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Eldorado 1st graders Isaac Sorrells and Kathryn Shipman posed for the camera last Thursday during the 22nd Annual First Grade Rodeo held in the Elementary Gym. Isaac was one of two rodeo clowns while Kathryn participated in the Boot Scramble and was one of the readers for the event. You may view a video of this year's First Grade Rodeo online at www.myeldorado.net.

Federal appeals court upholds Texas 'Moment of Silence Law'

AUSTIN – The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on Monday upheld Texas' Moment of Silence law. As the state's lawyer, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott defended young Texans' right to begin each school day with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The Attorney General maintained that the 2003 statute is constitutional. Last month, Solicitor General James Ho appeared before the Fifth Circuit to defend the law during oral argument.

Texas schools begin each morning with a minute of silence for students to "reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in any other silent activity." A North Texas couple filed a lawsuit challenging the law, but that challenge was rejected by a federal district court. Today's Fifth Circuit decision affirmed the lower court's ruling and

once again rejected the plaintiffs' legal challenge.

"The United States Constitution plainly protects young Texans' right to observe a moment of silence before school each morning," Attorney General Abbott said. "Today's Fifth Circuit decision once again affirmed the moment of silence law's constitutionality. In an age where children are bombarded with distractions, beginning each school day with a moment of silence offers a welcome moment of quiet contemplation."

In 2003, the Texas Legislature revised the moment of silence law to provide for the recitation of the state and federal pledges of allegiance before the minute of silence. The law permits students to, among other protected activities, "pray" during this quiet time, or engage in "any

other silent activity that is not likely to interfere with or distract another student."

Defending the moment of silence law, the Attorney General argued that, "by providing a patriotic and contemplative context for the minute of silence, Senate Bill 83 plainly serves secular rather than religious purposes." The brief also said: "the purpose of these exercises is plain – to foster patriotism and provide an opportunity for students to engage in thoughtful contemplation."

In January 2008, a federal district judge rejected a North Texas couple's claim that the law was unconstitutional. Today's Fifth Circuit argument stems from the plaintiffs' appeal of the district court's ruling. Last month, a federal district court in Illinois struck down that state's moment of silence law.

Arizona court denies Jeffs' appeal

The Arizona state Supreme Court denied an appeal filed by attorneys for FLDS church leader Warren Jeffs. The polygamist prophet wanted charges pending against him in Mohave County to be sent back to a grand jury for reconsideration.

Mohave County judge Steven Conn rejected Jeffs' initial efforts in August to return the case to a grand jury.

Attorney Michael Picaretta then took the issue to Arizona's high court which on Tuesday ruled against reviewing Judge Conn's decision.

Jeffs' attorneys argued in vain that the grand jury was "tainted" by publicity in the case.

Jeffs is in jail in Kingman, Arizona where he awaits trial on charges stemming from the arranged marriages of teenage girls to older male relatives.

One of Picaretta's main complaints was that grand jurors had not been read the legal definition of an accomplice.

Jeffs is also facing charges in Texas where he was indicted for Sexual Assault of a Child, Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child and Bigamy following the April 3, 2008 raid at the YFZ Ranch.

Jeffs follows purchasers the YFZ Ranch in 2003 and began moving there in large numbers the following year. A dozen other men from the YFZ Ranch are also facing charges in Texas.

Community Baptist Church presents Messiah in the Passover

Chosen People Ministries representative Rachel Goldstein will be ministering at Community Baptist Church on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. She will bring a message on the Messiah in the Passover.

Rachel Goldstein grew up in New York City and Toronto in a Messianic Jewish family. As a young adult, Rachel has dedicated herself to reaching Jewish people with the Good News, as well as equipping the Church to do likewise. She earned a B.A. from Moody Bible Institute in Jewish studies and bible/Theology. She now serves as Short-Term Missions Strategist in new York City for Chosen People Ministries.

The Chosen People Ministries is over one hundred years old and throughout its long history has been unwavering in its commitment to bring the Gospel message of salvation in Jesus "to the Jew first and to the Gentile" throughout the world.

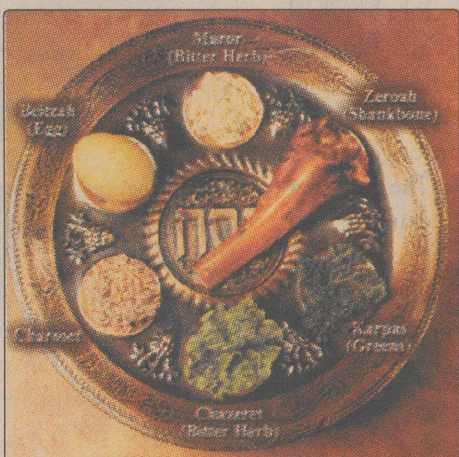
What does the Passover celebrate? It is both a holiday of remembrance and of

prophecy. The Passover meal beautifully pictures the redemption Jesus provided for us on the cross. Having a Passover dinner in our church provides the opportunity to celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus in its historical, New Testament setting as it was celebrated by the disciples with the Messiah. We can rejoice "For Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us." (1 Corinthians 5:7)

The Passover Meal (Kosher-style), including both the ceremonial part and the meal itself, will take approximately 2 1/2 hours. The time factor depends greatly upon how long it takes to serve and eat the dinner itself. The first part of the service, from the lighting of the candles to the serving of the appetizer will take from forty minutes to one hour.

Anyone interested in attending this service needs to call to reserve a place, as seating is limited. Nursery provide for children under five.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 23, 2009 to either 325-226-2526 or 325-277-2616. A love offering will be taken.



A traditional Seder plate, representative of the meal that will be served during the special "Messiah in the Passover" meal to be served at Community Baptist Church on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

'The Curious Savage' offered as EHS One-Act-Play

Spring is such a busy time for Eldorado High School students. Once again, the High School UIL One-Act Play is right in the middle of contest season and rehearsing every spare moment they can find between track, tennis, baseball and softball.

This year's production is *The Curious Savage* by John Patrick. It is a comedy filled with delightful characters.

Mrs. Savage has been widowed and left in charge of millions, which she intends to use to set up a foundation that will help others realize their hopes and dreams. However, her grown-up stepchildren have different plans for the family fortune. They have her committed to a sanitarium where they hope to prove her unfit to manage the estate. There, Mrs. Savage meets and learns to love the various social misfits who live in the safe little world of the sanitarium.

The greedy, self-seeking stepchildren and driven to distraction by their vain efforts to browbeat Mrs. Savage in to revealing the whereabouts of the bonds she has hidden. Mrs. Savage takes great delight in leading them on a merry chase in order to teach them the value of dignity and self-respect—things she admires and sees in the simple lives of her fellow inmates.

The dominant mood is high comedy and the audience is

left with a feeling that the neglected virtues of kindness and affection have not been entirely lost in a world that seems motivated by greed and dishonesty. It is a "feel-good" production full of vibrant characters, zany misadventures, and down-to-earth lessons.

The play will be performed for the school on March 25th; a performance will be presented to the public at a time and date to be announced later.

The cast and crew will head to Forsan on March 26th for Zone competition. Other schools competing at Zone are Christoval, Irion County, Forsan, and Stanton. *The Curious Savage* will have to be one of two advancing plays in order to compete at District on April 2nd in Wink.

Cast members include Tanja Hibbs, Joseph Rubio, Ashby Ragsdale, Miles Mikeska, Dylan Dombroski, John Thomas, Lindsay Pridemore, Ben Wipff, Marty Powell, Corie Williams, Brittany Luce, Ashley Paulson, and Timothy Maskill. Crew members include Audrey Rubio, Brianah Creek, Lauren Rubio and Zack Brame. Alternates are Mason Baker, Bailey Minor, Chris Minor, Rolly Gonzalez, April Porras. Directors are Luann Shipman and Lynna Mikeska

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County surveys citizens about local parks

County Commissioner Johnny Mayo announced that people will be receiving a survey in the mail this week asking for their opinion on park and recreation needs in Eldorado and Schleicher County.

The survey was developed by the Schleicher County Parks Committee and the results will be used to develop a Master Park and Open Space Master Plan. The survey will ask residents to prioritize what activities they would like to see in our local parks and the results of the survey will be used to assist the Parks Committee and County Commissioners

Court in developing the Master Plan.

Once the plan is completed it will be submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for review and approval and the county may decide to submit a grant request to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department this July to assist in building the improvements.

Commissioner Mayo said, "This planning effort started as a result of the Commissioners Court concern that our swimming pool at the park is over 50 years old and it is becoming a major problem in terms of maintenance costs and meeting state rules for swimming pools. We

also realized that most of the equipment at the park is outdated and needs to be replaced. The Park Committee is also looking at what improvements could be done at the rodeo arena to make it more usable. I encourage all residents to complete the survey and they can drop them off at City Hall or the County Judges office at the Courthouse."



The tall slide at the county park is among the playground equipment in need of repair and/or replacement.

Plan for Silver Bluebonnet Day

The Thunderbird bus will be going to "The Silver Bluebonnet Day" at the San Angelo State Park on April 8, 2009. Anyone that would like to go must reserve a place on the bus. Call 853-2574 to make those arrangements-by April 3rd at 3:30 pm.

The bus will leave Eldorado between 7:30 and 8:00 am. We will go directly to the park. There will be Park Tours (we will use our bus for all tours and there will be very little walking) Tours will have wildlife viewing, wildflowers (maybe

more since we have had some rain), informative speakers, displays, and musical entertainment.

A free picnic lunch will be served, ending our day at the park about 12:30 pm.

Everyone that has gone on this trip with us has had a good time. Make your plans now to go on this trip. Call Today. Seating is limited.

Call Patsy at 853-2574 and leave a message and phone number to make those arrangements and get more information about the trip.

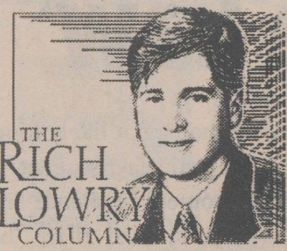
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Hey Big Spender

When President Barack Obama wanted to push an \$800 billion "stimulus" or "recovery" bill through Congress, he thought an atmosphere of economic crisis helped his cause. So he repeatedly warned of "catastrophe," of "a crisis that, at some point, we may not be able to reverse."

A little more than a week later, Obama moved onto his next priority, proposing a unbridled federal budget that will spend \$3.6 trillion next year and \$5.3 trillion more in the next 10 years than the Congressional Budget Office was projecting just last year. To get revenue for this budgetary explosion, Obama assumes the economy will be recovering at a nice clip next year, at a 3.2 percent annual rate.

What happened to the looming cataclysm? Obama exaggerated the downside of the economy so he could get more spending, and now he's exaggerating its upside so he can get more spending. The fixed goal is more spending. The means -- the rhetoric, the arguments, the assumptions -- are flexible so long as they



serve that ultimate goal.

So much for the debate over Obama's intentions -- is he a pragmatist or an ideologue? Obama is a pragmatist in pursuit of an ideological prize, willing to zig and zag so long as his lodestar of expanded government is ahead of him.

A trope of conservative commentary about the stimulus package was that Nancy Pelosi had rolled the neophyte Obama, producing a sprawling monstrosity that betrayed his talk of pragmatism. This missed the point -- Obama's deference to Pelosi was his pragmatism. By giving Pelosi running room and enduring a few embarrassments, he got what he wanted, which was as much new spending as quickly as the political system could bear. If barely any Republicans could support it, so what? Bipartisanship was a means, not an end.

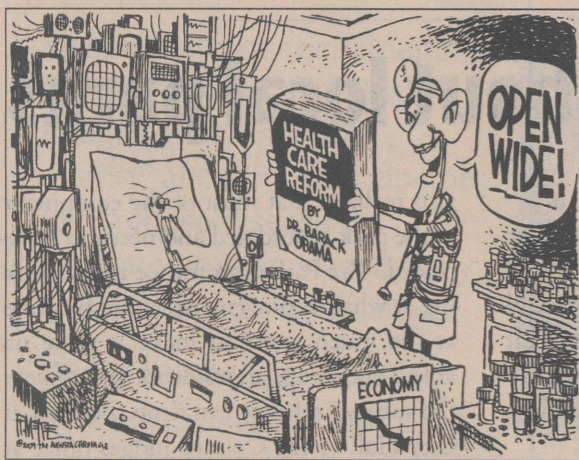
If Obama felt ill-used by this process, he wouldn't be proposing to duplicate it with his health-care plan. Obama wants to give Congress a few principles and a \$634 billion health-care slush fund, and let Congress go at it and write his health-care plan. How it works out exactly doesn't matter so much as it gets done -- and government grows.

Nothing can distract from that higher call. The financial crisis is still at the heart of our economic woes, but Obama has refused to grapple with it forthrightly. The contrast with Franklin Roosevelt -- who acted immediately and forcefully to stem his (much more dire) banking crisis -- couldn't be starker. Why punt on the financial crisis? Because bold action means courting considerable political risk, and that could threaten the larger spending agenda. In this sense, the spending is evidently more important than recovery for Obama.

Obama's critics who accused him of "socialism" during the presidential campaign were roundly ridiculed. What rank name-calling! The charge didn't have much resonance because the best (not particularly convincing) evidence for it was Obama's proposed tax credit for workers who don't pay the income tax. But Obama's opponents read him well. He has the heart, if not the affect, of an ideologue. For him, above all else, the spending is the thing.

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30 Years of Progress

Laura on Life



by Laura Snyder

When I was a kid, just 30-something years ago, I woke up to the sound of a tea kettle whistling so that my dad could get a cup of instant Maxwell House before driving to work. I walked to school, carrying my books until we moved and then I took a bus.

We had three channels on our tube TV and people were skinnier because you had to get up to change the channel. The one video game was a green blip bouncing from one side of the screen to the other. Playing outside for hours was preferable to watching little green blips.

Our telephone actually needed to be dialed on a real dial and long distance calls were a once-a-year family event. It was cheaper to send a letter. Our dishwasher was a top-loader which was used only on the holidays.

My mom didn't work outside the home until we were teenagers, so the house was always spotless and I never once saw dust on the furniture, socks under the couch, Legos in the heater ducts, or crunchy kitchen towels.

Fast forward 30-some odd years: A new day, a new age of technology that was supposed to make things simpler and easier.

I wake up to the sound of a digital alarm clock screeching whatever channel it was left on after a child had played with it. My husband left for work early, but the coffee-maker turns on automatically and brews a fresh pot of coffee even when he isn't there to drink it. How many times do I have to tell him to inform the coffee-maker if he's not going to be home?

Walking to school isn't an option because of the multitudes of dangerous-types lurking around every

corner. If a child gets hurt or abducted, the parents are charged with neglect.

The kids must have a backpack to carry their books or they are considered underprivileged and are automatically put on the list of kids to report to social services if they so much as arrive with their shirt on backwards.

We have 5 billion channels on our flat-screen, high-definition, remote-controlled TV which comes equipped with at least six more boxes, each with its own remote control. These are primarily for manipulating the shows available in such a way so that we won't miss anything. If there were only three channels, chances are, we wouldn't miss a thing.

Video games are now so life-like that kids can actually get hands-on experience with stealing cars, shooting people, and being the tyrannical ruler of an entire country. With that kind of edutainment available, who'd want to play outside?

Telephones have changed as well. They are now un-tethered and "dialing" now involves pushing buttons; much like a TV remote. In fact, if you use your telephone in the same room as you view television, it is a common hazard to find yourself trying to dial the remote and change channels with your telephone. After yelling, "Hello, hello!" into your remote a few times, it starts to make more sense to handle

your communications by e-mail.

The same technological snafu occurs when I try to bring my laundry to a boil in the dryer. What can I say? The knobs are in the same position as my stove.

Our dishwasher is run daily. In fact, I don't think my children know how to wash dishes by hand. Although the dishwasher is supposed to save time, it seems to take them longer to do the dishes because of the negotiations beforehand. Who's on load, and who's on unload. No matter how it turns out, I always find dried noodles and twist ties in the bottom of the dishwasher.

Most women work outside the home now. Some work two jobs and the so-called "Division of Labor" that supposedly occurs in most marriages... is just a myth. As a matter of fact, it's a joke.

As a result, peanut butter can always be found smeared on various surfaces, cupboard doors stay permanently open until I enter the kitchen, socks are not only found under the couch, but in the fireplace, the dishwasher, the broom closet, under beds, attached to the inside of sweaters & clinging to a ceiling fan.

So, too, crunchy towels are commonplace, even though paper towels are more readily available for Kool-aid spills.

As you can see, life is different, but not necessarily easier. I can hardly wait to see how "easy" my daughter's life is with the technology that is sure to be available when she grows up.

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Sen. Shapiro, Rep. Pitts offer plans for state's next two year budget

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Our Legislature is two steps closer to building a state budget for fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, and Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, on March 13 filed Senate Bill 1 and House Bill 1, the general appropriations bills.

SB 1 is scheduled for daily public hearings, March 16-21. HB 1 is scheduled for a hearing in the House Appropriations Committee, chaired by Pitts, on March 17. At these hearings, both versions of the budget will be marked up, voted out of their respective committees and sent to the full Senate and full House for approval.

The usual path to approval includes a stop in a conference committee of House and Senate members, who must reconcile any differences that emerge in the two bills.

The budget would total around \$170 billion, if it runs in parallel with projected needs expressed by the Legislative Budget Board. The current two-year budget, which ends Aug. 31, totaled out at \$168 billion.

The state revenue estimate provided by State Comptroller Susan Combs shows that for 2010-11, the state can expect to have \$77.1 billion in funds available for general-purpose spending. This represents a 10.5 percent decrease from the corresponding amount of funds available for 2008-09.

Still to be worked out is potential relief through a \$16 billion federal stimulus package, which the Legislative Budget Board said can be spent on:

The Medicaid match rate, transportation infrastructure, public school facilities, water and energy finance programs, and existing education, health and human services programs, and the Community Development Block Grant.

Also, home energy and weatherization assistance, affordable housing, criminal justice assistance grants, unemployment compensation, food stamps.

Gov. Rick Perry on March 12 rejected the \$555 million chunk of the federal stimulus meant to shore up state unemployment funding. He said the money has strings attached, and accepting it would mean Texas businesses would have to make higher unemployment payments.

All that, on top of continued uncertainties in the current economy that point to less revenue for the state to work with will make for lively debate over the next few weeks.

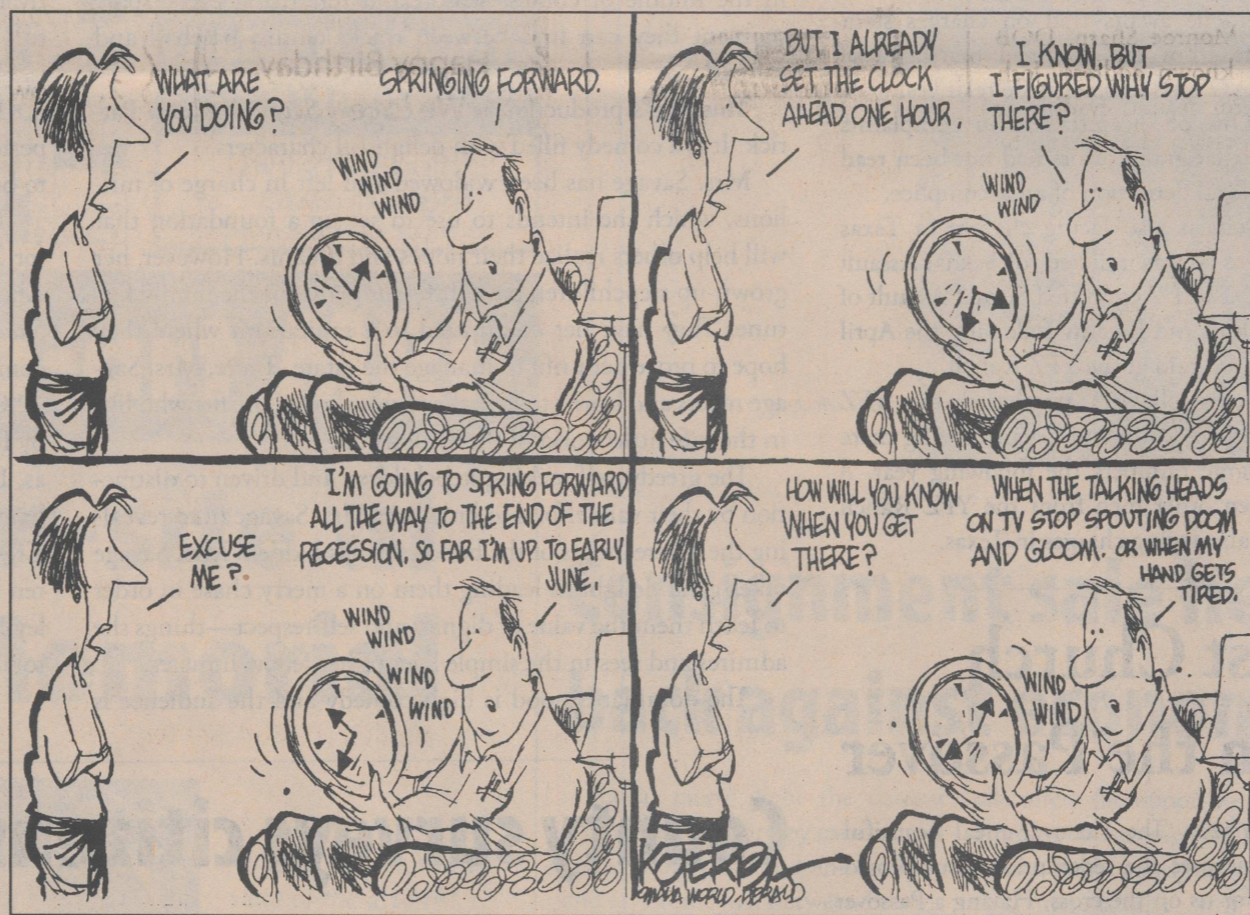
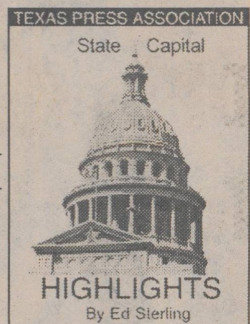
Dunnam files transparency measure

State Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, chair of the House Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding, on March 10 filed HB 2942, the Texas Government Accountability and Transparency Act of 2009. The bill is intended to strengthen legislators' ability to track and audit the use of stimulus money by state agencies and private entities.

Committee passes Voter ID bill

The state Committee of the Whole Senate on March 11 passed SB 362, a "voter I.D." bill with all 19 Republicans and the lieutenant governor voting in favor and all 12 Democrats voting in opposition.

The bill's author, Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, said the intent of his bill is to prevent unscrupulous individuals



Hunting Wild Hogs with a Knife

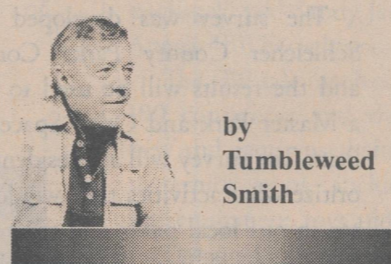
I went to the high school in Rochelle to interview a fifteen-year-old student named Ty Shackelford. Someone told me he goes hog hunting at night with only a flashlight and a knife. I had a super visit with him. He says he's been hunting since he was wearing diapers and boots.

"I'd stand by the tank in my diapers and boots and shoot birds with a twenty-two. I'd take one bullet and come back with four birds. My parents would ask me how I took them and I told them I didn't know. I just knew I had four birds and I was happy."

He was three years old then. He killed his first deer when he was four. Now about those hog hunts:

"I just get my dogs, put them in the truck. When they see something, I let them out and they run after a hog. Then I go up there with my flashlight and my knife, jump on the hog's back and stab it."

I told him that most people



by Tumbleweed Smith

hunt hogs with a gun.

"My daddy told me to stop using a gun. Too much lead in the hog when I bring it home."

Ty stabs the hog behind the shoulder with an eight-inch knife.

"His head is too hard. I had one run off with my knife one time, so I stopped stabbing them in the head."

Once a hog ran away with Ty on its back. He bumped his head on a low limb. Most of the time Ty hunts by himself. He has never lost a dog and has never been hit by a hog's tusk. He has killed more than 400 hogs. Only three of them got away. He's been hunting hogs for years.

"I started taking up my dogs and stabbing hogs when I was nine. The

first one I got was around a hundred pounds. I stabbed it with a knife no bigger than your hand. The ones that are under a hundred pounds I either take them home or give them to some of my friends. The ones that get up around 400 pounds I just drag them off. They taste too wild and nasty. I don't eat them."

Ty lives with his family on a 200-acre tract of land. There are no hogs on it because Ty and his dogs cleared them out.

"I started calling people and asked them if they had any hogs. When they said yes, I asked them if they'd mind my hunting them. They say 'come on.' I go out there and take care of them. I call those hogs big rats. They tear up fields and fences and eat newborn calves. They got some of ours."

Ty goes hunting every weekend and sometimes during the week. He loves it. When he grows up, he said he wants to get a job that has something to do with wildlife.

West Texas Heritage Day at Ft. McKavett State Historic Site

Fort McKavett State Historic Site will come to life on March 28th, 2009, as Living Historians and Re-enactors from around the state gather to portray life as it would have been at the fort in the 1800s. Gates will open at 8:00 a.m. followed by a 10:00 a.m. flag raising ceremony.

Throughout the day, activities will include cavalry, artillery and infantry drills, Native Indian demonstrations, Buffalo Soldiers, Buffalo Hunters, Chuck Wagon demonstrations, the Texas Camel Corps, and demonstrations of other frontier skills. The Ice House Brass Band will perform during a barbeque lunch offered to the public by the Friends of Fort McKavett. Donations to help defray the cost of the

food will be appreciated. The day will conclude with the lowering of the flag scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

Fort McKavett State Historic Site consists of 17 restored buildings and several ruins. The restored buildings include the Post Hospital, Post Headquarters, Barracks and several Officers' Quarters. There is a historic trail that winds down to a lime kiln exhibit, rock quarry and the Government springs.

Fort McKavett SHS is located 23 miles west of Menard, 41 miles northeast of Sonora, 34 miles east of Eldorado and 15 miles west, then 26 miles north of Junction. For further information, please call us at (325) 396-2358 or via e-mail at fmckavett@the.state.tx.us.



Mitch Wilkerson and Courtney Sauer

Sauer/Wilkerson Engagement

Hyman and Gina Sauer of Eldorado, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Rene Sauer, to Robert Mitchell Wilkerson, son of Shannon and Janis Wilkerson of Eldorado.

Courtney is a 2003 graduate of Eldorado High School and a 2007 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutritional Sciences and a minor in Spanish. She is a candidate for December 2009 graduation from Hardin Simmons University with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Courtney is the granddaughter of the late Jack and Ruth Hardgrave of Sanderson and Fort Stockton, Texas and Louella Sauer and the late Edgar Sauer of Eldorado.

Eldorado High School. He is currently employed as the West Texas Area Manager for International Lift Systems. Mitch is the grandson of Wayne and Daisy Mikeska of Eldorado and Robert and Jeanette Wilkerson of Gardendale, Texas.

The couple plan to marry August 22, 2009 in San Angelo, Texas.

DPS adds two to state's Top 10 Most Wanted list

The Texas Department of Public Safety has added three fugitives to the Top 10 Most Wanted list. The fugitives on the list are wanted for a wide range of crimes, including homicide, burglary and aggravated assault.

Texas Crime Stoppers will give a \$1,000 cash reward to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of these fugitives. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of any of these fugitives should call 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). The Crime Stoppers hotline is open 24 hours a day. You do not have to give your name when calling.

DPS urges caution around these fugitives.

"Any fugitive should be considered armed and dangerous," said Col. Stan Clark, interim director of the DPS. "You should never attempt to apprehend these fugitives yourself."

For more information on specific fugitives or the crimes they are accused of, please contact the local police department in the area where the fugitive was last seen.

Here is a list of the Top 10 Fugitives (one of the fugitives listed on the poster was apprehended shortly after the list was released. New names are in bold):

- Robert Barrera, DOB 9-26-82, last known address: Austin. Wanted for obstructing police, escape and burglary of a habitation.

- Dennis Wayne Capps, DOB 6-30-54, last known address: Corpus Christi. Wanted for failure to appear on a capital murder warrant.

- Binus Jackson IV, DOB 7-31-68, last known address: Waco. Wanted for two counts of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon and robbery by threat.

- Gaspar E. Loya III, DOB 6-20-74, last known address: Weslaco. Wanted for indecency with a child, burglary, failure to register as a sex offender, escape and unlawful flight.

- Rene Morales Munoz, DOB 12-19-67, last known address: Laredo. Wanted for homicide, probation violations and possession of cocaine.

- Mauricio Geovany Rosales, DOB 5-26-85, last known address: El Paso. Wanted for two counts of murder, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault.

- Harold Monroe Sharp, DOB 3-9-66, last known address: Joshua. Wanted for assault, evading arrest and possession of a firearm by a felon.

- Leeroy Suarez, DOB 6-2-83, last known address: New Braunfels. Wanted for homicide, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful flight.

- Esequiel Rio Villareal, DOB 12-2-66, last known address: Houston. Wanted for two counts of homicide.
- Francisco Villela-Andrade, DOB 7-10-85, last known address: Houston. Wanted for homicide.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives to be featured on the Texas Top 10 Most Wanted list. Featured fugitives generally have been accused of committing violent crimes or crimes against children. Investigators are interested in apprehending these fugitives as soon as possible, before they are able to commit additional crimes.

You can find the current list-with photos--on the DPS website at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/>. The list is updated as needed.

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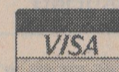
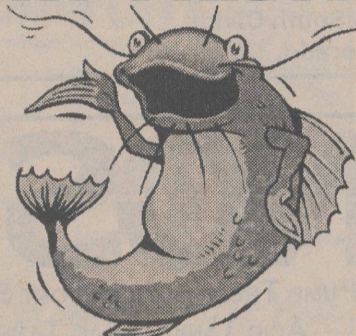
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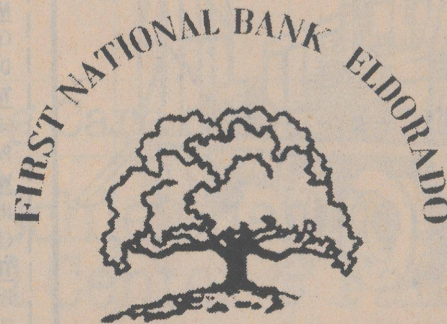
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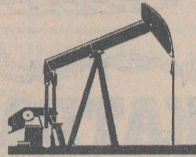
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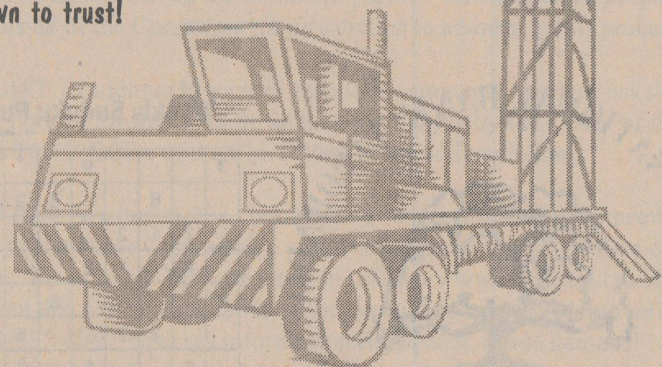
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Lady Eagles softball goes 1-1 over Spring Break

submitted by Coach Jesse Rubio

The welcome and much needed rain was an answer to many prayers but it caused the Eldorado Lady Eagles to endure a 372 mile road trip to start the spring break session with an 8-4 loss to Forsan and a 11-4 win over Miles.

Lady Eagles begin a road trip on Monday, March 16th at 3:30 pm when they left for Big Spring to play Forsan, whose field was still holding water from the much needed rain.

The Lady Eagles were the visiting team and took first at bat. Aubrey Martinez reached first with a base on balls but the remainder of the lineup would be retired by the Lady Buffaloes pitching. The Lady Buffaloes returned the favor with a similar outing and this would be the pattern headed into the third stanza.

The top of the third saw Aubrey Martinez reach first on a single up the middle but again the opportunity would be squandered as the pitching of the Lady Buffaloes would squash any attempts to the score the run.

Forsan's center fielder reached first on an error overthrow to first to start the bottom half of the third inning. The second baseman then used her speed to lay down a bunt that enabled her to reach first and then subsequently three runs would reach home after a fielding error by the Lady Eagles. Forsan led 3 to 0 headed into the 4th.

The fourth inning saw Eldorado clear the blank on the scoreboard when Haley Higgins connected on a long drive that cleared the left center field fence. Eldorado however, would be retired in order on routine grounders to the Lady Buffaloes.

The bottom half of the fourth Forsan scored two more runs to up their total to 5 versus Eldorado's one.

The fifth inning saw a two out rally by Eldorado that started after Corie Williams advanced on a single and then scored on a single by Bridgett Mitchell. Haley would bring in her third RBI of the game when she hit a triple that hit the left field fence and narrowly missed going out of the park by inches. Eldorado would be trailing by one headed into the bottom half of the fifth.

Forsan witnessed a pitching change when Eldorado brought in Bridgett Mitchell to relieve Amy Alvizo who did a superb job on the

mount recording six strikeouts and allowing only two base on balls opportunities.

The Lady Buffaloes first two batters reached first and second respectively when the Lady Eagle defense could not handle routine grounders in the field of play. Forsan's shortstop, Shelby Jones, delivered the final blow when she connected on a 1-0 pitch that cleared the left field foul pole for a three run homer. Eldorado would get a runner on base in the top half of the seventh inning but the Lady Eagles were not successful in their at bat. Eldorado's record fell to 8-8 overall and more importantly 2-1 in district play. The Lady Eagles arrived home at 12:15 am on Tuesday, March 17th after travelling some 270 miles.

The St. Patrick's Day Holiday would see the Lady Eagles again load the bus at 1:00 pm to travel to Menard for the second time in two weeks to play the Miles Lady Bulldogs who were supposed to play in Eldorado on Friday, March 13th but mother nature forced the Lady Eagles to meet the Lady Bulldogs whose schedule was also altered due to the plentiful rainfall.

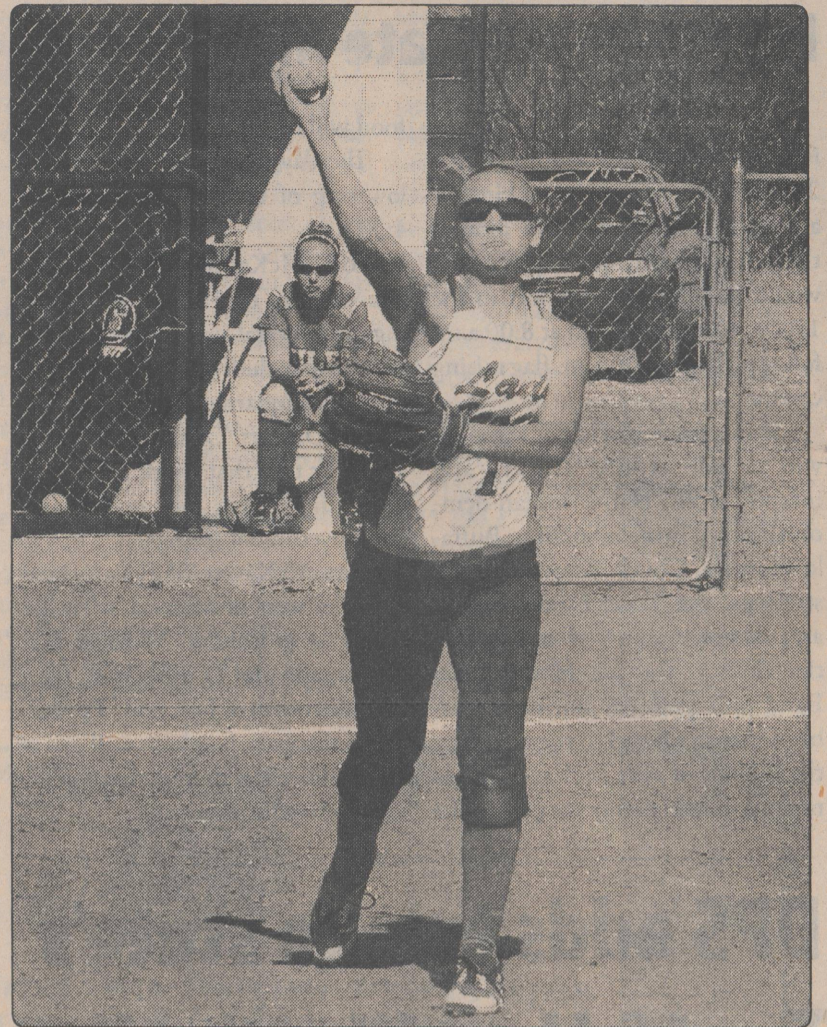
The Lady Eagles faced a much traveled ball club in Miles, as well, due to their play the night before in Winters. Miles then was scheduled to play the Lady Yellowjackets and then immediately following their contest the Lady Eagles would play the makeup game with the Lady Bulldogs from Miles. The Lady Eagles sporting their home team white uniforms witnessed Miles reach their first batter on an error but hold out to retire the side on a strikeout and then subsequent outs recorded by Deisy Aranda and Corie Williams.

The Lady Eagles batting saw Aubrey Martinez reach first on a single and then after a fly out to center by Corie Williams she would be thrown out after a pop up out by Bridgett Mitchell.

In the second inning Miles's third baseman score on an error by the infield with two outs. Miles's ninth batter struck out to retire the top half of the second.

Lady Eagle Abby Fuentes reached first on a pop up single that saw none of the Lady Bulldogs attempt to retrieve. Fuentes utilized her speed to steal second and third on back to back pitches. Fuentes would score when the catcher attempted to throw her out at third but the ball passed by to left field. Eldorado would see the game tied 1 to 1 after the second inning of play.

The Miles Lady Bulldogs again



Lady Eagles' pitcher Bridgett Mitchell throws home after coming off the mound to field this ball in Eldorado's 11-4 win over Miles. Mitchell got the win for the Lady Eagles with 6 strikeouts. Amy Alvizo came on in relief and tallied another 3 strikeouts.

scored when Eldorado returned the favor via back to back errors by the infield and the outfield. Miles led by one run headed into the Lady Eagles bottom half of the third.

The Lady Eagles third at bat proved be the difference in the game when Marissa Gonzales, Aubrey Martinez, Bridgett Mitchell, Haley Higgins, and Abby Fuentes all scored. Corie Williams and Allyson Jarrett would record RBI's for the Lady Eagles when their fellow teammates touched home plate after their respective hits. Eldorado took a 6-2 lead headed into the fourth.

Bridgett Mitchell had two strikeouts and then a subsequent pop up ended Miles's fourth batting attempt.

The Lady Eagles bottom half of the fourth would see a 1-2-3 inning with a three pitch count by Miles. Eldorado's defense then saw Amy Alvizo come in to relieve Bridgett Mitchell. The Lady Eagles hand another error committed on an overthrow that allowed one run to score and another to be left at second base. The Lady Bulldogs would then hit into a fielder's choice but not before their second run of the inning would reach home. Miles trailed 6-4 headed into

the bottom half of the fifth.

The Lady Eagles had a good inning on the scoreboard when Haley Higgins, Abby Fuentes, Deisy Aranda, Amy Alvizo, and Marissa Gonzales all scored. Allyson Jarrett and Aubrey Martinez would be credited with RBI's during the inning. Eldorado would lead 11-4 headed into the top of the sixth. The Lady Bulldogs could not recover due to Amy Alvizo recording 3 strikeouts over the final two innings for Miles. Alvizo finished with 3 strikeouts and get the save while Mitchell recorded six strikeouts along with the win. Eldorado prevailed by final count of 11-4 and more importantly remained tied for second place with the Lady Blizzards from Winters.

The Lady Eagles overall record went to 9-8 overall and 3-1 in district. The Lady Eagles arrived home at 6:00 pm after travelling another 102 miles too a much needed rest of the spring break week off. Coach Rubio and Coach King were pleased with the effort but need to correct some fielding and hit issues to start next week. The Lady Eagles will resume district action on Tuesday, March 24th at 5:00 pm in Winters.

SCISD School Lunch Menu

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Monday March 23, 2009

Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Tuesday March 24

Pig-n-a-Blanket, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday March 25

Buttered Toast/Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday March 26

French Toast/Syrup, Graham Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday March 27

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Monday March 23, 2009

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Tuesday March 24

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Wednesday March 25

Chopped BBQ Sandwich, Baked Chips, Cole Slaw, Fruit

Thursday March 26

Beef Stew/Grilled Cheese, Corn bread, Carrot Stix/ Broccoli Topp / Dip, Fruit

Friday March 27

Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Orange Halves

BASKET LINE

Monday March 23, 2009

Crisptos/Cheese Sauce, Pork-Beans, Carrot Stix/ Dip, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday March 24

Steak Burger/Chips, Pickles, Burger Salad, Lemon Pudding/Topping

Wednesday March 25

Ham & Cheese Sandwich/Chips, Sandwich Salad, Carrot Stix/ Dip, Rosie Applesauce

Thursday March 26

Pep Hot Pockets, Potato Wedges, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches

Friday March 27

Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Apple & Orange Halves

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Results listed from Christoval Cougar Relays

Eldorado High School traveled to Christoval High School Friday, March 6, 2009 and brought home several 1st and 2nd place medals. Varsity Boy's Josh Jurecek (Discus) and Timothy Maskill (Shot Put) each took home 1st place medal. Wes Brown took home a 2nd place medal in the 100 Meter Dash.

The JV Boys 400 Meter Relay Team Eloy Bustos, Marcos Medrano, Bailey Minor and Christopher Mejia received first place medals and 2nd place medals in the 800 Meter Relay. Jorge Medrano (1600 M. Run) and Bailey Minor (High Jump) each brought home a 2nd place medal.

Varsity 800 Meter Relay runners Brianda Torres, Laura Garcia, Rosy Iglesias and Brianah Creek won 2nd place medals. Brianda Torres came in 2nd in the 200 Meter Dash.

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS RESULTS:
Discus: 1. Josh Jurecek, 102'1 1/2"; Medrano, 89' 3 1/2"
Shot Put: 1. Timothy Maskill, 41'1/4"; 4. Briley Ledbetter, 36'7 1/2"
Triple Jump: 5. David Tirado, 35'8"
400 Meter Relay: 3. 46.42 (David Tirado, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Ivany Sanchez)
100 Meter Dash: 2. Wes Brown, 11.33
200 Meter Dash: 5. Ivany Sanchez, 25.40; 6. Ryan Castillo, 25.52
400 M. Dash: 6. Ivany Sanchez, 59.27
Eldorado Varsity Boys Team placed 6th place.

Jr. High School Varsity Boys Results:
Discus: 5. Rolando Gonzales, 84'2 1/2"; 6. Christian Sanchez, 83' 1 1/2"
High Jump: 2. Bailey Minor, 5'6"; 5. Eloy Bustos, 5'2"
Shot Put: 5. Rolando Gonzales, 33'10 3/4"; 6. Eloy Bustos, 5'2"
400 Meter Relay: 1. 48.17 time (Eloy Bustos, Marcos Medrano, Bailey Minor, Christopher Mejia)
800 Meter Relay: 2. 1:42.68 (Eloy Bustos, Marcos Medrano, Bailey Minor, Christopher Mejia)
800 Meter Run: 4. Mendez, time 2:24.83
1600 Meter Run: 2. Jorge Medrano, 5:45.55
Eldorado Jr. Varsity Boys Team placed 5th place.

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS RESULTS:
Discus: 5. Rosa Hernandez, Alyssa Galindo
Shot Put: 6. Rosy Iglesias 3. Abby Ussey Abby Ussey; 5th place, Kiki Rodriguez
High Jump: 4. Brianah Creek
4 x 100 Relay: 3. (Brianda Torres, Laura Garcia, Rosy Iglesias, Brianah Creek)
400 Meter Dash: 5. Brianah Creek
200 Meter Dash: 2. Brianda Torres 5. Laura Garcia
800 Meter Relay: 2. (Ashby Ragsdale, Brianda Torres)
Laura Garcia, Brianah Creek)
No times, heights or distances given. Eldorado Varsity Girls Team placed ninth place.

Jr. High Cougar Relays results

On March 5, 2009 in McCamey, the 8th Grade Eldorado Boy's team placed 1st with a total of 142 points. McCamey placed 2nd while Winters was 3rd.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:
8TH GRADE BOYS
Discus: 2. Diego Sanchez, 111'11.5"; 2. Lane Griffin, 101'6"
Shot Put: 1. Rico Estrada, 40'4"
High Jump: 5. Dylan Ramos, 5'
Triple Jump: 5. Brian Shriver, 29'10.25"; 6. Austin Stapp, 28'5.50"
Long Jump: 5. Dylan Ramos, 5'
2400 Meter Run: 4. Brian Shriver
400 M. Relay: 1. 49.24 (Rico Martinez, Ruben Vasquez, Eric Estrada, Nicholas Gonzales)
800 M. Run: 1. Austin Stapp, 2:30.96; 5. Juan Carlos Aranda, 2:44.09
110 M. Hurdles: 4. Blaine Mitchell, 21.12
400 Meter Dash: 2. Nicholas Gonzales, 1:00.33;

5. Justin Estrada, 1:06.05; 6. Ruben Vasquez, 1:06.40
300 Meter Hurdles: 1. Blaine Mitchell, 51.17
100 Meter Dash: 1. Rico Martinez, 12.17; 3. Eric Estrada, 12.39
200 Meter Dash: 4. Lane Griffin, 26.99
800 Meter Relay: 4. 1:47.02, (Rico Martinez, Lane Griffin, Dylan Ramos, Hagen Porras)
1600 Meter Run: 4. Austin Stapp, 6:06.39
7TH AND 8TH GRADE GIRLS
400 M. Relay: 6. 60.73 Time (Miranda Arispe, Lupe Pasillas, Nikki Herrera, Mary Lou Martinez)
1600 M. Relay: 5. 5:12.83 (Lupe Pasillas, Mary Lou Martinez, Jessica Pasillas, and Miranda Arispe)
100 M. Hurdles: 2. Miranda Arispe, 20.78; 3. MaryLou Martinez, 20.82
Long Jump: 2. Miranda Arispe, 13' 11"
Discus: 5. Macy Mikeska, 58' 3"
Shot Put: 6. Chastity Willis, 25' 8"

Ozona youth to join his brother at U.S. Naval Academy

Editor's Note: Ethan English is the grandson of Ehan and Beverly Dennis of Eldorado. This story first ran in the The Ozona Stockman and is reprinted here with permission.

by Melissa Perner
The Ozona Stockman

Growing up, Ethan English wanted to be three things: an astronaut, a NASCAR driver and a military officer. In fact, his heroes were Richard Petty and Bobby Labonte.

This May, Ethan will graduate from Ozona High School and then take his first steps into military life as he enters the world of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Ethan becomes the second OHS graduate to be accepted to the prestigious academy, following in his brother's footsteps. Levi English, a 2007 OHS graduate, was the first.

However, Ethan plans on making his own mark at the academy.

"It didn't really make a difference to me," Ethan said about following Levi to the academy. "I would've done it if he didn't."

Having two brothers attend the academy at the same time is not as rare as most people think, Ethan said. In fact, Ethan said he met a couple of other students who had brothers in the academy last summer at the academy's annual Summer Seminar.

"Siblings tend to be similar in things," Ethan said.

The road to Annapolis in fact started with older brother Levi. Growing up, Levi always wanted to be a military officer and was the one who started talking about the military academies.

"One day we were talking about it and I started thinking about it. It sounded really exciting," Ethan said.

Ethan began attending "Academy Days" events in San Antonio when he was in the sixth grade,

but it was when he entered his high school years that he began to get serious about Annapolis.

However, before heading to the 2008 Summer Seminar, a fast-paced, six-day experience for high-achieving high school juniors, Ethan began contemplating the amount of time and dedication it was going to take to reach this goal.

He said he realized the commitment of nine years (four for college, five for the military) was a lot to take.

"I decided to go to Summer Seminar and immerse myself in the situation that I would be in for the next four years," Ethan said.

During the seminar, Ethan rolled his ankle on a pothole. Despite the injury, he decided Annapolis was the place for him.

"Even coming back on crutches, I was more motivated than ever to get there," he said.

The road to an Annapolis appointment is long, time consuming and hard. Ethan began his application process in February 2008 with his acceptance to the Summer Seminar and was finished when he received his appointment at the first of February 2009.

An Annapolis education is compared to that of receiving an Ivy League education. A midshipman's tuition, housing and meals is covered by the academy, but books, uniforms and any extra things like haircuts must be paid for out of the student's pocket.

Part of the process is similar to any college application. Then, he had to pass a physical fitness test and various medical exams. After all that, the academy sent him a letter of assurance pending a nomination from one of the two U.S. Senators from Texas or U.S. Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez.

Ethan then wrote essays and sent applications and paperwork to

Senators Kay Bailey Hutchinson and John Cornyn, and Congressman Rodriguez.

Just like Levi, Ethan received his nomination from Cornyn. Ethan also received nominations to West Point and the Merchant Marine Academy from Rodriguez.

"Ethan has fulfilled the goal he has had since he was a small child. In that time, he has worked hard and paid diligent care to his physical, mental and spiritual being to obtain what few ever reach. I have watched him in this growth process since he was born, and have marveled at his determination, faith, integrity and good humor in the face of difficulties and obstacles," said Ben English, Levi and Ethan's father. "Both of my sons were blessed by God with many talents and gifts, and were raised with the philosophy that when one is given much, much is expected from them. By using these same gifts to help defend this country, they are completing a cycle of 'passing it along' which has made us such a great nation. I am proud of their many accomplishments, but more so far more proud of the Christian men they have become."

Their mother, Cathy, echoes her husband's statement about both her sons.

"I am filled with pride and thankfulness for the man that Ethan has become, and I'm thrilled and excited that he has decided to pursue his dreams. As I learn about the Academy, I grow more impressed with the values and education that they teach. It truly is the experience of a lifetime, and I know that Ethan will be happy there," she said. "As far as having both sons at the U.S. Naval Academy, well that's just awesome. Seriously, it's an honor and I feel very humble that God blessed us so greatly. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that

I would be the mother of two such fine young men."

Going into Annapolis, Ethan has a goal of becoming a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and to be a platoon leader in the infantry.

"This is the tip of spear. You are right in the middle of it all," Ethan said. "With all the experiences I've had, the books I've read, talking to my dad it doesn't bother me now to do this. I feel like I can make a difference. God blessed me with the leadership abilities vital to becoming an infantry officer."

However, Ethan said Levi went to Annapolis with the goal of becoming a Navy Jet Pilot, then to serve on a submarine and now a U.S. Marine Corps Chopper Pilot.

"It seems they have ways of influencing you," Ethan said.

Along with his career goal, Ethan plans on trying to walk-on to the Annapolis track team. During his first meet on Saturday in Fort Stockton, he placed second in the 400-meters and fourth in the 200.

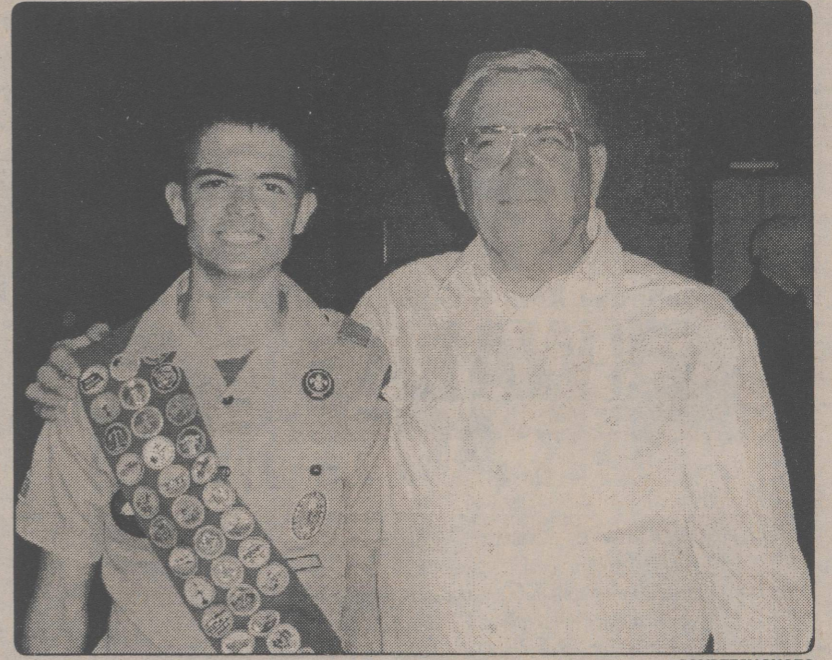
"Now I'm a short-distance runner and that is something Levi never did," he said.

As with Levi, Ethan is on schedule to graduate as valedictorian of this year's senior class. Along with track, he has also competed in cross-country and UIL Academics including computer science.

"I don't mind being compared to Levi. My dad always says that we are different sides of the same coin," Ethan said. "I learned from his (Levi's) mistakes."


Ethan said his main reason for wanting to go to the academy is getting to serve his country.

"I feel obligated to serve my country. The education is great, the money is great, but the most exciting thing to do is the things your country needs you to do," Ethan said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Ethan English of Ozona will soon join his brother, Levi, as a Midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy. He is shown here with his grandfather and namesake, Ethan Dennis of Eldorado.



The Public Library Report

by Linda Thomas, Librarian

Just as life constantly changes so does our local library. We have new services and acquisitions available for your use.

The library now has wireless internet available along with our six public access computers (3 new ones acquired in March) which are connected to the internet.

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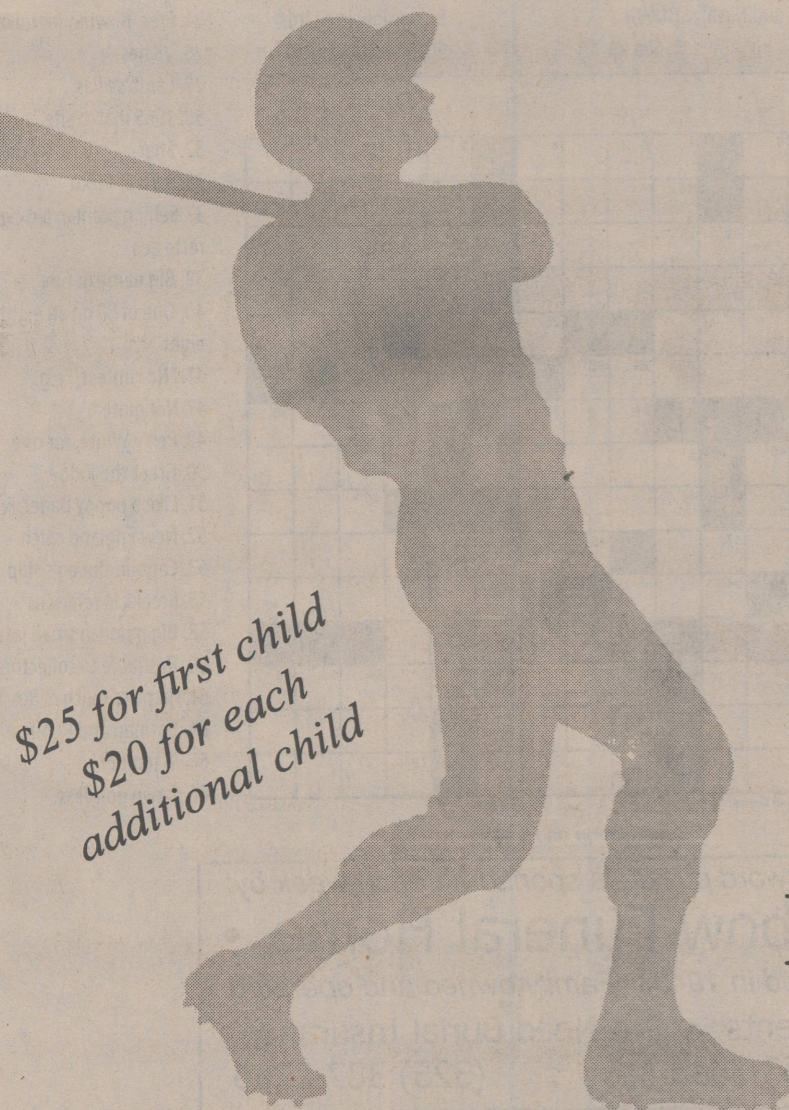
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Gov. Perry rejects stimulus dollars for unemployment insurance benefits

HOUSTON — Gov. Rick Perry today stood with Texas employers and the millions of Texans they employ to resist further government intrusion into their business through an expansion of our state's unemployment insurance program.

"Texans who hire Texans drive our state's economic engine. During these tough times, Texas employers are working harder than ever to move products to market, make payroll and create jobs. The last thing they need is government burdening them with higher taxes and expanded obligations," Gov. Perry said. "I am here today to stand with Texas employers and the millions of Texans they employ to resist further government intrusion into their businesses through an expansion of our state's unemployment insurance program."

Strings attached to the unemployment insurance stimulus dollars would require an unprecedented change in Texas' definition of unemployment, increasing the tax burden borne by Texas employers. This increased burden would counteract the stimulus package's objective of job creation by leading companies to limit hiring and raise prices on products, hindering their ability to overcome the economic crisis and ultimately limiting growth.

The governor reiterated that Texans eligible for unemployment insurance under the state's current system would retain the same benefits. He also noted that Texas recently accepted the stimulus funds that had no strings attached, that provide additional unemployment benefits through the end of this year.

"If you are an unemployed Texan, and lost your job through no fault of your own, our state's unemployment system has covered you and will continue to help all Texans who are pursuing a full-time job," Gov. Perry said.

"My focus has been, and continues to be, cultivating an environment that creates more jobs for Texans. That is why I am so concerned about the belief that has gained a foothold in our national consciousness that the best and only way to solve our nation's problems is to drown them with taxpayer dollars."

The governor spoke today at Bering's, a family-owned business in Houston. For more information about Gov. Perry's announcement, please visit www.governor.state.tx.us.

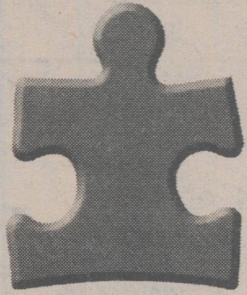
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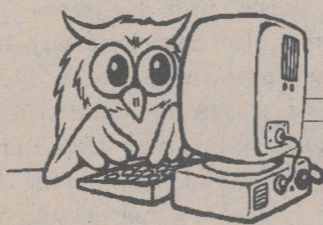


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Hilderbran introduces bill to ensure Hill Country MHMR continues operations

AUSTIN — A bill that would permanently establish a mental health crisis facility in Kerrville for non-criminal patients will be up for a vote next week in the Texas House of Representatives Committee on Public Health. The facility would serve patients throughout the Hill Country MHMR Community Center service area that includes the Hill Country and Southwest Texas counties.

House Bill 1678, authored by Rep. Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville), follows up on Hilderbran's 2007 pilot program that created a 16-bed clinic for civil commitment patients on the grounds of Kerrville State Hospital.

Both pieces of legislation came about after all 202 beds at the hospital were dedicated for mentally ill criminal defendants, known as forensic patients, between 1999 and 2005.

As a result of insufficient bed space, local law enforcement officers are often required to transport the "civil commitment" patients to hospitals elsewhere — usually in San Antonio or Austin, but occasionally to facilities as distant as El Paso. In fiscal year 2006, 64 Hill Country patients were diverted away from Kerrville State

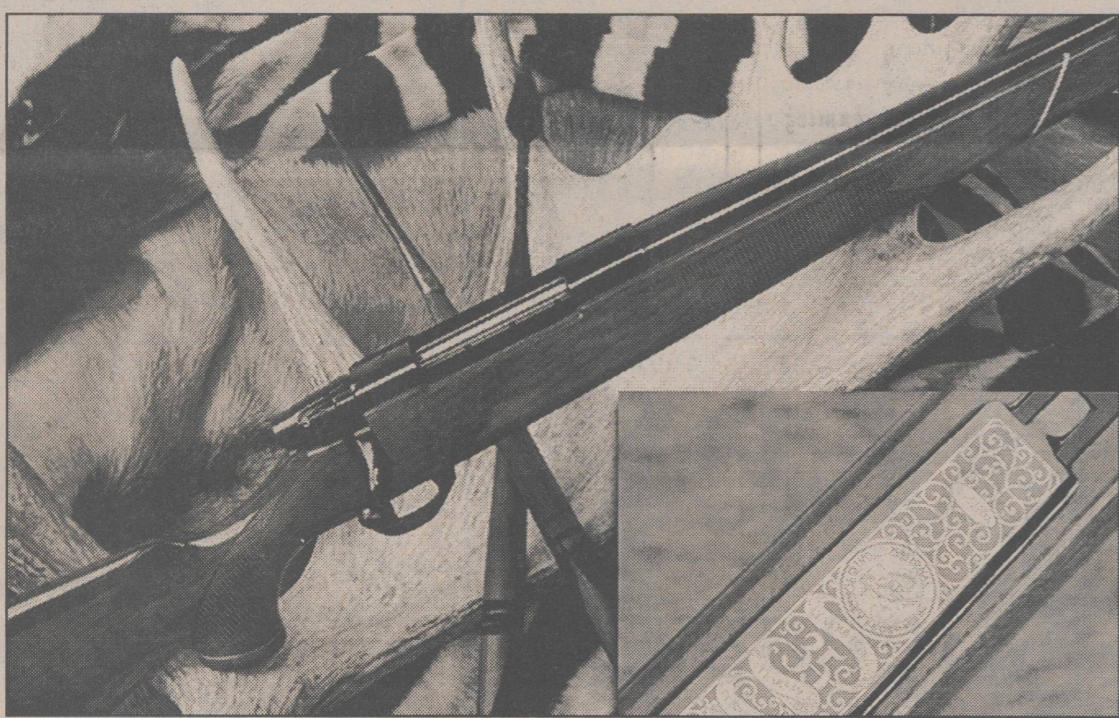
Hospital because there were no empty beds.

"Rural counties just don't have the resources necessary to transport individuals needing crisis intervention across the state," Hilderbran said, noting that the trip is often two days in length and requires more than one law enforcement officer.

In the unlikely event that all 16 beds at the new facility become occupied, the unit's own trained staff would transport patients to other mental health facilities. This would eliminate the wait time for peace officers and would prevent local emergency rooms from becoming crowded with patients who may best be served elsewhere.

"Having this facility is a win for law enforcement, hospitals, and — most importantly — the patients themselves, who will benefit from receiving care closer to home," Hilderbran said. "Individuals who need mental care should not be waiting in the back seat of a deputy's vehicle to receive it."

Hill Country Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center will operate the center, which will take patients from a 19-county region for stays of up to 14 days at a time.



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We were so blessed to be their parents as we are blessed to be surrounded by such thoughtful and open hearted friends and neighbors. Travis and Rachel are together in the arms of their Lord and all of you have contributed in immeasurable ways to honor them.

Please forgive us if in the turmoil of the situation we failed to acknowledge anyone with a personal written note of our sincere appreciation.



God Bless You,
Wayne, Shirley and Evan Joiner



Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Times to call, in ads
- ___ out (lambaste)
- Targets of yeggs
- Classic war game
- Canal of song
- "One of Ours" novelist Cather
- In quick succession
- Model of excellence
- Stacks visitor
- Fats Waller's "Your ___ Too Big"
- Title with a "ll," maybe
- "Is it soup ___?"
- Sri Lanka export
- Hauls in a wagon
- "Raiders of the Lost Ark" creatures
- Jackie's O
- "___ we forget ..."
- "At Last" singer James
- Something to pick
- Rx bottle contents
- Nest eggs, briefly
- Sommer on screen
- Nash's one-I priest
- Body shop fig.
- Word in a 1/Isong title
- Not at all in favor of
- Polli ___ (coll. major)
- Mr. Potato Headpiece

DOWN

- Slip up

ACROSS

- One on the Atkins plan
- Showy lily
- Texas hold'em declaration
- Lena or Don
- "The Hustler" role
- Hoopster Shaq
- Crosby, Stills and Nash, e.g.
- It's divided into cents
- County of Northern Ireland
- Seal in, as a steak's juices
- "That ___ it!"

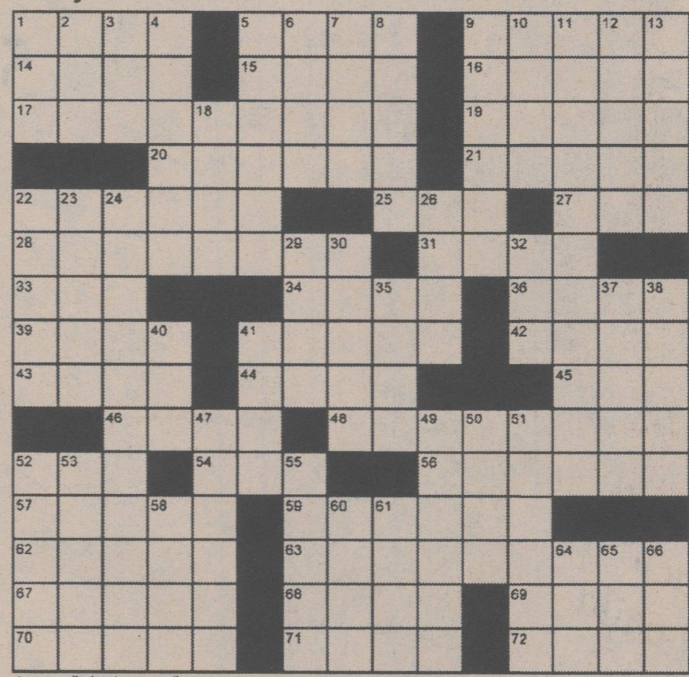
DOWN

- Route word
- Telepathic letters
- Vail trail
- Happen to
- Like Death Valley
- Do an electrician's job
- Smelling a rat
- Swallow like birds
- Man Friday, e.g.

DOWN

- The press, in Britain
- Make joyful
- Chips go-with
- Park Place card
- Like old jokes
- "The Fog of War" director Morris
- Free-flowing metal
- Vittles
- Lamb's alias
- 1965 march site
- Shar-___ (wrinkly dog)
- Serb or Croat
- Selling point in old cigarette ads
- Big name in furs
- One of 88 on an eighty-eight
- "No contest," e.g.
- Not quite
- Perry White, for one
- Greet the judge
- Like a poppy bagel
- New England catch
- Captain Queeg's ship
- Breaks in relations
- Big name in small jets
- Desirable to collectors
- Home to much of Russia
- Batman and Robin, e.g.
- Ill temper
- Dawn goddess

"Hurry!"



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Drought hits Texas agriculture hard as costs climb toward \$1 billion

State's hard-hit producers continue to hold out hope that season can be salvaged

AUSTIN – Recent rains across the state have provided some relief for all Texans, but for farmers and ranchers, the effects of the lingering drought continue to escalate. A report released today by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service estimates the current drought, which started in 2008 and continues today, is costing Texas agriculture nearly \$1 billion.

"Texas farmers and ranchers are the most resilient bunch I have ever seen," Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said. "And while we are all grateful for this week's much-needed rain, the fact remains – Texas producers have been hit hard with a triple threat starting with Hurricane Ike last fall, then with our nation's current economic calamity, and now, with one of the worst droughts our state has seen in years. God has blessed us with this

moisture and we hope that it will relieve some of the pressure facing our producers. Most areas of the state will need some consistent rains to officially end the drought."

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 100 percent of Texas counties are suffering from drought conditions. Forty percent of the state is classified as extreme or exceptional – the two worst categories. According to AgriLife's report, the current

drought has already cost segments of the Texas agriculture industry \$829 million.

Cattle producers are spending substantial amounts on hay and supplemental feed, and because of a lack of forage, their cattle are experiencing lower rates of conception and are being sold at lower weights than usual. The drought has also made it difficult for Texas farmers

to plant crops. More than half of the wheat crop is rated as being in poor to very poor condition, but there is still time for potential recovery. If Texas receives substantial precipitation, the growing season could be saved.

Producers are encouraged to take advantage of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline at 1-877-429-1998. This is a great

resource for those who have extra hay to sell or a pasture to lease, and for those who need hay. A Disaster Resource Information Packet is also available and provides pertinent contact information for state, federal and private agricultural disaster assistance programs. Information on both resources can be found at www.TexasAgriculture.gov.

Sales tax revenue tumbles locally, statewide

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced last Friday that state sales tax revenue in February totaled \$1.74 billion, down 2.6 percent compared to February 2008.

Locally the picture was very much the same. The City of Eldorado received \$55,009.86 down 75.62 percent over the same period last year. Similarly, the tax rebate for Schleicher County came in at \$43,659.82, a 59.74 percent decline over February, 2008. Likewise, the tax revenue from the Schleicher County Health Services Tax came in at \$42,479.17. That's down 56.60 percent. The health services tax is used by the county fathers to help fund the ambulance service and other health related expenditures.

"State sales tax collections declined in February as important sectors such as retail trade and construction continue to struggle," Combs said. "While state sales tax revenue has grown 2.8 percent through the first half of fiscal 2009, further declines are expected as the economy continues to weaken."

Combs delivered \$433.4 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. Local sales tax allocations are down 0.6 percent compared to March 2008. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations remain up 2.2 percent compared to the first three months of 2008.

State sales tax revenue for February and March payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in January.

Combs sent March sales tax payments of \$291.1 million to Texas cities, down 0.7 percent compared to March 2008. Since Jan. 1, city sales tax allocations are 1.5 percent higher than the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$275 million, up 2.5 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 7.2 percent higher than last year.

The 150 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$17.3 million in sales tax revenue, up 21.6 percent compared to last March. Ten local transit systems received \$97.4 million, down 4.3 percent.

For details of March sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>. The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, April 10.

Capital Highlights ...

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who would submit falsified voter registration applications and receive voter registration certificates. Under SB 362, before casting a ballot, each voter would have to present an election clerk working at the poll with an acceptable government-issued identification card and their voter registration certificate. A list of acceptable forms of official identification would be posted at each poll.

Floor debate on March 10-11 took 23 hours, with Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock as chair. Democrats challenged the bill on parliamentary and constitutional grounds to no avail.

Some Republican members who spoke in favor asserted that evidence of widespread voter fraud exists in Texas and in other states.

Democrats said there was no proof of widespread voter fraud. They alleged the bill was part of a nationwide voter suppression effort and that if passed SB 362 would discriminate against older Texans, the poor, Hispanics and African-Americans, and in general, against Texans who do not have a driver's license.

An estimated 100 witnesses testified, some in favor, some against, and some neutral, as resource witnesses.

Current law only requires a citizen to present their voter registration certificate to vote.

SB 362 is certain to pass the full Senate and then will move to the House, where voter ID bills passed in 2005 and 2007, when Republicans enjoyed more of a majority. But the House is now composed of 76 Republicans and 74 Democrats, leaving the outcome subject to conjecture.

BIRTHDAY LIST MARCH

20th Kasey Miller, Mabel E. Nance, Michael Lloyd, Pam White, Pat Lloyd, Colten Hunley White, John A. Martinez, Freda Rayvon, Geneva McWhorter, Chasity Willis, Robert Martinez, Wade Shirley
21st Mason Baker, Javier Iglesias, Jr.
22nd Reese Schwiening, Jennah Richters, Raul Gonzalez, Violeta Rojas, Linda King, Kaylee Swindall
23rd Robert Jay, Garrison Dean, Mari E. Martinez, Annette Santellano, Addye Chatham, Steven Rossman
24th Joe Hash, Fidel Herrera Sr., Kay Creek, Stephanie Crofoot, Jesus Fuentes
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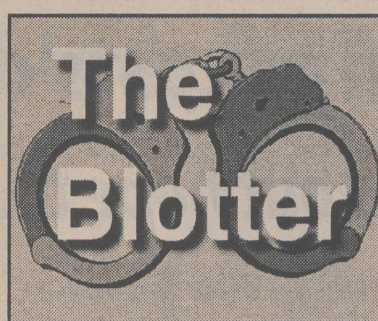
51st District Court Report

51st District Court of Schleicher County met Monday, February 9, 2009 with the Honorable Barbara L. Walther presiding. The following judgement was handed down.

CORRECTION: Joaquin Saiz,

male age 25 case is still pending for Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon.

Jesus Cardona Garcia of Eldorado, 1 year county jail, suspended, 2 years probation, fined \$2,000. Charge was aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Plead guilty, and sentence reduced to Class A Misdemeanor.



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. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

MARCH 13 • Lara, Jesus Phillippe, male age 22. Offense Possession of marijuana. Release 3/14/09 \$1,000. surety bond.
 • Romo, Marcelo Iglesias, male age 22. Offense, possession of marijuana. Released 3/14/09 on \$1,000. surety bond.

• Nava, Jesus Arturo, male age 20. Offense possession of marijuana. Released 3/14/09 on \$1,000. surety bond.

MARCH 14 • Schafer, John Bryan male age 32. Offense criminal mischief. Released \$5,000. surety bond.

INCIDENTS

MARCH 10 - 10:59 PM • Complainant reported neighbor with loud music. Officer responded.

MARCH 11 - 5:11 AM • Caller advised S.O. traffic light was not working.

2:31 PM • Caller requested a welfare check on family member. Domestic dispute taking place. Officers notified and all was OK.

2:38 PM • Caller requested at local motel for loud noises and smell of marijuana. Officer responded.

2:53 PM • Recovery company reported a vehicle repossession.

3:54 PM • Caller requested to speak to an officer about suspicious activity at a residence. Officer responded.

MARCH 12 - 12:01 PM • Caller reported a controlled burn on CR 302. Units notified. VFD notified.

12:13 PM • Caller reported a controlled burn. Units and VFD notified.

4:40 PM • Caller reported domestic disturbance. Officers responded.

6:13 PM • Caller reported daughter refused visitation with non custodial parent who was continuing to call.

8:22 PM • Caller reported having extremely high pulse rate and blood pressure. Caller stated they felt as though they could drive into town, but requested an officer for escort just in case. Officer requested an ambulance to the scene. EMS paged out hospital informed of incoming patient.

MARCH 14 - 10:55 AM • Caller reported a controlled burn. Units notified.

11:07 AM • Caller reported a controlled burn. Units notified.

1:08 PM • Caller stated she had been assaulted about a week or two ago by her husband. Requested an officer to come and speak with her.

1:21 PM • Caller reported a controlled burn on CR 300. Units notified.

2:42 PM • Walk in requested a criminal trespass. Officer notified.

3:33 PM • Caller reported 10-12 extra

livestock in his property that were not his. Officer notified.

9:41 PM • Caller advised that her husband was at her residence and she has a protective order against him. Complainant advised to speak with JP is she wished to file a complaint. Unit responded.

MARCH 15 - 4:20 PM • Dispatcher notified a reckless driver headed South on 277 entering Schleicher county. Officer responded and were unable to locate.

4:42 PM • Caller reported a suspicious person on their property. Officer responded everything ok.

4:45 PM • Caller reported a small controlled burn on his property.

MARCH 16 - 3:20 PM • Caller stated there was grass fire about 5 miles out on 915. VFD paged out. Units notified.

8:11 PM • Caller stated they would be varmint hunting of 1828 until 9:00 pm.

MARCH 17 - 11:11 AM • Caller reported that some equipment was missing. Total amount of items missing would be \$818.65. Officers responded.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 77424L010

APPLICATION Jeff Flood, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 77424L010, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant. The applicant provided the following driving directions: From the intersection of Ranch Road 915 and Ranch Road 418, go 5 miles north on Ranch Road 418, then go 0.5 miles north on unnamed road, Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas 76936. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust and particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 6, 2009. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ San Angelo regional office, and the Schleicher County Courthouse, 2 North Divide Street, Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the San Angelo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

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Further information may also be obtained from Jeff Flood, P.O. Box 31660, Amarillo, Texas 79120-1660 or by calling Mr. Michael Mayfield, Quality Control Manager, Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc. at (806) 373-4951.

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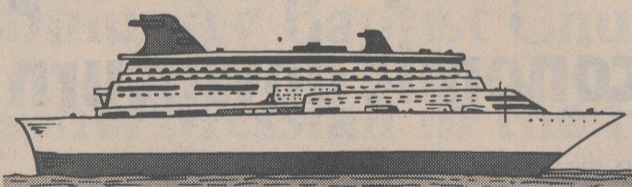
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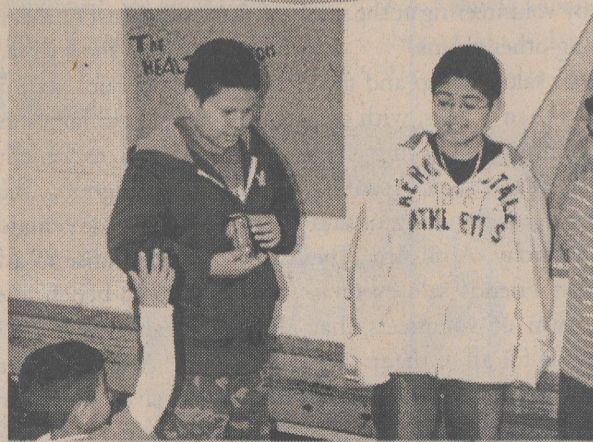
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Eldorado Spotlight



6th Graders Julian Garcia and Martin Iglesias demonstrated to several First Grade students why soft drinks are not a good nutritional choice during a program on March 3, 2009 in the Middle School Gym. The 6th Grade teams developed fun activities for Kindergarten and 1st Graders to teach them about fitness and nutrition.


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"I am proud to honor our Texas farmers and ranchers," Commissioner Staples said.

"Something we often overlook is the role agriculture producers play in our national and global economies. For example, in Texas the economic impact of agriculture exceeds \$100 billion. This industry is part of the foundation of our economy, and farmers and ranchers are working hard to stimulate the economy during these challenging times."

Today, more than 22 million people work in our nation's agriculture industry. This includes careers in everything from food chemistry to

banking to commodity trading. And the job descriptions of tomorrow's agriculture professionals may look quite different due to advances in farming technology and the broad opportunities that extend far beyond the field.

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WEDNESDAY March 25th
Ground Beef Steak, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn with Peppers, Hot Dinner Rolls, Carrot Salad, Applesauce, Milk.

THURSDAY March 26th
Vegetable Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Pear Half w/Cottage Cheese, Vanilla Pudding, Milk.

FRIDAY March 27th
Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Carrot Raisin Salad, Gelatin w/Fruit, Milk.

Among the members of the cast of the Eldorado High School UIL One Act Play "The Curious Savage" are: (top to bottom) Miles Mikeska (Jeffrey), Joseph Rubio (Hannibal), Lindsay Pridemore (Florence) and Ashby Ragsdale (Fairy May). A performance of the play is slated for March 25th at school and a public performance will be slated at a later date. The play will be offered at the zone contest in Forsan on March 26th in hopes of winning one of two spots at the District contest in Wink on April 2nd.



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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

"Hurry!"

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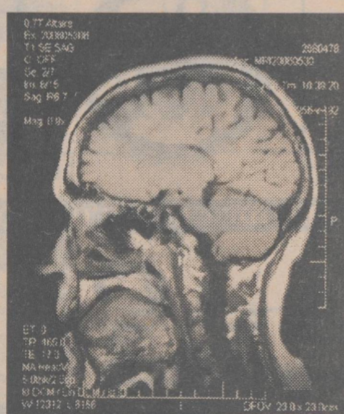
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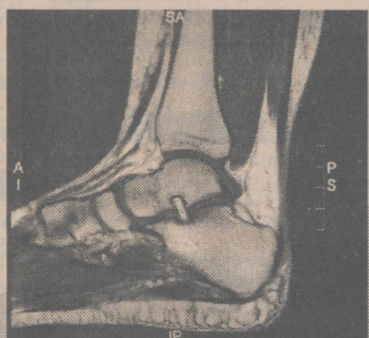
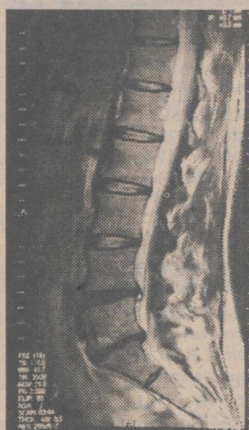
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Consignment sale helps Moms fight back against economic downturn

Local moms fight the current economic downturn by earning and saving money on children's clothing and toys at the Just Between Friends (JBF) consignment sale, scheduled for April 3rd & 4th at the First United Methodist Church Gym, 37 E. Beauregard. "JBF is the nation's leading children's consignment sale event and it can be your stimulus package!" said Sandy Jameson, San Angelo JBF Franchise co-owner.

The JBF sale involves more than 100 consignors and thousands of new and gently-used children's and maternity items, including clothing, equipment, toys and books. For many frugal mothers who have consigned at local shops for years, the

sale offers the opportunity to earn a greater percentage back on their items. Each consignor prices her own merchandise with JBF's on-line barcoding system and receives 65% of the asking price. Consignors have the opportunity to increase their take by volunteering at the sale and referring other moms.

The entire sale is setup and torn down in less than 5 days, with consignors beginning to bring merchandise on Wednesday, April 1st, and picking up or donating unsold items on Saturday, April 4th. The Just Between Friends sale event is run by a team of volunteers that are responsible for all of the promotion, merchandising, sale, and cash

distribution of the sale.

"It's a huge job, but it's worth it. Moms make more money on their used clothing. Meanwhile, everyone from grandma to first-time moms and childcare providers can buy the items they need at a fraction of the price. Most of these items are only used for a short time, so it pays to be smart about maximizing your investment," said Jameson.

In addition to benefiting shoppers and consignors, the Just Between Friends sale donates selected unsold merchandise to a local charity, choosing to benefit New Bridge Family Shelter with this Spring 2009 sale. Also, all \$3 admission charges received on Saturday April 4th will benefit New Bridge Family Shelter. "It is such a great feeling to help so many moms, our community, and especially our charity with such an awesome event like JBF! It is a win, win for everyone!" said Jameson.

The April sale will include spring and summer clothing items, toys, books, software and electronics, bicycles and other outdoor equipment, furniture, baby equipment and maternity items. For more information about consigning, volunteering or shopping, please contact Sandy Jameson at sandyjameson@jbfale.com or check out the sale website for all the details www.jbfale.com/sanangelo

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