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YFZ Ranch raid & custody case revisited during legislative hearing

State to seek permanent custody of Prophet's child bride

The FLDS Church's year-long public relations campaign ran aground Tuesday as church spokesman Willie Jessop found himself confronted by several members of the Human Services Committee of the Texas House of Representatives.

Jessop, and other FLDS members, were in Austin to testify before the committee as it considered the fallout from last year's raid on the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado. The committee was also meeting to discuss and review House Bill 4255, sponsored by Reps. Harvey Hilderbran, (R-Kerrville), and Drew Darby, (R-San Angelo).

At one point State Rep. Armando Walle, (D-Houston), produced pictures of FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs embracing and kissing a 12-year-old girl and read aloud from the Jeffs' dictations in which he stated, "No marriage is

underage when God ordains it."

The panel then questioned Jessop relentlessly regarding his knowledge of underage marriages at the YFZ Ranch.

Clearly frustrated by the intensity of the questioning, Jessop told Rose, "I'm no more aware of what happens at the ranch than you are in your neighborhood."

That prompted Drew Darby to ask committee chairman Patrick Rose (D-Dripping Springs) if Jessop was testifying under oath.

At that point, Rep. Rose asked Jessop to sign a witness affirmation form. Once signed, Rose advised Jessop, "You are under oath."

When Jessop stated that he didn't know of any such marriages, Rep. Rose told Jessop, "I don't believe you don't know. You're a smart person. You've been with these people on this journey over the past 12 months. I just don't

believe you."

Toward the end of Jessop's testimony State Rep Drew Darby produced a photo of the white bed reportedly found on the 4th floor of the FLDS Temple during the YFZ Raid. He then referenced press reports of Jessop's assertions that the bed belonged to a gardener.

Jessop chastised Darby for believing media reports or any photos found on the Internet. He went on to say he had never seen that particular photo and said the only bed he was aware of in the temple was a "Murphy" bed.

Darby made a point of telling Jessop, "Texas will not tolerate abuse of children."

For his part, Jessop claimed that the phone call that triggered the April 3, 2008 raid was a "staged hoax call."

Jessop also claimed that the residents at the YFZ were targeted because of their religious beliefs and he read a series of quotes from Texas Governor Rick Perry and State Representative Harvey Hilderbran. Jessop said the statements show that the state government is motivated to expel the FLDS community from within its borders.

Among others who testified about the raid was Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Commissioner Anne Heiligenstein who defended the actions of Texas CPS during and after the raid as the only course that could be taken to legally protect the alleged victims of sexual abuse.

Heiligenstein then took the opportunity to announce that her agency will seek to take permanent custody of a 14-year-old girl allegedly married to FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs when she was only 12.

She said the move to take permanent custody of the girl is being made because the agency's efforts to reunite the girl with her parents have failed.

The girl's father, Merrill Jessop, sat in the audience during the committee hearing but did not respond.

The Success has learned that as recently as last month the child welfare agency was seeking to place the 14-year-old child bride into a foster home overseen by FLDS member Naomi Carlisle.

The Success has also learned that shortly after the YFZ Ranch raid, several FLDS families in Hildale, Utah and Colorado City, Arizona, were ordered by Warren Jeffs to learn as much as possible about foster parenting.

It is unknown if CPS still plans to place the girl in Carlisle's custody, if and when the agency prevails upon the courts to sever the parental rights of her biological parents, Merrill and Barbara Jessop.

As Heiligenstein's testimony continued, she explained that the CPS workers who were called upon to serve during and after the YFZ raid faced organized deception from FLDS parents and children who resisted giving workers the children's correct names. She further said that many young children had been coached not to answer questions.

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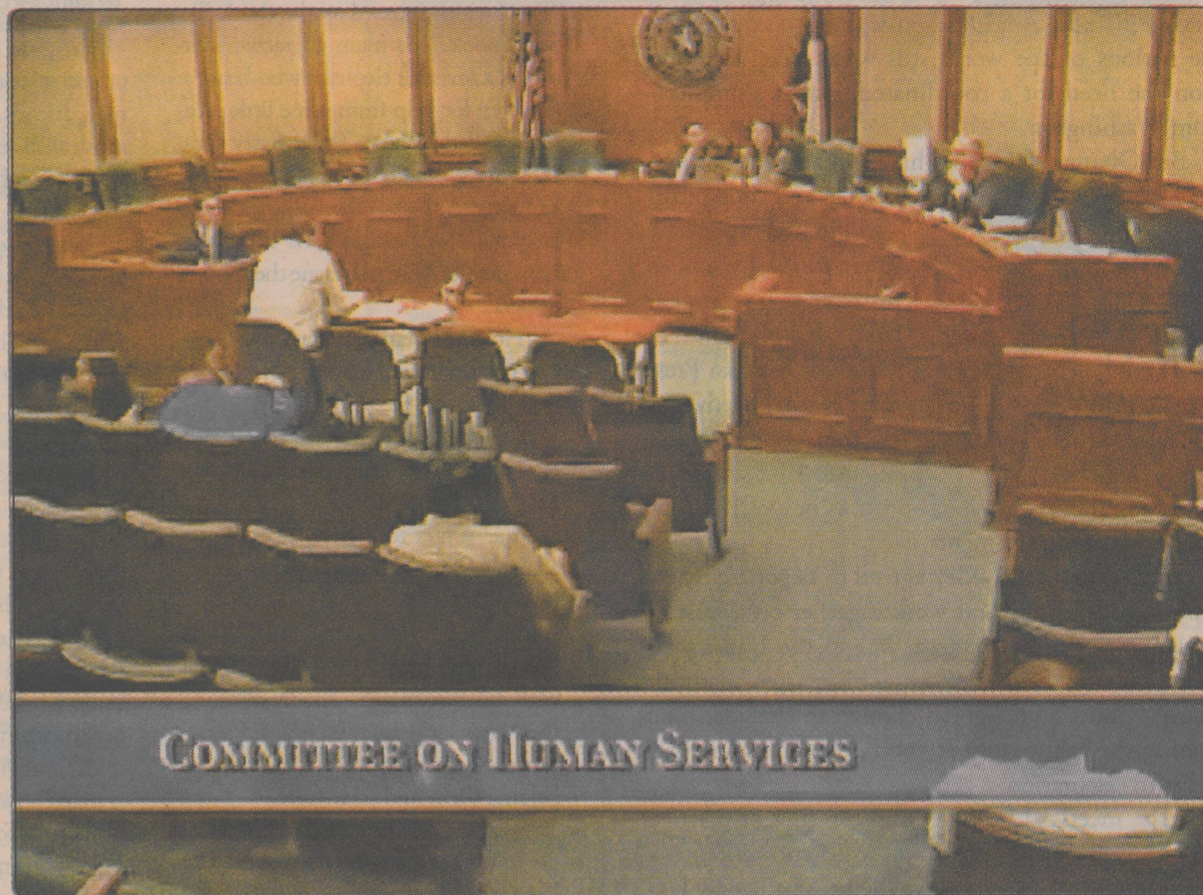


PHOTO CAPTURED FROM STATE HOUSE'S LIVE INTERNET FEED

FLDS spokesman Willie Jessop (seated at witness table) faced a couple of hours of relentless questioning Tuesday as he testified before the House Committee on Human Services in the State Capital at Austin. This video capture from the capital's internet feed shows State Representative Drew Darby (upper right) shows Jessop a photo of the white bed found on the 4th floor of the FLDS temple. Jessop denied any knowledge of the bed. To view this video in its entirety visit www.myeldorado.net and follow the link to the House Committee video.

SCISD board members meet in regular session, recognize student achievement

Dustin Rameriz read his essay "Into The Clouds" to the Schleicher County ISD Board members Monday evening at the regular schedule meeting. His essay was one of the winning essays chosen by the Southwest Texas Electric Coop Government in Action Youth Tour Contest. Each participants were require to write an essay on "Renewable Energy's Role in Tomorrow's Energy Supply." Ramirez was also

recognized by Texas State Network by being named "Texan of the Week" for creating an Alternative Energy Scholarship Fund at Eldorado High School. Dustin was interviewed by KLDE Radio Thursday morning for his accomplishments.

Kaitlyn Bluford essay was chosen also and she was present at the board meeting but did not speak.

The board then viewed a power point presentation of the UIL

Academic District Winners presented by High School Principal Scotty Carmen. Several of the UIL medal winners were present at the meeting along with their sponsors.

Elementary Principal Houston Hendryx then gave a tour of the Elementary Gym where a large jumbo-tron movie screen and video and sound system was installed with the \$16,000 Wolslager Grant

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County meeting postponed

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2009 was postponed until 9 am on Friday, April 17th.

Monday's meeting could not be held due to the absence of enough members to result in the lack of a quorum.

State law requires a majority of the court, or three of its five members, to be present before a meeting can be convened.

The court consists of County Judge Charlie Bradley and County Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Lynn Meador, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown.



Texas Student Achievement Award (L-R) Miles Mikeska, Amy Alvizo, Kaitlyn Bluford and Ben Wipff.

Four EHS students receive Student Achievement Award

Four Eldorado High School students received the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (the Pre-ACT) Assessment. These students are on target to meet or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks by graduation. ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks are empirically-based and identify the level of achievement necessary in English, mathematics, reading and science to have successful college freshmen experience. The students receiving this recognition from the Texas ACT Council are: Amy Alvizo, Kaitlyn Bluford, Miles Mikeska and Ben Wipff.

The Texas ACT Council is made up of secondary and post-secondary educators who advise

ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is accepted by all colleges nationwide. According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice President and Southwest Regional Manager, "The Texas ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN (Pre-ACT) College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that student PLAN (Pre-ACT) achievement is the result of a strong commitment by Eldorado High School teachers, staff, administrators and parents to increase college readiness for all students

Jump Rope for Hearts has successful season

For at least 20 years, Eldorado Elementary has been raising funds for the American Heart Association. This year was no exception. This year, the campus had over 200 elementary students under the direction of Coach Randy Mitchel and music teacher Joella Parker jumping rope for an entire week in February. As a result, the group raised

over \$12,000.

A check for \$6,000 was presented to the Wellness Center board members, from the elementary students and sponsors.

Coach Mitchel, Mrs. Parker, and elementary students wish to thank each and everyone who helped make this fund raiser a tremendous success.



Wellness Center board members recently accepted a donation of \$6,000 from the Elementary Jump Rope for Hearts project. Wellness Board members accepting the check were: (L-R); Richard Mendez, Christy Brown, Randy Mitchel, Angela Redish, Joella Parker, and Ilse Williams. Elementary students at top of caliche pile at the Wellness Center worksite are: Back (L-R): Jack Griffin, Giselle Hernandez, Kade Creek, Codee Meador, Payton Whitten; Front (L-R) Creek James, Jacob Politte, Kami Lux, Levi Sullivan, Kyson Sullivan and Michael Creek.

The Moscow Delusion

One would think Barack Obama would have learned something about the limits of his personal charm at the G-20 summit in London. Even with the hated George W. Bush back in Texas, the anarchists still rage in the streets, the French and Germans still hate "Anglo-Saxon-style" capitalism, and the nations of the world still won't take dictation -- on the need for a coordinated, global stimulus -- from Washington.

But Obama's faith that his fresh attitude -- more flexible and thoughtful -- will in itself open new international vistas is unshaken. It's on that basis that he hit "reset" with Russian President Dmitri Medvedev at the London meeting, in a joint statement touted by the international press as one of the summit's few accomplishments.

Obama and Medvedev agreed to negotiate a new arms-control treaty and work together on a host of initiatives from the Afghan War to the Iranian nuclear program. Medvedev -- and his master, Vladimir Putin -- must be delighted enough to consider sanctioning the beating of yet another meddling journalist in celebration.

"[The meeting] brought Russia a shot of prestige, upbeat headlines about nuclear-arms cuts and a powerful signal that Moscow has the ear of the new U.S. president," The Associated Press wrote. "The price tag for Russia so far: virtually zero." Medvedev likes that price point.

The Russians revel in this. It makes them feel important and puts the focus on nuclear warheads, their last truly impressive measure of national power. It might be worth indulging the Russians in endless arms-control talk -- in fact, it's a perfect assignment for Vice President Joe Biden -- if it were part of a broader strategic scheme from which the U.S. would benefit. Instead, the arms-control process will likely become an end in itself.

The Obama administration wants to win Russian cooperation in squeezing the Iranian nuclear program. To this end, its chief bargaining chip is the proposed U.S. missile-defense site in Poland. The Russians pretend that this site -- designed to defend against a threat emanating from Iran -- will neutralize Moscow's nuclear arsenal. How 10 interceptors can work this magic against 2,800 warheads is never explained.

The Russians can surely get Obama to ditch missile defense in exchange for a more cooperative-sounding version of the same double game they've been playing on Iran. They can cite their votes for Security Council resolutions sanctioning Iran -- once they've been watered down to meaninglessness. At the same time they continue to build Iran's reactor at Bushehr and provide the regime sophisticated conventional arms, including air defenses.

It's foolish to think the Russians behave this way out of pique at George W. Bush. The Russians have a geo-political goal of establishing dominance again in as much of Eastern Europe and Central Asia as possible, and will do whatever necessary to achieve it -- from cutting off fuel to Ukraine, to invading Georgia, to getting us kicked out of our air base in Kyrgyzstan. They view us as a rival power to be frustrated, and therefore our enemy Iran is -- if not their friend -- their useful foil.

Barack Obama didn't claim to see Medvedev's soul, but demonstrates his own form of naiveté.

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Breaking the Cycle of Abuse

Sometimes, the most profound adult lessons can be found in a children's story. My daughter and I recently saw a movie that emphasized our collective moral responsibility to protect the most vulnerable in our society. That protective message is particularly important this month, because April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The film was "Horton Hears a Who," which is based on the classic Dr. Seuss book. The main character, Horton, is a lovable elephant who hears a faint cry for help from some little creatures called Who's. These fuzzy creatures are so small, in fact, that Horton cannot see them. The Who's desperately tell Horton that he is their only hope, and beg him to rescue them from danger.

Horton doesn't hesitate, declaring, "I've got to protect them ... I'm bigger than they."

Despite many obstacles and other characters' refusal to lend a helping hand, Horton remains determined to get the Who's to a safe place. "A person's a person ... no matter how small," he says defiantly.

Ultimately, Horton saves the Who's by getting them to simultaneously yell with all their might--finally allowing their cries for help to be heard. Put another way, Horton saves the Who's by helping them find their voice.

Texans who soldier in the struggle to protect children from abuse can learn a lot from Horton. Abused children are in danger and they need our help. It is our duty to protect them and get them to a safe place. Their cries are often faint, which is why it is so important for everyone to listen. Ultimately, abused children need someone bigger to protect them and help them find their voice.

In My Opinion



COMMENTARY

by Attorney General Greg Abbott

We must all stand ready to help and protect abused children. Parents, relatives, friends, neighbors, teachers—we must all listen carefully for their cries, report any abuse, and help get these little victims to a safe place.

For abused children, few places are as safe as a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). Hundreds of Texas children walk through the door of a CAC every day. And quite remarkably, these little victims find the courage and strength to talk about the terrible trauma they have suffered. Once their burden has been lifted, they can begin the long journey to recovery. CACs are uniquely equipped to help children find their way. They bring together a broad array of services—including law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, medical professionals, mental health experts and victims' advocates—under a single roof.

CACs like the Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County in San Angelo are making a big difference in the lives of young victims. Last year, 63 CACs in cities and towns all across Texas served almost 40,000 children.

Their success is due in large part to the support they receive from their local communities. The Office of the Attorney General also supports their good work. Last year, we provided \$6 million in grant funding to CACs across Texas.

But to end child abuse, more must be done. And the path to victory starts with people who are willing to report abuse when they become aware of it.

Unfortunately, not all children can count on a protective, caring family member to hear their cries for help and steer them safely out of harm's way. In these situations, a concerned neighbor, teacher or friend may be a little victim's only hope.

That was the case for 10-year-old Myra, who endured two years of sexual abuse from her brother. Sadly, Myra's mother ignored her cries for help. Finally, Myra told someone at school who actually listened and reported the abuse. Then, Myra was taken to the local CAC, where she told her painful story to a forensic interviewer.

Myra's journey down the path to recovery has been a difficult one. She no longer lives with her family, and she is still working through the betrayal and sadness wrought by her abuser. But Myra is finally in a safe environment with loving caregivers. The road ahead will not be easy, but the steps she has taken mark important and early victories over major adversity.

Thanks to a single caring soul's attentive ears, her own courageous cries for help, and the comforting presence of a local CAC, Myra continues her journey toward recovery. I hope all Texans will learn from Myra's plight: remain vigilant; listen when little voices cry for help; and make sure child abuse victims get the safety, security and support they need to embark on their own journey to recovery.

Greg Abbott is Attorney General of Texas. To find out more about the Children's Advocacy Center in your community, go to www.cactomgreen.org or call 325-653-4673.

House readies for debate on 2010-2011 state budget proposal

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Legislators packed the four-day workweek leading up to the Easter and Passover holidays with long lists of bills to be considered in committees.

But the march of bills will grind down to a lower gear April 17 when the appropriations bill, HB 1, hits the House floor for a debate sure to be contentious.

Whatever the House ends up with will have to be reconciled with the Senate's CSSB 1, their \$182.2 billion version of a state budget for 2010-2011.

Meanwhile, other issues abound, such as road funding, projected to run out in 2012. The Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee met April 8, and Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, who chairs the committee, said, "The course we're on will result in no new roads in Texas in the very near future."

The committee's vice chair, Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, attributed the dwindling road construction fund balance to:

- The state gas tax, which has not been increased since 1991 to make up for ongoing cost increases in construction and maintenance;
- The bleed-off of dollars from the highway fund to pay for other state programs; and
- Too much debt.

So, Carona is proposing a funding solution via SB 855, a bill given tentative approval by the committee on April 8.

Carona's bill would permit a local governmental body to hold an election so voters could decide for themselves to raise funds through a bond issue or create fees to pay for local road projects. Such fees might include increases to the gas tax, vehicle registration fees or tailpipe emissions fees.

Under Carona's bill, an election ballot would list:

- Each proposed project that fee increases will fund;
- How much the project costs;
- When the project will be completed; and
- When the fee increases will expire.

Senate passes air quality bill

The Senate on April 8 approved a bill by Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco that would enhance air quality improvement efforts in Texas.

Averitt's SB 16, which now moves to the House for consideration, creates incentive programs for the purchase or development of so-called green technologies from plug-in hybrid vehicles to more efficient appliances and equipment for businesses.

SB 16 requires four agencies: the state comptroller, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Public Utilities Commission and the Texas Railroad Commission, to work together with the goal of lowering toxic emissions into the air and to negotiate with the federal government in regulating greenhouse gas emissions.

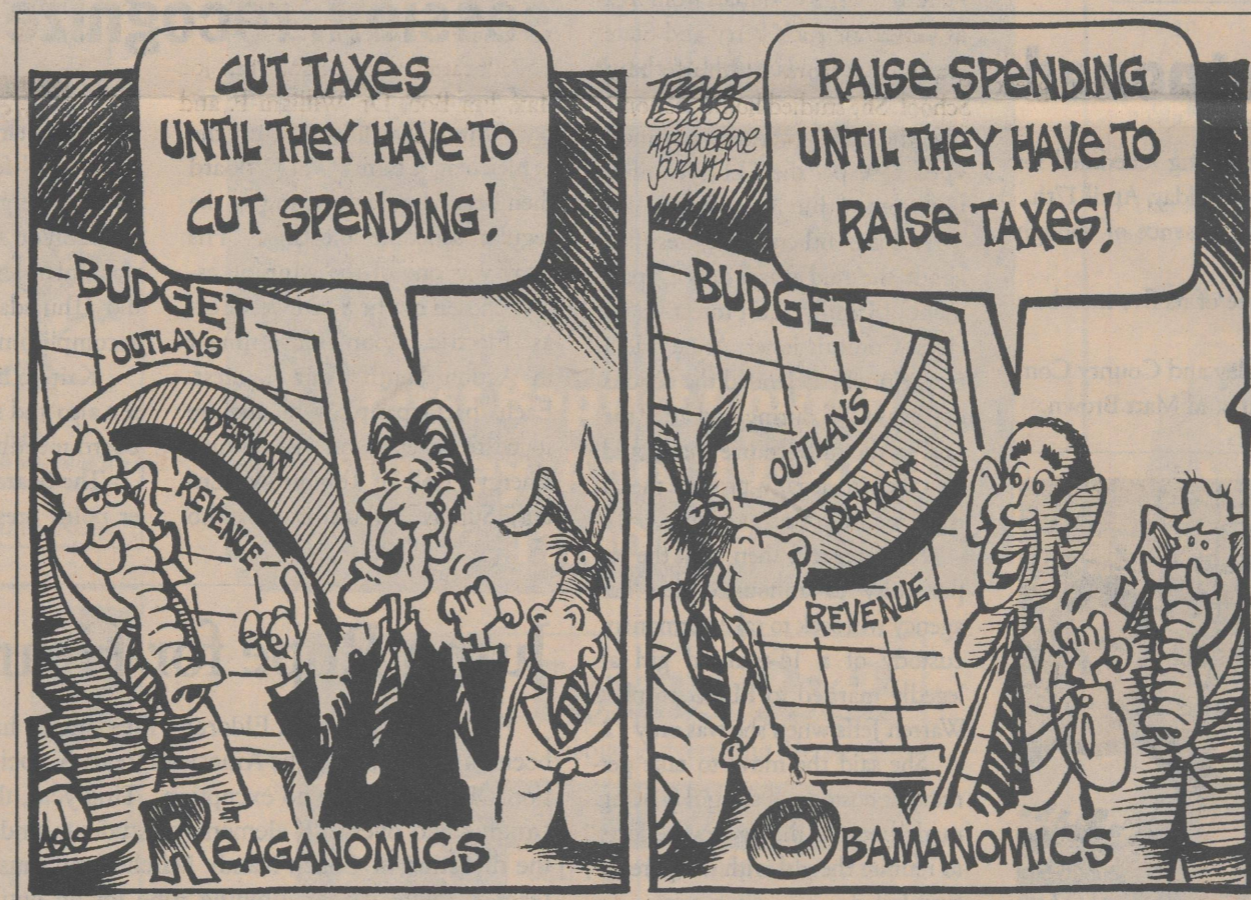
DPS challenges court ruling

The Texas Department of Public Safety on April 10 announced its appeal of an April 9 ruling by Travis County state District Judge Orlinda Naranjo ordering the agency to issue driver licenses to temporary visitors and non-citizens who apply.

The ruling stems from a case brought by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The appeal, the DPS said, means that DPS rules will remain in effect; non-citizens or temporary visitors to the U.S. who appear at DPS driver license offices

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Sam Baker and His Wild Emotions

When Sam Baker is performing his music on stage he looks wild. His long unruly hair flies around and he moves in such a way that you wonder if he's sane. He sings loud with a raspy voice and strums his guitar like he was fighting it. Then his voice turns soft and contemplative and he plays his guitar with gentle, loving strokes. Sam Baker is one interesting guy. Music has taken over his life.

I had wanted to meet Sam for a long time. Texas artists and musicians kept telling me about him, but I somehow didn't connect with him until late last year when we both happened to be at Bill Worrell's place in Mason County.

There were crowds of people around, so to get away from the din, we settled down in a nearby pickup, rolled up the windows and had a visit. I asked him about an experience he had in Peru in 1956 when he was 32. His eloquence surprised me.

"When you're young you want a challenge, so you walk up in tall places and run wild rivers and go about the world as though you're immortal," he said.

In Peru, he and some friends



by Tumbleweed Smith

climbed icy peaks in the Andes. He boarded a train in Cuzco and sat in a narrow compartment with a man, woman and child. He had a wonderful time in Cuzco, which he described as a beautiful city that made you feel like nothing bad would ever happen to you. There had been trouble in Peru from a terrorist group called the Shining Path. Lima was under martial law. Sam says he had been keeping a watchful eye, but Cuzco relaxed him and he felt good. The terrorists had placed a suitcase bomb on a luggage rack just three feet from Sam's head. When it exploded, the three people in the compartment were killed. Sam suffered brain damage, a loss of hearing and the top of his left hand was blown off. Shrapnel punctured his body. He nearly died.

"My world changed from being a young man to an old man," Sam

says. "From a place where I was strong and able to climb ice to a place where I couldn't hear, couldn't walk and couldn't use my hands. It's a miracle to be on the face of the earth."

Sam struggled with words. Instead of asking for a cup, he asked for that thing that holds coffee. He could see a chair, but couldn't remember the name for it. Eventually he started writing about his experience in Peru and some songs emerged. Four years ago, when he was fifty, he recorded a CD and called it MERCY. It launched his career as a singer-songwriter. He now performs all over the US and Europe, but calls Austin home.

"I'm like a kite with a long string," says Sam, "but it's anchored here in Texas."

His second CD, PRETTY WORLD, was released in 2007. The injury to his hand was severe. He says his guitar playing is almost primitive, but it gives him the emotional foundation for the words to his songs. Sam Baker was born in Itasca, played sports in high school and studied guitar at North Texas. He worked as a white water boatman and carpenter before he started singing for a living.

OBITUARIES

Jo Ann Sproul



ELDORADO — Jo Ann (Bearce) Sproul, 77, died Good Friday, April 10, 2009. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday April 13, 2009 at First Baptist Church in Eldorado, Texas of which she was a member. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Jo Ann was born May 14, 1931 in San Angelo, Texas to W. R. (Dick) and Winnie Bearce. Jo Ann was raised on the Bearce ranch in Schleicher County. She graduated from Eldorado High School and later attended the University of Texas at Austin and Sul Ross State University where she majored in drama. On February 14, 1949 in Alpine, Texas she married the love of her life, C.R. Sproul. Jo Ann and C.R. enjoyed over 60 years of marriage together. During that time they raised three children whom she loved deeply.

Later, while living in Denver and Pittsburgh she continued her interest in drama by acting in various stage productions in their local community theaters. She and her husband returned to Schleicher County in 1981 and became the third generation to manage the Bearce family ranch that her grandfather had started in 1906.

In 1989 she was able to return to her lifelong passion for drama when

she led the formation of the Way Off Broadway Players in the Eldorado Civic Theater. As the founding member, in 1994 she and others headed a community wide effort to restore the Tom Ratliff Theatre which became the permanent home of the Way Off Broadway Players. Her single minded determination in this and all efforts having to do with drama was known and appreciated by all. Jo Ann acted in and directed many productions over fifteen years including "Smoke On The Mountain". She recently came out of retirement to assist in directing "Smoke On The Mountain, Homecoming", another successful production.

Jo Ann brought "the gift of theatre" to Eldorado. The cast and crews she assembled, coached, directed and inspired will be forever grateful for what she did. She was indeed a lady that positively changed peoples' lives. Her husband, children, grandchildren and friends will all miss the unconditional Christian love that she gave them.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Bill Bearce. Survivors include her husband C.R. Sproul; daughters, Rhonda Blosschok of Atlanta, Georgia; Rene Peckham and husband, Barry Peckham of Allen, Texas; a son, Mike Sproul and wife, Cherie Sproul of Eldorado, Texas; grandchildren Christopher Blosschok of Austin, Texas; Bryan Sproul and wife Stephanie of San Angelo, Texas; Alison Dawson and husband Travis Dawson of Westbrook, Texas; Paige Payne and husband Michael of Rowlett, Texas; T.J. Rodriguez and wife Melissa of Eldorado, Texas, Ashley Paulson of Eldorado, Texas and four great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Way Off Broadway Players, P.O. Box 543, Eldorado, Texas.

Eugenia Nell Edmiston Spigarelli "Shine"



She met and married Rudy in Ft. Worth, Texas where he was stationed. On July 5, 1945 they were married in San Angelo. They lived for two years in Dearborn, Michigan, and then moved to Pittsburg, Kansas where she raised her three children.

She became actively involved in church, school as a PTA member and officer, scout leader, civic and social clubs for 14 years. Her husband's promotion moved them to Shreveport, Louisiana, where she again made her mark on the community. She was a valued member of the King's Highway Christian Church, Garden Club, Bridge Club, and supported her children in school-functions.

Shine went to celebrate Easter with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 after 86 years of a long and blessed life.

Shine was born on August 18, 1922 in Schleicher County Eldorado, Texas. Her parents were Eugene Newt and Idella Neal Edmiston.

Shine is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Billy Gene and W.F. Edmiston, and her loving husband of 63 years, Rudolph Dominic Spigarelli.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses; Pamela Sue Spigarelli and Brian Laux of Christoval, Paula Ann and Tim Petty of Boerne, and Richard Wayne and Susan Spigarelli of Manor; seven grandchildren; Toya and Dion Henry, Tasha and Tommy Sangalli, Ryan Laux, Katy and Ryan Luebke, Robin and Angela Petty and Rudie Nicol and Geena Laine Spigarelli; six great-grandchildren; Brandon Segovia, Kyle Henry, Haley & Gracie Sangalli; Morgan Shine & Landon Lee Luebke.

Shine is also survived by a brother, Orval N. Edmiston, a sister & brother-in-law Mary Dell & Loyd Baskin, two sister-in-laws & 1 brother-in-law: Rose Marie & Ed Kidwell and Frances Edmiston.

Shine was raised in Eldorado, attending Bailey Ranch School and graduated from Eldorado High School. She studied home economics at Sul Ross University before entering the work force as a key punch operator for Lackland Aircraft Company during WWII. She moved from San Antonio to California to Michigan.

After 20 years Shine and Rudy retired, they returned to her hometown and moved into her grandparents' house on Highland Street where they lived for 25 years. They joined the First United Methodist Church and served in many leadership roles. She served in the Women's Club, Martha's Angels, Hospital Auxiliary, Schleicher County Historical Society, Cemetery Survey Committee, Wednesday and Tuesday Bridge Clubs as well as Mias Amiga's.

Her final days were spent at Runnel's County Rehab and Nursing Center in the Memory Lane unit where, in February, she was elected by the staff as Queen of Valentine's Day. We thank them for their loving care this past 5 months.

Shine was all about her family and friends, her church, and her legacy. With her high spirits and passions, she lived up to her nickname... "Shine". She loved with a Texas-sized heart and was greatly loved by her husband, children, extended family and a legacy of lifelong friends.

Services were held on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church with graveside services in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Brian, Phil, Joe Max, Jim Bob, Dr. William F. and Gene Edmiston; all nephews.

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DPS appeals driver license ruling

The Texas Department of Public Safety has appealed a ruling by a state district judge ordering DPS to issue driver licenses to temporary visitors and non-citizens who do not meet current DPS identification requirements.

The appeal means that current DPS rules will remain in effect. Non-citizens or temporary visitors to the United States who appear at DPS driver license offices will not be issued driver licenses if they do not meet current identification rules.

One of the reasons DPS is appealing the ruling is that it will have a major impact on business operations at the agency, and could in fact shut down the agency's ability to appropriately and securely identify driver license applicants.

The Texas legislature is actively addressing the challenges of certain non-citizen and temporary visitor licensing issues and DPS is also waiting for guidance from that governing body in addition to a higher court in the Salazar case.

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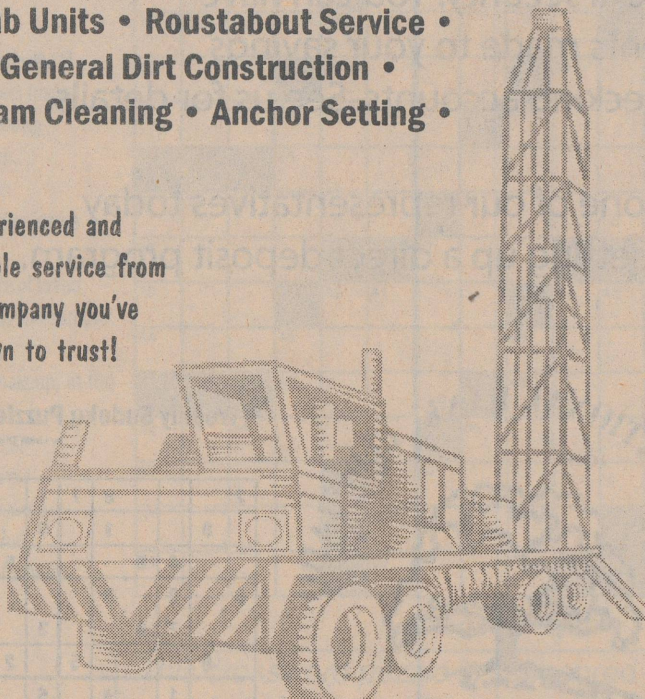
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Lady Eagles get must win to clinch final playoff berth

Submitted by Coach Jesse Rubio

The Eldorado Lady Eagles softball team played Forsan this past Friday, April 10, 2009 and wanted to keep hold of the third and final playoff spot in district 2. The Lady Eagles ran into a buzz saw, however, in the Forsan Lady Buffaloes.

The Lady Buffaloes recorded one run in the first and followed up with three more in the second inning.

Eldorado's only runs would be scored by Brittaney Gauna on an RBI triple by Aubrey Martinez. Eldorado's other lone run would be a Haley Higgins solo homer in the 4th inning.

But, Eldorado would not be able to withstand the barrage of hits that Forsan delivered. The Lady Buffs went on to record fourteen more runs and capture the win by final count of 18-4.

The Lady Eagles then played host to the Lady Blizzards from Winters on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. The Lady Eagles connected early knowing they needed a win to keep their playoffs hopes alive. The first inning saw Bridgett Mitchell reach second on a double and subsequently score on a Haley Higgins RBI double. Eldorado retired the Lady Blizzards and lead 1-0.

The second Eldorado at bat came after Winters scored two runs after a triple to start off the inning. Aubrey Martinez, Corie Williams, Allyson Jarrett, and Amy Alvizo all scored runs in the subsequent at bat attempt. Eldorado lead 5 to 2 headed into the third stanza.

The third, fourth, and fifth innings Winters struggled while managing three more runs through the remainder of the contest.

The third time around for the Lady Eagles would see Amy Alvizo, Marissa Gonzales, and Melissa Gonzales each score respectively.

Eldorado's fourth inning saw Haley Higgins score after recording a double. Abby Fuentes brought her home on an RBI double. Fuentes scored off of a single to right center field by Amy Alvizo for two more runs. Eldorado would lead 10-5 headed into the final two innings.

The Lady Eagles held on to secure the win and more importantly the third place seed in District 2. Bridgett Mitchell recorded the victory having pitched her first complete game of the season.

The remainder of the team played a very good defensive game and limited the opportunities for



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
 First baseman Allyson Jarrett tagged this Blizzards runner out at first base as the Lady Eagles won against Winters to clinch a berth in the State 1A Playoffs.

Winters.

The Lady Eagles' overall record goes to 12 wins and 11 losses on the year and more importantly Eldorado took command of the third and final spot in the race for the playoffs.

Eldorado's district record shows 6 wins and 4 losses. Results to the remainder of the top of the district

standings will become available after Forsan and Junction square off next week to determine the first and second place seeds.

Coach Rubio and King were pleased with the overall team effort and appreciate the support from the fans that were in attendance at the ball game. CONGRATULATIONS LADY EAGLES!!!!

Varsity girls take 2nd at 1-A District Track Meet

Eldorado Varsity Girls Track Team placed 2nd at the District 1-A Track meet held in Iraan on Thursday, April 9, 2009.

Several individuals and teams will advance to Area Meet held in Wink, Thursday, April 16. Advancing to Area on the girls track team are Haley Higgins, Laura Garcia, Bridgett Mitchell, Allyson Jarrett, Abby Fuentes, Brianah Creek, Brianda Torres.

400 Meter and 800 Meter Boy's relay teams (Garrett Lux, Eloy Bustos, Wes Brown, Ivany Sanchez, Ryan Sanchez, Ryan Castillo) will also advance and Dustin Guana in Shot Put.

The top 4 places in each event will advance to Area. Then the top four in each event will advance to Regional, where the top two of each event in 1-A will advance to State. This year our 1-A Regional teams will compete in Leveland, Texas. Coaching Varsity Boys is Larry Mitchel and Varsity Girls Christi

Collins.

Varsity Girls Individual and Team Results

High Jump: 2. Haley Higgins, 4-6
 Long Jump: 2. Bridgett Mitchell, 15-1/4; 3. Brianah Creek, 14- 5 3/4
 Triple Jump: 3. Allyson Jarrett, 30-1; 7. Laura Garcia, 28-4.
 3200 Meter Run: 6. Claudia Pasilas 15:16.34
 400 Meter Relay: 3. (Brianda Torres, Haley Higgins, Brianah Creek, Bridgett Mitchell) 54.48

100 Meter Run: 2. Brianah Creek, 13.48; 7. Alejandra Guzman, 14.87

800 Meter Relay: 1. (Brianda Creek, Brianah Torres, Laura Garcia, Haley Higgins) 1:53.49

300 Meter Hurdles: 3. Abby Fuentes, 53.65

200 Meter Run: 1. Brianda Torres 27.36

1600 Meter Run: 5. Claudia Pasilas, 6:29.99

1600 Meter Relay: 5. (Alejandra Guzman, Allyson Jarrett, Laura Garcia and Abby Fuentes) 4:39.11

Varsity Boy Individual and Team Results

Shot Put: 3. Dustin Guana, 40' 0"; 5. Timothy, Maskill, 39' 7 1/2"

Discus: 7. Timothy Maskill, 111' 1"

High Jump: 5. Eloy Bustos, 5' 8"

Long Jump: 6. Wes Brown, 18' 7 1/2"

Triple Jump: 7. David Tirado, 36' 6 1/2"

400 Meter Relay: 2. (Eloy Bustos, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Garrett Lux) 45.10

100 Meter Run: 5. Wes Brown, 11.38

800 Meter Relay: 2. (Garrett Lux, Ivany Sanchez, Ryan Castillo, Wes Brown) 1:34.59

1600 Meter Relay: 5. (Garrett Lux, Ivany Sanchez, Rudy Sanchez, Ryan Castillo) 3:46.10

JV Boys Results

Shot Put: 1. Juan Medrano 39' 2"; 2. Briley Ledbetter 37' 5"; 6. Ben Wipff, 33' 7"

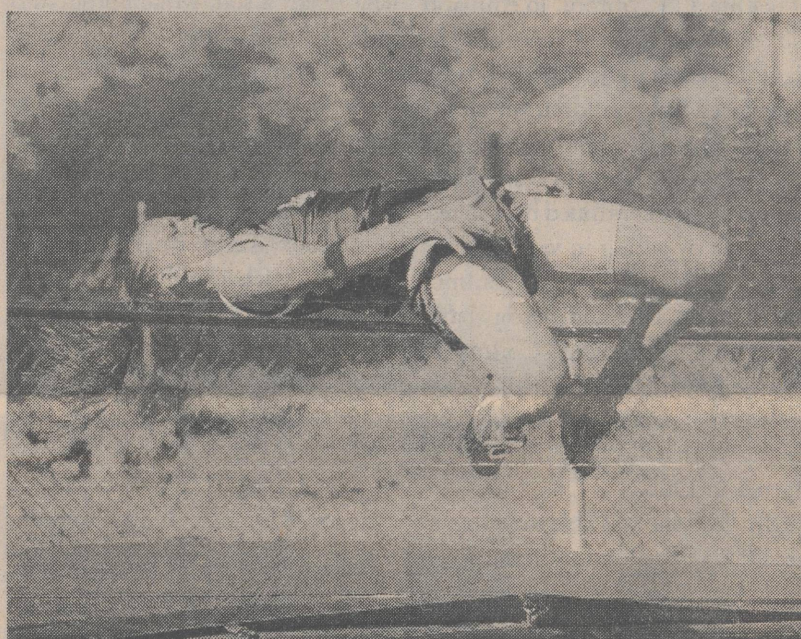
Discus: 3. Juan Medrano 96' 5"; 5. Hugo Rios 95' 11"; 6. Ben Wipff 94' 2 1/4"

400 Meter Relay: 5. (Juan Medrano, Marcos Medrano, Evan Joiner, Chris Mejia) 49.46

800 Meter Run: 2. Francisco Mendez, 2:22.04; 5. Jorge Medrano, 2:31.61

1600 Meter Run: 4. Francisco Mendez, 5:33.30; 6. Jorge Medrano, 5:42.49

1600 Meter Relay: 7. (Juan Medrano, Evan Joiner, Marcos Medrano, Francisco Mendez) 4:06.61



COURTESY PHOTO
 Haley Higgins advanced to Area in High Jump with a leap of 4-6.



COURTESY PHOTO
 Dustin Guana will advance to Area with his shot put throw of 40-0.

Higgins signs with SRSU

Sul Ross State University Women's Basketball Coach David Tandy has announced that Haley Higgins will continue her academic and athletic career at Sul Ross.

Haley, a 5'9" wing averaged 12 points and 4 rebounds per game for the Eldorado Lady Eagles. "Haley has the potential to be an outstanding player for Sul Ross.

She is a versatile player who will be counted on to play several positions next season" says Tandy. Haley has received numerous athletic accolades ranging from 1st Team All-District (3 years) to a three time Team MVP. Haley is also a stand-out player on the Lady Eagle softball and track teams. Haley plans to major in Education at Sul Ross.

Sul Ross is an NCAA Division



SUCCESS FILE PHOTO
 Haley Higgins

III university. It's athletic teams compete in the 15-team American Southwest conference.

Haley is the daughter of Billy and Leanne Higgins.

SCISD School Lunch Menu

BREAKFAST LINE

Monday April 20, 2009
 Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Tuesday April 21
 Waffle Stix/Syrup, Choice Of Juice, Milk

Wednesday April 22
 Cinnamon Rolls, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday April 23
 Breakfast Hot Pocket, (Egg/Cheese/Sausage), Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday April 24
 Pig-n-a-Blanket, Choice of Juice, Milk

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday April 20, 2009
 Pork Chopets/Gravy, Hot Rolls/Creamed, Potato, Green Beans, Fruit

Tuesday April 21
 Pep Pizza, Cucumber Salad, Fruit

Wednesday April 22
 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Bread Stix, Tossed Salad, Fruit

Thursday April 23
 Super Nacho's, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix/ Dip, Lemon Pudding/Topping.

Friday April 24
 SACK LUNCH FRIDAY - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Apples Apples Halves

BASKET LINE

Monday April 20, 2009
 Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Tossed Salad, Fruit

Tuesday April 21
 Chicken Burger, Baked Chips, Burger Salad, Fruit

Wednesday April 22
 Crispy Tacos/ Refried Beans, Lettuce/ Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix/ Dip, Fruit

Thursday April 23
 Pep. Hot Pockets, Pork-n-Beans, Tossed Salad, Lemon Pudding/Topping

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"A/B" Honor Roll

Maddie Bilbrey, Ryan Fortenberry, Clarissa Gomez, Marissa Gonzales, Melissa Gonzales, Evan Joiner, Ana Sanchez, Charli Swinford, Brianda Torres.

10th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Amy Alvizo, Kaitlyn Bluford, Jaymie O'Harrow, Ashley Paulson, Ben Wipff.

"A/B" Honor Roll

Trevor Harrington, Josh Jurecek, J.R. Martinez, Miles Mikeska, Lourdes Pasillas, Conrad Robledo, Lauren Rubio.

11th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Timothy Cuevas, Dylan Dombroski, Krista Galindo, Adriana Hernandez.

"A/B" Honor Roll

Hunter Alvizo, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Emily Espinosa, Victoria Garza, Patricia Hernandez, Tanja Hibbs, Kadie Niblett, Audrey Rubio, Ivany Sanchez.

12th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Victoria Fuentes, Brent Martinez, Bridgett Mitchell, Claudia Pasillas, April Porras, Lindsay Pridemore, Kirsten Stubbs, Katrina Trujillo, Corie Williams.

"A/B" Honor Roll

Johnthan Belman, Rance Cathy, Juan Carlos Escobar, Mark Garcia, Isidro Granados, Meg Griffin, Haley Higgins, Kaleb Murr, Brittani Romero, Maria Sanchez.

State legislators review YFZ raid, consider new child welfare bill

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Heiligenstein went on to praise the work of CPS personnel, many of whom she said were the target of derogatory racial comments from FLDS members.

Among several other YFZ Ranch residents in attendance was Zaven-da Jessop who told the committee why neither she nor any of the others were interested in testifying.

"It is clearly apparent that this board is not interested in talking to us or protecting us in any way, so we have chosen not to testify at all," Ms. Jessop advised committee chairman Patrick Rose.

The chairman accepted the explanation but repeated his invitation to her and the other YFZ residents to testify about the raid or later when the committee would take up discussion of HB 4255.

Among others who testified was Scott McCown, a retired state district judge and current executive director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities, who was complimentary of 51st District Judge Barbara Walther's handling of the YFZ custody case.

The judge said he thought the Texas 3rd Court of Appeals erred when it ruled that Judge Walther had exceeded her authority. McCown pointed to the fact that the

appeals court claimed that the state had not presented evidence that underage girls who were either pregnant, or who had already given birth, were not legally married in another jurisdiction by court order. The judge said it is impossible for the state to prove a negative and that the burden of proving such marriages should have laid with the girls' parents.

Judge McCown went on to explain that the Texas Supreme Court did not uphold the appeals court, as has been widely reported. Neither did the high court rule on the merits of the overall case. Instead, he explained, the Supreme Court rejected a claim by CPS attorneys that the appellate court had overstepped its bounds.

Late in the day, the committee put discussion of the YFZ raid behind them and turned to discussion of HB 4255.

Committee member Drew Darby, the bill's cosponsor, spoke on behalf of the bill that would require courts to consider the actions of all adults in a household before determining whether the child or the alleged abuser should be the one removed from the home.

The bill also amends current law to state that a second failure to report child abuse or neglect is a Class A Misdemeanor. Currently, the charge is a Class B Misdemeanor. For medical professionals, a second strike would up the charge to a state jail felony. And, the bill would make it a Class A Misdemeanor to inaccurately fill out or file a birth certificate for the purpose of hiding abuse.

Among others who testified concerning HB 4255 were attorneys Susan Hayes and Natalie Malonis, both of whom served as ad litem attorneys for children taken into custody by CPS during the YFZ raid.

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6th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Estephania Estrada, Arden Mertz, Ivie Kate Mynatt, Whitney Perez, Stormi Rinehart, Esmeralda Ruezga, Tres Whitten.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Jaqueline Castro, Breana Crofoot, Taylor Curtis, Jessica Gandar, Jessica Gonzalez, Elizabeth Guerrero, Tori Guerrero, Carlos Guzman, Melissa Hernandez, Josie Ledezma, Adrian Martinez, McKenzie McAngus, Cody McCormack, Brittney McCulloch, Dominique Ochoa, West Ramon, Garet Swinford.

7th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Madison Albin, Michael Bilbrey, Addye Chatham, Abriana Islas.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Yseña Arrendondo, Bailey Espinosa, Justin Estrada, Reed Hariman, Obdulia Huerta, Jordan McCulloch, Macy Mikeska, Jackson O'Harrow, Lupe Pasillas, Yseña Ramirez.

8th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Ryan Espinosa, Lane Griffin, Edward Hernandez, Robin Hibbs, Mary Lou Martinez, Blaine Mitchell, Jessica Pasillas, Diego Sanchez, Austin Stapp.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Miranda Arispe, Sergio Arispe, Will Barker, Camron Capps, Cesar Cruz, Shelby Daniels, Gabriela Dominguez, Lori Escobar, Veronica Fuentes, Nicholas Gonzales, Brooke Guerrero, Nikki Herrera, Nancy Iglesias, Jose Martinez, Rudy Montez, Brian Shriver, Marcus Perez, Hagen Porras, Dylan Ramos, Hector Reves, Preston Rodriguez, Mark Sanchez, Domingo Torres, Ruben Vazquez, Kalyn Villanueva, Chasity Willis.

Hilderbran offers pair of scholarships

AUSTIN (April 13) - Representative Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to District 53 students graduating from an accredited high school in May or June 2009.

Students can apply by obtaining an application form from their high school senior counselor, who will forward all entries to Hilderbran's office for judging. Students must live and attend school within District 53 in order to qualify.

In addition to the form, students should submit a reply to the following statement: "Voter ID is a major issue facing the 81st Legislature this session. Survey the opinions of five or six people in your community and, in 250 words or less, present your results and analyze the implications of your findings."

Hilderbran will be presenting the winners with their scholarship at their respective award banquets.

For more information, please contact Representative Hilderbran at 512.463.0536.

Capital Highlights . . .

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will not be issued driver licenses if they do not meet the agency's current identification rules.

The DPS said one reason it is appealing the ruling is that it "could shut down the agency's ability to appropriately and securely identify driver license applicants."

State agency notifies peanut plant

The Texas Department of State Health Services announced April 9 it assessed \$14.6 million in administrative penalties against Plainview Peanut Co. LLC.

On April 8, the agency notified the company of "alleged violations"

including unsanitary conditions, product contamination, illnesses linked to consumption of peanuts from the plant and for operating almost four years without a food manufacturer's license from the state.

The DSHS on Feb. 12 ordered the plant to close and to recall all products shipped since it opened in 2005.

Lawmaker regrets remark made

State Rep. Betty Brown, R-Athens, on April 11 issued an apology for a remark she made April 7 in a House Elections Committee meeting during which she asked if Asian Americans could adopt names "we could deal with more readily here."

School board holds regular monthly meeting

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fund. Coach Randy Mitchel demonstrated how she used the system during her physical education class.

Superintendent Billy Collins then advised that SCISD's student enrollment was 619 on April 3rd.

Finance manager Ray Ballew advised that he Texas Education Agency had made a cash adjustment which the board was expecting. He noted the district currently has a total of \$7,047,529.02 in investments. The district's fund balance stands at \$3,723,056 with \$2.1 million of that being designated toward future projects.

The board approved two applications for transfer students for the 2009-2010 school year. The students are currently enrolled in SCISD.

Reed, McKee and Co. P.C. was then approved as the schools auditor for the next three school years.

In other business, the trustees set May 14th as the date when two board members will canvass the May 9th election ballots. New trustees are due to be sworn in at

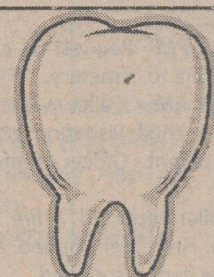
the regular board meeting in June.

Before adjourning, the trustees approved the 2009-2010 school calendar. They then went into a closed-door executive session for the discussion of personnel.

When they returned to open session the board voted to hire

Alan Cherry to be athletic director next year. They also voted to accept the resignation of teacher Lynna Mikeska.

The next meeting of the SCISD board of trustees is slated for 6 pm on Monday, May 11, 2009 in the High School Library.



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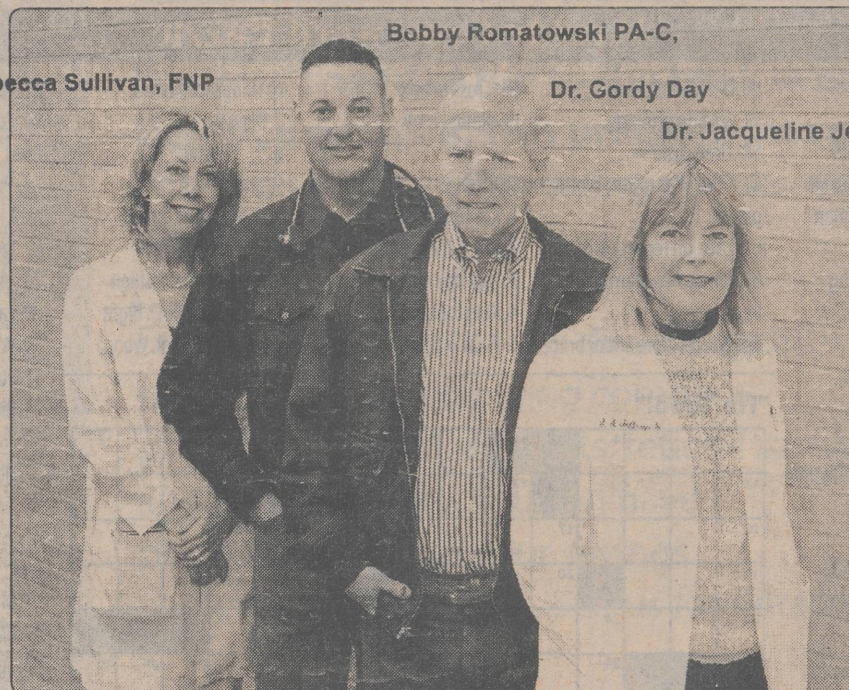
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MONDAY April 20, 2009

Swiss Steak with Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Corn Bread Muffins, Tossed Salad, Orange Sections, Milk.

TUESDAY April 21st

Polish Sausage, Fresh Baked sweet Potato, Steamed cabbage, Cornbread, Pears, Milk.

WEDNESDAY April 22nd

Chopped Steak, Parslied Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Wheat Bread, Cucumber/Tomato Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Milk.

THURSDAY April 23rd

Bar-B-Que Chicken, Baked Beans, California Mixed Vegetables, Macaroni Salad, Fruited Gelatin, Milk.

FRIDAY April 24th

Tuna Noodle Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Tossed Salad with Tomato, Red Applesauce, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk.

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APRIL

16th Marivel Avila, Sherlene Robinson, Meagan Stevens, Dustin Stewart, Johnny Factor

17th Jeff Leggett, Fred Robles, Samantha Lozano, Okshana Hernandez, Nautika Cline Pina

18th Ramon Ray Barajas, E. Jay Samaniego, Mikey Mata

19th Bob Bland, Brenda Joyce Lacy, Lilia Martinez, David Ray Gonzales, Naomi Gonzalez, Audry Nolen

20th Patricia Hernandez, Jose Hernandez, Gerard Barrera Joel Esparza, Christine Ann Martinez

21st Sally Velasquez, Heather Powell, Angela Aycock, Judith Samaniego, Don Inman

22nd Annie Aripse, James Lloyd, Tommie Rojas, April Nixon, Landon Parker, Abbie Ussey, Tori Grelle

23rd John Callison, Alex Sanchez, Georgina Cardenas, Richard Preston, Ricky Gibson, Jr., Nena Covarrubiaz, Carli McAngus, Mike McCravery, Melissa Hinojosa, Vonnie Dannheim

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Eldorado Middle School Tennis participated in their first Tennis Tournament of the year here in Eldorado on April 4, 2009. Teams participating were Eldorado, Reagan County and Sonora.

7th Grade Boys Singles winner was Ortiz of Reagan County. The 7th Grade Boy's Double first place winners were Eldorado's Bobby Martinez and Tyler Martínez.

In the girls singles, Megan Real placed 2nd and Jordan McCulloch placed 3rd and Madison Albin placed 4th.

Passilas and Rios won the 7th grade doubles honors placing 1st place against their team mates Chatham and Mikeska who placed 2nd. Sanchez and Estrada took 3rd and Reagan County's team took Consolation.

In 7th grade mixed doubles, Jackson O'Harrow and Mikayla Ramon placed 1st.

In 8th grade boy's singles Reagan County took the gold.

8th grade boy's doubles Eldorado's Porras and Ramos placed 3rd.

Miranda Arispe placed 1st in the 8th grade singles and Gonzales and Herrera taking fourth place in 8th grade doubles.

Sanchez and Falcon of Sonora took 1st place in the 8th grade girls doubles.

Eldorado next meet will be in Reagan County on April 18, 2009

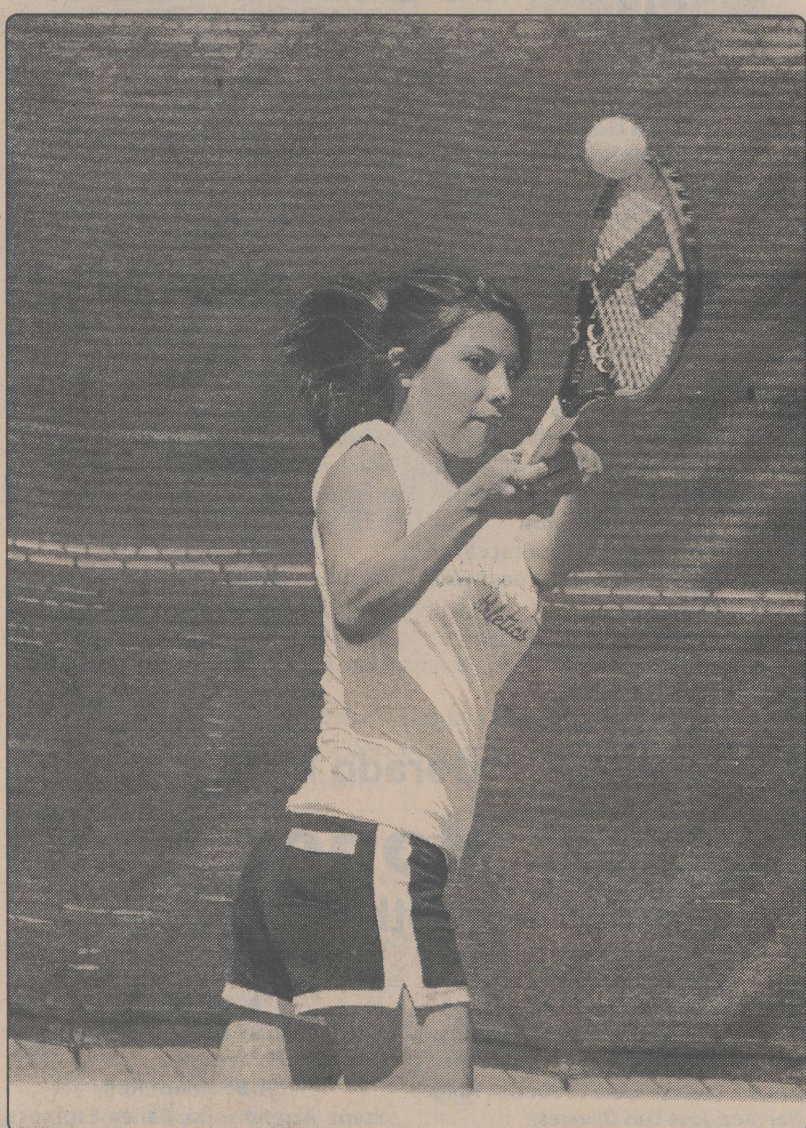
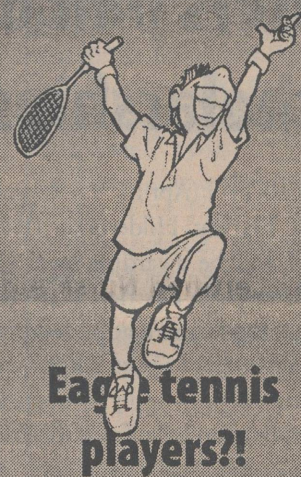


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Miranda Arispe 8th grade girls single 1st place medalist at the EMS Tennis Tournament held in Eldorado, April 4, 2009

How 'bout those



Eagle tennis players?!

Grand jurors indict 11

A new panel of Schleicher County grand jurors met Monday afternoon for the first time. The jury handed down 11 indictments, none of which can be made public until warrants are served.

The Success will publish the indictments as they are made public.



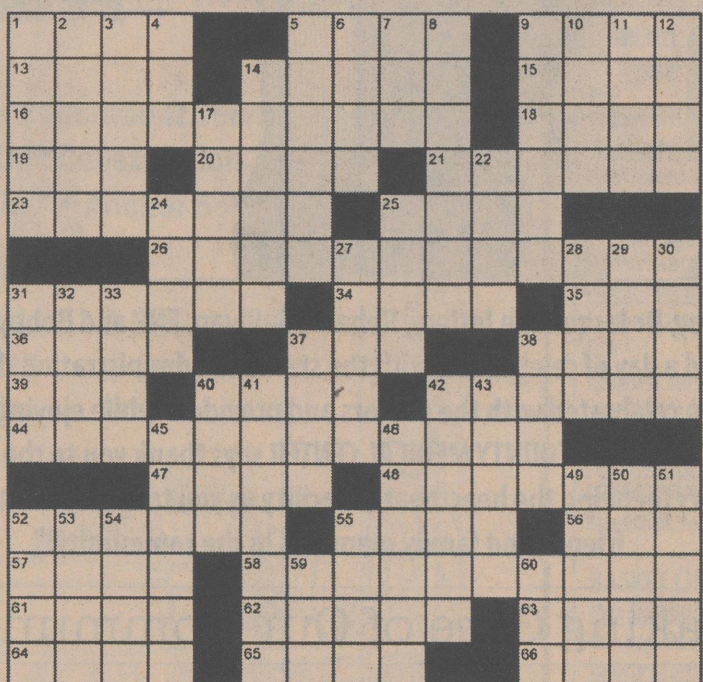
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
7th grade mixed double winners Mikayla Ramon and Jackson O'Harrow at the EMS Tennis Tournament, April 4, 2009.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Total failure
 - Light bulb, in comics
 - Carb source, slangily
 - Easternmost Aleutian
 - Utter disdain
 - ___mutuel betting
 - Tired limericks?
 - Jason's ship
 - Sheet music abbr.
 - Compass doodles
 - Place for a patrol
 - ___ Stone (hieroglyphic key)
 - "Encore!"
 - Tired dairy product?
 - ___ up (select teams)
 - Slangy greeting
 - Keydets' sch.
 - Macho man
 - "A guy walks into a ___"
 - Crusty piece of bread
 - The big 4-0, for example
 - Tees off
 - Crown's makeup, in the bible
 - Tired freebie?
 - Full of promise
 - Desert delusions
 - Stick like glue
 - Sampras of tennis

- Detergent brand
- Grazing grounds
- Tired cash?
- "The War of the Worlds" planet
- Late, on report cards
- Tampa Bay team, in headlines
- Word before ant or brat
- Cross to bear
- Ratio words
- "___ home?"
- Less meaty
- Cowpoke's pal
- Twist the arm of
- Christian of fashion
- Combat pilot's flight
- Ways through woods
- Black and white predator
- Cuddly "Star Wars" creature
- Prime minister after Es-hkol
- Terrible twos, for one
- "As ___" (letter closing)
- Call from the flock
30. Wire diameter measures
- Punch card bit
- Broddingnagian
- Top draft level
- Flock of quail
- Georgetown athlete
- Stereotypical lab assistant
- Meets, as a challenge
- Country's Con way
- Spouses of a sultan
- Like formal attire
- Makes right
- The "Homo" in Homo sapiens
- One way to stand
- Final decision
- ___ mater
- Not cheap
- Rough up
- Silver-exporting land
- Give two thumbs down to
- ___-Wan Kenobi

"I'm Tired!"



See solution on Page 8

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The Blotter

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ARRESTS
APRIL 10 • Ronquillo, Antonio Sanchez, male age 29. Offense citation. Release 4/11/09 by paying ticket.

APRIL 11 • Schafer, John Bryan, male age 32. Offense, out of county warrant. Released 04/12/09 \$10,000. surety bond.

APRIL 12 • Fox, Robert Dean, male age 45. Offense DWI. Released \$1,000. surety bond.

APRIL 7 - 4:54 PM • Complainant reported a young boy driving recklessly through school one way. Officer notified.

4:54 PM • Crockett County S.O. called to advise about a sink hole in Hwy possibly in our county. Officer notified and discovered not in our county.

5:35 PM • Complainant requested to speak to an officer in regard to her son. Officer notified.

APRIL 8 - 11:23 PM • Request for a funeral escort on Sat. to cemetery.

APRIL 9 - 5:25 AM • Caller was concerned about a child visitation issue with another parent. Officer notified caller advised.

5:52 AM • Caller reported a fire on Treadwell Lane. Fire Chief notified. Meard County fire dept responded.

6:49 AM • Caller reported possible fire out on Mertzon Hwy. Fire dept. responded. Officer notified.

9:37 PM • Caller reported damage done to a car at the above location. Officer responded.

APRIL 10 - 6:26 AM • Complainant reported an abandoned car 300 yards North of county line. Tom Green County S.O. notified.

7:54 AM • Caller reported seeing smoke out on Rudd Road. Fire Dept. notified.

8:09 AM • Caller reported that his wife was fainting and didn't know what was wrong. EMS responded.

8:37 AM • Caller requested an officer. Officer responded.

8:45 AM • Caller reported a deer on side of road that had been hit and was still alive. Officer responded.

APRIL 11 - 7:36 PM • Complainant reported a wreckless driver. Officer responded.

APRIL 12 - 6:11 PM • Caller requested an officer for a civil issue. Officer responded.

APRIL 13 - 7:12 AM • Caller request a funeral escort to cemetery.

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Election held on May 9, 2009 will be tested on April 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Schleicher Memorial Bldg. to ascertain that it will accurately count the vote's cast for all offices.

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usara en la Elección que se llevara a cabo el 9 de Mayo 2009 se probara el 22 de Abril 2009 a las 10:00 de la mañana en Case de la Corte del Condado de Schleicher para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales.

Brenda Mayfield
Elections Administrator, Schleicher County

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Eldorado Spotlight



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AUSTIN – As severe drought conditions continue to scorch pasture lands and deplete water supplies across Texas, the Prescribed Burning Board, established within the Texas Department of Agriculture, recently created new licensing categories that allow more individuals to become licensed as certified prescribed burn managers.

This action will in turn increase the number of prescribed burns and ultimately help reduce the threat of wildfires.

"Texas is experiencing one of the worst droughts on record, with conditions that meteorologists say occur only once or twice a century," Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said. "I am pleased with

the Prescribed Burning Board's action and believe it will assist us in protecting our state's land from the growing threat of wildfires."

With the board's recent action, applicants can apply to become a commercial certified prescribed burn manager (CCPBM) or a private certified prescribed burn manager (PCPBM). The latter is a newly created category that is more economically feasible for individual landowners who are only focused on managing their own property. The new license allows the private permit holder to burn only his land or that of his employer.

Individuals seeking private certification must meet the same experience and training requirements as those who are commercially certified. However, this new category allows individuals to submit their existing insurance policies for consideration to satisfy insurance requirements.

"Prescribed burns are the best tools to prevent wildfires," Commissioner Staples said. "These changes will allow landowners to better manage land across the state and, at the same time, help reduce the risk of potential wildfires, which

risk the lives of our citizens and damage communities, crops, livestock and wildlife. An added bonus is the improved habitat conditions for wildlife."

More about the Texas drought and wildfires

According to climatologists, the 2008 drought is the second driest on record in Texas, behind one that occurred in 1918. Data released today by the U.S. Drought Monitor shows 93 percent of Texas counties suffering from abnormally dry to some form of drought. Conditions in some parts of the state are so severe, Governor Perry has requested a disaster declaration for all 254 counties.

It is estimated the 2005-2006 drought caused \$4.1 billion in losses to agriculture. A report dated March 13 by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service estimates the current drought is already costing Texas livestock producers nearly \$1 billion.

From Jan. 1 through April 7, the Texas Forest Service reports 6,138 wildfires have swept across the state scorching more than 225,000 acres and destroying 582 structures, including homes and barns.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Dispatchers Jackie Martinez, Lesa Romero and, Jerrie Escarcega posed for the camera Tuesday as part of Public Safety Telecommunicators Week as declared by Texas Governor Rick Perry. Sheriff David Doran echoed in the governor's proclamation (below). "I am very proud to join Governor Perry in recognizing the hard work and dedication of my telecommunications staff at the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office. These highly trained professionals serve as the critical link people in crisis and the emergency service personnel responding to their call. Other dispatchers not present at the time of the photo include Sam Rodriguez, Dorie Jimenez, and Rick Bradley.

Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

"I'm Tired!"

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Say "adiós" to those other guys with phone cards who mislead you with what appears to be a low rate to Mexico but ends up being packed with hidden costs. At Right Wireless, there are no hidden costs, so if you have family and friends in Mexico, stay in touch with them for the lowest price going.

Plus, with nationwide roaming you can use your Right Wireless phone all across this country and you can do it for less. Get unlimited minutes in an expanded coverage area at a low \$24.95 for four weeks*. You no longer have to worry about credit checks, contracts, or even a deposit, and you have the option of paying weekly. Just visit our website at www.rightwireless.net for a complete listing of convenient locations and start calling Mexico "on the cheap!" *See store for details.

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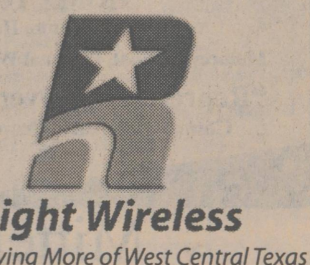
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