

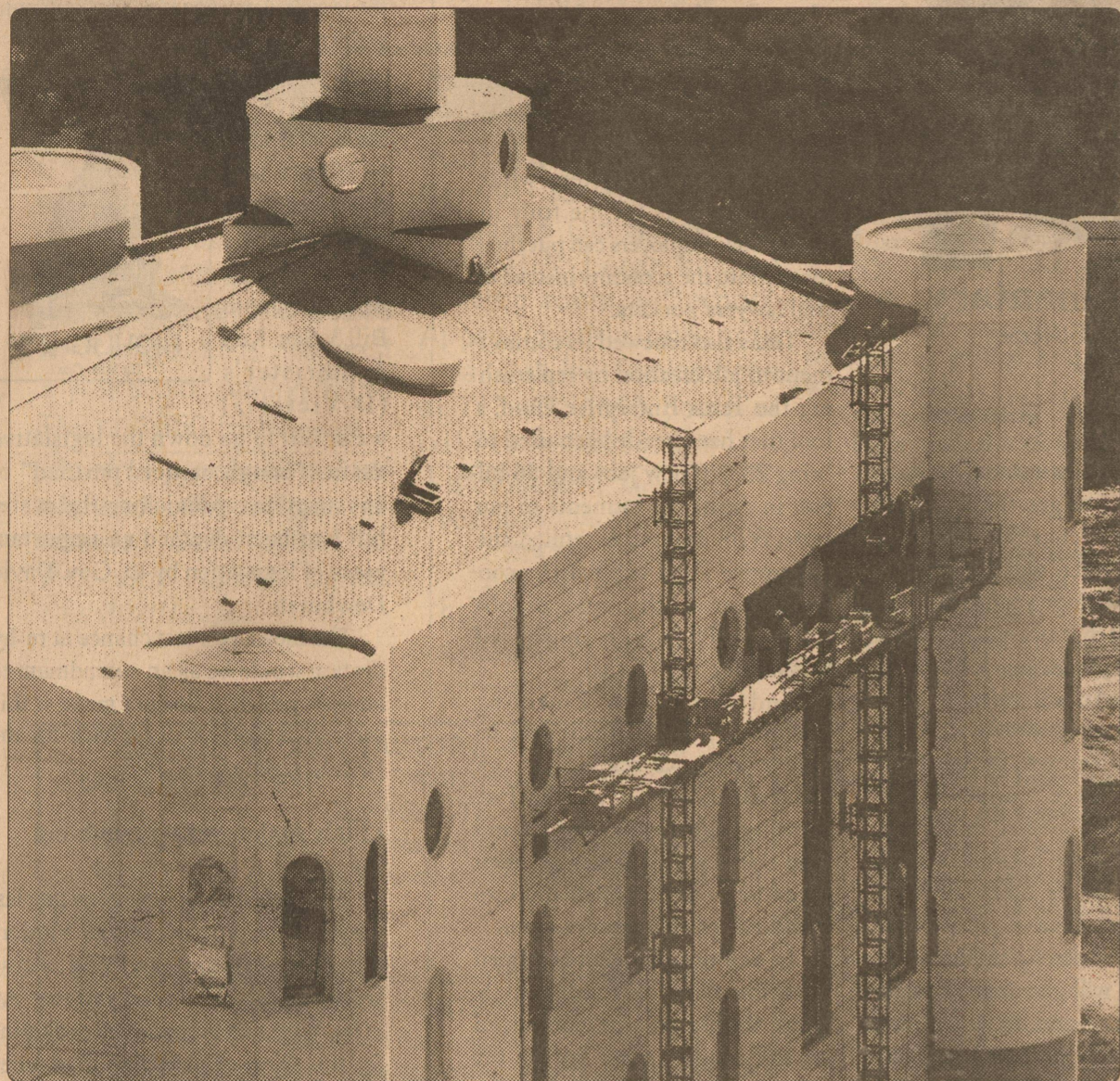
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Workers continued installing limestone blocks Monday on the south wall of the FLDS temple located on the YFZ Ranch, four miles north-northeast of Eldorado on County Road 300.

Thirty-eight EHS grads receive high school diplomas

With strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" drifting through the air thirty-eight members of the Eldorado High School Class of 2005 filed into the Eldorado High School Auditorium, on May 27. It would be their final trip together as EHS students. Moments later the thirty-eight graduates received their diplomas following a salutatory address by Emily Newman and a valedictory address by Will Griffin.

Following the speeches, EHS Principal Bob Wanorek announced the graduates' names as they crossed in front of the podium. SCISD Board President Jo Helen Kotsch handed out the diplomas while George W. Blanch moved each graduate's tassel to signify the commencement of a new chapter of life.

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

Following the presentation of diplomas, the graduates gathered in the front of the High School and celebrated by tossing their caps high into the air.

Family members and friends then moved in and greeted the graduates.

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

Sheryl Alexander; Laurie Almazan; Manuel Arispé; Katey Blair; Joseph Borrego; Terrell Boysaw; Judith Cardenas; Ryan Cathey; Brandie Cross - Super S Scholarship, Lions Club Scholarship, Landon Nixon Memorial Scholarship; Hortencia Cruz; Kayli Ann Daniels; Kolby Jay Dombroski - DAR Good Citizen Award, M.B. Lamar Masonic Lodge Scholarship;

Also, Simon Duran; Monica Nicole Estrada; Amanda Michelle Figueroa - Lions Club Scholarship, Beta Sigma Phi, Germania - Sherry Lux Scholarship; Linda Fuentes; Tony Garcia; Eric Garcia; William Curtis Griffin - Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, DAR Excellent in History Award, TEA Highest Ranking Student Tuition Scholarship, PSAT National Merit Scholarship Cooperation Com-

mended Student Award, Texas A&M Presidents Endowed Scholarship, Texas A&M Opportunities Scholarship;

Also, Jared Scott Grubbs; Armando Guzman; Joey Hernandez; Luis Hernandez; Julie Ann Hight - Beta Sigma Phi, Shot's Scholarship; Blanca Isabel Huichapa; Maria Huichapa-Mitzi Sessom Memorial Scholarship, Knights of Columbus, Margaret Ellen Nixon Nursing School; San Juanita Huichapa; Ashley Nichole Doran Minor - Terry L. Beebe Scholarship;

Also, Brence Thomas Minor - Landon Nixon Memorial Scholarship, TEA Early H.S. Graduate Tuition Scholarship; Emily Katherine Newman - M. B. Lamar Masonic Lodge Scholarship, A.E. Prugel Southwest ACA Scholarship, Hext Scholarship, Paul Page Scholarship; Samantha Rene Powell; Jessica Lynn Robertson - 1st Baptist Church Men's Bible Study Scholarship, Rising Scholars Scholarship; Tico Robles; Luis Donnie Rodriguez; Selina Veronica Rojas; Javier Sanchez; and Britney Rena Sellers.

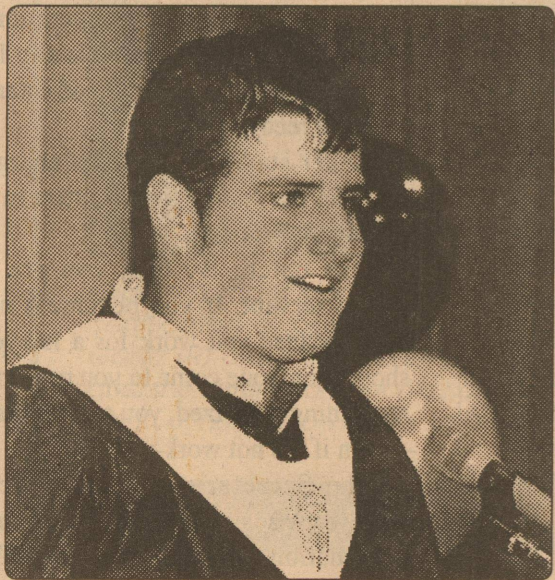


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Top grads — Will Griffin (L) delivered the Valedictory address and Emily Newman (R) gave the Salutatory address to the EHS Class of 2005 as 38 graduates received their high school diplomas last Friday evening during the commencement exercise in the EHS Auditorium.

Mounting legal pressure fails to derail work on FLDS temple

Workers at the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado don't seem to have noticed that their Prophet and leader, Warren Jeffs, suffered a series of legal and legislative setbacks last week. Instead, they appear to have redoubled their efforts to complete construction on the FLDS temple, located in the middle of the sprawling 1,672-acre complex some four miles north-northeast of Eldorado. Freshly cut limestone blocks are being applied to the exterior of the mammoth building with at least one carved decorative block being installed beneath a window on the building's south side. Work is also underway on the construction of a sweeping stairway leading up to the temple's front door.

Despite the intense building activity, FLDS leaders were dealt a series of stinging defeats last week, beginning when Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard seized the records of the Colorado City Unified School District — a district hounded by allegations of mismanagement and whose board of trustees and administration is comprised entirely of FLDS members.

The unexpected raid came after a search warrant was issued by Arizona Superior Court Judge Kathleen Mead.

UEP assets frozen... Utah AG takes action

The dust from the school district raid had not settled last Thursday when Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff launched an attack of his own, challenging Jeffs' control of the United Effort Plan Trust, a charitable trust operated ostensibly on behalf of Jeffs' FLDS members.

But Shurtleff's assistant Tim Bodily argued before a Utah State Judge that the UEP assets were being fraudulently transferred out of the trust. He went on to note that in recent months UEP trustees had failed to respond to a series of lawsuits brought against the trust, greatly jeopardizing the standing of church members living on UEP property whose homes would be put at risk if the trust defaulted.

Judge Adkins agreed with Bodily's assertions and ruled Friday that the UEP trustees, including Warren Jeffs, were not serving the best interest of the trust. He issued a temporary restraining order, freezing trust assets and appointing a certified public accountant, Bruce Wisan, to act as a "special fiduciary" or substitute trustee. Wisan will oversee the UEP until next Monday when a second hearing is scheduled. At that time Judge Adkins will decide whether or not to leave the temporary restraining order in place.

A third hearing has been scheduled for June 22 at which

time persons will have the opportunity to contest the judge's decision. If anyone comes forward the judge will likely schedule an evidentiary hearing for a later date.

Texas weighs in...

Hilderbran wins with SB 6

Here in Texas, State Representative Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) celebrated a victory this week with the passage of Senate Bill 6, commonly known as the Child Protective Services Bill. Originally authored by State Senator Jane Nelson of Grapevine, the bill was amended several times when it reached the House floor. One

Even before the SB 6 came to a final vote, Governor Rick Perry announced his support and the legislation easily passed in both houses. The bill now awaits Perry's signature.

"The legislative process is full of obstacles and is designed to kill bills, not pass them," Hilderbran said after SB 6 passed. "Thankfully, we had the foresight to add my bill's language as an amendment to SB 6 as a safeguard, and it paid off."

Most of SB 6 has little to do with polygamy, but reinforces the state's child protective services and is welcomed by activists who claim FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs forces under aged girls into polygamous marriages with much older men. The new law also raises the ante on bigamy and polygamy by elevating them from a misdemeanor to a felony offense. SB 6 also prescribes penalties for any person who officiates over an unlawful marriage, a provision aimed directly at the FLDS Prophet who is said to arrange almost all the marriages within his community and who reportedly officiates in person over most of the wedding ceremonies.

"There has been concern that the FLDS moved to Texas because our laws were weak," said Hilderbran. "Well, now we have not only updated our laws to make them consistent with Arizona and Utah, but we have added innovative and thoughtful language that the Utah Attorney General hopes to duplicate."

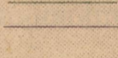
Wheels continue to turn in the Beehive State...

Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, who testified on behalf of Hilderbran's bill before the House Juvenile Justice Committee, told the Success on Tuesday that he was pleased to hear Texas lawmakers had found a way to adopt the legislation.

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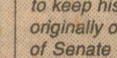
Three-state Trifecta Arizona, Utah & Texas move against Jeffs empire

**TUESDAY
MAY 24, 2005**
Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard sent armed agents into the offices of the Colorado City Unified School District in Colorado City, AZ to seized computers and financial records.



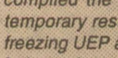
AZ Atty. Gen. Terry Goddard

**FRIDAY
MAY 27, 2005**
Texas State Representative Harvey Hilderbran won his battle to strengthen Texas marriage laws and further criminalize bigamy and polygamy when House/Senate conferees agreed to keep his amendment, originally offered as H.B. 3006, as part of Senate Bill 6. Governor Rick Perry has said he will sign the bill.



TX State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran

**THURSDAY
MAY 26, 2005**
Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff asked a state district judge to freeze the assets of the United Effort Plan Trust, a charitable trust operated by the FLDS church. Judge Robert W. Adkins complied the following day, issuing a temporary restraining order, effectively freezing UEP assets and appointing an independent auditor to oversee the trust until subsequent hearings can be held on June 6 & June 22.



UT Atty. Gen. Mark Shurtleff

STILL NO ANSWER
Meanwhile, FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs has yet to respond to any of the charges leveled against him, his church, or the UEP Trust. Neither has Jeffs commented on action taken last week by officials in Arizona, Utah and Texas and his whereabouts remain a mystery.



FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs

of those amendments, offered by Hilderbran, included almost all the language contained in H.B. 3006, a bill the Kerrville legislator tried unsuccessfully to push through the state house. The language includes a rewrite of Texas marriage laws, raises the age of consent from 14 to 16, and otherwise targets the polygamous lifestyle practiced by FLDS members who recently moved from the Utah/Arizona border to Schleicher County.

Hilderbran's amendment passed easily in the House, and was one of the few that survived the House/Senate Conference Committee before the entire bill was sent back to both chambers for a straight up or down vote.

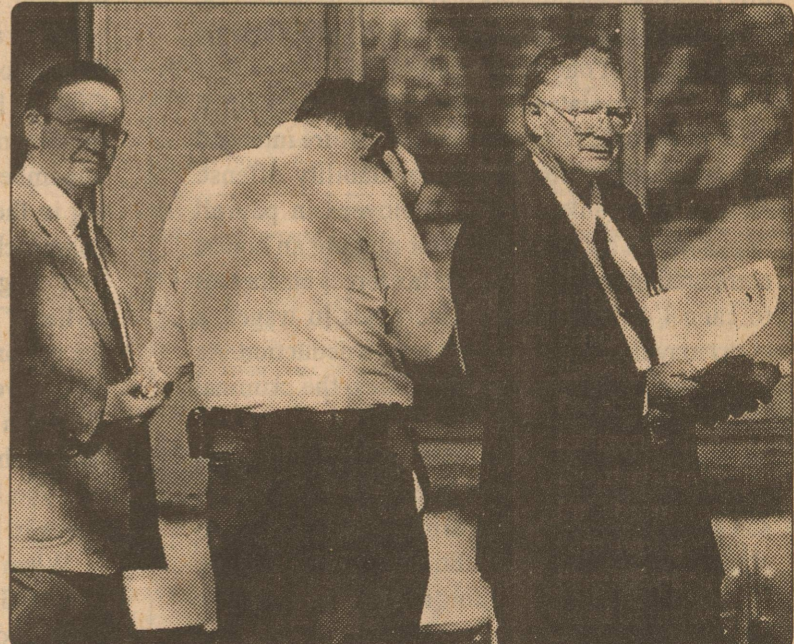


PHOTO BY JEREL HARRIS

CCUSD administrators cooled their heels and sipped bottled water last week beneath a shade tree for just over nine hours last week as agents from the Arizona Attorney General's office served a search warrant on the school administration building, seizing computers and financial records. Pictured L-R are Assistant Business Manager Oliver Barlow, Business Manager Jeffrey Jessop and Superintendent Alvin Barlow.

Lawmakers must remember criminal state of mind

by Marc A. Levin

There is perhaps no more famous legal truism than the phrase that ignorance of the law is no excuse. Yet, it is simply not always true. For example, in prosecutions under the federal law requiring disclosure of firearms in baggage checked on a commercial flight, the government must prove the violation was willful, which courts have defined as being aware of a law but nevertheless purposefully violating it.

Even more importantly, ignorance of a fact, as opposed to ignorance of the law, is a valid defense to nearly all criminal laws. For almost every crime other than speeding, it must be shown that the defendant knowingly engaged in the illegal conduct, or at least was reckless or grossly negligent in not being aware of his conduct. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that the Constitution requires such a culpable state of mind as a component of due process.

In the closing days of Texas' legislative session, there are several important policy areas — from zero tolerance to taxes — where the Legislature is confronting this question of criminal intent.

First, the Legislature is debating reforms to the 1995 Safe Schools Act. Under this "zero tolerance" law, otherwise exemplary Texas students have been expelled to juvenile justice boot camps and referred to prosecutors. Their heinous crimes? Unknowingly bringing a pocket knife to school that was left in a jacket from a weekend hunting trip, or taking Celebrex at lunch to relieve pain from a broken knee, are just two examples.

House Bill 603 by Rep. Rob Eissler clarifies that school officials may consider the intent of the student, if any, before using expulsion for such infractions. House Bill 603 passed the House and awaits action in the Senate.

Additionally, House Bill 1688 by Rep. Harold Dutton, which the House has also sent to the Senate, would rein in criminal prosecutions in such zero tolerance cases by repealing the state law automatically making these and other school disciplinary violations a crime, even if they do not run afoul of any state or local criminal law.

Legislators are also considering whether to require a "culpable mental state" before cities enforce their public nuisance laws against unwitting businesses. House Bill 1690 by Rep. Terry Keel comes in response to complaints that the City of Dallas has abused its public nuisance law, under which it may fine the property owner \$500 for each day the nuisance exists and even place a lien on the property.

Although the law has historically been used to shut down brothels, Dallas is utilizing it to extract revenue from ordinary businesses located in high-crime areas. For example, a carwash in a low-income neighborhood was targeted, even though those running it had nothing to do with criminal activity.

One hotel owner testified before the House Civil Practices Committee that Dallas police officers told him his problems with the nuisance abatement law would "go away" if the hotel owner were to hire off-duty police officers, rather than a private security company, and suggested that his business contribute to an elected official's "birthday fund."

Keel's bill would change the standard for conviction from "knowingly maintaining" a place where crime occurs to "knowingly tolerating criminal activity." Second, it provides that police calls and other affirmative steps taken by property owners to combat crime cannot be used against them in court. Despite opposition from Dallas Mayor Laura Miller, the bill passed the House and is before the Senate.

Legislators are also considering whether to incarcerate directors and employees of businesses for deducting the controversial new payroll tax from an employee's wages. House Bill 3 creates this backdoor income tax and makes its deduction a Class A misdemeanor, an offense punishable by a maximum of one year in jail.

There is no state of mind requirement specified so a court could conclude the Legislature intended to create a rare strict criminal liability offense. As a result, rank-and-file employees in payroll departments could be jailed for making an honest computation error. Also, if the tax forces businesses to cancel or slow planned increases in wages, a court may find that this constitutes a deduction. As this bill already contains civil fines, the criminal penalty is unnecessary.

Criminal law should only be invoked when someone's conduct is truly blameworthy. One reason to use criminal law sparingly is that criminal convictions other than traffic offenses can impose a lifelong barrier to obtaining a job or housing. The Legislature should keep in mind the true meaning of crime and rely on civil fines, school discipline, and revocation of state licenses and permits to deter innocent mistakes.

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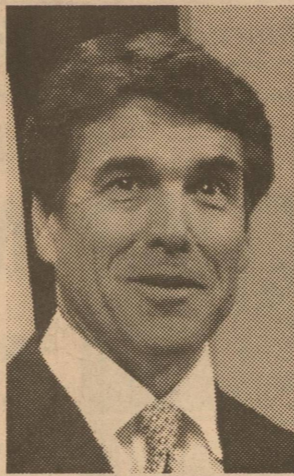
Gov. Perry: Important Strides Made in 2005 Legislative Session ... Work Still Left to Be Done

In my State of the State Address this January, I asked lawmakers to join me in charting a course for this state that would lead to a new era of possibility. Four months later, Texans can be proud legislators made several investments that will help build a Texas of greater possibility, recognizing there is still work to be done if we are to reach our ultimate destination.

And even though legislators did not act on an education reform and property tax cut proposal, important reforms passed in the 79th Legislature will protect some of our most vulnerable citizens from neglect and abuse, control medical costs for injured workers and their employers, and ensure Texas continues on a course of unlimited opportunity with investments in jobs and technology.

I was particularly pleased to see the legislature adopt the major reforms I laid out for child and adult protective services. These reforms will put hundreds of new caseworkers in the field, increase salaries, lower caseloads by 40 percent and significantly reduce time spent on paperwork. Our protective service workers will now have more time to spend with children and families, and our vulnerable citizens at risk of neglect or abuse will receive the protection they deserve.

We also took an important stand for children and families by passing a new parental consent



Commentary
by Texas Governor
Rick Perry

law that requires minors seeking an abortion to get the approval of a parent or guardian. And this November, voters will have the opportunity to adopt a constitutional amendment that affirms the sacred institution of marriage is between one man and one woman.

We knocked down a major barrier to job growth by fixing our broken workers' compensation system, which saddled employers with some of the highest costs in the nation while doing little to help injured Texans get back to work. The workers' compensation reform bill will give injured workers better care and better benefits, will eventually lead to lower employer costs, and will help contain the cost of medical care for those who depend on the system.

We also cracked down on those who look to get rich by filing frivolous asbestos lawsuits. In recent years, bogus asbestos claims — often filed by healthy individuals — have forced dozens of innocent employers into bankruptcy and put thousands of Americans out of work. But a new law I have already signed will remove the junk lawsuits from the system while protecting rights for the truly injured. Now employers can put their money into the economy instead of trial lawyers' pockets.

Texas also renewed its commitment to job creation by replenishing the Texas Enterprise Fund, a tool that has already been used to bring 28,000 new jobs and \$6 billion in capital investments to our state. With its reserves refilled, the Enterprise Fund will help us continue to attract thousands of jobs like the 4,200 recently announced by Washington Mutual.

And with a new Emerging Technology Fund, Texas will be able to improve research at our universities, attract jobs in fast-growing high-tech industries and help start-up companies get their inventions out of the lab and into the hands of consumers sooner.

In addition, legislators agreed with me that tax-funded highways should not be converted to toll roads unless voters say otherwise, which is an important provision contained in a

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Water bill flushed down legislative drain

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN — With every tick of the clock as the Legislature moved toward adjournment May 30, time itself became nearly as powerful a player in the legislative process as the lieutenant governor or speaker.

The fact that all Senate bills had to be voted out of the House by the end of the day on May 24 caused Senate Bill 3, Sen. Ken Armbrister's (D-Victoria)



water bill to go down the legislative drain. Though earlier "purified" of any user tax provision, the water bill had been deemed an important piece of legislation by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

The measure's last chance at re-hydration would be as an amendment to another bill. If it doesn't make it this session, it likely will be back for the 80th Legislature in 2007.

Likely snake eyes for gambling bill...

The odds did not look good late last week for the prospect of video lottery machines at horse and dog racing tracks and Indian reservations. An effort to get an amendment providing for this form of gambling died when the Senate by one vote ended debate on House Bill 3540, a major revenue bill.

Life in fast lane for West Texas...

If the governor signs the measure into law, House Bill 2257 will enable the Texas Transportation Commission to up the speed limit to 80 miles an hour on portions of Interstates 10 and 20 in far West Texas.

The bill, which takes into account that there are more lonely miles than traffic in Crockett, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Pecos, Reeves, Sutton and Ward counties won unanimous approval in the Senate on May 25.

Lawmakers proud Texas is Bush country...

Another bill getting a green flag in the Senate last week was House Bill 137, a measure that would have the Texas Department of Transportation add to its 66 "Welcome to Texas" signs that Texas is "proud to be the home of President George W. Bush."

A House amendment mandating that the signs also acknowledge George H.W. Bush, Lyndon Johnson and Dwight Eisenhower was cut by the Senate because it would have cost a lot more money.

Want to be a public servant without the hassle?

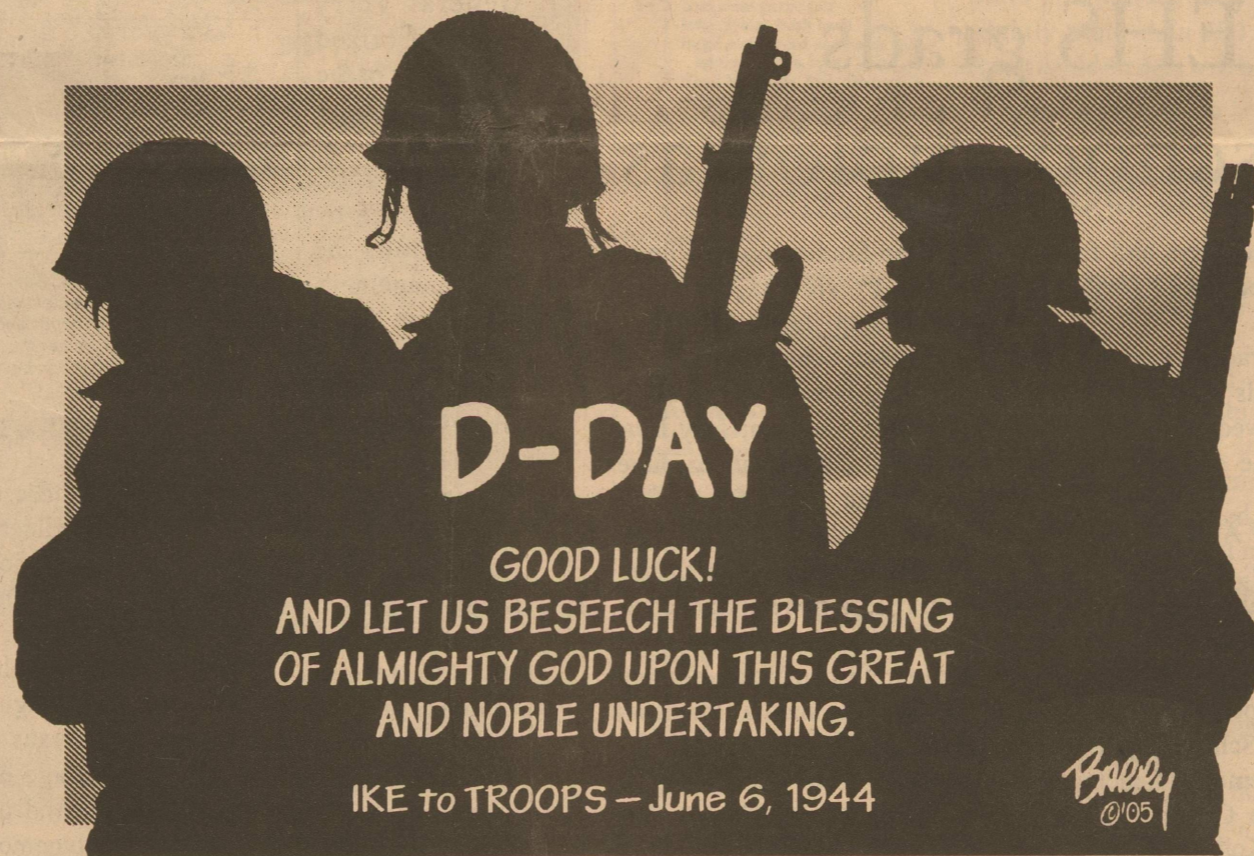
If you've had a hankering for public service but don't want to run for office, you could apply to the Secretary of State for appointment as a notary public.

You have to be at least 18, a Texas resident, and never convicted of a felony or "crime of moral turpitude." Oh, and pay a \$21 fee plus the premium for a \$10,000 surety bond (usually 10 percent) and buy a personalized notary seal and record book.

Under state law, you can charge up to \$6 per transaction or attest to a document for free.

One catch: By law, you are a public servant. If you become a notary because you work for a lawyer, should someone come to you needing something notarized, you can't refuse — even if it's not work-related.

The Secretary of State's Web site, www.sos.state.tx.us, has more information, plus a new searchable database to determine if someone is a licensed notary and where they are located. (Travis County, for instance, already has 999 notary publics.)



The Glory Days of the Shamrock

My parents had a grocery store in Fort Worth. My father was active in the Texas Retail Grocers Association and served as its president one year. He attended Grocery Conventions all over the US. One year the National Association of Retail Grocers had its annual meeting at the Shamrock Hotel in Houston. I remember my mom and dad relaxing in their luxurious room at the Shamrock when my father reached over, hugged my mother and said to her, "This is a long way from the cotton patch, isn't it." She said, "O, my, yes."

When you stayed at the Shamrock in the 1950's, it made you feel like you had arrived at some elite status in life.

When the hotel opened in 1949, owner Glenn McCarthy threw a million dollar party, the likes of which Texas had never seen before. On hand were one hundred movie stars. Three thousand would-be gatecrashers couldn't even get to the lobby. All over Houston that night, drivers of cars honked their horns to mark that event.



by
Tumbweed
Smith

In 1949, few buildings and fewer homes were air-conditioned. But all 778 rooms in the Shamrock were air-conditioned. Even the garbage room was air conditioned to control odors. Robert Cason of Corsicana was at the Shamrock for the opening on St. Patrick's Day, 1949.

"They didn't have a single thing to serve breakfast with the next morning. All the silverware was gone for souvenirs. And all the flowers in the lobby were taken out that night. It was literally stripped."

The Shamrock Hotel was a monument to the Texas spirit, embracing entrepreneurship, risk, adventure and dreams of fame and fortune.

Oilman Glenn McCarthy built it and lost it while he was building and losing several fortunes during his

lifetime. But the day the Shamrock opened, Houston stopped being a country town and started becoming a metropolitan city.

The Shamrock was torn down in 1987 to make way for a parking lot. Robert Cason was a prominent Texas florist at the time and recalls opening night at the Shamrock.

"I was one of about forty florists they selected to go down for the opening. We worked down there three days before the hotel opened. They had champagne all over that big lobby. Andy Devine was there and he was so much fun. About midnight he said 'let's go swimming.' It was cold, you know, in April, and I came home with pneumonia. It was years before I told anybody how I caught it. But it was such an opening. The prominent people all over the US had to be seen there. You never saw so much jewelry and finery and fun in your life."

On St. Patrick's Day of 1986 Glenn McCarthy joined 3,000 people who were protesting the demolition of the Shamrock.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Air Force trumpeter TSgt Tighe played "Taps" in the background Monday as members of American Legion Bev McCormick Post #257 gathered at the Eldorado Cemetery for the annual Memorial Day ceremony. The program is held each year to honor the twenty-three Schleicher County citizens killed in the service of our country. Post #257 members pictured above include (L-R) Gene McCalla, Orval Edmiston, Gene Jones, Weldon Jenkins, Tom Enochs, Phil Edmiston, Buff Whitten, Guy Crippin and James Mankin.

Memorial Day ceremony honors county's war dead

A crowd of about 95 people were in attendance Monday morning for the annual Memorial Day service at the Eldorado Cemetery. The program is sponsored each year by the American Legion Bev McCormick Post #257. This year, as in years past, small American flags fluttered throughout the cemetery, decorating the graves of local veterans and memorials.

Post Commander Guy Crippin served as the master of ceremonies for the program, with Post Chaplain Gene McCalla offering prayers of invocation and benediction.

A color guard from Goodfellow Air Force Base was on hand

to post the colors as the audience stood at attention, some saluting, others with hands held across their hearts. Silently the color guard marched in lock step to the two flag poles where they slowly raised the U.S. and Texas flags. Once the flags reached the top they were lowered to half-mast. Members of the color guard were: 2LT Chun, TSgt Alward, SrA Davidson and SrA Salinas.

Buff Whitten then read a moving tribute to the nation's war dead. Then, one by one, the names of Schleicher County's twenty-three

fallen heroes were read aloud. The honored dead include: World War I — Thomas Ballew, Roach H. Holland, Neal Kelly, Bev McCormick, Sam I. Nicks, Jr., Roy Stevenson; World War II — Hobson Ashmore, Joyce C. Blackmon, William H. Currie, David E. DeLong, Jr., Earnest Dickey, Jr., Robert E. Doty, Thomas R. Henderson, Jr., Alton Page, Orville K. Puryear, Clark M. Reynolds, Raymond R. Reynolds; Korean War — Walter Jones, Robert H. Nolen; Vietnam War — Elton Harris, David Overstreet, Selwyn Taylor and Danny

Rutherford.

The cemetery then echoed with a triple volley of gunfire as a firing party from Goodfellow Air Force Base presented a 21-gun salute. Members of the firing party were: SrA B. Hill, SSgt Bechand, SrA Taylor, SrA Sedtal, SrA G. Hill, SSgt Nelson, MSgt Marek and SrA Carriker. Weapons Escort TSgt Hicks.

That was immediately followed by the mournful strains of "Taps" played by bugler Airman TSgt Tighe, also from Goodfellow AFB.

Post #257 of the American Legion was named after Eldorado's Bev McCormick who was killed on Nov. 2, 1918 in the Argonne Forest in France during World War I.

ASU releases Dean's List

The Dean's List for the 2005 Spring Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

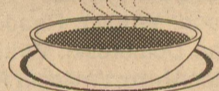
To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees, along with their

majors, include the following from the Eldorado area:

Jessi Leigh Calcote, accounting; Tabitha N. Lloyd, animal science; Mary Catherine McIntosh, music; Mary A. Redwine, interdisciplinary child development and learning; and Seth Martin Taylor, finance.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, June 6

Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Biscuit, Heavenly Hash Cake, Orange Juice, Milk

Tuesday, June 7

Bar-B-Que Brisket, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk

Wednesday, June 8

Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Hot Roll, Veg. Salad, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Milk

Thursday, June 9

Chicken Salad Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Potato Chips, Fresh Banana, Milk

Friday, June 10

Glazed Ham, Cooked cabbage, Sweet Potato w/ Apples, Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding, Milk

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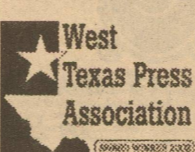
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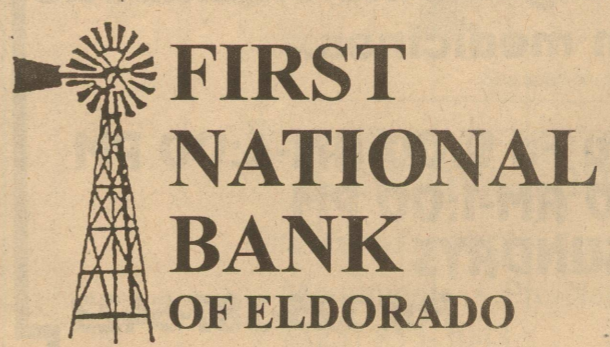
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Middle School holds annual awards program

Eldorado Middle School's academic awards were presented on Friday, May 26, 2005 in the EHS Auditorium with Chris Minor, Student Council President welcoming the parents and guests of the EMS students. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and Texas Flag was led by Dylan Dombroski, Student Vice-President/Student Council President-Elect and a moment of silence was led by Ben Wipff, Student Council Secretary.

The outgoing Eighth Grade Class, in a special graduation recognition ceremony, was presented special certificates from Middle School Principal Kara Sue Garlitz.

Individual awards were presented as follows: Band Director Timothy Williams recognized Patricia Hernandez for receiving 7th Chair Clarinet, Concert Band-Region 7.

Service-Learning Recognition certificates were given for representing EMS at the Service Learning Celebration held in Abilene on May 11. Certificates went to Corie Williams,

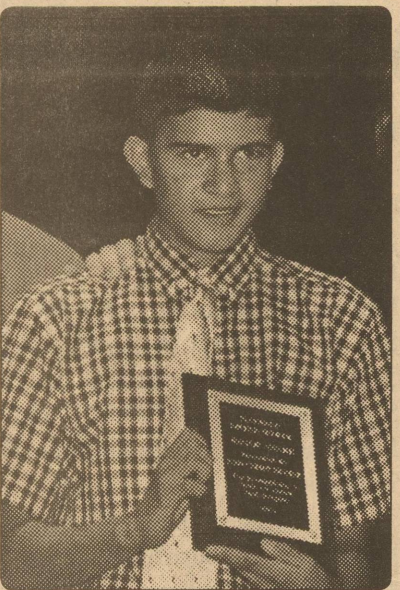


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Eldorado Middle School's 8th Grade Eagle Award went to Juan Carlos Escobar, during the EMS Award Assembly, May 26, 2005. This is only the second time in the 19-year history of the campus that a student has won the Eagle Award.

Josh Taylor, Patricia Hernandez, Crystal Hamilton, Allyson Jarrett, Deisy Aranda, Lourdes Pasillas, Yadira Zambrano, Jorge Medrano, and Zack Brame. Also a special recognition for Dedication to HotShots, the EMS newspaper went to Amanda Garcia, Zack Brame and Abby Fuentes.

Perfect Attendance Awards were presented to CJ Knutson, Francisco Mendez, Marci Minor and Alicia Hernandez. These students were neither absent nor tardy for the entire year.

Schleicher County Soil and Water Conservation cash awards were presented to the 1st-3rd poster winners. First place winner was Ashby Ragsdale, 2nd place winner was Robert Buchholz and 3rd place winner was Colt Jones.

Exceptional Behavior Recognition given by Eldorado Middle School staff went to: 5th Grade students- Canu Acosta, Sierra Arispe, Ivan Cardenas, Robert Chavez, Brianah Creek, Abby Fuentes, Clarissa Gomez, marissa Gonzalesd, karina Granados, Nancy Granados, Nelly Hernandez, Evan Joiner, Francisco Mendez, Oscar Robles, Ashby Ragsdale, Kiki Rodriguez, Charli S Swinford, Brianda Torres; 6th grade students: Amy Alvizo, Robert Buchholz, Brenda Galan, Laura Garcia, Alex Guzman, Rosy Iglesias, Allyson Jarrett, Kymberlin Conn, Briley Ledbetter, Miles Mikeska, Bailey Minor, marci Minor, Jaymie O'Harrow, Ashley Paulson, Ben Wipff, Lourdes Pasillas, Meghan Bradley, Yadira Zambrano; 7th grade students: Timothy Curevas, Emily Espinosa, Victoria Garza, Adriana Hernandez, Alicia Hernandez, patricia Hernandez, Maureen Martinez Corrales, Marcos Medrano, Hugo Rios, Gregory Rodriguez and Maegan Self; 8th grade students: Veronica Belman, Tracy Brenner, Cassandra Buitron, Rance Cathey, Deyanira Cruz, Juan Carlos Escobar, Victoria Fuentes, Mark Garcia, Isidro Granados, Meg Griffin, Austin Grubbs, Haley Higgins, Marcela Huerta, Brent Martinez, Timothy Maskill, Bridgett Mitchell, Claudia Pasillas, Janelle Pechacek, April Porras, Kirsten Stubbs, and Corie Williams.

Citizenship Awards winners are selected by teachers in each grade level. They are: Eighth Grade: Haley Higgins and Timothy Maskill; Seventh Grade: Emily Espinosa and Dylan Dombroski; Sixth Grade: Deisy Aranda and Bailey Minor; Fifth Grade: Clarissa Gomez and Robert Chavez;

Most Improved: 5th Grade-Kiki Rodriguez and Francisco Mendez; 6th Grade- Yadira Zambrano and Zack Taylor; 7th Grade-Alicia Hernandez and Ivany Sanchez; 8th Grade-Bridgett Mitchell and Kaleb Murr.

Most Congenial: 5th Grade-Sierra Arispe and Eli Esparza; 6th Grade-Meghan Bradley and Jorge Medrano; 7th Grade- Patricia Hernandez and Timothy Cuevas; 8th Grade-Veronica Belman and Jonathan Mejia.

Scholarship Awards were given to the top ten students academically in each grade level. Receiving Scholarship Awards in alphabetical order were: Eighth Grade-Top 5 Medalist-Meg Griffin, Marcela Huerta, Claudia Pasillas, Kirsten Stubbs and Corie Williams.; Top 6-10: Rance Cathey, Austin Grubbs, Haley Higgins, Bridgett Mitchell, April Porras; Seventh Grade-Top 5 Medalist-Hunter Alvizo, Wes Brown, Timothy Cuevas, Dylan Dom-



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Lions Club Scholarship Award was awarded to the 8th Grade girl and boy with the highest average. L-R: Marcela Huerta was the girl recipient and Rance Cathey was the boy recipient. Lions Club President Chad Elkins presented the award to the students Friday, May 26, 2005 during the EMS Award Assembly.



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2005 Eldorado Middle School Perfect Attendance Award Recipients L-R: CJ Knutson, Francisco Mendez, Marci Minor and Alicia Hernandez. These student were neither absent nor tardy the entire school year.

broski, Maegan Self; Top 6-10 Medalist-Ryan Castillo, Emily Espinosa, Adriana Hernandez, Dustin Ramos, Gregory Rodriguez; Sixth Grade-Top 5 Medalist-Amy Alvizo, Deisy Aranda, Jaymie O'Harrow, Ashley Paulson, Ben Wipff; Top 6-10 Medalist-Allyson Jarrett, JR Martiez, Miles Mikeska, Bailey Minor, Marci Minor; Fifth Grade-Top 5 Medalist-Brianah Creek, Abby Fuentes, Amanda Garcia, Oscar Robles, Charli Swinford; Top 6-10 Medalist-Polli Guerrero, Evan Joiner, Ashby Ragsdale, Christian Sanchez, Brianda Torres.

Commended Performances- 2005 TAKS Tests.

5th Grade: Reading & Math: Abby Fuentes and Amanda Garcia; Math: Cantu Acosta, Brianah Creek, Clarissa Gomez and Christian Sancez; Science: Clarissa Castro, Eric Estrada, Polli Guerrero and Sean McCord; Reading, Math & Science: Evan Joiner, Colt Jones and Charli Swinford; Math & Science: Oscar Robles.

6th Grade: Reading & Math- Amy Alvizo, JR Martinez, Carli McAngus, Miles Mikeska, Bailey Minor, Jaymie

O'Harrow, Aaron Parsley, Ashley Paulson, and Ben Wipff; Reading- Deisy Aranda, Meghan Bradley, Zack Brame, Samantha Brown, Allyson Jarrett, Josh Jurecek, Abigail Ussery and Yadira Zambrano; Math- Marci Minor and Lourdes Pasillas.

7th Grade: Writing, Reading & Math- Dylan Dombroski; Writing & Math- Hunter Alvizo; Writing & Reading- Wes Brown, Emily Espinosa and Maegan Self; Writing-Mason Baker, Timothy Cuevas, Adriana Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Marcos Medrano and Dustin Ramos; Math- Ryan Castillo; Reading- Tanja Hibbs & Garrett Lux.

8th Grade: Reading, Math & Social Studies-Victoria Fuentes, Mark Garcia, Meg Griffin, Marcela Huerta, Janelle Pechacek, Joseph Turnbull and Corie Williams; Reading & Math- Rance Cathey and Kirsten Stubbs; Math & Social Studies- Isidro Granados; Reading & Social Studies-Darci Graves, Austin Grubbs, Timothy Maskill, Troy Russell and Juan Sanchez; Reading: Tracy Brenner, Haley Higgins, Taylor Jenkins, April Porras, and Marc Rodriguez.

The American Legion Awards were presented to a 6th grade girl and boy who were elected by their classmates for their display of good courage, honor leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. This year's award was presented to Amy Alvizo and Bailey Minor by Guy Crippin a member of the American Legion.

Lions Club Award is awarded to the 8th grade boy and girl who had the highest scholastic average for the 2004-2005 school year. Recipients of this award were Marcela Huerta and Rance Cathey. The award was presented by Lion Club President Chad Elkins.

The Leadership Award was presented to Marcela Huerta and Timothy Maskill both 8th graders who were chosen for outstanding citizenship, friendship, and sportsmanship throughout their middle school years. These students are nominated by the 8th grade and voted on by the entire student body. The award was presented by Principal Garlitz.

As the grand finale Principal Garlitz announced the recipient of the EMS Eagle Award. This award was only been given to one other time in the campus' 19 year history when it was presented to Patrick Fuentes in 1996. The EMS Eagle Award is given to a student that exemplifies a spirit of honor and integrity. The Eagle Award was presented to Juan Carlos Escobar.

The program ended with the recession of the Eighth Grade Class of 2005.

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MRS. HOMER'S 2005 KINDERGARTEN CLASS: Front (L-R) David Marquez, Kaylee Swindall, Branda Minor, Sarah Jackson, Alex Alvarez, Paige Corrales; Middle (L-R) Amalio Villanueva, Gisselle Hernandez, Luis Miguel Martinez, Makayla Trevino, Kade Creek, Chase Mertz; Back (L-R) Mrs. Candi Homer, Melonie Valliera, Sydney Covarrubiaz, Marcos Ramon, Montana Terry and Hudson Martin.



MRS. MEADOR'S 2005 KINDERGARTEN CLASS: Front (L-R) Maiah Jurado, Mercadez Ochoa, Kiki Geurra, Valarie Geuea, Dakota Burney, Ryan Farmer; Middle (L-R) Jay Ruiz, Branda Gail Arispe, Mathias Buitron, Priscilla Gander, Preston Andrews, Jennifer Miller; Daniel Castro, Riley Umphress, Blaine Aker, Elizabeth Griffin, Jordan Stanford and Mrs. Katy Meador.

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2nd Grade
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"A-B" Honor Roll: Estephania Estrada*, Elizabeth Guerrero*, Mika Key*, TonyRey Martinez*, Jacob Sanchez*, Alex Rodriguez*, Julian Garcia*

Mrs. Sessom
"A" Honor Roll: Breana Crofoot*, Baylee Griffin*, arden Mertz*
"A-B" Honor Roll: Evelyn Martinez*, Dominique Ochoa, McKenzie McAnguz*, Yvonne Ramirez*, West Ramon*, Garet Swinford*, Kiarra Trevino*

Mrs. Vaughan
"A" Honor Roll: Tori Guerrero*, Abbigal Spradley
"A-B" Honor Roll: Jacqueline Castro, Deonn Fuentes, Adrian Martinez*, Brittney McCulloch*, Jacob Mettlen*, Morgan Miller, Lucas Santelano*, Caitlyn Self*

3rd Grade
Mrs. Jones
"A" Honor Roll: Jose Aranda*, Sasha Rodriguez*, Ashley Sullivan*, Obdulia Huerta*
"A-B" Honor Roll: Marisa Espinosa*, Elizabeth Estrada, Junior Garcia*, Daniel Guerra*, Joradn McCullough*, Guadalupe Pasillas*,

Gabriel Sanchez*
Mrs. Mikeska
"A" Honor Roll: Abriana Islas*, Odette Barrientos*
"A-B" Honor Roll: BreeAnna Cortez*, Bailey Espinosa*, Josiah Jurado*, Elizabeth Olivares*, Megan Reel*
Mrs. McGregor's
"A" Honor Roll: Addye Chatham*
"A-B" Honor Roll: Madison Albin*, Michael Bilbrey, Brittany Galan*, Macy Mikeska, Jackson O'Harrow*, Yszenia Ramirez*, Maria Reyes*, Adriana Rios*

4th Grade
Mrs. Beach
"A" Honor Roll: Miranda Arispe*, Avery Nolen*
"A-B" Honor Roll: Camron Capps*, Lane Griffin*, Nikki Herrera*, Nancy Iglesias*, Hagen Porras*, MaryLou Martinez*, Chsity Willis*
Mrs. Edmiston
"A" Honor Roll: Ryan Espinosa*, Blaine Mitchell*, Stacey Valeriano*
"A-B" Honor Roll: Kasey Gonzalez*, Brooke Guerrero*, Edward Hernandez*, Hector Reyes*, Austin Stapp*, Jessica Pasillas*
Mrs. Newman
"A" Honor Roll: John Cody Brenner*
"A-B" Honor Roll: Shelby Daniels*, Lori Escobar*, Ruby Montez*, Robin Hibbs, McCall Miller

HONOR ROLL

Eldorado Middle School Honor Roll 6th Six Weeks

Fifth Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Sierra Arispe, Brianah Creek, Abby Fuentes, Amanda Garcia, Polli Guereero, Ashby Ragsdale, Oscar Robles, Charli Swinford
"A-B" Honor Roll: Canu Acosta, Ivan Cardenas, Robert Chavez, Marissa Gonzales, Melissa Gonzales, Karina Granados, Nancy Granados, Evan Joiner, Roman Medrano, Christian Sanchez, Brianda Torres, Dacy Whiddon, Kaylee Wilha

Sixth Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Amy Alvizo, Allyson Jarrett, Josh Jurecek, J.R. Martinez, Miles Mikeska, Bailey Minor, Jaymie O'Harrow, Ashley Paulson, Ben Wipff, Yadira Zambrano

"A" Honor Roll: Deisy Aranda, Meghan Bradley, Zack Brame, Kimberlin Conn, Briley Ledbetter, Marci Minor, Carli McAngus, Aaron Parsley, Lourdes Pasillas, Abigail Ussery

Seventh Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Hunter Alvizo, Wes Brown, Timothy Cuevas, Dylan Dombroski, Emily Espinosa, Maegen Self
"A-B" Honor Roll: Ryan Castillo, Maureen Corrales, Adrianan Hernandez, Adriana Hernandez, Tanja Hibbs, Garrett Lux, Dustin Ramos, Greg Rodriguez

Eighth Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Rance Cathey, Juan arlos Escobar, Megan Griffin, Marcela Huerta, Claudia Pasillas, Kirsten Stubbs, Corie Williams
"A-B" Honor Roll: Tracy Brenner, Deyanira Cruz, Haley Higgins, Bridgett Mitchell, April Porras, Lindsay Pride-more, Dustin Ramirez, Ernesto Sanchez

Annual Spring Piano Recital

The piano students of Mary Nolen played in their annual Spring Recital May 22, 2005 at The First Baptist Church.

Students performing were the following: Canyon Faull, Chase Mertz, Kaitlyn Lindsey, Davis Hutto, Arden Mertz, Claire Wideman, Baylee Griffin, Jonah Griggs, Madison Albin and Rhapsody Swyter.

Mary Nolen stated that her piano students did an great job and she was very proud of them.

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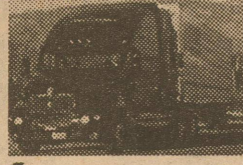
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Now there are three... Texas joins states with Vesicular Stomatitis in 2005

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"A number of states and countries impose strict testing, permitting and inspection requirements for livestock that originate from VS-affected areas or states. Check with the state or country of destination before hauling livestock from Texas," said Dr. Bob Hillman, head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. Phone numbers for other states' animal health regulatory agencies can be obtained from the TAHC's Austin headquarters at 1-800-550-8242. Staff at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Austin office can be reached at 512-916-5565 for international shipping rules or restrictions.

"VS rarely causes death, but an animal can suffer several weeks, while the lesions heal," said Dr. Bob Hillman, who also serves as Texas' state veterinarian. "To help prevent the spread of VS, an infected animal and the other livestock on a premises are quarantined until at least 30 days after the sores heal. Prior to releasing movement restrictions, a regula-

tory veterinarian will examine the affected animal to ensure healing is complete. Other livestock also will be checked. If infection is detected, the quarantine will begin anew."

Dr. Hillman explained that the clinical signs of VS mirror those of the dreaded foreign foot-and-mouth (FMD) disease. Horses are susceptible to VS, but not FMD; however, both diseases can affect cattle, sheep, goats, swine, deer and a number of other species. "When sores or blisters are seen in FMD-susceptible animals, we must immediately rule out an introduction of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). When horses have lesions, a VS test rules out other possible causes for blisters and sores, including toxic plants, chemicals or poison. Tests are run

at no charge to the animal owner, and the VS diagnosis in horses is confirmed at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, IA."

Dr. Hillman noted that the disease occurs sporadically, but outbreaks generally follow a 10- to 15-year cycle. In 1982-83, the country suffered its worst recorded VS outbreak, when infection was confirmed on 617 premises in nine states: Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Subsequent outbreaks in 1995, 1997 and 1998 were limited to New Mexico, Colorado and Texas, with a few cases in Arizona. Last year, Arizona was "spared," when Texas had 15 VS cases, New Mexico had 80, and Colorado, 199.

Livestock owners and private veterinary practitioners are urged to report suspected cases of VS to their respective state's livestock health regulatory agency:

Texas Animal Health Commission — 1-800-550-8242 (operational 24 hours a day)

New Mexico Livestock Board — 1-505-841-6161

Colorado Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian's Office — 1-303-239-4161

Arizona Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian's Office — 1-602-542-4293

The TAHC's web site at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us> has additional information on VS and a link to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where situation reports, maps and movement restrictions and requirements are posted.

Texans can access their credit report for free

Starting Wednesday, June 1, consumers in Texas can request their free annual credit report from the three nationwide consumer reporting companies - Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion - at www.annualcreditreport.com. The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (FACTA) amends the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) and requires the nationwide credit bureaus to provide consumers, upon request, a free copy of their credit report once every 12 months. The Federal Trade Commission advises consumers when ordering their credit report online to be sure to spell the name of the authorized Web site correctly, or link to it from the FTC's Web site to avoid being misdirected to other Web sites that offer free reports only with the purchase of other products.

Consumers in 11 southern states may request a free annual credit report beginning June 1. In addition to Texas, these states are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and

Tennessee. "Consumers can use this new tool to monitor their credit, check for accuracy in their personal information, and help protect themselves from identity theft," said Lydia Parnes, Directors of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "But consumers should remember that there is only one authorized source to get your free annual credit report online, www.annualcreditreport.com."

Consumers who visit www.annualcreditreport.com will be able to obtain their free report online. Consumers also may request a copy of their credit report by phone at 1-877-322-8228 or by mail at Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-528.

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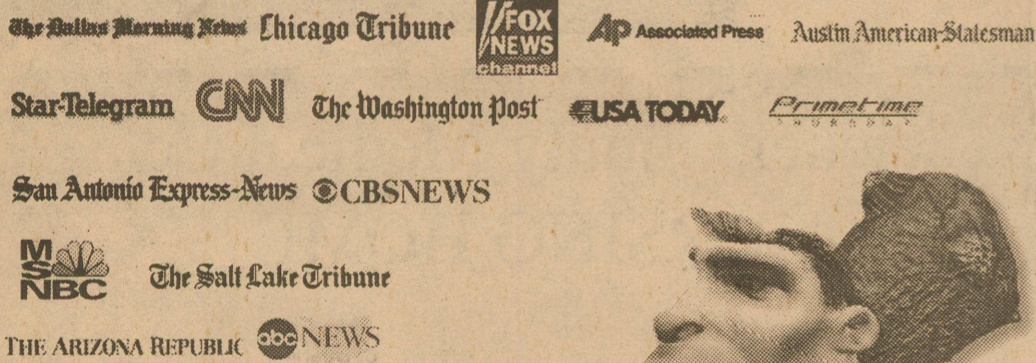
stagger their requests over the course of the year. The law allows consumers to order one free copy from each company every 12 months. Consumers are eligible to order a free credit report any time after their state of residency becomes eligible - they are not required to submit their request within a certain period of time.

The FTC advises consumers ordering free credit reports online to be sure to spell the name of the authorized Web site correctly, or to link to it from the FTC's Web site. This will ensure that consumers are at the correct site to order their free annual credit reports. While consumers may be offered additional products or services while on the authorized Web site, they are not required to make a purchase to receive their free reports.

The FTC has issued a new consumer education brochure, "Your Access to Free Credit Reports," that explains how consumers can request their credit report and dispute any errors. The brochure also reminds consumers that www.annualcreditreport.com will not send them e-mails or use pop-up advertising requesting them to provide personal information for a free credit report. The FTC cautions consumers to be aware of e-mails and pop-up ads that claim to be from www.annualcreditreport.com but are unauthorized and could be scams.

A credit report contains consumers' identification information, payment history with different creditors; a list of inquiries made by various financial institutions; and information on the public record, such as foreclosures or bankruptcies. Consumer reporting companies collect and sell this information to lenders and other businesses that have a permissible purpose to obtain it. The Federal Trade Commission enforces the FCRA with respect to consumer reporting companies.

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FSA County Committee nominations

Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Jan Wanoreck this week announced the USDA will soon begin accepting nomination forms for eligible candidates to serve on local FSA County Committees. The nomination period is June 15 - August 1. For Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County, the committee seat up for

election in 2005 represents LAA #3, which includes all of Sutton County.

"I encourage local producers to get involved and make a difference in the local agriculture industry by becoming a member of their local FSA County Committee," said Wanoreck. "FSA County Committees play an important role in the decision mak-

ing process for commodity price support loans and payments, conservation and disaster programs and other important agricultural issues in impacting their farming community."

Almost anyone participating or cooperating in a local FSA program and who is of legal voting age can be nominated as a candidate. Individuals may nominate themselves or others.

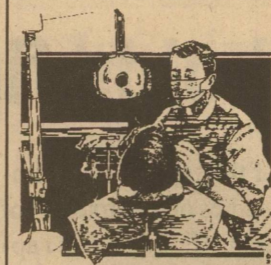
All nomination forms must be received in the County FSA Office or postmarked by August 1. Voting takes place between November 4th and December 5th, 2005.

Fay named Dean's List

Sul Ross State University in Alpine has named 316 students at the Alpine and Rio Grande College campuses to the spring semester Dean's List for 2005. On the Alpine campus, 263 students are on the Dean's List and 53 students were named from Rio Grande College.

John Donnel Fay of Eldorado was the only local student named to the SRU Dean's List.

Eligible students are undergraduates enrolled for 12 or more semester hours who earn an average of 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Graduate hours are not included in the computations.



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10th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Brittany Jennings, Felipe Martinez, Kristin Mittel, Justina Rodriguez, Ridge Sudduth
"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Luis Almazan, Josue Chavez, Edward Dominguez, Candace Engdahl, Ana-Karen Esparza, Holly Ford, Anna Fuentes, Juan Garcia, Mariana Guzman, Tiffany Hernandez, Jileesa Hibbs, William Higgins, Richard Jones, Abelardo Montalvo, Raul Rios, Kimberly Samaniego, Veronica Villa

11th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Charlotte Adame,

Taylor Baker, Lauren Brown, William Edmiston, Esperanza Fuentes, Maxie Holley, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Karina Sanchez, Chandra Wanoreck

"85 & Above" Honor Roll: James Ballew, Diego Barrera, Josefina Diaz, Micaela Gonzalez, Sandra Guzman, Philip Meyer, Caleb Nixon, Myra Robles, Chelci Rodriguez, Samantha Rodriguez, Alison Sproul

"A" Honor Roll: Laurie Almazan, Katey Blair, Brandie Cross, Kolby Dombroski, William Griffin, Blanca Huichapa, Maria Huichapa, Ashley Minor, Emily Newman, Jessica Robertson

"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Manuel Arispe, Terrell Boysaw, Ryan Cathey, Hortencia Cruz, Linda Fuentes, Antonio Garcia, Jared Grubbs, Jose Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Julie Hight, SanJuanita Huichapa, Brence Minor, Esequiel Robles, Selina Rojas, Javier Sanchez, Britney Sellers

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- JUNE**
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2nd Sue Tidwell, Chris Martinez, Louise Lacy, Erika Conner, Sue Dean, Ramiro Barajas Jr.
3rd June Whitten, Gary Guben, Felicia O'Keefe, Belinda Martinez, Misty Rojas, Mary McGinnes, Ryan Guterrez
4th Kendall Robinson, Ramon Adame, Donny Fuentes, Stanley Spinks
5th Charles Orr
6th Jennifer Smith, Marco Escobar, Steve Snelson
7th Aida Martinez
8th Trina Mertz, Randy Adame, Dustin Cheatham, Houston Henderson, Ysenia Ramirez
9th Albert Fuentes Jr., Dee Martinez, Jake Avila, Stanley Spinks
10th Carlos Lozano, Shianne Middleton, Tommy Robledo

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Room 117. We will review basic business terms and how to obtain the necessary information to set up your company. This will be a hands-on class where you actually set up a company in the QuickBooks program. Two more classes will follow, with each class building on the knowledge from the previous class.

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- Metered vehicles
- "Herzog" author Bellow
- Rolling in dough
- Sheeplike
- Kind of sax
- Director Kazan
- Tacoma's state's Harleys?
- Deli sandwiches
- Pong maker
- The ___ Island Ferry
- Shade trees
- Smallville's Lang
- On one's toes
- ___ d' (catering hall figure)
- "Air Music" composer Ned
- On the briny
- Corday's victim
- Check endorser's need
- ___ in the bag"
- Goldie Hawn's Benjamin, for one
- Before, to bards
- Moon vehicle, briefly
- U.S. Chief Justice, 1836-64
- Scarecrow stuffing
- Tickle pink
- Not in motion
- Lou Grant portrayer Ed
- Baltic Sea feeder
- Fruity drinks
- Camera shop supply
- "Eat crow" or "talk turkey"
- Keatsian works
- Boston's state's court plea?
- Folklore meaning
- Fairy tale opener
- Bypass the altar
- ___ up (come clean)
- London lockup
- AI ___ (pasta style)

DOWN

- Haul to a garage
- Actress Gardner
- Fraternity letters
- Too quickly, perhaps
- Quakers, for one
- Pelvic bones
- "It's ___ a day's work"
- Beehive State Indian
- Red-ink figure
- Pack more tightly, maybe
- Chicago's state, hardened?
- Traffic cop, when writing a ticket
- ___ a clue (is ignorant)
- An Ivy
- Most sour
- Much of it is spam
- Starbucks order
- Tupelo's state's methods?
- Orderly grouping
- Ecstasy
- Granola bit
- Sal of "Exodus"
- Forum greeting
- Wipe clean
- Colorful salamanders
- ___ Tafari (Haile Selassie)
- Crush underfoot
- Untidy heaps
- Diva's delivery
- Far from cordial
- Marsh plant
- "Saturday Night Fever" music
- Ford collectible
- Urban haze
- Viewpoint page
- Santa __, Calif.
- Immeasurable time
- Well-put
- Pinky or Spike

State Your Case

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Woman's Club holds final meeting of the year

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 12:00 noon in the auditorium of the Memorial Bldg. for the last meeting of the current club year. The theme for the meeting was "Ending the Year."

There were eighteen members present, plus one guest. President Mary Roden welcomed everyone and then gave an opening prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flags. Next those present enjoyed a wonderful salad luncheon that was prepared by

members of the Hospitality Committee and ladies of the first half of the membership list. The table appointments were very special and reflected the joys of springtime in the use of beautiful green colored table clothes, bright yellow candles, bright yellow table settings and special floral arrangements. Cathy Niblett was responsible for this joyful color scheme. Shine Spigarelli further brightened the tables with a special floral arrangement in a small red wagon and Jerre Holley did a magical arrangement of yellow flowers arranged

in a large pewter pitcher set in a matching bowl as the centerpiece of the serving table.

Following our delicious lunch President Mary Roden opened our business session by calling on Secretary Dorothy Harris and Treasurer Nelva Martin for their reports. Roll call was answered with suggestions for next club years meetings. President Roden next opened the program and gave thanks to everyone who made the club year so outstanding. She reminded us of how hard the year book committee worked last summer to put together our 2004-2006 yearbook. Mary's son James designed the front cover that carried our theme of United We Stand. Buff Whitten, son-in-law of Jerre Holley, suggested using the poem "Taps" by Major General Butterfield, a Union officer that appears on the first page of the yearbook.

This poem was written during the Civil War, and the tune was taken from a little diddy of the time and the words are:

*"Day is done
Gone the sun
From the lakes
From the hills
From the sky
All is well
Safety rest
God is night."*

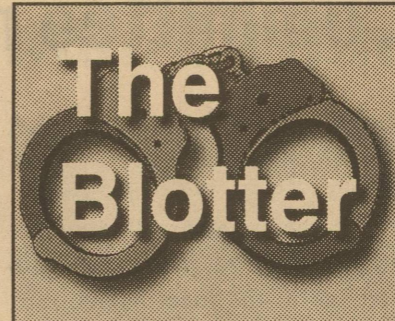
The Confederate soldiers liked the poem and its tune and it caught on. It was used at the funeral of General Stonewall Jackson who died May 10, 1863. A bugle call or a drum signal was used at night as an order to put out the lights at army camps. To this day it is used at military funerals and memorial services. There are many "Taps" poems according to information gathered from the internet.

We also owe a great big thanks to Rachel Joiner for printing and arranging the yearbook.

We are very grateful the printing was done in large letters. We would like to also give a big thank-you to everyone who made the 2004-2006 yearbook so special.

President Roden next called on the Officers, Standing Committee chairperson, and Representatives for their annual reports. President Roden noted that several of the programs had to be changed and each time some talented folks nobly came to our rescue. The meeting was closed with members reciting the club collect.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2005 and will kick-off the new club year of 2005-2006. Have a great summer and see you in the fall.



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

May 24 • Rojas, Gavino, male age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense No DL. Released on Time Served.

May 25 • Mejia, Michael Barajas, male age 38, arresting officer SC Sheriff, offense Assault-Family Violence. Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond.

May 27 • Morales, Onofre Leal, male age 54, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

May 27 • Hernandez, Andrea Guerra, female age 42, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Out of County Warrant.

May 28 • Guerrero, Ignao, male age 22, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant.

May 30 • Montalo, Felipe, male age 32, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Public Intoxication.

May 30 • Duke, Gena Sue, female age 35, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWI 1st. Released on \$1,000.00 PR Bond.

May 30 • Carrasco, Edward Joel, male age 21, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Driving Without a License. Released on Citation.

May 31 • Sanchez, Judith, female age 24, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Assault. Released on \$2,000.00 PR Bond.

INCIDENTS

May 23 • 1:55 a.m. Complainant requested officer to report destruc-

tion of property and theft. Officer responded.

• 9:20 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in a green Chevy pickup. Driver was identified. Complainant stated subject peels out and drives reckless after each ball game.

• 10:59 p.m. Complainant reported a fight on Calender. Officers responded.

May 24 • 11:00 a.m. Complainant reported finding a poodle about one mile south of Eldorado. Officer responded.

• 12:46 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle rollover on FM 915 near county line. Officers, EMS 2, and EVFD responded.

May 25 • 10:45 a.m. Complainant reported that a man in a two toned aqua green Ford pickup keeps harassing her mother. Officer responded.

• 2:51 p.m. Complainant reported that a check had been stolen out of his truck on Hill Street. Officer responded.

• 3:24 p.m. Complainant reported missing livestock. Officer responded.

• 7:03 p.m. Complainant reported a snake near the entrance of the Post Office. Officer responded.

• 7:10 p.m. Complainant stated that someone had hit a truck with a golf ball. Officer responded.

• 7:58 p.m. Complainant reported bees in her sons house. EVFD notified.

• 8:07 p.m. Complainant reported bees. EVFD notified.

May 26 • 9:33 a.m. Complainant reported having some bees. EVFD was notified.

• 11:26 a.m. Complainant reported that there was a colt that had a broken leg for a while and had not been treated for it. Officer responded.

• 1:14 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident. Officers, EMS 2, and EVFD responded.

• 8:17 p.m. Complainant reported 4 teenagers in taupe four door speeding up and down East Fields Street between the speed bumps and the Eldorado Place Apartments. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 8:18 p.m. Complainant reported 4 teenagers in taupe four door speeding up and down East Fields Street between the speed bumps and the Eldorado Place Apartments. Officer responded and was unable to locate. Complainant reported license plates and vehicle was going down Wheat Street.

• Complainant reported a reckless driver speeding around school in taupe pickup and had teenager riding in back of pickup. Thinks pickup is a Ford. Officer responded.

May 28 • 3:16 a.m. 911 call no answer to dispatcher's attempt to answer. Only a busy signal answered dispatcher's return call. Officers responded.

• 11:50 a.m. Complainant reported that his boat and trailer went through a fence. Officer responded.

• 3:34 p.m. Complainant reported a gold colored newer model pickup driving recklessly. Officer responded.

• 7:01 p.m. Caller reported locking her keys in the car.

May 29 • 1:18 a.m. Complainant reported a car on the side of 277 just south of B.J. Services. Officer responded.

• 5:58 a.m. Complainant reported a man came into the store and requested to use the phone, he said he hit a deer on 190 and rolled his car. She said the men went to stand in the middle of the road and while she was on the phone with the sheriff's office someone picked the man up she assumed the driver was the man's wife. Officer responded.

• 6:14 a.m. Complainant reported a car upside down in the pasture with blinkers on and no one was around the wreck. Officer responded.

• 3:25 p.m. Complainant reported a scam phone call. Officer responded.

• 11:44 p.m. Complainant reported she found a small puppy under her house and unsure if it could be stolen. She wanted an officer to come by.

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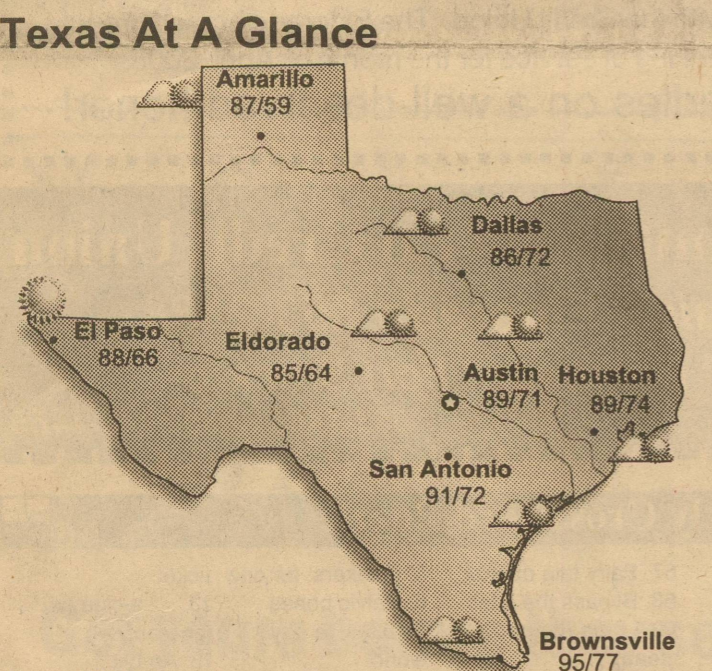
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 6/3	Sat 6/4	Sun 6/5	Mon 6/6	Tue 6/7
85/64	87/66	88/66	89/65	89/65
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:42 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:43 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:43 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM	Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	79	66	pt sunny	Kingsville	94	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	87	59	pt sunny	Livingston	89	69	pt sunny
Austin	89	71	pt sunny	Longview	88	68	pt sunny
Beaumont	89	72	pt sunny	Lubbock	88	62	pt sunny
Brownsville	95	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	92	69	pt sunny
Brownwood	85	68	pt sunny	Midland	87	63	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	91	77	pt sunny	Raymondville	97	76	pt sunny
Corsicana	86	70	pt sunny	Rosenberg	89	73	pt sunny
Dallas	86	72	pt sunny	San Antonio	91	72	pt sunny
Del Rio	91	72	pt sunny	San Marcos	90	72	pt sunny
El Paso	88	66	sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	69	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	90	64	mst sunny	Sweetwater	82	65	pt sunny
Gainesville	84	67	pt sunny	Tyler	87	67	pt sunny
Greenville	85	67	pt sunny	Weatherford	83	67	pt sunny
Houston	89	74	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	87	68	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	77	62	t-storm	Minneapolis	82	66	pt sunny
Boston	69	55	pt sunny	New York	66	58	rain
Chicago	76	57	mst sunny	Phoenix	91	70	pt sunny
Dallas	88	72	pt sunny	San Francisco	69	54	windy
Denver	72	47	pt sunny	Seattle	62	51	rain
Houston	89	74	pt sunny	St. Louis	86	67	sunny
Los Angeles	70	57	mst sunny	Washington, DC	72	60	rain
Miami	87	79	t-storm				

Moon Phases

Last May 30	New Jun 6	First Jun 15	Full Jun 22

UV Index

Fri 6/3	Sat 6/4	Sun 6/5	Mon 6/6	Tue 6/7
11	11	11	11	11
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PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 6, 2005, regarding proposed Amendment #9 to Traffic Control Ordinance #109-82. Amendment #9 would establish a 15 mph speed limit in all publicly owned alleys or designated rights-of-way used as service alleys in the City of Eldorado, providing for enforcement and penalties for violators.

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:15 PM on Monday, June 6, 2005, regarding proposed Amendment #17 to Utility Ordinance #104-96. The Amendment would re-establish requirements for completion of Application for Parking Permit, outline parking guidelines for mobile manufactured homes, provide for enforcement, and set penalties for violators.

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 PM on Monday, June 6, 2005, regarding proposed Ordinance #102-05 (rewrite of Ordinance #102-02 and Amendment #1). The proposed Ordinance would clarify the current Animal Control Ordinance.

All citizens are invited to provide either written or oral comments at the City Council meeting. Copies of the proposed Ordinances or Amendments are available at the City Hall.

Carolyn Mayo, City Secretary
June 2, 2005

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

State Your Case

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transportation reform bill awaiting my signature.

These are important accomplishments for Texas that will strengthen families, protect the most vulnerable in our society, and create greater opportunity in the private sector.

While I am glad that legislators appropriated \$3 billion in additional funding for public education, I also share the disappointment of millions of Texans over the legislature's inability to pass an education and tax reform plan that would have greatly benefited our schoolchildren and substantially lowered property taxes for homeowners.

I believe Texans deserve better than inaction on these issues. That's why I am continuing to work with legislative leaders to reach an agreement on school finance even though the session has ended. Should we forge a consensus, I will

give every consideration to calling them back to Austin for a special session so they can finish the job they were elected to do.

If they can't resolve this great challenge, it will make for a long summer when legislators return home to explain to taxpayers and parents why they didn't act to cut property taxes and fund reform in education.

As of yet, the people haven't been heard on school finance reform, only the special interests that worked overtime against education reform and property tax relief at the expense of more than four million school children and millions of homeowners and employers.

But if the people speak out with a loud and clear voice, I believe legislators will overcome their differences and deliver reform. They won't have a choice. And I'm not going to stop talking about these issues until they do.

Stargazer
 Paul Derrick

Telling Planets from Stars

This is a great time to see Jupiter and Saturn as both are now prominent in the evening sky. But as many at public star parties ask, how can one tell the planets from the stars since they all look like tiny points of light?

Unless one is pretty familiar with the night sky it's not easy, and just like the Moon isn't always out (above the horizon), sometimes none of the planets are out. But when they are, here are some pointers to help find them.

Only five planets—Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn—are visible to naked eyes, and all are usually brighter than most stars. Perhaps you've heard the saying, "stars twinkle, planets don't." Except for those nights when Earth's atmosphere (which produces the twinkling) is steady and the twinkling of stars isn't real apparent, the saying is generally true. So look for brighter objects that don't seem to twinkle.

The planets orbit the Sun on nearly the same plane, so they all closely follow the Sun's path across our sky, called the ecliptic. Since the Moon also orbits Earth on this plane, it too travels along the ecliptic.

Just like the Sun, the planets (and Moon) rise in the east, travel across the sky, and set in the west. So when looking for planets, face south and stretch out your arms slightly more than 180 degrees. Any visible planets will be in front

of your arms—never be behind you nor straight overhead. Any that are above the horizon will be somewhere along the great ecliptic arc which begins near the eastern horizon, passes about half way up in the south, and ends near the western horizon.

When not hidden in the Sun's glare, Venus and Mercury, the inner planets which orbit near the Sun, are only seen in the west after sunset or in the east before sunrise. The outer planets can rise or set, and thus be seen, any time during the night.

This column tells which naked-eye planets are currently visible in the evening and morning, and where to look for them. More precise information is available in monthly magazines like *Sky & Telescope* and *Astronomy*, and from websites like *skymaps.com*, *skyandtelescope.com* and *astronomy.com*.

Naked-eye Planets. Evening: Venus is emerging as the "evening star" but still sets during twilight an hour after the Sun. Saturn, a little higher in the west, sets at midnight while brilliant Jupiter, high in the south, sets at 4 a.m. Morning: Mars is the brightest object in the southeast while Mercury is sinking into the morning Sun.

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THE BEST BURGERS

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

... from America's Premier Burger Contest

Beef burgers are the number one hands-down favorite for the grill. And these gourmet creations from Sutter Home Winery's Build A Better Burger Recipe Contest will make your taste buds tingle! They showcase how versatile ground beef pairs with flavor favorites from basil to portobello mushrooms, Gorgonzola cheese, sun-dried tomatoes and, of course, wine.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the contest, and the best burger earns a \$50,000 prize! Fire up your grill and enjoy these winners at home. You'll be inspired to create your own original burger for the contest.

HOW TO BUILD A BETTER BURGER

- The experts at the Beef & Veal Culinary Center recommend using 80% lean ground beef (which has an 80/20 lean-fat ratio) or ground chuck for the juiciest burgers.
- For the best results, mix and shape patties gently but thoroughly. Use 1-1/2 pounds of ground beef to make 4 (3/4-inch thick) patties.
- Cook burgers over medium heat (coals or gas), turning occasionally. Turn burgers with a spatula; do not flatten or press during cooking.
- Cook burgers to medium doneness (160°F) or until centers are no longer pink and juices show no pink color. Use an instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into the burger to check the temperature.
- For more burger recipes and grilling tips, visit www.BeefsWhatsForDinner.com.

Tuscan Burgers Bruschetta

Total preparation and cooking time: 45 to 50 minutes

- 1-1/2 pounds ground beef
- 3/4 cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1-1/2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh Italian parsley
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 thin slices prosciutto (about 1/2 ounce each)
- 1-1/2 cups shredded fontina cheese
- 8 slices Italian bread (1/2 to 3/4 inch thick)
- Extra virgin olive oil*

Tomato Topping:

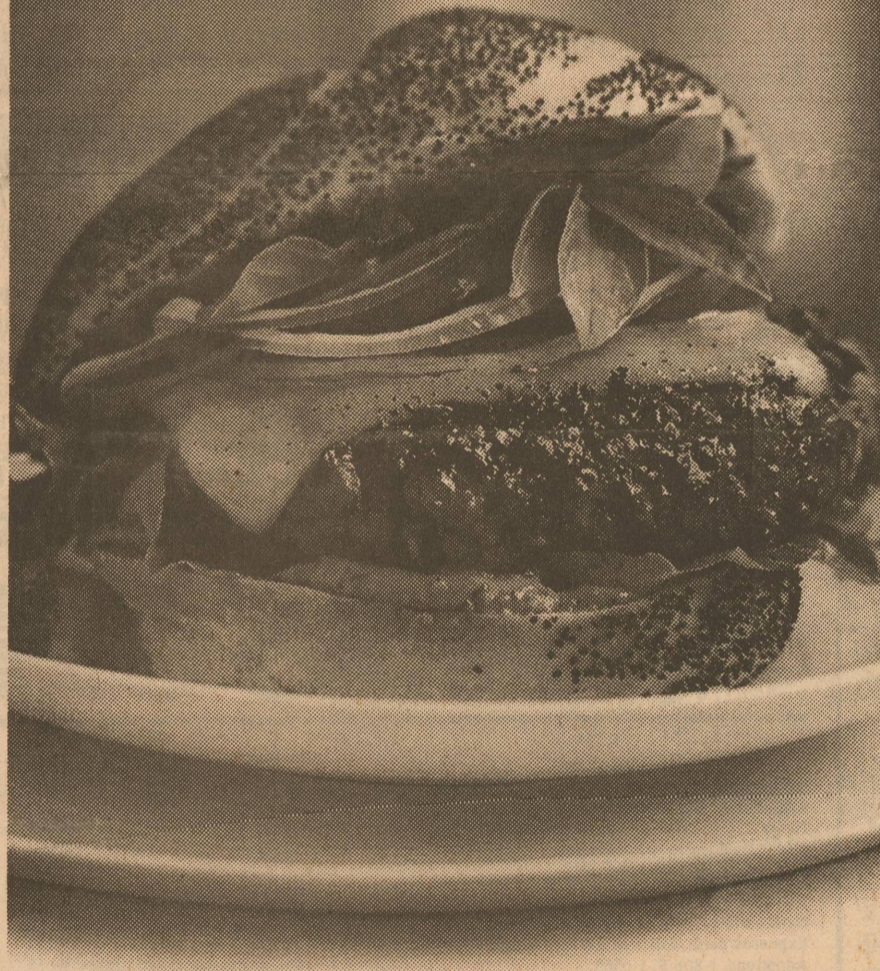
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 3 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil*
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

- Combine tomato topping ingredients in small bowl, seasoning with salt and pepper, as desired. Set aside.
- Combine ground beef, Gorgonzola cheese, onion and parsley in large bowl, seasoning with salt and pepper, as desired, and mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 3/4-inch thick patties.
- Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 13 to 15 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness, until not pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning occasionally. During last 2 to 3 minutes of grilling, top each burger with prosciutto slice and 1/4 of fontina cheese.
- Meanwhile brush both sides of bread slices with oil. About 2 minutes before burgers are done, place bread on grid. Grill until lightly toasted, turning once.
- Spoon 1/2 of tomato topping on 4 bread slices; top with burgers and remaining tomato topping. Close sandwiches.

Makes 4 servings

Cook's Tip: An equal amount of baked or boiled (not smoked) thinly sliced ham may be substituted for prosciutto.

*Recipes tested with Colavita Extra Virgin Olive Oil.



Napa Valley Basil-Smoked Burger

WINE NOTES

Sutter Home's executive chef, Jeffrey Starr, suggests spicy Zinfandel or a full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon with these burgers — both in the recipes and to drink. But his best advice: Drink the wine you like with the food you like. It's really up to you.

In celebration of the 15th anniversary of the contest, a new cookbook, *Build A Better Burger* (Ten Speed Press, \$19.95), chronicles the winery's annual search for the best burgers. It contains winning recipes, wine pairing pointers and more. Look for it in bookstores or online at www.buildabetterburger.com (beginning May 30, 2005).

For complete Build A Better Burger contest rules, log on to www.buildabetterburger.com. Entries will be accepted between May 30, 2005 and August 26, 2005.



Tuscan Burger Bruschetta

Napa Valley Basil-Smoked Burgers

Total preparation and cooking time: 45 to 50 minutes

- 1-1/2 pounds ground beef
- 3 tablespoons soft Italian bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons minced red onion
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil, lightly packed
- 3 tablespoons Sutter Home Zinfandel, or other dry red wine
- 6 oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, finely chopped
- 1-1/2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 8 large sprigs fresh basil
- 4 large poppy seed or sesame seed sandwich rolls, split
- 4 slices Monterey Jack cheese (about 3/4 ounce each)
- 4 leaves red leaf lettuce (about 1/4 inch thick)
- 4 very thin red onion slices, separated into rings
- 4 small sprigs fresh basil

Pesto Mayonnaise:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon prepared basil pesto sauce

- Combine pesto mayonnaise ingredients in small bowl. Cover and refrigerate.
- Combine ground beef, bread crumbs, onion, chopped basil, wine, sun-dried tomatoes and garlic salt in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 3/4-inch thick patties.
- Moisten 8 large basil sprigs with water; toss sprigs directly onto medium, ash-covered coals just before grilling patties. Place patties on grid directly over basil sprigs. Grill, uncovered, 13 to 15 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness, until not pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning occasionally. About 2 minutes before burgers are done, place rolls, cut sides down, around outer edge of grid. Grill until lightly toasted. During the last minute of grilling, top each burger with cheese slice.
- Spread pesto mayonnaise evenly over cut sides of rolls. Line bottom of each roll with lettuce leaf, top with burger, tomato slice, onion rings and basil sprig. Close sandwiches.

Makes 4 servings

Cook's Tip: To make soft bread crumbs, place torn bread in food processor or blender container. Cover; pulse on and off to form fine crumbs. Regular white bread can be substituted.

Portobello Burgers

Total preparation and cooking time: 55 to 60 minutes

- 1-1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1/4 cup finely chopped shallots
- 3 tablespoons Sutter Home Zinfandel, or other dry red wine
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 4 pieces focaccia bread, about 4 inches wide, cut in half horizontally or 4 onion rolls, split
- 16 arugula leaves
- 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese
- Sun-Dried Tomato Mayonnaise:
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup chopped oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes

Seasoning:

- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Marinated Portobellos:

- 1/4 cup Sutter Home Zinfandel, or other dry red wine
- 2 tablespoons olive oil*
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon peel
- 4 large (about 3-inch diameter) portobello mushrooms, stems removed

- Combine sun-dried tomato mayonnaise ingredients in small bowl. Cover and refrigerate. Set aside.
- Combine seasoning ingredients in small bowl. Set aside.
- Prepare portobello mushrooms. Whisk wine, oil, lemon peel and 1 tablespoon of seasoning mixture in small bowl until blended. Place mushrooms in large dish. Pour marinade over mushrooms; turn mushrooms to coat. Set aside.
- Combine ground beef, shallots, wine, cumin, red pepper and remaining seasoning mixture in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 3/4-inch thick patties.
- Remove mushrooms from marinade; reserve marinade. Place mushrooms on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 16 to 18 minutes or until tender, turning once and brushing with reserved marinade. About 10 minutes before mushrooms are done, move mushrooms to outer edge of grid. Place patties in center of grid; grill 13 to 15 minutes to medium (160°F) doneness, until not pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning occasionally. Remove; keep warm.
- Place bread, cut sides down, on grid. Grill until lightly toasted, about 2 minutes.
- Spread sun-dried tomato mayonnaise over cut sides of bread. Line each bottom bread piece with 4 arugula leaves; top with burger, mushroom and 2 tablespoons goat cheese. Close sandwiches.

Makes 4 servings

*Recipes tested with Colavita Extra Virgin Olive Oil.

Three states turn up pressure on Warren Jeffs

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When asked about his office's move against the UEP, and how it might impact other criminal investigations Shurtleff replied, "People need to understand that my office has criminal and civil departments. Right now my attorneys in the civil branch are working to assure that the United Effort Plan Trust is preserved for the people it was intended to serve."

"However, if during the course of the investigation it is learned that there has been wrongdoing of a criminal nature, that information will be referred to the criminal prosecutors," Shurtleff added.

One thing that has already raised Shurtleff's eyebrows came Saturday when workers in Hildale, Utah dismantled a building once occupied by a company named Cozy Log Homes. Shurtleff said the building was located on and attached to property owned by the UEP Trust and was removed in direct violation of Judge Adkins' order.

"If that's not contempt of court, I don't know what is," Shurtleff stated. He concluded by saying that his investigators will be looking into the case.

Search warrant details...

The Eldorado Success last Friday obtained a copy of the search warrant served on the CCUSD administration building earlier in the week. A close reading of the document sheds some light on the areas that Arizona officials are targeting.

Of particular interest to the investigators were documents that could indicate if school district funds were being diverted for non-school purposes and if people holding non-existent jobs were drawing a paycheck from the district.

Among the people under close

scrutiny are CCUSD Superintendent Alvin Barlow, the school's business manager Jeffrey P. Jessop and his assistant, Oliver Barlow. The three men were reportedly detained for several hours last week as investigators served the search warrant at the school offices.

According to a sworn affidavit signed by Special Agent Meg Pollard of the Arizona Attorney General's office, it is common knowledge that several individuals directly related to the administrators hold positions at the school but are rarely seen there.

Also noted in the affidavit was Jeffrey Barlow's ownership of a surveying business. The affidavit indicated that he had been seen conducting his survey business from his school-supplied vehicle, a Ford F-350 4x4 4-door pickup. Agent Pollard states that, in her experience as a school fraud investigator, she has not encountered another school administrator requiring such a vehicle.

Other things noted in Pollard's affidavit were payments made to former Colorado City Police Chief Sam Roundy and lease payments made on a Cessna P210 airplane.

Documents filed by investigators after the raid reveal that the officers seized dozens of computers, several file cabinets and boxes of school records, in addition to survey equipment and beer taken from a Ford 4x4 vehicle with a camper.

See it online...

Copies of the search warrant served last week at the CCUSD offices and a list of the items seized, as well as the temporary restraining order issued by Judge Robert W. Adkins and the final version of Texas Senate Bill 6, may be viewed online. Visit the Success website at www.myeldorado.net and follow the YFZ Ranch link.