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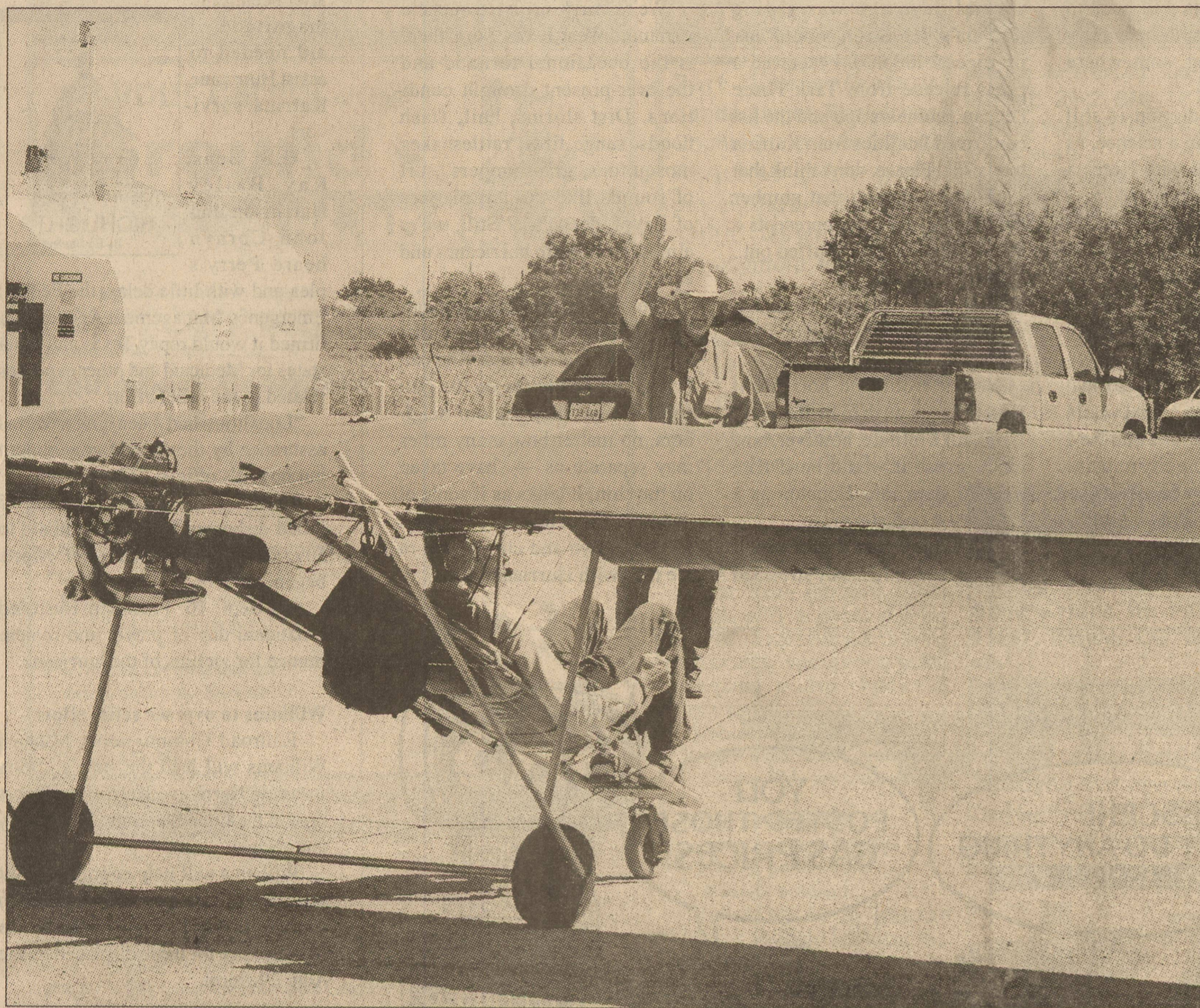


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Mark Stull of Christoval taxis his ultra-lite airplane as Gorge Spinks gives directions. Stull, who once kept his homemade plane at the Eldorado Airport, was among twenty or so pilots to attend a fly-in at the airport last Saturday. In all, more than 75 people attended the fly-in where they enjoyed a barbecue lunch, as they looked over one another's airplanes and talked shop. The event served as the grand opening for Schleicher County's new airport and was hosted by several local pilots.

No public input on county's tax increase

Schleicher County Commissioners met for two special public hearings on Thursday, September 15 and Monday, September 19 for the purpose of receiving public comment, but no one from the public appeared to address the issue.

Among other business the men conducted at the Sept. 15 meeting was the purchase of five voting machines and computer software. The action was necessary to comply with new federal law requiring voting machines be accessible at all polling places in order to assist handicapped voters.

Commissioners Bill Clark, Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown

were present for the Sept. 15 meeting, which was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin.

Besides buying voting machines, the men also heard a request from Eldorado Elementary principal Maela Edmonson who asked the county waive or reduce fees at the Civic Center so that a Parent Teacher Organization festival could be held on Oct. 29th. The men set a one-time cleaning fee of \$100 for the event.

The commissioners then passed Resolution No. 091505 declaring their intent to adopt a map of county roads that will clarify the existence of public

interest in certain roads. The men will hold a public meeting on March 13, 2006 in order to receive comments on the matter. The map, which includes fifty-two county roads, will be on exhibit at the Schleicher County Courthouse before the public meeting in March.

The commissioners also adopted and signed a resolution supporting the National Incident Management System (NIMS). As stated in the resolution the Homeland Security Presidential Directive requires state and local governments adopt the NIMS by the fiscal year 2005 as a precondition for the receipt of federal grants for certain disaster and hazard situations. As part of the measure, all emergency first responders must complete a basic training course before Oct. 1, 2006.

The meeting on Monday, Sept. 19, 2005 was attended by Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown. Commissioner Bill Clark was absent.

Following the second public hearing on the proposed tax rate, the men voted to meet Monday, September 26, 2005 at 9:00 a.m., at which time they plan to vote on the proposed tax rate.

The commissioner then held a public meeting on the proposed 2006 budget, with no one from the public appearing.

Judge Griffin advised the commissioners that the court budget will have to be adjusted slightly to accommodate a mandated pay increase for court reporters and the administrator of the 51st District Court.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones then spoke with the court about purchasing equipment to put a new water truck together. Jones said he is still looking for a vehicle to mount the new tank and pump.

Before adjourning, the men approved an indigent request for payment of a utility bill in the amount of \$42.60.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Even before the storm approached landfall, Army National Guard Sgt. Jason Charboneau (Left) and his brother, Spc. David Charboneau (Right) departed Eldorado Tuesday evening to assist with recovery efforts from Hurricane Rita. Jason Charboneau was dispatched to Temple, TX while David Charboneau was sent to Galveston to await Rita's arrival.

City council meets, raises utility rates

The Eldorado City Council raised utility rates Monday evening following a hearing at which no one from the public appeared to comment on the matter. Water rates were increased from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons with the minimum residential rate staying at \$10 for the first 3,000 gallons.

Likewise, natural gas rates went up as the overhead charge, the amount the city charges above the price it pays to West Texas Gas, rose from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 1,000 cubic feet.

An assortment of other city fees, including garbage fees and tapping fees in the water and gas department, also went up. The council decided, however, to postpone implementation of a higher fee for summer gas re-connects, but that fee, too, will go up next year when the price increases from \$5 to \$20.

The meeting was held Monday night to make up for the one last week that was cancelled when not enough council members were present to make a quorum. Mayor John Nikolauk called the meeting to order with council members Juquin Rojas, Richard Mendez, Tommy Minor and Dora Bosmans in attendance. Council members Bill McCutcheon and Toni Sudduth were absent.

Also on hand for the meeting were City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay. So was Fire Chief and Emergency Services Coordinator Jerry Jones, who met with the council to ask them to approve a resolution supporting the National Incident Management System. He explained that the resolution was required if the city hoped to continue receiving Home-

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Polygamous AZ cop failed to report sex abuse cases

Sam Roundy, the former police chief of Colorado City, AZ told state officials recently that he failed to report numerous cases of sexual abuse to child welfare authorities. Roundy, 50, reportedly declined to admit to practicing polygamy but did acknowledge that he cohabitated with his wife and two companions with whom he had 21 children.

Roundy's admissions came as part of an ongoing investigation by the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board into the Colorado City police department.

AZPOST officials say it is likely Roundy will be decertified when the board next meets on Oct. 19.

The state of Utah moved to revoke Roundy's peace officer certification last year, at which time he resigned as chief of the department that polices the twin communities of Hildale, UT and Colorado City, AZ. The two cities are actually one town that straddles the Utah/Arizona border.

Transcripts of Roundy's interview with AZPOST investigators indicate that he admitted to not reporting as many as 25 cases of sexual abuse to the proper

authorities. Among those was the child molestation indictment of David Leroy Steed, 22, of C-City, AZ.

State law required Roundy to report the incidents to Child and Family Welfare officials.

Roundy told investigator Dan Altene that he didn't realize he was supposed to report the cases. "Maybe I've been in Hicksville too long and not looking out at what's coming in," Roundy stated.

Roundy further admitted to investigators that while serving as police chief he worked as a volunteer security guard for leaders in the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a polygamous Mormon sect headquartered in Colorado City/Hildale.

The sect's present leader, Warren Jeffs, in Arizona on state warrants for arranging and performing marriages with underaged girls. He is also wanted on federal charges of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Many of Jeffs followers moved to Schleicher County in 2004 where they are building a massive white temple on the YFZ Ranch, some 4 miles north-northeast of Eldorado on County Road 300.

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Abetting North Korea's Nuclear Ambition

Far from disarming North Korea, "diplomacy" strengthens it.

by Elan Journo

The draft agreement to end the nuclear standoff with North Korea is already being celebrated as a triumph for "diplomacy." President Bush has cautiously lauded the new deal as "a step forward in making this world a more secure place." Under the agreement, North Korea will receive economic aid, free electricity, and guarantees against U.S. attack in return for signing the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and abandoning its suspected nuclear weapons program.

But isn't this exactly what the United States has tried in the past?

In the early 1980s, alarmed at North Korea's construction of a nuclear reactor capable of yielding weapons-grade material, America tried to induce the North to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. By 1985, after much stonewalling, Pyongyang finally agreed to ratify the treaty—but then demanded military concessions in return for promising to forgo nuclear weapons. Rather than dismissing these demands as extortion by a hostile nation, by 1992 the United States had agreed to cancel its military exercises in the area and to withdraw U.S. nuclear weapons stationed in South Korea; the South gave up its nuclear program and also offered a non-aggression pact and economic benefits. During this period, meanwhile, the North, bolstered by guarantees of security and the West's willingness to swallow its lies, completed two reactors capable of yielding weapons-grade fuel.

In 1993, after preventing required inspections of its nuclear facilities, Pyongyang announced its intention to withdraw from the treaty. Our response? More "diplomacy"—in the form of the "Agreed Framework," brokered in 1994. Under this scheme the North agreed to freeze its plutonium program in exchange for two light-water nuclear reactors (putatively for generating electricity) and, until the reactors were operational, 500,000 metric tons of oil annually (nearly half its annual needs). The United States, along with Japan and South Korea, paid for these lavish gifts. The agreement also provided for the lifting of trade and diplomatic restrictions, previously imposed as penalties for North Korea's aggression against its neighbors.

This shameful deal openly rewarded the North—already closer to acquiring nuclear weapons—for its aggression and lies, and furnished it with the means to become a worse threat. And indeed, by 2003—when the North actually did withdraw from the treaty—it was clear that Pyongyang had continued secretly to develop weapons-capable nuclear technology.

The pattern is clear: the North threatens us, we respond with negotiations, gifts and concessions, and it reemerges with even greater belligerence.

Without economic aid, technical assistance and protracted negotiations affording it time, it is unlikely that the North—continually on the brink of economic collapse—could have survived, let alone built the fourth-largest army in the world. The North is believed to have sold long-range ballistic missiles to Iran, Yemen, Pakistan and Syria. By some estimates, North Korea already has the material to create eight nuclear bombs. As it doubtless will continue engaging in clandestine nuclear development, the North may soon be wielding—and selling—nuclear weapons.

What made this cycle of appeasement possible—and why do our political and intellectual leaders insist that further "diplomacy" will work? Because they cling to the fiction that North Korea shares the basic goal of prosperity and peace. This fantasy underlies the notion that the right mix of economic aid and military concessions can dissuade North Korea from its nuclear ambition. It evades the fact that the North is a militant dictatorship that acquires and maintains its power by force, looting the wealth of its enslaved citizens and threatening to do the same to its neighbors.

But this abstract fact, the advocates of "diplomacy" believe, is dispensable; if we ignore it, then it ceases to exist. Notice how, in preparing the way for renewed talks, the Bush administration ceased describing North Korea as part of an "axis of evil"—as if this could alter its moral stature.

What the advocates of "diplomacy" believe, in effect, is that pouring gasoline onto an inferno will extinguish the fire—so long as we all agree that it will. Thus: if we agree that North Korea is not a hostile parasite, then it isn't; if we pretend that this dictatorship would rather feed its people than amass weapons, then it would; if we shower it with loot, it will stop threatening us. But the facts of North Korea's character and goals, like all facts, are impervious to anyone's wishful thinking. Years of rewarding a petty dictatorship for its belligerent actions did not disarm it, but helped it become a significant threat to America.

There is only one solution: the United States and its allies must abandon the suicidal policy of appeasement.

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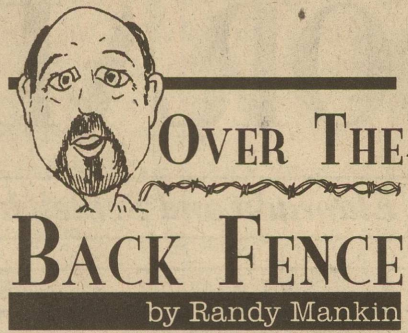
Round Two — Hurricane Rita

As I write this, the eye of Hurricane Rita is passing just south of Key West Florida as the storm churns westward toward a predicted landfall on the Texas gulf coast. Hurricanes are notoriously tricky beasts whose paths are difficult, if not impossible to predict. As it stands now, forecasters believe Rita will hook to the north and come ashore early Saturday morning, somewhere near Houston.

Hurricane prediction is still more of an art than a science, as we were reminded with Katrina. Three days before landfall most people believed Katrina would strike the Florida panhandle. Katrina proved to have a mind of her own, much to the dismay of those along the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama coastline.

One newscaster said today that he shuddered to think what would happen if Rita slammed into New Orleans. Much of the city remains submerged in the wake of Katrina. The death toll, he said, would be staggering.

This was the same guy who



several days ago was saying Katrina's death toll would easily exceed 100,000. I received a press release from Task Force Pelican moments ago and the list confirmed fatalities from Katrina totals 768. Please, don't think that I am down playing that number. Each and every one represents a human life that was snuffed out... a family torn apart.

But the death toll from Katrina has been far lower than expected.

Yes, it would be horrible if New Orleans were to be hit again. Think for a minute, however, how much worse it would be if Rita were to slam into Houston as a category 4 or 5 storm.

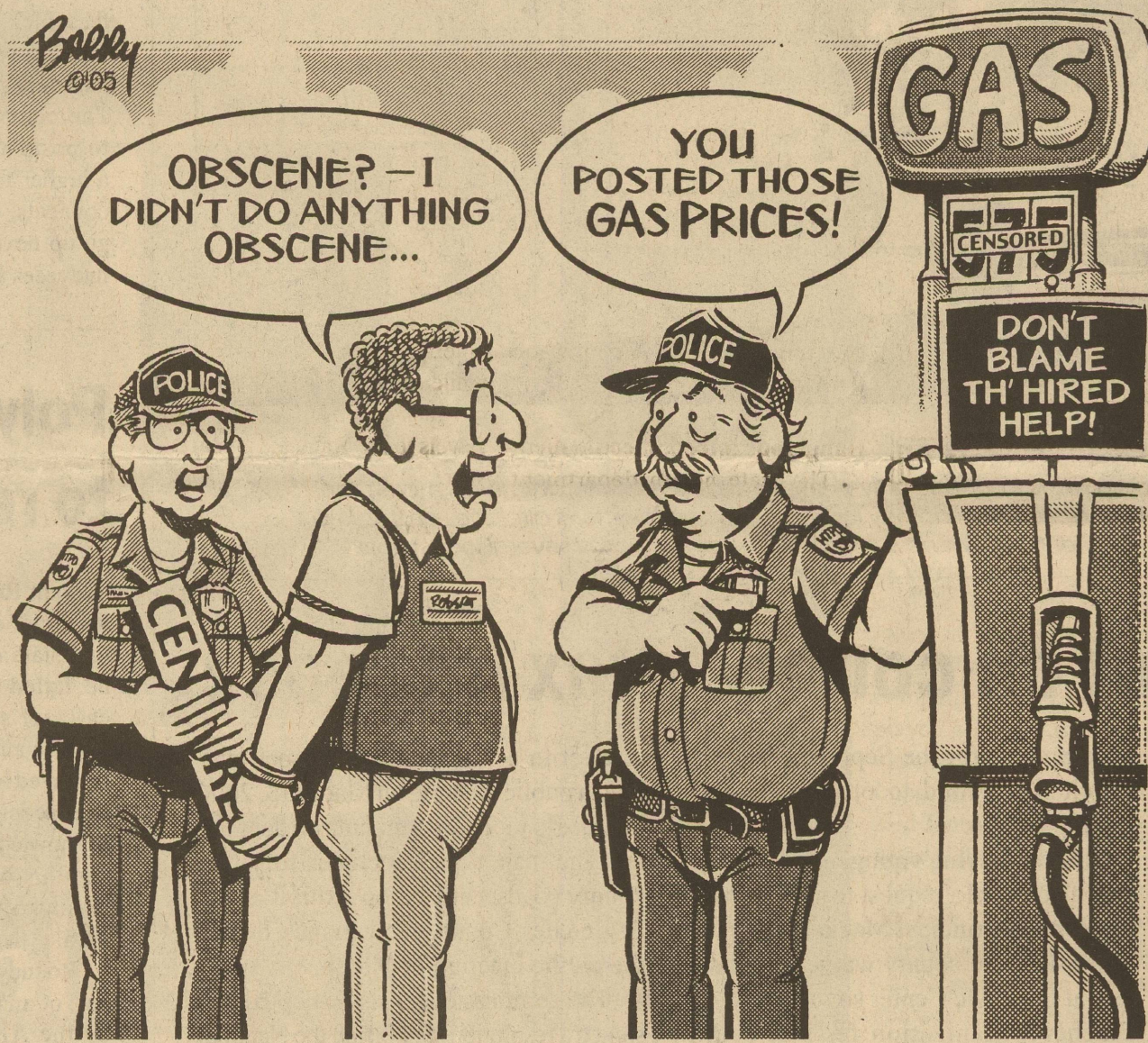
With the nation's emergency response system already stretched

to the breaking point, a direct hit on Houston could be catastrophic.

Then there is the petrochemical industry. If you're already concerned about the price of gasoline, let Rita tear up a few refineries along the Houston Ship Channel and see what happens.

We're fairly insulated out here in remote West Texas. Sure, there is the occasional tornado and the ever-present drought conditions. Dirt storms, hail, flash floods, range fires, rattlesnakes, mosquitoes, grasshoppers... sort of sounds like the ten plagues of Egypt, doesn't it? Still, we're almost immune to hurricanes and earthquakes.

We are not protected, though, from the economic impact that storms like Katrina and Rita can bring. Our neighbors on the gulf coast — and they are our neighbors, no matter how many miles may separate us — have taken on the chin. It looks as if some of them are about to answer the bell for round two and climb back in the ring with Hurricane Rita.



Robert E. Howard was a literary giant

When I spoke at the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce banquet last month, some friends told me if I came early I could tour the Robert E. Howard house. I had heard of Robert E. Howard only as the creator of Conan the Barbarian. I had no idea of his significance or influence in the world of supernatural and fantasy literature.

Robert E. Howard grew up in Cross Plains and sold his first story to a pulp magazine when he was 17 years old. Soon he was making a penny a word and turning out enough stories to be making more money than anyone else in Cross Plains. He was earning more than his father, who was a doctor.

He wrote westerns, boxing stories and poetry, but what he loved most was to write about the fantasy world he created in his mind. Maps in the Howard house show his imaginary empire, complete with borders, rivers, mountains and forests. They all had intriguing, almost biblical, names.

He wrote in a small room adjoining his mother's bedroom. His sparse quarters had a table,



by Tumbleweed Smith

typewriter and a bed. He stayed up all hours typing his stories and reading them aloud. When neighbors complained, Robert's mother told them to be quiet, that her son was working.

Robert was extremely close to his mother. When she was stricken with pneumonia and given just a day to live, Robert went to his car and put a bullet through his brain. He died in 1936 at the age of 30.

His books now sell for thousands of dollars. They are printed in 16 countries. Fans from all over the world go to Cross Plains every June for Barbarian Days, an event that celebrates the life and work of the creative genius.

The house where Robert grew up became a rent house. Residents of the house got tired of people standing across the street taking pictures of it and wanting to come

inside. When the house went on the market, a local group called Project Pride was formed to buy it and turn it into a museum. Manuscripts of some of Howard's writings are on display. Era Lee Hanke took us through the house. She says during Barbarian Days people want to stand in Robert's room and touch the doorknobs and other things that he touched. They want to stand in the back yard and have their picture made.

Arnold Swarzenegger got famous after making the movie, CONAN. Rene Zellweger made her screen debut in a movie called THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD, a movie about Robert's romance with a schoolteacher.

The first book collection of Howard's work was published in 1935 in Great Britain. The first American collection of his stories was published in 1946. His writings reached a wider audience in the 60's after J.R.R. Tolkien's THE HOBBIT and FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING appeared in paperback. Howard's fiction is now a multi-million dollar business, with readers all over the world.

FEMA confirms Texas will be paid back for aid rendered

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry told Washington he expected reimbursement after seeing the magnitude of aid needed to assist Hurricane Katrina survivors.

U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn heard Perry's plea and with little delay, the Federal Emergency Management Agency confirmed it would repay Texas and other states for Medicaid and other expenses related to the relief effort.

"Localities had been given verbal assurance by the federal government, but now it's official," Cornyn said.

FEMA reported that as of Sept. 15 it had disbursed \$1.1 billion in aid to 509,000 families since relief efforts began.

On Sept. 16, President Bush led a national day of prayer and remembrance for victims of the hurricane.

Williams to oversee relief effort

Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams will lead the state's efforts to assist Hurricane Katrina survivors now in the Lone Star State, Gov. Perry announced.

Williams will help coordinate government and private entities' actions in securing housing, jobs and other forms of assistance for those displaced by the Aug. 29 storm.

Yes, robed ones still working on it

The Texas Supreme Court continues to deliberate the constitutionality of the way public education is funded in the Lone Star State.

The high court's deliberations began in early July, following testimony from the Texas attorney general, appellant and attorneys for more than 300 school districts whose cases were combined in the initial complaint heard in the court of Travis County State District Judge John Dietz.

"The Texas Supreme Court considers this a matter of pressing public concern," said Osler McCarthy, the court's attorney and public information officer.

But McCarthy said there is a legal dispute over whether a deadline exists for the Supreme Court to rule.

The attorney general believes the state's appeal of the trial court's decision supersedes Dietz's Oct. 1 deadline for the state to act, but appellees believe the state Supreme Court must act in accordance with the deadline, McCarthy said.

Regardless of whether a deadline to act exists, the Texas Supreme Court's forthcoming decision is widely considered the key to solving school finance reform and property tax reform.

The Texas Legislature failed to cure the problems in one 140-day regular session and two 30-day special sessions following Dietz's fall 2004 ruling.

Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick postponed a Sept. 21 meeting of the Legislative Budget Board due to the impact of Hurricane Katrina. The LBB was to review budget execution requests made by the governor during August.

G.W. Bush library bids submitted

Austin is one of many cities under consideration as the eventual site for the George W. Bush Presidential Library. Sept. 15 was the deadline for proposals for the next presidential library.

Other cities that are home to institutions of higher learning vying for the honor are Arlington, College Station, Dallas, Lubbock, Midland and Waco.

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Lions to host golf tourney

The Eldorado Lions Club will be hosting a benefit golf tournament on October 1, 2005. The tournament will be a two-man select shot with a bonus of having four different hole-in-one holes that will pay large prizes if won. The hole in one prizes include \$10,000 cash, an eight day Scottish Vacation, a Carnival Cruise and a set of golf clubs.

Eldorado Lions Club President Chad Elkins commented "This is going to be a fun tournament with all the entry fees being returned to the players and the club. We want everyone to come out an support the Lions Club."

The Eldorado Lions Club celebrated its 75th anniversary this year. Elkins commented "Our local club has deep roots here in the community. We have supported a variety of worthy causes and local community projects. We want to continue to serve our community. Some of our past donations include supporting scholarships, purchasing eye glasses for the needy, and donations to many local organizations or groups."

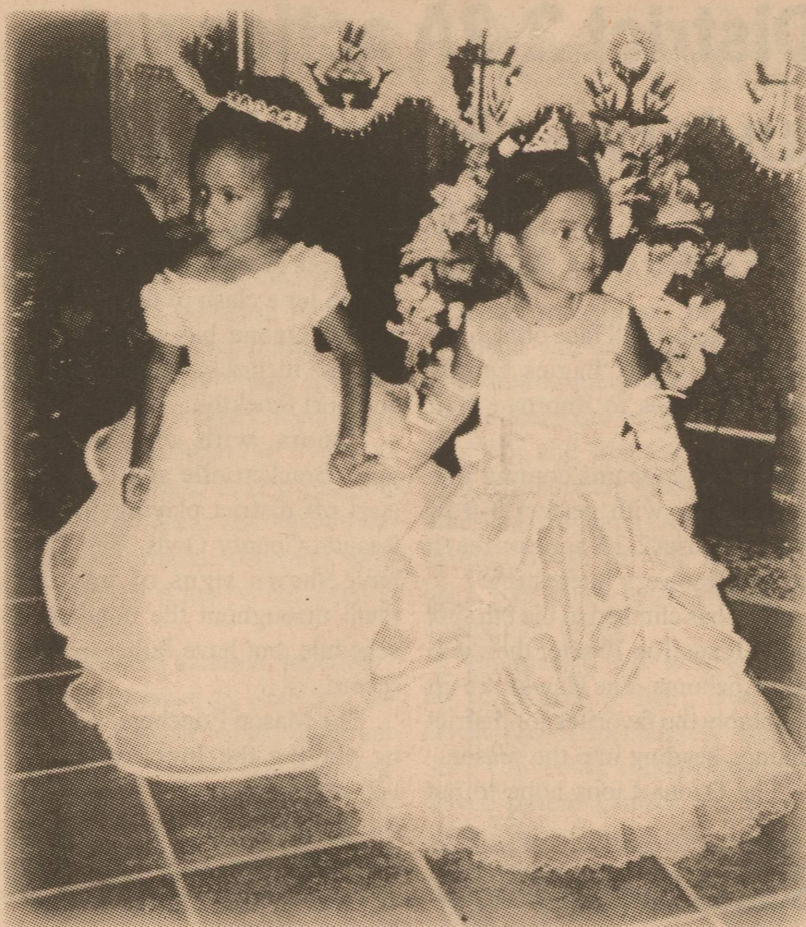
If you are interested in signing up for this tournament, please contact Eddie L. Albin at 325-853-3085. Entries are limited to the first 33 teams at \$50 per person.

Thomas Ballew is Blinn College grad

BRENNHAM — Thomas Ballew of Eldorado, son of Ray and Debbie Ballew, was among the August graduates from Blinn College's Brenham, Bryan and Schulenburg campuses who received two-year

associates or one-year certificates. Ballew received an associate of science degree.

Commencement exercises for graduates on all Blinn campuses are held in May in Brenham.



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Royal Court — Jadyne Martinez (L), age 2, daughter of Julian and Lesa Martinez was named Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Queen this past Sunday, during Sunday morning mass. Victoria Pina (R), age 2 1/2, was named Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Princess. Victoria is the daughter of Victor and Estella Pina.

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It has been estimated that the cost of the new library may be in excess of \$250 million.

State of Texas executes woman

Frances Newton, 40, was executed Sept. 14 in Huntsville for the murders of her husband and their two children in 1987.

Hers was the 349th execution in Texas since capital punishment was reinstated in 1982, and the third woman.

Dangerous infection confirmed

The state health department

has confirmed a case of primary amebic meningoencephalitis in a child who had been playing in Lake Somerville, about 10 miles northwest of Brenham.

The infection, which can be fatal, comes from the common freshwater ameba *Naegleria fowleri*.

According to the Division for Parasitic Diseases of the Centers for Disease Control, an infection with *Naegleria* occurs when the ameba enters the body through the nose while the person is swimming underwater or diving. The ameba then travels to the brain and spinal cord.

BIRTHDAY LIST

September

- 22nd Tinker Wipff, David Doran, Shelly Speck, Tammy Gardner, Jennifer Nixon, Gladys Faull, Patsy Brenner, Betty Wheeler, Betty Rose Galvan, Jesus DeLuna III
- 23rd Vernia Joyce Green, Stacie Olivian, Cathy Niblett, Tina Gazaway, Clayton Sauer, Stacie Saldivar, Taylor Niblett, Hal Whitten, Melanie Corbell, Skeeter Roubison, Eileen Keefer
- 24th Olean Stricklan, Connie Radford, Stacie Wheiles, Travis Lively, Mondee Whitten, Rozanna Sauer, Dylon Riojas
- 25th Maria Hernandez, Maureen Corrales, John Ben Cawley, Jeff Thompson
- 26th Jana Kennedy, Brad Thomas, Jennifer Grelle, Martin Herrera, Arnulfo Montalvao, Patsy Ussery, Clark Meyer, Patsy Virden, Shayne Santellano
- 27th Alan Gillespie, Travis Meador, Jo Wike, Linda Holsey, Gus Figueroa
- 28th Katie Thomson, Rose Doyle, Marco Angel Martinez, Katy Meador, Victoria Estep, Hope Fuentes, Kati Thomson, Caroline Hight, Bobbie Marshall, Arden Mertz, Eloy Bustos, Rick Sterling, Arden Mertz
- 29th Sylvia Belman, Alyssa Bell, Cindy Cawley, Mike Moreno

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Eldorado High School News

Eldorado High School will host a two day Parent/Teacher Conference in order to visit with all of the students parents.

Times have been chosen in order to allow parents more flexibility to attend this conference around their work schedule.

The conferences are scheduled for:

- Monday, October 3, 2005 from 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 10, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The designated times for both days were selected so that parents may have some flexibility in their work schedules to meet with the teachers. A private room will be available for those teachers and parents who wish to visit privately.

The high school counselor will be present to answer questions and to make available various materials including information about financial aide for students nearing graduation, various testing options for all students, and graduation requirements and a 4-Year Plans for freshman and sophomores. Spanish translation will be available.

The teachers of Eldorado High school hope each parent of a High School student will take this opportunity to ask questions and get to know who instructs their children.

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District 2-2A action gets underway Friday evening

This Friday marks the beginning of football action for district 2-2A.

The Eagles will face off against the Grape Creek Eagles here at home in hopes to improve their 1-2 record.

With three teams coming into district play with perfect 3-0 records, District 2-2A appears that it can become very interesting.

Wall has climbed to the 8th spot in the Texas Top 10 after their win over Coahoma. The Hawks are undoubtedly the favorites for district champs heading into the season.

The Ozona Lions hope to put

the Hawks into the loss column this week though as Wall heads to Ozona for a clash of the unbeaten teams. Ozona has gained their flawless record on Kermit, Brady and Fort Stockton.

Sonora, with wins over Alpine, Brackettville and Coleman, start off district play against the Reagan County Owls. The Owls have shown signs of improvement throughout the nondistrict schedule, but have fallen to a 1-2 record.

The Mason Punchers, 2-1, will be playing the Junction Eagles 1-2. Masons only loss came when the Punchers met up with state 1A powerhouse Goldthwaite, and Junctions only win came against Nueces Canyon.

The Warbirds will be tested by a winless Grape Creek team. Don't let this stat fool you. The Grape Creek Eagles have faced off against some tough opposition in Crane, Jim Ned and Colorado City. Crane is ranked 6th in the Texas Top 10 for the 2A level.

"We know this district is a tough one," said Head Coach Johnny Burleson. "We have a chance to sneak up on some of these undefeated teams."

You can catch the Warbirds here at home this Friday in what should be an exciting match up with the Grape Creek Eagles.

The game is slated to begin at 7:30 at Eagle Stadium.



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7th grade Eagles running back Rudy Sanchez took the ball up the field last Thursday as the Eagles took on the Sonora Broncos 8th grade in Sonora. The young Warbirds lost the game 22-14. You can catch the 7th grade Eagles, as well as the 8th grade squad, this afternoon as they take on Grape Creek in Eagle Stadium.

7th grade falls to Broncos

Last Thursday night the Eldorado 7th grade football team played in Sonora. Sonora won the game 22 to 14.

The Eagles scored first on a 4 yard run by Miles Mikeska. Eldorado then scored on a 5 yard pass from quarterback Jayme O'Harrow to Eloy Bustos. The extra point was run in by Rudy

Sanchez. Sanchez got in behind the good blocking of J.R. Martinez and Briley Ledbetter.

This was the Eagles first game. The standouts on defense were Eloy Bustos and Miles Mikeska.

Both middle school squads will play the Grape Creek Eagles here this Thursday starting at 5 p.m. with the 7th grade.

School Lunch Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
½ pt. Milk & 4 oz.
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BREAKFAST MENU

- Monday, September 26**
Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Peaches, Orange Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, September 27**
Scrambled Eggs, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Wednesday, September 28**
French Toast Stix, Syrup, Apple Sauce, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Thursday, September 29**
Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Juice, Milk
- Friday, September 30**
Cheese Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE

- Monday, September 26**
Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Cole Slaw, Pears
- Tuesday, September 27**
Corn Chip Pie, Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Pear Halves, Jello/Topping
- Wednesday, September 28**
Chicken Burger, Sandwich Salad, Corn on a Cob, Pineapple Slices
- Thursday, September 29**
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Spicy Fries, Carrot Stix, Dip, Apple Halves
- Friday, September 30**
Hamburgers, Sun Chips, Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Orange Halves

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Fish Strips, Tatar Sauce, Pinto Beans, Cucumber Salad, Jello/Topping
- Wednesday, September 28**
Crispy Beef Taco's, Cheese Cups, Southwest Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pineapple Slices
- Thursday, September 29**
Pork Chopettes, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Apple Halves
- Friday, September 30**
Hamburgers, Sun Chips, Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Orange Halves

Eagles C-Country results listed

Saturday, September 10 Eldorado High School and Middle School runners competed on the hilly trails at Carlsbad, Texas. The sun was hot and the trail long and dusty. The Varsity Boys run a three mile course and the Varsity Girls and Middle School run the two mile course by the river.

Results from Saturday: Varsity Boys: Jeremy Ussery-30th, David Ramirez-71st, Josh Burleson-85th, Abel Montalvo-93rd, Marc Garcia- 124th and Juan Carlos Escobar-125th.

Varsity Girls: Alicia Corrales-54th, Chandra Wanoreck-62nd, Veronica Belman-113th, Marcela Huerta-80th.

8th grade boys- Hunter Alvizo-53rd, Mason Baker-73rd.

7th Grade Boys- Robert Buchholtz-30th.

8th grade girls-Crystal Hamilton-93rd, Maureen Martinez-70th. 7th grade girls-Ashley Paulson-92nd, Brittany Gauna-94th, Marci Minor-50th.

This past Saturday, September 17 the High School Cross

Country teams ran at the A.S.U. Cross Country Stampede in San Angelo. Running for the Eagles were: Louie Buitron placed 14th, David Rameriz-29th, Josh Burleson-38th, Marc Garcia-40th, Abel Montalvo-47th and Juan Carlos Escobar-57th.

The Lady Eagles runners were: Alicia Corrales-21st, Cassandra Buitron-45th and Veronica Belman-64th.

Eldorado High School and Middle School teams will run in Mertzon Saturday, September 24. The 7th grade girls will get things started at 8:30 and then everyone else will follow according to High School Cross Country Coach Edie Niblett.

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8th grade stings Menard 24 to 6

The Eldorado Eagles 8th grade squad played the Menard Yellow-jackets on September 9th.

The Eagles took the win early on a Wes Brown run from 30 yards out. The Eagles converted the two points.

Menard struck back in the second but failed to gain anything on their extra point try.

The Eagles had a big third quarter scoring on a Ivany Sanchez 40 yard run and when David Tirado found the endzone. Both

scores were followed by successful two point tries.

Defensively the Eagles shined with Juan Medrano blocking a punt, Tony McCord recovering the blocked punt and running for 18 yards, Garrett Lux had 4 tackles and Abel Fuentes had 3 tackles (two of those tackles for loss).

Both middle school squads will play the Grape Creek Eagles here this Thursday starting at 5 p.m. with the 7th grade.



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4th graders celebrated their participation in the Walk Across Texas "Don't Give Up Now!" by making homemade ice cream in a baggie last Wednesday in the Elementary gym. (L-R) Obdulia Huerta, Sunni Cate McCormick and Marysa Espinoza found the experience very entertaining.

Mike Conaway named to gasoline price task force

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Representative Mike Conaway (R-Midland, TX), was chosen by Majority Whip Roy Blunt (R-MO) to serve on the Congressional Gas Price Task Force. The Task Force has been commissioned to find immediate solutions to help ease the burden on all Americans drivers due to the recent spike in gasoline prices.

"It is imperative that Congress research and investigate rising gas prices," said Conaway, who has spent a large portion of his career in the oil and gas business. "High gas prices have the potential to derail our economy. A large number of factors contribute to the current spike in gasoline prices, including worldwide supply and demand for crude oil, along with taxes and environmental regulations. This problem will require both long-term and short-term solutions. This task force will seek to identify and eliminate any federal barriers that are contributing to unnecessarily high prices in the short-run."

House Majority Whip Roy Blunt's formation of the Gas Price Task Force illustrates the commitment of the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives to alleviating the current problem. Under Mr. Blunt's leadership, members of Congress have begun taking steps towards reducing the burden of high gas prices on America's families and businesses.

"Mike Conaway brings first-hand knowledge to the Gas Price

Task Force," said House Majority Whip Roy Blunt. "His years of experience working in the oil and gas industry and strong financial background will add valuable insight to the team. The continuing burden of high gas prices is bad for our economy and that is why Republicans in Congress are working hard to find immediate solutions. I am confident that Representative Conaway, along with the rest of the Task Force, will use every resource necessary in order to help America's working families."

Representative Conaway is the only freshman member of Congress and the only Texan to serve on the ten member task force. He joins veteran lawmakers Chief Deputy Majority Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA), Republican Conference Vice Chair Jack Kingston, (R-GA), Reps. Darrell Issa (R-CA), Robin Hayes (R-NC), Paul Ryan (R-WI), Steven Pearce (R-NM), Vito Fossella (R-NY), Jerry Moran (R-KS).

Representative Mike Conaway was the Chief Financial Officer for Bush Exploration, an oil and gas company that he and George W. Bush owned in their home town of Midland, Texas. As a young man, Conaway also worked as a roughneck in the oil fields of West Texas.

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Schleicher County 4th graders participated in the Walk Across Texas "Don't Give Up Now!" activity on Wednesday, September 14, at the Elementary Gym. The activity was designed as a way to motivate students to keep walking across Texas and not give up! So far, the 4th graders have walked 487 of the 830 miles they will walk from one Texas border to the other.

During the activity students had the opportunity to learn nutrition education from Roxanne Fentress, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Students made home-made ice cream in a bag and received several incentive items for their hard work. Many thanks go out to everyone that has given support to the Walk Across Texas program.

TSGRA establishes Woodward Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been established by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association in memory of Louis and Eddie Mae Woodward. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward suffered injuries in an automobile accident and later died as a result of the injuries.

Louis Woodward was an honorary lifetime director of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. At a Southwest Texas ACA stockholder informational meeting held at Fort Davis, Shelby Henke, Chairman and Jimmy Chambers, Vice President of Southwest Texas ACA presented the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association with a \$2,500 gift in memory of Louis and his wife of 55 years, Eddie Mae.

Louis was a member of the board of directors of Southwest Texas ACA and served in that ca-

capacity for over 40 years. On hand for the special presentation were his sons Ernest of Bakersfield, Lowell of Alpine, Boyd "Skip" of Bakersfield and Loyd "Snap" of Girvin, his daughter-in-laws and the grand children who brought Louis and Eddie Mae so much pride and joy. Accepting the gift on behalf of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association was D.A. Harral of Fort Stockton, past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

The Louis and Eddie Mae Woodward scholarship fund was established with the donation. Additional donations to the scholarship fund may be mailed to P.O. Box 2290, San Angelo, Texas 76902. Notification of all scholarship donations will be sent to the family.

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Eldorado City Council meets, approves utility rate increases

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land Security grants. With that the council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Next, Jones put on his volunteer firefighter hat and asked why the council had cut the fire department's budget from \$10,400 to \$5,200. Jones argued that the firefighters try to spend city funds wisely and then only when absolutely necessary. He noted that during his 31 years with the department he had seen the

city's contribution to the volunteer service slowly reduced. Jones said he felt the cut was unjustified, especially in light of other purchases the city had chosen to make, including light pollution hoods for city street lights.

Mayor Nikolauk answered that the city's tax base is small when compared to the county, adding that the city is forced to raise its funds through utility rates. He reminded Jones that the city had never denied the fire department

anything it asked for.

As for the hoods for the street lights, Nikolauk said that the council did not vote to spend any money on the fixtures. City Secretary Carolyn Mayo pointed out that the money for the light fixtures had been included in the budget under the "Miscellaneous" category.

The council then had the opportunity to address the question of light hoods, since the item appeared on the agenda as Light Pollution Preventative Measures.

But no one wanted to take up the issue and the council voted to table discussion of the item.

Mayor Nikolauk then updated the council on a situation involving a mobile home parked in a city alley. He said the city is in the process of having the home moved to another location.

Next, the council reviewed a report by KC Engineering, a firm hired by the city or evaluate paving projects. The company reportedly looked at some of the more highly traveled streets in town such as North Street, Cottonwood, East Street, East Fields and East Hill. The engineers recommended heavy surface paving for East and North Streets since they are showing signs of alligator cracking and edge deterioration.

According to the report, the per mile cost of rehabilitating a street is \$159,807. The cost of a heavy overlay is slightly less, \$116,807 per mile. The city paid KC Engineering \$6,000 for the report and, according to City Secretary Carolyn Mayo, the city has approximately 19 miles of street.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay then updated the council on work in his various departments. He noted that the garbage truck driver has left the city to take employment in the oilfield. According to Fay the utility department now ten employees including himself. Fay said that the "DAF" unit at

the sewer plant was taken out of service so that a building could be erected for it. He said the unit was placed back into service and that the plant is still operating in compliance with state regulations.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then gave her report, noting that the city is going through an unemployment appeal case with a former employee. Ms. Mayo then distributed the updated 2005-2006 "Final Budget Worksheet." She pointed out where she had adjusted budget items as directed by the council. She also said that revenue from wastewater transported by YFZ Ranch to the sewer plant had not been included in the budget. Mayo said the loads have been sporadic and that she felt that until they became more predictable she should not include the revenue in the budget projections.

Mayor Nikolauk then asked about the discontinued budget item for the Sheriff's department noting that the 2006 budget does not include an item for the Reserve Officer/Explorer program. In past years the city has funded \$3,000 for the program. He said he had spoken with Sheriff Doran and had learned that the Explorer program was still in operation. The mayor said he hoped the city would continue to fund the program since it has helped train future firefighters, EMTs and law enforcement personnel. Nikolauk

suggested that money in the "Miscellaneous Fund" earmarked for the light hoods be used to fund the Reserve Officer/Explorer program. He received no objections from the council.

Next, the council tabled discussion of the city's animal control ordinance and the ordinance covering mobile and manufactured housing.

Carolyn Mayo then advised the council that the city's auditors had located a more than \$90,000 error in the city's books, with the error being in the city's favor. Ms. Mayo said that a bond payment had been made out of the city's budgeted funds and not from the Interest/Sinking Account, meaning that the city would have that much money left over to be used for other purposes.

The Sunrise Addition plat was then reviewed by the council for the location of alleys and outlets for the city utility equipment. Mrs. Mayo told the council that the City is asking TxDOT to put street horns on the alley exits facing Hwy 190 West as they installed two main roads going into the subdivision. Currently the trash truck and other city trucks have problems negotiating the alleys in this subdivision.

After approving the minutes of the August 8, 22 and 29 meetings and reviewing and approving the city's current bills, the council voted to strike out the provision in Ordinance #101-87 that regulates soliciting on public property. The action is due mainly to the increased number of businesses and solicitors who set up shop on the courthouse square. The city council's position seemed to be that it is Schleicher County's problem to control vendors on the courthouse square. The city will, however, continue to regulate door-to-door soliciting, which does require a city permit.

The city council's next meeting is planned for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, 2005, at City Hall.

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PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)
HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)
HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)
HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)
SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)
SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)
HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)
SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)
SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)
HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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Avoiding critical advertising dilemmas

by Karen S. Best

I used to date a Yankee. Needless to say, holidays at his parents' house were always an adventure, especially where food was concerned. Christmas dinner in New Jersey looked a little like this: white bread dressing with raisins, fish and a crumb cake. I had resolved to enjoy all of this diversity without criticism or question; however, I realized I just couldn't go through New Year's Day absent black-eyed peas (without risking some body part falling off due to bad luck.) Ever try to find black-eyed peas in New Jersey? Good luck.

Anyway, I looked all day and finally gave up, feeling I had no choice but to tempt the fates for the upcoming year. Later that evening, however, I saw a commercial advertising a national grocery chain about ten miles away that was open 24 hours a day. I hopped in the car at 11:30 p.m., hoping beyond hope I would avoid the unspeakable horrors that would befall me should I not crack open a can of black-eyed peas before midnight on the first day of the year.

As I arrived at the grocery store's front doors, a clerk was locking up. I said, "You guys advertised that you are open 24 hours a day!" The clerk replied, "Well, we are, but not in a row." Dumbfounded, I returned to the car with the total conviction that this store was to be held personally responsible for whatever bad luck befell me in the upcoming year! Whether this store actually sold black-eyed peas made no difference.... didn't then, doesn't now... as I will never shop with that chain again. You can't be frivolous with my can of karma and get away with it.

Advertising is a key component to any successful business. But

getting your message out successfully can be a tricky matter! Your advertising should say what you really mean, and should mean what you really say. For example:

- Don't offend your audience's sensitivities. A restaurant chain made a major advertising faux pas when they advertised their barbecue pork ribs by pouring sauce over the back of live baby piglet. The desired message was lost in translation as even hard core meat eaters don't necessarily like to see their supper smiling back at them. Try explaining that one to the kids!

- Don't offend your audience's intelligence. "With a name like Smuckers, it's got to be good." Me is a college graduate and I does have problems with them ones that doesn't even try to use the English. Toyota's slogan for the Matrix, "It's something else," confuses me. What could it be?

- When in Rome... If you are advertising your product in several languages, such as in a Spanish or English newspaper,

ensure the translation is correct. Urban legends abound regarding advertising gone wrong in foreign languages. I know of two true examples of this problem. The "Got Milk" campaign when translated into Spanish was, "Tiene Leche?" which was sometimes interpreted as, "Are you lactating?" Also, I was in a Chinese food restaurant in Victoria, Texas that advertised "duck with breasts of chicken." My dad ordered it just to see what it looked like.

- Location, location, location... If your customers are watching the delivery guy for your restaurant pull through your competitor's drive through window, you have a problem. The message conveyed to the public is that your own employees won't eat your food. Ask careful questions about where your advertising will be placed to avoid your company name and logo popping up in places you did not expect or desire.

Use common sense and good taste in your advertising. Watch out for mistakes, the possibility

for unintended interpretation, and location of your advertising. Remember, getting the message out there is half the battle. Taking care to follow through on your advertisements will win you the war. At a minimum, make sure your staff knows there are indeed 24 hours in a day and that each hour occurs immediately one behind the other in succession. And if you're headed north for the holidays, pack your black-eyed peas... it's a jungle up there.

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Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, September 26
Meatloaf w/ Tomato Gravy, Blackeyed Peas, Honey Glazed Carrots, Corn Bread, Melon Salad, Milk

Tuesday, September 27
Polynesian Chicken Salad, Sweet Peas, Wheat Bread, Golden Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, September 28
Steak Fingers w/ Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

Thursday, September 29
Oven Baked Pork Chops, Zucchini/ Yellow Squash Medley, Corn w/ Red Peppers, Wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Parfait, Milk

Friday, September 30
Fried Catfish w/ Tartar Sauce, Hominy, Okra & Tomato Gumbo, Dinner Rolls, Apple Crisp, Milk

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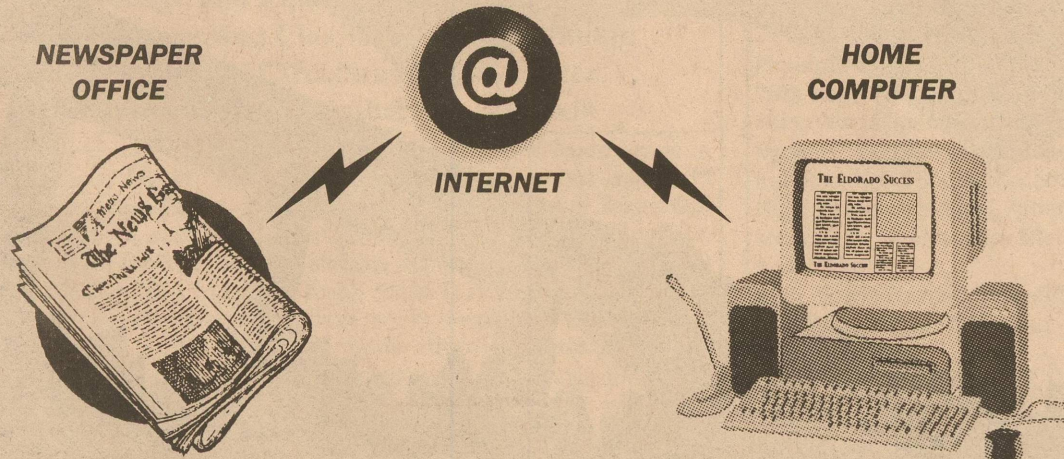
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on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005
and Monday, Sept. 19, 2005.

The Schleicher County Commissioners are scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on

Monday, Sept. 26, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

at the Schleicher County
Commissioners Court Room.

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

September 16 • Bustamante, Tammy Fay, female age 33, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI - enhanced.
September 16 • Terry, Greg Owen, male age 29, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI - Enhanced. Released on \$2,000 Surety bond.

INCIDENTS

September 13 • 9:31 a.m. Complainant reported red pickup, parked heading south on 277 one mile of Schleicher County. Sutton County Game Warden felt vehicle was parked hurriedly. The officer was unable to investigate at the time. Officer responded.
September 14 • 7:13 p.m. Complainant reported loud music on East Fields. Officer responded.
 • 8:23 p.m. Bank alarm went off at First National. Officer responded and reported everything was OK.
 • 8:52 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a female subject having chest pains. EMS 2, and officer responded.
September 15 • Complainant reported cows out on the highway. Officer responded.
September 16 • 6:51 a.m. Complainant reported seeing a suspicious person parked on CR 316 by his ranch. Complainant stated person left when he saw him. Person was traveling

towards town on CR 312 at time. Officer responded.
 • 7:24 a.m. Complainant reported wreckless driver on yellow motorcycle with yellow helmet south bound on 277. Sutton County was notified.
September 17 • 5:23 a.m. Complainant reported having a controlled burn on highway 915.
 • 8:07 a.m. Complainant reported a brown cow out on highway 915. Officer responded
 • 9:40 a.m. Complainant reported that someone had stolen his goat. Officer responded.
 • 10:53 a.m. Complainant reported leaving his wallet at local store. He returned to get it an it

was missing. Officer responded.
September 18 • Complainant requested to confirm whether or not a \$20 bill was counterfeit. Officer responded.
 • 9:24 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about her concerns about her friend's safety. Officer responded.
 • 9:20 p.m. Complainant reported bees on her front porch. EVFD was notified.
September 19 • 5:13 p.m. Complainant reported receiving a 911 from a man who spoke in a weak voice stating that he was on 277 and had run off the road. Man would not respond to further prompting, although Sutton County EMS and deputy were sent for the man. Sutton County requested Schleicher County SO send deputy in case accident was in Schleicher County. Officer responded.
 • 7:21 p.m. Tom Green reported a wreckless driver. Subject was following driver heading south. Officer responded.

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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Arden Merz shows off a cake she won at the Cake Walk booth during the annual Catholic Festival, held Sunday on the Courthouse Square.

Eldorado Weather

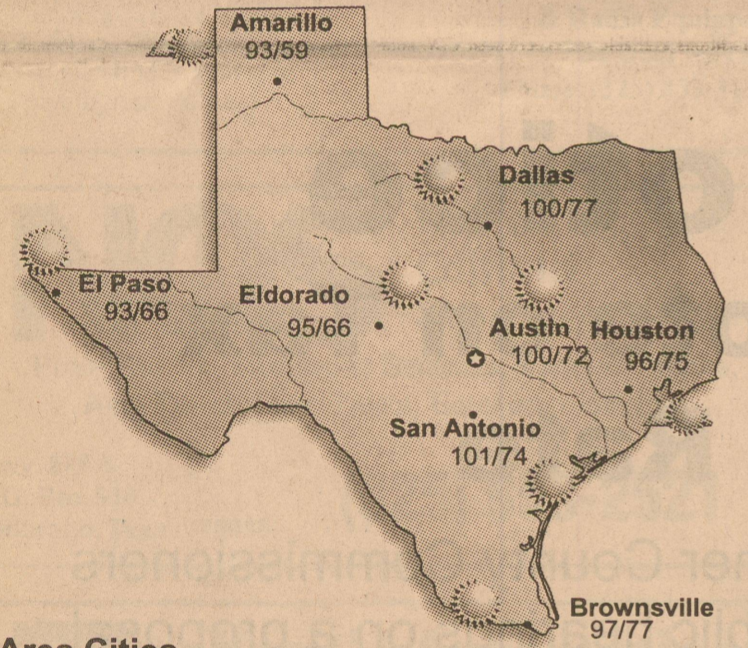
Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 9/23	Sat 9/24	Sun 9/25	Mon 9/26	Tue 9/27
95/66 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	92/65 Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	86/66 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	90/66 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	91/68 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 7:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 7:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 7:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 7:35 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 7:33 PM

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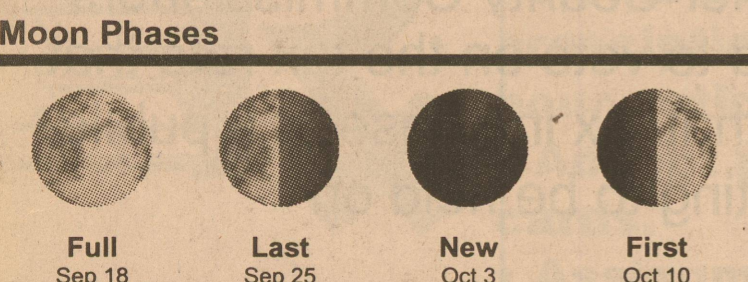


Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	97	69	sunny	Kingsville	100	74	sunny
Amarillo	93	59	mst sunny	Livingston	98	70	sunny
Austin	100	72	sunny	Longview	99	71	sunny
Beaumont	95	74	sunny	Lubbock	96	63	sunny
Brownsville	97	77	sunny	Lufkin	99	72	sunny
Brownwood	100	70	sunny	Midland	97	64	sunny
Corpus Christi	99	77	sunny	Raymondville	99	74	sunny
Corsicana	100	72	sunny	Rosenberg	96	73	sunny
Dallas	100	77	sunny	San Antonio	101	74	sunny
Del Rio	102	73	sunny	San Marcos	102	72	sunny
El Paso	93	66	sunny	Sulphur Springs	99	71	sunny
Fort Stockton	98	67	sunny	Sweetwater	96	67	sunny
Gainesville	98	70	sunny	Tyler	98	70	sunny
Greenville	100	69	sunny	Weatherford	99	70	sunny
Houston	96	75	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	99	68	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	65	mst sunny	Minneapolis	65	47	pt sunny
Boston	81	64	sunny	New York	85	68	sunny
Chicago	76	56	t-storm	Phoenix	101	78	mst sunny
Dallas	100	77	sunny	San Francisco	70	54	mst sunny
Denver	74	49	t-storm	Seattle	62	46	t-storm
Houston	96	75	mst sunny	St. Louis	94	69	t-storm
Los Angeles	76	60	mst sunny	Washington, DC	89	68	sunny
Miami	88	78	t-storm				



UV Index

Fri 9/23	Sat 9/24	Sun 9/25	Mon 9/26	Tue 9/27
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Sincerely, Shirley Emmons

The Martinez Family would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our family, friends and the community for their hard work and support in making this fund raiser for Jady's queen candidacy a success. We appreciate what all of you guys have done. Due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to publicly recognize your efforts at the Catholic festival, all of your efforts and hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Lesa Martinez

Eldorado Spirit Clothes on Sale

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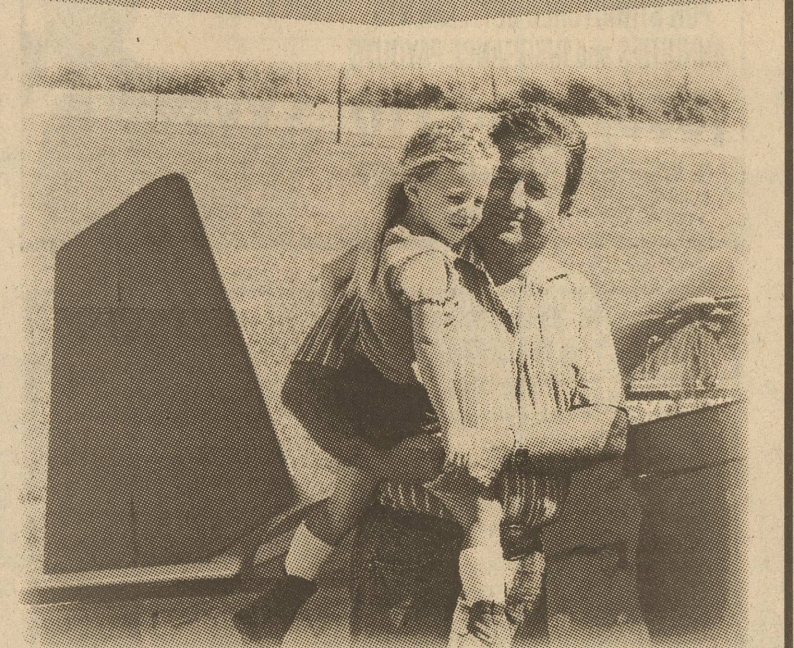
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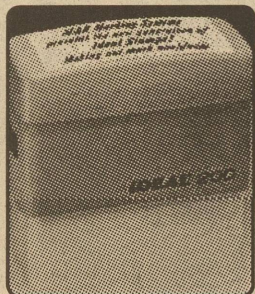
The Eldorado Spotlight shines this week on grandpa De Lux showing his granddaughter Kami Lux. When the Spotlight camera caught up with the pair they were looking over a shiny red airplane that landed in Eldorado for the Grand Opening and Fly-In at the Eldorado airport Saturday, Sept. 17.

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Eldorado Woman's Club hold first meeting of new club year

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Bldg. Club Room. The theme for the meeting was Together Again. Fifteen members were present. President Mary Roden opened the meeting with a warm welcome to everyone. She then called on Shine Spigarelli for a prayer and Charlene Edmiston to lead us in pledges to our flags. Next we enjoyed a delicious brunch prepared by the Hospitality Committee, members Myrt Williams, Shine Spigarelli, Cathy Niblett, and Jerre Holley. A fall theme was carried out in the table appointments.

Following brunch President Roden called for Secretary Dorothy Harris for her report and Mary Roden gave Treasurer Nelda Mar-

tin's report. Roll call was answered with members giving some special summer vacation memories.

Pat Holt was happy to report the birth of twins in her family; Cathy Niblett was able to enjoy a leisurely summer - a first since her retirement; Bobby Sanders attended the Gaston family reunion was held in Buffalo Gap; Jerre Holley went to a family reunion in Wimberly; Olene Stricklan attended the wedding of a granddaughter; Myrt Williams enjoyed the summer rains as well as numerous visitations; Shine Spigarelli attended a family reunion and said it was the best one ever. She also celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary; Mary Roden attended a wedding in North Carolina and also enjoyed having three great-grandchildren with her for a month; we attended a

family reunion on the Blanco river; Dorothy Harris and eighteen other Texas relatives went to Spokane, Washington to attend the change of Command Ceremonies of her oldest grandson. He moved from Washington D.C. and took over as head of Washington States Border Patrol Department; Charlene Edmiston had to have spinal injections but got to enjoy a family reunion. She also reported she now has twenty seven great-grandchildren; Jo Callison's family enjoyed a great time at Durango, Colorado; Florence Williams enjoyed a family get together; and Penny Bland especially enjoyed a trip to Green County, Oklahoma located in SW Oklahoma. Her relatives have lived there since 1880 and had a store located on a well known cattle drive trail. A special memorial was celebrated honoring these hardy pioneering relatives.

Program Leader Jerre Holley gave us a summary of the program we will have this club year. We appreciate the yearbook commit-

tee for the many hours to arranging everything. Our community had many wonderful interesting people who have always been very gracious to be our guest speakers. Jerre also told us that Rachel Joiner once again did a super job of printing and putting together our yearbooks and every member wishes to express that to her for all her hard work.

Further business included reports from Penny Bland, representing the Library Board, who told us the library was selling tickets to a special Kuykendall made china doll and the proceeds will be for new books. Mary Roden also reported the Hospital Auxiliary had a very successful nursing home party. She also said everyone was invited to a very special 90th birthday party for Florence Williams that was on Sat., September 19.

We closed our meeting by reciting our club collect.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Club Room.



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Lee Jimenez plays the drums during the annual Catholic Festival held Sunday on the Schleicher County Courthouse Square.



Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in **THE ELDORADO SUCCESS CLASSIFIED ADS**

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

As temperatures begin to drop outside, it's important to think about home and family safety. Take steps inside to be prepared for winter weather emergencies and potential hazards present at this time of year. For example, statistics show that home fires peak in the cold weather months, often due to the use of alternate heating sources and holiday lights. An average of three children a day — approximately 1,000 children under the age of 20 each year — die in home fires. And more than 19 million American homes are at needless risk for home fire fatalities because there is not a working smoke detector in their homes.

Energizer Max brand Batteries and fire departments nationwide continue their 18-year effort to urge Americans to adopt the simple lifesaving habit of changing smoke alarm batteries when changing their clocks back to Standard Time each fall — this year on October 30. "Change Your Clock Change Your Battery" is a simple call to action that can save lives. Having working smoke detectors in your home more than doubles the chance of preventing home fire fatalities. In addition, it's a good idea to make sure there is at least one smoke detector on every level of your home; to clean your smoke alarms to ensure they are free of dust and cobwebs; and to plan and rehearse two escape routes from your home.

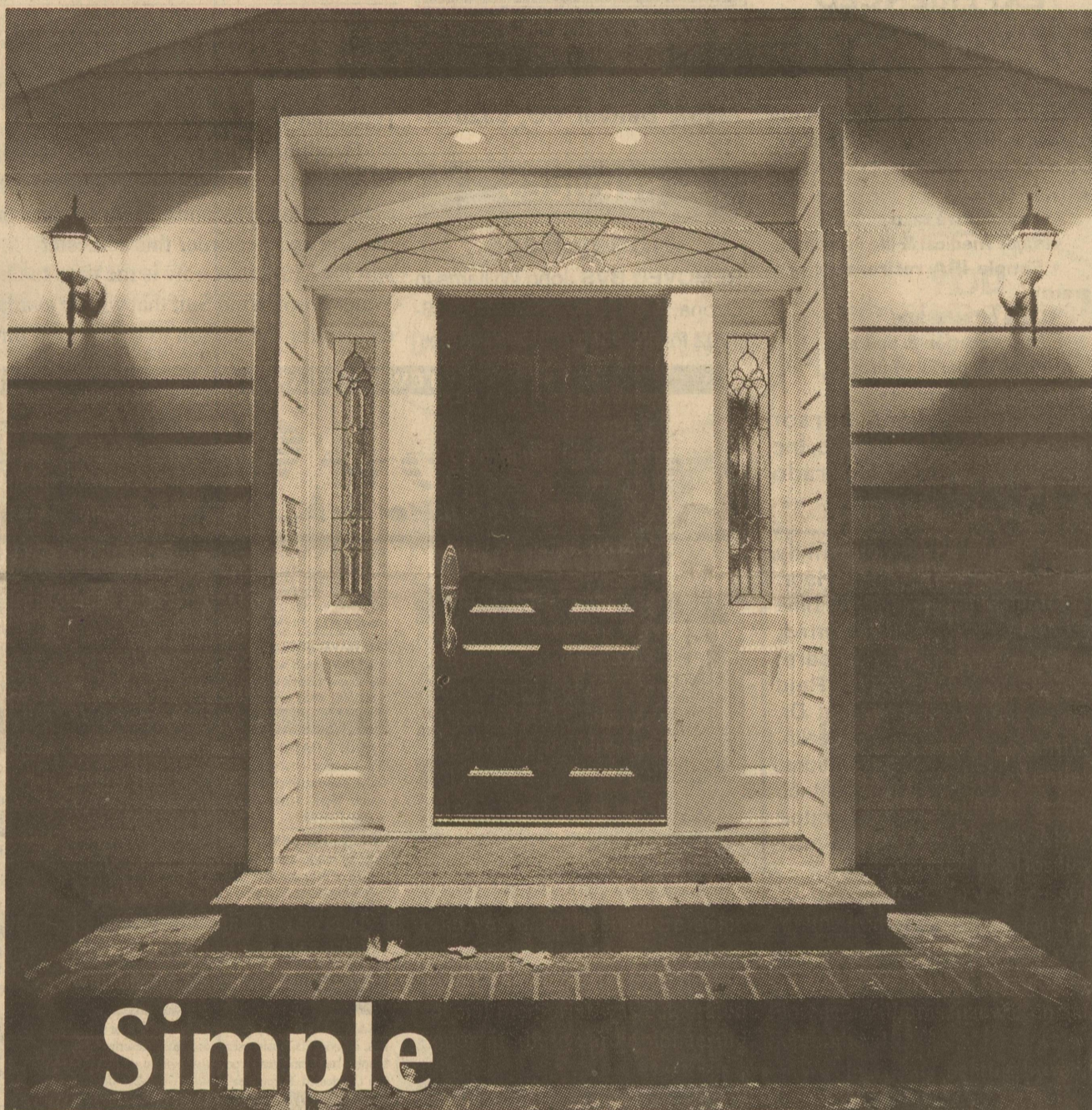
The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., when most people are sleeping. Flashlights become not only a vital safety tool to help you find your way out of a dark or smoky house, but also a way to signal rescue workers for help. Quick Switch flashlights are revolutionary new lights that run on two D, C or AA batteries and put an end to the number one frustration about flashlights — never having the right size batteries when you need a flashlight the most. Because they are so versatile, the Quick Switch flashlight is good for emergencies, power outages or any other time you need to grab a flashlight.

With the Quick Switch, you simply unscrew the base, pull out a battery tray and drop in two same-size batteries. Closing the tray automatically locks the batteries into place. To turn the light on, you move the switch to the matching battery size. Operating times will vary, but the light output is the same no matter the cell size.

In addition to fire prevention, there are other measures you can take to keep your family safe this winter season. A cold weather emergency supply kit and cold weather preparedness check list can help your family get through short-term power outages and storms.

For more ideas and information, including science projects for kids, visit www.energizer.com.

Be extra prepared this fall when you change the batteries in your home smoke detectors and place working flashlights in each room of your house.



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Cold Weather Preparedness Check List

- Make certain your furnace is working properly.
- Have all fireplaces and chimneys checked and cleaned prior to the first use of the cold weather season.
- Place a working smoke detector on every level of your house, including one in every bedroom and outside of each sleeping area.
- Make sure kids know and understand fire safety. Show your children where smoke alarms are located, and make sure they recognize the smoke alarm's sound (and understand that it signals a home fire).
- Place at least one working carbon monoxide detector in the area outside all bedrooms. Test the detectors monthly and replace batteries as directed by the manufacturer.
- If you must use a space heater, keep it at least three feet away from anything that can burn such as clothing, bedding, draperies or furniture, and never leave it unattended or in use overnight.
- Never use your range or oven to heat your home, even for a short period of time.

Emergency Supply Kit

In a large plastic bin, store the following items and any other things you may need in a cold weather emergency either at home or in your car:

- Drinking water, shelf-stable food items
- First aid kit
- Flashlights (keep the Energizer Quick Switch at every bedside for help in finding the way out and signaling for help in the event of a fire)
- Battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries (Energizer Max ensures you have power when you need it)
- Blankets

Change the batteries in your home smoke detectors when you set your clocks back to Standard Time on October 30. A working smoke detector doubles your chances of escaping a home fire.



Texas Historical Commission unveils travel guide of Texas in WWII

AUSTIN, Texas — From 1941 to 1945, Americans — and particularly Texans — rallied to supply unprecedented levels of manpower and equipment, while sacrificing much to support the wartime effort during World War II. Experience their stories with the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) newest travel guide, Texas in World War II.

The brochure recounts the story of Texas' involvement in World War II. It is a unique and compelling story because Texas played a pivotal role in attaining victory. "The brochure brings this important history lesson alive," said Janie Headrick, state coordinator of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program. "You get a feel for how Texas was during this conflict and understand how this war forever altered the landscape and culture of Texas."

Begin your journey in Abilene, home to the state's largest military training installations during the

war. Head north to Sweetwater, where you will learn about the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) program. Along Texas' southern coast in Corpus Christi, you can step aboard one of the nation's most historic aircraft carriers, the USS Lexington.

The guide is a product of the THC's award-winning heritage tourism initiative, the Texas Heritage Trails Program. Bring your passion for the past and discover Texas in World War II. For a free guide, please call 866/276-6219 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us/travel.

For more information on the Texas Heritage Trails Program, contact the Community Heritage Development Division at 512/463-6092.

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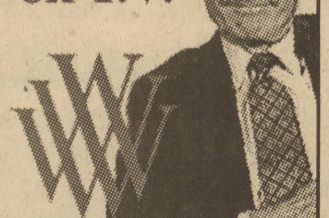
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