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Former polygamist gets first look at temple on YFZ Ranch

Richard Holm of St. George, UT, freely admits that he once practiced polygamy. Having been brought up in Colorado City, AZ as a devout member of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, polygamous, or plural, marriages were an accepted fact of life. Now, two years after being kicked out of the church and evicted from his property by FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs, Holm says he has had to reevaluate his faith.

Holm said he lost everything when he was booted out of the church. His two wives, Lorena and Alice, and his seven children were taken from him by Warren Jeffs and reassigned to his brother Edson.

"Warren Jeffs executed my family," Holm told the Success in 2004. "He took my wives and gave them in marriage to my brother Ed. It was like a death sentence."

He blames youthful indiscretions for his expulsion from the church. Holm said he strayed as a young man but returned to the church and confessed his sins to Rulon Jeffs.

He says that Warren Jeffs was assisting his father at that point in time and that he secretly audio taped Holm's confession.

"The snake used it against me as soon as he got the chance," Holm claimed.

Holm says that he believes many of the men who have been kicked out of the FLDS church in recent months fell victim to Warren Jeffs' malicious nature.

Richard Holm was in Eldorado on Tuesday where he came to see for himself the YFZ Ranch, or at least as much of it as he could see from County Road 300.

"It's big," Holm stated as he peered through binoculars at the massive white limestone temple that dominates the landscape at the YFZ. "It's just strange," he added. "Not like what I expected."

Seeking a better vantage point, Holm followed the county road eastward beyond two sharp curves to a hill where he could park and look back at the front of the temple. Looking again through the binoculars Holm speculated that he too might have been working away inside the ranch if only circumstances had not forced him out of the FLDS church and away from his family.

Holm, 53, says that things were different when he was young. He and his

first wife were sweethearts and wanted to marry. They approached then Prophet Leroy Johnson and he agreed to the marriage, but only after consulting both sets of parents.

"There were no forced marriages then," Holm added. "It was a different time."

Some years later, after the death of Leroy Johnson, Holm was summoned to meet the group's new leader, Rulon Jeffs. "That's when he told me he was giving me another wife," Holm states. "That was that."

Holm had three wives in all, but one of them left him. Then Rulon Jeffs died and his son Warren Jeffs ascended to power.

"What a weasel he was," Holm says. "He was a snake, interested in nothing but power."

Richard Holm had, by 2003, risen to a position of prominence within Colorado City, Arizona, the home of the FLDS church. He was a successful businessman, owner of a motel and restaurant, and had served for 12 years on the Colorado City Council.

His success allowed him to give back to the church that dominated day to day life in the small town. He purchased a large parcel of property on the Utah side of the state line that bisects the polygamous community and donated it to the United Effort Plan trust, the financial arm of the church. He was even responsible for providing transportation for former Prophet Rulon Jeffs.

But, Holm's life was about to turn upside down. Late in 2003, just over a year after Warren Jeffs seized control of the FLDS, Holm was suddenly kicked out of the church. His wives were reassigned and he was told to leave his home on UEP trust property and to "repent from a distance."

That was about the same time that David Allred, one of Warren Jeffs' most trusted aides, was buying up property here in Schleicher County, as well as in Montezuma County, Colorado and Custer County, South Dakota.

Since that time Holm has found himself battling with the same city council he used to sit on for the right to operate his business inside the town, as well as fighting for the right to visit his children.

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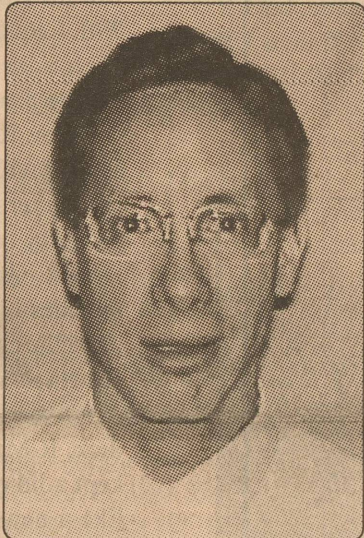


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Utah authorities released this photo of Warren Jeffs last week. It was taken from his 2004 driver's license and is believed to be the most recent photo taken of the fugitive prophet of the FLDS church.



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Richard Holm, former member of the FLDS church and one-time follower of Warren Jeffs, peered through binoculars Tuesday at the massive white temple inside the YFZ Ranch. Jeffs excommunicated Holm from the church in 2004. His wives and children were also taken away and assigned to his brother Edson, still a loyal Jeffs follower.

Stevens hired as County Extension Agent

The Schleicher County Commissioners voted Monday, March 27, 2006 to accept Cory Stevens of Crane as Schleicher County's new Extension Agent. Scott Edmonson resigned the post in November of last year and the position has remained open ever since.

Roxanne Fentress, Schleicher County Home Economist and District Extension Agent Scott Durham were present with Cory Stevens for Monday's meeting.

Stevens currently serves as the Extension agent for Crane County. He's not new to Eldorado, however, having served here recently as the high school's agriculture teacher.

Among other business the commissioners voted to pay Ted Shields towing expense after his vehicle became stuck in road construction this past weekend in the Orient Heights addition. There were no safety barriers present.

The men then called for bids on diesel fuel and agreed to participate in website maintenance with the County Information Resources Agency.

The court then discussed the cost of moving a sewer lift station in the Orient Heights addition. The lift station was going to be in close proximity to Commissioner Clark's home on Ave. B but several residents on Stilwell Street are still on septic tanks. The commis-

sioners decided to spend \$5,830 to move the station to a spot that would benefit everyone. Commissioner Clark abstained on the vote with commissioners Matt Brown, Kirk Griffin and Johnny Mayo voting in favor.

County Road Superintendent Clay Burleson then asked the court to purchase a new water tank for the newly purchased cab and chassis truck. The commissioners voted to spend up to \$20,000 for a new water tank.

They also voted to purchase a John Deer Hustler 19 horse power, 44 inch riding mower for the cemetery. The cost \$4,749.00.

Toward the middle of the meeting Mark Williams with the Probation Service with the 51st/119th Judicial District of Texas sat down with the commissioners court to present a annual budget report and submit a bill for February housing of juvenile inmates in the amount of \$4,286.00. Six local juveniles where involved with the school vandalism and other mischief around town. It cost the county \$83.00 per day to house a juvenile prisoner.

Next, County Tax Assessor Jeanne Snelson spoke to the court about increasing her office training expense. Snelson told the court she needed an extra \$2,000 for mandated training for her employee and herself. The court approved of the request.

County Clerk Peggy Williams informed the court of a problem she has encountered with the company her office contracted to purchase the electronic voting machines and supplies. The company Electronic Systems and Software (ES&S) advised Williams that she would be their only business contact within the county.

It was noted that the school will be using the voting machines in the upcoming trustee election but the company refused to sell ballots and other materials to the school. Instead the company referred the school to Ms. Williams office in the courthouse and advised that they handle all business through her office.

At Ms. Williams request the commissioners passed a resolution stating that she was responsible only for county, state and national elections. Her only obligation to the school and other governmental entities is to rent the equipment to them. They must find some way to acquire their ballots and election supplies on their own.

The men then voted to accept an memorandum of understanding with the Concho Valley Community Action Council. According the County Judge Griffin this will open the financial doors for the CVCAC to seek funding for low income housing projects in Eldorado.

Cory Stevens, Roxanne Fentress and Scott Durham posed for the camera Monday. Stevens was approved that morning by Schleicher County Commissioners as the county's new extension agent. He and Fentress, who already serves Schleicher and Irion Counties, will have offices in the County Annex. Scott Durham is their immediate supervisor.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

April Fools Day Parade/Elgoatarod Festivities planned for Saturday

Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in Eldorado during ELGOATAROD Festival the April Fools Day Parade will wind its way down Main Street and around the courthouse square. There is no entry fee and everyone is encouraged to participate.

The parade will feature prizes for Best Entry to Theme \$100, Most Humorous Entry \$75, Most Creative Entry \$75, Largest Themed Group \$75, Best Individual Entry \$75, and Best

Children's Entry \$25

In addition to the parade there will be a full schedule of activities on the courthouse square as part of the two-day-long Elgoatarod festival. For a schedule of events see Page 6 of this issue.

For more information contact Jim Runge at eoboc@hotmail.com or at his EOBOC headquarters at the intersection of US 277 and US 190 near the stop light in beautiful downtown Eldorado.

Big government's new pet project

Mandatory animal registration burdensome, unnecessary

by Marc A. Levin

If your cat is planning to have kittens, you better take a number. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has hatched the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). The NAIS comes in response to fears of mad cow disease and bioterrorism, even though there are at most three instances of mad cow disease in U.S. history and no documented instances of animals being used for bioterrorism.



Commentary

by Marc Levin

This program, which began on a voluntary basis in 2004, becomes mandatory this year for 25 percent of premises where animals are kept. Eventually, all premises will be required to register their animals with the government or face criminal penalties, including a fine of \$1,000 per day. Every animal on the premises must be given a radio-frequency identification tag (RFID). States can choose to administer the program themselves. For example, the Texas Legislature has charged the Texas Animal Health Commission with doing so. After an avalanche of protests from small farmers at their last meeting, the Commission will convene again on May 4 to consider whether to begin enforcing mandatory registration.

Each state can determine the definition of a "premise." Texas and most other states will likely exclude private pets, but persons who raise or transfer animals will be covered. Accordingly, if a litter of kittens is born and the owner wishes to sell or give them away, the owner must register his premises and tag the kittens with a 15-digit electronic identification device. While large agribusiness operations may have the wherewithal to implement this scheme, small farmers throughout the nation are bracing for an unbearable regulatory burden. Even high school 4-H or FFA programs will have to comply with this mandate, although the Commission is considering an amendment to allow them to register each project rather than every animal.

Small ranchers are worried that the compliance costs of registering their premises and animals will make their business an endangered species. Harold Renfro, a Nacogdoches County rancher, told the Lufkin Daily-News, "I think that this is an undermining of the small farmers, and ranchers. I believe that this is just another way to get people to quit farming and raising their own livestock. They have already put the small packing houses out of business because of all the red tape."

The red tape associated with the NAIS does not end after a premises owner registers his premises and tags and registers his animals. Rather, the burden continues as the owner must report, within 24 hours, any missing animal, any missing tag, the sale of an animal, the death of an animal, the slaughter of an animal, the purchase of an animal, the movement of an animal off the farm or homestead, or the movement of an animal onto the farm or homestead.

The Texas Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association stated in its comments to the Commission, "Not since Prohibition has any government agency attempted to enshrine in law a system, which so

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A new look at Math, if you're up to it!

Last week I purchased a burger at Burger King for \$1.58. The counter girl took my \$2 and I was digging for my change when I pulled 8 cents from my pocket and gave it to her. She stood there, holding the nickel and 3 pennies, while looking at the screen on her register. I sensed her discomfort and tried to tell her to just give me two quarters, but she hailed the manager for help. While he tried to explain the transaction to her, she stood there and cried. Why do I tell you this?

Because of the evolution in teaching math since the 1950s:

1. Teaching Math In 1950

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price. What is his profit?

2. Teaching Math In 1960

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price, or \$80. What is his profit?

3. Teaching Math In 1970

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80. Did he make a profit?

4. Teaching Math In 1980

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80 and his profit is \$20. Your assignment:

5. Teaching Math In 1990

A logger cuts down a beautiful forest because he is selfish and



by Randy Mankin

inconsiderate and cares nothing for the habitat of animals or the preservation of our woodlands. He does this so he can make a profit of \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living?

Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down their homes? (There are no wrong answers.)

6. Teaching Math In 2005

Un hachero vende una carretada de maderapara \$100. El costo de la producciones es \$80.

Now for an English lesson. Here is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is "UP."

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP.

When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so..... Time to shut UP.....!

Officials differ on scope of special session

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Something is floating in the Texas sky and it's big enough to obscure the sun. To some observers it looks like a spring cloud, to others, it's more like the airship Hindenburg. But really, it's just a question: How will the Legislature, in a 30-day special session, fix the state's unconstitutional tax system?

Since the late 1980s the Legislature repeatedly has failed to agree on something better than "Robin Hood," the court-ordered wealth-sharing formula that requires rich school districts to contribute a portion of their tax revenue into a pot divided among poor school districts.

And, during those 20-odd years, the Legislature forced school districts to pay an ever-increasing share of the cost to fund education. Now hundreds of districts are taxing at the cap rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

Texas' top officeholders are looking toward April 17, opening day for the 79th Legislature's third called session, each with different perspectives on how to proceed.

- Gov. Rick Perry called the special session with the sole purpose of getting lawmakers to fix the state's broken property tax system.

- Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, wants to expand the call to include school finance reform.

- Even House Speaker Tom Cradick, R-Midland, who heretofore has kept a lid on any proposal that smells like a new tax or throws money at a problem, is talking in conciliatory terms.

But Perry seems firm in his resolve to limit the Legislature's business to property tax reform, because the Texas Supreme Court ruled the property tax system must be made constitutional by June 1 "or else."

- Adding pressure to the court-imposed deadline are Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman and Chris Bell, candidates for governor.

The challengers are banging drums and tooting fifes for reform, and if Perry's leadership fails to produce acceptable results, they likely will win points with voters in the November election.

All three say they are for teacher pay raises, and Perry says he is, too. But Friedman has given his teacher-pleasing idea the catchiest title: "The No Teacher Left Behind Act."

Comptroller cuts off payments

Also, Strayhorn, in her role as state comptroller, stopped a \$10,000 payment to a Washington, D.C., lobbying and public relations firm used by the governor's Office of State-Federal Relations.

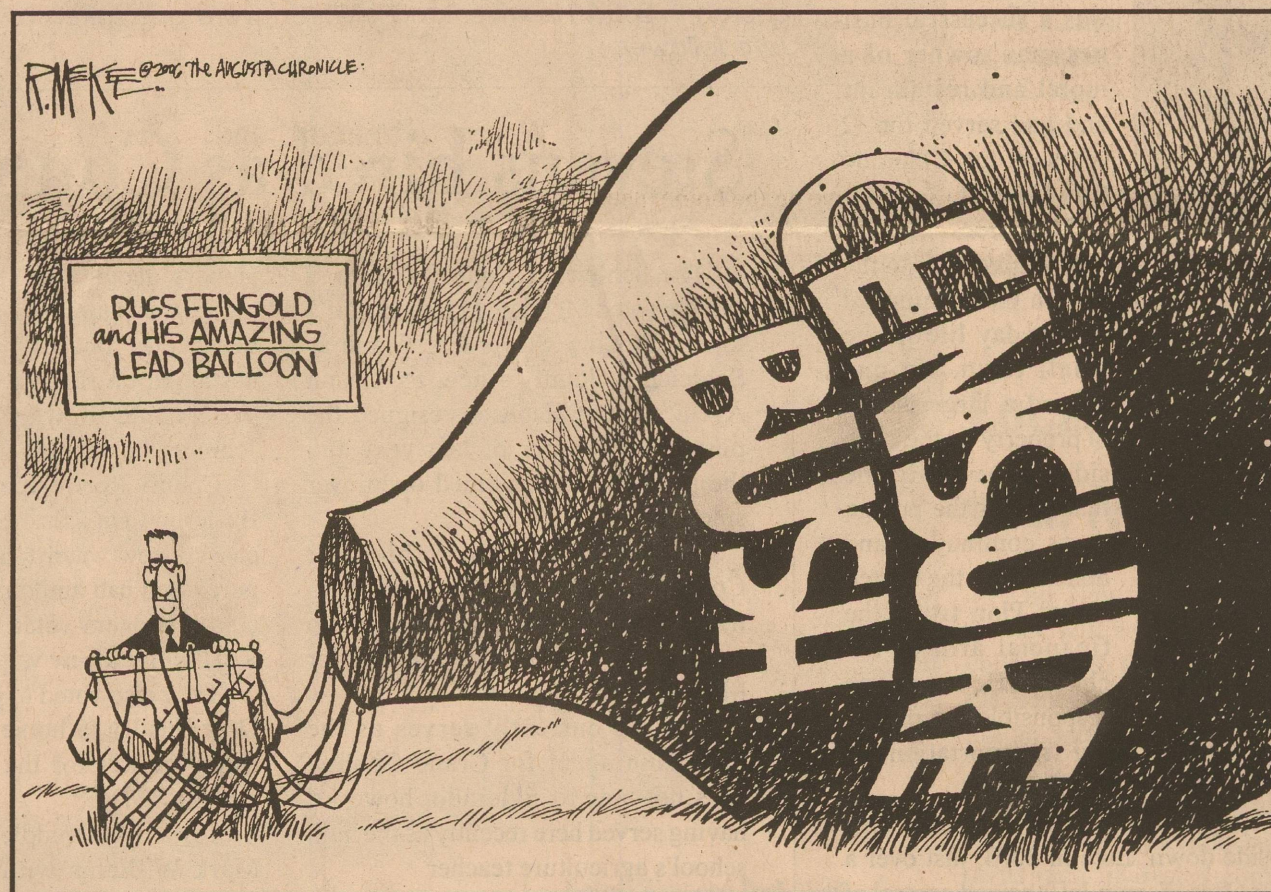
Strayhorn said an audit by her agency found that payments made to The Federalist Group were to go to a third party, Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide, a firm that does not have a contract with the state of Texas.

Earlier, Strayhorn stopped further payments to Cassidy & Associates, another Washington, D.C., lobbying firm that is under contract with the Office of State-Federal Relations. She said an audit shows payments to the firm have already exceeded the contracted limit of \$330,000.

Gov. Perry's office brushed off Strayhorn's action, calling it a publicity stunt, and saying the money was used to promote tourism.

Strayhorn files suit against state

On March 24, Strayhorn sued Sec-
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Novelist Pat Conroy's early writing experiences

Pat Conroy's novels are filled with lyrical prose about experiences in his home state of South Carolina. The images produced by his words are strong and clear. His command of the English language has made him one of the most respected writers in America. Among his books are *The Prince of Tides*, *Beach Music* and *The Great Santini*.

His first book was about the Citadel, South Carolina's military college where he was a student. Pat went to his commander and told him he had written a book and wanted to get it published. The commander told Pat to look in the yellow pages. He found a printer who did business cards, invitations and books. Pat was told he could have 2,000 copies of the book for \$5,000. Pat was surprised. He had heard it was hard to get a book published. He went to his hometown banker and got a loan because the banker was excited about getting a book written about the Citadel.

The first edition was sold out before it was published. The second edition did well, too. Pat wrote



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

another book, *The Water Is Wide*. Someone told Pat he needed an agent. Pat found New York literary agent Julian Bach and called him. After introducing himself, Pat said, "I'm from Buford, South Carolina and I've written a book I think you'll like." Julian replied, "I've never heard of South Carolina, never heard of Buford and never heard of you. Losers like you call me every single day of my life and I'm going to fire my secretary for letting you through."

Pat wrote Julian a letter the next day. "Dear Mr. Bach: Obviously New York has withered everything fine and wonderful and lovely about your soul. Whatever your mother saw in you as a child obviously has been ruined and broken in the canyons of New York."

Julian liked the letter. He wanted

Pat to rush him a manuscript of the book.

There was a problem: Pat had written the book in longhand. His wife called all their friends in Buford who came over and each took a chapter to type overnight. Because Pat did not type, he did not know about Pica and Elite. He did not give the people typing paper. So the manuscript that was sent to New York had long yellow sheets, onionskin and Harriet Kaiserling's personal stationery. The pages were not numbered. Julian called Pat and said, "Pat, I haven't read a word. But it's the cutest thing I've ever seen."

Within a few weeks, Julian called Pat again and said he had marvelous news. "Houghton-Mifflin, the editor of Emerson, Thoreau, Edith Wharton, Emily Dickinson and other icons of American literature, has agreed to do your book. And here is the most exciting news of all. Seventy-five hundred dollars."

Pat replied, "I can get it done cheaper down here, Julian."

Julian, after a pause, said, "You do understand they do pay you."

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OBITUARIES

Midge Thomason Shurley

SONORA — Midge Thomason Shurley of Sonora passed away Thursday, March 23, 2006, in San Angelo. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26, in Sonora Cemetery with a memorial that followed in The Church of the Good Shepherd. Midge was born on Oct. 30, 1926, in Birmingham, Ala., to M.R. and Aimee Thomason. She grew up in Montgomery, Ala., and always had a love for the "Ol' South." She graduated from Hollins College in Virginia in 1948. Midge married Gene Shurley in 1950 and moved to Sonora, Texas. She was a loving mother to her two children, Scott and Suzanne. Midge enjoyed reading, sewing, music, dancing, working in her flower garden and being with her family. Midge was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd. She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Scott

Thomason Shurley. She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne Shurley Huddleston and husband Doug of Sonora; four granddaughters and their families, Zane Shurley Martin-Jones, husband Rick and son Dawson of Galveston, Texas, Kristen Shurley of Dallas, Texas, Kayla Shurley Davidson, husband Travis and daughter Mia of Ozona, and Whitney Aimee Martin of College Station, Texas; brothers Phillip Thomason of Bulverde and Alan Thomason and wife Ginna of Montgomery, Ala.; special nephew Mark Friend Shurley and wife Kathy of Fredericksburg, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Lee Bloodworth, Carl Teaff, Drake Shurley, Shea Shurley, Bob Post and Wayne Sawyer. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Sutton County Health Foundation or your favorite charity.



Mr. and Mrs. L.E. McCalla

McCallas mark 65th anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. L.E. McCalla will observe their 65th wedding anniversary on April 5, 2006.

L.E. "Gene" McCalla and Vernell Wheeler were married April 5, 1941 in Palo Pinto, Texas.

They are the parents of Genelle and husband Sidney Pennington of Evergreen Colo., Beth Lackey of Sugarland, Texas, and Mary Lyn an husband Roy Jones of Liberty Hill.

Their grandchildren are Russell and wife Tracy Pennington and Brent and wife Julie Pennington both of Bangkok, Thailand, Cheryl and husband Andy Spell of Midland and Lance and wife Roni Jones of Frisco and the late Levi Jones of Liberty Hill.

Great grand children are Brently, Breck, Josiah, Jacob, Braid and Asher, Ben and Kate Pennington of Thailand. Ethan, Maddy and Cobin Spell of Midland and Leightin and Makayla Lackey of Katy, Texas.

Gene and Vernell are both retired and live on the home place

in Schleicher County where they attend the Church of Christ and are volunteers where ever needed. Gene plays golf and Vernell is an avid quilter and visits the nursing home on a regular basis for bingo, singing and dominoes.

Jesse Lawhon-Theis

BOERNE — Jesse Lawhon-Theis, 82 of Eldorado, Texas, passed away Thursday, March 23, 2006, in the Schleicher County Nursing Home. Jesse Lawhon-Theis was born Feb. 8, 1924. He was raised in Kendall County. In 1982, Jesse purchased a ranch in Schleicher County near Eldorado, Texas, and lived on the ranch until 2005. Ranching was Jesse's life. Jesse was quick-witted, with an incredible memory. He loved his wildlife and his ranch animal companions. He enjoyed feeding his cats, dogs and deer daily. He loved his cows and calves as well, knowing each of them individually. He

is survived by his loving family, Geraldine Theis of Boerne Texas; Beau and Kala Savanich; David and Carolyn Savanich; and grandchildren Dalton Wesley, Kathryn Sage, and Jesse Duane Savanich, all of Boerne, Texas, and Kermit and Catherine Theis of San Antonio, Texas. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 27, in the Jones Cemetery, 20 miles west of Boerne, Texas. Pallbearers were Beau Savanich, David Savanich, Bryan Theis, Kermit Theis, Mark Tomlinson and Eddie Albin. Memorials may be given to the West Texas Boys Ranch.

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2nd Little Joe Aguilar, Andy Spinks, Sandra Goodrum, Connie Andrews
3rd Bryan Gray, Smokey Taylor, Mason Garner, Erin Meador, Bodie Gilstrap
4th Ryan Espinosa, John Pippen, Ben Edmiston, Irene Tinney, Sarah McCravey, Stephanie Broome, Jim Holley
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SELF INKING STAMPS



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the end of the signature-gathering period on May 11. Williams refused, and said his office would not begin the task until after May 11.

Strayhorn and Friedman need 45,540 valid signatures each in order to get a spot on the ballot.

TABC enforces aggressively
The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission has begun to send officers into bars to arrest drunken patrons. The fine is \$500 and/or jail time.

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ Hoo Boy!

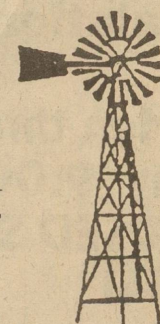
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EHS baseball starts district schedule up and down

by *Sylas Politte*

The Eldorado Eagle baseball team had a rough non-district schedule and didn't start off the season the way they would have imagined. Heading into district play the team had high hopes of returning to the Class 2A State Playoffs. The Eagles returned 5 starters and several players from a successful JV in 2005. In one of the toughest districts in the state, the Eagles would have to play at a high level to get back into the hunt for a district title.

The Eagle baseball team opened up district play on March 14, 2006 against the Reagan County Owls. This was an important game because it would set the tone for the remainder of the season. The Eagles were coming off of a rough outing in the Midland tournament and needed a win badly. Eldorado jumped out to an early lead against the Owls and never looked back. The game was called in the 5th inning by the 10 run mercy rule with a score of 11-1. This definitely provided the momentum the team needed heading into a potent Junction team.

The Junction Eagles would play in Eldorado on March 17th. Junction was a playoff team a year ago and returned several players. The key loss for Junction this season is

ace pitcher Weston Neiman. Neiman had season ending shoulder surgery and will not play at all this season. That is great news for Eldorado and the rest of district 2-2A. The Eagles were taking their perfect district record into the 2nd game against Junction. The game was close, but Junction would end up with the victory 12-6.

The Eagles next opponent would be the Ozona Lions. Ozona would host Eldorado on March 21st. The Eagles has run ruled Ozona in the Eldorado tournament a few weeks earlier, so they were confident they could win. Maybe they were a little too confident. The Eagles committed several errors and the Lions came away with a 7-1 victory.

On March 24th, Eldorado would host the Grape Creek Eagles. Eldorado would go into the game on a down note having lost two games back-to-back. Grape Creek would jump out to an early lead against Eldorado and take a 4-2 lead into the bottom of the 6th. In Eldorado part of the 6th inning, their bats would come to life. Eldorado would score 6 unanswered runs and end up with the win 8-4. This come from behind win would hopefully provide the positive energy the Eagles needed to face district rival Sonora.



Coach Geoff Pilcher congratulated senior Andy Mejia on his home run as he rounded third base against Junction on March 17, 2006. Eldorado lost to Junction 12-6.

Anytime Eldorado and Sonora get together you are guaranteed for the best both have to offer. Both teams would enter the contest with a 2-3 record. The first inning would end scoreless, but in the 2nd Sonora would pull away and not look back. The loan bright spot for the Eagles came in the bottom of the 6th when Junior Russell Cathy hit his first ever home run. Cathy

said about his home run, "I told myself if we get another chance to bat I am hitting it out." That is exactly what he did. The ball skimmed the left field fence and Cathy joyfully trotted around the bases like he had dreamed of so many times.

The Eagles will face Wall on Friday March 31, 2006 at 4:00 pm at the Eagle baseball field. The Eagles are down, but not out of the district race. It is still wide open and the team that comes together in the end will win the crown and a playoff spot. Hopefully the Eldorado Eagles will find a way to dig down deep and get a win. Several of these seniors played on the team 2 years ago that went deep into the playoffs. With that type of leadership and determination good things can happen. Let's head out to the game and support the Eagles.

Eagles HS & MS track results listed

Water Valley Wildcat Relays
 March 24, 2006

Varsity Girls
High Jump: 1. Rachel Joiner, 5'0"

Varsity Boy
High Jump: (3 way tie) 1. Jeremy Ussery, 5'10";
800 M. Run: 3. Jeremy Ussery, 2:09.28;
Discus: 6. Kyle Taylor, 120'11 3/4";
400 Meter Relay: 1. Eldorado (Joel Esparza, Timmy Maskill, Luis Huichapa, Dustin Gauna)

Junior Varsity Boys
1st Place Overall -150 Points
3200 M. Run: 1. Josh Hash, 12:11.10;
Pole Vault: 2. Josh Taylor, 10'0"
Discus: 3. Dustin Gauna 101'6"; 4. Luis Huichapa, 99'4";
Shot Put: 2. Dustin Gauna; 3. Uriel Barrientos;
400 M. Relay: 1. Eldorado (Epolo Herrera, Dustin Ramirez, Pedro Garcia, Johnny Mejia) 48.18;
100 M. Dash: 1. Pedro Garcia, 11.7;
800 M. Relay: 1. Eldorado (Epoloe Herrera, Alandro Alfaro, Johnny Mejia) 48.18
400 M. Run: 1. Dustin Ramirez, 56.02; 2. Luis Huichapa, 59.8;
200 M. Dash: 3. Alandro Alfaro, 24.7;
1600 M. Run: 3. Josh Hash, 3:56;

1600 M. Relay: 1. David Ramirez, Alandro Alfaro, Johnny Mejia, Dusitn Ramirez) 3:56

Sonora Colt Relays Results
 March 24, 2006

7th Grade Girls
Long Jump: 6. Allyson Jarrett, 13'1/2";
Discus: 6. Rosa Hernandez, 53'7.5";
Shot Put: 5. Abigail Ussery, 22'6";
400 M. Relay: 6. Eldorado (Abigail Ussery, Ashley Paulso, Brittaney Gauna, Amy Alvizo) 59.81;
800 M. Run: 3. Marci Minor, 2:49.05;
100 M. Dash: 6. Amy Alvizo, 15.15;
200 M. Dash: 6. Allyson Jarrett, 31.20;
800 M. Relay: 5. Eldorado (Allyson Jarrett, Rosa Iglesias, Rosa Hernandez, Laura Garcia) 5:13.38; Team points 20.
8th Grade Girls
Long Jump: 6. Megan Crownover, 13'1 3/4".
7th Grade Boys
Long Jump: 3. Bailey Minor, 14'11 3/4";
Discus: 3. Ben Wipff, 82'3";
Shot Put: 3. Ben Wipff, 31'7";
400 M. Relay: 3. Eldorado

(Rudy Sanchez, Bailey Minor, Eloy Bustos and Miles Mikeska) 53.88;
100 M. Dash: 5. Bailey Minor, 13.67;
400 M. Dash: 2. Miles Mikeska, 1:03.20;
200 M Dash: 5. Eloy Bustos, 28.68;
1600 M. Relay: 3. Eldorado (Rudy Sanchez, Bailey Minor, Eloy Bustos and Miles Mikeska) 4:31.35;
1600 M. Run: 5. Robert Buchholz, 6:27.28;
8th Grade Boys
Long Jump: 3. Wes Brown, 17';
Discus: 3. Juan Medrano, 95'7 1/2";
2400 M. Run: 1. Mason Baker, 9:13.53;
Shot Put: 2. Juan Medrano, 40'11";
400 M. Relay: 1. Eldorado (Juan Medrano, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Ivany Sanchez), 48.44;
100 M. Dash: 1. Wes Brown, 12.15;
200 M. Dash: Juan Medrano, 26.85;
110 M. Hurdles: 5. Tony McCord, 21.01; 6. Garrett Lux, 21.45;
800 M. Relay: 1. Juan Medrano, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Ivany Sanchez), 1:43.06;
300 M. Hurdles: 5. Tony McCord, 50.13;
1600 M. Run: 1. Mason Baker, 5:54.80.

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Tuesday, April 4
 Cinnamon Rolls, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, April 5
 French Toast, Syrup, Sliced Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday, April 6
 Cheese Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, April 7
 Pan Cake Sticks, Syrup, Choice of Juice, Fruit, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, April 3
 Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Cole Slaw, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, April 4
 McRib Sandwich, Potato Chips, Pork-n-Beans, Orange Halves

Wednesday, April 5
 PB & J Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Mixed Fruit, Cowboy Cookies

Thursday, April 6
 Hamburgers, Baked Chips, Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Pineapple Tidbits

Friday, April 7
 Cheese Pizza, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Tossed Salad, Apple Halves

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Monday, April 3
 Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, April 4
 Hot Pockets, Whole Kernel, Corn, Carrots Sticks, Dip, Orange Halves

Wednesday, April 5
 Super Nachos, Cheese Sauce, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Cowboy Cookies

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Wildfire preparedness begins at home

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – During the midst of a record-breaking wildfire season in Texas, state fire officials uncovered a disturbing trend: 85 percent of the large fires occurred within two miles of a community. More than 400 homes have burned in the state since Dec. 27, 2005—far surpassing any previous fire season.

Texas Forest Service wants to remind Texans that “wildfire preparedness begins at home,” which is the theme of Texas Wildfire Awareness Week, April 1-8.

“We want to emphasize that individuals can take several simple steps well in advance

of a wildfire that could make a difference in whether or not a home survives,” said Texas Forest Service Director Jim Hull. “Waiting until a wildfire is bearing down on your home is not the time to try to save it. Prepare in advance, and that might save your home as well as your life.”

Communities and neighborhoods at risk for wildfires can work together to make sure they can withstand a wildfire by becoming a Firewise Communities/USA (information available at www.firewise.org) or by implementing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu/shared/article.asp?DocumentID=1209>.

The CWPP empowers communities to take the lead in developing a plan which reduces risks before a wildfire occurs.

“Because so many people are moving to once-rural areas, firefighters face increasing challenges to protect lives and property during a wildfire,” Hull said. “Texans can do their part by ensuring their homes and communities are Firewise.”

Texas Wildfire Awareness Week events are scheduled throughout the state that teach Firewise principles and provide tips on how to protect your property from wildfires.



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Holm, former Jeffs follower visits Eldorado

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When Holm arrived in Eldorado, he brought word that another group of highly respected men within the FLDS church have been excommunicated within the past week. Included in that group is Sam Barlow, the man who, for all practical purposes, ran Colorado City, AZ on behalf of the Warren Jeffs and his father before him. Also finding himself on the outside looking in is Sam Roundy, Jr., the man who served as police chief

of the border towns of Colorado City and Hildale until the states of Arizona and Utah stripped him of his peace officer certification in 2005.

Other men who Holm says have been kicked out are Lowell Jessop, Merrill Steed, Ron Steed and Paul Steed. The three Steeds are all brothers to Allan Steed, one of the early leaders here at the YFZ Ranch. He was excommunicated in 2004.

Holm spent much of Tuesday afternoon looking over photos of

the YFZ Ranch at *The Success* of- “There are good people in there,” Holm said as he looked scanned the YFZ Ranch with his binoculars. “Good people who have been tricked into believing the madness that Warren teaches.”

He said that he was once taught that people outside the FLDS were evil but that he has since learned differently.

“People here seem like decent, caring folk,” the soft spoken Holm stated. “I’m finding that people most everywhere are that way.”

Still, he hasn’t lost his feeling for his former friends and family who remain in the FLDS church.

Warren Jeffs remains a fugitive from justice with a \$60,000 reward being offered for his capture and conviction.

As we have since the YFZ story was first reported here in 2004, *The Success* invites Warren Jeffs or any of his close followers to respond to this story. So far, no one has responded but our door remains open.

Hilderbran wants changes in juvenile system

AUSTIN - Representative Harvey Hilderbran called upon the House Committee on Corrections last week to evaluate whether practices at the Texas Youth Commission are antiquated or obsolete, following several complaints from former and current commission staff members.

He specifically asked the committee to reduce the population at the John Shero State Juvenile Correctional Facility in San Saba and other at-risk units. He also asked the committee to segregate older juveniles from their younger counterparts, and to determine if the definition of “child abuse” should be the same within the system as it is outside the system.

“After researching the issue, I decided that there were several potential problem areas that the corrections committee and the commission itself needed to address if the state wants to be successful in rehabilitating these juveniles,” Hilderbran said.

The issue came to a head when staff members from the San Saba Unit, which is in Hilderbran’s district, contacted the representative to complain that there was little recourse available when youth within the system physically attacked the staff.

Hilderbran also called upon Dwight Harris, executive director of the commission, to review all cases regarding staff dismissals and disciplinary actions within the last three years.

“One of the major problems of employee retention seems to con-

cern the investigation of employee assaults,” Hilderbran said. “If we cannot retain Texas Youth Commission employees by protecting them, we cannot feasibly expect to hire new qualified staff.”

Hilderbran also requested that TYC review whether youth are given privileges they have not

earned, which former staff members charge is a frequent practice.

“There are some communication problems between the TYC administration and the staff, and I am trying to see if we can bring them together to develop a workable solution for staff and youth alike,” Hilderbran said.

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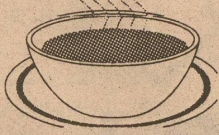
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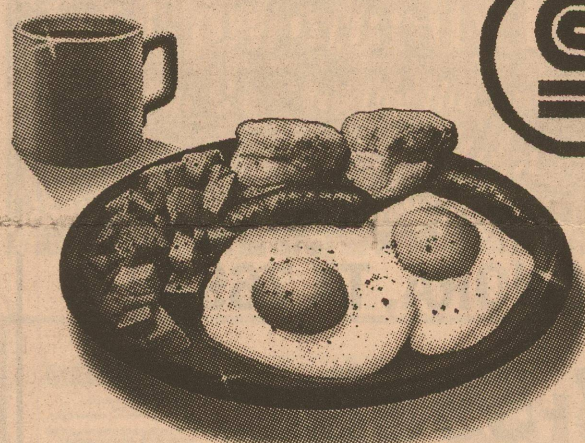
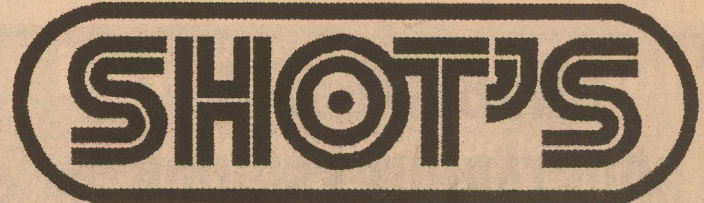
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- Wednesday, April 5**
Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/ Nuts, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, April 6**
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2006 EHS One Act Play "The Happy Scarecrow" Cast and Crew-Front (L-R): Johnny Larez, Samatha Rodriguez, Joel Esparza, Ridge Ann Sudduth and J.C. Rodriguez; Middle (L-R): Darci Graves, Chelci Rodriguez, Nester Hernandez, Kristen Mittel, Brittney Jennings, Abel Montalvo; Back (L-R): Christopher Minor, Diego Barrera, Jorge Bustos and Corie Williams.

Williams named to All-Star cast

Eldorado High School One Act Play "The Happy Scarecrow" by I. E. Clark Publications, perform on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at the Zone Performance in Sonora along with Mason and Sonora. Mason and Sonora advanced to the Regional performance.

Named to the All Star Cast was Corie Williams who played "The

Witch." Honorable mention was Kristin Mittel "The Fairy" and Jorge Bustos "The Scarecrow." Joel Esparza was named Best Crew Member.

"The Happy Scarecrow" was about disgruntled witch hates the happy antics of a pretty little fairy and challenges her to prove that there really is such a thing as

happiness. So the fairy brings a scarecrow to life and promises to make him a real man if he can find happiness.

Characters were" The Scarecrow played by Jorge Bustos, The Fairy played by Kristin Mittel, The Witch played by Corie Williams, The Women in the Audience played by Chelci Rodriguez, The Little Girl played by Darci Graves, The Old Man played by

Christopher Minor, The Skunk played by Justina "J.C." Rodriguez, The Jester played by Nester Hernandez, The Scarehuman played by Diego Barrera, The King played by Abel Montalvo and The Princess played by Brit-tany Jennings.

Crew: Joel Esparza, Johnny Larez, Samantha Rodriguez, Ridge Ann Sudduth. Director: Mrs. Sara Candela.

Hospital board meeting held

The Schleicher County Hospital Board met briefly Monday evening for their monthly meeting.

Present for the meeting were board members Randy Mankin, Dr. Jim Brame, Jim Martin and Susie Richters. Also present was Nursing Home Administrator Sarah Huge and Nursing Home bookkeeper, Bevelry Minor.

Administrator Huge presented her report on the nursing home staffing ladder as well as events scheduled for the nursing home residents. Huge told the board several nursing home residents would attend Elgoatarod on Saturday. Also on the calendar was a birthday party for residents who have birthdays in

April and a Easter Egg Hunt.

Huge advised that \$10,500 has been raised with special fund raisers to purchase a whirlpool for nursing home patients. Huge told the board the cost of a new whirlpool was \$10,789.00 and asked the board to pay the difference. The board agreed to the request.

Beverly Minor told the board the Nursing Home lost \$8,900.00 in February and the board voted to write off \$754.74 in bad debt. Minor also told the board there was a slight increase in the employee health insurance base premium.

The board voted to place \$40,000 into a Certificate of Deposit with Wells Fargo Bank at 4% interest for 7 months.

Saran Huge presented a contract for the Concho Valley Council of Governments rural transportation van. Board President Randy Mankin signed the contract on behalf of the district.

The board then approved renewing the district's medical professional liability insurance.

Before adjourning, the board voted to cancel the trustee election slated for May 13, 2006 since there are no contested races. The trustees then voted to declare the unopposed candidates Jim Martin, Susie Richters and Ricky Fuessel to be officially elected to another term.

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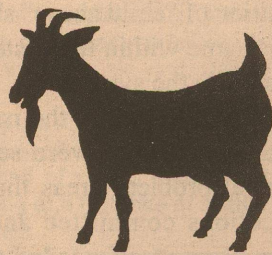
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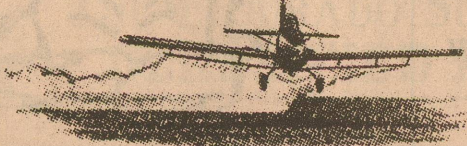
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- 10:30-Slug Races...bring your own slug
- 11-Chigger Catching Contest-\$5 prize
- 11:30-The WURST Band of Austin begins play
- 12-Washer Tossing Registration
- 12:30-Goat Racing
- 1-Washer Tossing begins
- 1:30-Parade forms at Hysterical District, comes to Elgoatarod up Main Street, circles festival
- 2-April Fools Day Parade-\$400 in prizes from EOBOC, Super S Foods and Rosa's Casita Restaurant
- 2:30-Awards Presentations
- 3-Gnat races-\$5 prize
- 3:30-Goat Racing
- 4-Worst Elvis Impersonator Contest
- 4:30-Ugly Goat Contest
- 5-Guinness Record Breaking Attempts-\$100 to broken records that are published
- 8-Snipe Hunt

Sunday, April 2

- 12-Vendors, inflatables and food booths open for business
- 12:30-Best Dressed Goat Contest
- 1-Blindfolded Washer Tossing Contest-\$5 prize
- 1:30-Goat Kissing Contest
- 2-Goat Pill Flipping Contest
- 2:30-4 X 4 Team Skiing(Teams of 4)-\$5 prize
- 3-Goat Oyster Cook Off Judging
- 3:30-Mountain Oyster Eating Contest
- 4-Wrestling
- 4:30-Stupid Human Tricks
- 5-Turn out the lights



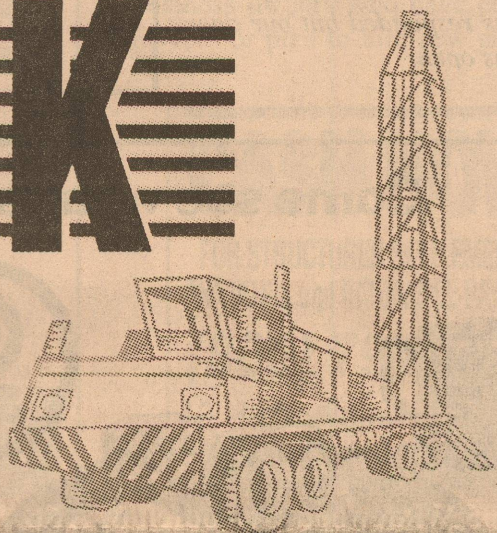
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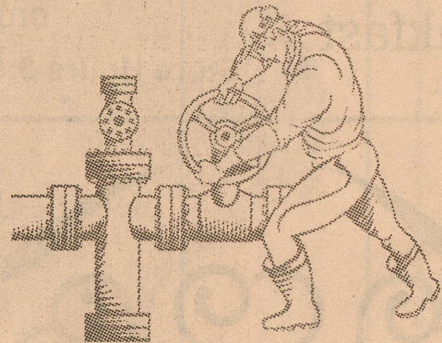
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Conservation Reserve Program sign-up

A Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up began on Monday, March 27 and continues through April 14, 2006. CRP participants may voluntarily enroll highly erodible and other cropland in CRP through long-term contracts of 10 years. On the enrolled land, participants plant grasses and other vegetation designed for conservation and wildlife. In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and a payment of up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing conservation covers.

With a current enrollment, CRP's cooperative conservation has produced a wealth of benefits for our nation, and is nearing the maximum allowable acreage of

39.2 million. The planted vegetation prevents 450 million tons of soil from eroding each year. By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, CRP safeguards drinking water supplies for millions of Americans. Thousands of wildlife species are thriving in the 2 million acres of wetlands CRP has restored.

As in previous general sign-ups, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) will evaluate eligible CRP offers with the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI), a ranking of the land's contribution to improving soil retention, water quality, wildlife habitat and air quality. FSA will determine the EBI cutoff after the sign-up ends by analyzing

the EBI factors of all offers. Since the EBI cutoff used in previous sign-ups may be different for this sign-up, those who met previous EBI thresholds are not guaranteed a contract under this sign-up.

There is limited acreage available for enrollment. FSA encourages landowners to work with their local FSA office to maximize the environmental benefits of their CRP offers. Offers accepted under this sign-up will become effective Oct. 1, 2006.

Please contact the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County office at (325) 853-3535 for an appointment to sign up. This will allow us to prepare your farm data and forms prior to your visit.

Big government's new pet project

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

thoroughly stigmatizes and burdens common, everyday behavior and is so certain to meet with huge resistance from the citizens it unjustly targets."

Like many burdensome and intrusive government programs, there are likely to be unintended consequences. For instance, a greater percentage of cattle or wild game may be raised in Mexico or Central America where the level of regulation and sanitation is lower than the U.S., even without the NAIS. This net result would be to lessen the safety of the beef and other animal products consumed by Americans.

Finally, why should an honest error in complying with this Orwellian program be a criminal offense? While House Bill 1361 passed last session by the Texas Legislature classifies the offense as only a Class C misdemeanor, that still means a \$500 fine for each day a violation occurs plus court costs, which can add up to thousands of dollars. If the

offender does not pay, he can be sent to county jail. If we must have an animal identification program, compliance should be treated as a civil matter, rather than making criminals out of a family whose cat has kittens or a small farmer struggling to navigate this regulatory labyrinth.

For centuries, Texans have lived off the land, raised livestock, and enjoyed the companionship of

pets. What has changed to warrant making all of these private activities subject to registration and surveillance? The government has cried wolf and the public outcry has just begun.

Marc Levin is the director of the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, an Austin-based research institute (www.TexasPolicy.com).



Dorothy Harris was given a surprised birthday party Sunday, March 26, 2006 at Community Baptist Church. The theme was "You've Got Mail." Dorothy, a retired postal employee celebrated her 89th birthday with her daughter Arlene Payne of San Angelo and numerous church friends. In lieu of gifts the guests were asked to write a personal letter or card to place in her special mail box.

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

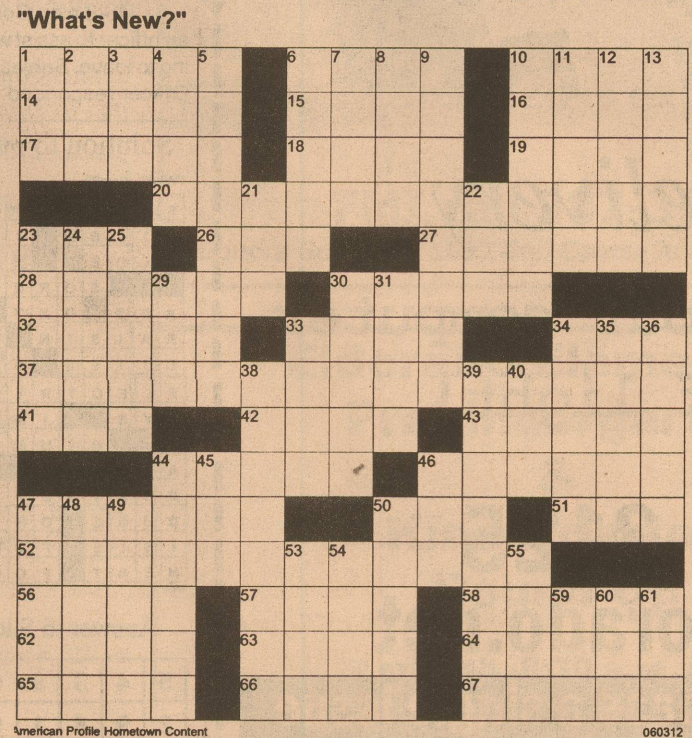
- ACROSS**
- Descend like an eagle
 - Food with chips
 - Gift from a genie
 - Broom (comics witch)
 - Division word
 - St. ___'s fire
 - One to respect
 - Idyllic place
 - Sphinx, in part
 - "You missed it!"
 - Pop-up cyberannoyances
 - Calendar unit
 - Praised highly
 - Morsel in a box of bran flakes
 - Drink noisily
 - Credits as a source
 - Stable babe
 - Actress Zadora
 - It's needed to run appliances
 - Bad: Prefix
 - Like a stained shirt pocket
 - Like ghost stories
 - Soft tennis shots
 - Loses one's cool
 - UFO crew
 - Scholarship money

- The Beatles' "It Be"
- "Keep your hands to yourself"
- Weekend rancher
- Nonwritten
- Change for a sawbuck
- Cow-horned goddess
- Larry of The Three Stooges
- In plain view
- Well-groomed

- DOWN**
- ___ sells sea shells ...
 - Comic Shriner
 - Moth-eaten
 - Poems of praise
 - Writer of song takeoffs
 - Intensely hot
 - "500" race
 - "Keep it in"

- Waikiki Beach's city
- Form, as tears
- Tale of Troy
- Whacked, biblestyle
- Put an edge on
- Did a 10K, say
- Dinghy propeller
- Rainbow-shaped
- When many newspapers are published
- Places to build
- Dry, to a vintner

- Haberdashery buy
- Like a doily
- Act the rat
- Trouble for Pauline?
- How fish may be packed
- "This is only ___"
- Remove the soap from
- Tries to get, as an acting part
- Stimpy's pal
- Can't stomach
- Gerund ending
- Jack Homer's fare
- Introduce to the mix
- No-goodnik
- Columbus's 1492 goal
- Van Gogh painted here
- Rock's Cream, e.g.
- Vampire's tooth
- Drones' home
- November 11 marcher
- Go amiss
- Barnyard digs



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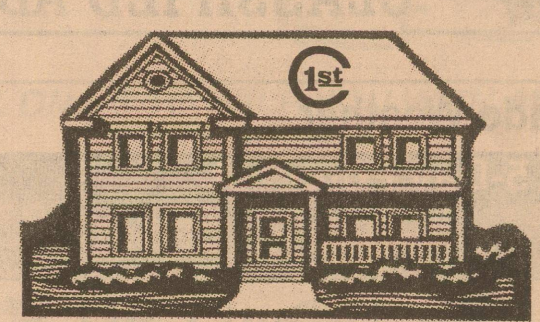
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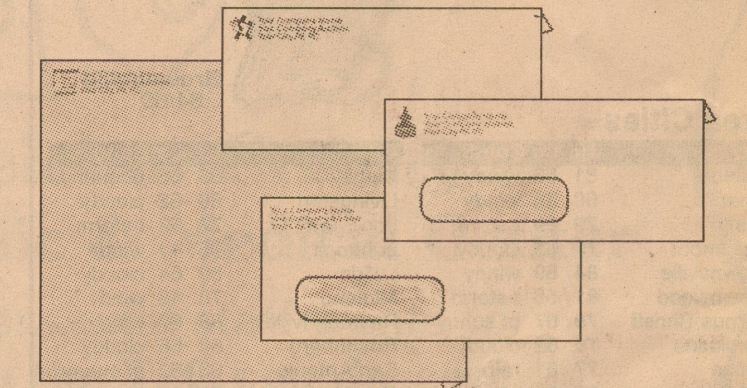
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Cartoon characters Daffy Duck and the Taz are the art work of these EHS art students (L-R): Rachel Joiner, Richmond Adame, Charlotte Adame and Samantha Rodriguez. These cartoon characters are part of cartoon sports mural in the Elementary Gym.



EHS art students Kristen Mittel and Joel Esparza are responsible for these brightly colored murals of Bugs Bunny and Friends walls of the Elementary Gym. The gym recently received several sports cartoon murals painted by EHS art students.

Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in
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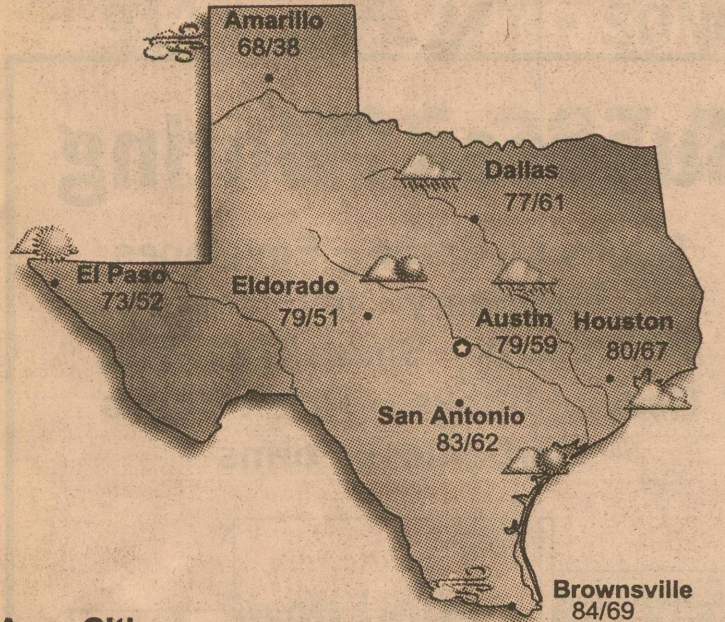
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fr 3/31	Sat 4/1	Sun 4/2	Mon 4/3	Tue 4/4
79/51 Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	83/55 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	81/56 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	86/53 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.	88/55 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 6:34 AM Sunset: 7:00 PM	Sunrise: 6:33 AM Sunset: 7:01 PM	Sunrise: 6:31 AM Sunset: 7:01 PM	Sunrise: 6:30 AM Sunset: 7:02 PM	Sunrise: 6:29 AM Sunset: 7:03 PM

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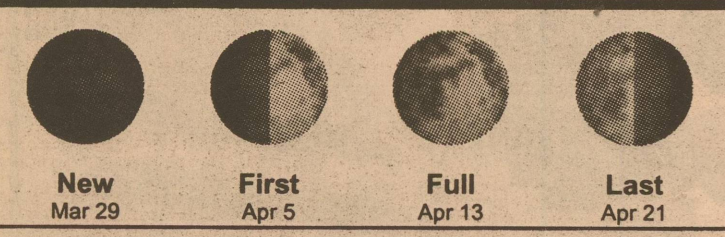
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	53	windy	Kingsville	85	65	pt sunny
Amarillo	68	38	windy	Livingston	80	62	cloudy
Austin	79	59	t-storm	Longview	77	63	t-storm
Beaumont	79	65	cloudy	Lubbock	75	44	windy
Brownsville	84	69	windy	Lufkin	80	64	cloudy
Brownwood	81	56	t-storm	Midland	78	49	windy
Corpus Christi	79	67	pt sunny	Raymondville	88	67	windy
Corsicana	76	62	cloudy	Rosenberg	80	66	cloudy
Dallas	77	61	rain	San Antonio	83	62	pt sunny
Del Rio	88	61	pt sunny	San Marcos	81	60	pt sunny
El Paso	73	52	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	74	62	t-storm
Fort Stockton	82	54	sunny	Sweetwater	77	49	t-storm
Gainesville	74	53	t-storm	Tyler	77	62	t-storm
Greenville	72	60	cloudy	Weatherford	76	54	t-storm
Houston	80	67	cloudy	Wichita Falls	83	49	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	53	pt sunny	Minneapolis	52	45	rain
Boston	62	41	sunny	New York	64	46	sunny
Chicago	68	56	rain	Phoenix	77	58	pt sunny
Dallas	77	61	rain	San Francisco	58	50	cloudy
Denver	57	35	windy	Seattle	54	46	rain
Houston	80	67	cloudy	St. Louis	71	58	rain
Los Angeles	65	50	pt sunny	Washington, DC	69	50	sunny
Miami	78	69	sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fr 3/31	Sat 4/1	Sun 4/2	Mon 4/3	Tue 4/4
0	0	7	0	0
Very High	Very High	High	Very High	Very High

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

Employment tax seminar offered

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center is presenting a free seminar entitled, "Employment Taxes". The seminar will be held on Thursday, April 11 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Rassman Building (2222 Dena Drive) at the ASU Campus, Room 100 (Conference Room).

The workshop provides employment tax information for small business owners who have employees or plan to hire new employees. Topics include: Record keeping; Types of employees; Independent contractors; Employer identification numbers; Employment tax forms; Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS); and IRS filing requirements and timetables.

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- ARRESTS**
- March 21 • Ybarra, Estanislado, male age 30, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.
 - Markham, Thomas Awden, male age 56, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWI 2nd. Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond.
 - March 23 • Lozano, Joe Louis, male age 39, arresting officer SC deputy, offense MTR possession of a Controlled Substance.
 - March 28 • Lindauer, Patti, female age 44, arresting officer SC deputy, Theft by check. \$500 surety.
 - March 16 • Sanchez, Patricia, fe-

male age 41, arresting officer SC deputy, Theft by check. \$500 surety.

- INCIDENTS**
- March 21 • 11:55 a.m. Report of a Repo. Ford Silver Pickup step side.
 - 6:50 p.m. Caller requested to speak with officer in reference to a possible domestic disturbance. Officer notified and responded.
 - March 22 • 5:07 p.m. Complainant reported a fire south of town. Officers responded.
 - 6:27 p.m. Complainant reported that there had been a wreck about one mile west on 190. EMS, Officer and Wrecker responded.
 - March 23 • 7:12 p.m. Complainant reported a small silver car going about 75 in a 25 mph speed limit. Officer responded.
 - March 24 • 12:35 a.m. Prowler in the neighborhood.
 - 10:35 p.m. Complainant reported hearing a loud noise and went outside to see and heard gas line leaking and the dumpster had been hit. Officer an city responded.
 - March 25 • 12:22 a.m. Caller reported a leaking gas line across from address listed above. The city of Eldorado was notified and personnel was notified.
 - 5:57 a.m. Caller requested officer to residence to assist her in lifting her husband up from a fall. Officer responded.
 - 7:25 a.m. Caller advised of a water leak at the town museum. Notified personnel with the city.
 - 11:00 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for her husband. Officer and EMS 1 responded.
 - March 26 • 11:48 a.m. Complainant reported two children playing in the road on East Street. Officer responded.
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 - 12:04 p.m. Complainant reported a fire on 190 East. Officer, and EVFD responded.
 - 12:34 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer in reference to rocks being thrown in his yard. Officer responded.
 - 5:29 p.m. Caller advised of wreckless driver off of North East Street. Caller advised of a gray silver Ford Ranger driving at a high rate of speed. Officer notified.
 - March 27 • 9:08 a.m. Reported a control burn EVFD was notified.
 - 4:08 p.m. Caller advised of loose livestock near Bailey Ranch Road. Officer notified.
 - 6:36 p.m. Complainant came to officer to report harassing telephone calls from a female. Complainant spoke to officer. Complainant stated female keeps calling his residence shouting profanities but did not know the reason for the phone calls. Complainant was advised what he could do but was unsure he wanted to do and would notify SO if problem persisted.
 - 7:28 p.m. Caller advised of loose livestock at above location. Two black calves and fence area looked to be knocked down. Officer was notified.
 - March 28 • 7:55 a.m. Reported a repossession of Pontiac Grand AM.
 - 11:48 a.m. Complainant requested an officer to assist with a customer refusing to leave. Subject disrupted business. Officer responded.

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Solution to puzzle on Page 7

"What's New?"

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

5	4	3	9	6	8	2	7	1
2	9	8	1	5	7	6	3	4
1	6	7	2	3	4	8	9	5
4	8	9	5	7	1	3	2	6
3	7	1	8	2	6	5	4	9
6	5	2	4	9	3	7	1	8
7	1	4	6	8	2	9	5	3
8	2	5	3	4	9	1	6	7
9	3	6	7	1	5	4	8	2

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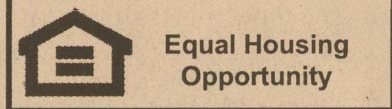
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Eldorado Spotlight



The spotlight camera focused this week on these "Partners," David Marquez and Davis Hutto, in the 19th annual First Grade Rodeo Grand Entry, held in the Elementary gym on Friday, March 24, 2006.

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Womans Club explores "World of Books"

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Womans' Club met Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. Club Room. Seventeen members and two guests were present.

The theme for the meeting was "World of Books." President Mary Roden opened the meeting with a warm welcome.

Cathy Niblett gave a prayer and Charlene Edmiston led us in pledges to our flags.

President Roden next introduced guest Karen Newton. Karen and her family are new residents of Schleicher County.

Secretary Dorothy Harris next gave her report and Mary Roden gave the Treasurers' report for absentee Treasurer Nelva Martin.

President Roden then opened our business session by reminding us our next meeting will be a visit to the Concho Valley Home for Girls. Members will participate in a Pantry type shower for the home and the girls. Member will meet at the Memorial Bldg. at 10:00 a.m. and motor to the home in San Angelo.

Further discussion of the trip included luncheon plans. After the discussion a motion was made and passed by vote that a committee would select our best location.

Roll call was next given with everyone giving a favorite book. Some were "Gone

with the Wind", books on cassettes, "Silver Chalice", "Boyhood of Jimmie Carter", "Journey through the Heart", "George and Martha Washington" by Mary Higgins Clark, Elmer Kelton's books, "Ninety Minutes in Heaven", books by Max La Kate, and the joys of reading books with grand and great grandchildren.

Our local library was started with thirty books and Ruth Baker was the librarian and the library was located in the courthouse in the room where the current County Commissioners meet.

The National Federation of Womans' Club has the promotion of libraries as one of their objectives. Locally our club always shared in this worthy cause towards the advancement of the welfare of our community.

Next, Program Leader Jerre Holley introduced Jill Preston as our guest speaker. Jill chose as her book review "Ninety Minutes in Heaven" by Don Piper. The book carries us along a road trip the author took out of Houston, Texas in 1989.

Along the route his vehicle and a truck were involved in a terrible accident. He tells us about the ambulance trip and the difficulties the ambulance people had in finding a hospital to receive Piper.

Finally in Houston Piper was admitted to

Herman Hospital where to his good fortune he received the best of care. One of the wonders for Piper was he suffered no brain damage from his terrible accident. His spell binding story tells us about special people he meets along the way in Ninety Minutes in Heaven and also the special people and things that happen to him as he recuperates and after wards.

From his experience he came to realize he must tell his story both in book form and through inspirational speeches so he could carry his extraordinary experience to others. We thank Jill for keeping us spell bound during her wonderful presentation.

Following Jill's great review we recited our Club Collect. We closed our meeting with refreshment time, Hostesses Jo Callison, Olean Stricklan, and Myrt Williams had delicious refreshments that even included a magical bright green punch that surely the leprechauns happily helped with. The table appointments Leprechauns were so bright with a St. Patrick's Day theme.

Thanks ladies for a special treat.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Field Trip on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 and all are looking forward to our visit to the Concho Valley Home for Girls. We will leave our trip Memorial Bldg. at 10:00 a.m. for our trip to San Angelo.



These four EHS art students recently completed the Charlie Brown and Snoopy cartoon murals in the Elementary Gym. They are (L-R): Jaaron Crawford, Jilleesa Hibbs, Alicia Corrales, and Diego Barrera.

Touching 'Proposals' to take stage

A dysfunctional family gets a chance at redemption when Angelo State University presents Neil Simon's touching comedy "Proposals" beginning Thursday, March 23.

Eldra Sanford, a 1965 Eldorado High School graduate who has spent her last six years at Angelo State University as the costume director for theater productions, will be in the director's chair when "Proposals" takes the stage.

The play will show at 8 p.m. March 23-25 and March 30-April 1. There will be a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 26. All shows will be in the Modular Theater in the Carr Education-Fine Arts Building.

"Proposals" recalls the last time the Hines family gathered at their retreat in the Poconos. That summer in 1953 was one of animated romantic entanglements that overlap on one idyllic afternoon.

Burt Hines, a 55-year-old recovering workaholic convalescing from a second heart attack, eagerly anticipates the arrival of the ex-wife, Annie, whom he still loves.

His daughter Josie has just broken her engagement to an intense Harvard law student and pines for his buddy Ray, an aspiring writer with whom she once had a brief fling.

Clemma, the black housekeeper at the center of the action, is dreading a visit from the husband who deserted her years before. He strolls in with one working eye, one working hand and a guilty conscience. A model with a strikingly dim intellect shows up on Ray's arm, and a young Miami gangster with a gift for malapropisms brings comic joy to the gathering.

"This play contains the deepest human element Simon has added in his scripts," said Eldra Sanford, who is directing the play. "He slides so seamlessly between comedy and drama that once you realize it's drama, you've slid back into comedy."

Sanford, the costume designer for ASU productions, is making her ASU directorial debut.

Tickets are available a box office. The box office will be open from a second heart attack, eagerly anticipates the arrival of the ex-wife, Annie, whom he still loves. call 942-2000.

Local band members to perform with New Austin Wind Ensemble

The New Austin Wind Ensemble will be performing a free concert with Eldorado High/Middle School band students at 7:30 pm on Saturday evening, April 1, 2006, at the Way-Off-Broadway Players Theater, located at 113 S. Main Street. Eldorado band students (and interested community members) will rehearse with the New Austin Wind Ensemble prior to the concert at 5:00 p.m. in the theater. The concert will include a variety of music, including polkas, waltzes and classical pieces.

On Friday, March 31, the day before the concert, the members of the New Austin Wind Ensemble will also conduct "Masters Classes" with Eldorado band students interested in receiving instruction from these adult musicians. The purpose of these "Masters Classes" is twofold: share musical expertise with students and to

show, by example, that music can be a part of the students' lives, long after they have finished playing in school bands.

The New Austin Wind Ensemble is a 7-piece ensemble of accomplished musicians who play in two civic wind ensembles in Austin, Texas: Austin Civic Wind Ensemble (ACWE) and Austin Wonder Brass (AWB). ACWE is Austin's oldest civic wind ensemble, having begun in 1975 and includes 50 musicians of all ages and professions. AWB is an ensemble of 20 musicians who began two years ago, performing traditional British brass band music. One can visit the Web Sites for these two bands at www.acwe.org and www.austinwonderbrass.com

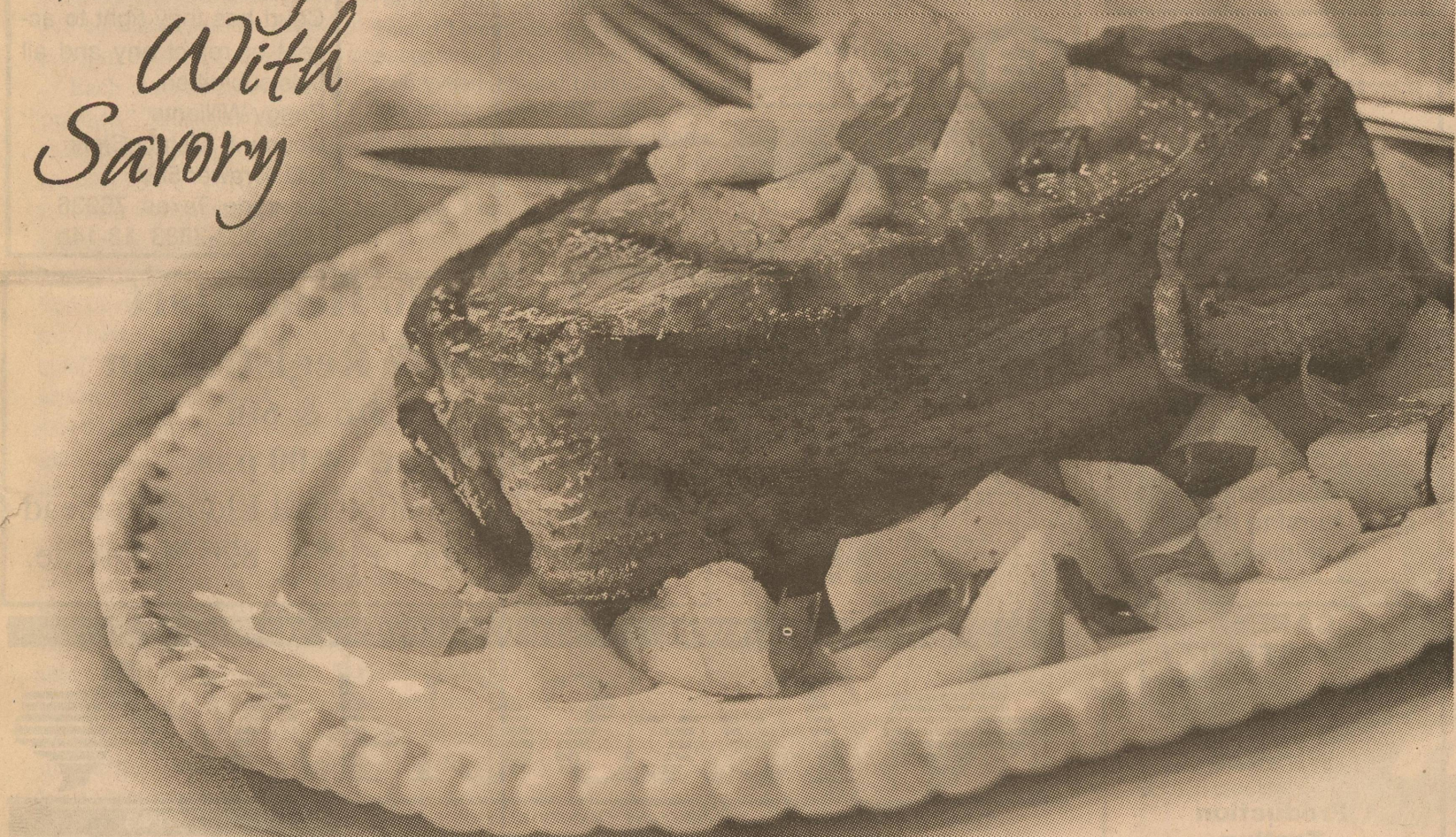
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The New Austin Wind Ensemble includes (Front L-R) Charlie Schwobel, Rachel Turnbull, Jason Moore, (Back L-R) Back row: Chris Pawling, Jim Schwobel, Dan Augustine, Davie Pearce and Kent Stuber.

Ignite Appetites

Pairing Sweet With Savory



FAMILY FEATURES

Looking for juicy new ideas to add variety to your cookout repertoire this summer? Take a cue from one of the nation's top culinary pros.

"Chefs have been going wild for tropical fruits lately, and not just in sweet dishes," says Melissa Kelly, food trend expert and executive chef of Primo (with restaurant locations in Maine, Arizona and Florida). "Incorporating exotic fruits such as mangos into savory dishes using a lean meat like pork is hotter than ever."

Mangos are the world's favorite fruit, and Americans are beginning to experiment with this exotic, luscious fruit in everything from entrée salads to desserts. Pork is a natural partner for fruit and is perfect for grilling, thanks to the variety of cuts and cooking times. Because its versatile flavor blends harmoniously with a variety of seasonings, grilling with pork is sure to spice up any meal. By pairing pork with the unique flavor of mango, the result is a mouth-watering and naturally healthy summer meal that's definitely not blah.

When entertaining this summer, consider these delicious recipes that are bursting with tropical taste, yet quick and easy to prepare on the grill. The menu options, perfect for lunch or dinner, feature succulent pork and tropical mangos.

For more recipes, visit www.mangoinfo.org and www.TheOtherWhiteMeat.com.

Bacon-Wrapped Pork With Spicy Mango-Basil Relish

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 12 to 16 minutes

- 4 boneless pork chops, 1 1/2-inch thick
 - 8 strips bacon
 - 1/2 cup soy sauce
 - 1/2 cup fresh lime juice
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
 - 2 to 3 cloves fresh garlic, minced
- Spicy Mango-Basil Relish (recipe follows)

Wrap 2 strips of bacon around outside edge of each pork chop, securing in several places with toothpicks. Mix together soy sauce, lime juice, cayenne pepper and garlic. Reserve half of mixture for basting and place half in shallow baking dish. Add pork to dish and turn to coat both sides. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour, turning pork occasionally. (Marinate longer for more flavor.)

Remove from marinade, discard marinade and place pork on grill over medium coals. Cook 12 to 16 minutes total, basting with reserved marinade several times, until pork registers 160°F with instant-read thermometer. Serve with large dollop of Spicy Mango-Basil Relish.

Makes 4 servings

Spicy Mango-Basil Relish: In small bowl, stir together 1 peeled, pitted and chopped mango, 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice, 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil and 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper.

Tropical S'mores

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes

- 8 marshmallows
- 8 (3-inch) soft molasses cookies
- 1 large mango, peeled, pitted and sliced

Optional toppers: caramel sauce, toasted coconut, chopped macadamia nuts

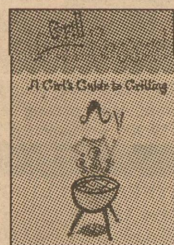
Toast marshmallows on long metal skewers over hot coals until golden brown outside and soft inside.

Place 2 marshmallows on each of 4 cookies and top with mango slices. Drizzle with caramel sauce and sprinkle with coconut and nuts, as desired.

Top with remaining 4 cookies.

Makes 4 servings

Grill Power! A Girl's Guide to Grilling



This summer, the National Pork Board commemorates grilling season by offering a free booklet titled "Grill Power! A Girl's Guide to Grilling."

Whether you're a seasoned "grill girl" or this is your first date with the grate, the booklet offers "grill-friendly" recipes and guidelines. From choosing the right cooking methods to incorporating flavorful rubs and marinades into your repertoire, this booklet offers tips for hosting the perfect outdoor gathering for the family or girlfriends.

To order the free recipe booklet, and for hundreds of other grilling meal ideas and tips, visit TheOtherWhiteMeat.com and click on "Freebies" on the menu bar. This booklet also is available by sending a self-addressed mailing label to "Grill Power! A Girl's Guide to Grilling," National Pork Board, P.O. Box 9114, Des Moines, IA 50306. While online, look under "All About Pork" on the menu bar for a demonstration video: "Fire Up the Grill."

Thai Pork and Mango Salad With Mango-Mint Dressing

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 20 to 25 minutes

- 1 pork tenderloin (about 1 pound)
 - Salt and freshly ground pepper
 - 2 tablespoons Thai red curry paste
 - 4 cups shredded coleslaw mixture (cabbage and carrots)
 - 4 cups chopped romaine lettuce
 - 1 chopped baby bok choy (dark green leaves only)
 - 2 large ripe mangos, peeled, pitted and diced
 - 1 cup julienned red bell pepper
 - 2 tablespoons julienned, peeled fresh ginger
- Mango-Mint Dressing (recipe follows)

Season pork lightly with salt and pepper, then rub curry paste onto meat surface. Grill over medium coals 20 to 25 minutes, or until pork reaches internal temperature of 160°F, as measured with instant-read thermometer. Remove from grill and let cool slightly. Cut into strips and place in large bowl with coleslaw, romaine, bok choy, mango, red pepper and ginger. Drizzle with dressing and toss well to coat.

Makes 4 to 6 servings

Mango-Mint Dressing: Puree 1 peeled and pitted mango, 1 medium peeled and chopped shallot, 1 sliced green onion, 1/4 cup rice vinegar, 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, 2 teaspoons sesame oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt in blender or food processor until smooth. Add 1 tablespoon fresh mint leaves and pulse until chopped.

