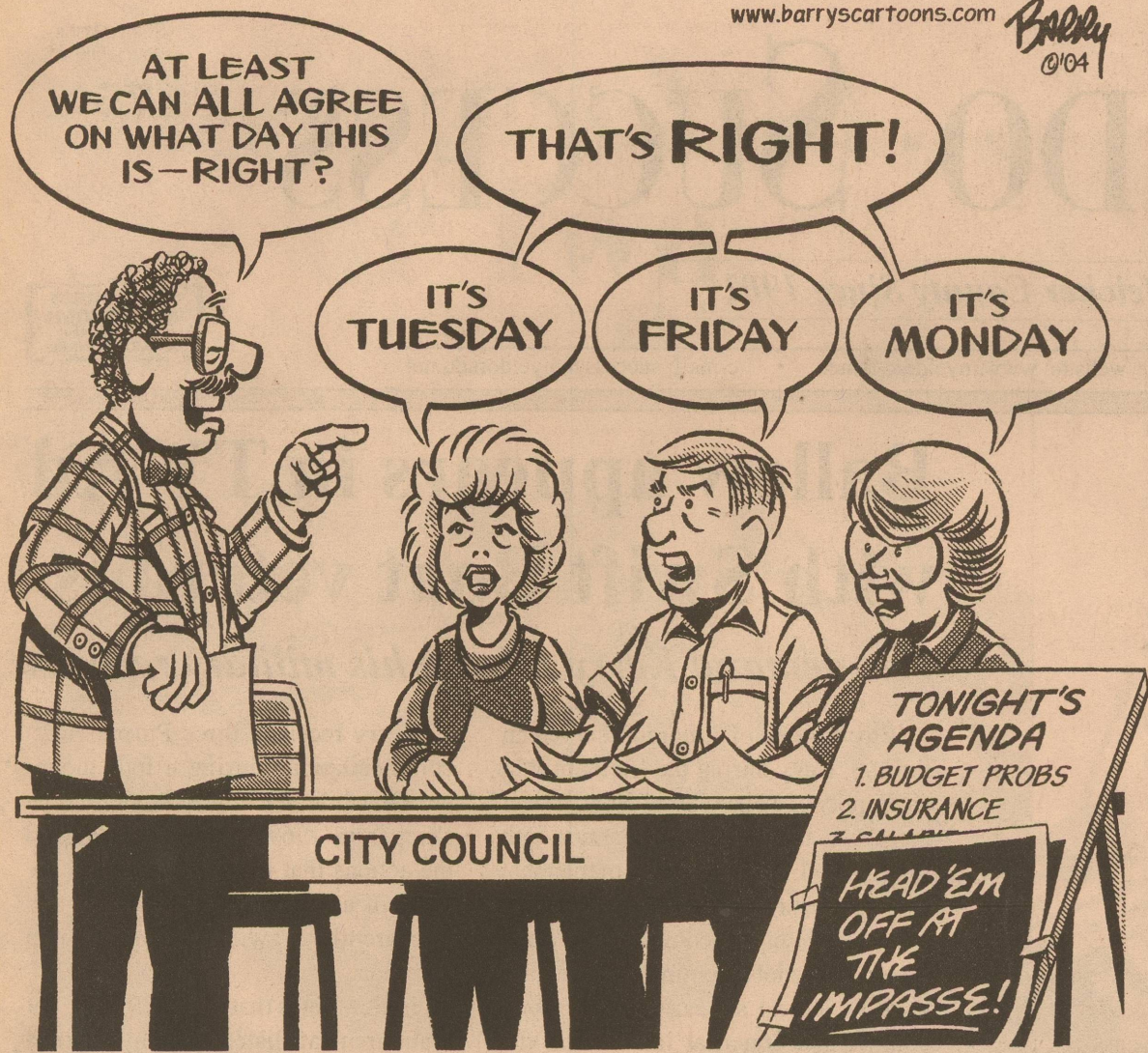






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## There are no easy building projects

I am so impressed with craftsmen. I'm talking about carpenters, painters, plumbers, electricians, carpet layers, stone masons, the folks that really keep out households functioning.

My wife Susan, our two sons (9 and 13 at the time) and I spent three years building a home in the Davis Mountains. We went down there whenever we could get a day or two off from our business and school.

Looking back, it was fun. While we were doing it, it was hard work. We dug in the rocky soil on the side of a mountain. We hammered, sawed, stucco'd, roofed and built a fireplace pit, sleeping loft and decks on either side of the house. We figured out things. Stairs were the hardest. It was probably the best thing we've ever done as a family. Our motto was safety first. I remember standing on top of a ladder putting the last piece of outside wall on the house. It was dark. We were using the headlights from the pickup to give us some light. The beam didn't quite reach the place where I was working, so I had to guess where to nail. One leg of the ladder was resting on a stack of 3 rocks because of the uneven ground. Safety first. But we did



by Tumbleweed Smith

pretty good.

The house is still standing.

We've had a season of remodeling. Last spring we decided we wanted to replace the carpet in the living and dining rooms with painted concrete. Man, what a job. We had to take everything out of the china cabinet and store it someplace. We took the furniture from both rooms and stored it.

Then the concrete men started coming in with their big trucks, wheelbarrows and trowels. They put plastic over doorways and half way up the walls in both rooms. It was a mess and we lived with it all summer. It took longer than we imagined. There were problems every step of the way. Nothing went smooth. In the midst of all that, we started remodeling the office.

I've worked from my office at home for twenty years. During that time, I accumulated a bunch of stuff. I had nests, as my wife calls them.

Stacks of papers, equipment, all over the place. We called in an expert who charged us big bucks to look over our situation and tell us what we needed to do. He left and we haven't heard from him since.

We bought five huge storage cabinets and new desks and started throwing away things. People who move every five or ten years don't have the same problems as people who stay in one place for a long time. People who move regularly clean out their belongings each time they move.

People who don't move often just add to the stacks.

Just the other day we were preparing a meal for a houseful of company when our oven quit working. Its brain was fried. Wouldn't you think you could just get another oven, stick it in there and go on? No. The new one requires heavier electric wire than the previous oven.

Electricians had to come in, drill holes and string wire. Susan also has a new cook top coming. We have to call the plumber to dismantle the dishwasher so the electricians can string more heavy duty wire. There are no easy building or remodeling projects.

## Be careful what you pray for

I found myself wondering last week if our new neighbors at the YFZ Ranch have yet to appreciate the finer aspects of life in Texas. You know, the little things that make living here so grand. Little things like...Fire ants.

It seems that the little six-legged balls of fire thrive on the wet conditions we've been enjoying of late. Their population has been growing in recent years, but it's really exploding now. And, the folks who find themselves playing host to the pests aren't happy about it.

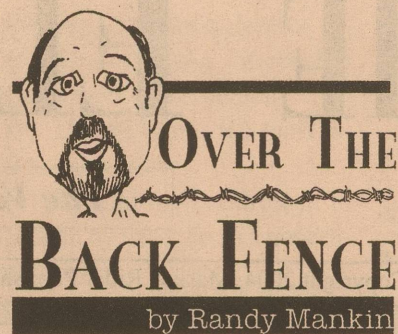
One fellow mentioned that he had tried everything he could think of to evict his new tenants from their digs, no pun intended, but nothing seemed to work for him. Not poison, not coffee grounds soaked in brine, not scalding hot water, not anything.

He spent several minutes last week, parked in the chair next to my desk while educating me on the finer points of Fire Ant combat.

Then came one of those moments, you know the kind, where one person in a group figures out the answer to a perplexing problem and it hits him, as if by divine inspiration, that he and he alone is privy to the answer.

That's how it was with my friend. He broke out in a big smile and I'm quite certain that I saw a twinkle in his eye.

"I've got it! I've got it!" the man exclaimed. "By George, I've



got it!"

Well now, how could I pass up an opening like that?

"Got what?" I asked.

"I have figured out how to get rid of my Fire Ants," he said, grinning from ear to ear.

Then he set about explaining how, during the 12th year of our most recent 7-year drought, we all gathered from time to time at the Memorial Building to pray for rain. And, he correctly pointed out that many times, when a prayer meeting was advertised, the rain would come before the meeting could be held, so folks just met anyway to give thanks.

"That's the answer," he said. "We prayed for rain and the Lord sent it. Now the damp soil is making it easy for the Fire Ants to take hold. So, let's just pray for the Fire Ants to go away!"

I had to admit his plan was amazingly simple, which is probably fitting. But, after considering it a bit longer I cautioned him to be careful what he prays for.

My warning wasn't prompted by any doubts as to God's ability to

eradicate Fire Ants. No, if He can wipe out Pharaoh's army, He can certainly deal with Fire Ants. My concern was that God sometimes answers prayers in ways we cannot predict.

A few months ago I found myself wishing Eldorado was a little bigger than it currently is. It was a normal wish for the owner of a newspaper whose livelihood depends on advertisers. Since the town currently lacks a car dealership, or a clothing store, or even a regular old-timey barber shop, I found myself adding my wish to my prayer list.

A month or two later came word that the YFZ Ranch wasn't really a hunting retreat but a new settlement for hundreds if not thousands of Fundamentalist Mormons from Utah and Arizona.

That wasn't what I had in mind, but then again, I've never been particularly good at talking God into doing things my way.

Thomas Kempis said it best way back in the 1400's. "Man proposes, but God disposes."

As I told all of this to my friend with the Fire Ant problem, he paused for a moment to consider the possibilities. Then he rose from the chair and headed for the door.

"What's your hurry?" I asked.

"I've got to go and find myself a hard hat," he replied. "Just in case my prayers are answered and it starts raining Aardvarks."

## Bad drivers to pay more for violations

AUSTIN — Bad drivers are in for their own form of October surprise.

The law's been on the books for more than a year, but Texas drivers with certain violations on their driving record are beginning to find that their actions were more expensive than they thought.

Under the driver responsibility program administered by the Department of Public Safety, motorists convicted of speeding or more serious charges such as driving while intoxicated, are going to have to pay the state fees or surcharges. If they don't pay, their driver licenses will be revoked.

The DPS had to hire an outside vendor to handle the program, but during October and November, roughly 5,000 bad news letters a day will be mailed to drivers with moving violations or DWI offenses on their record.

The costs range from \$100 for someone who accumulates six points for misdemeanor traffic violations during a three-year period to \$1,500 a year for three years (or



\$4,500 total) for a second offense DWI conviction.

The only good news from the violator's standpoint is that the vendor, Municipal Service Bureau, will be able to arrange monthly payments. The money will go to fund hospital trauma centers, emergency medical centers and the Texas Mobility Fund.

### Early voting starts Oct. 18...

Texas' election law says early voting begins on the 17th day be-

fore an election and must end on the fourth day before. With the general election Nov. 2, early voting begins Oct. 18 and continues through Oct. 29.

You don't have to offer any excuse to vote early, just go to wherever local election officials have set up as the place for early voting. Check your county clerk's office for locations.

To vote by mail, a registered voter still must declare a reason why he or she can't cast a ballot the traditional way on election day.

For more information on early voting, check the Texas Secretary of State's Web site at www.sos.state.tx.us.

### Dove hunter numbers...

Dove season continues for another couple of weeks (to Nov. 10 in the South Zone), though sunset is coming earlier each evening as fall gets into stride.

South Texas game warden Mike Bradshaw of Carrizo Springs says the season in his part of the state, which began in mid-September, has been OK though birds don't seem to stay in one particular area very long.

There are still more dove than hunters with some 392,000 seasonal shotguns having reported to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department that they bagged dove last year.

Speaking of numbers, Bradshaw says some conservationists are pondering what effect returning to half-day hunts would have. (Once upon a time, dove hunting did not start until noon each day.)

Despite the best efforts of Bradshaw and other game wardens, some hunters use a full day of hunting to illegally take one limit in a morning hunt and another in an afternoon hunt. But the limit per day is only 12 birds (15 in the North Zone), not 24.

### Check smoke detectors...

October is Fire Prevention Month and fire safety experts are urging homeowners to make sure their smoke detectors are working.

Officials recommend testing smoke detectors once a month and replacing batteries at least once a year.

## Weekly Crossword Puzzle

### ACROSS

1. Air force heroes
5. Like Peary's exploration
10. Manger visitors
14. Extinct bird of Mauritius
15. Gladiator's spot
16. Black, to birds
17. Al Pacino film of 1975
20. Farm digs
21. Conductor Sir Georg
22. Beethoven's "FYr"
23. Early Beatle Sutcliffe
24. British turnkey
25. Plant with fiery blossoms
31. Suffix with nickel
32. Diva's delivery
33. "Pygmalion" playwright
37. Ill-tempered
38. Rap sheet entry
39. Brazilian soccer star
40. Diarist Frank
41. "Famous" cookie man
42. Welk tune
43. Astronaut-turned-airline CEO
45. Low men at the Met
49. Industrious bug
50. Hollywood statuette

### DOWN

1. Totals up
2. Old geezer
3. Irritable
4. Lawn squares
5. Fork over
6. Evangelist

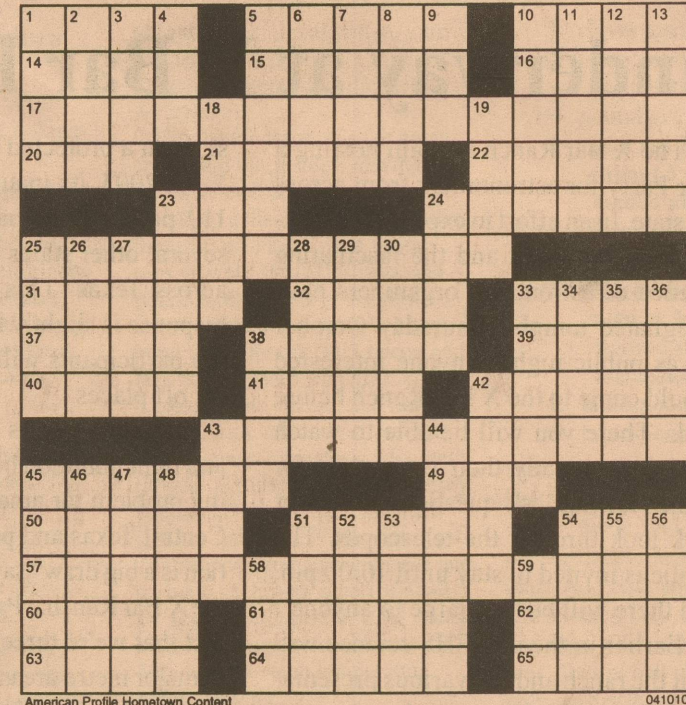
### ACROSS

64. Litigious ones
65. Cupid, to the Greeks

### DOWN

7. Southpaw's throwing arm
8. Opposed to
9. Dawn Chong
10. Park (Edison lab site)
11. Bubbling over
12. Golden-egg layer

### On a Roll



See solution on Page 6

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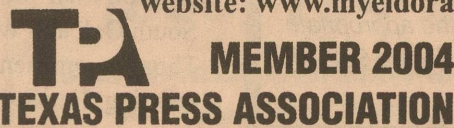
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# OBITUARIES

## Dorthea "Dee" Edith Self

BRADY — Dorthea "Dee" Edith Self, 83, of Rochelle, died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004. Services were held Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at Heritage Funeral Home with burial in Eldorado Cemetery. Survivors include sons, David Self of Clyde, Marshal Self of Crawford, Miss., and Richard E. Self of San Angelo; daughter, Aleta Kimbrough of Rochelle; sister, LaVoyce Sellman of Cherokee; and brother, Frank Nichols of Veribest.

## Viola Wood Henderson

ELDORADO — Viola Wood Henderson, 81, of Eldorado passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004, in Baylor Medical Center in Dallas from complications due to recent surgery to correct an aortic aneurysm.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8, in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Vi was born on Dec. 21, 1922, in Mellow Valley, Ala., to Joe and Bertha Wood. She came to San Angelo, Texas, in 1945 to work at Goodfellow Air Force Base. While employed there, she met Sam Houston Henderson on a blind date to the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo, and they were married on July 22, 1946, in San Angelo.

Although Viola initially wondered how anyone could live in this "God-forsaken place," Vi lived her entire life with Sam at their beloved ranch in Schleicher County. She was a homemaker, and everyone who ever worked a day at the ranch looked forward to her wonderful noon meals.

Vi was the Texas State Women's Archery Champion in 1954 and '55, and she was such an excellent shot with her .220 Swift that no one wanted to compete against her at the local turkey shoots — including the men. She loved to hunt and fish, and she and Sam hunted mule deer and elk for many years in Colorado and more recently at

their Lincoln Canyon Ranch near Flying H, N.M.

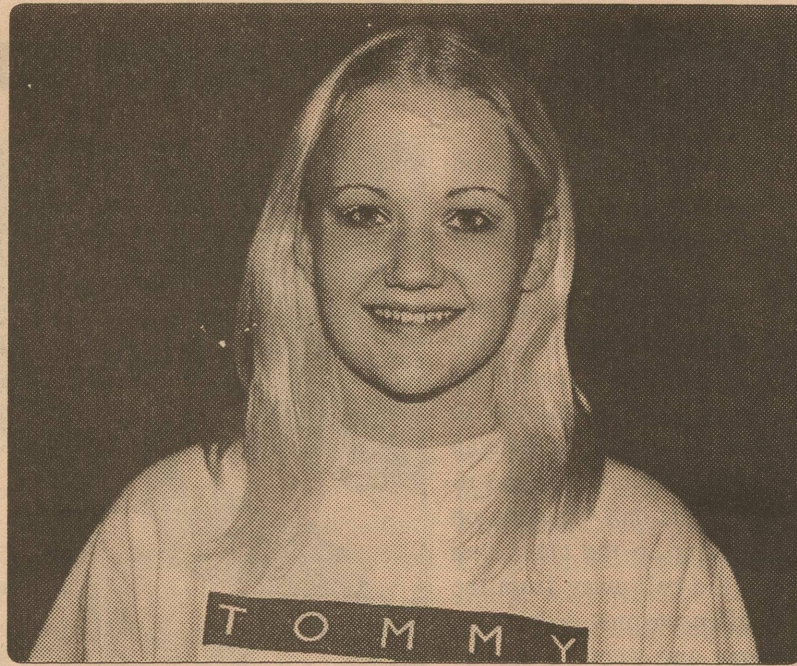
Vi enjoyed traveling with Sam, and they took faraway trips to Europe, Asia, South Africa and South America, as well as lots of weekend getaways to Lake Amistad and the Pecos River. They also enjoyed many excursions with friends in Alaska.

Her greatest joy and her proudest moments were spending time with Sam, her children and her grandchildren at their ranches in Texas and New Mexico.

Vi also served as a Schleicher County Commissioner.

Vi was preceded in death by her two brothers, Forrest and Terry.

She is survived by her husband, Sam; her children, Sam Henderson Jr. and wife Karen of Eldorado; daughter Shane Henderson of Eldorado; son Hunter Henderson and wife April of Midland; and son Forrest Henderson and wife Mickey of Flying H, N.M. Nanny is also survived by six grandchildren, Houston Henderson of Eldorado, Amy Nix of Glen Rose, Chandra "C'Jay" Jonas of San Angelo, Tiffany and Hailey Henderson of Midland, and Nicole Henderson of Flying H, N.M. She is also survived by her three sisters, Erma Carter, Nelda Gilbert and Mevalyn White, all of Alabama.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Candace Engdahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derek Engdahl, will compete in the Miss Junior Texas Teen Contest on this weekend.

## Candace Engdahl to compete in Miss Jr. Texas Teen contest

Candace Engdahl, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Derek Engdahl, recently won the title of Miss Junior Eldorado Teen and will be competing for the title of Miss Junior Texas on October 16 and 17. The winner of the state title will travel to Atlanta, Georgia to compete for the National Title of Miss Junior America!

Candace attends Eldorado High

School. She is being sponsored in the contest by a number of local businesses and individuals.

The Miss Junior America Pageant has been in existence for 20 years and offers it's contestants an experience of a lifetime with opportunities unlike any other pageant today. Many previous pageant winners, like Tiffani Amber Thiessen on "Beverly Hills 90201", among others have been discovered in the Miss Junior America pageant by well respected agents, managers, and casting directors who judge the competitions. For more information on the Miss Junior America Pageant, please call (800) 783-1115.

## Sheep & Goat validation dates slated

by Scott Edmonson  
County Extension Agent-Ag

Any youth that is wanting to show sheep and goat projects during the upcoming show season must have their animals validated during the month of October. This will take place on Saturdays, October 16th and 23rd at the high school ag department. Validation will occur from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on each day. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Extension office at 853-2132.

## Masons to host golf tourney

The Eldorado Masonic Lodge # 890 will be hosting a benefit golf tournament on Saturday, October 23rd, 2004 at the golf course here in Eldorado. This will be a two person select shot format. Cost is \$50/team and mulligans will be

\$5/each with a limit of two.

We will have a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. There will be lots of fun to be had and lots of prizes will be available. Proceeds from this tournament will go towards the many community service projects done by members of the Masonic Lodge. For more information or to sign up a team, contact Bob Bland at 853-2976 or Scott Edmonson at

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### OCTOBER

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15th Eva Jo Sessom, Eugene Bradshaw, Maggie Lee Issacs, Kristen Stubbs, Marcos Ryan Ramon, Aliyah Hernandez

16th Antonio Garcia, Don Robinson, Jessie Jenkins, Michael Caulder, Amanda Manning

17th J.B. Barker, Debbie Ballew, Shay Parker, Ninfa Fuentes, Laura Francis

18th Howard W. Mittel, Cory Barton, Thomas Ballew, Caleb Nixon, Clint Griffin, Mort Mertz

19th Cody Andrews, Elena Pina, Jessica Halbert, Isaiah Eric Estrada, Rene Calcote, Luis Huichapa, Nicho Fuentes

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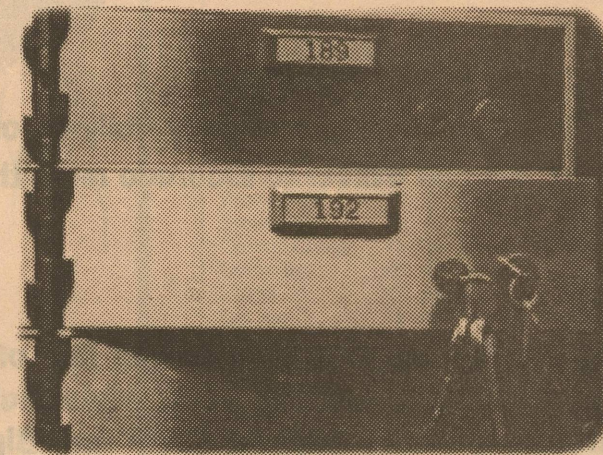
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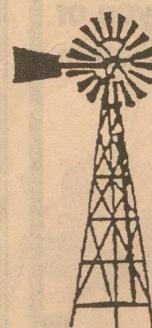
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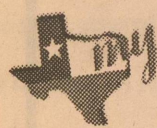


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# Eagles comeback fizzles in the drizzle

Eldorado trailed Reagan County 21-7 at the half and, at that point in the game, the contest probably wasn't as close as the scoreboard made it appear. It was a miserable first half for the Warbirds. They drew first blood on a 21-yard TD pass from Frank Edmiston to Terrell Boysaw, but the Reagan County Owls dominated the remainder of the half, chewing up yards, eating up the clock and keeping the ball away from the Eagles offensive unit. A drizzling rain came and went during the night, making it uncomfortable for the fans, too.

But the Eldorado team that took the field in the 3rd quarter seemed like a different squad. Bone-jarring tackles coupled with heads-up defensive play led to a series of Owl turnovers. The Eagles offensive unit could manage only one TD, however, when Andy Mejia ran the ball in from 4 yard out, despite getting the ball into the red zone two other times. Reagan County managed another score in the 4th period to make the final score 27-13.

The story of the game was in the stats, though. Reagan County



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Eagles defenders #13 Luis Hernandez #24 Tony Garcia and #61 Joey Hernandez teamed up to take down a Reagan County runner Friday night during District 2-2A action in Big Lake.

REAGAN COUNTY 27, ELDORADO 13	
SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Eldorado.....	7 0 6 0 13
Reagan County.....	21 0 0 6 27

GAME SUMMARY	
FIRST QUARTER	
Eldorado - Terrell Boysaw 21	pass from Frank Edmiston (Duran kick)
Reagan Co. - Matt Armstrong 3	run (kick failed).
Reagan Co. - Jose Torres 13	run (Torres run).
Reagan Co. - Joey Garcia 83	run (Adrian Carrasco kick)
THIRD QUARTER	
Eldorado - Andy Mejia 4	run (kick failed).
FOURTH QUARTER	
Reagan Co. - Carrasco 2	run (kick failed).

STATISTICS		
	Eldorado	Reagan Co.
First Downs .....	8	13
Rushing Yards .....	25-42	51-431
Passing Yards .....	93	55
Total yards .....	135	466
Comp-Att-Int .....	11-27-2	2-8-0
Fumbles-lost .....	0-0	7-4
Punts-avg .....	7-35	3-37
Penalties-yards .....	5-25	7-60

amassed 486 yards with all but 55 yards coming on the ground. For their part the Eagles gained 135 yards with 93 of those coming on pass plays.

The loss moves the Eagles season record to 3-3 and their District 2-2A record to 0-3.

The Eagles will travel tomorrow night to Junction to take on

the Junction Eagles. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m and everyone is encouraged to make the trip to Junction and support the Eldorado Eagles.

## Eagles JV spans Owls 44-14

The Eldorado Eagles Junior Varsity squad posted a 44-14 victory over the Reagan County Owls JV in the only game played in Eagle stadium last week. The win moves the Eagles JV record to 5-1 overall.

Russell Cathey, David Hernandez and Jeremy Ussery accounted

for Eldorado's scoring in the lopsided contest.

"Everyone played well," Eagles coach Don Richters said. "Adam Dominguez and Richmond Adame stepped up and played well on the offensive line. We need to play better defense in the upcoming games."



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

J.P. Joiner hauled in this pass as the Eagles JV coasted to a 44-14 win over Reagan County here last Thursday.

## School Lunch Menu



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**Tuesday, October 19**  
Cream of Wheat, Buttered Toast Jelly, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Wednesday, October 20**  
French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Thursday, October 21**  
Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Juice, Milk

**Friday, October 22**  
Cheese Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

### BASKET LINE

**Monday, October 18**  
Corn Dogs, Cole Slaw, Pork-n-Beans, Rosy Applesauce

**Tuesday, October 19**  
Pepperoni Hot Pockets, French Fries, Carrots Sticks, Dip, Apple Halves

**Wednesday, October 20**  
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Mixed Fruit

**Thursday, October 21**  
SteakBurger, French Fries, Sandwich salad, Peach Halves

**Friday, October 22**  
Cheeseburgers, Spicy Fries, Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Orange Halves

### CAFETERIA LINE

**Monday, October 18**  
Pork Choppets, Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Creamed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Rosy Apple sauce

**Tuesday, October 19**  
Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Apple Halves

**Wednesday, October 20**  
Chalupas, Cheese Cups, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Mixed Fruit

**Thursday, October 21**  
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**Friday, October 22**  
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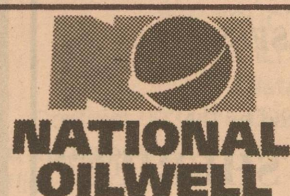
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## 7th and 8th grade Eagles win two games over Owls

Eldorado Middle School Eagles swept a double-header over Reagan County last Thursday in Big Lake.

In the eighth-grade contest, Austin Grubbs crossed the goal line from 3 yards out for the winning touchdown with 46 seconds left to lift Eldorado to a 20-12 win.

"The kids played another great game," Eagles coach Doran said. "I was impressed with the effort that our kids gave all throughout the game."

"We really gelled quickly in the fourth quarter when the game was tied. The offense was composed and came together to score the game-winning touchdown. Our defense did a great job of holding off their last minute efforts to keep Reagan County out of the end zone."

Eldorado, now 4-1 on the season, jumped out to a 12-0 lead in the first three minutes of the game.

Grubbs scored on a 10-yard touchdown run and then threw a 57-yard TD pass to Jesus Vasquez as the Eagles went up 12-0 at the 5:20 mark in the opening stanza.

Reagan County scored on a pass late in the first half and then tied the game one minute into the fourth quarter on a 4-yard touchdown run.

Kevin Dykstra and Dustin Ramirez made the stop on Reagan County's first conversion attempt, and Grubbs' tackle on

the second PAT kept the game tied.

The seventh-grade Eagles improved to 4-0 after posting a 34-0 victory.

"The guys played a great game against Big Lake," Eldorado coach Larry Mitchell said. "Shane Young, Hugo Rios and Ryan Castillo all played well on offense, and the defense was led by Abel Fuentes, Ivany Sanchez, and Tony McCord."

Fuentes recovered a fumble for the Eagles.

Eldorado jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the opening minutes of the game. Sanchez returned an interception 10 yards for a touchdown and then ran in the conversion.

Juan Medrano blocked a punt to give the Eagles' possession deep in Reagan County territory. On the next play, Wes Brown raced 31 yards for paydirt. David Tirado ran in the conversion for a 16-0 lead with 2:51 remaining in the opening stanza.

The Eagles sealed the victory with three more touchdowns in the second half. Sanchez scored on runs of 54 and 42 yards, respectively, and Tony McCord had an 18-yard touchdown run.

The sub-varsity teams resume action today against Junction. The junior varsity hosts the Eagles in a 6:30 contest. The middle school teams will play a double-header in Junction beginning at 5 p.m.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

And the beat goes on — Milo Vallejo played the trumpet during the halftime performance at last Friday night's football game in Big Lake. The Mighty Eagle Band will compete in the District VII, West Division, Marching Contest in Brady on Saturday. The band is slated to take the field at 1:40 p.m. as it pursues its 21st consecutive Division I rating.

## Ballew in new Swift Boat Ad

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Ray Ballew served in the Navy for 3 years and 5 months, beginning in December of 1967. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant, Junior Grade, and took command of a Swift Boat when he arrived in Vietnam in April of 1969. He finished his combat tour a year later and was honorably discharged from the Navy in May of 1971.

"I want to say that I didn't serve with John Kerry. He rotated home just as I was arriving in country," Ballew states. "But I served with men he served with and I resent the implication that we raped and murdered innocent civilians."

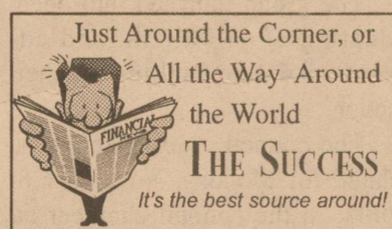
"All I want is for John Kerry to release his records and answer the questions raised by the Swift Boat Veterans," Ballew stated.

The TV ad, featuring the veterans is due to begin airing later this week.

"I doubt if it will be shown on local stations in Texas. It will probably be picked up on Fox News or one of the cable news channels," Ballew said. "I will mainly be shown in the states where Kerry is campaigning."

At press time, the Success has received no response from the John Kerry campaign regarding this story.

For more information about the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, log on to their website at: [www.swiftvets.com](http://www.swiftvets.com).



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### Elementary School Dad's Breakfast

Eldorado Elementary will be having a DAD'S BREAKFAST again this year on Tuesday, October 19. Breakfast will be served from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. in the elementary kitchen. Make sure and bring your son or daughter with you! We hope to have the students take this opportunity to show their dads or grand dads where their classroom is and tell them about how they spend their day.

This activity is being held to encourage dads (or a representative for a student: grandfather, step-dad, uncle, or etc.) to visit the elementary school and to acquaint themselves with other dad's in the school system. We will be cooking breakfast burritos. We will have hot coffee, juice, and all the fixings for tasty burritos. Your participation in this event will deliver a message to your child that you are interested in them and what they do at school. This will be a time of visitation for the dads, and we will also have the classroom open for you to look around.

I will be available to answer any questions you may have about our school system. I know everyone has a tight schedule in the morning, so you can come and go whenever you are ready to go to work. We will be here bright and early and will be ready to start serving at 6:30 a.m. Feel free to come at any time between 6:30 and 7:30. We do need a head count so that we can get the right amount of supplies for this event. This is only for elementary parents and students. Call us at 853-2770, ext. 521 and tell us if you are coming. Thank you.

Eric Garcia wears the 4th Place medal he won Sept. 25 at the Irion County High School Cross-Country Meet in Merizon. He placed 2nd on Oct. 9 at the Iraan Meet.

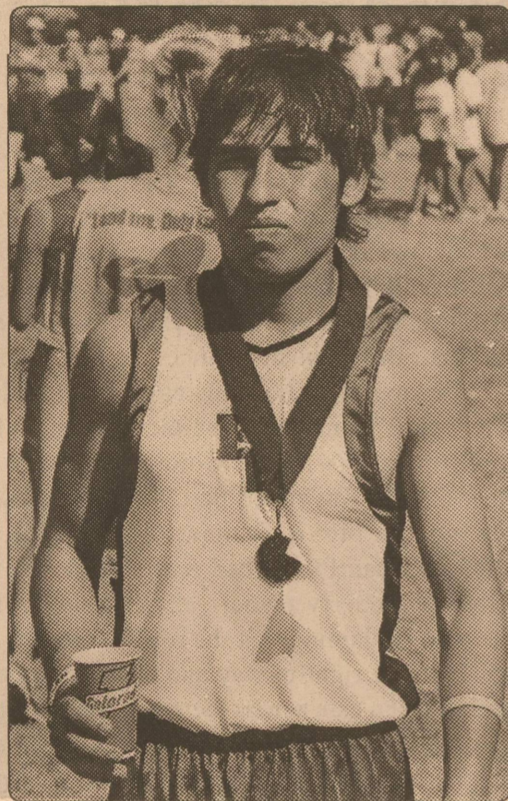


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## Eldorado C-Country teams keeps the beat, rain or shine

High school and Jr. high school runners competed at the Mertz Cross Country Meet on Sept. 25. The 2AA Varsity girls division had 118 runners. Running for Eldorado High School was Alicia Corrales-41st, 67th-Chandra Wanoreck, 72nd-Allison Reynolds.

Varsity Boys had 75 runners participating in the 2AA division: 4th-Eric Garcia, 21st-David Ramirez, 44th-Sammy Estrada, 48th-Jorge Mata, 59th-Drew Bosmans, 63rd-Russell Cathey.

Mertzon Jr. High Cross County Meet: Girls- 94 runners: 10th-Cassandra Buitron, 49th-Haley Higgins, 54th-Maureen Martinez, 63rd-Corie Williams, 78th-Marcela Huerta. Jr. High Boys-102 runners: 20th-Chris Minor, 21st-Rance Cathey, 42nd-Mason Baker, 48th-Mark Garcia, 85th-Johnathon Belman.

On October 2, during the Iraan Cross County Meet 104 runners participated in the Varsity boys division. Eric Garcia made the top ten placing 9th. Jeremy Ussery-15th, Louie Buitron-44th, Russell Cathey-58th, David Ramirez-61st.

In the 2AA Varsity Girls Division Alicia Corrales placed 43rd, Allison Reynolds placed 59th, and Chandra Wanoreck placed 64th.

Coach Edie Niblett stated "The rain held off until our kids were through and the weather was cool, but very comfortable for our kids to run. Our younger guys have really stepped up to the call and have improved tremendously. Because of their effort with the leadership of Eric and Jeremy; our varsity boy team placed 7th overall in the Iraan Meet."

Gearing up for district, the Eldorado High School Cross County Team competed in Abilene hosted by Abilene High School

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## City council meeting held

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in place to construct a volleyball court on the property and install some benches. Thomas said the fence would help restrict access to the courts and prevent vandalism.

A concern about liability to the city, if the church were allowed to construct a fence fifteen feet inside the city's right-of-way, seemed to end further discussion of the matter and the council voted to table the issue.

Elementary Principal Macla Edmonson then appeared before the council to ask that the intersection of North Oak Street and West Warner Avenue be designated as a four-way stop and that appropriate signs be installed. She also asked for the installation of additional School Zone signs around the school.

The council agreed with Ms. Edmonson's request and called a public hearing for the group's next meeting on November 8, 2004. Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay said that School Zone signs could be installed right away.

Mr. Fay then delivered his monthly report and updated the council on work in his various departments. He said that he was proud to report no water leaks in recent weeks and said that the gas department is continuing with a meter change out program. He

said recent rains have prevented work on the city streets and has caused the landfill to be closed for several days.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then presented her monthly report and advised that she is awaiting a report from the city's auditors. She went over the city's financial reports with the council.

Next, the council reviewed and approved the minutes of the Sept. 13, 2004 meeting, with one minor correction involving a date. They also reviewed the city's current bills and approved them for payment.

Discussion then turned to the city's noise ordinance and the need to extend the area around the hospital and nursing home where offensive noises will be banned. After reaching tentative agreement on proposed language for the ordinance the council called for a public hearing on the issue to be held at their next meeting on November 8, 2004.

Council members then authorized a resolution supporting the city's application for a grant under the Texas Community Development Program. If the \$174,988 grant is received, the city plans to upgrade the major water mains in the downtown business district. The grant will require the city provide \$26,250 in matching funds and in-kind service.

The council also agreed to assist Schleicher County with their application for a grant to improve the water distribution system in the Orient Heights addition. If the county is successful in getting the grant, the city will provide \$4,000 in matching funds or in-kind services.

Next, the council received a reviewed a letter from Alma Corbell, asking that eight and one-half acres of her property be deannexed from the city since the city provides no utilities to the property. After a brief discussion about the legality of deannexation, the council opted to table the matter pending the receipt of additional information.

At 9:00 p.m. Bill McCutcheon asked if the council could meet with Attorney James Kosub prior to an executive session with employees. Carolyn Mayo stressed the item wasn't on the agenda but Mr. Kosub replied that the council always has the right to meet in closed session with its attorney.

With that, the council met briefly behind closed doors with Mr. Kosub, who left the meeting after about five minutes. Floyd Fay then met with the council, emerging at 9:45 p.m. at which time Carolyn Mayo went in to meet with the council.

The group returned into open meeting at 11:00 p.m. and adjourned without taking further action.

The council's next meeting is slated for Monday, November 8, 2004, in the council chamber at City Hall.



Dalton Sales of Electra and Jose Duran of Eldorado are pictured above with drug dog Curly, of the Sweetwater Police Department. The students have been enrolled in the welding program at Texas State Technical College West Texas in Brownwood for the past year. They built the cage for the Sweetwater Police Department as their project for this semester. The cage provides Curly with much more room to roam around in the back of the suburban. Before having the spacious metal cage Curly was kept in a large pet carrier.

## County commissioners meet Monday, handle light agenda

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, Oct. 11, 2004 to discuss and act on several items of business. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin with Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown in attendance.

After approving the minutes of the Sept. 27th meeting, the men took up discussion of County Road 243. It was noted that, following the previous meeting, attorney Chad Elkins had sent a letter to property owners along the road explaining that the road was a public right-of-way and ordering that a gate across the road be unlocked. Judge Griffin said that he has received to response to the letter.

The commissioners then turned their attention to an offer from the Concho Valley Community Action Agency. Judge Griffin explained that the CVCAA had recently come in to possession of sixteen lots in the Edgefield Addition and that attempts to sell the property at auction had failed. The agency is now offering to give the property to Schleicher County provided it not be sold for a profit and be used only for the public good, Griffin explained.

During the discussions several suggested uses for the property were mentioned, including construction of additional public housing, construction of single family homes, and the possible use of the property to recruit a small manufacturing business into the county. One thing the commissioners did not care for, however, was the placing of any restrictions on the property. They formalized that position when they voted to accept the property without accepting any deed restrictions.

Next, the commissioners approved a written request from Rennond J. Kuykendall to close the South end of Depot Street. It was noted that the street already terminates at the Kuykendall property and that closing the street to traffic would allow a gate to be erected to prevent the public from gaining entry to the property. After a brief discussion the men decided to proceed with the closure. A public notice will be run and a sign will be posted at the end of the roadway in order to notify the public.

The commissioners then opened two sealed bids for a diesel fuel. Regal Oil of San Angelo bid \$1.7686 per gallon while Griffin Fuels of Eldorado bid \$1.75. The men voted unanimously to award the bid for a transport load of diesel to Griffin Fuels.

Next, the men approved a resolution supporting an application for a grant under the Texas Community Development Program. If

approved, the grant will allow the county to complete a water system upgrade, begun by the City of Eldorado last year, in the Orient Heights neighborhood. As part of the resolution the county pledged to provide \$13,925.00 in cash and in-kind services.

Commissioner Johnny Mayo then updated the men on a test program he authorized for a short length of County Road 113. Mayo noted that Sutton County has been applying a solution of Magnesium Chloride to their roads in order to hold down dust. He said a Sonora company was willing to apply the substance to a quarter-mile long stretch of the county road, at no cost to the county, as a test project. He said the solution was applied with a water truck and that he would report back with results at a future meeting.

In other business the commissioners expressed no objection to participating in the Texas Department of Agriculture's "Texas YES" program. A letter from Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs explained that the program is designed to promote growth and prosperity of Texas towns and counties.

Judge Griffin then explained that the county is looking for a Courthouse custodian and maintenance person. He noted that the two individuals who held those positions both quit their jobs last week. The judge explained that inmate labor from the jail will be used until replacements can be located and said that several people had already applied. Griffin added that he didn't want to "get in too big a hurry."

Next, the commissioners approved "by order of the court" a request from County Treasurer Karen Henderson to transfer \$105,000.00 from the General Fund money market interest-bearing account to the General Fund checking account. \$45,463.00 was also transferred from the Farm-to-Market MMIA account to the Farm-to-Market checking account and \$5,000.00 was transferred from the General Fund checking account to the Airport checking account.

County Clerk Peggy Williams then sought and received permission to hold Early Voting in the Commissioners Court Room on the first floor of the Courthouse. She noted that early voting begins on Monday, Oct. 18, 2004. Judge Griffin indicated the commissioners could move their Oct. 25th meeting upstairs to the court room or to the Memorial Building.

Before adjourning, the commissioners reviewed and approved the county's bills that had been received since their previous meeting.

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**Wednesday, October 20**  
 Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Toss Salad, Wheat Bread, Mandarin Orange, Milk

**Thursday, October 21**  
 Meat Loaf w/ Tomato Sauce, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Corn Bread, Banana Pudding, Milk

**Friday, October 22**  
 Turkey w/ Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Corn Bread Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Cabbage Salad, Pumpkin Pie, Milk



# Sales tax rebates show state economy growing

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced last week that the state took in \$1.16 billion dollars in sales tax in September, a 3.9 percent increase over September 2003. Strayhorn sent \$326.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 8 percent compared to last October. So far in 2004, local sales tax allocations are 8.2 percent ahead of last year.

"Nine of my ten economic indicators are positive and we have enjoyed an increase in sales tax collections for 13 months running," Strayhorn said.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent sales tax allocations of \$221.9 million to Texas cities, 6.9 percent more than October 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax rebates are up 8.1 percent. Texas counties received October sales tax rebates of \$19.3 million, up 10.2 percent compared to a year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 8.4 percent higher than last year.

Eighty-seven special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$8.6 million in sales tax, up 4.6 percent compared to last October. So far in 2004, sales tax allocations to special purpose dis-

tricts are up 6.7 percent compared to 2003. Nine local transit systems received \$76.4 million in October sales tax rebates, up 11.2 percent compared to a year ago. Year-to-date, transit sales tax revenues are up 8.6 percent.

September state sales tax collections and October allocations of local tax revenue represent sales that occurred in August.

Locally, Schleicher County and the City of Eldorado saw their rebates climb, up more than 34 percent county wide, and nearly 25 percent within the city, over the same period just one year ago. (See chart below)

State sales tax revenue for December, and January sales tax allocations to local governments represent sales made in November and reported to the Comptroller in December.

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

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Monday, Nov. 15.

October 2004 Sales Tax Rebates

Local Jurisdiction	Oct. '04	Oct. '03	% Change	2004 YTD	2003 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$7,205.05	\$5,769.53	24.88%	\$80,279.17	\$63,327.10	26.76%
Schleicher County	\$9,883.62	\$7,343.69	34.58%	\$86,557.72	\$75,904.85	14.03%
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$9,988.31	\$7,405.92	34.86%	\$85,425.19	\$69,792.74	22.39%

## Angel Tree

Applications MUST be turned in by November 10, 2004. No later than 3:00 p.m. and no late applications will be accepted. Children infants through the 6th grade only.

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It is also the responsibility of the parents to provide the correct sizes for your child/children. If you disagree with any decisions concerning this, you have the right to address the Child Welfare Board at their regular scheduled meeting. The date of the meeting is always posted 72 hours before the meeting at the Schleicher County Courthouse. Please contact Patsy Kellogg 853-2574 to be placed on the agenda.

## Trustees review SCISD's financial and academic report card

The Schleicher County Independent School District board of trustees met Monday evening, Oct. 11, 2004, and among other business, held a public hearing on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. It was noted the district received a Superior Achievement rating under the system for the 2002-2003 school year. No one from the public was present for the hearing or the public comment portion of the school board meeting.

The meeting was the board's regular monthly session and was called to order by Board President Jo Helen Kotsch, with trustees Eddie Albin, John Paul Joiner, Jan Wanoreck and Kurtis Homer in attendance. Trustees Berta Nicholson and Lupe Sanchez were absent.

Staff members on hand for the meeting were: Superintendent George Blanch, middle school principal Kara Garlitz, high school principal Bob Wanoreck, Business Manager Ray Ballew, Maintenance Superintendent John Kotsch and Librarian Debbie Griffin.

While reviewing the district's financial reports, Ray Ballew explained that the school's fund balance stood at \$1,272,499 on September 30, 2004. Of that amount, \$507,900 was designated for capital improvements while the remaining \$764,599 had not been designated for a specific purpose. The board also reviewed and approved the minutes of the Sept. 13, 2004 meeting.

Next, the trustees appointed the SCISD Textbook Committee for 2004-2005 school year consisting of teachers selected from each campus.

The board also learned that the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) recommended splitting a local policy, GKD,

into two policies, Local GKD for community relations as it concerns nonschool use of school facilities, and Local GKDA relating to nonschool use of school facilities for the distribution of nonschool literature. The board approved the change as presented.

The trustees then voted to continue a two-year electrical sales agreement with the Texas General Land Office.

Next, the board heard from Supt. Blanch regarding a tentative time line for a superintendent search, starting on Nov. 15 as the date to begin the search, continuing with January 31, 2005 as the application deadline, and February 28, 2005 as the date to name finalists. The trustees then went into executive session briefly to discuss personnel matters.

After returning to open session, the board heard an enrollment report from Supt. Blanch. He explained that the district had 580 eligible students on Oct. 1st. The word eligible indicates students who qualify for

state funds.

PEIMS Coordinator Darlene Huckaby was then recognized for submitting no errors to the 2003-2004 Person Identification Database (PID). The district's PID error rate was zero.


The Person Identification Database includes student records teacher reports and is submitted to the Texas Education Agency through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) which stores the data.

Supt. Blanch then explained the district and campus ratings received recently through the state's new accountability system known as TAKS. He noted that only five campuses in the region received an Exemplary rating,

one of those being Eldorado Elementary. The Elementary received a 100 percent score in Reading and Writing and a 95 percent score in Mathematics, it was explained.

Supt. Blanch noted that the High School and Middle School Science portion of one subgroup (economically disadvantaged) scores pulled down the averages for both campuses. The High School and Middle School were each rated as Academically Acceptable, the same rating received by the District.

Before adjourning, the trustees learned of the resignation of Food Service employee Patricia Narvaez. Mr. Blanch said he does not intend to fill the position.



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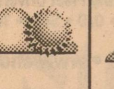



*Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in*

## THE ELDORADO SUCCESS CLASSIFIED ADS

### Eldorado Weather

#### Local 5-Day Forecast

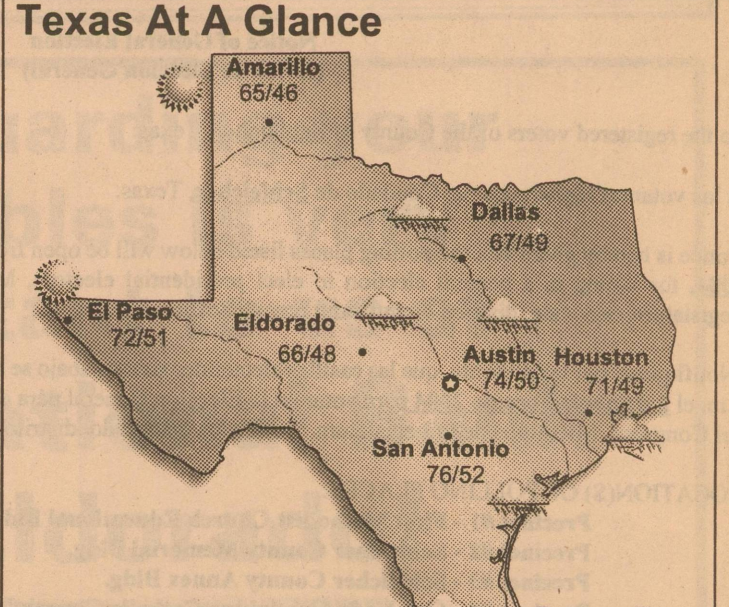
Fri 10/15	Sat 10/16	Sun 10/17	Mon 10/18	Tue 10/19
 <b>66/48</b> Morning showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	 <b>78/54</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	 <b>80/58</b> Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	 <b>80/60</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	 <b>77/57</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:07 PM

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Amarillo 65/46  
Dallas 67/49  
Eldorado 66/48  
El Paso 72/51  
Austin 74/50  
Houston 71/49  
San Antonio 76/52  
Brownsville 79/60


Area Cities			Area Cities		
City	Hi	Lo	City	Hi	Lo
Ablene	67	50	Kingsville	79	57
Amarillo	65	46	Livingston	68	44
Austin	74	50	Longview	63	43
Beaumont	69	47	Lubbock	66	48
Brownsville	79	60	Lufkin	65	46
Brownwood	70	49	Midland	69	48
Corpus Christi	76	59	Raymondville	79	57
Corsicana	66	46	Rosenberg	71	48
Dallas	67	49	San Antonio	76	52
Del Rio	75	54	San Marcos	74	48
El Paso	72	51	Sulphur Springs	65	42
Fort Stockton	70	52	Sweetwater	67	50
Gainesville	64	44	Tyler	64	42
Greenville	64	42	Weatherford	64	45
Houston	71	49	Wichita Falls	65	47


National Cities			National Cities		
City	Hi	Lo	City	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	69	43	Minneapolis	52	39
Boston	64	57	New York	67	59
Chicago	53	33	Phoenix	93	68
Dallas	67	49	San Francisco	78	54
Denver	61	41	Seattle	68	51
Houston	71	49	St. Louis	55	41
Los Angeles	81	61	Washington, DC	69	57
Miami	85	75			

#### Moon Phases

  
New  
Oct 14

  
First  
Oct 20

  
Full  
Oct 28

  
Last  
Nov 5

#### UV Index

Fri 10/15	Sat 10/16	Sun 10/17	Mon 10/18	Tue 10/19
7	7	7	7	7
High	High	High	High	High

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

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\*MONDAY-THURSDAY

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2:05 \*4:25 \*6:50 9:05  
Mr. 3000 (PG-13)  
2:10 \*4:30 \*6:55 9:10

\*RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE (R)  
2:25 \*4:45 \*7:10 9:25  
HERO dts (PG-13)  
2:20 \*4:40 \*7:05 9:20

CELLULAR (PG-13)  
2:30 \*4:50 \*7:15 9:30

\*PAPARAZZI dts (PG-13)  
\*6:45 8:45

PRINCESS DIARIES - 2 (G)  
2:00 \*4:20

ALIEN -VS- PREDATOR (PG-13)  
2:15 \*4:35 \*7:00 9:15

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# The Blotter

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

### ARRESTS

**October 4 •** Davis, Rani Christian, female age 20, arresting officer Irion County, offense Possession of a Controlled Substance. Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond Williams Bonds.

**October 7 •** Morris, Jeffery Jones, male age 31, arresting officer SC deputy, offense theft.

**October 8 •** Smith, Clifford Wayne, male age 45, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Driving While Intoxicated.

**October 8 •** Shurley, Colier Mitchell, male age 22, arresting officer Game Warden, offense Public Intoxication. Released with Citation.

**October 9 •** Campos, Elidoro Sanchez, male age 34, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrants.

**October 9 •** Ramos, Cecilia Espinoza, female age 34, arresting officer SC deputy, offense MTR - Possession of Controlled Substance.

**October 9 •** Arispe, Felix Jr., male age 19, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Assault and Interference with an Emergency Call.

**October 10 •** Sanchez, Adrian, male age 29, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Bail Jumping/FTA (driving suspended license).

### INCIDENTS

**October 4 •** 9:05 p.m. Caller reported a loose brown cow on county road 316 and 320. Officer responded.

• 9:12 p.m. Caller reported hearing shouting an possible gun shots. Officer responded.

• 9:15 p.m. Caller reported juveniles in a red car making noise at the Eldorado Place Apts. Officer responded.

**October 5 •** 4:42 p.m. Caller reported a wounded deer on the road. Officer responded.

• 9:03 p.m. Caller reported girls harassing her daughters at the

Eldorado Place Apartment Complex D. Officer responded.

**October 6 •** 1:30 a.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 7:40 p.m. Hospital requested an ACLS transfer. EMS responded.

• 10:19 a.m. Complainant requested an officer check on the welfare of an elderly female whose lifeline had gone off. Officer responded

• 9:27 p.m. Complainant requested an officer for a civil standby. Officer responded

**October 7 •** 9:02 a.m. Complainant reported a red heifer had been out for the last couple of days. Officer responded.

• 1:05 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a female having seizures. Officers and EMS2 responded.

**October 8 •** 12:52 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a elderly male who had collapsed. Officer and EMS2 responded

**October 9 •** 9:49 p.m. Complainant reported her husband hitting her, reported it not being the first time. Officers responded.

**October 10 •** 12:18 a.m. Complainant reported goats on road. Officer responded and owner was notified.

• 2:04 a.m. Complainant reported loud music playing. Stated it played the night before. Officer responded.

• 6:20 a.m. Complainant reported fire alarm was set off. EVFD Chief responded.

• 5:32 p.m. Complainant reported juveniles skate boarding at middle school. One individual had been told to leave several times that weekend but refused. Officer responded.

• 6:34 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary the night before at residence on highway 190. Officer responded

# Bleeding the Beast

The FLDS and its conflicting views about government

This is the second article in a series in which the Success investigates the beliefs and teachings of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and how they compare and/or contrast with past and present doctrines of the mainline Mormon Church.

Newcomers to the story about the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS) and its Prophet Warren Jeffs often struggle to understand the complex twists and turns of the tale. Most of them quickly home in on the polygamy aspect of the story, however, especially polygamy as it exists inside the closed society of the FLDS, where the Prophet makes all decisions concerning who will marry whom, and where anyone who questions his absolute authority to do so are promptly excommunicated.

Actually, excommunication may be too harsh a word. Inside the FLDS, errant followers are asked to leave and repent from a distance, but few if any, are ever asked to return to the fold.

Eventually, almost everyone who manages to follow the story for more than a few paragraphs finds themselves asking how a man with multiple wives, and even more multiple children, can provide for such a large family. The answer, according to many who have left the church, is a policy called "Bleeding the Beast."

Like other fundamentalist Mormon groups, the FLDS broke away from the mainline Mormon church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS), in the 1890s, primarily over the issue of polygamy. When the LDS renounced the practice of polygamy, or plural marriage, many conservative believers held firmly to what they called "the

principle" and blamed the United States government for pressuring the church.

The government had, in fact, enacted a series of anti-polygamy laws before the Edmunds-Tucker Act of 1887 was passed, disincorporating the LDS church and forfeiting to the federal government all church property worth more than \$50,000.00. The action proved to be more than the LDS leadership could withstand. In 1890 President Wilford Woodruff issued an edict, known today as the Woodruff Manifesto, denouncing the practice of polygamy and forbidding it among the LDS followers.

So it was that many ardent polygamy supporters withdrew to remote sections of the American West in order to continue the practice of the principle, while at the same time harboring a deep resentment against the U.S. government. They also shunned any dealings with the new state government in Utah, which most fundamentalists viewed as a lackey of Washington, D.C.

The group of fundamentalist Mormons who settled along the banks of Short Creek on the Utah/Arizona border were no different. They and their leaders went to great lengths to avoid any contact with the government that they no longer trusted. Their distrust seemed to be confirmed in 1953 when Arizona Governor Howard Pyle sent an army of law enforcement officers rolling into Short Creek, arresting 31 of men and detaining hundreds of women and children to be held in "foster care" for some thirty months. The Short Creek Raid, as it came to be known, proved to be a public relations nightmare and Governor Pyle was voted out of office. The families of Short Creek were soon returned to their homes.

In the years following the raid attitudes in Short Creek, or Colorado City, Arizona, as the town soon became known, began to change. Even as the group's prophet LeRoy Johnson admonished his followers not to accept government help, others within the group began quietly pursuing state and federal assistance, for both public projects and the town's impoverished families.

"I believe it is within the power

of this people to continue to build up and establish the Kingdom of God and come under no other covenant or government...I am more determined today that every before to turn down that enticing element to accept of government aid, because the minute we accept government aid we come under their power," Prophet Leroy Johnson told his flock on Sept. 25, 1966.

That sentiment was reflected by another FLDS leader, Marion Hammon, according to Ben Bistline, author of "The Polygamists, A History of Colorado City." Hammon is quoted as saying from the pulpit, "There is nobody here but us chickens," meaning that it was up to the people of Colorado City to build up their town and that accepting government assistance would give the control of the town over to federal authorities.

Others disagreed, however, and pointed out that the fundamentalist Mormons, who had been victims of government persecution, were owed money by that same government. These men slowly gained the upper hand within the inner workings of the FLDS as they sought ever more inventive ways to access state and federal dollars. Chief among these was Fred Jessop, a community leader who led the effort to incorporate the City of Hildale on the Utah side of the border and who was successful in getting a highway built to the town.

Soon, the informal policy known as Bleeding the Beast took on a life of its own. According to the Aug. 11, 2003, edition of the Prescott Daily Courier, the policy's ominous name was a reference to a similar practice implemented by LDS founding prophet Joseph Smith and his successor Brigham Young during the height of Mormon persecution,

The practice reportedly spread quickly as it gained acceptance among the FLDS faithful, which happened to coincide with the explosive growth of state and federal assistance programs. Multiple wives, who were married in church, but not in the eyes of the law, began applying for state assistance. Food Stamps and federal programs like WIC, which provide nutritional assistance to low-income women and children, were also tapped. So were healthcare dollars through Arizona's AHCCCS program, which provides most of the medical insurance for residents in Colorado City AZ. Last year over 4,000 residents were enrolled, reportedly costing the state about \$8 million a year.

An in-depth report published in the Daily Courier noted that about half of the fundamentalists in Colorado City receive food stamps, compared to five percent statewide, costing just over \$3 million a year.

The report continues, noting that a mere five years ago there were no Colorado City children getting child care assistance, but last year the number stood at about 200 -- which cost the state another

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(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., **November 2, 2004**, for voting in a general election to elect presidential electors, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county, and precinct officers;

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el **2 de noviembre de 2004** para votar en la Elección General para elegir electores presidenciales Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto

#### LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES:

- Precinct #1 - First Methodist Church Educational Bldg.
- Precinct #2 - Schleicher County Memorial Bldg.
- Precinct #3 - Schleicher County Annex Bldg.
- Precinct #4 - Our Lady Guadalupe Catholic Church/Head Start Bldg

#### (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

- Precinto #1 Primera Iglesia Metodista / Edificio de Educación
- Precinto #2 Edificio Memorial del Condado de Schleicher
- Precinto #3 Edificio Annex del Condado de Schleicher
- Precinto #4 Iglesia Católica de la Virgen de Guadalupe / Edificio de Educación

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

Schleicher County Clerk's Office  
Courthouse Square  
2 North Divide  
Eldorado, Texas 76936

(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

En la Corte, en la Oficina de la Secretaria del Condado de Schleicher  
2 del Norte Divide  
Eldorado, Texas 76936

between the hours of **9 a.m. and 5 p.m.** beginning on **October 18, 2004** (entre las **9 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde** empezando el **18 de Octubre del 2004**)

and ending on **October 29, 2004** (y terminando el) **29 de Octubre 2004**

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
Peggy Williams, County Clerk  
P. O. Drawer 580  
Eldorado, Texas 76936

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)  
Peggy Williams, Secretaria del Condado de Schleicher  
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Eldorado, Texas 76936

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: **October 26, 2004**

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: **26 de Octubre del 2004**

Issued this the **17 day of September, 2004** (Emitada este dia **17 de Septiembre, 2004**)

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Dist/Div: San Angelo

Contract 0034-06-009 for SEAL COAT in RUNNELS County, etc will be opened on November 09, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 14367  
State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704; Phone: 512-416-2540  
Dist/Div Office(s): San Angelo District; District Engineer; 4502 Knickerbocker Rd; San Angelo, Texas 76904; Phone: 325-944-1501.

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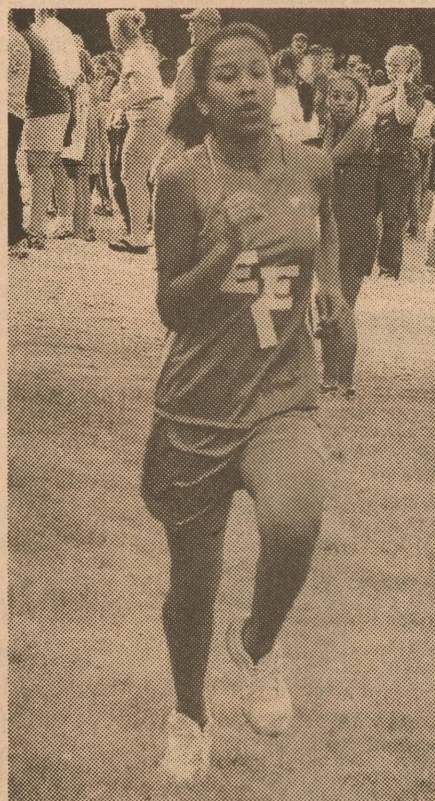
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### SCHLEICHER COUNTY

##### TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Schleicher County is giving notice of the county's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application requested is \$174,000 for water system improvements in the Orient Heights and Three Sisters Editions. The application is available for review at Schleicher County Court House during regular business hours.

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Shrimp, Potato and Green Bean Salad With Pesto Vinaigrette

## Small-Batch Cooking

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Surprisingly, nearly 60 percent of America's households today consist of just one or two people. If you live in one of these homes, you're in the majority — and you already know it's time to rethink dinner. It's time to think small.

But small doesn't have to mean boring. Some of the nation's top culinary experts have recently written cookbooks filled with delicious recipes serving one or two. They use versatile staples, like nutritious potatoes, in new ways. And they've learned to be creative when buying ingredients to avoid waste.

Treat yourself to some fresh home-cooking tonight. You'll be in good company.

## Shrimp, Potato and Green Bean Salad With Pesto Vinaigrette

By Joyce Goldstein, author of "Solo Suppers"

- 4 small red potatoes
- Salt
- 2 ounces green beans, trimmed and cut in 2-inch lengths
- 6 large shrimp (or 8 medium), shelled and deveined
- 3 tablespoons basil pesto
- 2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
- Freshly ground black pepper

In saucepan, cover potatoes with cold water. Bring to boil, reduce heat, add salt, and simmer until cooked through but firm. Drain and cool to room temperature.

Bring small pot of salted water to boil. Drop in green beans and cook 2 to 4 minutes or until tender-crisp. Remove with slotted spoon and refresh in ice water. Drain again and pat dry. Keep water at boil and drop in shrimp. Cook 3 minutes or until shrimp turn pink. Drain and refrigerate.

For dressing, thin pesto with vinegar. Season with salt and pepper.

To serve, cut potatoes into 1/4-inch slices and toss with green beans and most of the dressing. Place on salad plate. Top with shrimp and drizzle with additional dressing, if desired.

Serves one.

For more recipes, visit [www.potatohelp.com](http://www.potatohelp.com)



Stuffed Baked Potatoes "Lorraine"

## Stuffed Baked Potatoes "Lorraine"

By Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough, authors of "Cooking for Two"

- 2 medium Russet potatoes (about 1/2 pound each)
- 3 slices thick-cut bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 small leek, white part only, rinsed and thinly sliced (about 1/3 cup)
- 1 large egg yolk, room temperature
- 1/3 cup milk
- 6 tablespoons shredded Gruyère or Swiss cheese, divided
- (about 1 1/2 ounces)
- Pinch nutmeg
- Salt and pepper
- 2 pinches paprika

Position rack to center of oven; preheat to 400°F. Place potatoes directly on oven rack and bake until skins are crunchy and insides are soft when gently squeezed, about 50 minutes. Remove from oven and cool about 30 minutes. Lower oven temperature to 300°F.

Sauté bacon over medium heat until browned and crisp, about 4 minutes. Use slotted spoon to transfer bacon to small bowl. Discard all but 1 tablespoon fat in skillet. Add leeks and reduce heat

to low. Sauté, stirring often, until soft and golden, about 5 minutes. Transfer contents of skillet to bowl with bacon.

Cut the top third off each potato and scoop out insides, leaving 1/4-inch shell all around to keep skin from collapsing when restuffed. Scrape potato flesh from inside tops as well. Press flesh through potato ricer into large bowl, or mash with hand masher in large bowl until smooth. Mix bacon and leek mixture with egg yolk, milk, 4 tablespoons cheese, and nutmeg. Season with salt and pepper and add mixture to potatoes. Mix well. Divide mixture between the empty potato shells and place in small shallow baking dish. Top each with 1 tablespoon remaining cheese and sprinkle each with pinch of paprika. Bake 20 minutes or until cheese melts and turns golden. Let stand 5 minutes at room temperature before serving.

Serves two.

## Potato Pork Stir-Fry

By Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough, authors of "Cooking for Two"

- 1 1/2 tablespoons peanut oil
- 2 medium scallions, sliced
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh ginger, peeled and chopped

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes or to taste with bacon.
- 1/4 pound ground pork
- 1 small red bell pepper (about 5 ounces), cored, seeded and diced
- 1 1/2 cups broccoli florets (about 3 ounces)
- 2 cups packaged refrigerated or frozen and thawed shredded potatoes (about 3/4 pound)
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce

Heat wok or large skillet over high heat. Swirl in oil; add scallions, ginger, garlic, and crushed red pepper flakes, then stir-fry 15 seconds. Add pork and cook, tossing and stirring, until cooked through and lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Toss in bell pepper and broccoli; stir-fry 2 minutes. Sprinkle potatoes over vegetables and pork; cook without stirring 30 seconds. Gently but thoroughly toss, then continue cooking 1 to 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour in rice vinegar and soy sauce; cook, stirring, for 20 seconds, until sauce bubbles. Serve immediately.

Serves two.

Materials courtesy of United States Potato Board

## Election reminders from the County Clerk

Just a Reminder that the November 2, 2004 General Election is just around the corner. We are hoping for a large voter turnout this year since it is a presidential election. I thought I would pass along the following information in hopes that it might be helpful and possibly make the voting process run smoother for everyone.

Some of you that voted in the March Primary earlier this year are already aware of the new law that requires the voter to show his/her voter registration card. (Sec. 63.0101) Even though I may have personal knowledge of who you are, it is required, so please make every effort to have your voter registration card with you when you come in to vote. If you have misplaced your voter registration card and your name is on the voter registration list, please do not think that you can not vote. In this case you will have to show the election clerk one of the following forms of identifications before proceeding to vote: (REMEMBER THIS IS A NEW LAW - THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS)

(1) a driver's license or personal identification card issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

(2) a form of identification containing the person's photograph that establishes the person's identity

(3) a birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and

establishes a person's identity

(4) United States citizenship papers issued to the person

(5) United States passport issued to the person

(6) official mail addressed to the person by name from a governmental entity

(7) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name & address of voter or

(8) any other form of identification prescribed by the Secretary of State.

Early voting by personal appearance begins October 18, 2004 and continues through the close of business October 29, 2004 in the County Clerk's office located on the first floor of the courthouse. We will be conducting early vote during our regular business hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm with the exception of the normal lunch hour 12 noon until 1:00 pm. Everyone is eligible to vote early and we encourage anyone wanting to vote early, to do so.

Curbside Voting: (Sec. 85.034) For those persons that can not come inside the courthouse to vote early or inside the polling place on election day to vote due to needing assistance, curbside voting is an option. An election official is allowed to carry a ballot to a voter at the curb along with the proper paper work. Your ballot will be handled as a secret ballot just as it is in the polling place.

Ballot by mail is offered to those voters who are:

1. 65 years of age or older
2. Disabled
3. Confined in jail and who have not yet been convicted of a felony

4. Expected absence from the county on election day or during the early voting period

Anyone that qualifies to vote by mail may call my office at (325) 853-2833 ext 72 and request an application.

Election Day voting will be conducted between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm November 2, 2004 at the following polling places:

Precinct #1 First Methodist Church Education Building

Precinct #2 Schleicher County Memorial Building

Precinct #3 Schleicher County Annex Building

Precinct #4 Our Lady Guadalupe Catholic Church - Head Start Building

If you are not sure what precinct your live in, again feel free to call my office and ask. We will be happy to give you that information.

I encourage you to call me at the above phone number with any election questions that you may have. We would like to see everyone to have the opportunity to vote in the upcoming General election.

## Bleeding the Beast

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\$600,000. These benefits can reportedly be paid to care-providers who are related to the children, so sometimes one wife can get paid for taking care of another wife's kids. In all, Colorado City gets back about eight dollars in benefits for every dollar the residents pay in state taxes, while for the rest of Mohave County, Arizona the ration is near one-to-one.

Fire and EMS services in the twin cities of C-City/Hildale, which were nearly non-existent until recent years, have received hundreds of thousands of dollars

in state and federal grants. Some published reports put the number even higher, claiming that more than \$1.8 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has flowed into the town to pave streets, upgrade fire equipment and build a water-storage tank. Hildale got \$94,000 for its fire station. And the government-financed airport on the edge of Colorado City costing \$2.8 million.

Before long, government was big business in the former settlement of Short Creek, and served as a major employer. It was only natural that FLDS members would dominate the local governing bodies since the church's members counted for the vast majority of the two towns' residents.

Recently, the Colorado City School system reported their 2004-2005 budget at \$6,794,474.00 to fund a staff of 123 teachers and aides while serving a total of 342 students. That comes to \$19,866.88 per student.

Not counted in the school's staffing number were other auxiliary employees like bus drivers, cafeteria and maintenance workers. It has been noted that while the teaching staff consists almost entirely of non-FLDS members, the administration and all support staff are members of the fundamentalist group that no longer sends its children to public schools.

Jon Krakauer, author wrote in his book "Under the Banner of Heaven" that fundamentalist leaders in Colorado City view the whole process as "creative budgeting." He says that they regard it as a "virtuous act."

For her part, Flora Jessop, who says she fled the group in order to escape living a forced polygamous lifestyle, says of the people in Colorado City, "They are told to go on welfare. It's called 'bleeding the beast' and they find it amusing that Satan is supporting God's work."

The Success continues to seek input from FLDS leaders, including those currently living and working at the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado. So far, there has been no response from the group.

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