2nd in the pole vault with a clearance of 10'6". Claudia Pasi-

las was 6th in the 3200m with a time of 15:06.

The region 2 class A and AA will be held at Elmer Gray stadium on the campus of Abilene Christian University. Claudia will run in the 3200m at 9:00 am on Friday April 27th. The preliminaries will begin

at 11:00 am. The top eight in each event will advance to the finals on Saturday. Eldorado qualified its 400m relay, 800m relay, and 1600m relay. Dustin Ramirez will run in the 400m dash. Kevin Dykstra will be competing in the pole vault finals at 9:00 am Saturday.

Jarrett, O'Harrow & Mikeska win at RC Junior High Tennis Tourney

Eldorado Middle School netters traveled to Big Lake to participate in Reagan County Middle School Invitational Tennis Tournament, Saturday, April 21, 2007. Schools participating were Sonora, Ozona, San Angelo Lee, Eldorado, Reagan County, Greenwood, Wall and Forsan.

Allyson Jarrett won the 8th grade Girls Singles division by defeating Krystee Love of San Angelo Lee in the first round, Sonora's #1 Lendra Castaneda in the second, Wall's #2 Devon Wilde in the semi final. Then Jarrett defeated Wall's #1 Emily Tally in the finals.

Jayne O'Harrow and Miles Mikeska won 1st place trophies for 8th grade Doubles.

Amanda Garcia lost her first match, but then won the rest to win the 7th grade Girls Singles Consolation.

Brianah Creek won 4th in 7th grade Girls Singles.

J.R. Martinez and his partner Brittaney Gauna won 4th in 8th grade Mixed Doubles.

The Eldorado Jr. High Tennis Teams will travel to Sonora on April 28 and host the District meet May 5 in Eldorado.

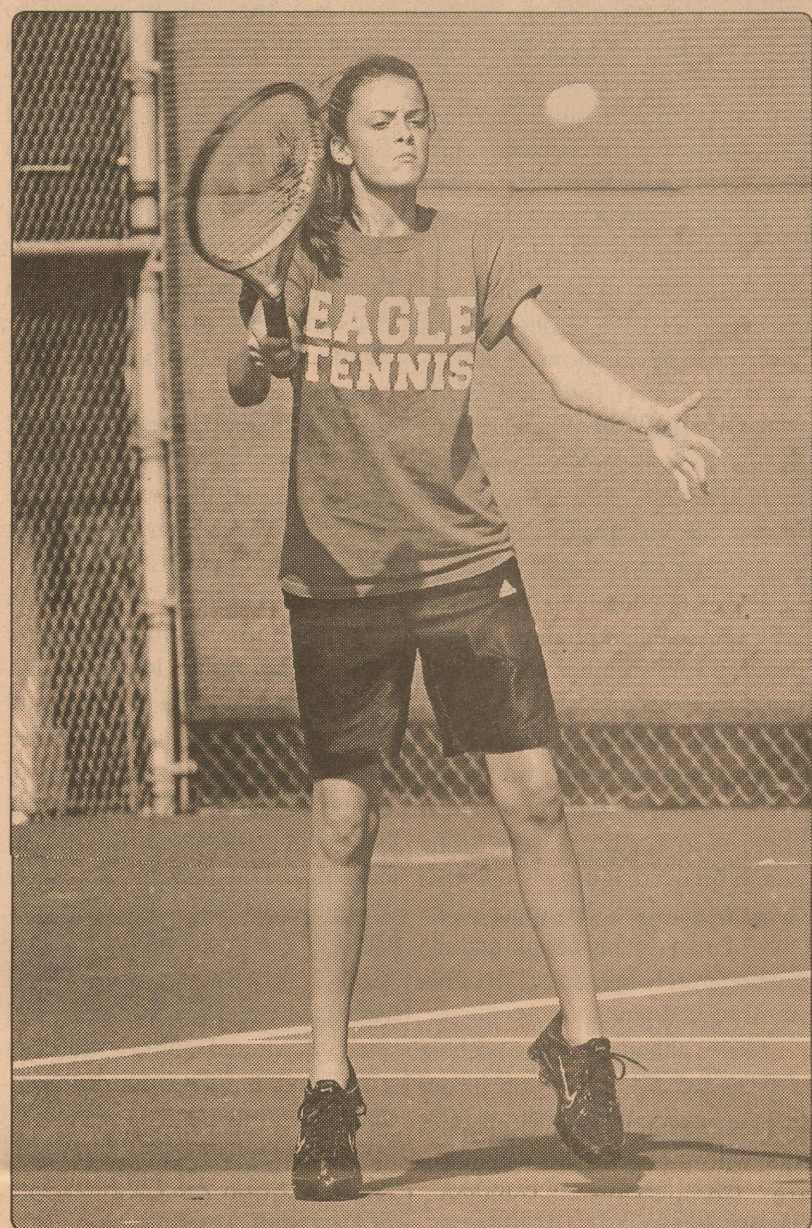


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Allyson Jarrett returned this volley Saturday as she dispatched several singles opponents on the way to the 8th Grade Girls Singles title at the Reagan County Middle School tennis tourney in Big Lake.

School Lunch Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
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- Monday, April 30
Waffle Stix's/Syrup, Sliced Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, May 1
Banana Nut Muffin, Choice Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Wednesday, May 2
Pancake on a Stick/Syrup, Applesauce Cups, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Thursday, May 3
Buttered Toast/Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Friday, May 4
No School
"No Charging after May 1"

BASKET LINE

- Monday, April 30
CF Steak Sandwich, Sandwich Salad/Carrot Stix's/Dip, Sliced Peaches
- Tuesday, May 1
Corn Chip Pie/Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookies
- Wednesday, May 2
Sausage Wraps, Carrot Stix's/ Dip, Tator Wedges, Pineapple Slices
- Thursday, May 3
Pep. Pizza, Tossed Salad, Pear Halves
- Friday, May 4
No School Friday
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CAFETERIA LINE

- Monday, April 30
Corn Dogs, Cole Slaw, Carrot's Stix', Sliced Peaches
- Tuesday, May 1
Corn Chip Pie/Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookies
- Wednesday, May 2
Chicken Spaghetti/Salad, Peas Hot Rolls, Pineapple Slices
- Thursday, May 3
Pep Pizza, Tossed Salad, Pear Halves
- Friday, May 4
No School
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Cathey brothers win 11A boys doubles championship

Brothers Russell and Rance Cathey took District 11A Boys Doubles April 10-12, 2007 held at Central High School.

The Catheys beat Rotan's duo of Stefan and Cameron Cox 7-5, 5-7, 6-1. The team had a bye in the first round, then in the second round beat West/McDonald of Irion County 7-6, 8-6, 6-6. In the semi-finals the pair beat West/Elis of Miles 5-7, 6-0 and 6-1.

In Mixed Doubles Chelsey Pridemore and Sammy Estrada had a bye and then lost to Meredith and Munn of Miles 6-3, 6-0. The team of Blake Chatham and Lalo Sanchez had a bye in the first round and then lost to Mixed Doubles District winners Dippel and Click of Menard 6-2, 6-1.

Boy's Singles Logan Jones beat Robert Glidewell of Miles in the first round 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Jones then lost to Shea Abbot of Irion County 6-4, 6-3. Abel Montalvo had a bye in the first round, then lost to Seth Johnson of Forsan 6-2, 6-2.

Girl's Doubles team of Adriana Hernandez and Emily Espinosa won their first round against Christoval's Stewart and Stahl 6-2, 6-2. In the second round the pair lost to Girl's Double District winners Lyckman and Dippel of Menard 6-0, 6-1. Lindsey Pridemore and April Porras won their first round against Ortiz and Brokaw, then lost to Stanley and Eggleston of Forsan 6-1, 6-1 in the second round.

J.C. Rodriguez lost to Courtney Holdamph of Forsan 6-0, 6-1 in the first round of Girl's Singles. Kristin Mittel won her first round against Kristin Tyler of Irion County 6-2, 6-4 and lost to Johanna Lange of Miles in the second round 6-0, 6-0.

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Sullivan nominated to Jr. National Young Leaders Conference

Jim and Beckie Sullivan would like to proudly announce the nomination of their daughter Ashley Sullivan, based on academic achievement and leadership potential, to the 2007 Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) in Washington, D.C.



COURTESY PHOTO Ashley Sullivan

Ashley was selected along with five other students from the 5th and 6th grades to represent her Greenwood Elementary School in Midland, TX. Those selected were identified as having traits of scholastic merit, maturity, responsibility as well as strength of character and leadership ability.

Ashley will be attending the conference as part of an intensive five-day adventure the first

week of July, 2007. Along with the expected sites in Washington, D.C. she will visit Harpers Ferry,

West Virginia, the Maryland Science Center, along with the opportunity to meet other students from all over the nation who are also selected. Ashley is very excited about her selection and thrilled to be able to attend the Conference. If you would like to discover more about the conference, you can do so directly on line at <http://www.cylc.org/jrnylc>. An official press release will be distributed and she will receive a Certificate of Merit from the Junior National Young Leaders Council upon successful completion of the Conference.



Doug Hardesty and Shaina Chermak

Hardesty/Chermak Engagement

The families of Doug Hardesty and Shaina Chermak are pleased to announce the couple's engagement and upcoming wedding.

Doug is the son of Danny L. and Brenda Tramel Hardesty of Eldorado. Doug's grandmother, Darlene Barrow Hardesty, is a long-time resident and rancher in Schleicher County, and his maternal grandfather, Carey L. Tramel, moved to the Eldorado area last year.

Shaina is the daughter of Diane Chermak of Cochranville, Penn-

sylvania, and P. Brian Chermak of Salisbury, Maryland. She is the granddaughter of Peter and Maureen Triponi of Lima, Pennsylvania.

The couple met at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. Shaina graduated in 2006 with a major in Politics, and Doug will graduate in May 2007 with a major in Chemistry.

The couple will be married July 16, 2007 at Disney's Wedding Pavilion in Orlando, Florida, and they will honeymoon at DisneyWorld.

SCMC receives \$40K in Tobacco Settlement funds

AUSTIN—Comptroller Susan Combs has distributed \$82.7 million to Texas communities from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account. The money will help three cities, 160 counties and 133 hospital districts recover their costs for indigent health care provided during 2006. Included in the disbursement was \$40,742.04 directed to Schleicher County Medical Center.

"Since 2001, Texas' settlement with tobacco companies has helped folks who cannot afford health care," Combs said. "Tobacco settlement money helps local communities provide access to health care, regardless of patients' ability to pay."

The Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account, established after the state settled a lawsuit

against tobacco companies, has grown to a \$2.3 billion trust fund. The Comptroller manages and oversees the fund, with the guidance of the 11-member Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account Investment Advisory Committee.

Cities, counties and hospital districts receive annual distributions of tobacco settlement money, based upon the amount of unreimbursed indigent health care they report to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Schleicher County Medical Center reported \$934,343.00 in unreimbursed indigent health care expenditures during 2006.

ASU/Tech bill passes State House

AUSTIN - House Bill 3564, which will align Angelo State University with the Texas Tech University system, passed the Texas House Tuesday night, April 23rd on a voice vote.

The legislation was the first bill for state Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, to bring to the floor.

Identical legislation in the Senate is sponsored by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, and has already passed the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education.

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Holy Puzzle, Batman!
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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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Capital Highlights...

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Supporters of the bill say if the redistricting task is in the hands of a special commission, it would free up the Legislature to work on other important law-making. Opponents say moving district boundaries is a job the full House and full Senate should keep.

House passes record votes bill

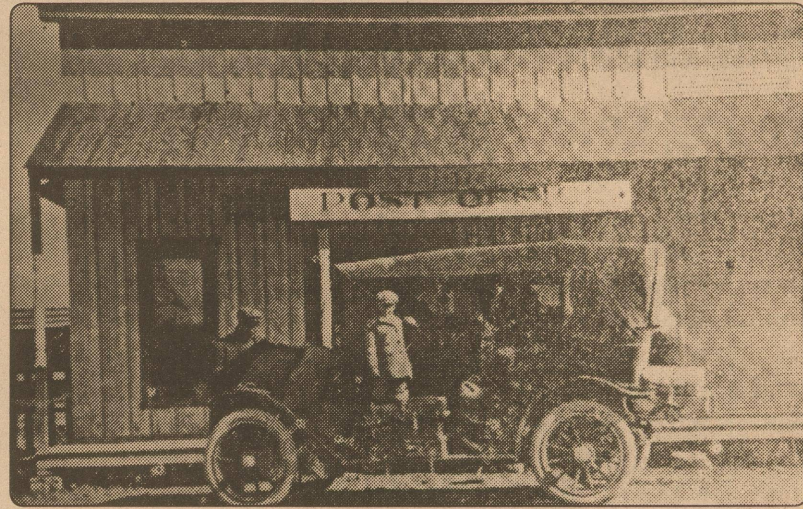
The House approved House Joint Resolution 19, authored by Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, requiring each legislator's final votes on legislation to be recorded and available for public view on

the Internet.

The measure has moved to the Senate for consideration. If it passes, Texans will have the opportunity on Nov. 7 to cast a yes or no vote on HJR 19, along with other proposed amendments to the state constitution.

Flags fly at half staff for V-Tech

Gov. Rick Perry directed that flags be flown at half-staff to honor the lives of the victims of the April 16 shootings at Virginia Tech. The governor's directive was effective April 17 through sunset on April 22.



COURTESY PHOTO

One of the first automobiles used to carry mail from San Angelo to Eldorado is shown in this photo above, which was taken in 1911.

Touch of History
 by Rene Calcote

Eldorado gets a Post Office

June 11, 1895, The U.S. Assistant Postmaster General sent W.L. Gray a form concerning the location of the proposed post office.

"The proposed office shall be called Wallick (which is crossed out and above it is written Eldorado.) It will be situated in the S.W. quarter of section 49, Block A in the County of Schleicher, State of Texas. It will be on route #50485, being the route from Sonora, TX to San Angelo, TX on which mail is carried six times per week from San Angelo. The name of the nearest office is Sonora, its distance is

25 miles in a southern direction. The name of the nearest office on the other side is Christoval, its distance is 25 miles in a northern direction. The name of the other nearest office is Ft. McKavett, its direction is 40 miles in an eastern direction."

The new post office was to supply a new town site of about 50 people. The statement was signed on June 19, 1895 by Willie Louis Gray.

A lot of folks are probably glad the name Eldorado was given this new town, instead of Wallick.

HONOR ROLL

Eldorado High School Honor Roll 5th Six Weeks

- "A" Honor Roll**
Grade 9: Timothy Cuevas, Emily Espinosa, Maureen Martinez.
Grade 10: Rance Cathey, Katherine Johnson, Claudia Pasillas, Maria Sanchez, Corie Williams.
Grade 11: Manny Gonzalez
Grade 12: Alicia Corrales, Kristin Mittel, JC Rodriguez, Ridge Ann Suduth.

- "85 and Above" Honor Roll**
Grade 9: Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Dylan Dombroski, Adriana Hernandez,

- Alicia Hernandez, Kadie Niblett.
Grade 10: Marcus Garcia, Isidro Granados, Megan Griffin, Haley Higgins, Marcela Huerta, Bridgett Mitchell, Janelle Pechacek, April Porras, Lindsay Pridemore, Dustin Ramirez, Kirsten Stubbs.
Grade 11: Blake Chatham, Macy Chatham, Tyler Dombroski, Erika Estrada, Maygen Eubanks, Marybel Fuentes, Amika Gonzalez, Adriana Granados, Cindy Sanchez.
Grade 12: Josue Chavez, Holly Ford, Anna Fuentes, Juan Garcia, Mariana Guzman, Jileesa Hibbs, Marcus Hinojosa, Brittany Jennings, Logan Jones, Cash Lane, Abel Montalvo, Chelsi Sellers, Ben Taylor, Kassie Tyler.

"To the citizens of Schleicher County:"

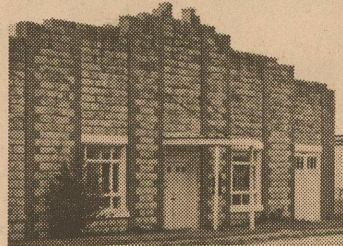
It has been twelve years since the citizens of Eldorado purchased the Old Eldorado Woolen Mill in 1995. The Board remains committed to its fiduciary duty of maintaining the integrity of the building and machinery and through scheduled tours, we remain steadfast to our Mission Statement which is to educate young and old about the 68 year old weaving history of the largest mill in the Southwestern United States. Our hearts desire is to see the mill operational again, but until a suitable lessee is obtained, the Mill will continue as a Museum.

We have completed a DVD covering the 1941 film of the Opening Celebration of the Woolen Mill, the 1996 Dedication Ceremony with Hawley Wolfe, a personal interview with Joe Muller Christian and a tour conducted by Gene McCalla. This DVD is available for \$19.95 by calling Judy Christian at 853-2165 and leaving a message or by contacting any Board Member.

Recently, the Schleicher County Commissioners graciously agreed to add the Mill to their insurance alleviating a considerable burden and concern for the Mill Board, and we thank them. Currently tours do not fully sustain the operating budget of the Mill but we have hopes that these numbers will rise in the coming years. We are asking the citizens of Schleicher County and other interested parties to take part in preserving this wonderful historical landmark by considering the following memberships:

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RRC: propane is ozone-saving alternative

Earth Day is a good day to be reminded of the environmental benefits of propane, according to the Texas Railroad Commission, the state's chief energy agency.

The Commission says Texans should consider changing the way they use fuels on ozone-action days and throughout the peak summer-time smog season.

One option is to switch to propane grills, vehicles and lawn equipment.

According to Oak Ridge National Laboratory, propane grills produce half the carbon dioxide of charcoal grills. Carbon dioxide,

considered a greenhouse gas, is increasing in the atmosphere each year. Research has also found that propane-fueled engines cut the emissions that form ground-level ozone by 50 to 70 percent compared to gasoline. Riding lawn mowers are such good candidates for conversion to propane that the only mowers many Texas cities allow to be used on ozone action days are propane-powered mowers.

Another option that cuts pollution and saves money is replacing electric water heaters with more efficient propane water heaters. A

propane water heater saves enough energy to reduce a typical family's energy cost by about \$75 to \$300 a year compared to the cost of operating an electric water heater. Typical energy savings range from \$100 to \$170 a year, or \$1,100 to \$1,870 over the expected 11-year useful life of a water heater. In addition, consumers may be eligible for a \$300 federal tax credit if their new propane water heater uses instantaneous heat, rather than a tank.

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For more information on how you can switch to propane to help fight pollution, look in your Yellow Pages under "gas/propane" for your nearest propane dealer, call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at (800) 64-CLEAR, or visit www.rrc.state.tx.us.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who donated baked items for our Project Graduation 2007 Bake Sale.

A special thank you to Sonja Key who also worked our booth all day long.

Again, thank you so much. Our bake sale was a huge success.

Kathy Faull and Areli Montalvo



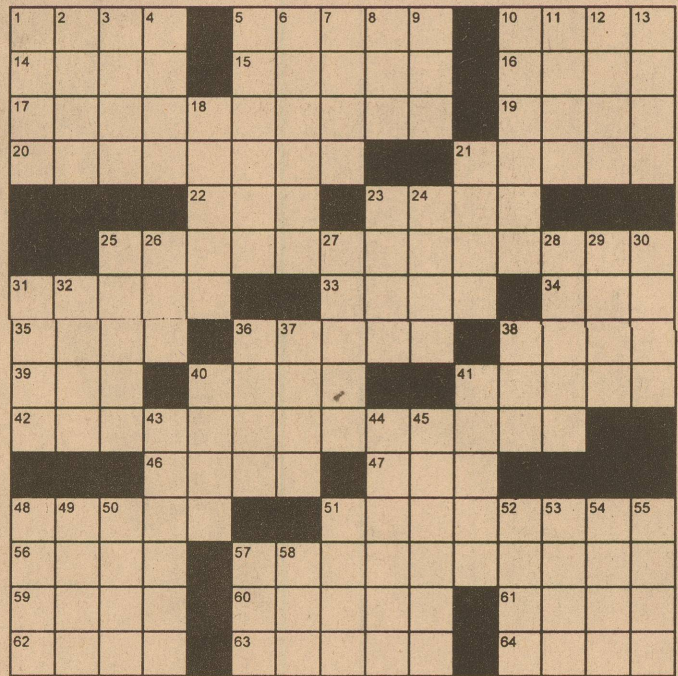
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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
 1. Comfy shoes
 5. "Don't tell ___!"
 10. Toot one's own horn
 14. Straddling
 15. Peter of Herman's Hermits
 16. Defaulter's loss
 17. Lake Erie port
 19. Flying "A" rival
 20. Servers at socials
 21. Relay need
 22. "Don't think so"
 23. Used the cuspidor
 25. Mako, for one
 31. Still in the game
 33. Shock jock Don
 34. Island keepsake
 35. Paella need
 36. Some denims
 38. Stolen bases, e.g.
 39. La Brea stuff
 40. Go from pillar to post
 41. Don't hog
 42. Home safety device
 46. Quiznos installation

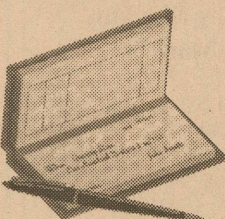
47. Batman and Robin, e.g.
 48. Chews the fat
 51. Fire opals
 56. Sword handle
 57. Locomotive's front
 59. Barely beat
 60. Favre of Green Bay
 61. Cornerstone word
 62. Grow tiresome
 63. Get the feeling
 64. Rockers' adversaries, in '60s England
DOWN
 1. Drudge of the Internet
 2. Siouan tribe
 3. RC, for one
 4. Job detail, for short
 5. Arctic outerwear
 6. Give comfort to
 7. Sounds of awe
 8. Prefix with corn
 9. Writer Rosten
 10. It's visible on cold days
 11. Take ten
 12. Lhasa ___
 13. Rink thug
 18. Cut a rug
 21. Stereo knob
 23. Teamster's rig
 24. It's a good thing
 25. Prefix with brew
 26. Forum greeting
 27. Work like Rosie
 28. Hitching post?
 29. Straggler's place
 30. Lightweight toy
 31. Some are fine
 32. He played Oskar
 36. Prospector's find
 37. Roulette bet
 38. "___ nuff!"
 40. ___ up (accelerates)
 41. Brown ermine
 43. He taught Barbarino
 44. Official decrees
 45. Do museum work
 48. Work on a plug
 49. Lie low
 50. Bit of birdbath gunk
 51. Verdon of "Damn Yankees"
 52. Shell game
 53. "This can't be!"
 54. ___-Lease Act
 55. Cheap pads, for short
 57. Letters for Letterman
 58. 36-Down contents

Holy Puzzle, Batman!



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TWC offers summer hiring tips for employers, teens

Employers, youths and parents should be aware of laws & restrictions

AUSTIN — Thousands of jobs will soon become available for teenagers hoping to gain valuable work experience as employers begin hiring for the busy summer months. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) reminds employers, workers and parents to familiarize themselves with state and federal laws, as well as safety regulations that address child labor issues.

From April to June of 2006, more than 80,000 people entered the Texas labor force, including teenagers eager to gain valuable vocational experience or earn their first paychecks.

Any person under the age of 18 is considered a child when employed in the workplace. Federal and state child labor laws protect youth against potentially detrimental occupational settings or working conditions that could interfere with a child's safety, health or well-being.

Different laws apply to different age groups. For example, workers who are age 16 or 17 can engage in any task for any number of hours, as long as it is not deemed hazardous by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Children 14 or 15 may perform a job beyond traditional school hours in some nonmanu-

facturing, nonmining, nonhazardous jobs, but only under certain conditions. Because operating power-driven lawnmowers is considered dangerous, 14- and 15-year-olds are prohibited from that activity, but children ages 16 or 17 are permitted to do so.

Federal laws restrict teens who are age 14 and 15 from working more than three hours on any given school day or more than 18 hours within a school week. They also may not work more than eight hours on a non-school day or more than the standard 40 hours during a week when school is out. A standard workday for children who are 14 or 15 must be between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., except between June 1 and Labor Day, when they can work no later than 9 p.m.

Job-related functions prohibited by law and considered inappropriate or unsafe for teens include:

- Driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle (Absolutely prohibited for youth under 17; subject to certain conditions for youth age 17)
- Any operations on or about a roof
- Excavating operations
- Power-driven wood-working machines
- Power-driven bakery machines

- Power-driven paper-products machines
- Power-driven hoisting equipment
- Power-driven metal-forming, punching and shearing machines
- Power-driven circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears
- Meat-packing or processing machines (including power-driven meat slicing)
- Manufacturing brick, tile and related products
- Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations
- Logging and sawmilling
- Exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiation
- Manufacturing or storing explosives
- Coal mining and mining other than coal

A few exemptions for apprentices and student learner programs under specified standards for some hazardous occupations do exist. For more information, visit <http://youthrules.dol.gov/jobs.htm>.

Teens seeking job-search assistance can visit their local workforce center. Visit <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdas/wdamap.html> for information about local workforce centers.



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Spacenet selects Whitson Communications Inc. to offer new StarBand Nova high-speed Internet

MCLEAN, VA — Whitson Communications has been selected by Spacenet to offer its new line of high-speed satellite Internet service, StarBand Nova, in Menard county and surrounding areas.

The new StarBand Nova services are aimed at small office and home users looking for a more reliable, professional-grade broadband satellite Internet connection at an affordable price. StarBand Nova uses VSAT

technology a generation ahead of previous versions of the service to deliver faster speeds and improved service quality at significantly reduced prices (in some cases hardware pricing is reduced by as much as 70 percent).

StarBand Nova services include two options - Nova Ultimate and Nova Pro. The Nova Ultimate, designed for small office users, offers always on broadband Internet access at speeds of up to 1 Mbps

download and 256 kbps upload, and the Nova Pro, designed for residential users, offers speeds of up to 512 Mbps download and 128 kbps upload. StarBand, the first to market with a two-way broadband VSAT service for home users in 2000, is a service of Spacenet Inc., a company with 25 years of experience providing high-reliability satellite network solutions to some of the country's largest businesses.

StarBand is sold through a nationwide network of premier dealers chosen for their capabilities to deliver high-quality installation and customer service. Whitson Communications has been selected to sell the StarBand Nova services in Menard county and surrounding areas. Whitson Communications can be contacted for more information at 325-396-2609.



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Motorists urged to observe 'signs of change'

AUSTIN — Traveling motorists should pay special attention to the 'signs of change' alerting them to work taking place on state roadways this week, National Work Zone Awareness Week.

TxDOT and federal transportation officials are urging drivers to obey work zone advisory signs not only during this national observance period, April 2 - 6, but at all times during travel.

Texas no longer leads all states with 154 work zone fatalities as reported in 2005, the year for which the most recent statistics are available. But Texas does rank a close third behind California's 155 and Florida's 162

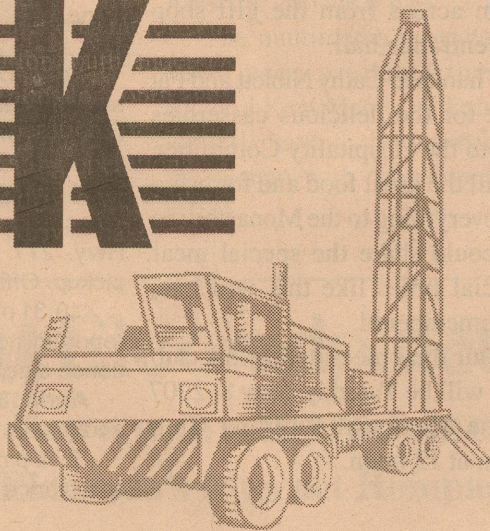
work zone fatalities for 2005.

Officials want to reduce that number and motorists can help by following these tips:

- Slow down • Pay attention to the signs
- Expect the unexpected
- Keep a safe traveling distance - do not tailgate
- Obey road crew workers or flaggers
- Stay alert and minimize distractions
- Keep up with the traffic flow
- Prepare for delays - leave early and listen to traffic reports
- Be patient and stay calm.

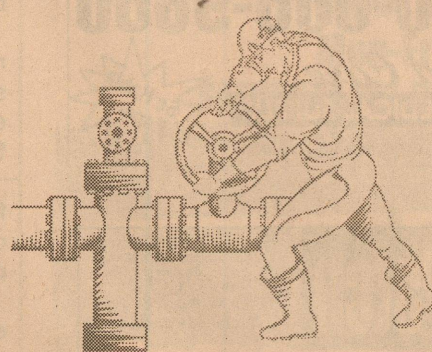
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Woman's Club visits Carmelite Hermitage

by Noweita Briggs
 The Eldorado Woman's Club's April 10, 2007 meeting was our Field Trip meeting. We met at 10:00 a.m. at the Memorial Building and traveled to the Carmelite Hermitage near Christoval, Texas.

The dictionary says the word Carmelite as belonging to the order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel founded in 1155. Fourteen members and seven guests made the trip. This is the second time club members have been privileged to go to the Hermitage and we had a memorable time both visits.

Father Fabian welcomed us at the entrance building. He introduced us to fellow brothers Martin Mary, John David and Elias Mary. We visited the gift shop before Father Fabian led us on a tour of the complex.

Father Fabian told us about the beginning of the Monastery back in 1991 when he came from San Angelo as a priest. The monastery is independent from the San Angelo diocese. Because of the many wonderful donations since the very beginning the complex has grown from nothing to the beautiful place it is today.

Many donations from many sources and individuals have been responsible for one of the most serene places this reporter has had the privilege to visit.

Our tour began at the beautiful church. The Brothers had decorated the inside of the church with lovely white lillies and other special Easter season decorations. Father Fabian explained the meaning of each of the fourteen stations that line the side walks of the chapel. Each station depicted a

different time in the life of Christ. These stations are also displayed at a special area on the grounds before you reach the complex and play a significant part in the special ceremony where the Brothers carry the body of Christ along the way through the stations. Father Fabian closed our time at the chapel with a prayer.

Of special interest of the chapel is the wonderful leaded glass door entrance. From the chapel we went to the new bakery building which not only houses the bakery but several other rooms where the Brothers will carry out various operations of their daily work schedules.

The new building has a delightful enclosed courtyard. Every part of the complex has been designed to fit perfectly into the existing complex.

The reason the Brothers are there is to serve our Lord and they devote their life to doing so with great joy. The Brothers are very special people. They spend many hours in prayer for their fellow citizens and our world and they also spend many hours taking care of the special place where they live. Everything about the place reflects the reason for its purpose and that was felt by us during our time there. The beauty and serenity of the place and the devotion of the Brothers are there for only one reason, to worship our Lord and pay homage.

We thank the Brothers for letting us come to their place where they do the work of our Lord so willingly and faithfully.

Father Fabian said one of the services one of their many friends did for them was to make their habits. This lovely lady had done so for fifteen years but now she has retired and she was teaching the Brothers how to make the habits.

After our tour we returned to the entrance building where we had lunch. A special thanks goes to our Hospitality Committee for our great luncheon. The foyer of the entrance building was the site for the meal. The tables were covered with festive bright pine tablecloths and our napkins were also pink. Chocolate candy spotted Easter eggs decorated the center of the tables. Our luncheon food was arranged and served from a table in the parlor-type room across from the gift shop and entrance hall.

Thanks to Cathy Niblett and Pat Holt for the delicious casseroles and to the Hospitality Committee for all the great food and for bringing everything to the Monastery so we could share the special meal. Special times like this will long be remembered.

Our final meeting for this club year will be Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at the Memorial Building Club room at 12 noon.

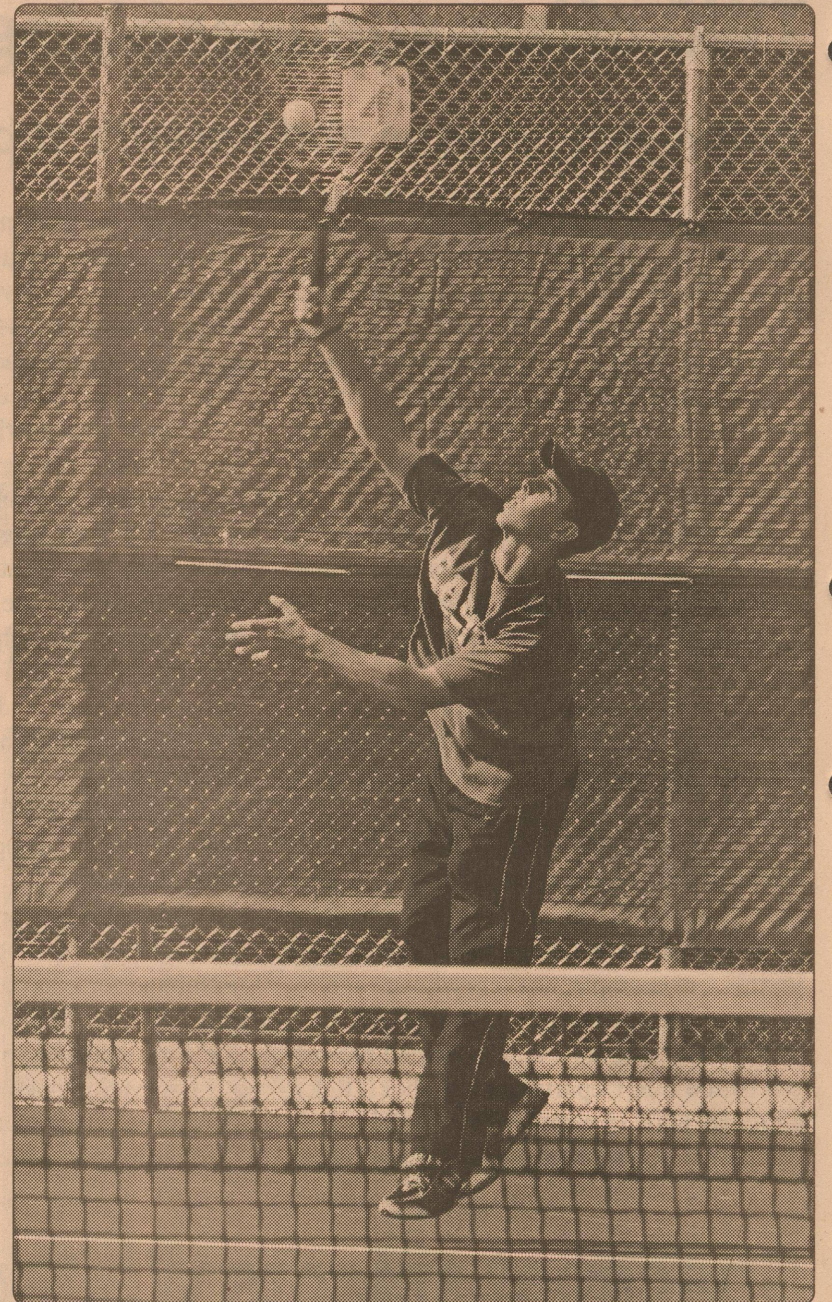
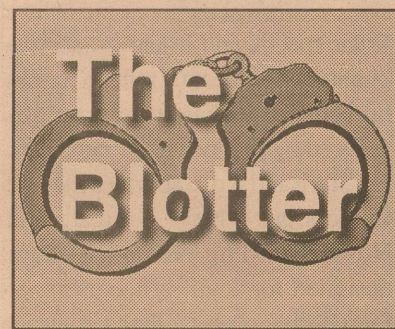


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
 Miles Mikeska served the ball during Reagan County Middle School Tennis Tournament held Saturday in Big Lake. Mikeska and his partner, Jaymie O'Harrow, won the 1st Place trophy in 8th Grade Boys Doubles.



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
April 18 • Estrada, Pedro, male age 20, offense Motion To Revoke. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
 • Lopez, Cecil Jr., male age 23, offense theft of service. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
April 19 • Cruz, Victor, male age 30, offense tickets. Released time served.
April 20 • Sedano, Victor, male age 26, Out of State Warrants. No Bond.

INCIDENTS
April 17 • 7:33 p.m. Complainant reported running water in street coming from the County Park. City notified.
 • 9:23 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver 12 miles out on Hwy. 277 North driving a white pickup. Officer notified.
 • 10:31 p.m. Subject on Hill Street reported no water pressure to residence since 6:00 p.m. City notified.
April 18 • 1:02 a.m. Loud party and minors drinking.
 • 2:15 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer.

- 3:01 p.m. Caller reported a stolen cell phone.
- 4:12 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver in a white and blue pickup on South Hwy. 277. Two officers responded.
- 8:32 p.m. Caller reported they would be conducting a controlled burn.
- 10:30 p.m. Caller reported a loud party at apartment complex.
- 10:41 p.m. Anonymous caller reported loud and fighting at apartment complex. Two officers responded.
- April 19** • 7:52 a.m. Caller found stray dog on porch on S. Main.
- 2:39 p.m. Store manager requested to speak with an officer in reference to a stolen check. Officer responded.
- 8:10 p.m. Caller reported a reckless Hispanic male driver in a gray Dodge headed South on I-35. Driver was driving all over the road.
- April 20** • 9:06 a.m. Caller advised the Sheriff Office they would be burning brush.
- 4:21 p.m. Caller reported a possible break-in at their residence. Officer notified.
- 9:59 p.m. Caller reported a minor accident on driveway of convenience store. Officer issued blue forms.
- April 21** • 6:58 a.m. Caller said someone had taken a ball hitch off a white Chevy Silverado at the public boat ramp at Parkway and County Road 1620. Deputy informed.
- 12:33 p.m. Caller reported their daughter was having trouble with her husband and requested an officer for a welfare check.
- 4:24 p.m. Caller reported they were going to burn some brush North of Pave Paws. Caller indicated a water source was nearby.
- 7:52 p.m. 911 Call. Caller reported livestock on Hwy. 277 South. Officer responded.
- 7:55 p.m. Caller reported livestock on Hwy. 277 south. Officer responded and owner was contacted and animal was returned to pasture.
- April 23** • 6:50 p.m. Caller informed Sheriff Office that a brown and white 1989 Ford truck, speeding down Hwy. 277 although was registered to their company no longer belonged to them.
- April 24** • 11:37 a.m. Caller reported 53 head of ewes and two steers reported missing from ranch east of Eldorado. Livestock valued at \$5,740.00. Officer responded.
- 12:00 p.m. Caller reported a friend had found a brown dachshund on Hwy. 277. Dog has tags but no owners name on tags.
- 12:23 p.m. Complainant reported their ex-husband was threatening to take their son. Complainant also advised husband was on probation and not allowed to leave Tom Green County. Officer notified.
- 6:59 p.m. City of San Angelo requested assistance from the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department with a water tanker one mile north of the county line on Hwy. 277.

Notice of Special Election
 (Aviso de Elección Especial)

To the registered voters of the County of **Schleicher**, Texas:
 (a los votantes registrados del Condado de Schleicher, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., **May 12, 2007**, for voting in a Special Election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas:

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el **12 de Mayo 2007** para votar en La Elección Especial párar adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucionales asi como fueron sometidas por la 79 a Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas.

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 Precinct #3- Schleicher County Courthouse
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Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
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(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)
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between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**, beginning on **April 30, 2007**.
 (Entre las **9 de la mañana**, las **5 de la tarde** el principio el **30 de Abril, 2007**.)

and ending on **May 8, 2007**.
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: **May 4, 2007**

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Kosub presents DRT program on Runaway Scrape

The Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas met on April 12, 2007 at the Uvalde Country Club.

President Kay Anderson called the meeting to order and welcomed guest Shirley Burnett who serves as the DRT District VII Representative.

Following the invocation by Chaplin Deloise Reagan and the pledges to both the United States and the Texas flags, Linda Weatherford read the DRT Objectives. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by secretary, Mary Brewer. Pat Burrier gave the treasures report.

It was announced that a donation had been made in the memory of Rena Joe Patterson who passed away at her home on April 6, 2007.

Following the business portion of the meeting, Jane Kosub of Eldorado, Texas presented her program on the 'Runaway Scrape of Texas.'

Santa Ana intended to start a panic to drive the colonist across the US. Frontier. He was successful. The next few weeks in Texas became known as the "Runaway Scrape".

There were three items of bad news that precipitated the Runaway Scrape. The Fall of the Alamo, the massacre at Goliad, and the news that the Texas army was in retreat. In addition, Santa Ana already had a reputation for brutality. Graphic

stories of savage mistreatment were spread with gory exaggeration. The newspapers reported that Texas's sunny plains were strewn with the bodies of butchered women and murdered children.

These realities were bad enough, but the propaganda was a terrifying force. Panic seized Texas.

The entire population of Angelo-Texas, frightened and horrified by the tales of Mexican atrocities, deserted the countryside ahead of the Mexican Army. Most able-bodied Texas men, including many young boys, had joined Sam Houston's army. The women, children, and old men on the land were left to fend for themselves. In a space of days the colony that Austin had built crumbled away. In wagons pulled by straining oxen, on horseback, pitifully on foot, carrying what treasured possessions they could, the Texas women herded their families east.

Complicating the situation were late winter storms and a severe drought the year before so that there had been little grazing for the horses and draft animals. As a result they were weakened and less able to pull and work. And the spring was unusually cold and wet. The rain during this time was incessant for days at a time. Every stream and river and slue was swollen to the maximum. As the lines of Colonists formed on the trails, the mud slowed the refugees to a crawl.

Measles and other contagious diseases broke out. The dying had no shelter, often succumbing at the edge of the road where they were buried in hasty graves. Thus, these half-clad, mud besmeared fugitives trudged along.

Deserters from Houston's army, rationalizing their flight, exaggerated the Mexican threat and prompted civilians to believe that they wouldn't be safe west of the Sabine. Their stories caused panic among the refugees which in turn so panicked those still in their homes that they also joined the growing ranks of those already on the trail.

Any flight of refugees from war is attended by misery, tragedy, and terror, but there were hundreds of tales of heroism and self-reliance.

The women struggled over the muddy roads toward the Sabine River without their men, abandoning their homes and the labor of years, and with the smoke of the Mexican swath of destruction rising behind them.

Inevitably, looters begin to appear. There were men who galloped into settlements far ahead of the invading army, shouting, "The Mexican's are coming!" Then they stole horses, silver; anything left behind when the frightened inhabitants fled in fear.

At other times, however, this exodus brought out the best in people. A woman with four children who had lost her husband at the Alamo and had a new baby was cared for by a family having a rickety, open wagon drawn by two small Indian ponies who gave the helpless mother and her children a bed and transportation by throwing away part of their own scant belonging from the wagon in order to make room for her.

Another woman, heavy with child, give birth. The birth was her

first and difficult. She was alone and had no shelter. Women who were strangers to her placed her in their wagon and took turns, four at a time, holding blankets over her and the baby to protect them from the cold March rain, day and night, until the rain let up.

One family was sitting at a table eating dinner when the call came to leave. Believing themselves to be in imminent danger, they jumped up and left with their food still on the table.....and returned a year later to find their cabin exactly as they had left it, with the food still on their plates, albeit moldy.

There were women in delicate health who walked along side their wagons and carts until their shoes wore out completely and then were forced to continue on in the cold rain, barefooted, in mud that was often up to their knees.

One woman who took in washing left abruptly with her family. When William Gray went to pick up his laundry he found it on the table, clean and folded. In her haste she had not forgotten to be honest.

There are also stories of the return to their homes after the battle of San Jacinto. Otela Patterson's ancestor, Betsy Oliver Duncan, was returning to Texas with her new born baby, Amanda. The roads were still very muddy and the wagon became mired. Betsy was holding the baby so that her maid could help push. In her distress, she laid the baby down by the side of the road. Later, after the wagon was freed and their journey resumed, her husband asked her where the baby was and she replied, "Oh! I left her back down on the trail!" The nurse was dispatched to retrieve the baby.

Unfortunately, there were still difficulties the returning Texans had to face even after they arrived back home.

The Mexican soldiers that had been in the north and east had been called to join Santa Ana's army. Therefore, those places were left largely unprotected. The Indians were very much aware of the absence of the soldiers and this area was thronged with Indians who had no love for Anglos. The Apparent danger was increased by the threats and movements of the Indians. They were hostile, and making preparations for war.

In addition, there were a considerable number of persons of no country or sympathy...treacherous to all...who were busily engaged in spreading alarm and increasing the public fear and confusion for their own benefit. And to this list should be added a class of much worse characters who fattened upon the stolen plunder of the fleeing colonists. Others, in the interest of Mexico, were spies in the Texas ranks and deliberately spread misinformation and were involved in sabotage.

In conclusion, Texas in the Spring of 1836 was in a state of mass confusion, and the people of Texas faced enormous challenges as they moved toward the future.

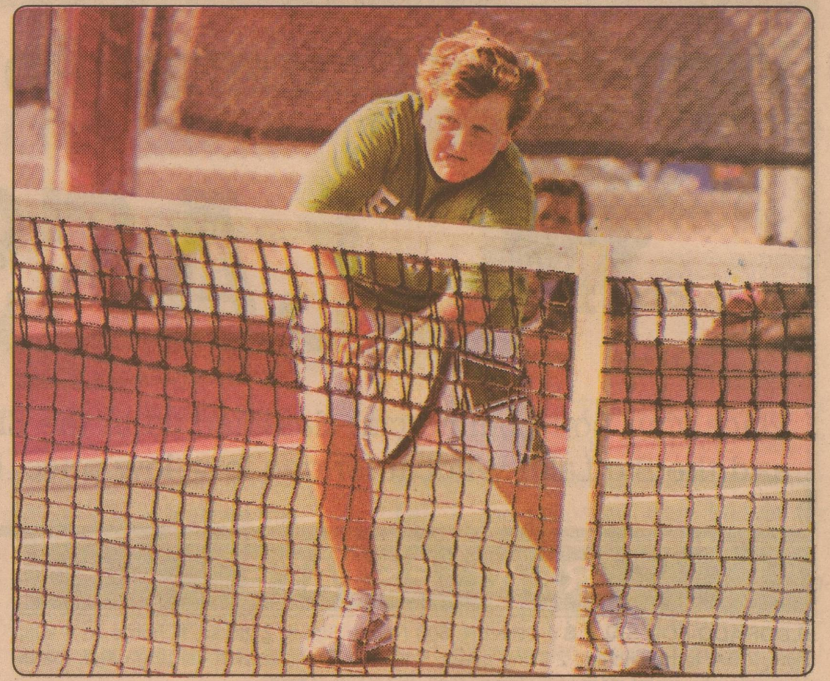


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Jaymie O'Harrow returned a volley Saturday as he and his partner, Miles Mikeska worked their way through the brackets at the Reagan County Middle School Tennis Tournament. The duo captured the 1st Place trophy in the 8th Grade Boys Doubles division.



Ancient Astronomers

When conducting programs in schools I marvel as I realize how many elementary-aged youngsters know more about the workings of our cosmos than the most learned of our not-too-ancient ancestors. Even today's typical amateur stargazer could tell brilliant Galileo things that would leave him dumbfounded.

Given this realization, combined with the sophistication of modern life and our vast stores of accumulated knowledge, it's easy to dismiss the knowledge and reasoning powers of the ancients. Yet a brief look at astronomical history, regarded as the oldest science, quickly puts to rest the notion that they were lacking in intelligence.

One can't help but be struck by how much they knew long ago. Yes, they were way off on some things. As recently as 500 years ago most of our predecessors still thought of the world as a flat, immovable place at the center of the universe.

But as quaint as that view seems now, they arrived at it from their observations and experiences--the Earth doesn't feel like it's moving; it's curvature isn't apparent; and it looks like the Sun, Moon, planets and stars move around us.

Based on the information they had their conclusion was logical--just wrong, as Copernicus, Galileo, Kepler and others helped us realize in the 16th and 17th centuries. But long before the Copernican revolution started setting the record straight, there were others who put forth some remarkably accurate views of the solar system and cosmos.

Over 6,000 years ago Egyptians, observing the Sun, determined a year to be 360 days, and observing the Moon, arrived at

twelve 30-day months. Later they even corrected the year to 365 days.

The Greeks were prominent in early astronomy. About 500 BCE Anaximander, realizing that the Moon shines by reflected sunlight, came up with the correct explanation for eclipses. About 350 BCE Aristotle postulated that Earth is a sphere.

About 275 BCE Aristarchus of Samos, using only logic, concluded that the Sun, not the Earth, is at the center of the universe. His model is closer to our current view, yet it was rejected by his contemporaries because he lacked observational evidence. Eratosthenes of Syrene and others made some remarkably good estimates of Earth's circumference, the relative sizes of Earth, Moon and Sun and the distances between them using little more than crude instruments and geometry.

So let's show some respect for our ancestors' contributions. Imagine what some of those bright guys (and gals had they been given equal opportunities) might have accomplished if they'd had telescopes, laptop computers and the Internet.

Naked-eye Planets. (The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation.)

Evening: Brilliant Venus is in the west with creamy-colored Saturn high in the south.

Morning: Reddish Mars is low in the east with Jupiter the brightest object in the south.

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