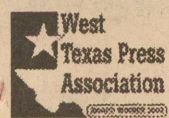


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Elgoatarod slated for weekend

Just in case anyone missed it, the 3rd Annual Elgoatarod is planned for this weekend with preliminary activities slated to begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night.

Jim Runge is again organizing the event. He is known far and near as Eldorado's own visionary, entrepreneur and festival empressario. Runge says the Elgoatarod is loosely patterned and "kind of named after" the Iditrod dog sled race in Alaska. He is quick to point out that while there may be some similarities between the two events, there are lots of differences. Chief among the differences is the Elgoatarod features goat cart racing, but there are others.

"People have fun at the Elgoatarod," Runge is quick to say, "and you don't get nearly as cold."

There will be plenty of activities scheduled, including the ever popular goat cart races.

In a new twist, Runge announced this week that his ongoing efforts to attract the Olympic games to Eldorado have finally caught the eye of the IOC and that this year's Elgoatarod is being sanctioned as the "Texas Polygamy Games" in honor of the polygamous sect that moved to the county last year.

"Naturally we will be selling official souvenirs,"

Runge said. Among the collectibles are VIP Parking Permits, Polygamy Marriage Licenses and embroidered ball caps that proclaim Eldorado as the Polygamy Capital of Texas. Other souvenirs include walking sticks (or wife control sticks), T-shirts, cow chips, Schleicher County stumps and some you will have to see to believe.

Runge says the IOC designation means that all Elgoatarod competitions will now be considered "official" events. These include goat races, washer tossing, chigger catching, crab crawl races, goat pill flipping, goat fry cook off, slug races, gnat catching, goat kissing, goat roping, onion eating, jalapeno eating, mountain oyster eating, stupid pet tricks, best dressed goat, stupid human tricks, blindfolded washer tossing, best dressed goat, stick goat races, best goatee contest, etc.

Included among the attractions will be an inflatable slide, three bounce houses, an obstacle course, jousting ring, boxing ring, Velcro wall and bungee run. Runge points out that IOC actually stands for the Idiomatic Olympic Committee.

FMI contact Jim Runge at coboc@hotmail.com or 325-853-2541. (see schedule of events on Page 6)



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Mike Conaway left no stone unturned last year as he campaigned for the 11th District congressional seat, even stopping in Eldorado to kiss a goat at the 2nd annual Elgoatarod festival. It must have worked since candidate Conaway is now Congressman Conaway. Elgoatarod organizer Jim Runge, pictured above in the goat-horned hard hat, promises this year's Elgoatarod will be bigger and better. He stops short, however, of promising that this year's goat kissing contest will produce another member of congress.

All eyes turn toward Eldorado

Investigators from three states and a small army of print and broadcast journalists are looking toward Eldorado this week, wondering what Warren Jeffs, the self-proclaimed prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is going to do next.

Many of Jeffs critics, some of them excommunicated members of the FLDS, say that he plans something big for April 6, which just happens to be the 175th anniversary of the founding of the mainline Mormon Church.

Jeffs and his followers believe that it is they, and not the current LDS Church, who are the true descendants of Mormon Prophet Joseph Smith, prompting some to see it as logical that he will use the occasion for a ceremonial purpose. Some of Jeffs most ardent detractors go so far as to predict the group will commit mass suicide, Jonestown-style, in order to protect their Prophet from his enemies.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran doesn't buy into the doomsday scenario.

"Each year this group holds a church conference on April 6, and I expect they will do the same this year," Doran told the Success on Tuesday.

The sheriff says he is aware of the intense media interest surrounding the April 6 date and says that he knows a number of reporters have already made plans to be in Eldorado on that day. With that in mind, Doran says he has been in contact with YFZ officials and that he hopes to arrange for law enforcement officers to be on the property April 6.

"I don't anticipate any problems," Doran said, "but the best way to avoid them is to be prepared."

Warren Jeffs was and is under investigations by Utah and Arizona authorities. Recently, the plaintiffs in a lawsuit brought against Jeffs and his church, asked a Utah judge to remove him as head of the United Effort Plan Trust, a charitable trust operated by the church, when the Jeffs failed to offer a defense in the case. The judge has yet to act

on the request but Jeffs could lose much of his financial clout if the judge rules against him.

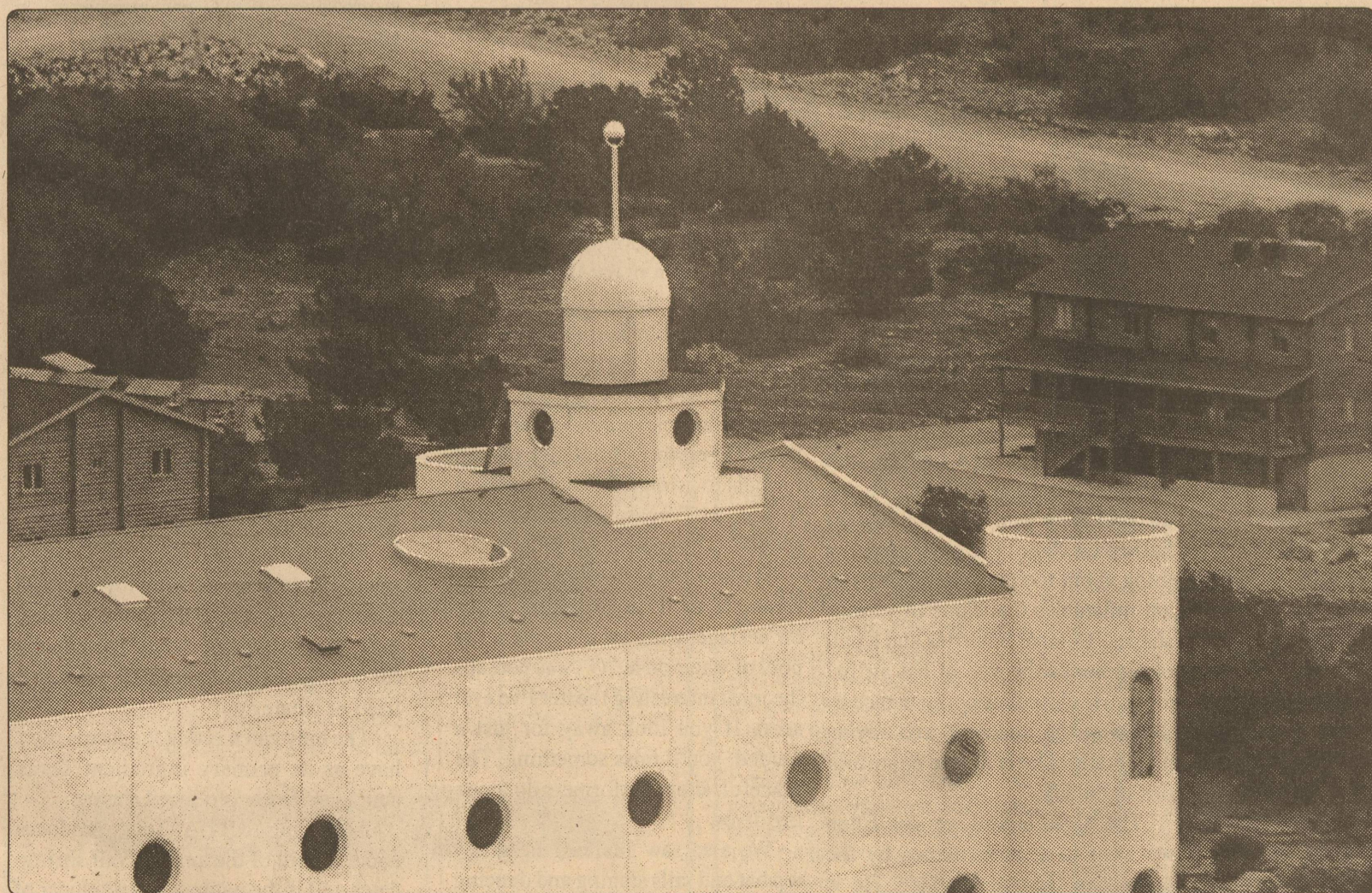
Jeffs' failure to defend other lawsuits means that he is likely to lose control of UEP property that makes up much of the twin cities of Colorado City and Hildale, the FLDS stronghold on the Arizona-Utah border. That property is said to be the source of much of his wealth.

The possibility that Jeffs' financial empire is crumbling leads many FLDS observers to surmise he is hurrying to complete his New Zion at the YFZ Ranch, before he runs out of money.

Is Jeffs simply using April 6 as a ploy to entice his followers to work harder, or could there be something more sinister at work? Perhaps everyone is wrong and Jeffs is laughing at the media circus that surrounds him.

Since neither Jeffs nor his lieutenants speak publicly, we may never know.

For his part, Sheriff Doran says he and his officers will be watching, just in case.



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Work continued Tuesday on the FLDS temple four miles north of Eldorado on the YFZ Ranch. Many FLDS observers believe Prophet Warren Jeffs will host a large gathering of his followers there on Wednesday, April 6th. The date is important both to mainline and fundamentalist Mormons since it marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Mormon Church by Joseph Smith.

Daylight Savings Time begins 2 a.m. Sunday

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 2, 2005. Readers are reminded to set their clocks ahead one hour at bedtime Saturday night so as not to be late for church the following morning. The new time will remain in effect until Oct. 30 when clocks will be set back to the normal time.

County closes south end of Colpitts Street

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, March 28, 2005, and voted unanimously to close the southernmost portion of Colpitts Street, where it intersects with property owned by Rennond and Cathy Kuykendall. The action came following a public hearing at which no one appeared to express opposition to the closure.

The Kuykendalls asked the commissioners last year to consider closing the south end of the street. The vote was delayed until the couple traded a small parcel of property for a similar piece of land owned by the City of Eldorado.

At one point in time the city planned to drill a water well on its land and did not want the road closure to hinder access to its property. The land swap removed the last legal obstacle, and paved the way for Monday's vote.

The action took place during the commissioners' second regularly scheduled meeting of the month. County Judge Johnny Griffin called the meeting to order with commissioners Matt Brown, Kirk Griffin, Johnny Mayo and Bill Clark in attendance. Also on hand was County Clerk Peggy Williams who was unable to present the minutes of the previous meeting due to computer problems. The minutes will be presented at the group's next meeting.

Also on hand were County Treasurer Karen Henderson, Road Superintendent Clay Burleson and Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle. So were local pilots Doug Garvin and Richard Gibson, who appeared briefly to update the commissioners on the state aviation conference held last week in Austin. Garvin and Gibson explained that they, along with J.D. Doyle and George Spinks met with officials from the Texas Department of Transportation's aviation division and learned that grant funding may be available to assist the county with resurfacing the airport runway and construction of additional hangar space.

The men explained that a hot mix surface would be greatly preferable on the runway and noted that rock chips on propellers and flight surfaces can be caused when small pieces of gravel come loose from the runway's current rock/gravel asphalt top.

As for additional hangar space, the men noted that TxDOT has grant funds available for hangar space if the county wants to recruit an aviation mechanic to set up shop at the airport. Judge Griffin noted that bringing in an aviation mechanic would serve as economic development.

Next, the commissioners met

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Dialing Up Better Service

by Bill Peacock

Lower taxes. Reduced subsidies. Increased competition. New services. Better prices.

That pretty much sums up the benefits of the telecommunications bill that just passed the Texas House of Representatives.

House Bill 789, by Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, is a major step toward freeing consumers from the high taxes and burdensome regulations that have hindered the delivery of telecommunications services in Texas.

Telecommunications remains one of the most highly taxed and regulated industries in Texas. In addition, a vast network of cross-subsidies shifts hundreds of millions of dollars per year from the pocket of one consumer to another and adds at least \$200 million a year to the overall cost of our telephone service.

HB 789 contains significant reforms that will eliminate many of these problems. For instance, it lowers taxes, reduces intrastate long distance access charges from around six cents a minute to almost one cent, removes burdensome regulations on broadband and video services and allows companies to compete against each other on price.

These are all part of a remarkable shift toward allowing consumers, rather than regulators, to determine the prices they are willing to pay, and the services they want to purchase. This is accomplished in the bill in three ways.

First, substantial progress is made toward removing the subsidies that have formed the foundation of telecommunications policy in Texas. Policy makers have tried to keep voters happy by using subsidies to keep their basic phone bill low. However, this resulted in making other services more expensive. HB 789 would completely end long distance subsidies, greatly reduces the business to residential subsidy and takes baby steps toward reducing the urban to rural subsidy.

Second, the bill cuts our taxes by \$125 million per year by eliminating the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund tax, originally created for hooking up schools and libraries to the Internet. But recently it has funded general government spending. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, who led the charge to repeal the tax, said, "If we are charging a tax to wire our schools and libraries, and that purpose has been accomplished, then why should people keep paying because we are having a budgetary problem. We should let the people have their money back."

Finally, voice, video and information providers are relieved of numerous regulations that set prices, restricted competition and mandated services.

Chairman Phil King should be commended on a job very well done. He has authored and passed a bill that will benefit all of Texas. We will soon be the beneficiaries of a freer market, resulting in lower costs, better services and a stronger economy.

Bill Peacock is the Economic Freedom Policy Analyst at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, an Austin-based research institute.

A real Social Security Guarantee

by Michael Tanner

Penn Gillette, the master illusionist, often says that there is an enormous similarity between his profession and politics. Both rely on misdirection. Politicians and magicians want you to look in one place, while the really important stuff is going on someplace else.

To see this in action, just watch opponents of President Bush's proposal to allow younger workers to invest privately a portion of their Social Security taxes through individual accounts. They would much prefer to debate about whether Social Security is facing a "crisis" or only a "problem."

They will talk about cash-flows, transition costs, and memories of the Great Depression. But the one thing they won't talk about is perhaps the most important issue in the whole Social Security debate: ownership.

Under the current system, once a worker pays his or her Social Security taxes into the system, the worker no longer owns that money. Most workers assume that because they pay Social Security taxes into the system their whole working lives, they have some sort of legal guarantee to the system's benefits.

Unfortunately, exactly the opposite is true. In two landmark cases, *Flemming v. Nestor* and *Helvering v. Davis*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that workers have no right to receive Social Security benefits. Congress and the president may change, reduce, or even eliminate benefits at any time.

Retirees must ultimately depend on the good will of 535 politicians

to determine how much money they will receive in retirement. Where is the dignity in such a system? As a matter of fact, Congress has already arbitrarily reduced Social Security benefits. For example, in 1983, Congress raised the retirement age.

Given Social Security's looming financial crisis, additional benefit cuts and/or tax increases are certain. Further, because workers' future benefits are not guaranteed, politicians tend to make promises today that they may not be able to keep tomorrow. Therefore, the entirely political nature of Social Security puts a worker's Social Security retirement benefits at considerable risk.

The second major problem arising from the fact that workers do not own the money they pay in Social Security taxes is that their heirs cannot inherit

their accumulated retirement savings. Upon the death of the worker, no matter how much or how little the worker has paid in taxes or collected in benefits, the money he or she paid into Social Security disappears; none is passed on to his or her children or grandchildren.

Both of these problems are solved by an individual account Social Security system. A Social

Security system based on individual accounts would provide workers with the benefits and the safeguards of true ownership. Individual accounts would give all workers a true legal right to their benefits. Social Security would no longer be a political football, and workers and retirees would not have to worry that someone in Washington might cut their benefits.

Furthermore, upon the worker's death, the money in the worker's retirement account could be passed on to his or her spouse, children, charity, or to whomever he or she wishes. With individual accounts, workers own their retirement savings!

There is no doubt that Social Security will have to be reformed. The program will begin running a deficit, spending more money on benefits than it takes in through taxes, in less than 15 years. Overall, it faces unfunded obligations of nearly \$12 trillion.

We can use Social Security reform to create a new, better retirement system that gives workers ownership and control over their retirement funds. We can restore Social Security to solvency, while also letting low and middle-income workers build a nest egg of real, inheritable wealth -- many for the first time in their lives. That would be a real retirement guarantee, one that couldn't be taken away at the whim of our elected representatives.

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Senate unanimously passes \$139 billion budget

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN — The Senate has passed a \$139 billion state budget, but as the old saying goes, the devil is in the details.

With its unanimous approval on March 23, the Senate's bill goes to the House, where the numbers are not only different, the arithmetic has been called into question by



Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn. She says House Bill 3 — the tax bill — lacks billions of dollars to create a balanced budget.

House leaders dismissed her comments as political and continued to put together a state revenue and spending plan.

Anti-bullying bill moves quickly...

The day after the March 21 school shooting in Minnesota the Senate passed Senate Bill 152, a measure intended to make Texas schools safer by directing school districts to do more to prevent bullying.

Sponsored by Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo), the bill got a 28-1 approval from lawmakers. The border senator said statistics show that 160,000 children skip school every day for fear of being bullied.

Preventing bullying is important because bullying has been shown to lead to more serious problems, she said.

She cited a study by the National Threat Assessment Center that found that of the 37 school shootings studied, more than two-thirds involved a perpetrator who felt he had been bullied or otherwise picked on or threatened at school.

Nine high...

A nine-high's not a bad low-ball poker hand, and that seems to be the winning number among the dozen or more gambling bills filed this session.

House Bill 9, filed by Rep. Kino Flores (D-Palmview), recently gained some Republican co-authors, including Rep. Jim Pitts of Waxahachie, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Even if the bill passes, voters will get the final say on whether to expand legalized gambling in Texas.

GLO's Scrap File digitized...

The General Land Office's "Scrap File" doesn't sound particularly interesting, but the plain title belies its historic significance. The file, an early-day catch-all for land-related records, contains original surveys, survey field notes and various other land documents of high interest to a large but diverse group ranging from title companies to genealogists.

Some of the records go back to Spanish colonial times.

The documents in the Scrap File have now been scanned and made available on the Internet as part of the GLO's land grant database.

To search the newly-digitized Scrap File, go to www.glo.state.tx.us/archives.html.

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson has said his goal is to get all of the archival material in the GLO's possession online. To date, the GLO has 45,000 maps and documents digitized.

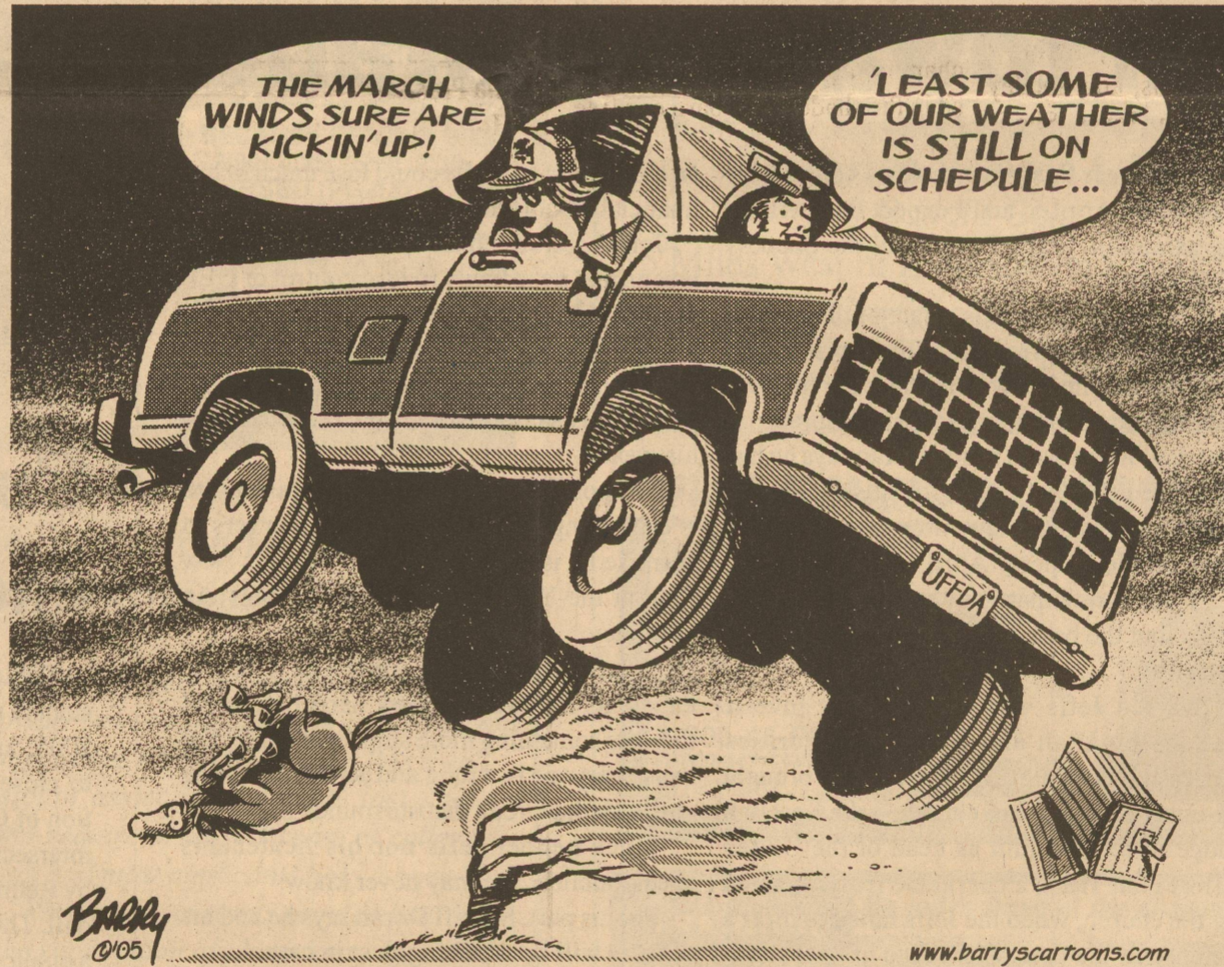
Shrimply delicious...

The Texas Department of Agriculture is dragging its nets for the best shrimp recipe in the state. Texans have until May 1 to submit their most flavorful shrimp recipe, be it salad, soup, stir-fried or whatever.

The only catch is that the recipe must have as its primary ingredient Texas-caught or Texas-produced shrimp.

According to TDA, Texas produces about a third of the annual Gulf shrimp catch and is the nation's top producer of farm-raised shrimp.

For details on the contest visit the TDA Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us.



Las Vegas economy in good shape

Las Vegas really is the entertainment capital of the world. When we were there in February, the top names in showbiz were performing all over the place.

We were amazed at the number of people who were in Vegas. We saw crowds everywhere we went. The city is the fastest growing metropolitan area in the country. Six hundred families a day are moving there. Downtown property is selling for 20 million dollars an acre and up.

It was our first time to spend some time in Vegas. We had only spent the night there a few times on the way to somewhere else.

Some people say gambling in Vegas is down because of all the casinos opening up all over the country. But we saw tons of people gambling. All the enterprise makes the country's economy look extremely healthy.

We went there specifically to see Elton John. He came on stage wearing orange shoes. He was warm to the audience and played and sang



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

while a giant screen behind him showed images of America during the past forty years. A neon display flashed on stage. The most amazing thing about the presentation was giant inflatables that came in various shapes: bananas, cherries and a pair of big boobs the size of hot air balloons. He closed his performance by thanking the audience and saying how grateful he is for the opportunities in the US.

The night before we saw Elton we went to a performance by the comedian George Wallace. He is funny and clean and makes people laugh for a solid hour and a half. We quoted some of the things George

said on stage all the time we were in Vegas. He closed his show by saying he loves what he does and is lucky to have been born in the USA.

You think smoking is on the decrease? Not in Vegas. Everybody smokes. I couldn't believe it. There is a no jumping ordinance in Las Vegas. None of the hotel windows can open. Dress? Everything from tuxedos and formals to grunge. Ages: teen-agers to senility. Vegas is an adult playground. It's no place for kids.

We saw the Cirque du Soleil performance of "O" which takes place on a stage with an ever-changing pool of water on it. "O" was perhaps the most interesting theater I've ever seen. If you look away for just a second, you'll miss something. The graceful, silent performers do amazing dives.

We also saw Jubilee, the glitzy top hat and tails singing and dancing revue, which has been famous for years, but will end this summer. We had fun in Vegas.

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Catrina

Gonzalez Alvarez

SAN ANGELO — Catrina Alvarez, 79, of San Angelo passed away Friday, March 25, 2005, in a local hospital.

Rosary services were at 7 p.m. Monday, March 28, in the Robert Massie Riverside Chapel. Mass of Christian service was at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, at St. Mary Catholic Church. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Catrina was born April 30, 1925, in San Angelo to Agpeito and Jesusita Gonzalez. She married her husband, Benancio C. Valero Sr., on Feb. 14, 1946, in San Angelo. Ben passed away Feb. 24, 1993. Catrina then married Felipe Alvarez on Sept. 23, 1994, in San Angelo. Felipe passed away July 28, 2000.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Agpeito and Jesusita Gonzalez; and a daughter, Hope Munoz.

Survivors include her son, Ben Valero and wife Olga of San Angelo; daughter Sylvia Valero of San Angelo; son Robert Valero and wife Luz of Eldorado; 14 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; special niece Lupita Leon; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Dorothy Williams

SAN ANGELO — Dorothy Williams, 58, of San Angelo, Texas, died at 5:07 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2005, in a local hospital. She was born Sept. 4, 1946, in Eldorado, Texas.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at San Angelo Greater IME Church, 104 E. 17th St., with the Rev. Joseph Suiter officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her mother, Ruby Fay; and a sister, Willie Jean.

Survivors include sons Kenneth Fay of Hurst, Calvin Fay and Kelvin Fay; daughter Crystal Williams; father Owen Fay of San Angelo; brothers Robert Fay of Brady, Joe Fay, Jimmy Fay, Charles Fay, Maurice Fay, Jerry Don Fay and Alvin Fay, all of San Angelo, Sammy Fay of St. Louis, and Clyde Fay of Springfield, Ill.; sisters Mary Jones of Weatherford, Carol Fay of Fort Worth, Alice Fay and Debbie Lewis, both of Springfield, Ill., Terry Fay, Betty Pitts and Mary Fay, all of San Angelo; and a host of grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Isaac Eli Esparza

ELDORADO - Isaac Eli Esparza, infant son of Alfredo and Suzanne Esparza was born March 21, 2005 and went to be with the Lord that night. Service were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Eldorado Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother Maria del Carmen Esparza.

Survivors also include his maternal grandparents Juaquin & Soila Rojas, paternal grandfather Antonio Esparza He is survived by his parents and grandparents, Soila and Juaquin Rojas, and Antonio Esparza all of Eldorado. Other survivors include aunts Selina Rojas, Leti Alegria, Maribel Esparza of Eldorado, Juan Esparza of Allende Coah., Chris Rojas of Fort Worth, as well as a large extended family.

"Thy arms for now are empty
I will not forget the memory
Of the time I held you briefly
O precious baby of mine.

My heart for now is broken
For so many things not spoken
As you grew & learned & loved life
And blessed our family.

So Lord, now keep my baby
In your arms, please shelter safely,
And grant me peace & strength
For the days that are to come."

We know you'll return to us one day,
same soul different body.
We love you baby.

OBITUARIES

Mary Virginia Holcomb

SAN ANGELO - Mary Virginia Holcomb died at her residence in Florence, Ky., on Sunday, March 20, 2005. She had previously resided at her home at 1716 S. Park St., San Angelo, Texas, since 1958.

She was born May 6, 1915, in Vera, Knox County, Texas, to Jefferson Davis and Virginia Bedgood Jefcoat. She was the second of three children born to them.

She was married to Truman E. Holcomb on Sept. 4, 1933, in Vera. Their only child, a son, William David Holcomb was born on Jan. 25, 1937.

Mary Virginia graduated from Abilene High School, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Hardin-Simmons University in 1949 and a Master of Education degree from North Texas State University in 1960.

She spent 26 years teaching first and third grades in the public school system of Texas, serving in Knox City, Eldorado and San Angelo. She was a dedicated professional teacher with the expectation of motivating each child to reach his or her highest potential.

She was active on the local and state levels of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, Order of the Eastern Star and her beloved Sarah Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Texas.

She is survived by her son, William "Bill" Holcomb and his wife, Sue, of Edgewood, Ky.; four grandchildren, Cindy Terry of Poyner, Texas; David Holcomb of LaRue, Texas; Shannon Reid of Hunt, Texas, and Shelley Fincher of Canyon, Texas. She is also survived by her four great-grandchildren, Truman and Trevor Terry, Caitlyn and Taylor Reid and Jennifer Fincher.

Services were scheduled for 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, in the chapel of the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kyle Reese officiating. Interment followed in Fairmount Cemetery.

Please send any memorials to the First Baptist Church, Main and Harris streets, San Angelo, Texas, 76903.

Claire Johnson Olsak

SAN ANGELO - Claire "Sally" Johnson Olsak, age 79, passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2005, at her home. She was born on Oct. 23, 1925, in Tom Green County, Texas, to her parents Jean S. and Ida J. Johnson. She grew up on the family farm near Veribest, graduated from the Veribest school, and then graduated from Miles High School in 1942. She continued her education at San Angelo College and received an associate's degree in business in 1944. She was a member of the college chorus and Sigma Alpha Chi. Her father called her Sally as a child, and most of her friends and relatives called her Sally.

Sally worked at San Angelo National Bank until she married LeRoy Olsak of San Angelo. They were married in the B.O. & Elizabeth Wood Presbyterian Manse on Jan. 14, 1946, soon after LeRoy's service in the U.S. Army Air Force as a B-24 combat pilot in World War II. Sally and LeRoy moved to Lubbock, and she continued her work at the Lubbock National Bank, helping LeRoy through Texas Technological College. After his graduation in 1947, the couple moved to Big Spring where he began to work at Texas Electric Service Company. In a few months, they moved to Lamesa, where LeRoy continued to work with Texas Electric Ser-

vice Company, and Sally continued her work, this time at Lamesa National Bank.

In 1951, LeRoy was promoted to District Commercial Manager at Big Spring. Sally decided to retire from banking and become a full-time housewife. She taught a children's class in the First Presbyterian Church and later in the St. Paul Presbyterian Church, as well as doing other service club work with LeRoy. They took many vacations fishing in Colorado, which she greatly enjoyed. In 1956, LeRoy was advanced to manager of the Lamesa and O'Donnell area operations where Sally continued to teach kids in Sunday school at the First Presbyterian Church. She volunteered as a Pink Lady with the Medical Arts Hospital Auxiliary and was also active in the '48 Delphians, the Rotary Anns and the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce.

In 1971, while still living in Lamesa, she helped plant trees in their new pecan orchard at Eldorado. During vacation time they would work at the orchard or do some trout fishing.

In March of 1980, a severe cancer was discovered in her left jaw area. She underwent chemotherapy, surgery and recovery at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. She returned to Lamesa and had radiation treatment at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, with no further cancer outbreaks until Dec. 25, 2004, 25 years later.

LeRoy retired from Texas Electric Service Company in 1985, and they moved to San Angelo to continue taking care of the pecan orchard where they grew many champion pecans. Sally loved to sit in the shade of the barn or a tree and watch the pecan trees grow being irrigated. Later she enjoyed the harvest time and playing with her dog named Nuez (Spanish for pecan).

They had no children, but they claimed their many nephews and

nieces as their extended family. They loved to visit their parents and family on weekends.

Sally's parents preceded her in death, as well as her stepmother Wynama Johnson. Also deceased are her brother Price Standefer and wife Bessie, brother Arvil Johnson, sister Myra Prather and husband Jack, sister Florence Moore and husband Henry.

She is survived by her husband LeRoy, brother Larry Johnson and wife Joy of Cajamarca, Peru, and San Angelo, brother-in-law Clovis Olsak and wife Bettie of San Angelo as well as many nieces and nephews. Nieces are Phyllis Standefer of San Angelo, Christy Meador and husband Lynn of Eldorado, Cindy Hanks and husband Bud of San Angelo, Stephanie Sayers and husband Chip of San Angelo, Connie Langlais and husband David of Keller, and Olga Sosa of San Angelo. Nephews are Jack Prather and wife Toska of Falls Church, Va., Mike Moore and wife Becky of Eldorado, David Johnson and wife Cheryl of Arkansas, and Clark Johnson of New York City. Great-nieces are Michelle Pape and husband Anthey of San Angelo, Erin Clair Meador of Dallas, Courtney Turpin and husband Randall of Keller, Lindsey Trojcek of Fort Worth, and Kimberly Sayers of San Angelo. Great-nephews are Brent Moore and wife Ashley of Eldorado, Stan Meador and wife Gloria of Eldorado, Chris Meador and wife Katy of Eldorado, Lowell Johnson and wife Katie of Arkansas and Stefan Johnson of San Angelo. Great-great-nieces are Sterling Pape of San Angelo, Codee Meador of Eldorado, Andrea Meador of Eldorado, Sofia Meador of Eldorado, Leah Johnson of Arkansas and Logan Moore of Eldorado. Great-great-nephews are Cooper Meador of Eldorado and Grant Turpin of Keller. Also surviving is her favorite cousin, Clydia Prorise.

Honorary pallbearers were Jack Prather, Mike Moore, Lynn

Meador, Clark Johnson, Brent Moore, Stan Meador, Chris Meador, Anthey Pape, and the members of the B.O. & Elizabeth Wood Sunday school class of the First Presbyterian Church.

Family visitation was from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at Johnson's Funeral Home.

Private interment was in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Memorial services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo, with Dr. Ron Sutto and Nelson L. Erwin CLP officiating. A reception for the family and

friends followed in the Commons at the church.

Sally's favorite scripture was Romans 8:38 and 39:

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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Lady Eagles Pitcher Chelsey Hill

Lady Eagles sweep Ozona in District 2-2A opener

by Coach J.J. Guidry
 Chelsey Hill fanned 10 batters and walked only one Tuesday, March 22, 2005 to lead the Eldorado Lady Eagles to an 11-5 victory over Ozona in the district opener for both teams.

The Lady Eagles are now 9-6-1 on the season. Hill, now 4-6-1 on the mound, allowed only four hits in Tuesday's contest, but Eldorado's defense committed five errors. All five of Ozona's runs were unearned.

The Lady Eagles were up 3-2

before exploding with eight runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a commanding 11-2 lead.

Ozona managed three runs on one hit and three errors in the top of the sixth inning to pull within six at 11-5, but Eldorado held Ozona scoreless in the top of the seventh to secure the win.

Hill, Hope Fuentes, Amika Gonzales and Karina Sanchez each had a hit in the contest. Sanchez had two RBIs, while Gonzales, Hill, Anna Fuentes, Hope Fuentes and Mariana Guzman all had one RBI.

Six of Eldorado's 11 runs were earned. Ozona had three errors in the game.

Hill and Sanchez both scored two runs in the contest, while Gonzales, Guzman, Anna Fuentes, Hope Fuentes, Melinda Hernandez, Sam Rodriguez and Kassi Tyler all crossed home plate once.

Hill and Sanchez each had two stolen bases, and Gonzales, Tyler and Anna Fuentes stole one apiece.

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Eagles nine tame Lions 9-4

by Coach Gary Grubbs

A quick start for the Eagles was more than enough to hold off the Ozona Lions 9-4 in District 2-2A baseball, March 22, 2005. A big second inning and the outstanding pitching of Ryan Cathey were all the Eagles needed.

The Eagles opened the scoring in the bottom of the 1st with RBI singles by Joey Hernandez, Jared Grubbs, and Kolby Dombroski to open up a 3-0 lead. In the 3rd the Eagles piled on 5 more runs with RBIs coming from Frank Edmiston, Joey Hernandez, Jared

Grubbs and Kolby Dombroski. The final Eagle run was scored in the 5th inning. Jorge Bustos started off the inning with an infield single followed by a Caleb Nixon single. Bustos scored on Frank Edmiston's fielder choice. The nine runs was more than Cathey would need to close the door on the Lions.

Ryan Cathey finished the complete game with 11 strikeouts and only one walk. The Lions only big inning came in the third when they scored 3 runs on some poor defense by the Eagles.



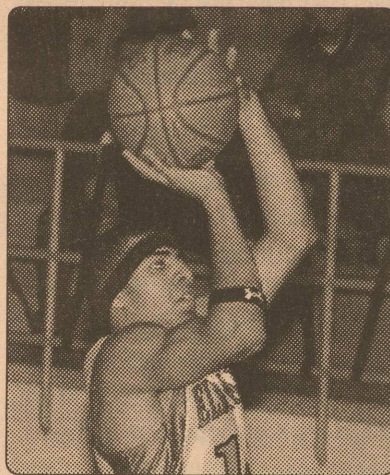
Eagles Pitcher Ryan Cathey

Junction Relays Results

Varsity Girls March 5, 2005
 High Jump: 1. Rachel Joiner 5-6;
 800 Meter Relay: 4. Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Katey Blair and Micaela Gonzales;
 200 Meter Dash: 4. Micaela Gonzales; 5. Allison Reynolds;
 100 Meter Dash: 5. Allison Reynolds.

Varsity Boys March 5, 2005
 High Jump: 1. Jeremy Ussery, 5-10;
 100 Meter Run: 3. Rigo Arispe, 11:40;
 800 Meter Run: 1. Jeremy Ussery, 2:11:04;
 1600 Meter Run: 5. Jeremy Ussery, 5:12:47.

Junior Varsity Boys March 5, 2005
 Discus: 4. Luis Huichapa, 98.2;



Eldorado's Terrell Boysaw was named this week to the San Angelo Standard-Times' 2A All-West Texas Basketball Team. Boysaw, a 6-0 senior averaged 20 points, 10 rebounds and 8 steals per game this season.

School Lunch Menu

Milk & Bread Offered
 Menus Subject To Change
 ½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, April 4
 Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, April 5
 Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, April 6
 French Toast, Syrup, Applesauce, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday, April 7
 Cheese Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, April 8
 Pan Cake Stick, Syrup, Milk of Juice, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, April 4
 Corn Dogs, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Spicy Fries, Peach Halves

Tuesday, April 5
 Bar-B-Que on a Bun, French Fries, Pickle Spears, Apple Halves

Wednesday, April 6
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Beef Stew, Cornbread, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Rosy Applesauce

Thursday, April 7
 Crisпитos, Cheese Sauce, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Peach Cups

Friday, April 8
 Chicken Burger, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Orange Halves

Early Dismissal Day

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, April 4
 Chili Dogs, Fritos, Cole Slaw, Peach Halves

Tuesday, April 5
 Burritos, Mexican Corn, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Apple Halves

Wednesday, April 6
 Fiesta Beef & Rice, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Pickle Spears, Rosy Apple Sauce

Thursday, April 7
 Pork Choppedettes, creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Peach Cups

Friday, April 8
 Chicken Burger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Orange Halves

Early Dismissal Day

Team work helps clean up EMS courtyard

Parents, teachers and students volunteers spent up to three hours snipping, clipping, sawing, pruning and raking the Eldorado Middle School Courtyard on Saturday, March 19. The courtyard improvement's 3-phase plan was conceived by EMS students and is put into practice by the EMS Parent-Teacher Community Partnership.

The next phase targets renovation of benches, new seating areas, and new playground equipment in the same area. If any community

member or student would like to contribute their time or make an donation to this renovation please contact Middle School Principal Kara Garlitz.

Volunteers workers were: Marci Minor, Allison Jared, Ernie Gonzales, Ilse Williams, Zack Brame, Briley Minor, Jess Gonzales, Brianah Creek Tinker Wipff, Tommy Minor, Donice Jarrett, Frank Wipff, Katrina Gonzales, Laurence Brame. Also, Megan Bradley, Deisy Aranda, Kay Creek, and Kara Garlitz.



COURTESY PHOTO
Bobby Smrkovsky and Angela Ballew

Ballew/Smrkovsky engagement

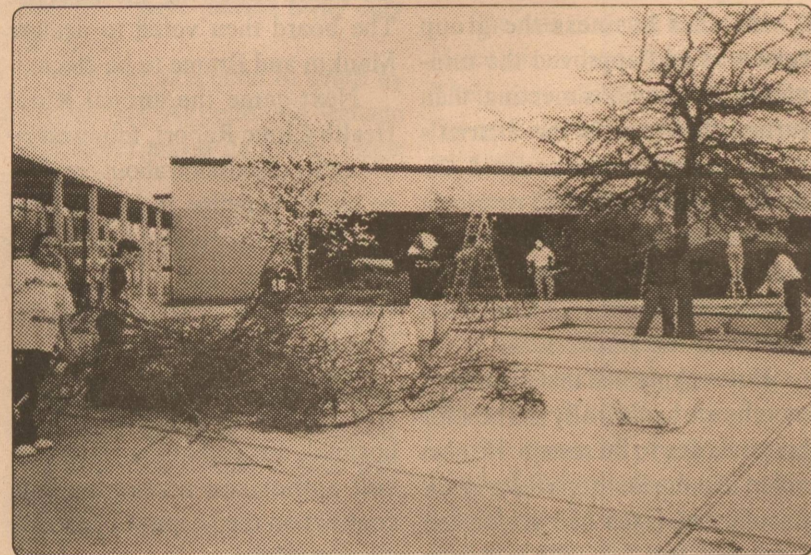
Debbie and Ray Lewis Ballew are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Leigh, to Ryan Joe Smrkovsky, son of Linda and Bobby Smrkovsky of Deming, New Mexico.

Angela is a 1999 graduate of Eldorado High School and earned a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology

from Angelo State University in 2004.

Ryan is a 1997 graduate of Deming High School and earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Hardin Simmons University in 2001.

The couple will be married June 18, 2005.



COURTESY PHOTO
Phase 1 - Parents, teachers and student came together Saturday, March 19 to begin Spring Clean up at the Eldorado Middle School Court Yard.

County commissioners meet

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with Fire Chief Jerry Jones who sought and received permission to upgrade the electrical system on one of the fire department's trucks. Jones noted the truck, and another like it, is a military surplus vehicle with a 24-volt electrical system which causes problems for the firefighters. Jones proposed spending a portion of the fire department's budgeted funds to convert the truck to a 12-volt system. The commissioners agreed, saying that if the conversion goes well, perhaps the department's other 24-volt unit could be converted next year.

The commissioners then authorized the use of surplus sheet metal from the Civic Center at the little league ballpark. It was explained that the material will be used to enclose a dugout and possibly for a storage building.

In other business the men heard from County Clerk Peggy Williams regarding the upcoming May 7 tax freeze election. Ms. Williams explained that she had asked the Secretary of State for permission to combine the four election precincts into one polling place at the Memorial Building, which is how she intends to conduct the election unless she hears otherwise from the state.

Ms. Williams then noted that the following people have been

appointed as election workers: Joyce Higdon, Connie Martinez, Patsy Kellogg, Gloria Rojas, Ilse Williams, Betty Romero, Barbara Jackson, Sarah Yates and Vonnice Dannheim. She said that Bessie Jones will be overseeing the school and city election slated for the same day.

The commissioners then discussed their visit to the state capitol, planned for the following day, when they would meet with State Representative Harvey Hilderbran and State Senator Robert Duncan. The men intend to express their concerns about the waste water plant being built at the YFZ Ranch and ask the legislators to see to it that state inspectors the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality continue to closely monitor the construction.

Before adjourning, the men reviewed the monthly bills and authorized County Treasurer Karen Henderson to transfer budgeted funds between various checking accounts. They also learned that the Texas Department of Transportation plans to abandon the roadside park located on U.S. 190, approx. 10 miles east of Eldorado.

The commissioners will next meet at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 2005 in the Commissioners Courtroom.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Glenda Harris

Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, March 22 at the home of Dorothy Dacy. There were seven members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Kim-et Nelson with Barbara Jackson giving the treasurer's report.

Unfinished business included the sell of baseball tickets by members. Kim-et advised members that she had ordered pins and other necessary items for Founder's Day. April 26 is set for the celebration of Founder's Day. Glenda Harris and Dorothy Dacy are exploring options of where to hold the supper.

The next meeting will be at Geneva Wade's house on April 12. Election of new officers will be at that time. All members are urged

to be there.

Following the close of the business meeting we were served refreshments by hostess Dorothy Dacy and Kim-et Nelson won the Sunshine gift.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, April 4**
Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Milk
- Tuesday, April 5**
Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Choc. Cake, Milk
- Wednesday, April 6**
Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potato, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/ Nuts, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, April 7**
Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Corn Bread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk
- Friday, April 8**
Hamburger, Oven Baked Fries, Lettuce, Tomato & Onion, Bun, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple, Milk

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 6. Manx cat's lack
 10. "Drat!"
 14. Popeye's girl
 15. "___ extra cost"
 16. "American ___" (Fox TV hit)
 17. "One to a customer," e.g.
 18. Gossipy Barrett
 19. Meadow mouse
 20. Calisthenics routine
 22. Something to pump
 23. Butter square
 24. Sign of chafing
 26. Metal joiner
 30. Rule, for short
 31. Small combo
 32. Mouse catcher
 36. Modify to fit
 40. Jacob's twin
 41. Piggy bank filler
 43. 1997 Peter Fonda role
 44. Gestation locations
 46. Slish through the surf
 47. Filmmaker Joel or Ethan
 48. Pot top

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1. Jell-O former
 2. Pelvic bones
 3. ___ Valley (Reagan Library site)
 4. Axis of ___
 5. Key in anew
 6. Seer's card
 7. From ___ (completely)
 8. City or circle preceder
 9. Temporary car
 10. Merganser, for one
 11. Love dearly
 12. Some court pleas, briefly

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 Blindfolded Washer Tossing Contest
 Jon Cartwright singing "Plural Girl Blues"
 Gnat Catching Contest
 Jam Session featuring local and regional talent
 Stupid Human Tricks
 Open Mike
Saturday, April 2
 10 - Arts, crafts, food and amusement vendors open for business
 10 - Sign up for washer tossing contest
 10:15 - Slug races (Bring your own slug)
 10:30 - Jon Cartwright sings "Eldorado"
 10:45 - Cutest Kid Goat Contest
 11 - Elgoatarod Phase I
 11:15 - "Kid-Does" Cloggers
 11:45 - Open Mike
 12 - Elgoatarod Phase II
 1 - Elgoatarod Phase III
 1 - Washer Tossing Tournament begins
 1:15 - Goat Kissing Contest
 1:30 - Cutest Kid dressed like a goat contest
 1:45 - Best Dressed Goat Contest
 2 - Elgoatarod Phase IV
 2:15 - Goat Pill Flipping Contest
 2:30 - Stick Goat Races
 2:45 - Guinness Record attempts - \$100 prize for published record
 3 - Elgoatarod Phase V
 3:15 - Onion Eating Contest
 3:30 - Jon Cartwright sings "Plural Girl Blues"
 3:45 - Open Mike
 4 - Elgoatarod Phase VI
 4:15 - Stick Goat Races
 4:30 - Open Mike
Sunday, April 3
 12 - Arts, crafts, food and amusement vendors open for business
 12 - Goat Fry cookers begin cooking
 12 - Mobile Dairy classroom from Dairy Association opens
 12:15 - Car Show cars begin arriving
 12:30 - Chigger catching contest
 12:45 - Cutest kid goat contest
 1 - Elgoatarod Races
 1:15 - Crab Crawl Races
 1:30 - West Texas Cloggers
 1:45 - Jon Cartwright singing "Plural Girl Blues"
 2 - Elgoatarod Races
 2:15 - Goat Kissing contest
 2:30 - Best Goatee Contest
 2:45 - Jalapeno Eating contest
 3 - Elgoatarod Races
 3:15 - Worst Elvis Impersonator Contest
 3:30 - Stick Goat Races
 3:45 - Human Goat Loo Alike Contest
 4 - Elgoatarod Races
 4:15 - Stupid Pet Tricks
 4:30 - Mountain Oyster Eating Contest
 4:45 - Pet Best Dressed Like A Goat Contest
 5 - Open Mike

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Schleicher County Hospital District trustees met Monday, March 28, 2005 in the hospital board room where they went over a bill pending before the Texas Legislature that would allow the district to convert from its current at-large system of electing board members to a single member district system.

It was noted that Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz would be traveling to Austin where she would testify Wednesday morning, March 30, 2005, before the County Affairs Committee of the Texas House of Representatives concerning House Bill 2587.

The bill, introduced on behalf of the district by State Representative Harvey Hilderbran, would also allow the hospital to conduct business outside of Schleicher County, something the board believes is important since it would allow the facility to participate in interlocal agreements with other hospital districts, thereby improving the hospital's chances of recruiting doctors and nurses.

Besides discussion H.B. 2587, the trustees heard a report from Ms. Dietz concerning a recent Health and Safety Code inspection. Dietz said the inspectors pointed out rule changes that will require the district to install a sprinkler system in the nursing home in the next five years. The trustees briefly discussed ways to set aside money for the project, and scoffed at the possibility that Medicare and Medicaid would help fund the project, a possibility which the inspector shared with Ms. Dietz.

The meeting was the group's regular monthly session and was called to order by Board President Randy Mankin with trustees J.D. Doyle, Ricky Fuessel, Susie Richters and Jim Martin in attendance. Trustee Shirley Joiner was absent. Also present were Ms. Dietz, Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor and Jerry Hulen, a partner in Preferred Management, the Oklahoma based company that oversees day-to-day operations of the hospital.

In other business the group reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous meeting, then turned their eye to the district's financial reports. It was noted the facility showed a \$1,985 net profit in January and another \$49,985 gain in February, but Jerry Hulen cautioned the board not to read too much into the numbers.

Hulen explained that the winter months are historically the best for hospitals due to flu season. He also noted that the facility's reserve for uncollected taxes had grown too large and that \$30,000 had been transferred from that account, making February numbers look that much better.

The board then reviewed and approved the bad debt and indigent care reports, approving the write-off of \$18,214.54 in the hospital and clinic. Ms Dietz explained

that the money will no longer reflect on the district's accounts receivable report, but that hospital personnel will continue attempting to collect the money. Evidence of that attempt came when the board saw list of court judgements the hospital had received on past due accounts.

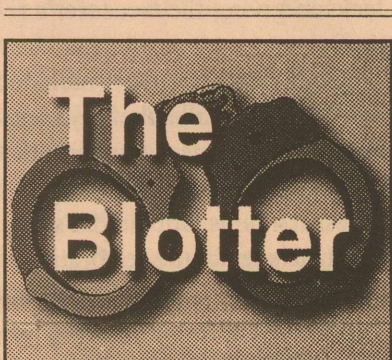
The trustees then voted to cancel the May 7 election since there will be no contested races for the board of trustees. Randy Mankin explained that only two people, himself and Dr. Jim Bob Brame, had filed for four open seats, leaving at least two vacancies on the board following the election.

The board then voted to declare Mankin and Brame to be elected.

Next came the annual Rural Health Clinic Report, followed by a lengthy discussion about employee health benefits. It was decided to continue the current health plan for one more year, but to inform employees that a change in benefits is likely in the coming year.

The trustees also reviewed and approved insurance on the hospital, nursing home and clinic and authorized a maintenance contract on the hospital's portable x-ray machine.

The hospital board will meet next on April 25, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in the hospital board room.



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.

INCIDENTS

March 21 • 3:46 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire somewhere east of town. EVFD responded. Grass fire located in Sutton County. Sonora VFD requested assistance from EVFD.
 • 4:04 p.m. Complainant reported an individual has been making threats towards him. Complainant requesting officer to make a report. Officer responded.
 • 6:44 p.m. Complainant requested officer to report threats. Officer responded.
 • 10:32 p.m. Complainant requested officer at the Eldorado Place Apts. Complainant reported ex boyfriend trying to gain access to her son and will not go away. Officers responded.
March 22 • 9:27 a.m. Complainant reported a domestic disturbance. Officer responded.
 • 10:55 a.m. Complainant reported a suspicious person in a vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 1:45 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer in reference to a subject who is disobeying stop signs in a construction area. Officer responded.
March 23 • 8:56 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for her mother. Officer and EMS 2 responded.
March 25 • 9:44 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.
 • 2:40 p.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off from Tres Amigos in Christoval in the amount of \$39.70. Officers responded.
March 26 • 12:25 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.
 • 12:38 a.m. Bank alarm sounded. Bank personnel notified.
 • 3:13 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident with no injuries. Officers responded.
March 27 • 1:11 a.m. Requested an ambulance transfer with paramedic. EMS 2 responded.
 • 6:43 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance. EMS responded.
 • 6:00 p.m. Complainant reported a controlled burn on edge of town.
March 28 • 12:44 a.m. Complainant requested an officer at the location for a domestic disturbance. Officer responded.
 • 9:10 a.m. Caller reported a deer hung in a fence. Game Warden responded.

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Weekly Scripture
 A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit i will put within you, and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.
 Ezekiel 36:26-27

CITATION BY PUBLICATION ON APPLICATION TO FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, IF ANY, OF MIGUEL G. ARISPE, DECEASED, their executors, administrators, heirs and assigns, and to all persons interested in the Estate of MIGUEL G. ARISPE, Deceased: No. 1625, County Probate Court.
 George Arispe filed in the County Probate of Schleicher County, Texas, on the 23rd day of March, 2005 Application to Determine Heirship.
 Said Application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after expiration of ten days from date of publishing this citation, the same being the 11th day of April, 2005, at the Schleicher County Courthouse, Eldorado, Texas.
 All persons, interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Probate Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.
 Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in Eldorado, Texas, this is the 23rd day of March, 2005.
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 Schleicher County, Texas
 By Brenda Mayfield, Deputy Clerk

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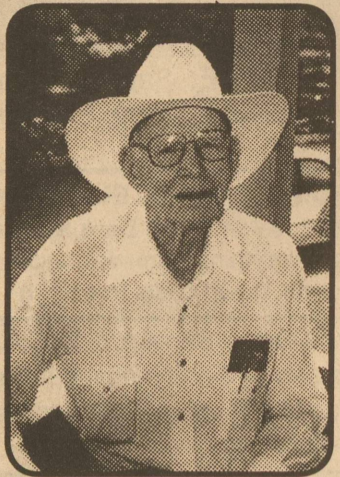
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Eldorado Woman's Club holds montly meeting

by Noweta Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's club met Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. Club Room. Twelve members and two guests were present. Theme for the meeting was New Beginning. President Mary Roden opened the meeting. She then called on Jo Callison for our opening prayer. Jerre Holley next led us in Pledges to Our Flags. Myrt Williams, Program Chairman next introduced Julia Griffin and Debbie Joy who gave us a program about medical insurance coverage. Julia and Debbie are with the Cy Griffin Insurance Agency in Eldorado. Julia opened the program saying they would tell us something about insurance coverage a person should have that would cover the costs of medical expenses. She said the two types would be I: Major Medical which includes HMO, PPO and Medicare and also Long Term Care which would be covered by a supplemental policy. Regardless of age a HMO coverage would be through group coverage and II: Long Term Care. Julia gave us a very informative talk which covered the different things each plan would cover. She told us about the kind of coverage a HMO (Health Maintenance Organization) gives; Medicare (which has different coverage under plans from part A through part J; and a Medicare

Supplement policy which is bought by a Medicare covered person through private insurance companies with Government regulations. II: Long Term Care which covers extended care whether at a Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Custodial Nursing Care, Home Health Care or Adult Day Care.

Debbie Joy told us about the PPO (Preferred Provided Organization) coverage. She told us the wonderful help her family had which not only included payments for medical expenses but the personal help from the insurance representatives. Julia and Debbie brought us a very informative program. They told us how important it is to have coverage that is tailored to each person or family. We thank them for telling us a lot of useful information about medical insurance coverage and how important it is to have a plan that

best suits your needs as medical expenses are so very expensive these days.

Following our program President Roden called on secretary Dorothy Harris and Treasurer Nelva Martin for their reports. Next President Roden called on Myrt Williams to tell us about our Field Trip planned for our April 12 meeting. We are going to Ozona to tour their Museum and it sounds like it will be a very informative trip.

Roll call was answered with telling about a Best friend. Most of us told about a friend we have known a long time. A special friendship for one member was seeing a childhood friend at a school reunion in West Virginia which she hadn't seen in fifty years. Others were friendships with husbands, mothers, children and a special relative. Many friendships have lasted for fifty years or

more. After reciting our Club Collect we closed our meeting with the Hospitality Committee giving us a special refreshment time. The food was delicious and the table appointments carried out an Easter theme. Club member Lynn Lusk shared her very special Easter figurines which graced our table as well as several other pieces in the same design which were placed on end tables around the room. We thank our Hospitality Committee of Chairman Jo Callison, Olean Stricklan and Myrt Williams and also Lynn Lusk for making our refreshment time so special.

Our next meeting will be April 12, 2005. We will meet at the Memorial Bldg. at 9:30 a.m. and will travel to Ozona, Texas for our Field Day Trip. It sounds like a very interesting time and it is hoped every member will be able to make the trip.

Texas Wildfire Awareness Week is April 2-9

The memory of the summer of 2000, a time when Texas experienced one of its most serious wildfire seasons, is still vivid to many Texans. That year, Texas Forest Service responded to 2,700 fires that burned more than 215,000 acres and 48 structures.

Today, more and more people are moving into wooded rural settings, increasing the number of people and homes at risk for wildland fires. To help draw attention to this increased threat, Texas Forest Service has designated April 2-9 as Wildfire Awareness Week in Texas.

Wildfire Awareness Week orig-

inated in Travis County last year when firefighters, county and city officials and Texas Forest Service made a commitment to implement public awareness strategies aimed at preventing tragedies like those that occurred in California in 2003.

The success of the Travis County event has led to more than a dozen similar events in other communities around the state and the statewide recognition of Texas Wildfire Awareness Week.

This year's theme, "Wildfire Preparedness Starts at Home," emphasizes the fact that statewide, firefighters are increasingly

challenged to protect the safety of homes and residents in the face of wildland fire. That's why Texas Wildfire Awareness Week focuses on what homeowners can do to protect themselves, their families and their property.

Most of the state's population growth over the past ten years has occurred in the urban/wildland interface, the area where homes meet undeveloped areas of grass, brush and trees. Homes built within or adjacent to this flammable vegetation makes them extremely vulnerable to wildfire. Should a wildland fire occur in an interface area, homes and other structures could simply be additional concentrated wildfire fuel.

"Texas Wildfire Awareness Week provides an opportunity to spread the word about wildfires and how they can impact the public, especially in the urban wildland interface, which is a growing problem not only in Texas, but across the country as well," said Bobby Young, Associate Director and State Fire Chief for the Texas Forest Service. "There are many things that homeowners can do to protect their homes and themselves now, before the threat of a wildfire becomes reality."

Additional information about Texas Wildfire Awareness Week is available online at <http://texas-forestservice.tamu.edu>.

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Your brothers and sisters are well and miss you. Please let us know how you are.

Take care, love you forever.

Mother