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## Temple almost complete

### Still no sign of fugitive FLDS prophet

A year after adventurer and noted author Jon Krakauer flew over the YFZ Ranch and photographed a dedication ceremony at the temple site, work on the first-ever temple built by and for the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Saints is nearing completion. The massive white temple, surrounded by a 10-foot-tall white wall, dwarfs everything else on the ranch. Recent aerial photographs of the temple complex revealed workmen rolling out on the ground surrounding the structure. Nearby, a second building, connected to the temple's North side by an elevated walkway, was also nearing completion. A sloping ramp leading up to the smaller building's north face, already nearly finished. The ramp is large enough to handle a car or small truck. The temple's front is adorned with a semi-circular portico, held up by three pillars. The pillars rest on majestic steps that sweep down away from the building's front door. The steps end in a semi-circular arc that's almost as wide as the temple.

The building is capped with a small cupola that appears out of scale with the rest of the enormous building. Atop the cupola is a beacon that lights the temple at night. The beacon is seen at night from the San Angelo area.

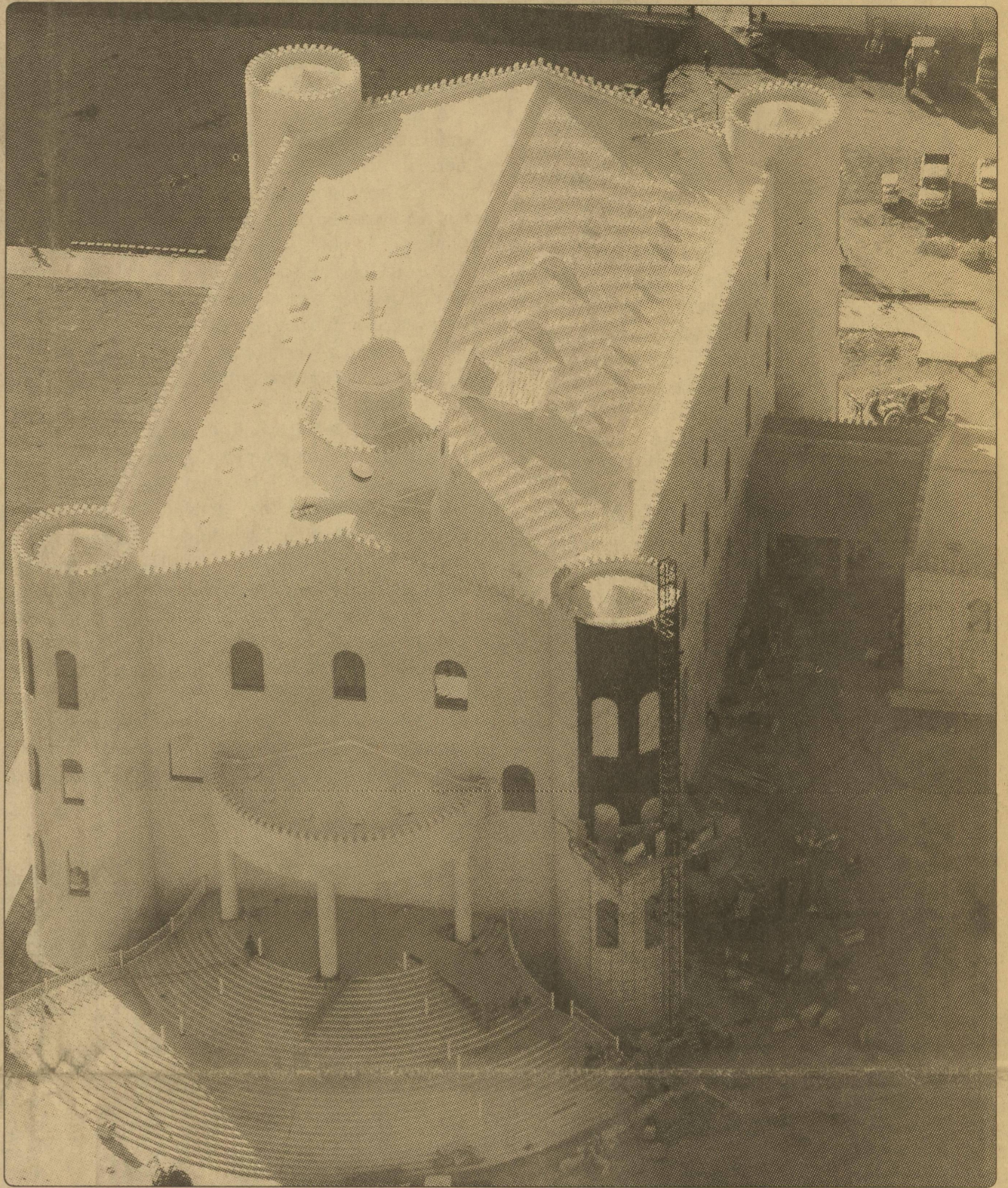
Otherwise the temple, or its uppermost portion, is visible from the north part of the ranch.

FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs is a different story, however. The man who heads the

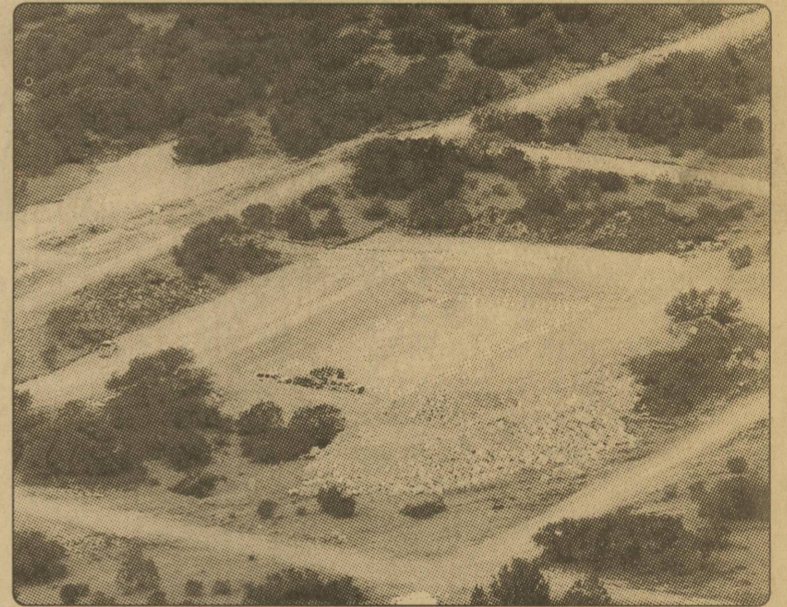
church and the man who reportedly ordered the construction of its first temple is nowhere to be seen, despite the fact that local, state and federal law enforcement officials are looking for Jeffs in hopes of serving a series of state warrants for his alleged involvement in arranging and performing under-aged polygamous marriages, and a federal warrant alleging unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Authorities in Texas, Colorado, Arizona and Utah have received numerous tips as to Jeffs' whereabouts, but none of them have been deemed credible. The latest came a couple of weeks ago when an anonymous tipster reported that Jeffs was in the Colorado City, AZ area to perform a series of marriages at remote locations. Prior to that he was supposedly seen at a sporting goods store and later at a lake in Utah. Lawmen who responded to the reports now believe that none of them were legitimate.

While financial problems plague the prophet and his followers in Arizona and Utah, they appear to have no such problems here in Texas. Property taxes on real property owned by the United Effort Plan trust in Colorado City, AZ has gone unpaid and many of Jeffs' faithful followers face the prospect of losing their homes to back taxes. Here in Schleicher County, however, taxes on the YFZ Ranch and the community that is under construction there have been paid in full, adding fuel to the rumors that Jeffs is turning his back on his flock in Utah and Arizona and shifting the focus of his theological empire to Texas.



One year later and the FLDS temple pictured above on as it appeared on Dec. 21, 2005, is nearing completion. The same location, photographed on Jan. 1, 2006 by Jon Krakauer showed a number of people gathered at the East end of the temple foundation, presumably for a dedication ceremony.



## Poachers beware!

A poacher shot and killed a 10-point buck on the Kerry Joy Ranch last week, but when he approached the downed buck to claim his kill, he quickly learned that the entire incident had been witnessed by a legitimate hunter from Louisiana.

The Louisiana man, himself concealed in a deer blind, yelled at the poacher who stopped momentarily then ran "like a scared rabbit" through the brush, leaving the deer behind.

The scenario is all too common as poachers each year claim thousands of game animals across the state costing landowners millions of dollars in lost hunting revenue.

Texas Game Warden Marco Alvizo says there are only two active poaching cases here in Schleicher County, the one at the Joy Ranch, and another on the Norman Kohls Ranch where a dead buck was left laying where it fell. Norman Kohls hoisted the buck up in a tree near U.S. 277 and fashioned a sign saying, "A Thieving Poacher Killed Him."

In both cases evidence was obtained at the scene and investigators continue to pursue

leads.

On the Joy Ranch, a makeshift deer blind, fabricated from a bed frame and camouflage fabric, was found hidden in a hollowed-out cedar bush. Joy took the homemade blind and set it up in front of West Texas Feed and Mercantile on E. Gillis Avenue in Eldorado. He said he doubts if the owner will come by to claim his property. (See photo on Page 5)

There is a chance, however, that someone else might recognize the gear and it's that chance that prompted Joy to offer a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the poacher. He noted that the state of Texas also offers rewards in poaching cases through Operation Game Thief. The program will pay up to \$1,000 for information in poaching cases.

Persons with information about either case are encouraged to contact Texas Game Warden Marco Alvizo at 325-853-3125, or by calling the Operation Game Thief hotline at 1-800-792-GAME. It is important to note that persons calling the hotline may do so anonymously.

## Williams seeks re-election as Clerk

My name is Peggy Williams and I have spent the last eight years serving as your District & County Clerk. I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for re-election for this office in the upcoming March 7th Democratic Primary Election.

I was born and raised in Eldorado and take great pride in calling Eldorado home. I married Jack Williams in 1972. We have three children. Kim Griffin, the late Misty Key and a son, Chad Williams. We have two wonderful grandchildren whom we love spending time with, Mika Key, age 8 and Samuel Griffin age 1 year. I am a member of First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado.

The daily operations of this office entail everything from filing deed records in the Official Public Records, to issuing birth and death records, issuing marriage licenses, filing civil and criminal cases in both County and District Court,

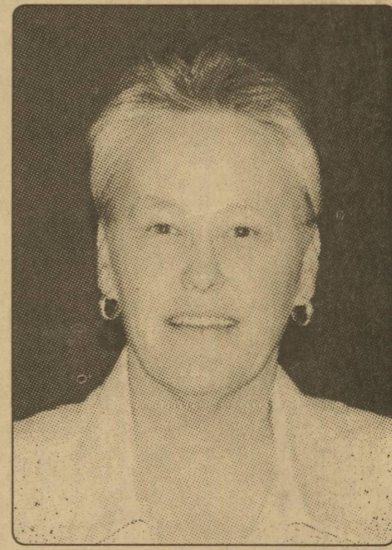


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN  
Schleicher County Clerk  
Peggy Williams

filing probate cases, filing wills for safekeeping, handling child support to holding elections.

Before I took office in 1995, I had worked and trained for 1 1/2 years under the previous clerk,

Helen Blakeway. Over the past eight years serving as your clerk, I have seen many changes in the law that have affected the daily operations of this office. I have the utmost confidence in my staff and I believe that we have done our best to stay on top of those changes whether it be implementing new fee changes or purchasing electronic voting equipment. Schleicher County will experience first hand one of the largest and most challenging of these changes that I have seen during my terms of office as clerk in the March primary election when electronic voting equipment will be implemented.

I love working for the citizens of Schleicher County and I would like to continue to serve you as your next District & County Clerk. I would appreciate your consideration and vote in the Democratic March Primary held March 7, 2006.

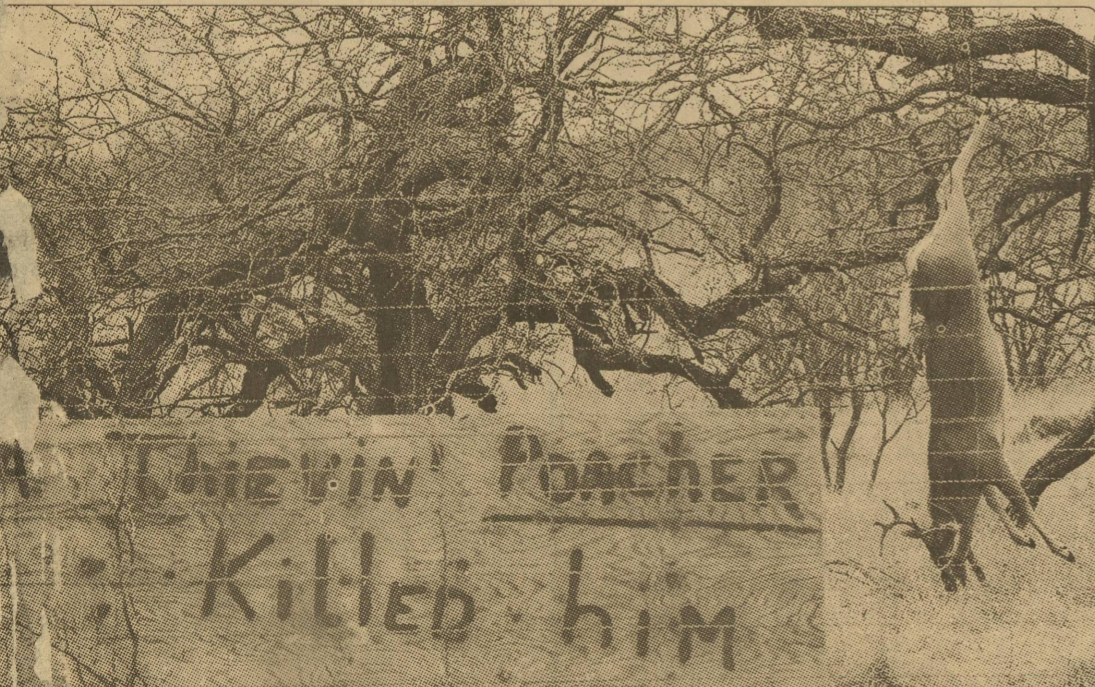


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Local rancher Norman Kohls hoisted this dead buck from a tree recently and placed a sign on his fence line expressing his opinion of game poachers.

## Beating the New Year blues

Are you beginning the New Year with confidence and expectation or with dread and trepidation?

Certainly last year humanity struggled with wrenching challenges — tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, bombings, shocking terrorist acts. It surely does not make for a Happy New Year to start it with worries about what catastrophe will happen next in the world or in your own life.



### Commentary

by Annette Bridges

I've become pre-occupied lately with uncertainties in my life and anticipation of unwelcome changes in the future.

Recently, I came across a statement of promise written by Mary Baker Eddy in her book, Science

and Health with Key to the Scriptures:

"The divine Love, which made harmless the poisonous viper, which delivered men from the boiling oil, from the fiery furnace, from the jaws of the lion, can heal the sick in every age and triumph over sin and death."

These words prompted me to read again one of my favorite Biblical stories about Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego when King Nebuchadnezzar ordered them cast into a fiery furnace for disobeying his orders. (Daniel - Chapter 3)

I've always been in such awe of this account. How even though they were bound and thrown into this fiery furnace, their lives were not destroyed. In fact, not only did they survive, the Bible says, "nor the smell of fire had passed on them."

And they were not alone "walking in the midst of the fire". When the King peered into the furnace, he saw four men and said the fourth was "like the son of God."

In discussing this with a friend, she pointed out that they didn't have to be pulled out of the fire to be saved. They were saved while in the midst of the fire. And the Christ remained in the fiery furnace with them walking by their side.

Pondering this Biblical story has brought me reassurance. It's very comforting to know that no matter what situation I may face in the New Year, the Christ will be with me caring for me, protecting me, nurturing me, strengthening me. And I know this is true for everyone, too.

And this reassurance is increasing my confidence in a loving and all-powerful God that can conquer evil in whatever form it may appear. And encourages me to view the New Year through His eyes

Seeing through His eyes is giving me a different view than that of doom and gloom, illness and death. His vision is only that of the perfection and goodness He made.

Whether His children are walking in a fiery furnace or peacefully by the sea side, His beholds only His beloved children whom He will always care for. His sight never wearies or dims. His perception never changes. His outlook is hope-filled and joyous.

Such a view is helping me replace the New Year blues with an expectancy for a New Year of progress, restoration and healing.

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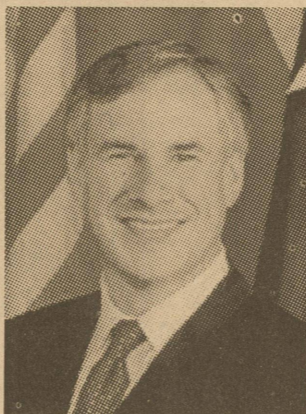
## New laws shine more light on Texas government

We live in an era in which Texans demand more openness from their government. The role of public officials is not to be protectors of public information but active participants in sharing information with the public.

A new Texas law will help achieve that goal. Effective Jan. 1, 2006, all public officials subject to Texas open government laws must complete open government training. The new law tasks the Attorney General's office with establishing the formal training necessary to ensure that all elected and appointed government officials understand open records and open meetings laws.

The new mandatory training law, which I have long supported, grew out of a desire to clear up confusion and provide "no excuses" for government not to comply with open government laws.

My office is responsible for ruling on open records requests from governmental bodies seeking guidance about disclosure of records to the public. Over the past few years, we have seen incredible growth in the number of those requests. Last year alone,



### Commentary

by Attorney General Greg Abbott

we received 11,300 such requests — an almost 40 percent increase in the last two years. We issue an average of about 45 open records rulings per day and answer more than 10,000 calls per year on our Open Government Hotline.

Through our investigations and enforcement, we have found there are several reasons why officials don't comply with open government laws. Some simply try to hide information because they

don't want to follow the law. Then there are foot-draggers, who want to impede access to information by building barriers and making it difficult to get information.

Most often, however, violations of open government laws occur because public officials simply don't know what the law requires. By educating officials about their duty to provide information to the citizens they represent and to conduct lawful open meetings that are accessible to the public, my office can help ensure the law is followed.

My office has produced two hour-long videos — one for the Public Information Act (which governs open records laws), the other for the Open Meetings Act — to teach public officials what those laws require.

The free training videos can be viewed on our website at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us). For those without Internet access, a free DVD or VHS cassette of the videos can be requested by calling my office at (800) 252-8011. You can also visit our website to apply for the Attorney General's approval of an open

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## Governor calls National Guard to fight wild fires

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Drought overlaid with unusually warm weather and gusty winds combined into perfect conditions for wild fires in the closing weeks of 2005.

Wild fires mainly hit tens of thousands of acres of dry grass and brush in north, central and east Texas. Windborn fires jumped roads, caused at least four deaths and burned hundreds of homes.

Gov. Rick Perry ordered the Texas Army National Guard to assist local firefighters and requested air tankers and helicopters from the U.S. Forest Service.

Burn bans were in effect in more than half of the state's 254 counties. "We are working hard from both the ground and the air to protect Texans and their homes and property," Perry said after touring wild-fire stricken scenes.

Senators to study tax situation  
The Legislature must meet in a special session this spring to re-engineer the state's broken tax system before a court-ordered deadline of June 1.

Texans who want to share their ideas on how to fix the state tax system now have a choice of senators to contact.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, recently formed the Senate Select Committee on Education Reform and Public School Finance to study tax issues and recommend legislation that: (1) satisfies the Texas Supreme Court ruling that the current property tax system violates the state constitution; (2) improves public schools; and (3) reduces school property taxes.

Dewhurst named Sen. Florentino Shapiro, R-Plano, chair of the committee and member Sens. Kip Averitt, McGregor; Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville; Steve Ogden, D-Bryan; Royce West, D-Dallas; Tom Williams, R-The Woodlands.

In November, Gov. Perry formed the 23-member Texas Tax Reform Commission comprised of non-partisan legislators and headed by former state Comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat. The commission's focus, as its name suggests, is tax reform.

But Dewhurst's committee will have a broader focus. He encouraged the committee to "continue work on a public school finance plan that puts additional resources into public school classrooms, tied to greater accountability and performance, cuts property taxes and closes business tax loopholes."

Committee chair Shapiro said, "With the State Supreme Court ruling now in hand, my Senate colleagues and I are reaffirmed in our commitment to school property tax relief, classroom excellence, and professional teacher pay."

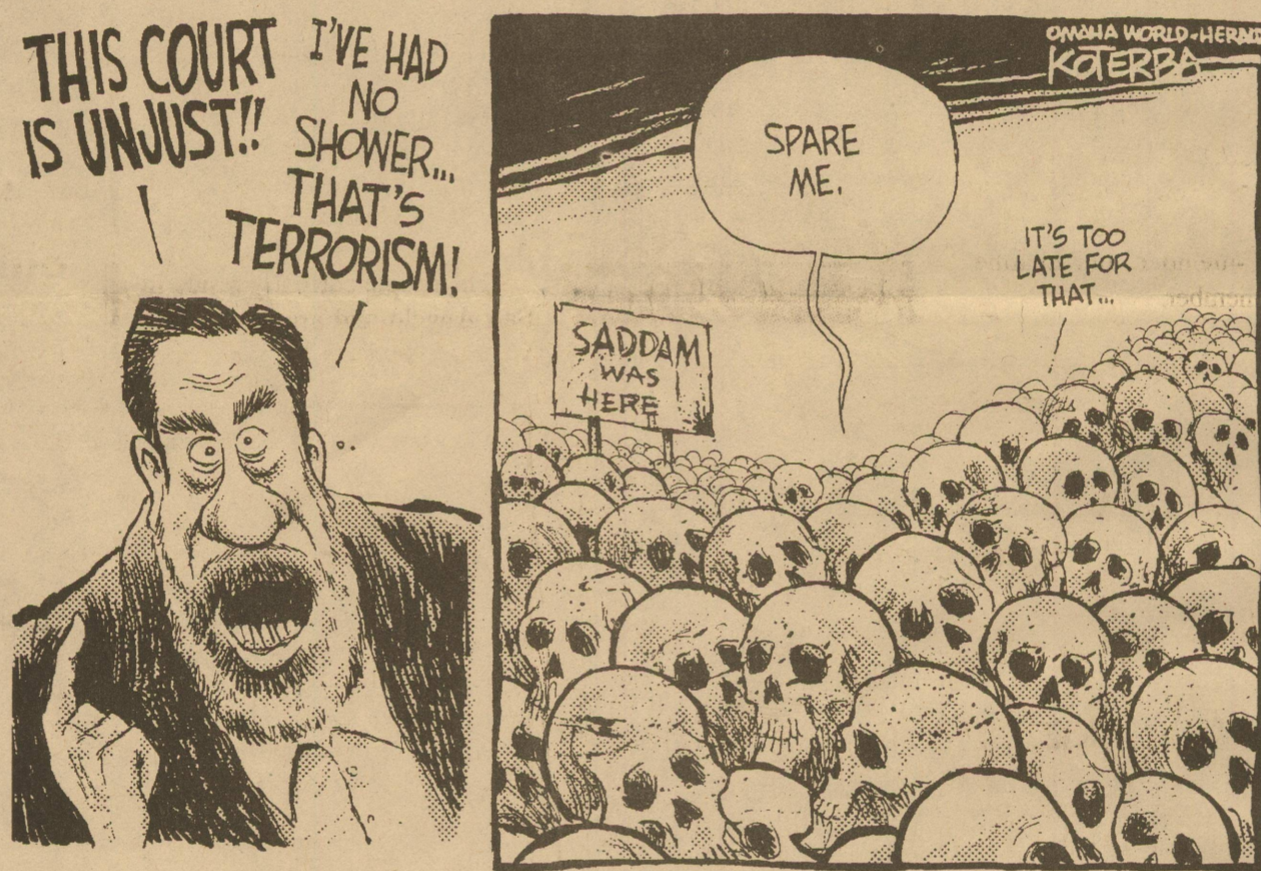
"The Lt. Governor's Select Committee will allow the Senate to do our homework before the upcoming special session."

### JP has discretion in autopsies

Suppose a person has died under circumstances requiring an inquest but the decedent's family has consented to organ removal for the purpose of donation.

A Dec. 28 opinion by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott says the Texas Health & Safety Code authorizes a justice of the peace or designated

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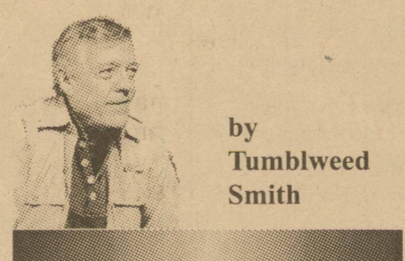
## Riney Jordan is one funny man

Riney Jordan was a school executive in Grapevine 30 years, then moved to the central Texas town of Hamilton.

"We were tired of the big city and the traffic and were looking for a peaceful place where we could settle down for a while and figure out what we were going to do next," says Riney. "We went to a real estate company and asked if they had any interesting old homes we could look at and we found just what we were looking for."

Riney had a fine experience in Grapevine. He was named man of the year there. So leaving Grapevine was a big deal for him. But when he got to Hamilton, it turned out to be his honey pond. He and his wife now own the block of houses where their home is located. His office is across the street from his residence. Yep, office. He has found something to do. He is an after dinner speaker and makes an appearance somewhere in the country nearly every week. He holds workshops for teachers. When I visited him, he had just returned from a speaking trip to Maine.

"Folks started calling me to come speak to them," says Riney.



by Tumbleweed Smith

"They told me they would give me a free meal if I'd come and say a few words. It finally dawned on me one day that I've got a free meal here at the house. I need to start charging if I'm going to do this."

In his speeches, Riney talks about his family and his town. He tells about his son making a decision to join the Marines. When Riney asked him why he wanted to do that, his son replied, "because I'm sick and tired of other people telling me what to do."

Riney loves to make people laugh. "Studies have shown that kids laugh 400 times a day and adults only 15. That's sad, especially when you realize that when you laugh, your immune system gets a boost and people who laugh are healthy."

About Hamilton, Riney told me that when he first moved there

nine years ago an elderly woman told him to lock his car when he parked it on the square. Riney asked her if there was a crime problem in Hamilton. "No," the woman replied. "But if your car isn't locked, someone will come along and put a bucket of squash in the back seat. We've got a lot of squash growers around here and they need to get rid of it."

Riney knew then he had moved to the right place. He says car repair is a big business in Hamilton. "People just drive them for a three block trip, then return home and their cars never get warmed up, so they get clogged up."

I couldn't help but ask Riney about his unusual first name.

"Mama says that she heard it on the Stella Dallas radio program. Riney was a little boy that everybody fell in love with on the Stella Dallas program. But where we lived the reception was so bad I don't think it was Riney and nobody else does either, but you're not going to convince Mama of that. She thinks it's Riney. I've searched the internet and I'm the only Riney Jordan in the world."

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# Answers on Aging

Schleicher County Community Resource Center and the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley will host a seminar on questions for caregivers and older adults who want to stay independent and live with dignity.

Bea Ramsey and Dolly Irish will present "Answers On Aging" Wednesday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the Schleicher County Resource Center, 105 W. Callendar.

## Governor proclaims January as School Board Recognition Month

AUSTIN – Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2006 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation and bolster understanding of the critical role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"...The full promise of this great nation heavily depends on how well young Americans are prepared to embrace and succeed at the challenges ahead. Critical to achieving this goal is ensuring excellence in education."

"Throughout the Lone Star State, school boards work to meet this mission, achieving successes that continue to make a positive difference. Through their efforts in working with educators, government officials and the community, school boards help to provide young Texans with the tools necessary for success."

"Created in 1949 to foster educational excellence in districts throughout the Lone Star State, the Texas Association of School Boards will be conducting an awareness campaign throughout the month of January to highlight the many contributions of school boards."

"I encourage all Texans to recognize the important roles that school boards play in ensuring a quality education for young Texans. Through their commitment and focus on the future, we are building an even stronger foundation for the Texas of tomorrow," he said.

"We encourage every community to take time in January to acknowledge the vital contri-

butions made by locally elected school trustees and support them as they tackle the challenging and rewarding task of preparing our students for the future. School board members are extraordinary people who are dedicated advocates for Texas youth, yet few people fully understand the demands and far-reaching implications of their responsibilities on local boards," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

"More than 7,000 men and women serve their Texas communities on school boards and give of their vision, knowledge, leadership and time, working purely for the common good of every child. It is important to recognize the commitment that board service requires as local trustees work with parents, educators, and community leaders to develop sound educational policies in their districts. They help us to set high standards in the education system, urging us all to strive to reach educational excellence and better prepare the next generation," he said

Schleicher County ISD school board members are: Jo Helen Kotsch-President, Eddie Albin-Vice-President, Berta Nicolson-Secretary, Kurtis Homer-member, Lupe Sanchez-member, Jan Wanoreck-member, and Leanne Higgins-member.

*TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 4.3 million public school students.*



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Mr. and Mrs. David Ray Doran

## Byrd/Doran Wed

Jennifer Alleen Byrd and David Ray Doran, were united in marriage on Saturday, December 31, 2005, in a double ring ceremony at the Schleicher County Memorial Building in Eldorado, Texas with Judge James C. Doyle officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Rosa Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. John and Jennifer Byrd, all of San Angelo.

The bride groom is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. David and Lenette Doran of Eldorado.

Matron of honor was Nicole Sanchez of San Angelo, sister of the bride. Best man was David Doran, father of the groom. The bride was given in marriage by her father John A. Byrd.

Flower girl was Makayla Sanchez niece of the bride and ring bearer was Noah Sanchez nephew of the bride. Usher was Aaron Byrd brother of the bride and guest registrar was Chelsea Wood. All are from San Angelo.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of San Angelo Central High School. She currently is attending Angelo State University to obtain a degree in psychology.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Eldorado High School. He plans to attend Howard College in San Angelo this summer to obtain a degree in nursing.

The couple currently reside in San Angelo and are planning a wedding trip later this summer.



COURTESY PHOTO

Mitch Ryan Williams

## It's a Boy!

Mitch Ryan Williams was born December 20, 2005, weighing 6 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

Parents are Ryan and Ginger Sterling Williams of Dallas. The happy grandparents are Rick and Becky Sterling of Eldorado.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- January**  
**6th** Stacy Nicholson, Marcus Murr, Joyce Higdon, Andree Garza  
**7th** Ray David Buitron Sr., Dillon Greer, Bryce Leggett, Steve Parker, Steven Farrell  
**8th** Delia Herrera, Thelma Bosmans, Gene C. Rojas, Dan McWhorter, Anna Troy  
**9th** Tata Belman, Raymond Riley, Keith Nance, Rocky Huichapa, Ricky Huichapa  
**10th** Micah Grelle, Selina Rojas, Richard Harris, George Scott, Billy Williams, Carisa Porter  
**11th** Ricky Jones, Sharon Spinks, Carolyn Hamilton, Manny Gonzalez, Rosa Trevino, Larry Marshall, Clayton Mack Edmiston  
**12th** Edward Barajas, Teresa Thomas, Allen Kuykendall, Teresa Lux, Mike Lux, Jerry Jones, Mary Nolen

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## FNB sponsors weekly Sudoku puzzle

Sudoku, a numbers puzzle craze that originated in Japan, has been sweeping the nation since it was introduced in the New York Times in 2004. Now, thanks to the sponsorship of The First National Bank of Eldorado, the popular puzzle makes its debut in The Eldorado Success.

The challenging numbers game requires the participant to fill in

nine intersecting rows and columns of numbers in such a way that each row and each column, as well as each small nine-box square, contains all of the digits one through nine.

Look for a new Sudoku puzzle each week in the Success. The first installment is directly to the right of this story in the First National Bank advertisement.

## Capital Highlights...

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physician to determine whether organs or tissue may be removed for donation.

Furthermore, the opinion said, a district attorney may not require a justice of the peace to deny organ or tissue removal.

### SBC becomes AT&T

SBC of San Antonio has acquired New Jersey-based AT&T and taken its name.

SBC, the company formerly known as Southwestern Bell, was one of seven "Baby Bells" born in 1982 when a federal court forced the break-up of AT&T into re-

gional telephone companies.

With the acquisition and name change, San Antonio-based AT&T becomes the largest phone company in the nation.

### Jurors to be paid more

A law that goes into effect with the new year compensates members of grand juries and petit juries much more for their civic service.

Jurors who serve all or part of a single day will still get a \$6 check, but jurors who serve two or more days, or a fraction of a day after the first day of service, will get \$40 per day.

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## Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate    ★★ Challenging    ★★★ Hoo Boy!

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## Boys basketball action

The Eldorado Varsity Boys headed to Big Lake on Tuesday returning home with their third loss in Reagan County over the past week.

Trailing by one at the half the Warbirds were in good position to end the game strong, but the Owls out scored the Eagles by 11 points in the final half boosting them to a 62-50 victory.

Leading scorer for the Warbirds on the night was Jorge Bustos with 17 points, including 5 three-pointers.

Drew Bosmans managed 10 in the contest while Russell Cathey had 7.

Lalo Sanchez and Frank Wipff both had three, and Michael Redish and Jorge Mata finished with two.

Cathey was perfect from the foul line helping the team to an 8 for 12 night from the line.

The warbirds will continue district play this Friday as they take on the Junction Eagles here at 8:00 p.m.

The recent Reagan County Tournament made sure the Eagles would be no strangers to the hardwood in Big Lake.

## Lady Eagles drop 4 games

The Lady Eagles traveled to Big Lake this past weekend and finished 0-3 in the Reagan County Tournament.

They dropped their first game against Garden City 16-34.

The Lady Eagles lost their second game to Irion County 58-48.

Their final loss of the tournament came against Ft. Stockton 61-53.

The Lady Eagles fourth trip to Big Lake was Tuesday as the Eagles took on the Lady Owls in District play.

The Owls managed to hold the Eagles to 9 points in the first half.

Despite a solid second half of play and a 21 point fourth quarter the Lady Eagles fell 61-34.

Chandra Wanoreck was the leading scorer for the Lady Eagles with 8 points.

Maxie Holley and Cassandra Buitron both had 7.

Kirsten Stubbs managed 4, and Taylor Baker 3.

Both Chelsey Hill and Haley Higgins had 2, while Josie Diaz sank one free throw.

The Lady Eagles will continue district play against Junction this Friday at 6:30 here at Eagle Gym.

The first round pitted the Warbirds against Ballinger in a contest the Eagles would lose 59-30.

Drew Bosmans was the high scorer for the Eagles with 11 points.

Russell Cathey and Jeremy Ussery both scored 4. Michael Redish and Rance Cathey had 3, and Michael Ballew and Frank Wipff had 2.

Jorge Mata ended with a free throw.

The Eagles dropped their second game to Garden City 55-47 in overtime.

Wipff led the scoring with 18 points.

Bosmans had 11 points, Lalo Sanchez and Ballew both had 6.

Cathey, Mata and Ussery all scored 2 points.

Eldorado pulled it together to win their final game of the tournament 52-45 against Irion County.

Bustos finished with 20 in the contest, including 4 three-pointers.

Bosmans had 13, Sanchez with 8, Ballew and Wipff with 5 and Cathey with 3.



Jorge Mata went up to block a shot during for the Warbirds during boys varsity action in Big Lake Tuesday night. Eldorado fell to the Reagan County Owls 62-50 in District 2-2A action.

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**Tuesday, January 10**  
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**Wednesday, January 11**  
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**Thursday, January 12**  
 Breakfast Roll, Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Friday, January 13**  
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**Thursday, January 12**  
 Pep. Hot Pocket, French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Pear Halves

**Friday, January 13**  
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Sandwich Salad, Orange/Apple Halves

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**Monday, January 9**  
 Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Mixed Fruit

**Tuesday, January 10**  
 Burritos, Pinto Beans, Carrots Sticks, Dip, Pineapple/Orange Salad

**Wednesday, January 11**  
 Beef Stew, Corn Bread, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Carrot Sticks's, Dip, Rosie Applesauce

**Thursday, January 12**  
 Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Pear Halves

**Friday, January 6**  
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Sandwich Salad, Orange /Apple Halves

# Exercise center development in 2005

A plan continues to be in the works for the construction of an exercise and health information center in Eldorado. The Schleicher County Wellness Foundation was formed last year to develop a health and wellness center, which would include state of the art exercise equipment and classrooms for health education. Cardiac rehabilitation activities, under physicians' directions, as well as personal exercise activities will be offered at the new facility. Health education classes will be given with special attention to diabetes and high blood pressure management, prevention of acute asthma attacks, weight control and dietary information for healthier living. Aerobic exercise classes will also be part of the program.

Initial architect plans have been drawn up and the Foundation is now awaiting a not-for-profit determination from the Internal Revenue Service so that all gifts will be tax deductible. Plans to solicit contributions and construction of grant applications will be developed when the determination is finalized.

The Board of the Foundation includes Edward Albin (chairman), Debbie Griffin, Randy Mankin, Beverly Minor (treasurer), Randy Mitchell, Danny Pina, Cherie Sproul, Rick Sterling and Ilse Williams. Volunteer staff includes: Dr. Jim Brame as Executive Director, Nancy Lester, Director of Program Development, Beckie Silva as Wellness Coordinator and Holly Brame as Staff Administrator.

A slide show is being constructed and will be available for groups who want more information about the exercise and health center plan and development. Volunteers are always needed to get this very worthwhile project completed for

the healthy benefit of all of us. Direct any inquiries to Dr. Brame or Nancy Lester should you have a particular interest in the project or in any of the proposed exercise of health awareness programs.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

### Robles writing for new TV show

Dear Editor,  
I received this email from Henry Robles this week and thought it would be of interest to Eldorado since he is an Eldorado graduate.  
Lisa O'Harrow

Dear Friends and Relatives,  
Forgive the mass email but I wanted to let you know about the new show I've been working on since leaving "Cold Case" last spring. It premieres this Sunday, January 1 on ABC and it's called "In Justice."


It will air weekly on Fridays at 9 pm, 8 pm central time (I think). Check your local TV Guide or newspaper to be sure. This Sunday's showing is a special sneak peek of a future episode. But if you want to get in on the action from the beginning, check out the pilot episode which airs on Friday, January 6.

"In Justice" stars Kyle MacLachlan as the leader of the National Justice Project, a non-profit group of lawyers (and one former cop) who work to get wrongfully convicted people out of prison. Each episode begins with the crime as the jury believed it happened and introduces the wrongfully convicted in prison. After taking the case, our lawyers and investigators deconstruct the crime to show how the accused was imprisoned erroneously, and they find the real guilty party in the process.

The show has an excellent cast and is fast-paced and fun. I hope you like it. I did not write the episode that airs on January 1 or the one that airs on the 6th. The episode I wrote will probably air sometime in February. You can, however, spot my name in the closing credits of all episodes as "Story Editor." The episode I wrote is called "The Ten Percenter" and will probably air sometime in February. We started shooting it the week before Christmas and we will finish shooting it on January 4th (which means I'll be watching

the Rose Bowl on TV on the set between takes. Hook 'em Horns!) Those of you wondering why I've been negligent in returning phone calls and emails, now you know. Sorry! I'll be in touch soon. In the meantime, enjoy the show! Best, Henry

Editor Note: Henry Robles was a staff writer on "Cold Case" last year. Before that he was a corporate litigator at a succession of different law firms in Los Angeles. He is a 1996 graduate of Stanford Law School, a 1991 graduate of UT Austin, and a 1987 graduate of EHS.



### Way Off Broadway Players "Sanders Family Christmas"

Tickets for the Way Off Broadway final production of the Sanders Family Christmas are now on sale. Tickets will be sold at the Eldorado Success, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. You can contact the office at 325/853-3125 or email for tickets at kathy@myeldorado.net. Ticket \$8.50 per person.

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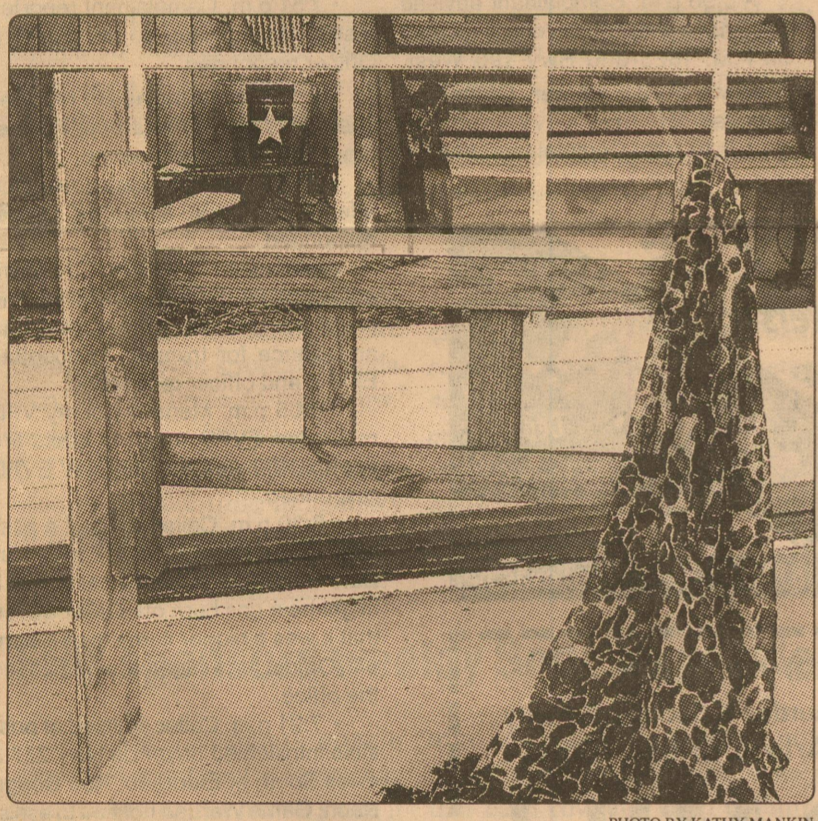
## Filing deadline passes leaving one contested race

Bill Clark, county commissioner in Precinct 2, is the only county office holder to draw an opponent in the 2006 elections. Local businessman Lynn Meador filed two weeks ago to run for the position in the Republican primary. Clark, a Democrat, filed as the deadline neared. Since neither man has a primary opponent, they won't face one another on the ballot until the November general election.

Johnny Griffin and Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle filed for reelection on the Democratic ticket. So did County Clerk Peggy Williams and County Treasurer Karen Henderson.

County Commission Matt Brown filed for reelection in Precinct 4 on the Republican ticket.

The Democratic and Republican primaries are slated for March 7, 2006. This year, for the first time, the two primary elections will be held jointly.



Part of a bed frame, a few scraps of lumber and a piece of camouflage fabric was recovered from the Kerry Joy Ranch last week after a poacher used the material to fabricate a makeshift deer blind and illegally kill a 10-point buck. The crime was witnessed by another hunter and the case remains under investigation. (See story on Page 1)

### Weekly Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1. Lap dog, for short
4. Cruel dudes
9. Broad tie
14. Keatsian work
15. Take a powder
16. Delve into
17. \$1,000,000, informally
18. Wyoming landmark
20. Roaches, moths, etc.
22. Actress Raines
23. Clairvoyant's gift
24. Went out with
26. Sci-fi and mystery, for two
29. Sent to Siberia
31. Where to tread the boards
33. Mother/daughter differences, perhaps
36. Excavation find
37. Chat room "I believe"
38. 1040 gp.
41. Hitting the bull's-eye
48. Refrigerator gas
49. Like urban air, perhaps
50. Fez adornment
53. Like bogs
54. Make a choice
55. Place to hibernate
58. Like a designated driver
61. They allow unrestricted migration
65. "Odds \_\_\_\_"
66. Vichy leader

**DOWN**

1. Circumstance
2. Garfield's pal
3. "Alice" eatery
4. Golden Ager
5. "No kidding!"
6. Talked wildly
7. Demon's doing
8. Bear market order
9. EIK's place
10. B'way success
11. Shrink in fear
12. More than plump
13. U. of Maryland athletes
19. "Cosmos" host
21. It may be spun
25. Author LeShan
27. Quiche ingredient
28. Museum-funding org.
29. Sense of self
30. Gen- (baby boomer's kid)
31. Pop's Carly
32. Character on a cel
34. Former Yugoslav leader
35. Holder of a child's savings
39. Rule, for short
40. Porker's pad
42. They're uncertain
43. Coll. sr.'s test
44. Name tag word
45. China's Lao-\_\_
46. Stores up
47. \_\_-Rooter
50. Ax and adz
51. Horrify
52. Canyon of the comics
53. Ragu rival
56. Asia's \_\_ Sea
57. In a shiftless way
59. Buffalo's lake
60. Depend
62. Pre-K break
63. Diner order, for short
64. Sought a seat

**Chain Gang**

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## New laws shine more light on Texas state government

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government training course, to fill out an open government course completion certificate, and to find answers to many other frequently asked questions.

Officials who were in office before Jan. 1, 2006, have until Jan. 1, 2007, to complete the required training. Officials who are elected or appointed after Jan. 1, 2006, have 90 days after taking office within which to complete the required training.

I expect this law to reduce violations, increase compliance and speed up response times to open records requests. This, in turn, should decrease the money spent on enforcement and reduce the costs incurred on lawsuits to

defend open government claims.

As I said earlier, no longer do public officials have any excuse for not following the state's open government laws. This training will teach public officials what the law requires and that there will be consequences for not following it.

I'm proud to say I have already completed the new open government training. As stewards of the public trust, we government officials have a duty to be as transparent as possible in the way the public's business is conducted. Making this kind of training available will help prevent inadvertent compliance problems and ensure our government remains open in the interest of all Texans.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN  
Congressman Mike Conaway was in Eldorado Tuesday. Here he is shown receiving a briefing from Sheriff David Doran (R) concerning developments at the YFZ Ranch.

## 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

**December 27** • Valtierra, Jose Angel, male age 25, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Warrant. Released out on \$1,500.00 Bond.

• Franco, Rudolfo, male age 42, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Warrant.

**December 28** • Ocon, Juan, male age 18, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI-Mis B.

**December 29** • Jackson, Bobby, male age 69, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz. Released on \$1,500.00 Surety Bond from Concho Bail Bonds.

**December 30** • Parker, Kenny D., male age 45, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI-Mis. B. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

**January 1** • Parker, Jerry Dwain, male age 41, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Local Warrant. Released on Time Served on County Warrant.

**January 2** • Salinas, Pablo Antonio, male age 19, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI-1st. Released on \$1,000.00 Cash Bond.

• Hart, Carl E., male age 43, arresting officer SC deputy, Serving 10 days.

### INCIDENTS

**December 27** • 3:45 p.m. Reported a grass fire out at her cabin on Henderson Lane. EFVD responded.

• 5:50 p.m. Complainant advised S.O. that a suspicious vehicle located on F.M. 1828 and Hwy 190 West. A brown Ford Explorer. Officer responded.

• 9:10 p.m. Complainant advised

criminal mischief at residence on Laredo. Damage to fence area in back of residence. Complainant noticed while checking up on residence. Officer responded.

**December 28** • 11:51 a.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle parked near the Catholic Church. Officer responded.

• 5:34 p.m. Complainant reported harassment. Officer responded.

• 10:17 p.m. Complainant reported having domestic problems with wife on East Street. Officer responded.

**December 29** • 9:45 a.m. Damage to the store at Red Front windows, side of store. Officer responded and estimated damage report.

• 11:32 a.m. Complainant reported someone shot the front of the fire hall with paint balls. Officer responded.

• 5:56 p.m. Complainant reported smoke on Hwy 277. Officer responded.

• 6:24 p.m. Complainant reported a stolen bicycle from her garage on West Street. Officer responded.

• 6:50 p.m. Complainant reported domestic problem female subject left the scene and male subject was on standby. Officer responded.

**December 30** • 11:56 a.m. Complainant reported that windows had been broken out in her house on El Paso Street. Officer responded.

• 1:01 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about subjects staying in his house. Officer responded.

• 1:12 p.m. Complainant reported that a window had been broken out at the high school. A fire extinguisher was also dispersed in the hallway. Officer responded.

**December 31** • 11:18 a.m. Complainant reported a burnt orange four door Ford pickup driving at a high rate of speed. Officer responded.

• 12:26 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an elderly male. EMS 2 and officer responded.

• 2:16 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.

• 5:07 p.m. Requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 6:10 p.m. Complainant reported neighbors popping firecrackers on East Street. Officer responded.

• 7:51 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious pickup on his property. Officer responded.

• 8:18 p.m. Complainant reported suspicious activity and popping firecrackers. Officer responded.

• 9:55 p.m. Complainant reported a female had been assaulted. Officer responded.

**January 1** • 2:10 p.m. Complainant reported mother had fallen and could not pick her up requested an ambulance for transfer to hospital. EMS 1 and officer responded.

• 3:05 p.m. Menard County VFD requested EVFD assist in grass fire approx. 45 miles on 190 East. EVFD responded.

• 6:30 p.m. Caller advised a possible grass fire on C.R. 312 near Hull Dale Gas Plant. Advised caller that it might be a gas burn off. Caller added that it was a bigger flame than a burn off. Officer investigated and notified the office.

• 7:21 p.m. Caller advised of possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 277 3 miles South of Eldorado. Red Dodge Neon. Game Warden notified to assist in locating. Officer and Game Warden located vehicle near laundromat.

**January 2** • 9:02 a.m. Reported smelling smoke South of town. EVFD responded.

• 2:46 p.m. Reported an alarm going off. Officer responded.

• 2:54 p.m. Reported a truck had hit a telephone pole. WTU was contacted and an officer responded.

• 6:16 p.m. Caller advised that office needed to respond to West Gillis in reference to domestic dispute. Officer responded.

• 6:42 p.m. Caller advised that her son had not been returned by ex-spouse by designated time.

**January 3** • 9:31 a.m. Complainant requested a criminal trespass be served on a female subject. Officer responded.

• 2:02 p.m. Reported their business getting hit with paint balls. Officer responded.

• 2:58 p.m. Complainant reported finding a male and female Pomernian.

• 3:13 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary of her residence. She advised that there are some guns missing. Officer responded.

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

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The proposed Amendment establishes standards and regulations relating to timely local permits, connections of utility services, meeting site and location restrictions, and allows for enforcement of such standards and regulations.

A copy of proposed Amendment #17 is available at the City Hall. Citizens are invited to ask questions and provide either written or oral comment on the above proposed items.

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The Resource Center would like to give a great big thank you to students and sponsors who took part in the annual Angel Tree Project this year. The Eldorado Middle School Seventh Grade students raised enough money to purchase and wrap gifts for 32 angels. After the group brought the gifts to the Resource Center where they were treated to refreshments provided by Super S Foods.

Also a debt of gratitude to the businesses who displayed the Angel Trees, they were First National Bank, Duckwalls and Super S Foods.

Also a special thank you to these wonderful individuals and organizations who purchased gifts for their angels.

They are Susie McAlpine, Carolyn Williams, HST 1 @ High School Class of Susie Richters, Eldorado Head Start, Jere Willoughby, Senaida Martinez, Ashley Moore, Wm's Agape Church, Lupe Mejia, Sara Rodriguez, Farah Fennem, The Stan Meadors, Pearl Vinlove, Blanco Charboneau, GERALYN BEACH, Mary B. Robinson, Lisa Johnson, Randy Mitchel, Mary Doran, Connie Wells, Maricla Sanchez, Frances Peters, FBF Sunday School Class, Linda Lindsey, Pam White, Blaine Mitchell, Branda Gray, Maria Q. Adame and Bridgett Mitchell.

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Also, Jan Barton, Christy Meador, Jill Preston, Dorothy Dacy, Darlene Edmiston, and all others that helped out in any way.

There were 119 children on the Angel Tree list this year. Eldorado joy helped those children have a better Christmas.

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**Eldorado Spotlight**



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# State Fire Marshal urges extreme caution due to drought conditions

AUSTIN — With Texas experiencing the worst drought conditions in years, State Fire Marshal Paul Maldonado is urging local officials and all Texas residents to be vigilant in doing what they can to prevent wildfires.

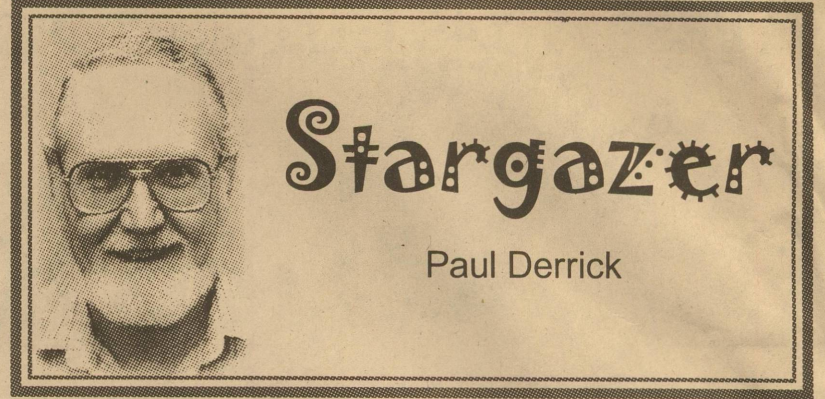
"It is paramount that we all do what is necessary to prevent wildfires right now. This weekend will be especially dangerous as many celebrate the New Year with fireworks," said Maldonado. "But the extremely dry conditions are going to continue well beyond this holiday period. Any outdoor activity that can produce sparks or flames could potentially lead

to a wildfire that will be difficult to control, threatening life and property."

Recent wildfires in north and east Texas have caused at least four deaths and burned tens of thousands of acres, destroying more than 100 structures including 78 homes. Maldonado believes most of these fires were the result of some human action, underscoring the need for all Texans to comply with local ordinances and take common sense precautions to avoid accidental ignitions. As long as the extreme drought conditions persist, the danger of wildfires remains a strong possibility.

County commissioners in more than half of all Texas counties have instituted local burn ban orders and many of these communities have also restricted the use of aerial fireworks, specifically prohibiting the sale or use of rockets with sticks and missiles with fins. Maldonado says while all fireworks can be dangerous, these two types in particular pose unique hazards in regard to fires.

"Texans should exercise extreme caution over the holiday weekend and celebrate without the use of dangerous fireworks, particularly aerial fireworks that can start a fire far from where they were originally lit," Maldonado said. "A person using fireworks may not know they have sparked a fire until it's too late. The risk of lost lives and homes is simply too high."



## Stargazer

Paul Derrick

## Space Exploration in 2006

If all goes as planned 2006 will be an exciting year for space exploration as six missions are scheduled to begin, end, or achieve a milestone.

Stardust returns Jan. 15 from its encounter with Comet Wild-2. Having already sent images and other data, its main mission was to fly through the comet's tail, gather particles of cometary dust, and return them to Earth for up-close study. Scientists hope to learn more about the origin of comets, and thus more about star and planet formation. [stardust.jpl.nasa.gov]

NASA officials may be watching with more than normal anxiety. In Sept. 2004 the Genesis spacecraft, attempting to soft land with solar particles, crash landed, so keep your fingers crossed.

One of the most exciting missions in years is New Horizons, to be launched between Jan. 17 and Feb. 14 on a long journey to the last unexplored planet, Pluto. If launched before Feb. 3, it will fly by Jupiter in 2007, get a gravitational speed-boost, and reach Pluto in 2015. A later launch, missing the Jupiter boost, will add five years to the trip. [pluto.jhuapl.edu]

In March the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter will begin orbiting Mars for a 2-year study expected to double our knowledge about our intriguing neighbor. [mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mro]

In April the Venus Express will begin orbiting and studying our other planetary neighbor. [www.esa.int/SPECIALS/Venus\_Express]

Also in April Stereo, a pair of spacecraft designed to study the Sun, will be launched. With one craft orbiting ahead of Earth and the other behind it, the pair will enable stereoscopic (3-D) study of

solar events like sunspots, flares, prominences and other solar eruptions. [stereo.gsfc.nasa.gov]

Finally June will see the launch of Dawn to the asteroid belt. It will spend 7 months studying Vesta in 2011, and then go to the largest asteroid, Ceres, reaching it in 2015. [dawn.jpl.nasa.gov]

• 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.) Mercury spends early Jan. in the morning sky near the eastern horizon but quickly sinks into the Sun. Venus, low in west at dusk, is about to sink into the setting Sun. Mars, high in the south in the evening, is still bright but growing fainter nightly. Jupiter, rising after midnight, is in the southeast by morning. Saturn rises soon after sunset and is up all night.

• Astro Milestones: Jan. 14 is the 460th birthday of Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe (1546-1601).

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

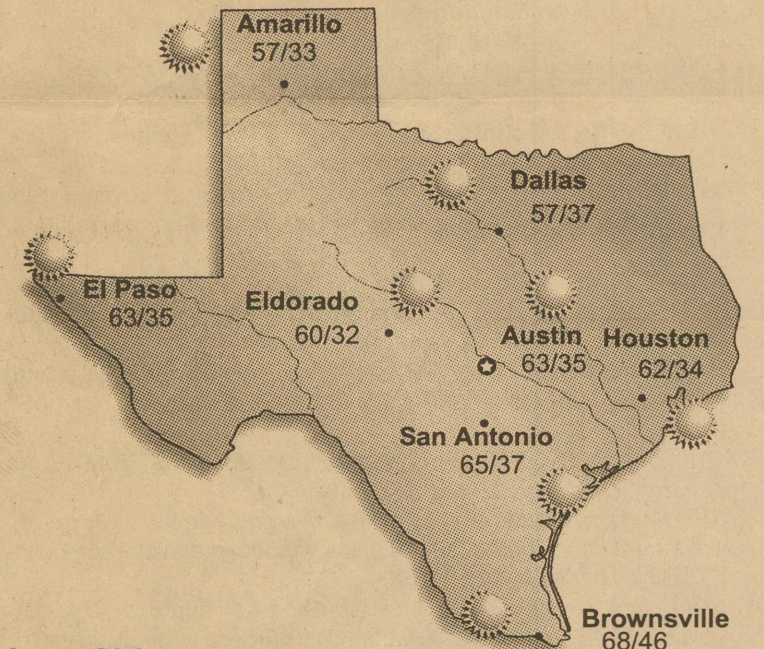
### Eldorado Weather

#### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fr 1/6	Sat 1/7	Sun 1/8	Mon 1/9	Tue 1/10
<b>60/32</b> Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>71/38</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	<b>71/38</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	<b>73/39</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	<b>65/35</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 5:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 5:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 5:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 5:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 5:59 PM

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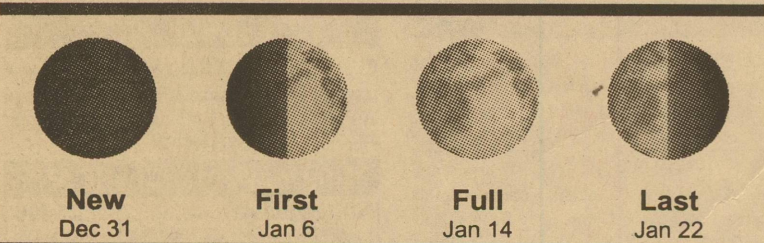
#### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	58	37	sunny	Kingsville	68	42	sunny
Amarillo	57	33	sunny	Livingston	59	29	sunny
Austin	63	35	sunny	Longview	56	33	sunny
Beaumont	59	33	sunny	Lubbock	60	33	sunny
Brownsville	68	46	sunny	Lufkin	59	32	sunny
Brownwood	62	35	sunny	Midland	60	34	sunny
Corpus Christi	65	43	sunny	Raymondville	69	43	sunny
Corsicana	59	35	sunny	Rosenberg	62	33	sunny
Dallas	57	37	sunny	San Antonio	65	37	sunny
Del Rio	64	36	sunny	San Marcos	64	34	sunny
El Paso	63	35	sunny	Sulphur Springs	54	33	sunny
Fort Stockton	64	40	sunny	Sweetwater	59	37	sunny
Gainesville	54	32	sunny	Tyler	55	32	sunny
Greenville	54	33	sunny	Weatherford	56	32	sunny
Houston	62	34	sunny	Wichita Falls	58	35	sunny

#### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	44	24	cloudy	Minneapolis	26	21	pt sunny
Boston	39	26	cloudy	New York	41	27	pt sunny
Chicago	30	23	flurries	Phoenix	77	48	sunny
Dallas	57	37	sunny	San Francisco	60	48	cloudy
Denver	60	37	mst sunny	Seattle	54	39	rain
Houston	62	34	sunny	St. Louis	37	26	pt sunny
Los Angeles	75	54	pt sunny	Washington, DC	42	28	cloudy
Miami	67	49	rain				

#### Moon Phases



#### UV Index

Day	UV Index	Day	UV Index
Fr 1/6	4	Mon 1/9	4
Sat 1/7	4	Tue 1/10	4
Sun 1/8	4		

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The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

## Prominent range researcher retires

by Steve Byrns

SAN ANGELO — Dr. Darrell Ueckert, Regents Fellow and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station range researcher at San Angelo, will retire in mid-January.

Ueckert developed the Brush Busters program with Dr. Allan McGinty, Texas Cooperative Extension specialist, also of San Angelo.

Brush Busters stemmed from the two men's realization that landowners needed a simple and effective noxious plant control system. The resulting do-it-yourself individual plant treatments enable landowners to control noxious plants without harming nearby desirable species. Originally designed to control mesquite, McGinty said the technique now includes almost a dozen of Texas' worst rangeland invaders, and has been used on hundreds of thousands of acres in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and several foreign countries.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Dr. Darrell Ueckert

Another of Ueckert's career highlights was his work in cooperation with the University of Texas System's lands. That research involved the selection of salt-tolerant desirable native plants for use in re-vegetating oilfield sites.

He also developed a fire and herbicide control system for pricklypear cactus control and many other brush control and rangeland restoration technologies.

Ueckert has been the rangeland ecologist at San Angelo since 1976. Before that, he was on Texas Tech University's range and wildlife management teaching and research faculty for seven years.

He earned a bachelor's degree in range management from Texas Tech in 1966 and his master's and doctorate degrees in range science at Colorado State University in 1968 and 1969 respectively.

Ueckert has authored or co-authored 250 scientific papers and reports on rangeland ecology, and brush or weed management. In 2004, he co-authored the book "Brush Management, Past, Present, and Future."

Ueckert has been a member and held many officer and advisory positions in both the Texas Section Society for Range Management and the Society for Range Management.

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- Tuesday, January 10**  
Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/ Pears, Milk
- Wednesday, January 11**  
Oven Pork Chop, Noodles, Carrot, Bread, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk
- Thursday, January 12**  
Meatloaf w/ Tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, January 13**  
Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cheery Cobbler, Milk

Solution to puzzle on Page 5

Chain Gang

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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