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\$10K reward offered for info on Warren Jeffs

FBI joins the hunt as federal warrant is issued for fugitive prophet

Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard announced a \$10,000 reward Wednesday, for information leading to the arrest of fugitive FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs. Persons with information about Jeffs or his whereabouts are encouraged to call 1-800-526-1911 or 1-928-753-2141. Callers may remain anonymous. Jeffs was indicted on felony charges in Arizona and stands accused of Sexual Conduct with a Minor and Conspiracy to Commit Sexual Conduct with a Minor. The charges stem from his role in arranging marriages and performing marriage ceremonies between

underage girls and older men who were already married.

Goddard's press secretary, Andrea Esquer told the Success that the reward is being offered as a cooperative effort between the offices of the Arizona and Utah attorneys general and Mohave County's Silent Witness Program. Each state is putting up half the money for the reward.

FBI joins the hunt for Jeffs

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is also joining the hunt for the elusive prophet. It was announced last week that

a U.S. Magistrate in Flagstaff, AZ issued a federal arrest warrant for Jeffs on June 27 on charges of Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran told the Success on Monday that he was aware of the federal warrant and knew the FBI had joined the case but that word of the feds involvement was being withheld in hopes that Jeffs might be found moving between FLDS-controlled properties where he feels safe.

Since the FBI is not restricted to one state of local jurisdiction, its entry into

the case — coupled with the offering of the reward in Arizona — significantly raises the ante in the search for Jeffs. The agency will be able to devote considerable resources to pursuing the fugitive prophet between his enclaves in Arizona, Utah and here in Schleicher County where Jeffs are building a community, complete with a massive temple, on the YFZ Ranch.

FBI Special Agent Bill Endorf from the San Angelo field office was not available for comment on this story, but it is known that he has met with Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran

about the FLDS and developments at the YFZ Ranch.

AZ jails 8 Jeffs followers

The increasing pressure on Warren Jeffs comes even as Arizona authorities continue to pursue his followers, arresting one of them on Friday, July 8, 2005 at his home in Colorado City, AZ. Seven other FLDS members surrendered to authorities on Monday, July 11th. All eight of them had been indicted by the same grand jury that handed up the charges against Jeffs.

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Pat Johnson, M.D. returning to SCMC

Dr. Pat Johnson is returning to Eldorado to practice medicine, beginning mid-August.

The doctor previously spent five years at Schleicher County Medical Center, leaving in July, 1992 to practice in Missouri. He said he welcomes the opportunity to return to Eldorado and looks forward to getting reacquainted with old friends. Johnson said coming back here is "like coming home."

Dr. Johnson and Gordy Day will share duties at the clinic and hospital following the scheduled retirement of Dr. Jim Lucas, also slated for mid-August.

School board meets

by J.L. Mankin

Schleicher County ISD's board of trustees met Monday evening, July 11, and made quick work of a relatively short agenda. Board president Jo Helen Kotsch called the meeting to order with trustees Jan Wanoreck, Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson and Kurtis Homer in attendance. Trustees Leanne Higgins and Lupe Sanchez were absent.

SCISD business manager Ray Ballew briefed the board on the district's financial condition and noted that the school is slightly ahead of schedule collecting taxes at this point in the year. Ballew also explained that the school is ahead of projections on almost all of its revenue sources.

Next, the board approved the minutes of the June 13, 20 and 30 meetings before considering the district's le-

gal services contract with the Austin law firm of Powell & Leon. After a brief discussion the trustees voted unanimously to place the firm on retainer and to keep them as legal counsel for another year.

The trustees then turned their attention toward selecting a student insurance carrier. Superintendent George Blanch said that he had received three bids that he thought would fill the school's needs. He said that two of them, both from the same provider, Student Resources, seemed to fit best. After reviewing the plans the trustees opted to purchase the Student Resources Premiere Plan for \$16,692.00 with a rider for catastrophic coverage at an additional \$864. It was explained that the school had made use of the very same two plans only last year with no complaints.

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Serious Business

Jonah Griggs twisted a balloon into an animal shape Saturday as he participated in a carnival on the Courthouse square. The carnival was part of Community Baptist Church's drive to get children to register for its annual Vacation Bible School.

City okays street study

K.C. Engineering of Marble Falls, Inc. was given the go ahead Monday night by the Eldorado City Council to proceed with an informal evaluation of the city street system. The company will provide a general recommendation for immediate and long-term preventive maintenance and rehabilitation of the city's streets. The fee for the two day evaluation and report will cost the city \$6,250.

Chad Nelson, a K.C. representative, was present at the meeting to answer any questions put to him by the council. Nelson assured council member Toni Sudduth that his company would be sensitive to the city's financial limitations and that K.C. can provide grant writing services to help fund paving projects with the city providing in-kind services that would include such things as construction of curbs.

A question about the need to finish street repairs on W. Gillis in front of First Baptist Church revealed that the contractor, Seidel Construction of San Angelo was currently paving the parking lot at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and would be returning to complete the Gillis St. job.

The meeting was the city's regular monthly session and was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk with council members Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans, Tommy Minor and Juakin Rojas. Council members Bill McCutcheon and Richard Mendez were absent.

Among other business the council discussed their concerns about the city's firework ordinance and the fact that it was not enforced by the Sheriff's Dept. over the recent 4th of July holiday. It was noted that it is illegal to purchase or discharge fireworks within the city limit but that many citizens disregarded the ordinance. Various council members noted they were thankful that no fires occurred

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Hot, dry conditions prompt commissioners enact county-wide burn ban

by J.L. Mankin

A county-wide burn ban was set in place Monday, July 11, by a unanimous vote of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court. The action was deemed necessary because of hot and dry conditions prevalent across the county in recent weeks.

The ban allows ranchers to continue managing their rangeland with controlled burns, but only if the burn is pre-approved by the proper authorities, including Fire Department personnel.

The ban, which remains in effect for 90 days, prohibits all other outdoor

burning.

The action came during the commissioners first regular meeting of July, which was called to order at 9:08 p.m. by County Judge Johnny Griffin. Commissioners Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown were in attendance. Commissioner Johnny Mayo was absent.

Scherz Nursery of San Angelo has proposed installing crepe myrtle shrubs in the flower beds around the cemetery chapel. Commissioner Brown noted that the labor could be done by local Boy Scouts who are in their final stages of obtaining their Eagle Scout ranking.

There are a few jobs that need to be done to the chapel including installing an watering system for the beds and gutter work. "The young man can help the county out," Brown said, "and in turn the county can give them the opportunity to pursue one of the highest honors any man can achieve."

The court then discussed moving the 9th green at the county golf course. The commissioners noted that the hole is near a roadway and baseball fields and voiced their concerns about stray shots hitting a bystander during a baseball or softball tournament.

Following a brief discussion the men voted unanimously relocate the 9th green and move the hole to a safer position on the course.

Discussion then turned to hiring someone to clean the chapel. The court discussed the options and turned the decision over to the Judge Griffin and authorized him to assign a county employee to the task and to adjust their salary as needed.

The commissioners were then invited to attend the local Lions Club meeting on July 20th to see a presentation on astronomy and the impact it can

have on tourism in the county. In recent years a number of amateur astronomers have attended star parties at the XBar Ranch and at Ft. McKavett.

Next, the men discussed the options for repairing a Dodge pickup that had been seized by the Sheriff's Department. The men eventually decided to repair the truck and put it in use for the county.

Before adjourning, the men reviewed and approved three requests for indigent support.

The next commissioners meeting is slated for 9:00 a.m. on July 25, 2005 at the Schleicher County Courthouse.

Strategy and Purposes of War

by Earl Tilford, Ph.D.

Devising a strategy appropriate to the war at hand is fundamental to military success. Neither massive firepower nor effusions of heroically-shed blood will redeem a faulty strategy. The big question in the "Global War on Terror" must be, "Is U.S. strategy appropriate?"

Basic to developing a viable strategy is a clear understanding of the enemy and his objectives. In that regard, a world-wide war on terror makes no strategic sense. Terrorism is a tactic usually employed by the militarily weak against a stronger foe. A nation can no more make war on terrorism than it can make war on ambushes. The enemies in this war are al Qaeda, associated groups like Hezbollah, and nations that support them; specifically Iran and Syria. Their immediate goal is to compel U.S. withdrawal from the Middle East so Israel can be destroyed. Then, they will replace "apostate" regimes in countries like Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey to solidify the Middle East into a united fundamentalist Islamic entity capable of pursuing the ultimate goal of establishing a world-wide Islamic caliphate. While the war is global (and total) and terrorists are among our enemies, terrorism per se is not the enemy.

As a part of its misnamed "Global War on Terror" the Bush administration has devised an offensive strategy with the goal of spreading democracy as a way of lessening the appeal of terrorism. While this may prove a viable strategy, it involves significant risks. Military force to eject al Qaeda from Afghanistan and affect regime change in Kabul succeeds only if Afghan democracy prevails and al Qaeda's capabilities are degraded. Likewise, the brilliant use of military forces for the purpose of regime change in Iraq succeeds only if Iraq remains democratic. The strategy of democratization through regime change fails if Iraq reverts to totalitarianism, becomes a radical Islamic state, or descends into the kind of chaos that gripped Lebanon in the 1980s. Strategic success in Iraq, however, may mean moving militarily against Iran and Syria: the real enemies in this war. There lies danger.

Iran with nuclear weapons intensifies and complicates the strategic challenge. American (or Israeli) air strikes probably would cripple Iran's nuclear production facilities. But if Iran and Syria responded by unleashing hundreds of thousands of jihadists on Iraq, coalition forces could be overwhelmed. The Army critically needs at least two additional divisions to counter this possibility and still retain a contingent sufficient for deterring aggression in Korea. Those divisions need not be deployed in addition to those already in Iraq, but they should be available if needed. Even if the defense budget accommodated funding two new divisions, absent a draft it is doubtful they could be recruited. And the draft will remain absent.

The premature withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq would be disastrous. While Vietnam War analogies must be used cautiously, the way the Nixon administration ended U.S. involvement in 1973 resulted in debacle for the Republic of Vietnam 15 months later. Nixon's mistake was to specify the end of his first term as the goal for withdrawing U.S. troops. The strategy for achieving this objective involved invading Cambodia along with secret bombings of enemy sanctuaries in Cambodia and the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. The perception that Nixon was widening the war fed the anti-war movement and, eventually, made it impossible for the Ford administration to continue supporting the Republic of Vietnam. The operation (withdrawal) succeeded; the patient (Vietnam) died. If a similar fate awaits democratic Iraq the consequences will be far greater for the Middle East and, ultimately, for the United States.

Iran and Syria are unlikely to relent in their efforts to deny the success of democracy in Iraq and Afghanistan. Al Qaeda is going to persist in using terrorism to compel a U.S. withdrawal from the Persian Gulf. The United States, having committed to an offensive strategy focused on spreading democracy must either succeed or face a foreign policy debacle with enormous implications for the future.

The enemy's objectives of compelling U.S. withdrawal from the Middle East and, ultimately, establishing a world-wide Islamic caliphate amount to total war goals. In warfare the level of violence usually corresponds to the totality of the objectives. Prospects of a nuclear-armed Iran and al Qaeda with access to weapons of mass destruction ought to clarify U.S. strategic thinking.

This is a war the United States, indeed the West, must win. Victory, however, demands a clear understanding of our enemies and their objectives. Only then can an appropriate strategy be devised and forces structured, raised and employed effectively to achieve the purposes of war.

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A "Foote" Note of History

by Jason Edwards, Ph.D.

With the arrival of a national holiday, concomitant weekend get-aways, and the ceaseless pounding of sensationalistic news headlines, it sadly becomes far too easy to miss the passing of an age. And, in fact, that has just happened when at the age of 88 Shelby Foote passed away in a Memphis hospital with little fanfare or general notice.

The "greatest generation" of which Foote was a part has of course been celebrated and mourned as its numbers inevitably dwindle, but though the generation generally has been heralded, Foote belonged to a more particular group that tragically has not yet been adequately recognized or honored. Given time, literature lovers and historians will eventually note that Foote was the last lion of a group of American authors and poets whose talents equaled or surpassed any collection of writers that America has ever produced.

Just as it defies explanation how a remote portion of the globe would find in 1776 one of the

greatest collections of political geniuses the world has seen, it could not have been predicted that out of the poorest region of the United States a group of writers living through World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II, would emerge out of the impoverished South, to produce a collection of literary masterpieces unparalleled in American letters. William Faulkner, Walker Percy, Allan Tate, John Crowe Ransom, Caroline Gordon, Donald Davidson, Andrew Lytle, Flannery O'Connor, Robert Penn Warren, and Shelby Foote did not write as one voice, but they did write from one region. Though thus far, this era's Midwestern writers or the more "placeless" individual genius of authors such as F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, or T.S. Eliot have garnered the most attention, increasingly and predictably the volume and quality of material produced from the identifiably Southern authors should guarantee their eventual preeminence. Though all of the authors mentioned witnessed the international strife of world

conflicts and economic collapse, what generated the distinctive Southern voice was their shared experience of growing up among people for whom the Civil War was an ever-present, haunting reality rather than a more remote incident already relegated to history textbooks. This fact is what makes Shelby Foote's passing particularly poignant, for Foote turned out to be this historical event's greatest chronicler by authoring in three volumes *The Civil War: A Narrative*, the work that should serve as the definitive account of America's definitive conflict.

Besides an obvious call to read Foote's magnum opus and to appreciate and explore the writings produced by this tremendous group of Southern authors, Foote's death, or more correctly his life, should serve as a lesson on how to live. As an accomplished novelist and historian, Foote was constantly barraged with questions on how a person should go about learning to write. The questioners' assumptions that he would answer with the name of some college course

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Property tax reform moves to conference committee

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — With less than 10 days remaining in the 30-day special session, state lawmakers continued their trudge toward passage of a property tax relief bill with school funding waiting in the on-deck circle.

The full Senate met Sunday to consider hundreds of pages of amendments to its version of House Bill 3, property tax reform.

At 3:15 a.m. on July 11, senators emerged with 20 amendments. Their version will have to be reconciled with the House version, by a Senate-House conference committee.

Both House and Senate aim to pay for the proposed property tax cuts by expanding sales and business taxes, but it remains to be seen if the two bodies can agree on the mix and the method.

Briefly, the Senate version lowers property taxes to \$1.30 per \$100 valuation in 2006 and \$1.25 in 2007, while the House version, which passed by a single vote, caps the rate at \$1.23 and \$1.12, respectively.

The Senate voted to increase the sales and use tax one half-cent to 6.75 percent, but the House voted for a full-cent increase to 7.25 percent — the highest in the nation.

The House version spreads more of the tax to Texans whose annual income is less than \$100,000 and more than \$150,000.

Of course, raising taxes in Texas is still frowned upon. To assure public knowledge of those responsible for any increase in state taxes, Rep. David Leibowitz planned to attach a floor amendment to HB 3 on second reading.

However, a House rule requiring all amendments to be revenue-neutral forced Leibowitz, D-San Antonio, to withdraw the amendment.

Leibowitz's amendment would have (1) required the House to post on its Web site a notice showing how each member voted; (2) required the governor to own up by posting a notice that he had signed the legislation; and (3) required the governor to really own up by publishing paid quarter-page notices in statewide and regional newspapers — since most Texans still reach for a newspaper.

Even without a big, honking public notice, Grover Norquist, director of the Washington, D.C.-based Americans for Tax Reform, is sure to get wind of any tax increase and who is responsible. His organization finds candidates to run against incumbent GOP lawmakers who either refuse to sign its no-new-taxes pledge or break their pledge by voting in favor of a tax increase.

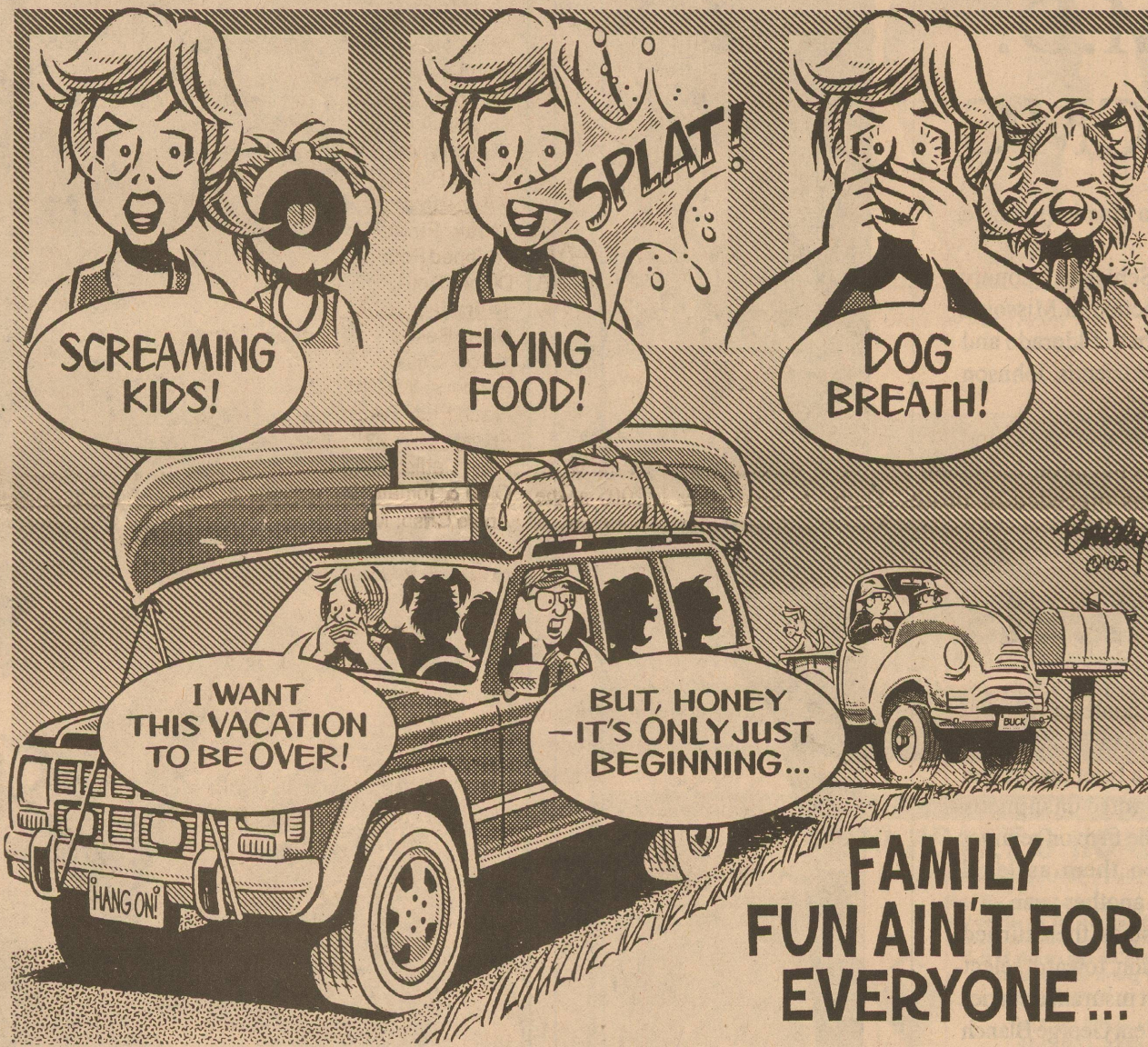
Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities could not be farther from Norquist's group on the tax issue. The progressive think tank repeatedly has urged the Legislature to recognize a state income tax as a way to improve school funding, lessen the property tax burden on homeowners, provide better health care for children and needy adults, and boost the quality and coverage of child protective services.

Just whose job is it, anyway?

The Texas Supreme Court heard arguments in the state's appeal of a district court ruling that declared the current school finance system unconstitutional.

If the high court upholds the lower court ruling, the Legislature will be required to rebuild the school finance system to meet constitutional standards by Oct. 1. If the lower court ruling is overturned, the Legislature could stand pat with the current system, which was devised by the courts.

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Saying things you wish you hadn't

I recently spent six days in Dallas attending a training class for a computer program I use. The instructor was an audio engineer who has produced some award-winning albums for well-known singers like Faith Hill and the Dixie Chicks.

He told anecdote after anecdote about his experiences working on music row in Nashville. His hometown is a small city in Mississippi. When he was presented a platinum record for work he did for the Dixie Chicks, the newspaper in his hometown ran a story about his recognition. He, of course, was extremely proud of his plaque.

Now it was about this time (March 2003) that one of the Dixie Chicks made some harsh remarks while performing in London. Natalie Maines got political and criticized President Bush for planning a war in Iraq. She said she was "ashamed the President of the United States is from Texas."

I'm sure she wishes she had counted to ten before making that statement.

Reaction was almost immediate. People called the Chicks unpatriotic.



by Tumbleweed Smith

Country stations pulled the Chicks from their playlists. Several stations had "Chicken Tosses" and invited listeners to throw their Chicks CD's in trash dumps.

The news story about my instructor's platinum award made statewide news in Mississippi and even crossed the border into Alabama.

In the midst of all the unfavorable publicity about the Dixie Chicks, a Birmingham radio station called my instructor (I'll call him Bruce) and actually wanted him to donate his plaque for a Dixie Chick bashing. It seems the radio station wanted to make a target of the platinum award and let people shoot at it. The station had already started announcing details of the shoot. For ten dollars, they would let people shoot at the platinum record with a pellet gun. For twenty dollars, they could use a .22. For fifty

dollars they could use a .38 caliber pistol. For two thousand dollars they could use a 12-gauge shotgun. The radio station person told Bruce the promotion already had 50 thousand dollars pledged.

He was shocked at the station's request and told the person calling that the platinum record he received was for work he did on the session and it meant a lot to him and of course he would not donate it to the station. He did tell the station the place where the plaques were available for sale.

When the comments were made in London, the Chicks had the number one country album, "Home," and the number one single, "Travelin' Soldier."

Bruce said at the Sony studios in Nashville where the Chicks recorded, the flower bed in front of the building was full of Dixie Chick CD's people had thrown away. He also said the Chicks went from performing in packed houses of 25,000 to barely filling up a venue with 5,000 seats. I haven't heard much about the chicks lately, but I understand they're coming out with a Spanish Polka Album. Chances are it'll be non-political.

OBITUARIES

Carmen V. Torres

SAN ANGELO — On Monday, July 11, 2005, at 10:02 a.m., Carmen V. Torres, our beloved mother, grandma, great-grandma, sister, tia and friend passed victoriously from this life to receive her well deserved reward among the angels of Heaven.

Carmen, our Pretty Lady, was born May 10, 1923, to Jose Maria and Josefa Cuellar Vasquez in Del Rio, Texas. She married Julio Torres on Nov. 25, 1940, and moved to San Angelo. They lived in the area until their passing.

Carmen was a homemaker all of her life. She was always ready and willing to serve others. She was devoted to her family, especially to her children and grandchildren. She cherished the very existence of her great-grandchildren. They were a special light in her life, as she was in theirs.

Carmen was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers.

Those left behind to celebrate her life include son Richard V. Torres and wife Ernestine "Tina"; daughters Mary Ellen, Vasquez and husband Ray, Erlinda Valles and husband Richard, all of Grape Creek, and Josie Martinez and husband Alvaro of Glen Rose; nephew Librado Saucedo of San Angelo; grandchildren Cindy

Rubio and husband Raymond of Keller, Richard David Torres and wife Juanita, Barbara Navarro and husband Rene of San Angelo, Carmen Cecilia "CC" Puentez, Linda Vasquez and Julia Valles of Grape Creek, Isaac Valles and wife Natasha of Kyle, Albert Martinez and wife Nicole, and Alvesa Martinez of Glen Rose; great-grandchildren Michael and Anthony Rubio, Alejandra Ramirez and Elijah Torres, Ana and Bianca Navarro, Jessica Puentez, Geneva Martinez and Jadora Valles, Mando and Stevi Lynn Martinez, and Dade Pritchett; her beloved sister Maria Torres and husband Bill; brothers Armando Vasquez and wife Adelmira of San Angelo, Roberto Vasquez and wife Eloisa, Rojelio Vasquez and wife Anita of Del Rio, and Alfredo Vasquez Sr. and wife Virginia of Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers for the service were Mike Garcia, Joe Torres, James Valles of San Angelo, David Torres of Corrizo Springs, Alfredo Vasquez Jr. of Austin and Quisto Gonzales of Eldorado.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson's Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Interment followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Maria del Pilar Rodriguez



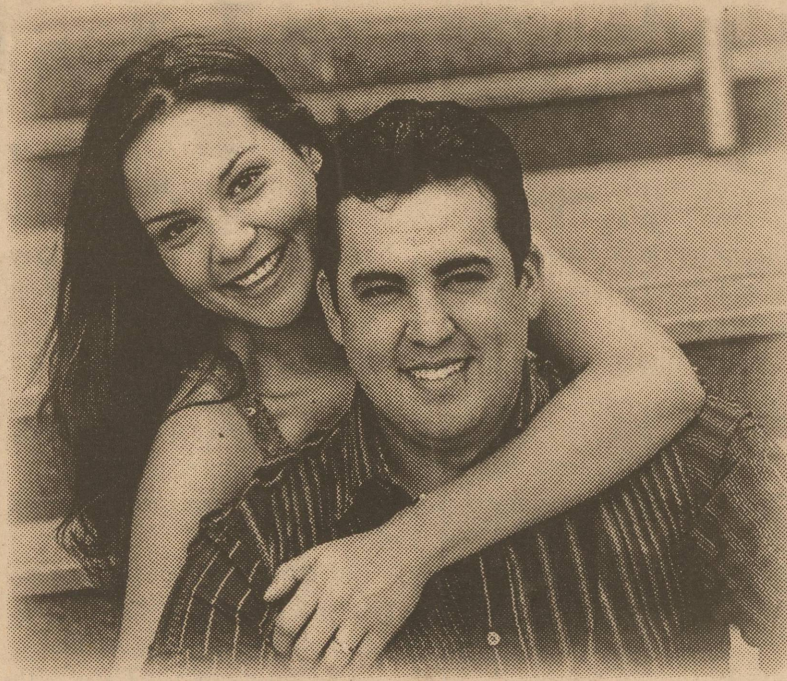
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Maria del Pilar Rodriguez passed from this life to be with our Lord at the age of 102 on July 3, 2005. She was born in Cd. Saltillo Coahuila, Mexico and came to live and work in Texas at a very young age. She made Eldorado her home in 1966 where she worked for Mary Helen Coup Davis for approximately 20 years. She was from an era where hard work trials life put her through; friendship, loyalty, and love were everlasting; her word alone a bond

unbroken. She was respected and loved by all her siblings, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends. She has left an unforgettable legacy amongst those who knew her. She will be greatly miss but never forgotten.

Pilar was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Estela Reynosa, son Jesus R. Martinez of Eldorado, and siblings Adan Rodriguez and Pomposo Rodriguez, both of Eldorado, Eve Martinez, and Jose Rodriguez. She is survived by siblings Manuela Rodriguez of Eldorado, Maria Elena Alcalá of Del Rio, Antonia Trevino, Rebecca Rodriguez, Juana Ortiz, and Abel Rodriguez of Cd. Acuna Mexico, numerous grandchildren, great grand children, nieces, and nephews, all from both Eldorado and Acuna.

Births, Deaths, Weddings, Engagements are all reported in **THE SUCCESS** It's the best source around!



Estella Montalvo and Michael Yanez

Montalvo/Yanez Engagement

Mr. & Mrs. Juan M. Montalvo Sr. are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Estella Montalvo to Michael Yanez.

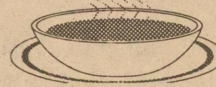
The bride elect is a graduate of Eldorado High School and earned a bachelor's degree in marketing in 2001 from Southwest Texas State University.

The perspective groom is the son of Mrs. Sylvia Yanez and the late Hector Yanez of Garland, Texas. He is a graduate of Lakeview Centennial High School and earned a bachelor's degree in international business in 2002 from St. Edwards University.

The couple will exchange vows on July 30, 2005 at San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio, Texas. The newly weds will make their home in Dallas, Texas where they currently reside.

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Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, July 18

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

Tuesday, July 19

Polynesian Chicken Salad, sweet Peas, Wheat Bread, Golden Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, July 20

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

Thursday, July 21

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

Friday, July 22

Fried Catfish w/ Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Okra & Tomato Gumbo, Dinner Rolls, Apple Crisp, Milk

West Texas VA Health Care System

The Local Advisory Panel (LAP) meeting for the West Texas VA Health Care System has officially confirmed the date for their public meeting and Congressman Randy Neugebauer (D-TX) is planning on attending.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2005 at the East Room of the Howard College Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Time for the meeting is still to be determined.

The public will again be given the opportunity to provide feedback via open testimony at the meeting, via the internet site at www.va.gov/cares, or via postal mail at VA Cares Studies - Big Spring PO Box 1427 Washington Grove, MD 20880-1427.

BIRTHDAY LIST

JULY

15th Charlene Edmiston, Edna Crowder, Ty Martinez, Will Griffin, Robbie Sanford

16th Lula Mae Clark, Jackie Barrera, Luby Trevino, Lisa Wade, Farah Fennern, Landon Neal

17th Jeremy Clark, Marcelina Ramon, William Edmiston, Dale Lipsett, Helen Ledbetter, Fred Logan, Joe Max Edmiston, Leah Kuhlmann, Stacy Haynes

18th Carol Estrada, Linda Thomas, Wade Rinehart, Mike Brenner

19th B.J. Dacy, Bud Arendt

20th Keith Nolen, Larry Mitchel, Crystal Vallejo, Juan Jesus Martinez, Harvey Hill Jr., Jeremy Ussery, Sabrina Samuels

21st Michael Mertz, Jeff Johnson, Bobby Helmers, Clint Sykes, Kara Sue Garlitz, David Nolen, Kenneth Hight, Martin Iglesias Sr.

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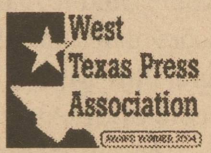
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Underground Texas is a really cool place

By Mark K. Campbell

It seems wrong to be referred to as the "bowels" of something. Whenever you go down in a cave, you're always entering "the bowels of the earth."

That's kind of gross. Why not "the heart of the earth" or even "the pancreas of earth"?

We headed to a trio of Lone Star underground passages. All were different – and none bowel-like (well, occasional formations resembled duodenum, but...)

Cave Without a Name

We knew we could get to three of Texas' finest caves by traveling to Boerne. (That's BURR-NEE to you Yankees.)

Our first stop was 11 miles outside of the town, down a thin road where urbanites fleeing the city are building some gigantic homes.

However, at the end of Krutzberg Road is a place that probably looks like it did back in 1962.

There ain't nothing fancy about the Cave Without a Name. The main building looks decades old and houses the usual assortment of cave stuff – smooth, shined-up rocks, T-shirts, and the ever-present sluice bags.

Unlike the other two places we visited, the entrance to the cave is right next to the main building. An old locked gate keeps folks out until the tour guide arrives.

We got a good guide, a guy who was a cave nut. He mentioned that the cave was first discovered back

in the 1920's when some men saw steam coming up from under a boulder. They pried the rock away but didn't explore it. Since they didn't put the rock back, a goat soon fell into the hole.

Eventually, the place became a perfect secret location for brewing moonshine; you can see the blackened cave ceiling near the entrance where the moonshiners concocted their illicit wares.

At the bottom of a staircase, you duck down for a few feet then come out in a massive expanse.

The beauty of The Cave Without a Name is that it's kind of a supermarket of cave formations. In most caves, you have to wander around in various "rooms" where things like curtains, dams, and columns are featured.

In this cave, everything is perfectly aligned like you were at Target: Here's some stalagmites on Aisle 5, here are some "grapes," here's "popcorn." It's terrific.

You still are informed about six rooms, but it's much different from other caves' separated rooms.

It's also the best cave for people who think they might be claustrophobic. The other two caves we saw are much more confined and narrow; The Cave Without a Name is a vast cavern, really.

It's so big that folks are sometimes married down there and occasional concerts are conducted down under.

And now, two things you've been wondering – one, what's the

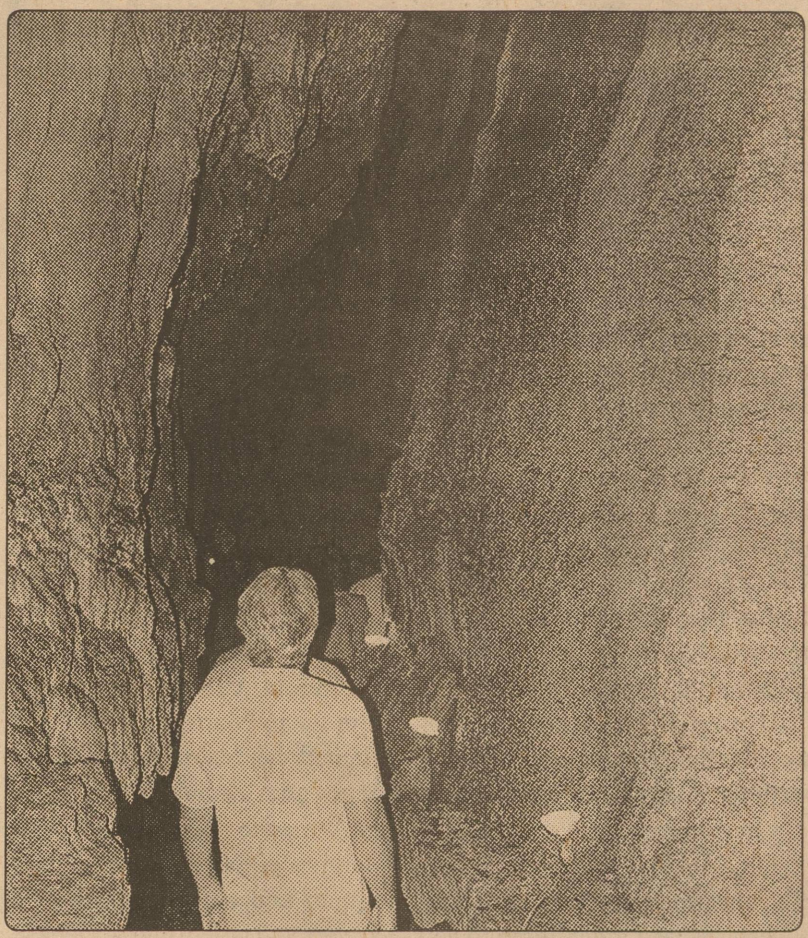


PHOTO BY PAULA CAMPBELL

TIGHT SQUEEZE: There are a few tight and wet squeezes early on at Cascade Caverns.

difference between a cave and a cavern? Not much, actually. A cave is a natural hollow passage under the earth while a cavern is a large underground chamber.

Two: Why is it called "The Cave Without a Name"? A contest held to name the place in 1939 was won by a kid who said the place was too beautiful to name – which sounds like they got a bunch of very weak entries.

This was the coolest of the caves, temperature-wise, at 66 degrees. However, the humidity so prevalent in most caves – 99 percent – makes even the cooler ones feel like Houston at night.

Some of the groovier formations in The Cave Without a Name are a rocky nativity scene right next to another crazy white formation that defies naming. (Maybe, The Formation Without a Name...), a giant ice cream cone tucked away in a hole on the cavern ceiling, some wavy curtains, and The Leaning Tower of Boerne, a massive 32-foot tall column that's still growing.

It's \$11 to get in and worth it. The external retro feel of the place and the wide open underground space make The Cave Without a Name different.

Cascade Caverns

Just a few miles off Interstate 10 in Boerne is this place, another shockingly old-looking attraction. I expected to see kids in Batman shirts – the Adam West Batman.

The admission office has been relocated because the flood of 2000 destroyed many buildings when water roared everywhere – including in the cave. Everything was pretty much deserted up top as old wooden buildings and picnic tables slowly rotted away.

The cave was very good, however. The fee was \$12 (just about anywhere you can find a \$1 off coupon for up to 12 people).

There's a bit of a hike to the entrance of the cave. On the way,

you see the place where a German immigrant lived for 26 years after killing his cheating girlfriend and her lover – on a dinky little ledge. He was eventually caught and killed. His diary is at the Boerne library.

Big rains close this cave, too, sometimes. But it's always wet inside. Prepare to get numerous "cave kisses" – water drops from above.

The biggie in Cascade Caverns comes at the conclusion of the tour: a 100-foot waterfall.

That sounds a lot better than it ended up being. A pump circulates water so the falls is always a-fallin' – but the water only slides against the wall into a man-made dam. That took some of the umph out of the experience.

But, again, there are plenty of amazing things to see. This cave is split up into natural distinctive rooms with each offering something different as you drop about 140 feet below the surface.

Like playing a Led Zepplin record backward, if someone tells you what masked message you're hearing, you do hear it. The same applies when eyeing formations. At Cascade Caverns you'll say "Oh, yeah" when a flashlight beam lands on George Washington, a dinosaur, and an elephant's trunk.

You have to backtrack to get out, but, like a hiking trail, the formations look different when seen from a new direction.

Once again, a retro park in a state of gentle disrepair made Cascade Caverns another unique stop.

Natural Bridge Caverns

For all the off-the-beaten path, Old School feel of The Cave Without a Name and Cascade Caverns, Natural Bridge Caverns was as slick and modern as you could possibly expect.

Two tours are offered – \$15 for the North Cavern or \$17 for a

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COURTESY PHOTO

Rachel Joiner placed 2nd recently in the high jump competition at the 2005 USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Knoxville Tennessee.

Joiner 2nd at national high jump competition

by J.L. Mankin

Rachel Joiner placed 2nd in the young women's high jump at the 2005 USA Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Knoxville Tennessee. She reached the award stand with a jump of 5' 7".

Joiner will find herself in the thick of it again on Thursday, July

14, 2005, when she competes in the USATF Region 12 Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships in Fort Worth. The top three in each event will qualify for the national meet in Indianapolis, IN July 23-31.

Rachel Joiner is a senior at EHS High School and is the daughter of Wayne and Shirley Joiner.

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Eldorado Golf Club News

A two man select-shot tournament was held on July 9th at the Eldorado Golf Club. The results are as follows:

Presidents Flight: 1st place Dalton Nix and Kirk Griffin with a score of 56. 2nd place with a score of 59 were Tip Finley and Jon Cartwright. Others competing were Rocky Robles and Roy Guerra with a score of 60 and Sam Henderson and Phil McCormick with a score of 61.

Championship Flight: 1st

place; Bill Wells and David Robledo with a score of 63. 2nd place; Moises Hill and George Scott with a score of 63. There was a score card playoff for 1st and 2nd place. Others competing were Danny Halbert and Tommy Hunley, score 66; Kerry Joy and Wayne McGinnes, score 66; Todd Griffin and Cy Griffin, score 66; and Gordon Emmons and Donnie Emmons, score 70.

Each Tuesday there will be a Game Day starting at 5:30 p.m.

Running of the Bull parade and schedule updates

Because of the extraordinarily large number of entries in this year's ROTB parade, it will begin at 9 AM instead of the usual later start. This will allow the parade to be completed before the festivities begin on the Schleicher County courthouse lawn for the third annual festival which spoofs Spain's mad dash to the bull ring. This also allows room for more entries, and interested participants should contact Annie Arispe at aarispe@sccn2.net. The parade will begin as customary between the hospital and school, and then proceed to the courthouse square. Entries should arrive by 8:30 AM.

During the Running of the BULL, there is going to be a separate stage on the courthouse

grounds for musicians to jam time. It will be on the opposite side of the "talking" stage. It can be used on Friday night, any time Saturday and any time Sunday. Musicians from around the area are invited to join in. All are welcome to perform on the "BULL" stage if you have a humorous ditty, etc.

Another new feature of this year's event is that audience members may help judge the various "talkers." All "wannabe judges" need do is arrive with any kind of cards/paper with numbers on them and hold up the appropriate number after each "speech." Dress of the day is white clothes with red bandanas and sash, with high boots on or pant legs rolled up.



COURTESY PHOTO
Kimberly Hight poses with Mickey & Minnie Mouse after completing two courses at Walt Disney World College in Orlando, FL.

Hight completes Disney classes

Kimberly Hight, daughter of Kenneth and Caroline Hight of Eldorado, and a 2002 EHS graduate, recently completed the Walt Disney World College Program in Orlando, Florida.

Ms. Hight worked at Disney's BoardWalk Resort, a four diamond deluxe resort, from January 17, 2005 through May 20, 2005, as a front desk hostess and valet/bell services dispatcher. She also earned college credit, enrolling in two of Walt Disney World's Hospitality and Human Resources classes. She has decided to continue on with Disney as a College Program Campus Representative at Texas Tech University.

Ms. Hight is settled again in

Lubbock, Texas where she is taking summer school classes and working at Moose Magoo's Bar and Grill.



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Rev. Bob Jacobsen of Community Baptist Church served as the target in a sponge throw booth during a carnival the church held last week to register children for its annual Vacation Bible School.

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City council hires engineer to study streets

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during the hot, dry and windy holiday.

Mayor Nikolauk then instructed the City Secretary Carolyn Mayo to purchase city citation books and provide them to the Sheriff's Dept. so that city tickets can be issued in the future. He then noted that the council will review its fireworks ordinance, which was adopted in 1950, as well as the inter-local agreement between the county and city.

Next, Mayor Nikolauk signed a statement of support for the U.S. National Guard and Reserve and a proclamation of support for active duty troops.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay reported that repairs had been made to sewer plant equipment that had suffered lightning damage. He then explained that lightning had also damaged the "SCADA" unit that controls water levels in the city's water towers and activates various water pumps. Fay noted that work is progressing on new berms at the landfill and that summer crews were chipping brush

and patching pot holes as they got the opportunity. He concluded by saying that two city employees, Jaimie Martinez and Felipe Montalvo had completed their certifications in their respective departments and the council authorized pay increases for each.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then reviewed the city's financial reports and noted that revenue was down \$104,000 for the 10 month period ending June 30. She then explained that she and Floyd Fay had been completing a planning grant questionnaire.

Action on proposed amendments to the city's Animal Control, Mobile Home and Utility Ordinances was postponed with the three items being tabled until a future meeting.

Ms. Mayo then reported that nine hundred Consumer Confidence Water Reports were mailed out to city residents with no feed back being reported. The reports detail the quality of the city's drinking water.

Mayo also explained that Mary Lou Covarrubiaz was recently hired

as a full-time clerk at City Hall.

The minutes of the June 6, 2005 meeting were then approved and the city's current bills were reviewed and authorized for payment.

Discussion then turned to the consolidation of local tax collecting duties in the County Tax Assessor/Collector Jeanne Snelson's office. Ms. Mayo explained that Snelson's office may be taking over the duty from Schleicher County

Appraisal District.

It was noted that a 19 percent rate increase could be expected for the city's Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance benefits and that work is already underway on the preparation of the city's 2005-06 budget.

The next meeting of the Eldorado City Council is planned for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2005 at City Hall.



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Rita Meador claimed a DVD player as a door prize during 1st Community Federal Credit Union's 10th Anniversary celebration last Friday. Other winners included Mike Carter (TV) and Oma Stubblefield (boom box).

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In arguments before the court, lawyers representing more than 300 school districts said the constitution requires the state to give all Texas schoolchildren equal access to education and it is up to the judicial branch to enforce the constitution. Lawyers from the Texas attorney general's office argued that the wording means Texans must abide by a school finance formula devised by the Legislature, not the judiciary.

A ruling may take weeks. And

any progress on school finance by the Legislature during the special session runs the risk of being deemed unconstitutional.

So, special interest groups and all three branches of government could find themselves back at their drawing boards in the fall. School districts may find themselves relying, as usual, mainly on their own resources, plus stop-gap funding meted out at the governor's discretion.

Eminent domain added to call

The Fifth Amendment says "nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." During its just-ended term, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that homeowners could lose their residences when the state has a compelling interest in taking private property for public use.

To address this ruling on the state level, Gov. Perry added eminent domain as an issue for the Legislature to consider in the first called session.

School board meeting

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Next, the trustees voted to accept a \$300 donation made for EMS courtyard and playground improvements and food vendor cafeteria bids were approved unanimously at the request of food service director Ima Bruce.

The board then moved on to reviewing the Student Code of Conduct for the 2005-2006 school year. Supt. Blanch outlined changes that have been made from last year's version. Most of the discussion focused on the district's policy regarding cellular phones with trustee Eddie Albin asking

several questions. It was revealed that campus principals don't mind students having cellular phones at school or at school functions as long as they keep them turned off and use them only for emergencies. There being no further questions about the code of conduct, the trustees voted unanimously to approve it.

The board then turned to electing Kurtis Homer as its delegate to the Texas Association of School Board's (TASB) 2005 delegate assembly, slated for Sept. 24, 2005 in Houston.

A brief executive session was held for the discussion of personnel matters. The board returned to open session at 6:48 p.m. and voted to accept the resignation of Emilee Vaughan as an elementary teacher.

Next the board congratulated trustee Eddie Albin for his election to the TASB board of directors.

The school board's next scheduled meeting is slated for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2005.

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Texas caves are cool vacation destinations

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different flashlight tour; \$25 for both, for adults. Listen for your ticket color to be announced then herd outside.

We took the North tour and were cattle-prodded along with 48 others to the entrance where you see why the place is so named – a rock “bridge” spans above the entrance.

If anyone’s talking, it’s tough to hear the young tour guide. And often the chattering of the guide leading a group behind you is audible.

Still, the cave was exceptional. Another wet experience, Natural Bridge Caverns contains a series of individual rooms. You duck and waddle along – including some precipitous elevation drops – then suddenly there’s a myriad of formations before you.

Some are massive columns – where stalagmites and stalactites grow together after thousands and thousands of years – and some crazy formations like thrones and fried eggs.

Most memorable is Sherwood Forest, a room full of individual towering stalagmites reaching for the ceiling far above.

I don’t know who named the rooms, but they must’ve loved progressive rock from the 70’s.

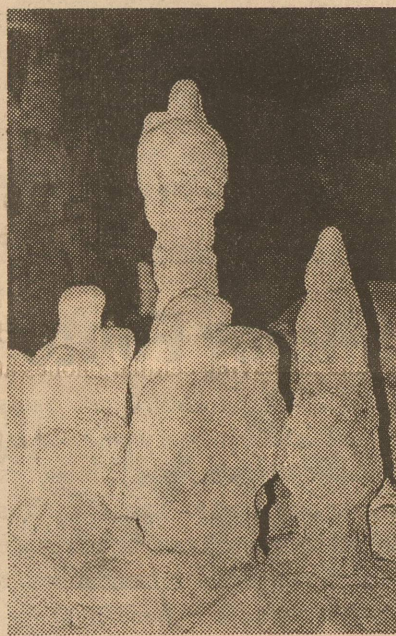


PHOTO BY PAULA CAMPBELL

Nativity: If this nativity formation at the Cave Without a Name was on a piece of cheese toast instead of one hundred feet underground, it could be worth \$28,000.

You’d expect to hear things like Castle of the White Giants and Hall of the Mountain King on a Genesis or Emerson, Lake, and Palmer album.

Late in the carefully choreographed, 75-minute walk, you are stopped for a photo available for purchase upon exiting.

At the finale – the Hall of the Mountain King: “Hey, that does look like a throne!” – you walk up a ramp and can peer back on the impressive array of formations below.

On the down side, the temperature in Natural Bridge Caverns wasn’t as cool as the others. And the humidity had plenty of people soaked through.

But it’s fun to squeeze through some areas and it’s amazing to get so near to the living cave formations. (Each cave offered exceptionally close access.)

Natural Bridge Caverns was packed. Various nationalities queued up to get their turn in Texas’ bowels. Outside, other options include a rock climbing wall and, of course, sluicing opportunities where you can “pan for [microscopic] gems.”

This place is a slick production, from the tour guides to the extensive gift shop – you know you’re in a touristy place when you can buy giant fly swatters and shot glasses – to the snack bar.

Natural Bridge Caverns is more expensive, but there’s that overhead to take care of. Still, it, too, was a worthy experience.

Cave poop

It’s wet in those caves; you’ll probably come out with some mud on you. You’re told to wear good



PHOTO BY PAULA CAMPBELL

Sherwood Forest: No photo can do the Sherwood Forest room at Natural Bridge Caverns justice. It’s full of stalagmites – “They might reach the ceiling” – and stalactites – “They hold tight to the ceiling.”

shoes, but we made some routes in flip flops.

Good luck getting a good cave photo. A flash often washes out many formations, yet, unless you have a good low-light lens, you still have to have some sort of illumination.

Film cameras will certainly have very few usable photos. With a digital, at least you can see that you got nothing right off.

Taking a picture of a cave formation is like filming a sunset or a mountain range – they look a lot better in person.

Still, a good camera and a

small tripod can work out provided the tour guide isn’t hurrying you along as they usually do.

If someone gets claustrophobic, everyone must exit the cave as that person is removed. You don’t really don’t want to get booed by a cave crowd.

The “pitch black” experience of shutting off the underground lights is fun – for about three seconds for kids.

However, overall, a cave is great fun for kids and a memorable family outing – and kids will love getting to say “bowels” a lot.

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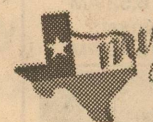
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Weekly Scripture

And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb and naked shall I return; the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

Job 1:21-22

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Francisco H. Lozano Sr.
Who passed away July 15, 2001

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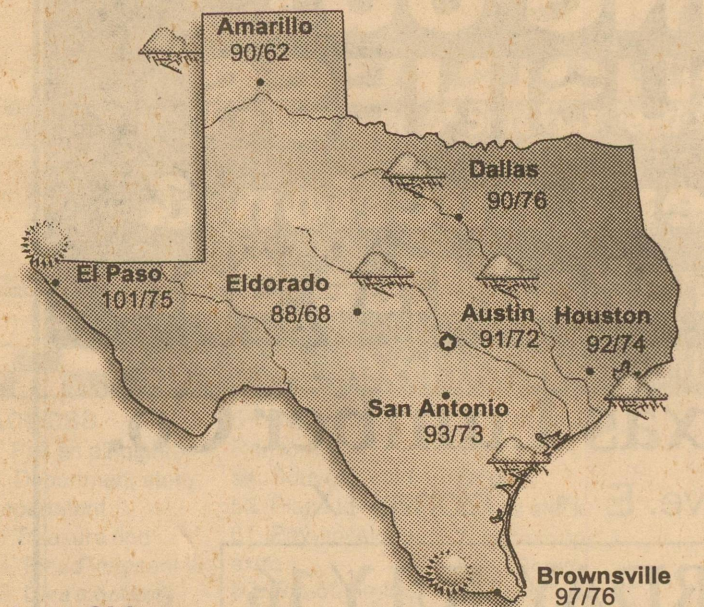
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 7/15	Sat 7/16	Sun 7/17	Mon 7/18	Tue 7/19
88/68 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	87/70 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	91/70 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	91/70 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	92/69 A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM	Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	67	t-storm	Kingsville	99	74	t-storm
Amarillo	90	62	t-storm	Livingston	91	71	t-storm
Austin	91	72	t-storm	Longview	83	71	t-storm
Beaumont	90	74	t-storm	Lubbock	90	64	t-storm
Brownsville	97	76	sunny	Lufkin	89	72	t-storm
Brownwood	93	69	t-storm	Midland	90	66	t-storm
Corpus Christi	95	77	t-storm	Raymondville	101	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	88	72	t-storm	Rosenberg	92	74	t-storm
Dallas	90	76	t-storm	San Antonio	93	73	t-storm
Del Rio	94	75	t-storm	San Marcos	93	72	t-storm
El Paso	101	75	sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	70	t-storm
Fort Stockton	92	68	t-storm	Sweetwater	87	67	t-storm
Gainesville	86	69	t-storm	Tyler	84	70	t-storm
Greenville	85	68	t-storm	Weatherford	88	69	t-storm
Houston	92	74	t-storm	Wichita Falls	92	70	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	70	t-storm	Minneapolis	90	72	t-storm
Boston	82	63	pt sunny	New York	87	73	t-storm
Chicago	85	69	t-storm	Phoenix	115	88	mst sunny
Dallas	90	76	t-storm	San Francisco	77	58	pt sunny
Denver	91	63	t-storm	Seattle	76	66	rain
Houston	92	74	t-storm	St. Louis	85	73	t-storm
Los Angeles	80	63	pt sunny	Washington, DC	88	73	t-storm
Miami	88	79	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

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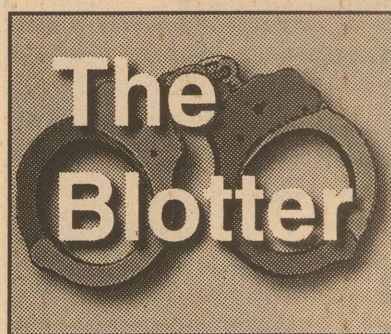
AG sues over open records dispute with Frio County Sheriff

Alleges continued disregard for open records laws, asks court to compel release of information

AUSTIN - Attorney General Greg Abbott today filed a petition in Travis County district court alleging that the Frio County Sheriff's Office engaged in a deliberate effort to avoid disclosing public records to a citizen who requested them from late 2003 to the present.

The court to compel Frio County Sheriff Lionel Trevino to comply with the law. It contends the sheriff and his employees in Pearsall should have complied with an Attorney General's ruling in March 2004 that the office release all of the requested information concerning the names of those authorized to execute bail bonds in the county, as well as

cellular telephone and employment records of sheriff's office personnel. The petition also alleges the sheriff did not contact the Attorney General about the issue timely, did not release the information as ordered and did not remedy this by filing a lawsuit against the Attorney General to put the matter before a court.



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

July 5 • Castro, Yajaira Yerandy, female age 26, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant and Out of State Warrant. Transferred Out.

July 8 • Atilano, Juan Ramon, male age 21, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI/Coke County Warrant.

July 11 • Ortega, Albert, male

age 24, arresting officer SC deputy, offense No Drivers License/Speeding.

INCIDENTS

July 5 • 7:02 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to call him at work. Officer responded.

• 9:57 p.m. Reported a woman screaming for help. Officer responded.

• 9:59 p.m. Complainant reported kids popping fire crackers. Officer responded.

July 6 • 9:11 p.m. Sutton County SO requested Schleicher County SO deputy assistance in locating a victim of a dog bit. Officer responded.

• 9:59 p.m. Complainant brought a lost wallet SO notified owner who picked up his wallet.

• 11:15 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious truck on Dorris Ave. Officer responded.

July 7 • 12:40 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about her husband at the Eldorado Place Apt. Officers responded.

• 4:11 p.m. Complainant requested assistance for a grass fire in Edwards County. EVFD responded.

• 8:25 p.m. Complainant requested an officer for a civil standby.

Officer responded.

July 8 • 2:25 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had shot their dog. The dog was found dead a few blocks from the complainant residence.

• 6:18 p.m. Requested an ambulance for a 33 year old man having bodily pain and dizziness. EMS 2 responded.

July 9 • 2:10 a.m. Officer reported gates at Middle and Elementary School courtyard unsecured. Officer responded.

• 7:40 a.m. San Angelo PD advised Schleicher County SO of a stolen vehicle traveling into Schleicher County. Officer responded.

• 4:02 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle in the middle of the road that the tire had fallen off. Officer responded.

• 6:04 p.m. Caller reported lighting hitting and started a fire. Officers and EVFD responded.

• 6:23 p.m. Caller reported a grass fire out on Hwy 190 West. Officer and EVFD responded.

• 9:24 p.m. Caller reported a grass fire out on 190 West had started up again. EVFD and Officer responded.

• 9:29 p.m. Caller reported a cow out on the side of the road. Office responded.

• 10:50 p.m. Complainant reported a male subject trying to forcefully enter her home while insulting her. Officer responded.

• 11:31 p.m. Caller requested an officer for assistance in locating a family member. Officer responded.

July 10 • 8:14 a.m. Complainant reported goats on right of way 2 miles on 277. Officer notified and owner notified.

• 9:06 a.m. Complainant reported a grass fire. Officer and EVFD responded.

• 1:03 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a female that had fallen at the Eldorado Place Apt. Officer and EMS responded.

• 8:05 p.m. Eldorado Medical center requested a basic transfer to Community Hospital. EMS responded.

• 9:09 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

• 10:36 p.m. Complainant reported a female walking towards Eldorado approximately 20 miles on West 190. Officer responded.

• 10:49 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident on 190 East.

July 11 • 2:27 p.m. Complainant reported a wreckless driver on Hwy 277 north. Officers responded.

• 4:11 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle at the Eldorado Place Apt. Officer responded.

• 5:55 p.m. Complaint reported some Bees near her house. EVFD responded.

• 6:07 p.m. Complainant requested an officer for an aggressive patient at the hospital. Officers responded and 2 subjects were escorted out of hospital.

• 7:07 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a female having chest pains. EMS 2 responded.

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 or instruction manual were always rebuffed by his far more direct yet subtle direction to read great authors (Dickens, Keats, and Prout were frequent recommendations). In that vein, it is beneficial to "read" Foote's great life to learn ways to improve our own.

There seem to be three great lessons to learn from Foote; reading great literature can be considered the first. Second, Foote exemplified that something worth doing is worth doing right. As an "up and coming" novelist, Foote on almost a whim agreed to write a brief one volume history of the Civil War. However, Foote quickly realized that reshaping a simple summary of the war held little value or interest for him and he told his publisher that it would require three long volumes to tell the story correctly. After a week of consideration, the publishers agreed. Twenty years and a million and a half words later, Foote the novelist had become perhaps his generation's greatest historian and had completed the magisterial work for which he will always be known. Finally, Foote's life was enriched by a remarkable friendship. Walker Percy is perhaps an even more celebrated writer than Foote and more importantly Foote's friend from the time they met in 1930 to Percy's death in 1990. In an age now preoccupied with homosexuality, the value, importance, and even possibility of deep male friendship and love is tragically in danger of being lost. Thankfully, the letters of these two life-long friends have been collected and published, reminding all of life's true pleasures and blessings.

Foote said of Percy at his funeral that his subject like Foote's own was "the human heart in conflict with itself." May Foote's heart now rest in peace, for his was a life well-lived (read, written, and shared).

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS *
 COUNTY OF SCHLEICHER *

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within the county;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Schleicher County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restriction are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.0891, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operation; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code; or (5) prescribed burns by individuals that have a burn plan that has been approved by the Natural Resource Conservation Service or Texas Department of Agriculture.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of July, 2005 by vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Johnny F. Griffin
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 Schleicher County Judge

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Card of Thanks

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Special thanks go to the Sheriff's Department, Schleicher County Medical Center and Nursing Home, Schleicher County Emergency Medical Service Volunteers, and Reverend Leonard Wideman.

Sincerely,
Robert O'Keefe
Linda, Kaitlyn and Christine Lindsey
Diane, Tom, Brian and Danny Anderson

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all who came to our aid last Thursday, July 7th. The grass fire out on our Liveoak Ranch started at the highway, and with high winds spread rapidly through three pastures. Friends and neighbors came quickly thanks to the speedy reaction of Charlie and Shirley Jones who saw the fire and started a chain reaction of calls that brought the Rocksprings, Sonora and Eldorado Fire Departments as well as the Texas Forest Service fire fighters. Many thanks to all these fire departments and also to the Borderline Fire Department from the Texas A & M Experiment Station.

To name all the individuals who came out is nearly impossible, but to all of you who where there to help us--- we thank you. We are truly blessed and very grateful for the protection of our home and our livelihood.
God Bless you all,
Curry, Bonnie Lou, Chelsey Lou and Chance Campbell

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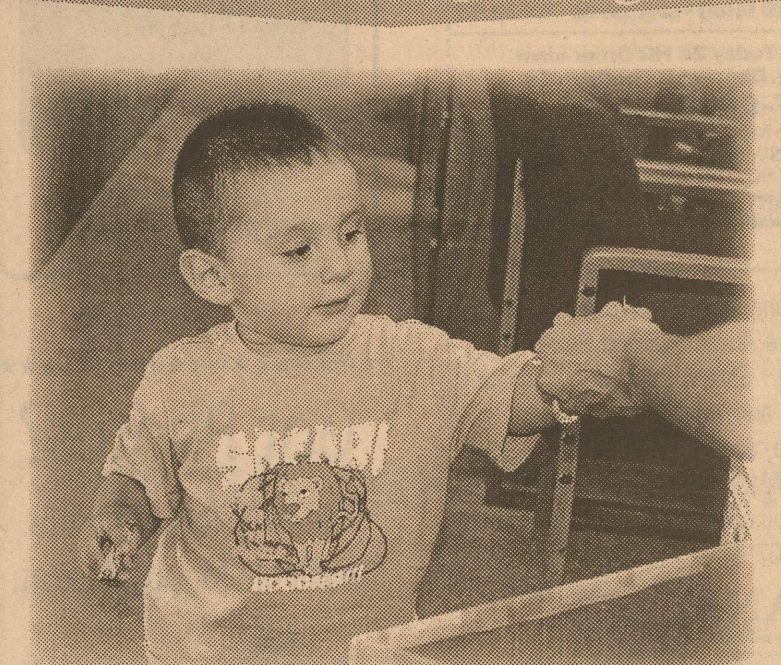
Civil No. 053900848

Honorable Deno Himonas

Petitioners Linda Walker, Flora Mae Jessop, and others, pursuant to the order entered into by the above entitled court on June 22, 2005, hereby give notice that they have filed a petition whereby they propose that the court consider appointment of the following new trustees: Pam Black, Laurene Cooke Jessop, Janet Johanson, Flora Mae Jessop, Tracey Barlow, Carl John Holm, Linda Binder, and Buster Johnson.

Petitioners also filed objections to the following proposed trustees for cause: Don Timpson, Roger Williams, Merrill Harker, John Neilson, Rayo S. Johnson, Richard Holm, George R. Hammon, Caroline Jessop, Margaret Cooke, and Winston Blackmore. Copies of the petitions and supporting affidavits can be obtained from the Clerk of the Court, Third Judicial District, 450 South State Street, SLC, UT 84111.

Eldorado Spotlight



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Jeffs followers jailed in Arizona, prophet remains at large

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David Romaine Bateman, 48, was apprehended at his home on Friday by Mohave County officers and was taken to the Mohave County Jail without incident. The remaining seven surrendered themselves Monday at the Mohave County Sheriff's office in Kingman, AZ. They include: Rodney Hans Holm, 38; Donald Robert Barlow, 48; Vergel Bryce Jessop, 45; Terry Darger Barlow, 23; Dale Evans Barlow, 47; Randolph Joseph Barlow, 32; and Kelly Fischer, 38.

Randolph Joseph Barlow faces the most serious charges, he is accused of Sexual Assault, a Class 2 felony under Arizona law. The remaining men face charges of Sexual Conduct with a Minor, or

Conspiracy to Commit Sexual Conduct with a Minor, or both. Those charges are Class 6 felonies in Arizona.

One of the men, Rodney Hans Holm, was previously convicted of bigamy and having illegal sex with a teenage girl he had taken as his third wife. He was a Colorado City police officer at the time of the incident. Holm served time in the Washington County, UT jail before being released on good behavior.

Mohave County grand jurors met Thursday, July 7th, and handed down five indictments against the men, all of them members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a Mormon splinter group that continues to advocate and practice polygamy, or plural marriage. Of

particular interest to the grand jurors was practice of marrying underage girls to older men. The indictments mirror earlier ones handed down by the grand jury against Warren Jeffs. Information included in the indictments was gathered by Gary Engels, a special investigator assigned to Mohave County Attorney Matt Smith's office.

Several Mohave County Sheriff Deputies descended on Colorado City, AZ on Friday, where they joined Engels in an attempt to locate the men. David Romaine Bateman was the only suspect apprehended at that time.

Battle for the UEP

The battle for control of the United Effort Plan Trust contin-

ues as several current and former FLDS members have expressed their interest in serving on the board. The UEP is a charitable trust that was once operated by the FLDS, but whose trustees, including Warren Jeffs, were removed by a Utah Judge only last month. The most recent to join the fight is anti-polygamy and child-rights activist Flora Jessop. A petition filed by the Child Protection Project of Los Angeles, CA, seeks to have Jessop appointed as a UEP trustee (See notice on Page 9). The petition also asks for the appointment of Pam Black, Laurene Cooke Jessop, Janet Johanson, Tracey Barlow, Carl John Holm, Linda Binder and Mohave County Supervisor

Buster Johnson. The motion also opposes the appointment of a several prospective trustees now being considered by the court.

It was Flora Jessop who first made Eldoradoans aware of the FLDS presence in Schleicher County on March 15, 2004, when she telephoned Success editor Randy Mankin and later spoke with Sheriff David Doran about the group. Prior to that time, locals believed the activity at the YFZ Ranch was nothing more than an effort by a Utah man named David Allred to build a corporate hunting retreat. Jessop traveled to Eldorado a week later where she held a news conference on the courthouse square.

Since that time it has been learned that David Allred is married to one of Warren Jeffs' daughters and is one of the FLDS prophet's most trusted lieutenants.

Word came late Wednesday that Utah District Judge Constandinos Himoas, who has been overseeing the UEP case, has recused himself from the court hearing slated for July 21 at which time he was expected to appoint new trustees. It is unknown at this time if the hearing will be rescheduled or when a new judge will be appointed to handle the case. Neither is it known why Judge Himoas stepped aside. The judge was unavailable for comment.



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David Romaine Bateman



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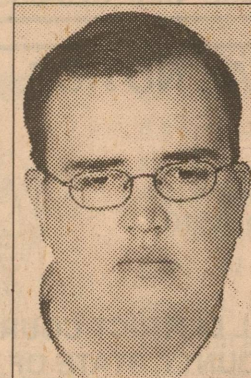
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