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Local voters OK tax freeze

Eldorado and Schleicher County voters cast their ballots Saturday, May 7, 2005 in favor of two ballot initiatives that will freeze property taxes at their current levels on homesteads owned by senior citizens and disabled persons.

It was a very light turnout in both elections as county voters passed the tax freeze measure by a 115-95 margin. City voters approved the freeze by a 71-49 margin.

The results mean that county and city homeowners who qualify will have their property taxes permanently frozen at their current levels.

Kotsch, Higgins picked by voters to SCISD board

Jo Helen Kotsch won reelection Saturday to her SMD #6 seat and Leanne Higgins was elected to the at-large seat on the SCISD board of trustees.

Kotsch, who most recently served as the school board president, defeated challenger George "Tinker" Wipff 48-20.

Higgins defeated Shannan Wideman by a 155-101 margin in the race to replace John Paul Joiner who chose not to seek reelection to the at-large seat.

Shannon Harber Relays slated for Friday afternoon

Eldorado Elementary School's annual Shannon Harber Relays are slated for Friday, May 13, 2005, at 12:00 noon in Eagle Stadium.

The relays, which feature 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students, have become an Eldorado tradition.

The event will begin with the grand entry, as classes will march into the stadium behind banners they decorated especially for the occasion.

A series of track and field events will follow as the various classes compete for bragging rights within their grade level.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited and encouraged to attend and support Eldorado's Elementary athletes.

County's decision not to buy voting machines pays off

Timing could not have been better on \$67,044 HAVA Grant

Schleicher County Commissioners took the opportunity Monday to bask in the glow of a decision that went right — the decision they made months earlier not to purchase voting machines even after the State of Texas and the U.S. government told them they had no choice. It was a decision that some of them thought they might eventually come to regret.

The commissioners learned last week, however, that their choice had indeed been the right one and they were rewarded with a \$67,044.61 grant from the office of Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams.

The grant, issued under the Help American Vote Act (HAVA), will pay for the five voting machines required under the act.

"I'm sure glad we didn't go ahead and buy those

machines," Commissioner Kirk Griffin said during Monday's Commissioners Court meeting as the men reviewed a resolution they must pass in order to accept the funds.

County Clerk Peggy Williams, whose job it is to administer the county's elections, was pleased that the county would finally be able to comply with state and federal guidelines. She also noted that the grant may even provide enough funds to allow her to purchase a "scantron" ballot scanner that would speed the counting of the paper ballots.

The mention of paper ballots caught some in the room by surprise, prompting Williams to explain that she does not intend to eliminate the paper ballots traditionally used here in Schleicher County.

Williams noted that many of the county's voters, particularly older voters, will not be eager to switch to a new voting system. She went on to say that HAVA requires the county to provide handicapped voters with a voting machine in each precinct, as well as at the early voting site, but does not require any voter to use the machine.

"Anyone who wants to use the voting machine can," Williams said, "but they don't have to."

Ms. Williams went on to explain that a paper ballot scanner would significantly reduce the time required to count paper ballots, especially the early vote ballots cast during general elections.

The commissioners agreed that they wanted to accept the grant and scheduled a special meeting for 9:00 a.m.

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Representatives of the EHS Class of 1964 (Deanne Walker (left) and Lynn Meador (right)), met Tuesday beneath a Liveoak Tree their class donated to the school 40 years ago, to present an engraved granite paver to SCISD Supt. George Blanch (2nd from right). Also on hand for the presentation was Raymond Mittel (2nd from left) who was a history teacher at the school when the Class of '64 graduated. He was also the class sponsor. The tree is located near the school Band Hall.

Engineer to prioritize City's street repairs

Representatives from K.C. Engineering, Inc. met Monday evening with the Eldorado City Council to discuss the possibility of supervising the city's paving and street repair projects. Greg Haley, Chad Nelson and Shawn Nelson explained that their firm has been in business since 1986 with offices in Marble Falls, Austin and San Angelo. The men used a slide presentation to emphasize their firm's experience with a variety of public sector projects.

After briefly discussing the company's proposal the council voted to provide the firm with a copy of the city's street repair budget and ask them to prioritize the city's streets according to their need for repairs.

The meeting was the council's regularly scheduled session and was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk with council members Bill McCutcheon, Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans and Tommy Minor in attendance. Council members Richard Mendez and Juakin Rojas were absent. Also on hand were City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and Utility

Superintendent Floyd Fay. In other business, County Attorney Raymond Loomis appeared before the council representing David Jeffrey to ask that a quit claim deed be issued for the Keency Addition lot upon which the family's home sits.

Loomis explained that the Jeffrey family has lived in the home for over fifty years and only recently learned that their house sits partially on land owned by the city.

After hearing the request, Mayor Nikolauk urged the council to deed the land to the family with the provision that the city be granted full access to a water well on the property. The council agreed and authorized the action by unanimous vote.

The council next met with Mya Griffin who represents 1st Choice Power, an electrical provider. After reviewing proposals from 1st Choice and WTU Retail, the council elected to transfer much of the city's electrical business, particularly the accounts with heavy usage, to 1st Choice. The remainder, mostly low usage ac-

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Shawn Nelson, an engineer with K.C. Engineering, used a slide show Monday night to demonstrate his company's expertise in several areas of public sector construction.

House Bill 3006 reported out of committee

House Bill 3006, the bill introduced by State Representative Harvey Hilderbran that would raise the legal age of marriage in Texas from 14 to 16, was reported out of the House Juvenile Justice Committee favorably last week and was assigned to the House calendar this week by the Calendars Committee.

Hilderbran offered the bill in response to developments at the YFZ Ranch here in Schleicher County followers of FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs are relocating from Utah and Arizona. The church encourages

the practice of polygamy or plural marriage, a practice that has come under increasing pressure from Utah and Arizona law enforcement agencies. Widespread accusations of incest and underage marriage have also been leveled at the FLDS.

As recently as last year, Rodney Holm, a policeman in the FLDS enclave of Colorado City/Hildale on the Utah-Arizona border, was convicted of bigamy and unlawful sexual contact with a minor.

"I offered this bill to prevent Eldorado Texas from becoming the next Colorado City,

Arizona or Hildale, Utah," Hilderbran says.

David Griffith, Hilderbran's legislative aide, told the Success on Tuesday that the Juvenile Justice Committee actually strengthened some provisions of HB 3006, that would outlaw marriage between close relatives and extend the time newcomers must live in Texas before qualifying to vote or run for office.

Major sections of H.B. 3006 have also been amended to Senate Bill 6, which is now before the Senate/House conference committee.

Helping small businesses offer health care to employees makes sense

According to a recent study, 27 percent of working adults in Texas have no medical insurance coverage — the highest rate in the country. Many of them have no health coverage because they work for small business owners who want to offer their employees insurance, but are unable to provide this benefit. People who work for large corporations often have a variety of health plans from which to choose. With thousands of employees in different states and other countries, big businesses are able to negotiate a cost effective plan that enables them to offer affordable health benefits to their employees.

Health care and insurance costs are increasing across the board with rate increases of up to 30 percent during the last year alone. This hits small businesses particularly hard, since they pay more for health insurance already and often operate on razor-thin profit margins.

A farmer in Uvalde who employs 21 ranch hands, or the owner of a women's clothing boutique in Salado with three employees, may want to offer this important benefit, but current costs would exceed their profits. In fact, nationwide, 60 percent of uninsured Americans are employed by small businesses that cannot afford to offer health care benefits.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel. I am co-sponsoring The Small Business Health Fairness Act, which would allow the creation of Association Health Plans (AHPs). AHPs would permit members of bona fide associations to pool their resources to get affordable health coverage packages from insurance companies. For example, the local or national Chamber of Commerce could broker a deal with an insurance company to provide health benefits to all of its member businesses and employees whether the member is a dry cleaner or a hardware store.

AHPs would have to meet rigorous standards — even more stringent than those followed by large national corporations and labor unions. Uniform federal regulation of AHPs will help businesses lower their administrative costs. The Congressional Budget Office estimates small businesses participating in AHPs will receive insurance premium reductions ranging from 13-25 percent. By operating under federal law, these plans could avoid the complexity and cost of complying with regulations in 50 different states.

Small business provides the bulk of jobs in the United States. They also represent the entrepreneurship and innovation which creates the industries of the future. Congress should help rather than create barriers to their success.

By promoting AHPs, we will encourage more small businesses to offer this benefit, which is not only good for workers and their employers but good for Texas and our healthcare.



Commentary
by U.S. Senator
Kay Bailey Hutchison

John Bolton and UN Reform

by Christopher Preble

The Bush administration is framing the debate over John Bolton's nomination as ambassador to the United Nations as part of an overarching strategy to reform the international body. But whether you think Bolton is a skull-cracking Neanderthal, or a "blunt guy" who is not "afraid to speak his mind at the United Nations," as President Bush described Bolton during his prime time press conference, fixing one of the UN's most important problems is probably beyond his power.

Article 51 of the UN Charter refers to an "inherent right of individual or collective self-defense if an armed attack occurs." Most observers agree that this provision includes "anticipatory self-defense" — in other words, the right to act in the face of an imminent threat. But in the absence of an imminent threat, force cannot be used without the explicit sanction of the UN Security Council. Presumably, this is what Kofi Annan meant when he said in September 2004 that the most recent Iraq war was illegal.

But Annan, and many American liberals, suffer from the selective application of principle. By the Annan standard, NATO operations in Kosovo in 1999 were clearly illegal. Faced with a certain Russian veto, the United States and its NATO allies chose to ignore the Security Council. Notwithstanding the "illegality" of such action, France, Germany, and a host of other countries decided to intervene.

A similar predicament could emerge soon over the catastrophe in Sudan's Darfur region. China would almost certainly block a Security Council resolution man-

dating military intervention — if so, any Darfur intervention would also fail to meet the Annan standard for legality.

John Bolton opposed the Kosovo intervention, on the grounds that there was not "a sufficient American interest to take the side either of the Kosovar Albanians or of the Serbs." Liberals might remember that, in 1999 at least, Bolton was on the "legal" side, and they were, by and large, waging an illegal war.

The turnabout reflects more than simple politics. It is rooted in the tension between Article 2 of the Charter, which calls on all members to "refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state," and the growing sense that the international community has a "responsibility to protect" people who live under brutal tyrants, or whose security is threatened by domestic strife. This very different perspective on the legitimacy of the use of force is the fundamental problem at the heart of the UN in the twenty first century.

Those who wish to reform the United Nations — be they conservatives like Bolton or liberals who idolize Richard Holbrooke or Madeleine Albright — must choose. They can either reaffirm state sovereignty and the right of self-defense as the core principles of UN membership, or they can work to establish the legitimacy of military intervention as part of the "responsibility to protect."

If they choose the latter, one way to limit the number of military interventions would be to make clear that exceptions to the nonaggression

principle of Article 2 would occur only when there is a clear consensus for such action as expressed by a formal UN Security Council resolution authorizing the use of force. This is a high bar, to be sure, but it is not unprecedented: the Security Council specifically approved military action in 1990 to drive Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait.

For now, few people seem willing to renounce the legitimacy of military intervention in the internal affairs of another country. Absent such a reckoning, questions of illegality or illegitimacy will forever be determined by a highly subjective standard, one completely divorced from the practical concept of threats as outlined in Article 51.

Gen. Brent Scowcroft, national security advisor to the first President Bush, and a member of a high-level panel appointed by the secretary general to study UN reform, explained: "In the end...if one of the permanent members of the Security Council or a major state considers something to be in its vital interest, the UN is not going to be able to do anything about it." That, he went on to say, "is [the] imperfect nature of the body that we have."

If states will initiate wars regardless of what the Security Council does or doesn't say, then the UN cannot possibly live up to its original goal of saving "succeeding generations from the scourge of war." Which means that all the hubbub over Bolton, and the importance of the UN itself, is rather beside the point.

Christopher Preble is director of foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute.

Bill would strip park development from river authority

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN — A Hill Country state senator has introduced a bill that would bar the Lower Colorado River Authority from developing any new recreational areas along the river.

SB 1232, introduced by Sen. Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay), would strip that authority from the LCRA, which over the years has opened 40 public parks from the Hill Country to the coast. In 2003, more than 1 million people visited LCRA's existing parks.

By repealing Chapter 152 of the Texas Water Code, Fraser's bill also would end LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program. Since 1996 the economic development program has provided \$9.4 million in grants to volunteer fire departments, local governments and other non-profit ventures in the authority's jurisdiction.

Mayors and county judges from LCRA's service area gathered to speak against the bill in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources on May 3, but after sitting for hours waiting to testify, chairman Sen. Ken Armbrister (D-Victoria) announced that Fraser had asked that the bill not be brought up that day.

One of those on hand was Llano Mayor Roger Pinckney (re-elected to a second term without opposition May 7).

"No one showed up to testify in favor of the bill," Pinckney said. "We waited there for more than six hours but didn't get a chance to express our opinion."

Essentially, that opinion is that LCRA should not lose any of its authority.

"The LCRA is one of the most successful entities the Legislature has ever created and stands on its own, getting zero funding from the state," Pinckney said. "The city of Llano would hate to see the LCRA's ability to provide service diminished in any way."

Legislator dies in traffic crash...

Rep. Joe E. Moreno (D-Houston) died early May 6 in a one-vehicle accident near La Grange on State Highway 71.

The 40-year-old lawmaker's House seat will be filled in a special election to be called by the governor.

Moreno and House member Rafael Anchia (D-Dallas) and Monica Pinon, chief of staff to Rep. Joe Pickett (D-El Paso), were all returning from a basketball game in Houston when Moreno apparently lost control of the vehicle and the car rolled. Anchia was treated for minor injuries and released while Pinon was hospitalized.

Communities bracing for economic explosions...

U.S. Department of Defense base-closure recommendations — news that could amount to an economic bust for some Texas cities and the counties in their surrounding trade area — could come as early as May 13.

Two installations considered particularly at risk are San Angelo's Goodfellow Air Force Base and Naval Station Ingleside near Corpus Christi. Even Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, established in 1876 when hostile Indians still prowled West Texas, is a possibility for closure.

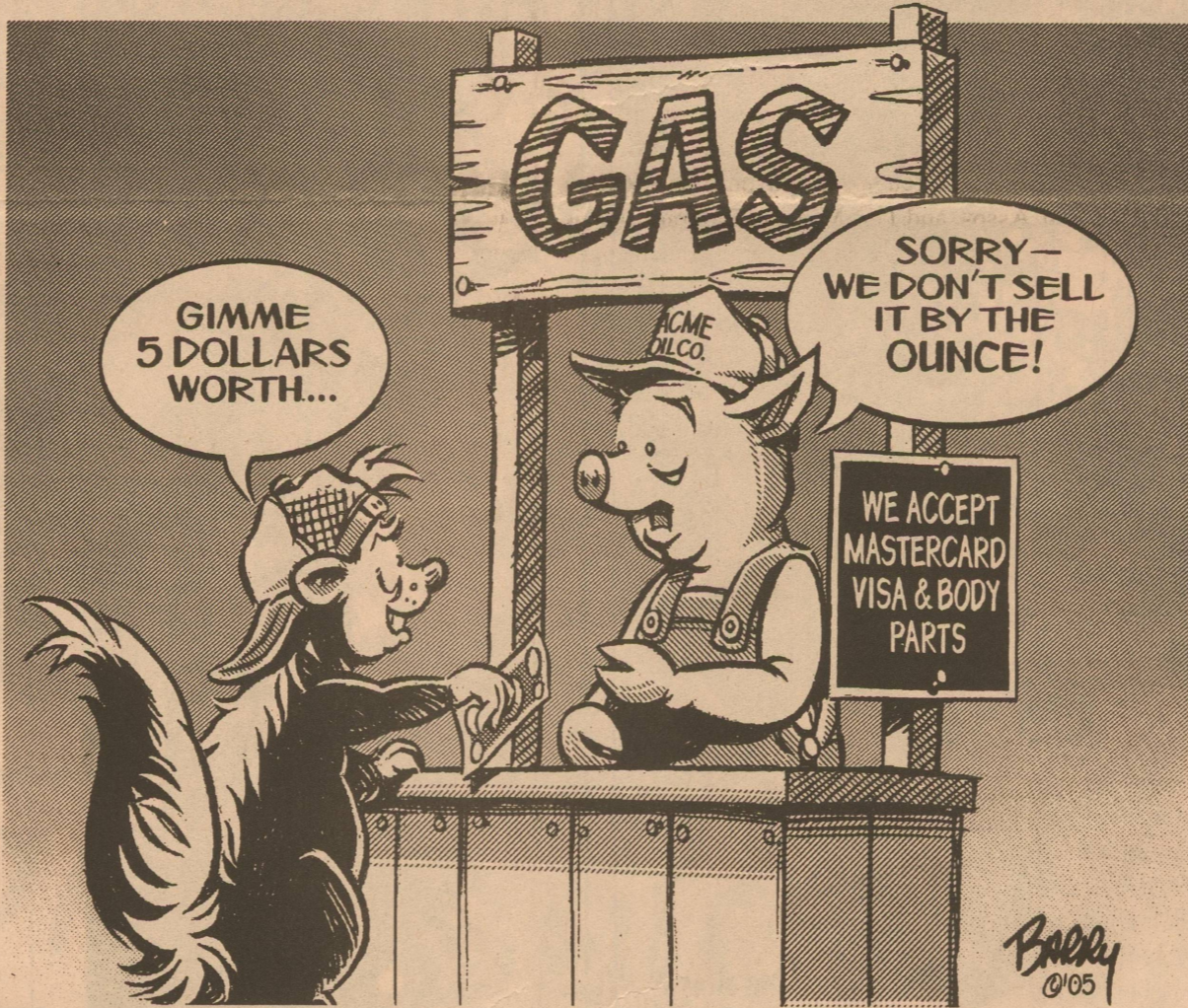
Cheerleading bill would face trouble in Senate...

To the delight of late-night talk show gag writers, the House last week passed on third reading Rep. Al Edwards' (D-Houston) HB 1476 barring sexually suggestive cheerleading.

Despite the 85-55 House vote, even if Edwards can find a Senate sponsor for the bill, it is not expected to get out of committee in the upper chamber.



HIGHLIGHTS
By Mike Cox



Adventures of a Postman

Butch Hallmark has delivered mail in Crockett for 33 years. He could have retired two years ago, but he sees no reason to quit.

"I love my job," says Butch. "I just don't feel like giving it up. I don't see any reason to. I like the people on my route and we have a good time together."

Butch figures he has walked nearly 70,000 miles during the 25 years he delivered mail on foot. Now he uses a truck. He has had the same route 27 years.

Among the people who went to work at the post office the same time he did, he is the only one left. "They've either moved or died. I'm the last of the Mohicans."

Butch has a full life. He has been to nearly every state, gave his kids a good education and does things beyond the normal duties of a postman.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas he delivers meals to several people on his route. The meals come from food prepared in his house. "We've



by
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Smith

always got lots of leftovers."

One Christmas Eve he delivered mail to a woman who was sitting on her front porch. She gave Butch a Christmas present: 3 pecans wrapped in a paper napkin and tied with a bow. He considers that the best present he ever got because it was all she had to give. He still has that present.

Butch has scars all over his body where dogs have bitten him. He's had fifteen or twenty encounters with them.

"The most serious was when a German Shepard got me down. If it hadn't been on a leash it would have killed me. He got on top of me and was trying to get my throat. I

knocked him off and scooted away, but he grabbed my knee and did some damage. I had to go to the hospital and get sewed up."

He saw a murder once. "A woman came running out of a housing project.

Right behind her was another woman with a butcher knife. She stabbed that first woman to death. I was sitting in the truck and watched the whole thing. Police came right after that and took her away. They were fighting over a man."

One of his customers got some false teeth in the mail and asked Butch to help her put them in her mouth.

"It was terrible. She probably hadn't washed her teeth in twenty years.

I helped put her uppers in, then when I put the lowers in I had to reach in her mouth and take them out because she hadn't taken her old ones out. I finally got them settled in and went on my way."

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OBITUARIES

Augustin C. Herrera

Augustin C. Herrera of Pabelon, Aguascalientes passed away on May 9, 2005 after a lengthy illness.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carmen R. Herrera and a daughter, Rosa Herrera.

He is survived by three sons: Juan Herrera of Mexico, Guadalupe Herrera of California and Fidel Herrera of Eldorado; four daughters: Celestina Hernandez, Maria

Elena Cuevas, Rosa Mirna Prieto and Alicia Mendez,; and one sister Concha Herrera, all of Mexico.

• He had 29 grandchildren; among them are A. Fidel Herrera, Johnny Herrera, Clara Herrera and Sonia Martinez. 14 great-grandchildren including Tyler, Marco and Robbi Ann Martinez of Eldorado, Texas.

He will be greatly missed by those who loved him dearly.

Lodessa Pope

SONORA — Lodessa Pope, age 96, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Lodessa Armittee Willhoit Pope was born July 18, 1908, to Andrew Douglas and Susan Willhoit in Edwards County.

She married Roy Albert Pope on Jan. 26, 1924. They had six children.

Lodessa was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Roy Norman and Earl Wayne; and one brother, V. Douglas Willhoit.

She is survived by four daughters, Mary Ellen Stafford of McAllen, Texas, Helen Bishop of Carlsbad, N.M., Shirley Thompson of Austin, Texas, and Roy Jean Johnson of Sonora, Texas; four sisters, Marjorie Merrit of Rocksprings,

Texas, Frances Craig of Uvalde, Texas, Annette Hargus of Concan, Texas, and Mary Bob Fowler of Austin, Texas; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Lodessa was a longtime waitress and was known as "Granny." She had been a resident of Sonora since 1953 and enjoyed living in the senior apartments for a number of years. She had been a resident of Schleicher County Nursing Home in Eldorado since early 2004.

Services were at 3 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the First Baptist Church in Barksdale, Texas. Mrs. Pope's grandsons were pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Schleicher County Nursing Home, P.O. Box V, Eldorado, TX 76936.

4-Hers compete at District Roundup

Schleicher County 4-H members recently competed at the District 7 Roundup on the Angelo State University Campus. Over 300 youth participated in this year's event which annually showcases the skills that our young people are learning through the 4-H program.

Meg Griffin and Corey Williams took 2nd place honors with their junior Share-The-Fun Choreographed Routine. In the senior age divisions, the Family Life Demonstration team of Emily Newman, Chandra Wanoreck, Lauren Brown, Allison Reynolds and Taylor Baker won 1st place. In the Public Speaking category, Ridge Ann Sudduth won 2nd place. All six in the senior divi-



County Agent's Update
by Scott Edmondson

sion qualifies to attend State 4-H Roundup in College Station in June. We are very proud of all our kiddos and wish them much luck at State.

4-Hers make scholarship interviews

Will Griffin and Emily Newman, senior 4-H members from Schleicher County have made it through the tough 4-H Scholarship process and will be getting an interview for one of the scholarships that will be awarded during State 4-H Roundup.

There is some pretty stiff competition for these scholarships and we are very proud of Will and Emily and wish them lots of luck.

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Bybee newest junior member of American Angus Association

Mark Bybee, Eldorado, Texas, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports John Crouch, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

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tion are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef registry association in the world, with more than 34,000 active adult and junior members.



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Mya Nicole Minor

It's a Girl!

Mya Nicole Minor was born on April 26, 2005 at 1:18 p.m. at Community Hospital in San Angelo, Texas, to proud parents Brence and Ashley Minor. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 in. long.

Grandparents are Tommy and Beverly Minor, and Bryan and Mary Doran all of Eldorado. Great-grandparents are Ruben and Tina Minor of Eldorado, Doris Nichols and the late Dock Nichols of Abilene, Clifton and Ethel Pilkington of Eldorado, and Al and Jane Lynch also from Eldorado. Her uncle is Baily Minor and her aunts are Branda Minor and Amy Doran, all of Eldorado.

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The friends, co-workers and acquaintances of Chad Elkins wish to extend their heartfelt condolences upon his 30th birthday. Join with us on Friday, May 13th, as we mourn the passing of his youth on the day he begins his long, downhill slide into old age and oblivion. Chad's associates ask that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Schleicher County Nursing Home where a room has already been set aside for him.

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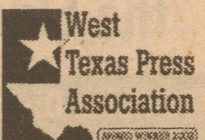
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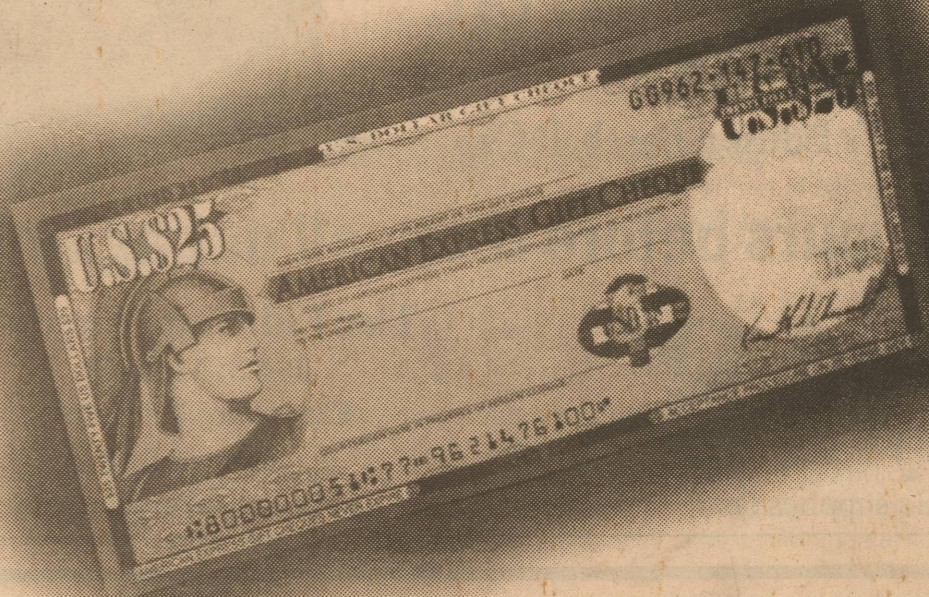
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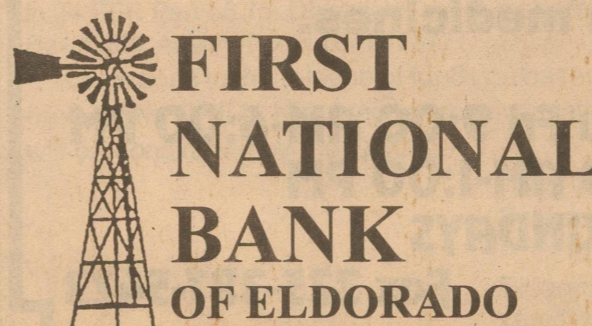
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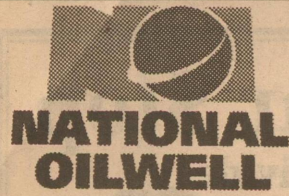
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Rojas and Hill named to 2AA All-District Softball Team

Eldorado's Selina Rojas and Chelsey Hill represented the Lady Eagles on the 2-AA all-district softball team, released this week by the conference's coaches.

Wall junior pitcher Kelsey Eggleston was named the district's MVP, while Lady Hawks coach Shelley Mackey was named the Coach of the Year.

The league coaches selected Sonora sophomore Meghan Krieg as the Offensive Player of the Year and Grape Creek senior Abby Wilson as the Defensive Player of the Year. Heather Hughes, a freshman pitcher from Sonora, was named Newcomer of the Year.

Rojas, who played catcher and pitched for Eldorado, was a unanimous selection to the first team. The senior scored a team-high 25 runs this season while hitting .324 with a .640 on-base percentage.

Other first team picks included seniors Leigha Foley and Kristen Jones of Grape Creek, freshmen Nicole Wellmann of Junction, sophomores Jamie Duran and Kayla Fields and freshman Kimble Luna of Sonora, and seniors Charity Kemp and Lauren Weishuhn and sophomore Kathryn Cox of Wall.

Hill, only a freshman, was a unanimous pick to the second team. She was the Lady Eagles' starting pitcher. She led the team in triples (4) and stolen bases (15), while posting a .333 batting average and .577 on-base percentage.

Rounding out the second team were senior Candace Tackett and freshman Lauren Briggs of Grape Creek, senior Paige Rooke and freshman Jamie McKinney of Junction, senior Taylor Oglesby of Ozona, senior Jennifer Burton and



District 2-AA First Team
Catcher Selina Rojas



PHOTOS BY KATHY MANKIN
District 2-AA Second Team
Pitcher Chelsey Hill

sophomore Brandy Neff of Sonora, and juniors Tiffani Martinez and Aracely Zapata of Wall.

Eldorado had three players earn honorable mention honors: junior first baseman Hope Fuentes, junior second baseman Karina Sanchez

and sophomore short stop Anna Fuentes.

Meanwhile Academic All District honors went to: Anna Fuentes, Karina Sanchez, Rhapsody Swyter, Charlotte Adame, Kassandra Tyler, and Hope Fuentes.

EHS honors athletes at All Sports Banquet

The All Sports Banquet sponsored by the Eldorado Booster Club was held at the Civic Center Monday, May 9th, 2005 with guest speaker Chet Sample, a graduate of Seminole High School and Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas.

Sample, a former athletic director who now serves as Dean of Professional Studies at Sul Ross State University, entertained his young audience with a mixture of magic tricks and homespun wisdom about the truly important things in life. He ended his talk by stating "Alter you life with confidence, hard work and a good attitude."

A main course of grilled chicken and sausage was prepared by Booster Club members Curtis Griffin, Elaine and Gus Hinojosa, Billy Higgins and Sidney Reynolds.

After presentation of E Award

certificates, coaches in each sport presented individual awards plus this year's most valuable and dedicated players for the year. Russell Cathey was they only athlete to receive an E Award in six sports.

The award recipient's names were engraved on the corresponding plaques which hang in the Eagle High School Gym foyer. They were:

Fighting Heart Award: seniors Selina Rojas, Katey Blair, Terrell Boysaw and Jared Grubbs.

Baseball: Most Valuable Player(s) - Ryan Cathy and Jared Grubbs;

Most Dedicated - Caleb Nixon, Kolby Dombroski and Joey Hernandez

Softball: Most Valuable Player

- Selina Rojas;

Most Dedicated Player - Anna Fuentes and Karina Sanchez;

Golf-Outstanding Boy Golfer: Cash Lane;

Outstanding Girl Golfer - Gentry Newman;

Tennis: Most Dedicated Boy(s) - Able Montalvo and Logan Jones;

Girl - Chandra Wanoreck;

Most Valuable Player: Boy(s) - Ryan Cathey, Frank Edmiston;

Girl(s) - Maxie Holley and Taylor Baker

Cross Country: Most Dedicated - Alicia Corrales and Eric Garcia;

Girls Track: Most Valuable Player - Rachel Joiner

Boys Track: Most Valuable Player - Eric Garcia and Jeremy

Ussery;

Boys Basketball: Most Valuable Player - Terrell Boysaw (2005 All West Texas Basketball)

Most Dedicated Player - Eric Garcia

Girls Basketball: Most Dedicated Player - Karina Sanchez

Most Valuable Player - Chandra Wanoreck;

Football Special Awards:

Most Dedicated Player - Frank Edmiston

Most Valuable Player - Terrell Boysaw

Offensive Back(s) - Ryan Cathey and Frank Edmiston

Best Receiver - Jorge Bustos;

Offensive Linemen - Manuel Arippe, Joey Hernandez and Will Griffin

Defensive Back(s) Rigo Arippe and Jared Grubbs

Defensive Lineman - Frank Wipff;

Head Hunter - Nestor Hernandez

(See additional photos on Page 6)



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Claiming the prestigious Fighting Heart Award at Monday night's All-Sports Banquet were EHS seniors (L-R) Katey Blair, Selina Rojas, Jared Grubbs and Terrell Boysaw

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Tuesday, May 17

Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, May 18

French Toast, Syrup, Fruit, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday, May 19

Cheese Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, May 20

Pancake on Stick, Syrup, Choice of Juice, Fruit, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, May 16

Hot Dogs w/ Chili, Fritos, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, May 17

Steak Burger, French Fries, Pickle Spears, Apple Halves

Wednesday, May 18

Grilled Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit

Thursday, May 19

Ham & Cheese, Potato chips, Sandwich Salad, Peach Halves

Friday, May 20

Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Spicy Fries, Pickle, Orange Halves

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, May 16

Hot Dogs w/ Chili, Fritos, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, May 17

Texas Soft Tacos, Cheese, Cups, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Apple Halves

Wednesday, May 18

Pizza, Tossed Salad, Trail Mix, Mixed Fruit,

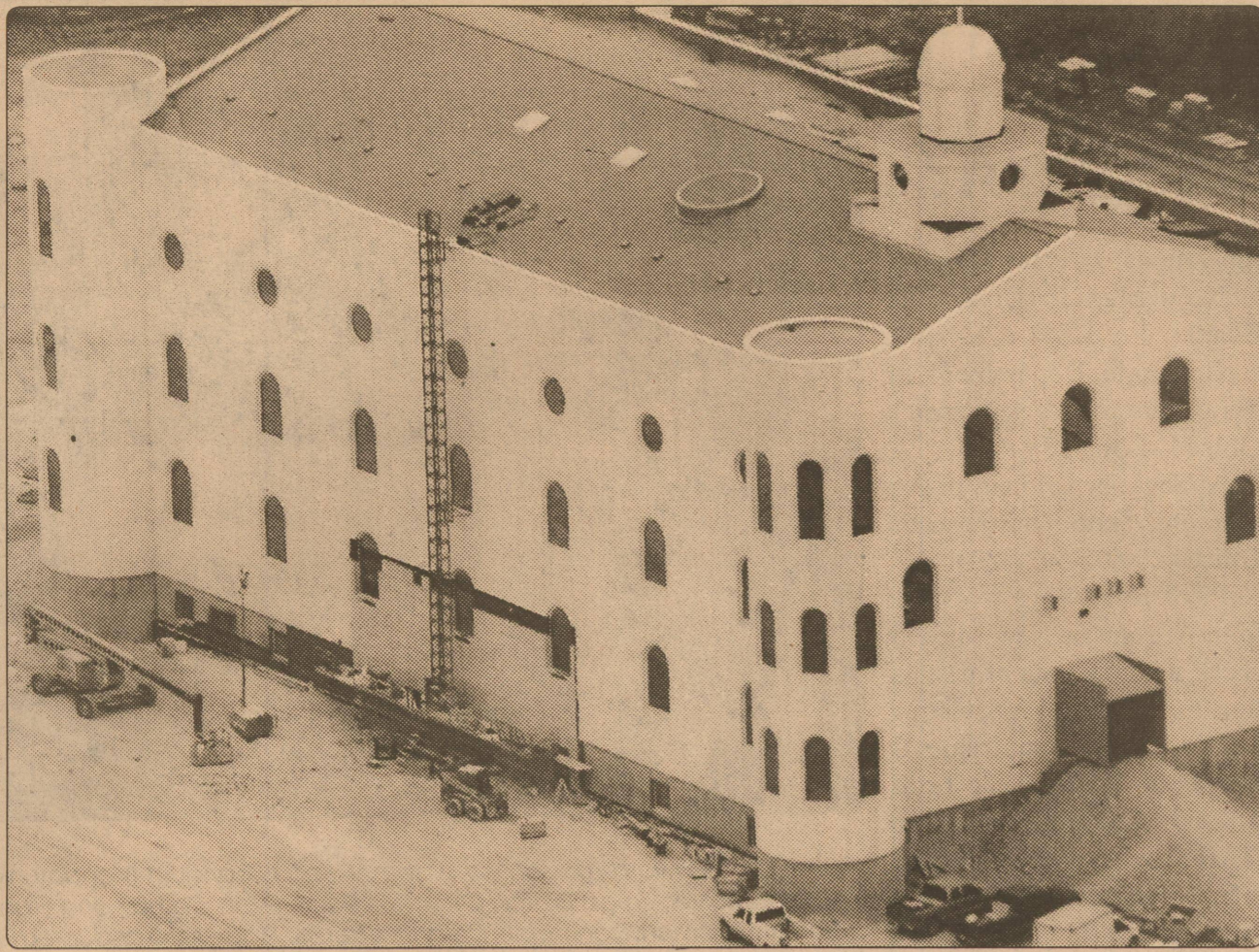
Thursday, May 19

Hot Pockets, French Fries, Tossed Salad, peach Halves

Friday, May 20

Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Spicy Fries, Pickles, orange Halves

Slow going — Work is progressing slowly on the exterior of the FLDS temple at the YFZ Ranch where cut limestone blocks are being laid up the building's south wall. Still the overall pace of construction is phenomenal when one considers that nothing more than a foundation existed on the site on Jan. 1 of this year. Observers can only speculate about how the interior construction is progressing.



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Extension's Veterinary Youth Workshop sign-up underway

by Steve Byrns

SONORA — Texas Cooperative Extension's second annual "West Texas Youth Veterinary Science Workshop" is currently taking applications for this summer's session set June 26-30 at the Sutton County 4-H Center here.

Pascual Hernandez, Extension agent for Sutton County and the workshop's coordinator, said the objective is to introduce high school students to careers in veterinary science. Instructors will include Extension and Texas Animal Health Commission personnel, and veterinary practitioners.

Course topics include: the Beef Quality Assurance Program, toxicology, parasitology, anaesthesiol-

ogy, anatomy, nutrition, first aid, beef feedlot health management, large and small animal practice, wildlife health management, necropsy, and horse medicine. The workshop includes classroom study, lab work, and field excursions.

"The workshop, or 'camp' as we call it, is limited to 30 students," said Hernandez. "We're looking for high school students from across the state who are interested in animals and veterinary medicine. They must also be willing to work with others as a team member during the camp."

"We also need four adult leaders to serve as cabin directors and assistants. The camp is an excellent

opportunity for Extension agents, teachers and volunteer youth leaders to learn more about veterinary medicine."

The camp is a cooperative effort of Extension offices in Sutton, Tom Green, Schleicher and Crockett counties.

Applications must be submitted to the Extension office in Sutton County by June 3. Participants will be informed of their acceptance by June 11.

Individual registration is \$165, due on June 17. In the event of cancellations, refunds will be offered in full until June 20. The fee is non-refundable after June 20.

For more information, call the Extension office in Sutton County

at (325) 387-3101 or contact any of the other Extension offices involved with the program. Also visit the Sutton County Extension website at: <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

Extension office to host pesticide applicator training & testing

The Schleicher County Extension office will be hosting a Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing on Friday, May 20th, 2005. The training is free, but you must purchase and Private Applicators Manual for \$20 prior to the training. The class is limited to the first 10 paid people and there are a few seats left. For more information of to sign up, please contact the Extension Office.

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City council holds regular monthly meeting

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counts will remain with WTU Retail.

Floyd Fay then updated the council on his various departments. He said that there have been no major water leaks lately but noted that water pressure has been lower than normal due to one of the city's wells being out of service for repairs. Fay explained that a electric motor had gone out on the well but that a replacement has been ordered and will be installed by Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative.

Next, Carolyn Mayo reviewed the city's financial reports and proposed one minor amendment to the budget, which the council approved. She also noted that the report in the Success following last month's council meeting

indicated that the city's landfill revenue was down by \$51,000. She said that the shortfall was actually a cumulative number that spanned several departments, not just the landfill, and asked this reporter to clarify the matter.

The council then reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on April 12, 2005. They also reviewed and authorized payment of the city's monthly bills.

The council then engaged in a lengthy discussion about proposed revision to several city ordinances, including those ordinances governing mobile homes, animal control and city utilities. It was agreed that the council will take up the discussion again at their next regularly scheduled meeting on June 6, 2005, at which time they will review pro-

posed changes that will be prepared by Carolyn Mayo.

Before adjourning the council agreed to call a special meeting for Monday, May 16, 2005, at which time the council will canvas the votes cast in the May 7 tax freeze election. It was noted the tax freeze passed by a 71-49 margin. Also at the special meeting the council will consider filling the seat left vacant when Bill McCutcheon chose not to seek reelection. McCutcheon has indicated he is willing to be appointed to fill the seat for one year only.

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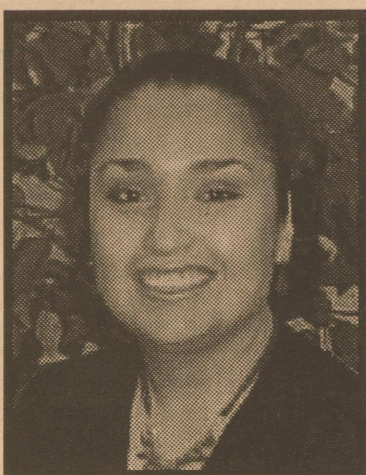
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Horse owners take note: Vesicular Stomatitis detected in AZ

Vesicular stomatitis (VS) has been detected in a horse on a premises in Maricopa County, Arizona. (Maricopa County is located in the south-central portion of the state and is home to Phoenix.) The owner of the five-year-old gelding reported that the animal was purchased about three weeks ago. Sores appeared in the horse's mouth in mid-April, and tests run at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, IA, confirmed the infection. Arizona

was "spared" in the 2004 VS outbreak, when Texas had 15 cases, New Mexico had 80, and Colorado 199.

One premises in Grant County, New Mexico, remains quarantined where two horses are recovering from the viral blistering disease. Infected and susceptible animals remain under movement prohibition until at least 30 days after all lesions heal, and a state or federal regulatory veterinarian examines the livestock.

VS can cause blisters and sores in the mouth, and on the tongue, muzzle, teats or hooves of horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, llamas and a number of other animals. Lesions usually will heal in two or three weeks. Because the signs of VS mimic those of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), animal health officials strongly urge livestock owners and caretakers to report potential cases of VS to their private veterinary practitioner or state livestock health officials. Laboratory tests run at no charge to the producer will differentiate whether infection is caused by VS and not FMD, a dreaded foreign animal disease.

To report suspected cases of VS, owners and private veterinary practitioners should call their respective state's livestock health regulatory agency:

Texas Animal Health Commission -- 1-800-550-8242

(operational 24 hours a day) New Mexico Livestock Board -- 1-505-841-6161

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

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

Prior to moving livestock from Arizona or New Mexico, check with the state of destination to ensure all VS testing and inspection requirements have been fulfilled. The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) requires livestock from affected states to be accompanied by a valid certificate of veterinary inspection (health paper) on which the accredited veterinarian certifies the animals are not from a quarantined premises. The TAHC web page is at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>.

Kentucky embargoes livestock and wild or exotic animals from counties that include and surround the infected premises, and place strict entry requirements on animals from the remainder of the state, or even other states that share a common border with an infected county. To access specific Kentucky requirements, go to: http://www.kyagr.com/statevet/ah/vsv_embargo.htm.

Florida animal health officials require susceptible animals coming from VS-affected states to have prior permission for entry and a negative test for VS within 10 days prior to entry. The certificate of veterinary inspection also must include a statement that the animals are free of clinical signs of VS and have not been exposed or located within 10 miles of a positive premises within the previous 30 days. The Florida Department of Agriculture web site is at: <http://doacs.state.fl.us/>.

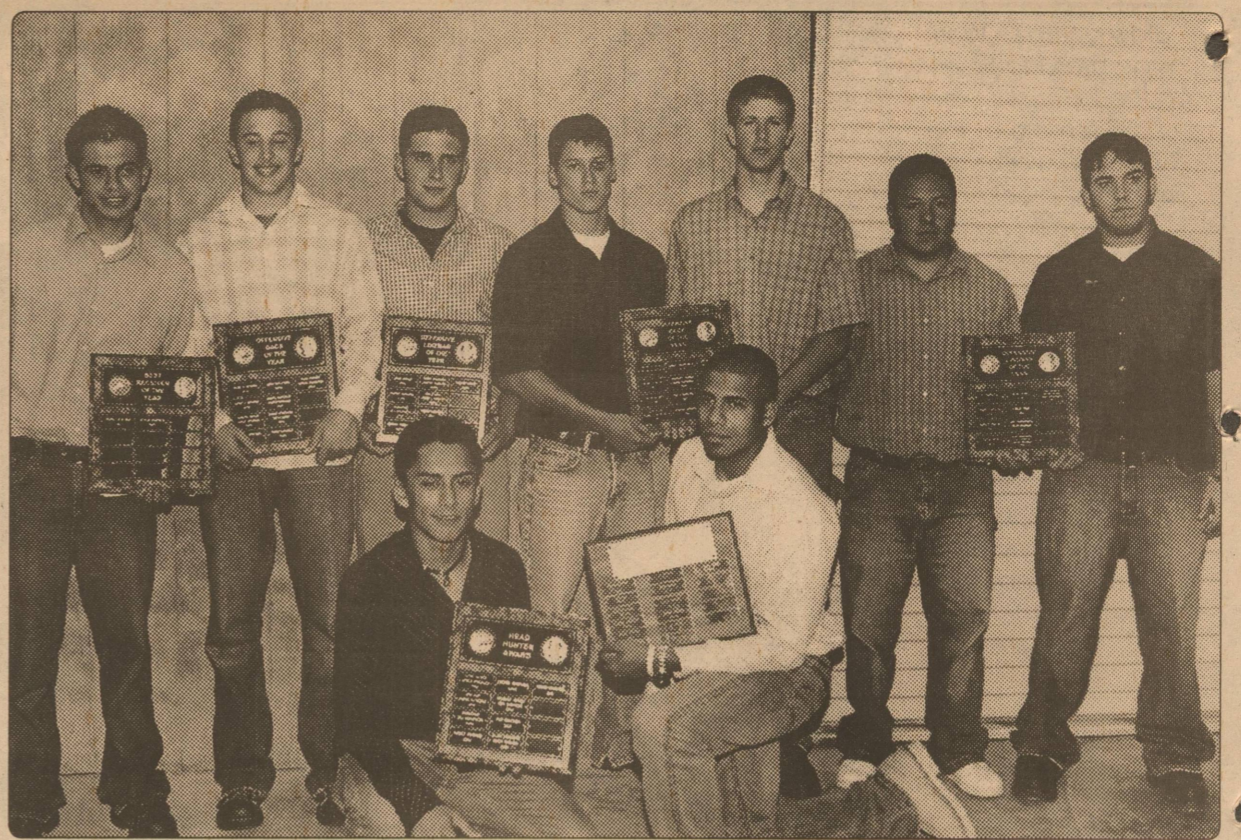


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2004 Football awards presented at the All Sports banquet Monday night included (standing L-R) Best Receiver, Jorge Bustos; Offensive Back, Ryan Cathey and Frank Edmiston (not present); Defensive Lineman, Frank Wipff; Defensive Backs, Rigo Arispe and Jared Grubbs; Offensive Linemen, Manuel Arispe, Joey Hernandez, and Will Griffin (not present); (Kneeling L-R) Head Hunter, Nestor Hernandez and Most Valuable Player, Terrell Boysaw.

Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, May 16**
Swiss Steak w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Corn Bread Muffins, Tossed Salad, Orange Sections, Milk
- Tuesday, May 17**
Polish Sausage, Fresh Baked Sweet Potato, Steamed Cabbage, Corn Bread, Pears, Milk
- Wednesday, May 18**
Chopped Steak, Parsified Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Wheat Bread, Cucumber/Tomato Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Milk
- Thursday, May 19**
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Baked Beans, Calif. Mix Veg., Macaroni Salad, Cornbread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk
- Friday, May 20**
Tuna Noodle Casserole, Mixed Veg., Dinner Roll, Tossed Salad w/ Tomato, Red Applesauce, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk

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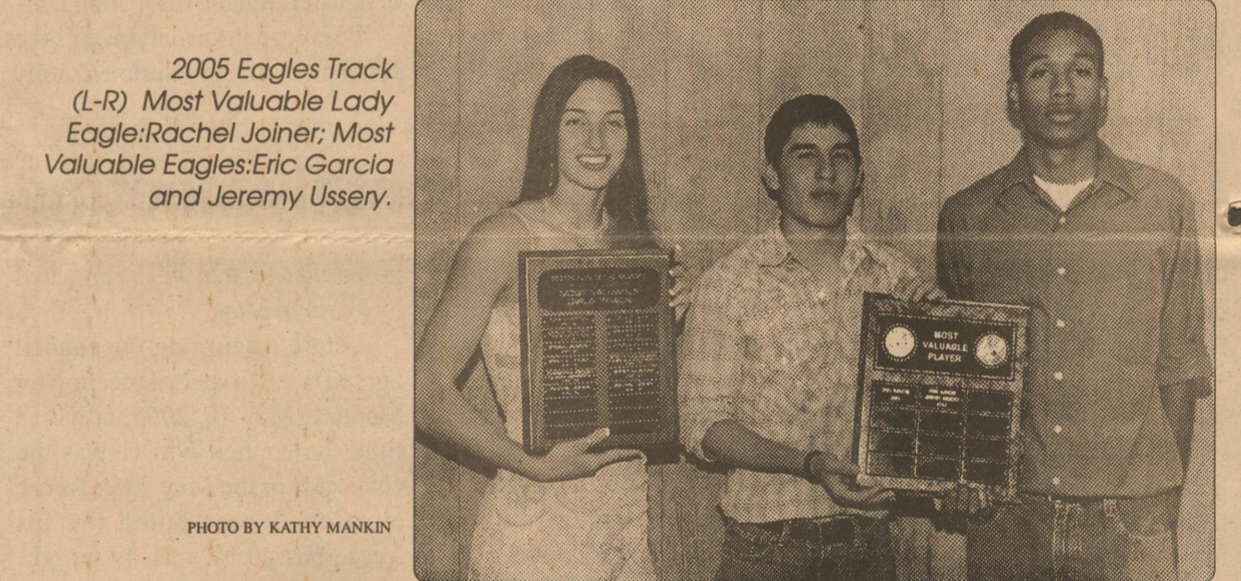
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2004-05 Basketball: L-R Most Valuable Eagle-Terrell Boysaw; Most Dedicated Eagle-Eric Garcia; Most Valuable Lady Eagle Chandra Wanoreck and Most Dedicated Lady Eagle Karina Sanchez.

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2005 Eagles Track (L-R) Most Valuable Lady Eagle: Rachel Joiner; Most Valuable Eagles: Eric Garcia and Jeremy Ussery.

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Wanted: Veterans with VE Day, wartime experiences

AUSTIN — Jerry Patterson, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board, is urging World War II veterans to share their VE Day (Victory in Europe) stories with the Voices of Veterans oral history program. The goal is to record Texas veterans' memories and archive them for researchers, historians and the general public.

Harvey Koency, a resident of the William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home in Temple, was the bombardier on a B-17 bomber in World War II. In a Voices of Veterans interview, Koency described what he saw on VE Day while stationed at an airfield

in England.

"It was at night when the word came out — VE day," Koency said. "Some of the British fighter planes were flying around celebrating, you know, the next day. That night, some of the guys were running around drinking. Everybody was drinking. I didn't drink in those days, but a little later I got used to that. Guys were shooting at the ceiling and all that kind of stuff. Everybody was real happy."

Voices of Veterans represents the first time a state agency has ventured into the field of veterans' oral histories. The Veterans Land Board is a natural host for the program, managing four existing

Texas State Veterans Homes, and two more under construction. The homes currently provide long-term care for about 600 senior veterans, many of whom are eager to tell their story.

"Every veteran has a story to tell. The goal of this project is to ensure that those stories are not lost forever," Patterson said.

The Voices of Veterans program joins the ranks of other successful oral history programs, such as the Vietnam Archive Oral History Project at Texas Tech University and the Oral History Program at the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg. While these programs focus

on specific conflicts, the Voices of Veterans program is open to any Texas veteran who served in the Armed Forces, from WWI to the War on Terror.

Any veteran interested in including his or her story in the Voices of Veterans program should contact the Veterans Land Board at 1-800-252-VETS (8387), or send an e-mail to vlinfo@glo.state.tx.us. Oral history interviews can be conducted in person at the Veterans Land Board in Austin, or by telephone from anywhere in Texas. All that's required is completion of the interview release form and a couple of hours for the interview.

Texas Heritage Trails Program receives White House recognition

ABILENE — The Texas Heritage Trails Program, an initiative of the Texas Historical Commission designed to promote tourism to historical and cultural sites, received the Preserve America Presidential Award this past Monday in a special White House ceremony. The Program began in 1998 with the Texas Forts Trail Region as its pilot project. As a result of the success in the Forts Trail Region, the program continues to expand and will ultimately encompass the entire state.

During the awards ceremony, President Bush stated, "The Texas Heritage Trails program has mapped out special driving routes through the state to encourage regional tourism and bring some of Texas' proud history to light. Parents can take their children on a drive to learn about pioneers and cowboys. . . And as they do so, they get to see the great diversity and beauty of the Texas

landscape."

"It is a tremendous honor for the Heritage Trails program to receive one of only two national awards for heritage tourism," said Margaret Hoogstra, Texas Forts Trail Regional Coordinator, who attended the White House ceremony. David Pitzer, Forts Trail board chairman said, "The award recognizes that we have developed a unique partnership of state, county and city government, local chambers and convention and visitors bureaus, special events and attractions, and private landowners with the common goal of increasing awareness of historic and cultural sites."

The following individuals currently serve on the Texas Forts Trail regional board: David Pitzer, Abilene, Chuck Curtis, Mineral Wells; Glenda England, Brownwood; LeAnna Biles, Stephenville/Thurber; Clint Bumguardner, Albany; Ross McSwain, San Angelo; Ray Rickard, Menard;

Claire Spivey, Graham; Dr. Bob Wettemann, Abilene; and Genora Young, Eden.

In addition to the Texas Forts Trail Region, the Texas Heritage Trails Program has grown to eight heritage trail regions including the Texas Brazos Trail Region, the Texas Forest Trail Region, the Texas Independence Trail Region, the Texas Lakes Trail Region, the Texas Mountain Trail Region, the Texas Plains Trail Region and the Texas Tropical Trail Region. Two additional heritage regions, the Texas Hill Country Trail Region and the Texas Pecos Trail Region are awaiting official designation.

"Heritage tourism is a tremendous economic development tool," said THC State Coordinator Janie Headrick. "Through this program our cultural and historical treasures are protected while communi-

ties benefit economically and educationally. It is a win-win situation."

To learn more about the Texas Forts Trail Region call 325/676-1762, visit texasfortstrail.com or email Margaret Hoogstra at tft@texasfortstrail.com. To learn more about THC's Heritage Trails Program call 512/463-6092 visit www.thc.state.tx.us or email janie.headrick@thc.state.tx.us. To learn more about the Preserve America program visit www.preserveamerica.gov

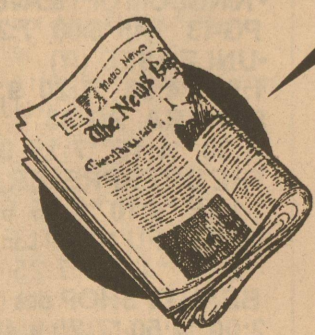
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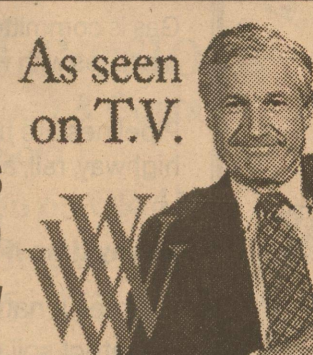
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Eldorado Success
May 12, 2005

TO: ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the above named Schleicher County intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P. L. 93-383) for Contract No. 724165.

Exempt Activities
Administration
Engineering Services

Environmental Assessment Activities

Installation of approximately four thousand five hundred forty linear feet (4,540 l.f.) of six-inch (6") wastewater collection line, four-inch (4") service line, four-inch (4") yard line, seven hundred linear feet (700 l.f.) of force main, eleven (11) manholes, three (3) clean outs, and thirty-five (35) first-time sewer service.

Cost of the Project
\$324,817.00

Finding Of No Significant Impact: It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named Schleicher County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environment Policy Act of 1969 (P. L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by Schleicher County which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Office of Community Development, Courthouse, Schleicher County, Hwy 277, Texas 76936 and is available for public examination and copying, upon request between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Public Comments Of Finding: All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the County to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the County will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release Of Funds: Schleicher County will undertake the activities described above with the Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 2004 under grant numbered 724165 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Schleicher County is certifying to ORCA that Mr. Johnny F. Griffin in his official capacity as County Judge, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Schleicher County may use the Block Grant funds, and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. ORCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, P. O. Box 12877 Austin, Texas 78711-2877.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the ORCA. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the ORCA.

Johnny F. Griffin, County Judge
Schleicher County
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May 12, 2005



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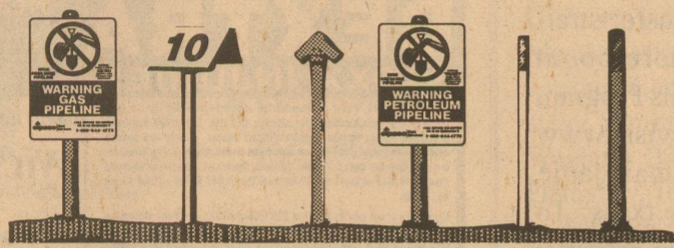
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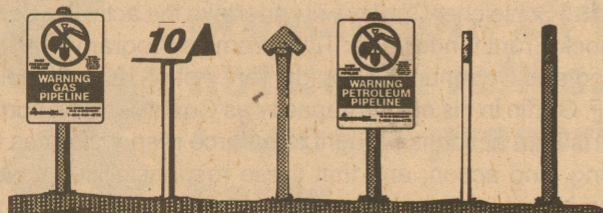
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The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

May 4 • Castaneda, Gabriel 43, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Controlled Substance and

May 5 • Martinez, Julia, female age 25, Turned herself in, offense serving time for tickets. Released on Time Served.

May 6 • Hocutt, Bobby Glen, male age 29, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

May 7 • Cordero, Sandra, female age 22, arresting officer SC deputy, offense No Driver License. Released with a Citation.

Harris, Bennit D., male age 43, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Public Intoxication.

May 9 • Guerra, Daniel Jr., male age 23, arresting officer SC

Possession of Marijuana <2oz. Released on 1-\$5,000.00 and 1-\$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

Hammonds, Tammy Marie, female age 28, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Controlled Substance. Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond.

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deputy, offense Driving While Intoxicated 1st.

INCIDENTS

May 3 • 1:27 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to Shannon ER. EMS 1 responded.

4:08 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer, complainant reported unlawful dumping. Officer responded.

11:25 p.m. Eldorado Medical Center requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

May 4 • 4:27 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to Community. EMS responded.

7:53 p.m. Complainant reported a skunk on Main Street roadway. Officer responded.

May 5 • 6:37 a.m. Complainant reported a stop sign severely damaged in the night. Apparently ran over. City was notified.

3:39 p.m. Clinic requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.

6:55 p.m. Complainant reported some items being stolen from his vehicle. Officer was notified.

11:37 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver in a red Chevy pickup. Officer responded, subject was arrested.

May 6 • Complainant reported a reckless driver weaving along the road heading towards Mertzon. Mertzon SO was notified.

5:56 p.m. Complainant requested to file a complainant of court-child custody. Complainant was to pick up children at 6:00 p.m. ex-husband refused. Complainant was made for court records.

May 7 • 12:03 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a male subject who had fallen and broke his leg. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

4:20 p.m. Complainant reported snakes in her lawn. Requesting officer assist her. Officer responded.

8:49 p.m. Caller reported not feeling well. Subject was disoriented and confused. Officers and EMS 2 responded.

10:07 p.m. EMC requested a basic transfer to Community Hospital. EMS 2 responded.

May 8 • 2:18 p.m. Caller reported elderly male had fallen and was bleeding from his chin. Officer responded and reported everything was alright.

8:40 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to investigate the back window of spouses vehicle being broken out. Officer responded.

10:54 p.m. Complainant reported a Suburban running over a gas line in her alley. Complainant was unable to positively state if it was her meter. City was notified and Officers responded.

10:57 p.m. Complainant reported a gas leak, subject could hear and smell the gas leak. Officers responded and the City was notified.

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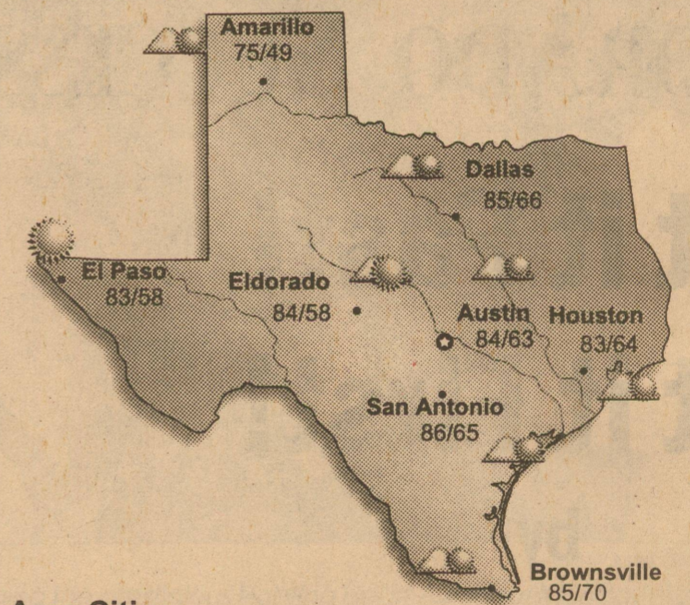
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

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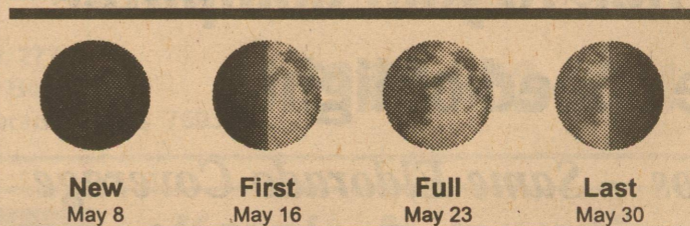
Area Cities

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Abilene	85	63	pt sunny
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Austin	84	63	pt sunny
Beaumont	83	62	pt sunny
Brownsville	85	70	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	62	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	82	70	pt sunny
Corsicana	84	62	pt sunny
Dallas	85	66	pt sunny
Del Rio	88	67	pt sunny
El Paso	83	58	sunny
Fort Stockton	87	61	t-storm
Gainesville	82	63	pt sunny
Greenville	83	61	pt sunny
Houston	83	64	pt sunny
Kingsville	86	69	pt sunny
Livingston	84	60	pt sunny
Longview	85	62	pt sunny
Lubbock	81	56	t-storm
Lufkin	86	60	pt sunny
Midland	85	59	t-storm
Raymondville	87	69	pt sunny
Rosenberg	83	64	pt sunny
San Antonio	86	65	pt sunny
San Marcos	85	64	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	82	62	pt sunny
Sweetwater	87	61	pt sunny
Tyler	84	61	pt sunny
Weatherford	83	61	pt sunny
Wichita Falls	86	64	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	61	sunny
Boston	66	45	pt sunny
Chicago	61	47	t-storm
Dallas	85	66	pt sunny
Denver	57	37	pt sunny
Houston	83	64	pt sunny
Los Angeles	75	59	sunny
Miami	83	72	sunny
Minneapolis	46	38	rain
New York	71	52	rain
Phoenix	89	64	sunny
San Francisco	69	55	pt sunny
Seattle	70	53	cloudy
St. Louis	90	67	pt sunny
Washington, DC	84	57	t-storm

Moon Phases



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Water Wells 101: A Water Well Manual for Well Owners

A properly built and maintained well can be an excellent source of drinking water. The fact that nearly half America's population gets all or part of its drinking water from wells is proof of this.

But how can you be sure your well is properly built and maintained?

The place to start is with a qualified water well contractor, who can drill and/or inspect your well for maintenance, says the National Ground Water Association. There's no replacement for a skilled professional to make sure your well is working properly, according to NGWA.

The second step is to become an informed well owner, and NGWA offers what amounts to a well owners manual through its web site, www.wellowner.org. Well owners who familiarize themselves with the content of this web site can make smarter

decisions about their wells and take some of the anxiety out of well ownership.

The web site is divided into six main areas: Water Well Basics, Well Maintenance, Water Quality, Contractors, Financing and Ground Water. WATER WELL BASICS examines some different types of wells and matters to consider when planning a water well. It also discusses septic systems and their relationship to wells.

The WELL MAINTENANCE section explores the importance of annual well maintenance checkups, a homeowner's maintenance checklist, important well records, ways to restore water flow into your well, properly sealing old wells and the problem of iron bacteria.

The WATER QUALITY section discusses a variety of water quality issues such as iron, hydrogen sulfide and bacteria. It

also includes information about water testing.

The CONTRACTORS section looks at considerations in finding a contractor, contractor certification, contractor licensing and NGWA's service, "Contractor Lookup," which enables consumers using www.wellowner.org to find a nearby NGWA-member water well contractor with the click of a button.

The FINANCING section contains information on two programs available to help persons with well construction or renovation costs.

The GROUND WATER SECTION contains some basic information on ground water itself - what it is, how it fits into the water cycle and its use in the United States and around the world.

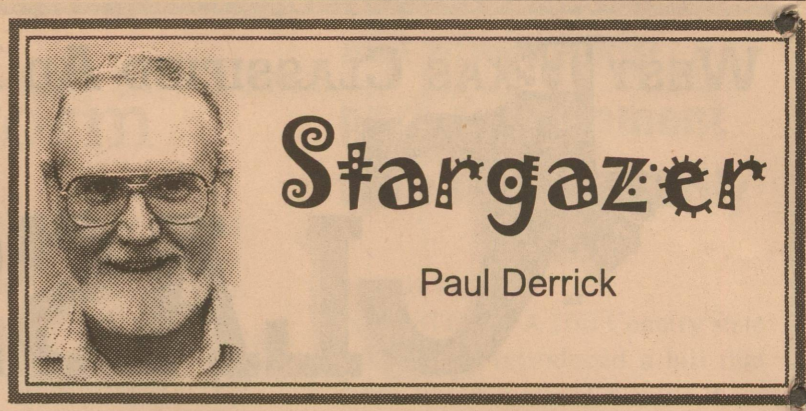
There are two more sections on the web site:

The ADDITIONAL TOP-

ICS section includes relevant information on drought, which is affecting many areas of America; the use of geothermal heating and cooling, which uses ground water; links to other ground water related web sites; and resources available to educators about ground water and wells.

The last section contains information on National Ground Water Awareness Week and how consumers and ground water professionals alike can promote ground water awareness.

Now, back to the first step of using a qualified water well contractor to make sure your well is properly built and maintained. To find a NGWA-member contractor near you, go to www.wellowner.org and click on "Contractor Lookup" at the top of the page. To get the most results, just fill in your state and scroll through all the contractors to find one near you.



Stargazer

Paul Derrick

SPRING MEANS COSMIC BASEBALL

Here we are in the middle of spring, which for many means gardening, mowing lawns, enjoying Texas' wonderful wildflowers, and baseball. For stargazers, it also means cosmic baseball. During the late spring and summer, the heart of baseball season, the night sky features its own cosmic baseball game.

As soon as the sky darkens, about an hour after sunset, face east (opposite from where the Sun went down). Look high in the northeast (upper left) for the Big Dipper. It's curved handle and a corny saying help us locate home plate, the star Arcturus. The dipper's handle "arcs to Arcturus" 30 degrees to the lower right. (The width of your fist held at arm's length is 10 degrees.) Arcturus is the very bright, slightly reddish star 35 degrees above the eastern horizon.

Now look for a bright white star, Spica, 30 degrees to Arcturus' right and 30 degrees above the horizon in the southeast. Spica is first base.

Second base is the star Denebola, 35 degrees above and slightly left of the brighter Spica. (Don't be confused by the very bright object between them. That's Jupiter which is just passing through the area this year.)

Third base is the even fainter star Cor Caroli situated 30 degrees to the lower left of Denebola, and 25 degrees above Arcturus (home plate). Cor Caroli is the brightest

star nestled under the arc of the Big Dipper's handle.

Those familiar with baseball know we need two more positions to round out our infield. For shortstop we have the lovely, large Coma Berenices star cluster, best seen under darker non-urban skies. The pitcher is the star 47-Epsilon Virginis, about as bright as Cor Caroli and located near the center of the diamond. It has no common name, so I call it Charlie Brown.

Well, that's the infield of the cosmic baseball diamond, also known as the Diamond of Virgo. The outfield is composed of constellations but we'll save them for another time.

• Naked-eye Planets. (The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation.) Evening: Jupiter, the brightest object in the southeast, is up nearly all night. Saturn, the brightest object high in the west, sets after midnight. Venus sets too soon after the Sun to be seen easily. Morning: Mercury, rising an hour before the Sun, is barely visible above the eastern horizon 45 minutes before sunrise. Mars in the southeast rises 3 hours before the Sun.

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Clockwise from top: Magic Grilled Steak With Orange Magnolia Sauce, Steak and Potato — Knife and Fork Salad With Southwest Chipotle Dressing and Sensational Steak Strips With Creamy Garlic Dip

SIZZLE, SMOKER and SPICE

Summer Meals on the Grill in Minutes

Steak your claim to the best backyard barbecue ever! Go beyond basic hamburgers and hot dogs or traditional steak and potatoes, and venture into the mouthwatering world of garden-fresh asparagus and zucchini, tender and juicy filet mignon or well-marbled ribeye, even succulent peaches or pineapple on the grill. With a little sizzle, smoke and spice — and a few easy grilling tips and recipes — you can become the resident grill gourmet.

First, the signature steak. For the best taste and texture, start off with grain-fed Midwestern beef that is well-marbled, hand trimmed and aged to perfection. Next, enhance the natural goodness of the beef with a select seasoning. Create a little culinary magic by sprinkling a savory blend of herbs and spices on the steak itself. Or serve fabulous dips, sauces, marinades or salad dressings to complement whatever you grill.

Grill trimmed spears of asparagus or lengthwise strips of zucchini, brushed with a little olive oil and sprinkled with a seasoning blend, right along with your steak. While the grill is still hot, brush peeled peach halves or fresh pineapple rings with melted butter and sizzle on both sides until warmed through. Serve the grilled fruit with a scoop of ice cream as a grand finale to your sensational summer meal.

For a free "Good Life Guide and Cookbook" filled with mouthwatering steak recipes, call (800) 228-9055 or visit www.omahasteaks.com. For Chef Paul Prudhomme's tips, recipes and online catalog, visit Magic Seasonings' Web site at www.chefpaul.com or call (800) 457-2857 for a free brochure with recipes.

Propane Safety

More than 75 percent of American households have a grill — the majority of them fueled by propane. That's because propane grills offer homeowners a wide variety of benefits. They are, for example, equipped with convenient on/off switches, allowing for instant heat, easy temperature adjustments and quick cool-down times. And because there are no burning embers, propane grills don't throw sparks or require messy cleanup.

Before the grilling begins, however, here are some important safe grilling tips that will help ensure that you and your family have a healthy and enjoyable grilling experience this summer:

- Always follow grill manufacturer's instructions on lighting the grill and make sure the grill top is open.
- Always use or store cylinders outdoors in an upright (vertical) position. Do not use, store or transport cylinders near high temperatures (this includes storing spare cylinders near the grill).
- When the cylinder is refilled, have the supplier check for dents, damage, rust or leaks.
- Before connecting or lighting a propane gas grill, use a leak-detection solution to check connections for tightness. Do not use matches or lighters to check for leaks.
- After filling or exchanging, take the cylinder home immediately. Keep the vehicle ventilated and the cylinder valve closed and capped.
- If you suspect a gas leak, call the fire department immediately.
- Do not allow children to tamper or play with the cylinder or grill.
- Do not smoke while handling a propane cylinder.
- Never pour an accelerant such as lighter fluid or gasoline on the grill.
- When not in use, grill burner controls should be turned off and cylinder valve closed.

For additional safety tips, visit www.usepropane.com.

Sensational Steak Strips With Creamy Garlic Dip

Makes 4 servings

- 2 tablespoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Meat Magic
- 4 (8-ounce) Omaha Steaks boneless strip sirloin steaks, cut into narrow strips

Make Creamy Garlic Dip: cover and refrigerate. In mixing bowl, combine seasoning and steak strips. Mix well until seasoning is evenly distributed. Reserve.

Prepare grill and preheat until coals are very hot. Grilling surface should be about 5 inches from coals. Lay steak strips on grill. Cook, turning once, until meat is seared outside but still rare inside, about 1 1/2 to 2 minutes per side. Serve immediately with Creamy Garlic Dip.

Creamy Garlic Dip

Makes about 1 cup

- 2 teaspoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Meat Magic
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 cup mayonnaise

Mash together seasoning and garlic to form paste. Add vinegar and whisk until blended. Whisk in mayonnaise. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

Magic Grilled Steak With Orange Magnolia Sauce

Makes 4 servings

- Orange Magnolia Sauce (see recipe)
- 4 (10-ounce) Omaha Steaks ribeye steaks
- 2 tablespoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Blackened Steak Magic

Season steaks evenly with 3/4 teaspoon steak seasoning per side.

Prepare grill and preheat until coals are very hot. Grilling surface should be about 5 inches from coals. Lay steaks on grill. Cook, turning once, until meat is seared outside but still rare inside, about 4 minutes per side. Serve immediately with Orange Magnolia Sauce.

Orange Magnolia Sauce

Makes 1 cup

- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Seafood Magic
- 6 tablespoons ketchup
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Melt butter in nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Whisk in seasoning, then ketchup, then cream. Bring to boil, whisking frequently. Remove from heat.

Steak and Potato — Knife and Fork Salad With Southwest Chipotle Dressing

Makes 4 servings

- 4 (7-ounce) Omaha Steaks Flat Iron Steaks
- 2 teaspoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Barbecue Magic Seasoning
- 1 head iceberg lettuce
- 1 pound Roasted Baby Red Potatoes (see recipe)
- 1 cup tomatoes, diced
- 1 each corn on the cob, grilled
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 3 tablespoons Southwest Chipotle Salad Dressing (see recipe)

Prepare Southwest Chipotle Salad Dressing and Roasted Baby Red Potatoes (recipes below). Season each side of thawed steaks with 1/2 teaspoon barbecue seasoning. Grill steaks to desired doneness. Grill corn until lightly browned on outside. Remove steaks and corn from grill. Cut kernels off cobs. Remove core and wilted leaves from iceberg lettuce. Wash lettuce and cut 4 cross-sectioned slices about 1 inch thick. Place cross-sectioned slice of lettuce on each plate. Slice steaks against grain and fan across each lettuce slice. Sprinkle each salad with diced tomatoes, grilled corn and crumbled blue cheese. Divide potatoes evenly and place around edge of lettuce slices. Drizzle each salad with Southwest Chipotle Salad Dressing. Serve with knives and forks.

Southwest Chipotle Salad Dressing

Makes 1 1/2 cups

- 1/4 cup Chef Paul Prudhomme's Southwest Chipotle Sauce and Marinade
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup olive oil

Combine chipotle sauce, mayonnaise, honey and salt in blender on lowest setting. Slowly add olive oil. Refrigerate dressing before using.

Roasted Baby Red Potatoes

Makes 4 servings

- 1 pound red potatoes (B size), washed and quartered
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Barbecue Magic Seasoning

Preheat oven to 400°F. In small mixing bowl, toss potatoes with olive oil and seasoning. Place on baking sheet and bake 40 minutes, stirring once halfway through baking.

County receives grant to buy voting machines

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on Tuesday of next week at which time they will vote on a resolution and officially accept the money. They plan to canvas the ballots of the May 7 tax freeze election at that same meeting.

The tax freeze was another item of discussion at Monday's meeting. Peggy Williams advised the commissioners that the measure had passed by a 115-95 margin. The news was not welcomed by the commissioners who noted that the burden will have to be shifted to other taxpayers.

"Asking someone to vote against lower taxes is like asking them to vote against Mom, apple pie and Chevrolet," Judge Johnny Griffin said. "You can't tell me that the people of this county are that selfish. They just didn't understand what they were voting for."

The tax freeze will only apply to senior citizens or handicapped individuals who own a homestead. It will take effect with the next tax year.

In other business, the commissioners approved the minutes of their previous meeting. They then voted to accept a bid from Griffin Fuels for a transport-load of diesel fuel at \$1.9145 per gallon. It was

the only bid the county received.

The men also approved the expenditure of \$1,000 to repair a pump at the county swimming pool.

It was noted that the Civic Center project is \$6,947 over budget as the commissioners discussed whether or not to build fences at the facility. The men opted to put future construction on hold until they have a better idea how property tax cap legislation pending in Austin will affect the county.

Before adjourning the commissioners reviewed and signed off on the county's monthly bills. They also briefly discussed rules for using the courthouse square and Memorial Building, but took no action on the matter.

The meeting was attended by Judge Johnny Griffin and Commissioners Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown. Commissioner Johnny Mayo was absent. Others in attendance included County Clerk Peggy Williams, County Treasurer Karen Henderson and Road Superintendent Clay Burleson.

The next regular meeting of the Commissioners Court is slated for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 23, 2005 in the Commissioners Courtroom.

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