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JP Doyle rules Menard man's death a suicide

Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle ruled last week that, Billy Joe White, 36, of Menard, died Wednesday, April 20, 2005, as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at his ranch in eastern Schleicher County.

A 9-1-1 call came in to the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 3:16 p.m. on the day of the shooting, and several units were dispatched to the scene. Sheriff David Doran, Chief Deputy George Arispe, DPS Trooper Danny Nunez and a deputy sheriff from Menard County responded to the call.

White's body was found lying on a bed in the northwest bedroom of the ranch house with a wound to the throat and head. Evidence found at the scene, including a shotgun and a letter, reportedly led investigators to believe that White had taken his own life.

Peace Justice James C. Doyle requested an autopsy which was performed the next day by Dr. Paul Shrode of the Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock. Dr. Shrode's report stated that the fatal wound was consistent with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

School trustees uphold decision not to renew teacher contract

Hearing confirms administration decision

Five members of the Schleicher County School Board met Monday evening, April 25, in called meeting to conduct a hearing at the request of EHS teacher Anne Reeb, whose teaching position is being terminated as part of a staff reduction plan approved by the board earlier this year.

Ms. Reeb appeared before the board on March 21 to ask that she be reassigned to another teaching position, but the board chose not to do so, voting instead not to renew her contract.

Monday night's hearing was called as Reeb's request to give her the opportunity to offer evidence why she should be allowed to keep her job. It was noted during the hearing that Ms. Reeb is a veteran teacher with 30 years experience. She has taught at SCISD for six years, serving most recently in the district's Alternative Education Program campus. She was originally hired as a high school math teacher.

Ms. Reeb learned earlier in the year that her position at the AEP campus was one of two positions being discontinued as part of a staff reduction plan. SCISD Superintendent George Blanch cited declining student enrollment when he made the recommendation to the board

on Feb. 14 of this year. The board formally approved the recommendation and voted not to renew Reeb's contract at its March 21st meeting. The board accepted the resignation of Coach Charley Bunch, whose teaching position is also being phased out, at that same meeting.

Monday's hearing was held in the EHS Library and got underway with five school board members swearing an oath to be impartial. The five included board president Jo Helen Kotsch and trustees Eddie Albin, Kurtis Homer, Lupe Sanchez and Jan Wanoreck. Trustees Berta Nicholson and John Paul Joiner were not present for the hearing.

Kevin Cole, an attorney with the Austin law firm of Cole and Powell was hired by the district to serve as mediator for the hearing. Court Reporter Missy Cantrell of Christoval was also on hand to transcribe the proceedings.

Ms. Reeb was represented by Austin attorney Tony Connors while SCISD was represented by Sara Leon, an attorney with the firm of Powell & Leon, L.L.P. in Austin. School Superintendent George Blanch was also present to represent the district.

With each side being allowed to offer testimony, Supt. Blanch told the panel about his recommendation



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

SCISD teacher Anne Reeb consulted Monday evening with her attorney, Tony Connors, of Austin, moments prior to a hearing at which the SCISD board of trustees heard evidence concerning the school's decision not to renew Ms. Reeb's contract. After hearing more than three hours of testimony, the board chose to support the decision of its administrators to end Ms. Reeb's employment as part of an overall staff reduction move.

to the board that the AEP campus be closed and that AEP students be reassigned to teachers on the district's three campuses. He noted that his recommendation included the elimination of two teaching positions, including Ms. Reeb's.

For his part, attorney Connors asked the board to reconsider their

decision and to keep Ms. Reeb on as a high school math teacher. He pointed out that EHS currently has three math teachers who teach 13 total hours of math out of a possible 24 total hours. Connors noted that two of the math teachers also work for the district as coaches and explained

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DPS Trooper Danny Nunez and Schleicher County Deputies Jason Chatham and Kevin Herbert searched a 2001 Chrysler Concorde on Tuesday, April 19, after Trooper Nunez became suspicious while questioning the car's driver during a routine traffic stop. The car's driver, Armando Israel Cura, 18, of Del Rio was taken into custody and charged with money laundering. An investigation into the case continues and authorities are expected to bring legal action to seize the money and automobile.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

FLDS dominated council backs away from fight over utilities

HILDALE, UT — Ross and Lori Chatwin, the Colorado City, Arizona couple who defied an order to leave their home after being excommunicated from the FLDS church by its Prophet Warren Jeffs, won yet another victory Friday when the Hildale, UT city council was forced to back down from its decision to disconnect electric power and water service to their home.

The Chatwins appeared Friday at an emergency meeting of the Hildale city council where they pleaded with the panel not to turn off their electricity. But council members, who are all FLDS members, referred to the couple as "squatters" and denied the Chatwins' request. Later that day, workers from the Hildale City Utility Dept. which also handles services in Colorado City, arrived at the Chatwin home and disconnected the electric and water services.

The outage lasted just over an hour before calls from the media prompted Hildale officials to back down. By mid afternoon the power was restored and the water was turned back on.

The showdown began more than a year ago when Ross Chatwin was excommunicated from the FLDS church by Prophet Warren Jeffs. He was also ordered to

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Cops grab meth shipment, seize cars & \$17K cash

Two separate traffic stops last week led to the arrest of two Del Rio men and the confiscation of more than three pounds of alleged methamphetamine narcotics and the seizure of two cars and more than \$17,500 in cash.

The first incident occurred Tuesday, April 19th when DPS Trooper Danny Nunez pulled over a southbound 2001 Chrysler Concorde on a routine traffic stop. Nunez said that as he questioned the driver he began to suspect that the man might not be telling him the

truth. Deputie Kevin Herbert and Jason Chatham were called in to assist Nunez and the lawmen soon located 18 bundles of cash containing more than \$17,500.

The car's driver, Armando Israel Cura, 18, of Del Rio, was arrested and transported to the Schleicher County Jail where he was charged with money laundering. The car and cash were impounded.

Cura was released the next day on \$2,000 surety bond.

Then, on Thursday, April 21st, Nunez stopped a 1998 Ford Contour driven by Alfredo Escobar, 52, of Del Rio. Again, Nunez became suspicious and called for backup. This time Schleicher County K-9 officer Jason Chatham responded to the scene with his drug dog Brutus. The officers soon located a quantity of what they believed to be illegal drugs. In all, the officers uncovered 1,395 grams, or just over 3 pounds, of alleged methamphetamine.

Escobar was taken into custody and transported to the Schleicher County Jail where he was book in and charged with possession of a controlled substance in excess of 400 grams. He remains in custody at press time.

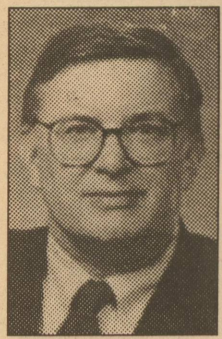
As with the first case, Escobar's '98 Ford Contour was impounded.

District Attorney Stephen Lupton will decide whether or not to ask the courts to award the cash and the two vehicles to the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department.

The Folly of Nation Building

by Jim Powell

When the United States tries to do good by fighting other people's wars, it is asking for trouble. We are at a disadvantage when fighting for issues that ultimately will have to be resolved by somebody else. We are at a disadvantage, too, fighting on unfamiliar terrain, dealing with people who speak different languages and have values very different from our own. We are likely to misunderstand the political situations of our allies as well as our adversaries.



Commentary
by Jim Powell

This became clear when Woodrow Wilson led the United States into World War I to "make the world safe for democracy." There was no prospect of an attack on the United States, because the British naval blockade confined the German navy to port, German submarines were neutralized by convoys, and trench warfare casualties forced Germany to conscript older men and boys.

Wilson's intervention broke a three-year stalemate on the Western Front, enabling the French and British to win a decisive victory. Although Wilson might have been the best-educated man ever to occupy the White House -- a former president of Princeton University, former governor of New Jersey, and the author of well-regarded books on American history -- he played an international war game with catastrophic ignorance.

Wilson grossly underestimated the determination of the French and British to avenge their war losses with vindictive surrender terms. He didn't understand that having surrender terms signed by representatives of the new German democracy, rather than by the German kaiser and his generals, would discredit democracy among the German people. Apparently, Wilson didn't consider the possibility of a bitter nationalist reaction that would generate political support for a demagogue like Hitler.

Similarly, when Wilson pressured and bribed the Russian Provisional Government to stay in the war, aimed at tying up German divisions on the Eastern Front, he didn't seem to realize that the Russian army had been plagued with problems since the war began, and it was disintegrating. It collapsed by the time Lenin made his fourth and successful coup attempt. Thus did Wilson's misadventures in nation building contribute to the rise of both Hitler and Lenin.

If the United States had stayed out of World War I, there almost certainly would have been a negotiated settlement, Hitler wouldn't have been able to crusade against "the shame of Versailles," the Russian army would have survived to stop Lenin, and Stalin wouldn't have come to power as he did.

The United States has had two notable nation building successes, in Germany and Japan following World War II. But both nations were almost entirely populated by people of a single nationality, avoiding the kind of civil war among nationalities that has devastated so many other nations. During the late nineteenth century, Germany and Japan had had a dynamic private sector and some experience with constitutional limitations on government power.

It might be noted, too, that the postwar German "miracle" began in 1948 when the bold German economics minister Ludwig Erhard defied Allied occupation forces, abolishing exchange controls and price controls that throttled the economy.

Aside from Germany and Japan, the United States has a meager track record building other people's nations. In their 2003 survey of 14 nation building cases for the Carnegie Endowment, Minxin Pei and Sara Kasper reported only two successes, both in small nations not far from the United States -- Grenada (1983) and Panama (1989).

George W. Downs, professor of politics at New York University, has reported that since World War II the United States has intervened in other nations more than 35 times in developing nations, but only once -- in Colombia -- did a democratic government develop within 10 years. There were failures in Guatemala (1954, 1966, 1972), Lebanon (1958), the Congo (1967), Thailand (1966), Vietnam (1960s) and Nicaragua (1978, 1982), among other places.

Prospects are particularly bleak for intervention aimed at establishing liberal democracy in the Middle East. As Freedom House has noted, liberal democracy hasn't developed in any of the 16 Arab nations.

We should defend ourselves against terrorism and other threats but avoid the temptation to try to do good by becoming embroiled in other people's wars. The odds are high that such well-intended efforts will backfire.

Jim Powell, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, is the author of *Wilson's War*, *FDR's Folly* and *The Triumph of Liberty*.

School accountability must include finances

Billions are spent annually on things unrelated to learning

by Chris Patterson

Public school administrators say they need more money. They say they don't have enough money to provide the classroom instruction required by the state. Administrators could well be right about the need to increase funding for instruction, but they're dead wrong about needing more money.

A study commissioned by the Governor's Business Council finds annual operating costs increased \$11 billion dollars from 1997 to 2004. Only \$6 billion of this increase can be accounted for by enrollment growth, inflation, and increased costs associated with a growing population of economically disadvantaged students. Yet public schools spent an additional \$5 billion above and beyond these costs.

Where did it go? Primarily to expand staff. The number of teachers increased by 17 percent, support staff increased 41 percent, campus administration increased 32 percent, and central administrators increased 35 percent.

But student enrollment increased only 13 percent.

Some of the money went for pay raises. From '97 to '04, average teacher pay increased by 25 percent, support staff up 21 percent, campus administrators' pay increased 20 percent, and central administra-

tor pay went up 24 percent. These raises exceeded the 17 percent rate of inflation, greatly exceeding pay increases earned by the average Texan.

Perhaps this spending could be justified if the student-teacher ratio were significantly decreased, or if teacher attrition were reduced, or if spending on classroom instruction was increased, or if student outcomes markedly improved.

Unfortunately, those things didn't happen. The student-teacher ratio remained virtually unchanged, teacher turn-over actually increased, and instructional spending dropped from 57.9 percent to 51.8 percent of total school spending. Meanwhile, the percentage of students graduating with a high school diploma remained substantively unchanged.

Public schools must spend more wisely. The evidence clearly demonstrates that how education dollars are invested counts much more than how many dollars schools spend. When schools spend

more on instruction, student performance rises. Spending on most other things -- particularly administration -- just doesn't count.

Public schools must give a better accounting of spending. It's impossible for Texans to take a close look at campus spending today. There's no way to know if schools are investing instructional monies in state-required instruction or in optional activities, such as field trips or courses in flower arranging. Nor can Texans identify how many tax dollars underwrite non-educational costs, such as lobbying, lawsuits, membership fees in professional organizations, and contributions to chambers of commerce.

Things may change. House Bill 2, passed last month by the House and now under review in the Senate, requires schools to use standard cost accounting practices and report all expenditures separately as either educational, support, or administrative expenses. Additionally, HB 2 requires districts to identify individual campus expenditures, and report monies spent on dues, contributions, and lobbying. The Senate's substitute legislation creates a financial accountability system that connects school spending and student performance, and redefines instructional costs as direct (such as curriculum) and

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Commentary
by Chris Patterson

Joint committee to iron out state budget

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN — Big power comes in small numbers in the Legislature.

In case you skipped civics the day the teacher wrote the number of state representatives and senators on the blackboard, the figure is 181 — 31 senators and 150 representatives. District boundaries change every decade with the latest census data, but the size of Texas' legislative body does not.



The political power of these lawmakers hinges on party affiliation, seniority, savvy and support, but 10 of them have now been conferred with extra clout. The power upgrade comes with appointment to the joint conference committee that will have to work out the differences between the House and Senate's take on the state budget.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has appointed Senators Kip Averitt (R-Waco), Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock), Steve Ogden (R-College Station), John Whitmire (D-Houston) and Judith Zafirini (D-Laredo) to the committee.

Appointed by House Speaker Tom Craddick are Representatives Dan Gattis (R-Georgetown), Lois Kolkhorst (R-Brenham), Vilma Luna (D-Corpus Christi), Jim Pitts (R-Waxahachie) and Sylvester Turner (D-Houston).

Forewarned, forearmed...

According to the Department of Public Safety, which runs the state's concealed handgun licensing program, 30 members of the Legislature are among Texas' 230,000 licensed gun toters.

Most of the legislative pistol packers are members of the House (26) and the GOP (21) and most are male (25.) The joint conference committee that will wrestle with the state's multi-billion dollar budget has only one licensed handgun carrier, Rep. Gattis.

Another of the handgun license holders is Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp (R-Lampasas), author of a bill that would prohibit the DPS from releasing the names of those who can pack concealed heat legally. The measure has passed the House and now is in the Senate.

The list of legislative pistoleros does not include Rep. Fred Hill (R-Richardson). That may explain his recent analogy, one of the more colorful quotes from the floor so far this session: "The time to kill a snake is when you've got the hoe in your hand."

Pricey pride...

Approved April 20 by voice vote, House Bill 137 by Rep. Ken Paxton (R-McKinney) would add the words "Proud to be the Home of President George W. Bush" to the 66 "Welcome to Texas" signs on highways leading into the state.

As introduced, the bill only required an addition to existing signs, but as amended, the bill also provides that the signs be changed in 2009 when the nation will have a new president. The new text, which would require new signs, would say: "Welcome to Texas — Proud to be the Home of Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon B. Johnson, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush."

The Texas Department of Transportation had not yet released the cost for the new signs that would have to be added after Bush's term ends.

The Senate received the bill April 22 and referred it to the Transportation and Homeland Security Committee.

Water tax down the drain...

The drain plug's been pulled on a proposal by Sen. Ken Armbrister (D-Victoria) to tax retail water consumption exceeding 5,000 gallons a month.

Minus the tax provision, Armbrister's water use planning bill flowed freely from the Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 21, ready for floor consideration.



Watching the big birds

They came in waves. Hundreds of them. Thousands. Half a million. We are at the Rowe Sanctuary near Kearney, Nebraska watching the sandhill cranes come in for a night's stay on the Platte River. It's a shallow stream where cranes have been gathering for centuries. They come here in mid March and stay about three weeks. It's a stopping point on their way from Texas to their summer breeding grounds in Canada, Alaska and Siberia.

The big birds spend time here to gain weight and rest for the trip north. They feed on waste corn and other grains left from last fall's harvest. Between Grand Island and Kearney, traveling along Interstate 80, you see cranes in the fields. So many of them the ground looks grey.

Sandhill cranes are one of two crane species found in North America. The other is the whooping crane, which also flies north in the spring. The sandhill crane weighs between 8 and 12 pounds, stands 4 feet tall and has a wingspan of 6 feet. A red crown and orange eyes highlight its grey color. The long black beak



by
Tumbweed Smith

can poke a hole in a coyote's skull. They've been around for 9 million years and have a life span of 25 to 30 years.

In flight the sandhill crane glides along at 38 miles an hour and can fly 300 miles in a single day. The sandhill crane is the most abundant of the world's 15 crane species.

Rowe Sanctuary is 1,250 acres of wildlife habitat and agricultural lands. It is the top crane viewing area, attracting more cranes than anywhere else in the world. Conservation organizations, private citizens, local businesses and industries work together to protect and preserve the crane's springtime retreat. It means money, too. Thousands of people go to Central Nebraska every spring to see this

natural phenomenon that occurs annually in America's heartland.

Paul Tebbel, director of Rowe, took about 30 of us to a blind on the Platte at 6 PM. We were told to be very quiet so we wouldn't disturb the birds. We watched them come in for the night. The birds darkened the sky. It was difficult to distinguish the cranes from clouds. The Nebraska sunset provided a colorful backdrop as the cranes settled in for the night. The blind put us within 20 feet of the cranes, which presented a cacophony of sight and sound so powerful it made our heads spin. We heard their clucks, chirps, screams and chatter, some sounding like a triple tonguing trumpet. Some of the cranes leaped and danced in the shallow water, fluttering their wings. It was cold. The crane observers were dressed in arctic clothing. We left around 9 PM.

We returned to the blind at 6 AM the next day. More cranes had come in overnight. Soon they spread their wings and exploded into flight, on their way to spend a day dining in the fields.



Mr. and Mrs. Jess Martin

COURTESY PHOTO

Schwiening/Martin exchange vows

Reverend Andy Anderson performed the double ring ceremony uniting Hallie Garrett Schwiening and Jess Duncan Martin in marriage on Saturday, January 29. A wintry wonderland was created for the candlelight service which was held at First Baptist Church in Eldorado.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Martin Schwiening of Eldorado, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin of Fort McKavett.

When presented in marriage by her father, the bride was radiant in a strapless gown of wedding white encrusted with pearls and rocaille, crystal and bugle beads. Her cathedral length train attached to the basque waistline was edged with similar beadwork. The bride's hair was swept up and adorned with a white veil sprinkled with pearls and Austrian crystals. She further complemented her look with pearl and rhinestone earrings and matching necklace.

The bride carried a white rose nosegay with icy blue accents. An heirloom handkerchief belonging to her great-grandmother and a US flag in honor of her brother were tucked into the bouquet. She also wore bride and groom birth date pennies in her shoe.

Attending the bride was her sister, Codi Zane Morrison of San Angelo. Asa Nixon of San Angelo served as Best Man. Ushers were Darren Morrison of San Angelo, brother-in-law of the bride, and Pat Martin of Fort McKavett, brother of the groom. Flower girls were Darby and Delaney Ramsdell of Roosevelt, Taya Schwiening of Dripping Springs and Lancy Martin of Fort McKavett. Jan Wanoreck provided a program of classical and spiritual music on the organ for the intimate family wedding.

Following the ceremony, a candlelight dinner reception was held in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church where the wintry theme was continued. A barbecue meal of brisket with all the trimmings was prepared by the bride's father.

The wedding cake was a three-tiered Italian cream confection

with fondant icing which replicated the bride's gown. Banana pudding was served from the groom's table which was decorated with a deer horn candelabra.

Members of the house party were Becky Sterling and Kim Albin of Eldorado and Kaye Creech of Fort Stockton.

The bride graduated from Eldorado High School in 1997, attended Angelo State University and graduated from Howard College in 2001. She is employed by Kidz Are Us in San Angelo. The bridegroom graduated from EHS in 1998, served in the US Navy for four years, attended Odessa College and is employed at Dyn Corps in San Angelo.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin at the Devil's River Steakhouse in Sonora on Friday, January 28.

A gift brunch honoring the couple was held at the home of Liz Anderson on Sunday, January 16 and hosted by Mrs. Anderson, Linda Chancellor, Lana Jones, Sharon Mittel, Becky Moore, Dana Owens, Becky Sterling, Linda Thomas, Deanne Walker, Jo Ward, Myrt Williams and Peggy Williams.

Hunt is on for missing Eagle Pass woman

Yaneth Guadalupe Martinez, 35, of Eagle Pass was visiting her grandmother in Rocksprings on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, when she suddenly disappeared. The woman was last seen around 5:45 p.m. driving a brown 1995 Pontiac Bonneville (TX license V44-MDG) east on Texas Hwy. 41 toward Interstate 10. She is a Rocksprings native (Janet Enriquez, 1990 RHS graduate) and is familiar with the area.

Martinez has a two week old daughter and is reportedly suffering from Post Partum Depression and taking medication. Family members told the Success on Monday that the woman has been behaving strangely and acting "very paranoid."

Martinez reportedly left her daughter with family and took her

sister-in-law's car. She reportedly left her purse behind, but her sister-in-law's purse, belonging to Maria Guadalupe Enriquez, was inside the car when she left.

Family members say that woman normally speaks with one of them or her best friend at least twice a day, but none of them have heard from her in several days.

It is feared that Ms. Martinez may have hurt herself or be disoriented or lost. Her name has been entered in the law enforcement system TCIC/NCIC as a missing person

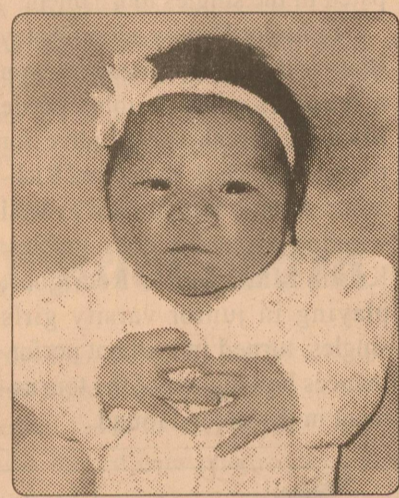
and the car has been entered as stolen.

Yaneth Guadalupe Martinez is 5'4", 135 lbs with brown eyes and brown shoulder length hair. She wears contact lenses. She was last seen wearing dark blue warm-ups, a hot pink tank top, and white Keds tennis shoes.

Anyone with information about her whereabouts is asked to call the Edwards County Sheriff's Office at 830-683-4104.



MISSING PERSON
Yaneth Guadalupe Martinez



COURTESY PHOTO

Micaela Isabelle Holsey

It's a Girl!

Jay, age 5 and Kaytlin, age 1, would like to let everyone know they have a new baby sister Micaela Isabelle Holsey.

Micaela was born, April 8, 2005 in an San Angelo hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Proud parents are Brandon and Valene Holsey of Eldorado.

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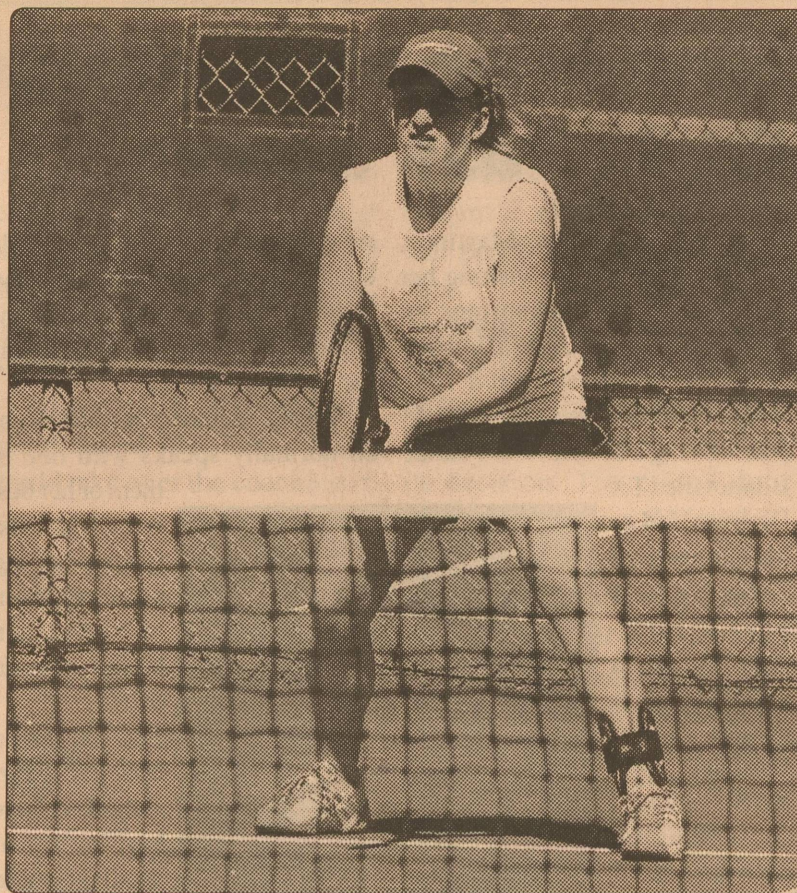
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Advancing to Regional Tennis in Abilene, Chandra Wanoreck won silver in District 2AA Girls Singles, in Mason April 5.

Wanoreck advances to Regional Tennis meet

by Coach Matt Rutherford

Chandra Wanoreck placed second in girls singles at the District 2AA tennis tournament, in Mason April 4 and 5, 2005. Wanoreck, the seventh seed, defeated the second and third seeded players on her route to the finals. She will play regionals in Abilene on April 27 & 28.

In girls doubles action the unseeded team of Allison Reynolds and Lauren Brown provided another surprise in the tournament defeating the 3rd and 6th seeded teams on the first day before falling to the eventual runners up from Mason in the semifinals. Brown and Reynolds wound up third by defeating their fourth seeded teammates, Taylor Baker and Maxie Holley, in the third place match. Kim Samaniego was the other girl entrant in singles.

On the boys side Frank Edmiston and Ryan Cathey fell to the eventual fourth place team in the quarterfinals in a tightly contested match. Cathey concluded a very good career on the tennis courts

at EHS. Logan Jones and Abel Montalvo won consolation in boys doubles while Michael Ballew fell in the consolation finals of boys singles. Russel Cathey also participated in the singles tournament.

In Junior Varsity action Katey Blair and Jessica Robertson won a round in girls doubles while Michael Redish stayed alive for two rounds. Mark Bybee and Richmond Adame fought hard as well winning a round in boys doubles. Kristin Mittel and JC Rodriguez, playing in junior varsity girls singles, turned in brilliant performances bowing out of the tournament in the second round.

Eagle nine bounce Hawks

Two runs in the bottom of the 1st would prove to be more than enough for the Eldorado Eagles. Behind the strong pitching of Ryan Cathey and solid defense the Eagles cruised to a 5-1 victory on Friday, April 22, 2005.

The Eagles were able to score 2 runs in the bottom of the 1st on hits by Jared Grubbs, Frank Edmiston, and Joey Hernandez. Again in the 5th the Eagles tacked on three more runs. Jared Grubbs led the inning off with a single followed by a Caleb Nixon fielder's choice. With two outs Joey Hernandez had an infield single and Frank Wipff drove in the other run with a shallow single into left center.

Ryan Cathey was dominating on the mound going all seven innings. He allowed only four hits striking out nine Hawk batters.

GC grounds Warbirds

Big 1st and 3rd innings by the Grape Creek Eagles spelled the end for the Eldorado Eagles on Tuesday, April 19, 2005. A five run 1st and a six run 3rd helped Grape Creek cruise to a 14-6 victory over the Eagles.

The Eldorado Eagles did show some life at the plate collecting 10 hits. For the Eagles Jared Grubbs, Kolby Dombroski, and Frank Edmiston collected two hits apiece. One of Frank Edmiston's hits was a solo home run that was hit over the scoreboard in left center. Also getting hits for the Eagles were Russell Cathey, Caleb Nixon, Joey Hernandez and David Hernandez.

Frank Wipff took the loss for the Eagles pitching two innings. Ryan Cathey came in and pitched the final five innings striking out five hitters.



Eagle Third Baseman Frank Wipff looks on in disbelief as David Hernandez put a Wall Hawk runner out on second base only to have the Umpire call runner safe. The Ump's error did not prevent a 5-1 Eagles victory, however.



Advancing to the Regional Track Meet at Abilene Christian University in Abilene in High Jump, Junior Rachel Joiner will be vying for a spot at the UIL State Track Meet in May. Rachel won District High Jump with a jump of 5-4.

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BREAKFAST MENU

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 Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Peaches, Orange Juice, Milk

Tuesday, May 3
 French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, May 4
 Cheese Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday, May 5
 Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Juice, Milk
 !!!EARLY DISMISSAL!!!!

Friday, May 6
 !!!NO SCHOOL YEA!!!!

BASKET LINE

Monday, May 2
 Pep. Hot Pockets, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Peach Slices

Tuesday, May 3
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Carrots Sticks, Dip, Apple Halves

Wednesday, May 4
 Chicken Burger, Sandwich Salad, French Fries, Mixed Fruit

Thursday, May 5
 Pizza French Fries, Tossed Salad, peach Halves
 !!!EARLY DISMISSAL!!!!

Friday, May 6
 !!!NO SCHOOL YEA!!!!

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Monday, May 2
 Taco Roll, Fritos, Pork-N-Beans, Peach Slices

Tuesday, May 3
 Chicken Spaghetti, Hot Rolls, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Apple Halves

Wednesday, May 4
 Pork Chops, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Hot Rolls, Mixed Fruit,

Thursday, May 5
 Pizza, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Peach Halves
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Senior Spring Fling Country Fair slated May 5

The Area Agency on aging is proud to announce its biggest event of the year "Spring Fling!" The Senior Spring Fling celebrates Older Texans/Older Americans Month as it honors the many outstanding contributions seniors provide to our local community. This year's Senior Spring Fling is scheduled for Thursday, May 5 at 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Spur Arena. The event, with its theme of "Country Fair," includes business exhibits, educational and informational booths, health screenings, awards, entertainment, door prizes, and lunch. Attendees

and participants are encouraged to dress in "hillbilly" clothing. If dressing in costume is not for you, then wear whatever is comfortable-especially shoes.

Eldorado will be taking the Thunderbird Van to this event. This will be for Seniors only.

If you would like to ride on the Thunderbird you will need to call the Resource Center at 853-2572 by Tuesday, May 3rd to reserve your place.

A donation for ride will be required. Lunch tickets are \$3.00 each. This is a fun day and you are encouraged to plan to attend.

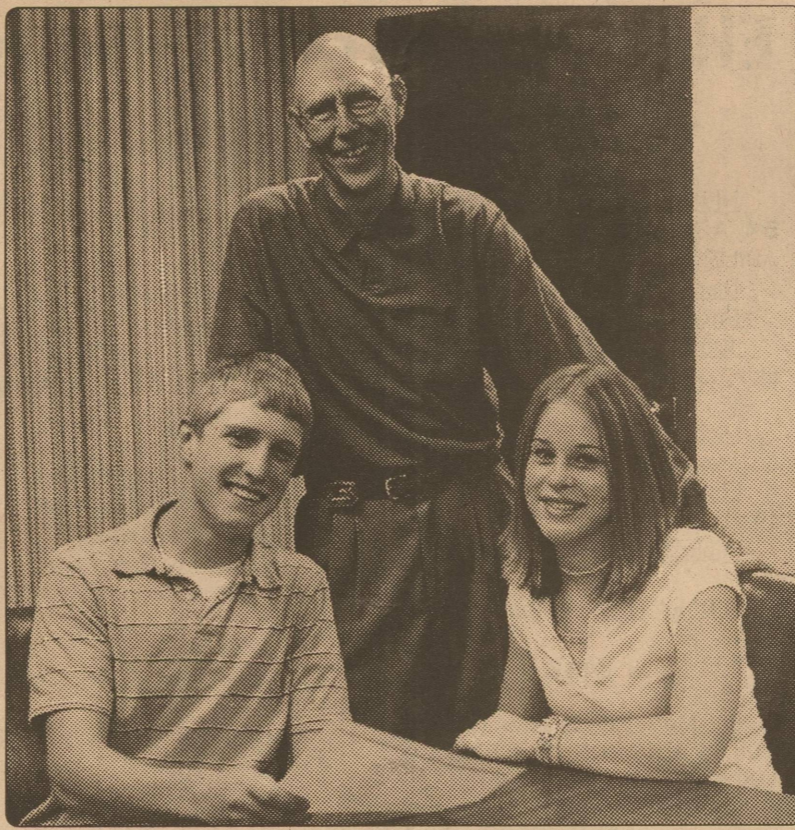


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Buff Whitten, Manager of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative presented the Washington D.C. tour itinerary to Neal Higgins (L) and Alison Sproul (R), winners of the essay contest sponsored by SWTEC. Higgins and Sproul, who are both students at Eldorado High School, will experience nine days in the nation's capital along with 1,500 other students from around the U.S.

HONOR ROLL

Eldorado High School Honor Roll 5th Six Weeks

9th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Jorge Chavez, Tyler Dombroski, Chelsey Stone

"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Selvia, Aranda, Blake Chatham, Maria Contreras, Misti Daniels, John Joiner, Jorge Mata, Clayton Sauer, Kassandra Tyler

10th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Felipe Martinez, Kristin Mittel

"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Luis Almazan, Drew Bosmans, Josue Chavez, AnaKaren Esparza, Holly Ford, Anna Fuentes, Tiffany Hernan-

dez, Jileesa Hibbs, Brittany Jennings, Richard Jones, Abelardo Montalvo, Rachel Rios, Raul Rios, Veronica Villa

11th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, Lauren Brown, Maxie Holley, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Karina Sanchez, Chandra Wanoreck

"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Charlotte Adame, James Ballew, Josefina Diaz, William Edmiston, Esperanza Fuentes, Philip Meyer, Karina Sanchez, Alison Sproul, Frank Wipff

12th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Katey Blair, Brandie Cross, William Griffin, Julie Hight, Blanca Huichapa, Maria Huichapa, Ashley Minor, Emily Newman, Jessica Robertson

"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Laurie Almazan, Manuel Arispe, Terrell Boy-saw, Kolby Dombroski, Jared Grubbs, Jose Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, SanJuanita Huichapa, Brencce Minor, Esequiel Robles, Luis Rodriguez, Britney Sellers

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APRIL

30th Prissy Paxton, Dora L. Arispe, Stoney Harris, Margarita Arispe, Kimberly Edmiston

MAY

1st Joe Christian, Isaac Saldivar, Richmond Adame
2nd LouAnn Turner, Machelle Ford, Charlie Lloyd, Mary Ann Blaylock, Cruz Sanchez, Robbin Hutto, Kandace Aguilar
3rd Martha Lively, Ramiro Buitron, Ryan Adame
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Local youths win trip to D.C.

Buff Whitten, Co-op Manager, announced names of winners of an essay contest, sponsored by Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative. Area youths whose winning essay qualified them for an expense-paid Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. are Alison Sproul and Neal Higgins of Eldorado High School.

Alison is the daughter of Nancy and Mike Sproul. She is a junior and is active in cheerleading and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a member of the National Honor Society and active in the First Baptist Church and Right Choices for Youth organization.

Neal is the son of Billy and

Leanne Higgins. He is a sophomore at Eldorado High School. He participates in football, baseball, and is active in both 4-H and FFA activities. Neal is a member of the Fellowship for Christian Athletes and is currently sophomore class president.

The idea for the Government-in-Action Youth Tour sprang from a suggestion by then-Senator and future President Lyndon Johnson that electric cooperatives send young people to the capital to "see what the flag stands for".

Youth Tour participants will enjoy the best of Washington, D.C., touring the Smithsonian Institute, Mount Vernon, the Vietnam Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Ford's Theater, the FBI building, the White House, the Supreme Court and many other famous sites. They will also be visiting their Congressman's office and the House of Representatives and the Senate.

They will be among 100 young people from all over Texas participating in the tour of the nation's capital city, June 16th -24th. Almost 1500 young people from cooperatives across the U.S. are expected to participate in this year's tour.

THANK YOU

We the Project Graduation Planning Committee would like to thank the following individuals and business who have already helped in making Project Graduation a reality.

Wildlife Resource Management, Creek Swabbing & Roust-about Service, First National Bank of Eldorado, FBC-Young Adult Sunday School Class, Duke Energy Field Services, David Walsh/Walsh Welding, Rosa's Casita, Wayne & Shirley Joiner, Schleicher Co. EMS, John E. Meador Construction, Production Plus Pumping Service, Sam Dillard Ins. Company, Mittel Ins. Agency, Eldorado Lions Club, Everett's Pharmacy, Sam & Karen Henderson, Henderson Water Well service, Mort L. Mertz, Mabel Freitag, Steve M. Sessom, DDS, Eddins-Walcher, Kent's Automotive, Jack & LouAnn Turner, The Video Store, Target Stores, Desert Mountain Guide Service

If you have not been approached to donate for Project Graduation it is because we are a very small committee this year. If you are interested in helping us make this year a success please donate to the First National Bank of Eldorado in care of Shirley Joiner or Contact: Soila Rojas 853-2525, Karen Robertson 853-2462, Grace Hernandez 853-3872, Betty Robles 853-2107 and we will be glad to come by your home or business and pick up your donation. Again Thank You for helping our youth have an alcohol free graduation night.

Eldorado Project Graduation Committee

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Dear Citizens of Schleicher County,

On May 7th, I am seeking election to the SCISD School Board as a Member-At-Large. To this position, I bring a desire for a superior education for the children of Schleicher County. As a Registered Pharmacist in the area, I have owned my own health care consulting business for the past 8 years. I understand the importance of an education and the necessity of a good one.

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I would like to be elected to the SCISD school board for the simple reason that I love the children and want to do

what is best for them. I have two children in SCISD, one in Pre-K and one in 2nd grade. My family has a lot at stake in this district in the coming years, and I would like to make it the best it can possibly be.

I am not afraid to stand up for what I believe and I believe in the ability of our children, faculty and staff to succeed. It is my intent to do whatever is necessary to achieve that success in our district.

I would appreciate your vote on May 7, 2005 for the position of Member-At-Large on the SCISD School Board.

Sincerely,

Shannan Wideman

Shannan Wideman



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Mother's Tea

The Eldorado Elementary School would like to invite all mothers or grandmothers or guardians to come have breakfast with us at the school on Monday, May 9. It will be from 7:30 until 9:00, come and go, in the Elementary Kitchen. We will have muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee. You will be able to visit your child's classroom. Please let us know that you will be coming. We are looking forward to seeing you.

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EHS District Track Results

Sonora, TX April 14, 2005 Varsity Girls

High Jump: 1. Rachel Joiner, 5'4 ADVANCE TO REGIONAL, ABILENE

Discus: 5. Taylor Baker, 94'3

Shot Put: 8. Taylor Baker, 31-2

100 Meter Run: 6. Allison Reynolds, 13:04

Varsity Boys

High Jump: 4. Terrell Boysaw, 6-0; 6. Jeremy Ussery, 5-8

Long Jump: 5. Kolby Dombroski, 19-11

Triple Jump: 6. Kolby Dombroski, 39-11

200 Meter Dash: 4. Terrell Boysaw, 23.40

400 Meter Relay: 6. Eldorado, 45.78

800 Meter Run: 3. Jeremy Ussery, 2:08.36 ADVANCE TO REGIONAL, ABILENE; 4. Eric Garcia, 2:10.13

100 Meter Dash: 4. Rigo Arispe, 11.21

800 Meter Relay: 4. Eldorado, 1:35.37

1600 Meter Run: 6. Eric Garcia, 5:02.92

Junior Varsity Boys District Results

110 Meter Hurdles: 5. Dylan Dombroski, 19.59

1600 Meter Run: 5. Louie Buitron, 5:36.2

Wall Cotton Patch Relays Thursday, March 24, 2005

Wall High School Varsity Girls

High Jump: 1. Rachel Joiner; 3200 Meter Run: 6. Alicia Corrales

Varsity Boys

800 Meter Run: 3. Eric Garcia, 2:09.49

100 Meter Dash: 6. Robles, 11.81

200 Meter Dash: 6. Terrell Boysaw, 24.15

Hospital Board meeting

The Schleicher County Hospital Board of Directors met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on April 25, 2005. Board President Randy Mankin called the meeting to order with trustees J.D. Doyle, Susie Richters and Jim Martin in attendance. Trustees Shirley Joiner and Ricky Fuessel were absent.

Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz and Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor were also on hand for the meeting, as was hospital management consultant Andy Freeman.

The meeting began with the review and approval of the minutes from the March 28 meeting. The board then heard Quality Assurance reports from Vickie Farmer and Anita Jones who serve as the hospital and nursing home directors of nursing, respectively.

Next, the trustees reviewed the district's financial reports and voted to write off \$20,799.14 in bad debt.

Sharon Dietz then gave her administrators report. She updated the board on the nursing and hospital statistics for the month and explained that the hospital and nursing home had sponsored a volunteer appreciation breakfast last week and that a staff appreciation day would be held on May 11.

Dietz then explained that she had traveled to Austin to testify before house and senate committees on legislation that would allow the district to change its trustee election format to single-member districts.

Randy Mankin spoke next, advising the board that he had been in touch with State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran's office. He explained that two different versions of the hospital's redistricting bill passed the house and senate and that differences between the two will be worked out in committee. Mankin said that he expects the final bill to pass without difficulty.

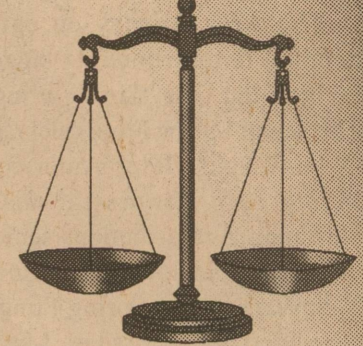
The board then voted unanimously to reappoint Dr. Gordy Day to active hospital staff and appoint Dr. Gordon McGee and Marka Dempsey, MSLD, to the hospital's consulting staff.

Before adjourning, the trustees approved a contract for worker's compensation insurance services through the Texas Association of Counties. They also authorized Ms. Dietz to apply for a grant through the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs. A proposed maintenance contract for the hospital's Toshiba ultrasound machine was rejected.

The hospital board will next meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2005, in the hospital board room.

Pros & Cons

Weighing the costs and benefits of the Property Tax Freeze question




At issue: Whether or not to freeze ad valorem taxes on homesteads owned by senior citizens or disabled persons.

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| <p>Reasons To Support The Freeze</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increasing tax rates and property evaluations place an undue burden on persons living on fixed incomes. 2. Spiraling health care and prescription drug costs force many disabled and senior citizens to choose between maintaining their health or paying their property taxes. 3. The tax freeze applies only to homesteads. Once the property is sold the freeze no longer applies, unless it is bought by another senior or disabled citizen, and then the freeze applies at the new higher rate. 4. Seniors helped build this country and have paid their fair share. They aren't asking for a tax reduction, only a freeze to keep their taxes from going any higher. | <p>Reasons To Oppose The Freeze</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City and County government functions at a bare-bones level to deliver services required by law. There is no fluff in the city or county budget. 2. If taxes are fixed or reduced for one group of citizens the remaining citizens must pick up the tab. 3. County and City services cost money which can only be derived from taxes or fees. If tax revenue declines, or fails to stay up with the cost of running the courthouse or city hall, then fees will necessarily be increased. Fees that will apply to everyone. 4. Shifting the burden of government from one group of citizens to another is neither a fair nor effective means of funding government. |
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When & Where
 The property tax freeze will be decided by local voters on May 7, 2005 who cast ballots in the city and county election. Early voting is underway now at the Schleicher County Courthouse and Eldorado City Hall.

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Succotash bean
5. Clump of earth
9. Friars Club gala
14. Slack-jawed
15. Prefix with medical or normal
16. Rudimentary seed
17. Hurler of seven no-hitters
19. Mortal danger
20. Response to "Am not!"
21. Well-read
23. Grab with a toothpick
26. Nosh on
27. Winner of seven consecutive NBA scoring titles
33. ___Caps (candy brand)
35. Soccer game segment
36. "___ Life Is It Anyway?" (Dreyfuss movie)
37. Do a teamster's job
39. Special Forces topper
42. Not fooled by
43. Word before ear or workings
45. "See no ___"
47. Deafening noise
48. Gymnast with seven perfect 10's in the 1976 Olympics
52. Crime boss
53. Almost at hand
54. Strict disciplinarian
59. ___ acid (form of vitamin B)
63. Nebraska city
64. Swimmer who won seven gold medals in the 1972 Olympics
67. Ship's navigation aid
68. Grammy winner
- India, ___
69. Celestial bear
70. 16th-century council site
71. Lunch time, often
72. Carson's TV predecessor

DOWN

1. Lang of Smallville
2. Composer
3. Lawn tunneler
4. Netman Andre
5. EMT's skill
6. Produce hen fruit
7. Exam sans pencils
8. "Robinson Crusoe" writer Defoe
9. Way up the slope
10. ___-the-counter
11. Subtle emanation
12. Buttonhole, e.g.
13. Intro to marketing?
18. Gunslinger's tally, perhaps
22. ___ Mahal
24. Moby-Dick's chaser
25. Cotton bundle
27. 17-Across's milieu
28. Actor Zimbaldist, Jr.
29. P on a frat house
30. Comics orphan
31. Sparkling wine city
32. Gas in signs
33. Tibia's locale
34. Granny
38. Luau garland
40. ___ Marriott (Joe Millionaire)
41. Fork prong
44. Beaming brightly
46. Toronto Maple ___
49. One in the clink
50. ___ band (varietyshow act)
51. Appear unexpectedly
54. Shed one's skin
55. Love personified
56. Steak order
57. Lighter-___air
58. Poi source
60. Malta moola
61. "___ wrap!"
62. Antidrug honcho
65. Carnival city
66. Baseball's ___ Griffey, Jr.

Sports Sevens

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MS Walk Termed a Huge Success

Over 60 walkers joined the "Claudia's Hope Walkers" team Saturday, April 23, during the MS Walkathon in San Angelo. The walkers were family and friends from Eldorado, Miles, San Angelo, San Antonio, and Lubbock. Claudia is a Pre-K teacher from Eldorado who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis over a year ago.

Mrs. Droll was proud to have past, present and future Eldorado's Pre-K/Kindergarten students and their parents walk with her. Many

walked at least three miles but some walked five miles of trails that were not very well marked, but kept on going. Some traveled the trail by strollers, wagons, and even bikes. Ms. Droll was even pulled by rickshaw.

"Claudia's Hope Walkers" team received first place with the largest team award and third place for the best T-shirt design. Special people in the community helped raise money to donate to the MS Society. Other individuals collected generous donations

from business, friends, and family. David Creek sponsored our team T-shirts. All the donations are appreciated and hopefully this money will help fund research to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.

Claudia Droll is very grateful to everyone who made this such a successful and memorable event. She wants everyone to know she is proud of this wonderful community stating "You are the best! Consider this an invitation to join our team next year. We plan on getting bigger and better!"

Cawley gives notice to Water District board

Cindy Cawley, manager of the Plateau Underground Water District notified her board of directors Monday evening that she plans to be stepping down. Cawley, who serves as the district's administrator and field technician, said she could continue on a part-time basis carrying out the field work. She added, however, that she wants to leave it all behind eventually so that she can help her husband in their stone cutting business. Cawley also serves as manager of the Sutton County Water District.

Cawley offered the options to consider, one which might include hiring an experienced person from

a neighboring county to travel to meetings on the district's behalf and to take care of district business in Austin while at the same time looking for someone to take over Cawley's position locally.

Board members on hand for the meeting included Sam Henderson, De Lux, Ronnie Sauer and Pat Jackson. Board member Lynn Griffin was not present.

The trustees listened to Cawley's presentation but took no action on the matter.

Cawley has served as the manager of the water district since 1991. Her salary is shared by Sutton County Water District.

In other business the board

voted to cancel the election of directors, since there are no contested races on the ballot. They also looked over photos Cawley took of four water wells at the YFZ Ranch on Thursday, April 7, 2005, when she and Sam Henderson, along with Schleicher County Appraiser Scott Sutton, Sheriff David Doran and Texas Ranger Brooks Long entered the property for inspection of wells and measurements of buildings. The board asked several questions about one of the wells and closely examined the photos.

All other business on the agenda was tabled and the meeting was adjourned.

FLDS dominated council backs away from fight

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move out of his home which sits on land owned by the United Effort Plan, a charitable trust owned and controlled by the church.

But Chatwin refused to comply and went to court to fight the eviction. Arguing that UEP rules require that he be compensated for improvements he made to the property, Chatwin convinced a Mohave County Arizona judge to award him a life estate in the home.

The judge's order effectively prohibits the FLDS church and the UEP trust from evicting Chatwin but it does not stop the two entities from continuing to pressure Chatwin to leave.

The first move came when FLDS attorney Rod Parker appealed the court's decision. Then, while the case was before the court, Chatwin's brother Stephen, who is still an FLDS member, moved into the upper floor of the Chatwin's two-story house. As if to compound things, the Hildale City Utility Dept. changed the utility account into Stephen Chatwin's name. When Stephen Chatwin suddenly moved out of the home a few weeks ago and asked that his utilities be

disconnected, Ross and Lori Chatwin found themselves fighting to keep their lights and water on.

Attempts to set up a new account were rebuffed, according to Lori Chatwin, because neither she nor her husband are considered the legal property owner, and Hildale Utility Dept. rules require the property owner to sign-off on new accounts, despite the fact that Ross Chatwin has a life estate in the property.

FLDS Bishop William Timpson, who oversees the UEP property in Hildale and Colorado City, reportedly declined to approve the Chatwin's request. Timpson, who is also a member of the Hildale City Council, was present at Friday's meeting where he again refused to sign.

Ultimately the Hildale City Council approved the termination the Chatwins' utilities, but did offer them the option of meeting with the city's utility board at a later date. Early that afternoon the water and electric service was turned off as the Chatwins' 6-year-old daughter Carol looked on and as a cameraman working on a documentary video taped the

whole thing.

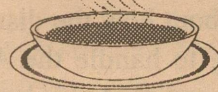
Calls from a newspaper reporters soon found Hildale Mayor James Zitting and shortly after that the city had a change of heart. Chatwin was allowed to sign for a new account and the power was promptly turned back on.

Editor's note: Ross and Lori Chatwin were once ardent followers of the FLDS church. Since being excommunicated, they have become outspoken critics of Prophet Warren Jeffs whose followers who make up the vast majority of the inhabitants of Colorado City/Hildale. It should also be noted that YFZ Ranch officials, who also follow Warren Jeffs, have expressed an interest in acquiring the electric power line that serves the ranch.

The Eldorado Success continues to seek comment from Warren Jeffs and/or other leaders of the FLDS church.



Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, May 2

Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

Tuesday, May 3

Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Choc. Cake, Milk

Wednesday, May 4

Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/ Nuts, Juice, Milk

Thursday, May 5

Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Corn Bread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk

Friday, May 6

Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Oven Baked Fries, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple, Milk



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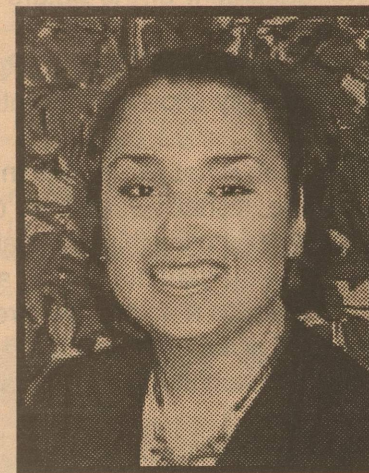
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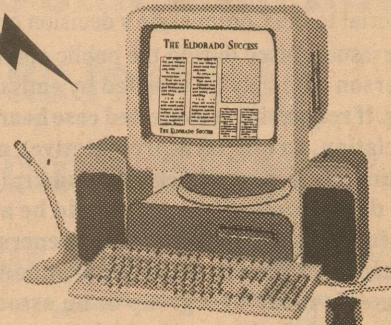
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Hearing held over non-renewal of Reeb's contract

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that one of the teachers was still had a probationary math teacher/coaching contract that could have been terminated at will by Supt. Blanch. Conners then said that Blanch chose to discontinue Ms. Reeb's position instead, without any input

from her.

Ms. Reeb then testified on her behalf saying that she loves teaching in Eldorado and that she felt she had been unfairly overlooked. Reeb said that she had not been given the opportunity to teach math, which was the subject she was hired

to teach. She also voiced her concern about how the district was going to handle the AEP students and said she hoped the school's academic standing would not suffer.

At one point attorney Sara Leon asked Ms. Reeb if she could take over the coaching re-

sponsibilities of the other math teacher if she was assigned to that position. Reeb responded, "No."

Seven items were logged into evidence at the hearing before the board went into executive session to consider its decision. The closed door session lasted from 8:45 to 9:30 p.m. When the group returned to open session, they voted unanimously to order non-renewal of Ms. Reeb's contract due to a reduction in force and program changes that take effect when her current contract expires at the end of the school year.

The meeting ended without further action.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Earth matters to these local Girl Scouts! They recently completed a program in preserving our natural resources, with an emphasis on the plight of one of our local endangered reptiles, the Texas Horned Lizard which is the Texas State Reptile. Showing their Girl Scout pride for the camera are Daisies: (Front L-R): Valeria Geuea, Star Lynn Foley, KIKI Guerra, and Alex Alvarez; Brownies: (Middle L-R): Elizabeth Guerrero, Brook Guerrero and Jessica Gonzalez (Back L-R) Sheryl Alexander (Senior), Juniors: Shelby Daniels, Robin Hibbs, Chasity Willis and Tanja Hibbs. Eldorado provides programs for all levels of scouting.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: **SANTOS LORENZO VIDES**, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the **Honorable 51th District Court of Schleicher County** at the Courthouse thereof, in **Eldorado, Texas** by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the **23rd day of May, A.D. 2005**, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the **30th day of March A.D. 2005**, in this cause, numbered **#2645** on the docket of said court and styled; **IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF: PATRICIA NARVAEZ AND SANTOS LORENZO VIDES AND IN THE INTEREST OF LORENZO ANTONIO VIDES, MINOR CHILD.**

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eldorado, Texas, this the 20th day of April A.D. 2005.

Attest: Peggy Williams, Clerk
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By Mary Ann Gonzalez
Deputy Clerk

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Grand Jury hands up indictments

The Schleicher County Grand Jury met Wednesday, March 30, 2005 and handed up 10 indictments. A number of indictments were not made public by authorities and will be withheld until the subjects involved are arrested or are served with papers. Among the indictments made public were:

- Salvador Martinez Castillejo of Sonora, male age 52, Driving While Intoxicated, 3rd or More. Castillejo has two prior convictions involving operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.
- David Thomas Fairchild an San Angelo resident, male age 49, Possession of Controlled Substance/Methamphetamine, less than one gram.
- Baltazar Maldonado Pena of Del Rio, male age 24, Possession of Marijuana, five pounds or less but more than four ounces.
- Guadalupe Pena of Del Rio, female, Possession of Marijuana, five pounds or less but more than four ounces.
- Greg Owen Terry of Eldorado, male age 29, Forgery Financial Instrument.

School finances

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indirect (such as lobbying).

These reforms are absolutely essential if schools are to allocate money in ways that will improve student outcomes, and critically necessary to control runaway spending. But these reforms are not sufficient.

Until Texans can look at the books and determine how much money really goes to classrooms, taxpayers will never be able to determine how their money is being spent.

So that taxpayers can effectively monitor spending, the legislature must require school districts to use a standardized electronic accounting system and check register that can be accessed by any Texan on a personal computer.

Texas public schools need better accounting systems, with stronger accountability and greater transparency. Connecting every new education dollar to these reforms is the only way to ensure all Texas children will have the schools they need and the opportunity to learn.

Chris Patterson is the director of research for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a non-profit research institute based in Austin.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 75179

APPLICATION Mr. Douglas J. Garvin and Mr. Richard L. Gibson dba G&G Fiberglass, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 75179 which would authorize continued operation of the existing Thermoset Resin Facility located at 250 County Road 100, Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter, Styrene, exempt solvents and methylmethacrylate.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 7, 2005. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ San Angelo regional office, and the Schleicher County Courthouse, 164 East U.S. Highway 190, Eldorado, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the San Angelo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief-Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final dead line for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

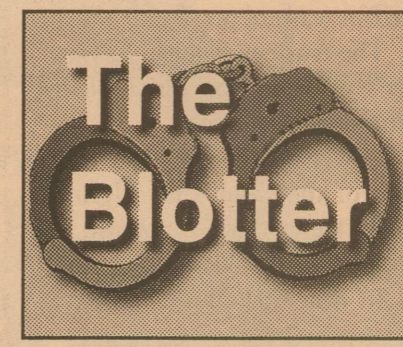
A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief-Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/>.

Further information may also be obtained from Mr. Douglas J. Garvin and Mr. Richard L. Gibson dba G&G Fiberglass, P.O. Box 758, Eldorado, Texas 76936 or by calling Mr. Roger Reynolds, Benton & Associates at (806) 783-9944. Issuance Date: April 14, 2005.



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
April 19 • Harrison, Cort Winn, male age 35, arresting officer SC deputy, offense MTR.
• Cura, Armando Israel, male age 37, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Money Laundering >3K but <20K.
April 21 • Escobar, Alfredo, male age 52, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Possession of a Controlled Substance >400 grams.

April 22 • Malik, Darold Ellis, male age 34, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Controlled Substance over 1 gram less than 4 grams, Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz., Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon.

INCIDENTS
April 19 • 4:38 p.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.
• 5:16 p.m. Complainant reported someone entering the field and doing donuts on the field, wanted to just report it to the sheriffs office for future reference.
• 5:31 p.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.
• 5:48 p.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer, call reported minors having alcoholic beverages. Officer responded.
• 7:25 p.m. Complainant reported reckless driver in a green Chevy pickup. Officer responded.
• 7:35 p.m. Complainant reported a black Mustang speeding down Main Street forcing her niece of the road. Officer responded.
• 8:11 p.m. Complainant reported a

reckless driver, driving the wrong way in front of the high school gym. Officer responded.

April 20 • 3:16 p.m. Complainant reported that a friend had committed suicide. Officer, DPS, and Justice of the Peace responded.

• 5:38 p.m. Complainant stated that someone was breaking into an apartment through a window. Officer responded and reported everything was O.K.

• 8:55 p.m. Complainant stated that her ex-boyfriend was harassing her and threatening that he was going to slash her tires. Officer responded.

• 11:21 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious white truck older model parked in the alley behind her residence. Officer responded.

April 21 • 9:35 p.m. Complainant reported his pure blood English Pointer had been shot and killed. Officer responded.

• 10:47 a.m. Complainant reported three large dogs out on the highway. Animal control was notified.

• 10:13 p.m. Complainant reported a power line down. Line was sparking. Officer and EVFD responded.

• 9:40 p.m. Complainant reported someone possibly stalking her. Officer responded and information was taken.

April 22 • 4:00 a.m. Complainant reported that there were some cows in the road by the rodeo arena. Officer responded.

• 5:20 p.m. Complainant reported bees in her backyard. EVFD responded.

• 8:53 p.m. Complainant reported kids going and knocking at her residence and then taking off. Officer responded.

April 23 • 4:51 a.m. Bank alarm went off. Officer and key holder responded.

• 6:46 p.m. Complainant reported receiving harassing phone calls. Officer responded and spoke with subject and advised him not to call back.

April 24 • 5:43 p.m. Complainant reported bees at her residence. EVFD responded.

• 8:17 p.m. San Angelo security company reported burglary alarm went off at a ranch. Offers responded.

• 9:53 p.m. Caller reported her keys locked in her vehicle.

• 10:05 p.m. Complainant wanted to make a complaint against her sister for harassment and threatening her with physical harm. Did not request an officer to respond.

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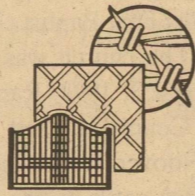
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Eldorado Woman's Club holds monthly meeting

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2005 for our annual Field Trip. Theme for the meeting was "We Are Taking a Trip." Our destination this year was the Crockett County Museum located in downtown Ozona in the old three story annex building of the courthouse. Eight members gathered at the route we enjoyed all the green grass and a variety of spring wildflowers. Our hostesses at the Crockett County Museum were Margie Coates and Roberta Schoenhals. They told us many interesting things about Crockett county as well as leading us on a great tour of the museum. They also ran a video that included even more stories about the county.

Crockett County was named after David Crockett. He never liked being called Davy. He named his favorite sister Betsy. Crockett county became a subsidiary of Val Verde County when it was organized in 1885 and was approved as a county on July 7, 1891. For a time Emerald,

which was six miles east of Ozona, was the county seat but it lost out to Ozona as the county seat. Ozona was located at E.M. Powell's water well. Mr. Powell gave the first water well to the county and the water was free for public use. The well was drilled in 1883. Mr Powell offered land for a courthouse, jail, school, and waterworks. After Ozona, bringing some of their buildings with them. The first commissioners court meeting was held in a tent under a live oak tree. Today that tree stands in the yard at the First Baptist Church parsonage. The church was organized on April 3, 1892. Ranching in Crockett County had just began when the Hoover family headed their longhorn cattle to the Pecos River area in 1881. The Illinois and Great Northern Railroad sold land they had received from the State of Texas. The Hoover Ranch and several others were started in the county in 1881. Within five years the state of Texas required that ranchers with cattle being run on free range pay a lease of three cents per acre. Those purchasing land along the Pecos River paid one dollar an acre with 40

years to pay to the full amount to the state. By the late 1890's barbed wire was being used to separate ranches. Sheep ranching was established in the county when C.C Doty came in 1880 with his first flock to a part of the County that would later become Schleicher County. Angora goats were introduced early in the new century. Primarily a ranching area before 1925 Crockett county gained a vital new industry, oil. In the spring of 1925, the first oil well came in which was located on the Powell Ranch. The Powell Field is still yielding oil. In 1927 the first gas well was drilled. A wise sage once said "nothing makes a successful rancher like a little flock of oil wells."

The first courthouse was a wooden frame building. The current courthouse was built from stone that was quarried, or dug, in Crockett County. This courthouse was also used as a social center where cowboy dances, box suppers, and round-up celebrations were held. Steer roping was a regular sporting event until they were outlawed an calf roping took their place. In December Santa gave gifts to the children of Crockett County. Many of the rooms in the museum have a special theme; there's a Blacksmith shop, library, school room, music room, buggy room, wool and implement room, tack room, kitchen room, parlor room and other. Each room is unique and shows how lovingly each was put together with many interesting things from the early times of Crockett County pioneers. The Indian Artifacts rooms

won a Historical award from the Texas Historical Commission. These rooms feature several arrowhead collections, a pictorial display beginning with the earliest inhabitants through the latest Indians living in Crockett County. The limestone soil formations yield a large variety of fossilized creatures, some of which are oysters, mollusks, mastodon bones, Gastropods from the cretaceous period of approximately one hundred million years ago. There are displays of petrified fish, mammoth bones, sand dollars and much, much more.

Among some of the things of special interest to this reporter was a small two-drop homemade shearing machine. The motor was from a washing machine and was mounted a tall round tin water container. Two long iron handles were on each side of the motor and at the top of the shearing heads. A pulley for the belts to the motor was mounted on each side of the motor and at the crossbars. I would like to know when this machine was in use and who made it.

I am looking forward to a return trip as there are so many things yet to discover. Each room was filled with many treasures of yesteryear. We thank Roberta and Margie for making our tour of the museum such a special time. They were so knowledgeable about Crockett County history and the special things in the museum. The gave extra attention to pointing out many interesting things of early Crockett County. The ladies prepared a wonderful refreshment time of coffee and cookies. Club members Isabella McCutcheon also gave us another special piano recital and we got to sing along as she played. We know Crockett County is very proud of their great museum and all who have worked very hard to put it together. It is one of the best I have had the privilege of going to.

We ended our Ozona trip by lunching at the Hitching Post Cafe where the food and surroundings were both great. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, 2005 in the Memorial Building Club Room at 12:00 noon.



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- 1/4 teaspoon salt
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- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup prepared salsa
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Wisconsin Monterey Jack or Pepperjack cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro or green onion

Sprinkle chili powder, cumin and salt over chicken. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and garlic; cook 5 minutes. Turn chicken over. Combine salsa and mustard; spoon over and around chicken. Continue cooking, turning chicken and stirring sauce, 5 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Sprinkle cheese and cilantro over chicken. Continue cooking 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted. Makes 4 servings.

Spinach & Cheddar Salad

- 1 (10 ounce) bag washed baby spinach leaves or torn spinach leaves
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded or finely diced smoked or sharp Wisconsin Cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup packaged real bacon bits
- 1/4 cup thin red onion rings or strips
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced radishes (optional)
- 1/3 cup bottled red wine or raspberry vinaigrette salad dressing
- 1 hard cooked egg, chopped (optional)
- 1/2 cup herb or garlic croutons
- Freshly ground black pepper (optional)

In large bowl, combine spinach, cheese, bacon bits, red onion and, if desired, radishes. Add dressing; toss well and transfer to serving plates. Top with egg if desired and croutons. Serve with freshly ground black pepper if desired. Makes 4 side dish or 2 meatless main dish servings.

Steak With Gorgonzola Thyme Crust

- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 (6 ounce) beef tenderloin or small rib eye steaks, cut 3/4-inch thick
- 1 large or 2 small cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dried
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) crumbled Wisconsin Gorgonzola cheese

Preheat broiler. Spoon Worcestershire sauce over both sides of steaks; let stand 5 minutes. Sprinkle garlic and pepper over steaks. Place steaks on rack of broiler pan. Broil 3 to 4 inches from heat source, 3 to 4 minutes per side, for medium-rare steak. Remove pan from broiler. Sprinkle thyme, then cheese over steaks. Return to oven and broil 2 minutes or until cheese is golden brown. Makes 2 servings.

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