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• Judge finds "incontrovertible evidence" of underage marriage 14-year-old child bride ordered into foster care — 7 others allowed to remain with their mothers

SAN ANGELO — Barbara Steed Jessop on Monday declined more than fifty times to answer questions in a child custody hearing before 51st District Judge Barbara Walther. Her lawyer, Gonzalo Rios of San Angelo, said her decision to exercise her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination was made due to an ongoing criminal investigation. The tactic did not, however, help her keep custody of her 14-year-old daughter.

The girl, who was allegedly married to FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs when she was 12 was ordered into state-supervised foster care after Judge Walther ruled that there was "incontrovertible evidence" of an underage marriage involving the girl.

The girl is also the daughter of Merrill Jessop, the man who oversaw day-to-day operations of the YFZ Ranch prior to the April 3rd raid. Two of his sons, Raymond Merrill Jessop, Merrill Leroy Jessop, were among five men indicted by Schleicher County grand jurors for sexual assault of a child. Another of the men, Warren Jeffs, is accused of marrying Merrill and Barbara Jessop's daughter in 2006, when

she was only 12.

Photos of Warren Jeffs holding and embracing the girl were entered into evidence Monday in Judge Walther's court. Photos of Jeffs kissing the young girl were deemed to be too prejudicial and were not allowed into evidence.

Tuesday's ruling marks the first time any of the 400+ children taken from the YFZ Ranch during the April raid, have been taken away from their parents since the families were reunited following a Texas Supreme Court ruling on May 29th that the state had overreached in removing all the children.

Judge Walther on Tuesday also allowed the girl's 11-year-old brother to remain with his mother. She also approved a settlement reached between attorneys for Texas Child Protective Services and lawyers representing parents of five other girls from the YFZ Ranch. The deal officially places the five girls in state custody, but allows them to remain with their parents as long as the parents take steps to restrict their contact with men accused of involvement in underage marriages. The mothers must also

comply with other routine court orders. A separate case involving a 17-year-old boy was dropped by the state before the hearing began Monday.

The highlight of this week's hearing seemed to be Barbara Steed Jessop's dogged refusal to offer any testimony in the custody hearing.

At one point, attorneys representing Texas Child Protective Services thought they could reach a deal with Ms. Jessop similar to the ones reached in the cases of the other children. But, Ms. Jessop reportedly refused to cooperate and her husband, Merrill Jessop did not appear for the hearing and has reportedly not provided a court-ordered DNA sample.

That left Ms. Jessop on the stand being peppered with questions concerning the names of her children, her relationship with Merrill Jessop and her definition of child abuse.

Barbara Jessop responded to each question by saying, "I stand on the fifth."

Court records indicate that another of Merrill and Barbara Jessop's young daughters were given in marriage Warren Jeffs' brother Isaac in Hildale,

Utah in 2003. Also, a 14-year-old daughter of Merrill and Lydia Jessop was reportedly married to Abram Jeffs at the YFZ Ranch in October of 2005.

Similarly, two of Merrill Jessop's other sons, Ernest Merrill Jessop and Merrill Jackson Jessop were allegedly married to a pair of 15-year-old girls.

And, two of Merrill Jessop's young granddaughters, one 12, the other 14 were reportedly married to Warren Jeffs

Merril Jessop is said to have performed the wedding ceremony in some of those and witnessed others.

Best-selling author Carolyn Jessop also testified during the case. She is a former wife of Merrill Jessop and the woman who wrote "Escape."

Her testimony was challenged by attorney Gonzalo Rios who questioned if her motives for writing the book were influenced by the desire to make money.

Rios said after the hearing that he intends to appeal Judge Walther's decision which he called "fundamentally unfair."

Drivers, be on the lookout for school children, school buses

As Texas school children prepare to head back to school, the Texas Department of Public Safety reminds all drivers to watch out for children walking to school or waiting for school buses — and to obey all traffic laws related to school buses.

"DPS has zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "Drivers must slow down, obey school zone speed limits and stop for school buses to ensure the safety of Texas school children."

Drivers also need to slow down and pay attention in school zones. Children may not be looking for oncoming traffic when they step into the roadway, so drivers must remain alert. The most dangerous time of a student's journey on a school bus is when they are entering or exiting the bus, and state law requires that approaching drivers stop when a school bus is stopped and operating a visual signal (red flashing lights or a stop sign).

State law requirements

State law requires approaching drivers to stop when a school bus is stopped and operating a visual signal (red flashing lights or a stop sign). Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated. A driver does not have to stop for a school bus if it is on a highway with roadways separated by an intervening space or physical barrier. (If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.)

Punishment for drivers who do not stop

Drivers who do not stop for school buses face a fine of up to \$1,000. If a driver is convicted of this offense more than one time, DPS can suspend their license for up to six months.

For more information on school bus safety, please see our website at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/schoolbus>.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Up and Over

Eagles sophomore running back Rudy Sanchez took to the air last Saturday as he dove for a first down during varsity scrimmage action with Nueces Canyon in Eagle Stadium. The Warbirds stunned the visiting Panthers by notching up eight unanswered scores. The Eagles will travel to Miles Friday night to scrimmage the Miles Bulldog in a final tune-up before next week's opener against Forsan.

Grand Jury meets again on Thursday

Schleicher County grand jurors are slated to meet again on Thursday, August 21, 2008 in the Schleicher County Memorial Building. As for past meetings, security officers will restrict access to the building.

It is believed that the grand jury will continue to weigh evidence in the ongoing criminal inquiry that stemmed from the YFZ raid on April 3rd.

Just last month, grand jurors handed down six felony indictments for Sexual Assault of a Child and Bigamy. One of those charges was against FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs. Four others were filed against men from the YFZ Ranch including two of Merrill Jessop's sons. (See story above.)

The grand jury also issued three misdemeanor charges against Dr. Lloyd Barlow for failure to report abuse.

Unlike during the two most recent grand jury meetings, the Schleicher County Courthouse will remain open this time. That is primarily due to other court proceedings on the docket in the second-floor court room. None of those proceedings are believed to involve members of the FLDS church or with the ongoing criminal investigation resulting from the raid at the YFZ Ranch. Other county offices will be closed.

Mynatts receive Silver Clover Award

by Courtney Barbee,
County Extension Agent,
Family & Consumer Science

Texas AgriLife Extension Service's annual Silver Clover Recognition Banquet celebrated its 41st year August 14, 2008 with a banquet at the Zentner's Daughter Steak House in San Angelo.

29 individuals were recognized during the event for being instrumental to the success of District 7's 4-H youth program.

This year's honorees for Schleicher County were Michelle and Britt Mynatt of Eldorado. They were chosen for their commitment to the ongoing progress of 4H in Schleicher County. Their children are Ivy Kate, Emmie and Will, all

of whom are active in 4-H.

The individual honorees were selected by a committee comprised of electric cooperative personnel and AgriLife Extension officials.

The banquet is sponsored each year by the Rural Electric Cooperatives serving the area covered by the 23 counties in AgriLife Extension's District 7, West-Central Texas.

Sponsors are Central Texas Electric Cooperative; Coleman County Electric Cooperative; Concho Valley Electric Cooperative; Hamilton County Electric Cooperative; Big Country Electric Cooperative; Pedernales Electric Cooperative; Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative and Taylor Electric Cooperative.



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2008 4-H Silver Clover AgriLife Extension's District 7, West Central honorees from Schleicher County Britt and Michelle Mynatt

The Audacity of Haughty

"It's almost as if they take pride in being ignorant," Barack Obama mused the other day, blasting Republicans for ridiculing his exhortation to the nation to make sure its tires are properly inflated.

Ah, behold the open-mindedness and cross-partisan understanding. Remember two years ago when Obama was only a media darling and not yet The Anointed One? Back then, his appeal was the extraordinary sensitivity he had for the views

of others. He wrote a best-selling campaign book called "The Audacity of Hope" that was carefully unadaptable in its on-the-one-hand, on-the-other-hand weighing of the issues of the day,

giving the impression that nothing pained him so much as not being able to agree with the other side, though he thoroughly understood and respected its arguments.

That iteration of Obama was tossed under the bus long ago (no word on whether the tires were adequately inflated). It's been replaced by an Obama who -- between pauses gazing regally into the middle-distance during his orations -- betrays a dismissive contempt for all differences of opinion.

"Nobody really thinks that Bush or McCain have a real answer for the challenges we face," he said, responding to a John McCain attack ad. Nobody does? Are all those people who vote Republican simply delusional? Or are they pretending to believe things that they really don't to conceal unseemly motivations -- power-hunger, bitterness, racism?

The most elemental act of political civility is to concede the good motives of your opposition. Obama lately can't even muster that. Obama is now such a puffed-up figure that he's vulnerable to the pinprick of ridicule. Having failed to get much traction against Obama heretofore, the McCain campaign scored recently with a pointed but lighthearted ad comparing him to Britney Spears and Paris Hilton and the distribution of tire gauges to mock his tire-pressure comments.

"They're making fun of a step that every expert says would absolutely reduce our oil consumption by 3 to 4 percent," Obama said of the tire gauges, suggesting that the making-fun particularly bothered him.

It has to be hard for Obama to maintain a sense of proportion. First, it has become Democratic dogma that in reply to any Republican attack, a Democratic candidate has to hit back twice as hard. This makes it impossible to calibrate a response -- the only option becomes the nuclear option. Second, given the idolatry of the press and his most fervent supporters, Obama would need prodigious reserves of humility to keep from taking himself too seriously.

On the question of tire pressure, he was wrong when he said that properly inflating tires would save enough gas to make up for whatever oil we might get from more offshore drilling. Only an estimated 27 percent of cars have underinflated tires, and having properly inflated tires saves at most only 3 percent on gas consumption, so the number gets quite small. Obama's estimate of an overall savings of 3 percent to 4 percent on gas consumption is wildly optimistic. But it's his critics who are ignorant (and proud of it!).

The new Obama is displaying the audacity of haughty.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Friday Night Lights

by U.S. Senator John Cornyn

The road from Texas six-man football to fame in the National Football League is one rarely traveled. Players on six-man teams, more than 120 across the state, might call it the "impossible dream." So, when that distant opportunity becomes reality, people never forget the athlete who made the exceptional journey.

The achievements of Jack Pardee, who played for the six-man Christoval Cougars more than five decades ago, probably surpassed most expectations in his hometown south of San Angelo. He went on to become an All-American for Texas A&M, All-Pro for the Los Angeles Rams and Washington Redskins, and two-time NFL Coach of the Year.

After NFL head coaching jobs in Chicago and Washington, he came back to Texas in the 1980s when he coached the Houston Gamblers, the University of Houston Cougars and the Houston Oilers. His many achievements came full circle when he was selected for the Texas Six-Man Football Hall of Fame in 2005.

Jack Pardee's success draws attention to the rich heritage of six-man football in Texas, where the intensity of the players and the enthusiasm of their fans belie the size of the high school and the community. The ladder of high school football starts with

the six-man teams, which come from high schools with less than 100 students.

Despite their size, these teams are ingrained in the lore of Texas high school football. Many of their names grab our attention: Jayton Jaybirds, Trent Gorillas, Kress Kangaroos, Rankin Red Devils and Buckholts Badgers. Six-man football holds a warm place in the hearts of fans in larger places too. It is one of the stars in the galaxy of Texas high school football, which includes more than 1,100 teams.

Stadium lights brighten the skies above Texas towns large and small every Friday night. Some games are played on Saturdays or other days, but Fridays are prime time for high school football. Long before there was a book and a hit television series by the same name, the "Friday Night Lights" symbolized a sport that turned into a passion in Texas.

Game day becomes a social event where fans of all ages gather to support the pride of their community. Televisions are turned off and stores close early as fans head to the community's main event to root for their team. Bands, drill teams and cheerleaders add to the pageantry.

The six-man game differs from all other high schools. It is played on a shorter field, 80 yards instead of 100. Quarters are 10 minutes, instead of 12. The game can end

early if one team leads by 45 points at the end of the first half or during the second half. First downs come after a gain of 15 yards, not 10. Touchdowns still count for six points, but field goals are worth four, instead of three.

These and other differences generate non-stop action and high scoring games. In last year's Division I six-man state championship game, the Richland Springs Coyotes defeated the Rule Bobcats, 98-54. The Motley County Matadors took the Division II state title with a 44-38 win over the Woodson Cowboys.

The legacy of six-man football extends beyond the state championships and the record books. The teams reflect the unique character of each town. The school is the heart of the community. In its classrooms, dedicated teachers nurture students' dreams and cultivate their potential.

Texas has more six-man teams than any other state. Six-man football represents qualities and a way of life in places that typify the Texas spirit. The niche these teams hold in their hometowns and throughout Texas high school football is one we can all admire and enjoy.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

Study shows promised tax relief did deliver

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — In 2006, Texas lawmakers rolled back school tax rates for maintenance and operations by one-third over the next two years in an initiative that was to provide \$7 billion in annual property tax relief.

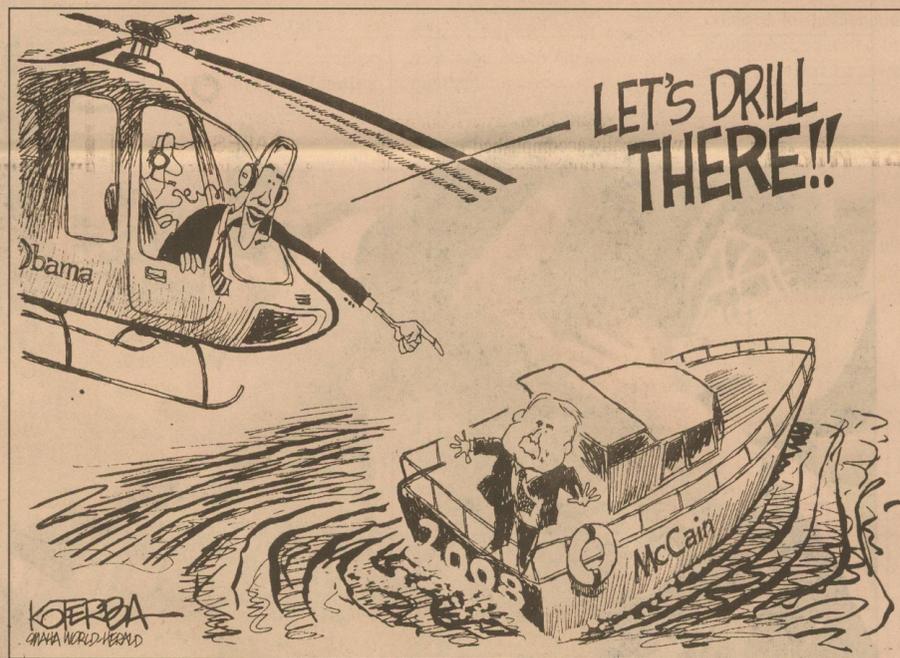
A study released Aug. 14 by Texas Taxpayer and Research Association shows how Texas taxpayers actually did get \$7 billion in property tax relief.

The study, Property Tax Relief: The \$7 Billion Reality, by the non-profit non-partisan association's research arm, concludes that "The average

Texans' property tax bill may not be lower today than it was two years ago, but it is unmistakably much, much lower than it would have been."

The study points out that relief was made possible by a swap that included "a complete restructuring (and increase) of the state's business tax, an increase in the state's cigarette tax, and a commitment of surplus funds in the State Treasury sufficient to provide an overall net tax cut of roughly \$2.5 billion a year."

The eight-page report can be accessed at www.ttara.org.



Traveling With A Monkey

Tommy Lucia grew up in Minnesota during some rough times. When he was eleven years old he set pins in a bowling alley until 1 AM and had three paper routes. His mother worked day and night to feed the family. When he was fifteen he went to his first rodeo and his life was changed forever.

"I wanted to be a bull rider," says Tommy, who now lives in Weatherford. "So I started going to rodeos, competing in bull riding and bareback events. It was a challenge to see if I was tough enough."

He became a rodeo clown at age 19 and for 20 years performed at rodeos all over the country, including the National Finals Rodeo. During that time he trained animals for various clown routines.

"I would train a goat, a dog or a horse. I had a lot of original acts and used all kinds of animals. It takes a long time to train one. You have to get to know the animal and he has to know you."

He quit clowning in about 1982 and started doing specialty acts. At



by Tumbleweed Smith

rodeo arenas these days, he has a monkey named Whiplash who rides a border collie while the dog pens some sheep.

"The sheep are Barbado. I use those because they stay so wild and it makes the dog really have to work. I've been using Whiplash for more than 35 years. He rides in a special saddle made by Cactus Saddlery in Greenville that makes saddles for the National Finals rodeo. It's a very light, custom fit saddle for the dog's back. It's not like a saddle for a horse where you cinch it up. We don't draw it tight because we want the dog to be able to breathe good and have freedom of movement. It takes a long time to get that just right so Whiplash can ride and balance himself. Of course his tail is wrapped around

the dog. His front feet have hold of the hair on the dog's front shoulders and he's got the saddle horn or bars to hang onto. So he sits up there and rides."

The monkey and dog make a good team. No matter how many quick stops and turns the dog makes, the monkey stays on. During the act he wears a shirt, bandana and hat and makes all sorts of movements when the dog is crouched on the arena floor. He'll look at people in the stands or reach down and pick up some dirt.

"I don't think the word teach is in the monkey's realm of understanding. I call it negotiate. You have to make it interesting for the animal, something they're going to like to do."

This Whiplash is 21 years old and has a special room in Tommy's house.

"He has his own radio, TV and DVD player. He watches DVD's all day. We have a lot of Walt Disney and Sponge Bob Squarepants stuff. When he gets hungry, he throws a fit."

DPS promotes online renewal

The Texas Department of Public Safety reminds Texas residents they can renew their driver's license "without leaving the comfort of your computer" by going to the Internet site www.TexasOnline.com.

Driver's license and identification card holders are required by law to renew their license and ID card every six years. State law also requires that they change the address on their license or ID card within 30 days of moving to another residence.

The DPS has offered eligible individuals the option of renewing their license or ID card over the Internet since 2001. Individuals are eligible to renew online as long as they are 18 years of age, within one year of the license or identification card expiring and did not renew online, by mail or telephone at their last renewal.

Ineligible driver's license and ID card holders include those who have an expired, revoked, or suspended license or ID card, and individuals who possess a provisional driver's license or a commercial driver's license.

The online change of address service fee is \$11, but if a license holder chooses to renew at the same time as changing the address, the total charge is \$25.

DEATH NOTICES

Marguerite Marie Hall Estep

Marguerite Marie Hall Estep, 80, passed away Wednesday, August 13, 2008. Survivors include her daughter, Robyn Wagner of Canton, Georgia, sons Alvin W. Estep, Jr. and wife Vanda of Eldorado, Kenneth D. Estep and wife Myra of San Angelo, and Stephen E. Estep and wife Connie of Greenville, sister Mary Frances Smithwick and husband George of Tacoma, and brother James B. Hall and wife Beth of San Angelo. She also had nine grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, August 16, 2008, at Johnson's Funeral Chapel in San Angelo.



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN INMAN

Elementary Principal Houston Hendryx

Hendryx is new principal at Eldorado Elementary School

Houston Hendryx comes to Eldorado after two years at Lorena middle school as Assistant Principal and five years as Principal of Alpine middle school. His wife Maria will be an ESL teacher and they have a 24 year old daughter Lindsay, working on her masters degree at Baylor University and a 19 year old son, Luke attending Sul Ross University. Eldorado welcomes Mr. Hendryx and his wife Maria to our community.

Meet the Teacher night slated at Elementary

Eldorado Elementary will be having a "Meet the Teacher Night" on Thursday, August 21 @ 6:30 pm. We will meet in the Elementary gym for a brief introduction to the faculty. We will then go to our separate rooms to visit with the classroom teacher. Our elementary includes pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. We look forward to a great new school year.



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Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

Ernest Hill and Two Presidents

In 1917 the US joined their allies in WWI, and the registration of soldiers from Schleicher Co. began on the 20 of June that same year.

Ernest Hill, a young man from Eldorado, was anxious to join, as did all the young men of that time. Hill wanted to be in the Air Corps, but did not pass the physical because of his weak eyes. He joined the Tank Corps in which he served to the end of the war.

Hill was disappointed that he did not get to serve over seas. He developed pneumonia, and was in the hospital when his company sailed for France. This twist of fate did bring him to an interesting experience. He became an aid to Colonel Dwight D. Eisenhower, who became very fond of him, being a Texas man himself. Years later, when General Eisenhower was running for president of the United States, he invited Hill to join him in San Antonio during his campaign time there.

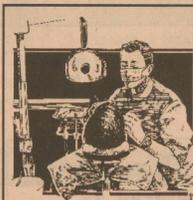
After the war Hill joined his father in the hardware business in Eldorado. He was a civic leader in the community and served on the school board. He was Schleicher County Democratic Chairman for twenty-seven years, but he did support Eisenhower.

Hill was interested in developing the Southwest Texas Electric Coop in Schleicher County, and invited Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson to meet with a group in the back of his hardware store (Museum). Johnson came to Eldorado, and presented a plan for the group to present to Washington. It took some time, and many letters, but it was finally accomplished.

After Hill's death, his wife of many years, Ida sold the hardware business, and later, as a memorial to her late husband, donated the building to the Schleicher Co. Historical Society. It was to be used to house the Museum.



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 by Linda Thistle

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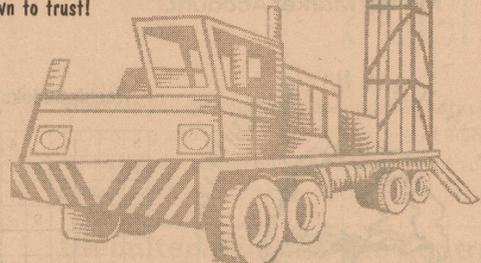
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Eagles shine in scrimmage with Nueces Canyon

Pre-season polls favorable of Warbirds chances in '08

ELDORADO — The Eldorado Eagles varsity football team appears ready to pick up where it left off last year. The Warbirds made short work of the Nueces Canyon Panthers in a scrimmage held here last Saturday.

Eldorado's first-team offense scored four out of the first five times it touched the ball. Meanwhile the Eagles stingy defense dominated the visiting Panthers.

"I think we scored eight times in all," Coach Johnny Burleson said after the scrimmage. "And, I'm not sure about this, but I don't think our defense allowed a single first down."

EHS senior Rance Cathey will be the Eagles starting quarterback

this season. He had a good outing against Nueces Canyon, threading the needle to receivers who managed to find openings in Nueces Canyon's secondary.

Garrett Lux, a junior, will be the team's backup signal caller, but Coach Burleson expects he will see a good bit of action throughout the season.

"It's a luxury for a team to have two good quarterbacks," Burleson stated, "and I intend to take advantage of it."

The Eagles will next travel to Miles where they will face the Miles Bulldogs on Friday in their second scrimmage of the year before their opening game the following week in Eldorado where they will host the Forsan Buffaloes.

Depending on which pre-season poll you like, the Eagles are picked to finish as low as 3rd in the district, to as high as 6th in the State.

That last one is the online Buckin' Football poll which lists Eldorado at 18th overall in the 1A poll. However, the poll also picks

Eldorado to win its district and to advance to the playoffs in the Division #1, or large school division. In that instance, the poll lists the Eagles at 6th in the statewide Division #1 standings.

Coach Larry Mitchel will be the offensive coordinator for the Warbirds this season while Coach Don Richters will oversee the Eagles defensive unit.

For the first time in a long time the Eagles are loaded with experienced players. Currently there are 12 seniors listed on the team's roster, many of them returning starters from last year's District Co-Championship team.

Among the seniors on this year's team are: Rance Cathey, Quarterback/Safety; Paul Martinez, Split End/Cornerback; Juan Carlos Escobar, Split End/Cornerback; Dustin Ramirez, Split Back/Linebacker; Johnny Mejia, Split End/Safety; Dustin Gauna, Tight End/Defensive End; Rolando Gonzalez, Offensive Guard/Outside Linebacker; Kevin Dykstra, Offensive Guard/Defensive End; Tim Maskill, Offensive Tackle/

Defensive Tackle; Kaleb Murr, Offensive Tackle/Defensive Tackle; Uriel Barrientos, Offensive Guard/Defensive Tackle; and, Gabriel Gomez, Offensive Guard/Defensive Tackle.

There are currently eight juniors listed on the varsity roster including: Garrett Lux, Quarterback/Safety; Wes Brown, Tail Back/Outside Linebacker; Ryan Castillo, Tight End/Inside Linebacker; David Tirado Split Back/Outside Linebacker; Ivany Sanchez, Fullback/Defensive End; Juan Medrano, Outside Tackle/Defensive End; Hugo Rios, Offensive Tackle/Defensive Tackle; and, Junior Trujillo, Offensive Guard/Defensive Tackle.

The varsity roster also lists six sophomores, including: Rudy Sanchez, Tail Back/Corner Back; Miles Mikeska, Split Back/Inside Linebacker; Josh Juracek, Tight End/Inside Linebacker; Ben Wipff, Center/Defensive Tackle; Briley Ledbetter, Offensive Tackle/Defensive Tackle; and, Anthony Mata, Fullback/Defensive End.

BIRTHDAY LIST

AUGUST

21st Hal Porter, Juan Carlos Escobar
22nd Johnny Lozano, Rebecca Rodriguez, Milton Fitts, Amy Henderson, Wenona Isaacs, Linda Creel, Colleen Swatzell, Sonia Covarrubiaz

23rd Benita Fuentes, B.J. Key, David Lloyd, Stoney Harriman, Gary Thomson Sr., Kasey Lynn Gonzales, Caleigh Buntyn, Douglas Ussery
24th Jessica Lozano, Steven Valero, Phillip Edmonson, Beverly Jones, Maria Huichapa, Tara Whitten, W.H. Clifton, Jackson O'Harrow, Larry Smith

25th Casey Kidd, Judy Jones, Bently Kennedy, Chris Phillips, John Isaac Lozano, Mary Hernandez
26th Jewell Millers, Bob Bailey, Monica Nicole Estrada, J. Lynn Barajas, Raul Sanchez, Randy Dehoyos, Ramiro Barajas Sr., Donice Samaniego, Kenny Covarrubiaz, Gregoria Lozano, Scott McCutcheon

27th Tiffany Case, John Edward Meador, Douglas Ward, Jody York, Lupe Fuentes, W. F. Edmiston, MaryLou Covarrubiaz, Roxanne Arispe

28th Curtis Short, Norman Kohls, Rance Cathey, Michael Adame, Agustina Rodriguez, Cleve Koenig, Beau Sallee, Russ Dacy, Shalena Allen, Kelsey Tutt, Robin Beach, Rick Sterling

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Eagles quarterback Rance Cathey pulled the ball down and sprinted through a hole in the Panthers' defense as the Eldorado Eagles poured it on Nueces Canyon in the first scrimmage of the season. The Warbirds amassed eight touchdowns while holding the Panthers scoreless.

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"Tune in this week to hear Coach Burleson's thoughts on the Eagles successful scrimmage last Saturday with Nueces Canyon," Mankin said. "He will also give an update on this year's Eagles players and an overview of the upcoming season."

Likewise, the Eagles games will be broadcast live on KLDE this season with Mason Vaughan, Kerry Joy and Randy Mankin in the booth to bring you the play-by-play and color commentary and Syllas Politte reporting updates from the sidelines.

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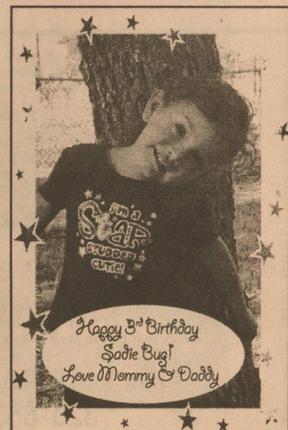
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EHS students attend University of Texas Nanoscience Academy

Students from across Texas along with teachers, traveled to University of Texas in Austin to experiment with science in a three day event hosted by UT professors and graduate students from the Atomic Molecular Imaging, Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship. Nanoscience studies the effects of shrinking materials such as metal, and how properties change when made smaller. Nanoscience relies on a lot of tools to visualize the

small particles.

Hunter Alvizo and Timothy Cuevas traveled with Angela Case Thursday June 26 through Saturday June 28, 2008 to take part in lectures, lab tours and hands on experience with laboratory equipment.

These two Eldorado High School students performed a lab to create nano particles for catalysis, at the labs conclusion nanoparticles of copper reacted immediately, but copper wire didn't react at all.

UT's Pickle institute impressed

Hunter with the enormous computer, while also learning a lot about how silicon chips work.

The Academy has doubled in attendance from last year, being attributed to hands on experience in the labs which is always an attraction to the young scientist. *Students are exposed to the University in a personal way so interest in furthering their education in the field of Science will peak their desire to return to the University as a student for further education.

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2008 ELDORADO EAGLE VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 16 (Sat.)	Nueces Canyon - Scrim.	Home
August 22 (Fri.)	Miles - Scrimmage	Away
August 29	Forsan	7:30 Home
September 6	Slaton	7:30 Abilene/Shotwell
September 12	Iraan	7:30 Home
September 19	Marfa	7:30 Away
September 26	*Junction	7:30 Away
October 3	*Mason	7:30 Home
October 10	*Menard	7:30 Away
October 17	Open	
October 24	*Christoval **	7:30 Home
October 31	*Irion County	7:30 Away
November 7	*Rocksprings***	7:30 Home

* Denotes District Games / ** Denotes Homecoming / *** Denotes Parents Night
Superintendent--Billy Collins; HS Principal--Scotty Carman

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2008 ELDORADO EAGLE SUB-VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

JUNIOR VARSITY

August 16 (Sat.)	Nueces Canyon - Scrim.	10 :00am	Home
August 22 (Fri.)	Miles - Scrimmage	5 :00pm	Away
August 28	Forsan	6:30 pm	Away
September 4	Slaton	6:00 pm	Roscoe
September 11	Iraan	6:30 pm	Away
September 18	Del Rio Freshman	6:30 pm	Home
September 25	*Junction	6:30 pm	Home
October 2	*Mason	7:30 pm	Away
October 9	Open	Open	
October 16	Open	Open	
October 23	*Christoval	6:30 pm	Away
October 30	*Irion County	6:30 pm	Home
November 7	*Rocksprings	6:30 pm	Away

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JUNIOR HIGH

August 16 (Sat.)			
August 22 (Fri.)			
August 28			
September 4			
September 11	Iraan	5:00 pm	Away
September 18	Wall	5:00 pm	Away
September 25	*Junction	5:00 pm	Home
October 2	*Mason	5:00 pm	Away
October 9	*Menard	5:00 pm	Home
October 16	Open		Open
October 23	*Christoval	5:00 pm	Away
October 30	*Irion County	5:00 pm	Home
November 7	*Rocksprings	5:00 pm	Away

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Southwest Texas Electric Co-op serves BBQ and door prizes at annual membership meeting

by Kathleen Inman

Members of the Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative held their 63rd annual meeting on the courthouse lawn on Tuesday August 12, 2008. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a great meal of barbecue and lots of door prizes were handed out after the business meeting concluded.

State Representative Harvey Hilderbran was the guest speaker and was encouraging to the residents of Schleicher County as well as Texas as a whole. Accolades for the Cooperative and the management team were given as to how well the Co-op takes care of business.

Hilderbran had good news for Schleicher County with reassuring news that Governor Rick Perry, along with the Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst and the Legislative Budget Board will have committed to providing reimbursement to the county for unexpected expenses incurred during the YFZ raid. The crowd responded with applause.

Hilderbran went on to give encouraging words for the State of Texas stating "While you listen to the state of our economy and all the distresses and stresses caused throughout the country. Texas stands out in a positive light." He noted the national economy is in a slow growth phase, however the Texas econ-



Eldorado resident Mary Roden visited with State Representative Harvey Hilderbran last week during Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative's annual membership meeting and barbecue.

omy is "doing pretty darn good." Oil, gas and even the agriculture industry are doing great and rural Texas is doing better than it has in the past.

Revenue surplus is growing in the Texas treasury, which is in contrast to other states such as California which has a -\$15,000,000,000 deficit, whereas Texas has a \$2 billion surplus. Texas economy is growing even though our real estate and mortgage industry is softened by what is going on in the rest of the country, Texas is the only major state in the country that has an economy that is still growing. Texas is growing so well, that it is ranked the 9th largest economy in the world. "Actually, Texas is keeping the U.S. economy out of the hole," Hilderbran said.

Hilderbran continued to encourage the electric cooperative, "These statistics are good news for you and good news for Texas, and we have some important decisions to make about our economy.

We are the 'Saudi Arabia of wind' out here in Texas. Not to mention oil and gas as well make up a huge resource revenue as Texas is leading the way on the energy demands, and we have to help grow our energy. Texas has the best wind in the world. We are going to dominate wind energy. The only problem with 'wind energy' is, on the day you need it the most, the wind don't blow. But the good news in Texas is we have a lot of natural gas and that is what we use to back it up, and if we can get the Federal government out of the way we will be able to solve our energy problems not just for Texas but for the whole country."

Hilderbran concluded his speech with, "God bless you and God bless Texas."

The next portion of the program was further discussion about the harnessing of our wind and getting the energy transmitted, by Board President Steve Williams, as he addressed the 223 members that registered for the meeting. This year we have had an abundance of wind turbines installed, which has presented a problem getting the energy out due to the lack of transmission lines. On occasion when you see the giant windmills not turning, means there is an abundance of stored energy with no place to go.

Williams gave encouraging words about our Cooperative and reiterated the importance of 'wind energy' and how Texas represents

the next frontier in energy. The wind is going to be our next revenue source. We are all going to benefit as we generate and hold onto as much power as we can. Williams stated, "Texas doesn't have the recession problems that the rest of the country does, because we are energy producers."

Buff Whitten, General Manager for the Cooperative echoed the comments of State Representative Harvey Hilderbran and board president Steve Williams. Whitten told Cooperative members if they were interested in purchasing a small wind generator, please contact the Cooperative for more information before making the investment. Whitten also gave a word of acknowledgement for the staff that keeps power outages to a minimum during storms. Whitten also recognize Jason Charboneau, apprentice lineman, his wife Kristen and son Grant. Jason will be deploying to Afghanistan with the Army National Guard for a 12 month tour of duty. Jason has served on two previous deployments, one to Iraq and one to Afghanistan. Whitten wishes him the best and a speedy return.

Election of directors was the next order of business with three vacancies for Directors. Elected to fill those positions were: Richard S. Runge, Eugene Vinson, and Jerry Johnson.

Service Recognition for the following members was next on the agenda. Paul Rebeck, Crew Chief (Eldorado) - 30 years; Armando Flores, Crew Chief (Big Lake) - 25 years; Tommy Minor, Office Manager (Eldorado) - 25 years; Manuel Samaniego, Residential Wireman (Eldorado) - 10 years; Gloria Safont, Software Engineering Director (Eldorado) - 10 years; and Phil Edmiston, Master Electrician (Eldorado) - 10 years.

At the conclusion of the recognitions the 54 door prizes were handed out. The prizes ranged from \$25. gift certificates, power tools, oscillating fan, to a digital TV. After all 54 door prizes were awarded the meeting was concluded.

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As Texas' First Lady, I have been touched by the outpouring of support from my fellow Texans to rebuild Texas treasure. This overwhelming response is what fueled my resolve to create the Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund, a non-profit organization that serves as a conduit for fundraising efforts to restore and reopen this historic home to Texans and travelers alike. It is my hope that the legislature will also appropriate funds for the

restoration during the upcoming legislative session.

Many of our state's former first family members have already pledged their support to restoration efforts by serving on an advisory committee to the fund. This is a shining example of how restoring our historic Governor's Mansion reaches beyond politics and partisanship, into the shared sentiment of all Texans: that we must rebuild this house.

Lending a helping hand is, and always will be, part of the Texas Way. With the help of Texans like Mary, a single mother from Austin who wrote to say she didn't have much money to give, but wanted to donate what she could and offered to lend a helping hand when the

rebuilding began; and John, who pledged to donate his Father's Day money to the fund because he felt it was his duty as a Texan to see that the historic landmark was rebuilt - we will restore "Texas' Front Porch."

Together, with the support of proud Texans near and far, history enthusiasts and others who have felt the call to turn this tragedy into triumph, our Governor's Mansion will be restored to preserve stories of our heritage for generations to come.

Donations may be contributed securely online at www.TexasOnline.com or by sending check or money order to: Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund, P.O. Box 12878, Austin, TX 78711-2878



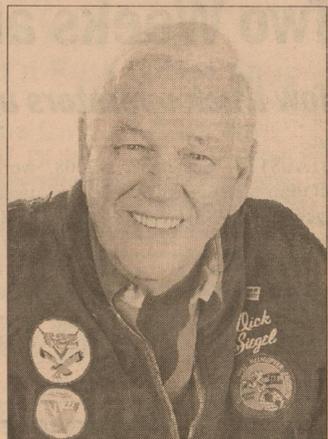
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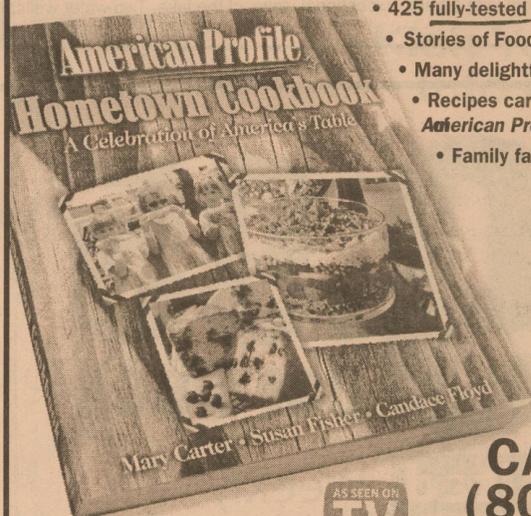
Said proposed budget reflects \$1,849,432 budgeted for the Utility/Sanitation/Street Funds and \$442,563 for the General Fund.

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- ACROSS**
1. Many an October baby
 6. Easily split mineral
 10. Gymnasts' perfections
 14. Celestial hunter
 15. MBA's subj.
 16. Run ___ (go wild)
 17. Take most of the electoral votes
 20. Language suffix
 21. Ready for business
 22. Left port
 23. Diplomatic thaw
 25. Serenade the moon
 26. ___ out (deletes)
 27. Old TV host Jack
 30. Rabbit's foot
 33. ___ proprietorship
 36. Dry white wine
 37. Soccer fan's cheer
 38. Underscore, say
 42. Freddy Krueger's street
 43. Starts another hitch
 44. Proofreader's "leave it"
 45. Gel amount
 46. Pond scum organism
 47. AOL rival
 49. Jukebox contents
 51. Round about routes

55. Following closely
58. Long distance hauler
59. Joey with the Star-liners
60. Have a pulse
63. Dash terminus
64. A judge may throw it at you
65. Sharply hit baseball
66. ___-bitsy

- DOWN**
1. Mooed
 2. Maya Angelou's "Still ___"
 3. Stanford-___ IQ test
 4. Stick up
 5. ___ for tennis?"
 6. Free-for-all

7. Words of confidence
8. Pull a fast one on
9. Added stipulations
10. Shire of "The Godfather"
11. Name in etiquette
12. Junction point
13. Depot posting, for short
18. Many NYC dwellings

19. Buffalo skaters
24. Corp. bigwig
27. "Where's ___?" (George Segal movie)
28. Sounds of satisfaction
29. An ex of Frank and Mickey
31. Succulent house plant
32. Took off
33. Ignored the limit
34. Earthen ware crock
35. Dish served with mint jelly
36. Self-righteous
39. Obliterates
40. Sushi fish
41. "Money ___ object"
47. Message that may start with "re:"
48. Squelch
50. Loser to Truman
51. Newsroom array
52. City northeast of Venice
53. Send, as to a specialist
54. Crystal ball users
55. Italian bubbly
56. "Don't touch ___ dial!"
57. Ad-___ (improvises)
58. Pre-cable woe
61. Icky stuff
62. Tyler of "Armageddon"

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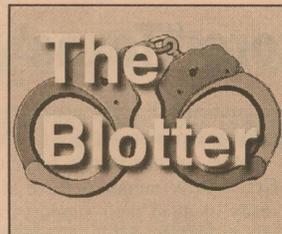
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ARRESTS

August 16 • Delarosa, Gilbert, Sr. male age 18, offense Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

Delarosa, E. Luciano, male age 17, Minor Under Influence, Public Intoxication. Released time served.

Guerrero, Joey Ray, male age 28, offense Public Intoxication. Released time served.

Guerrero, Jose, male age 56, offense Public Intoxication. Released time served.

August 18 • Hausenfluck, Jennifer, female age 30, offense Theft. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

REPORTS

August 12 • 3:04 p.m. Caller requested an ambulance at their residence. EMS responded.

August 13 • 3:55 a.m. Caller reported seeing people at apartment who were not residents.

10:59 a.m. Caller reported that the entrance to their gate on CR 316 had been rammed in. Officer notified. Incident happened between 9pm-8am on August 12.

7:08 p.m. Caller requested an officer. Officer responded and everything was ok.

August 14 • 9:47 p.m. Caller reported nearly hitting two runners after sundown on Hwy. 277 north who were dressed in black.

August 15 1:21 a.m. Caller requested an officer to apartment where their was a fight in progress. Officer

responded.

6:20 p.m. Caller on San Antonio Street requested to speak with an officer.

August 16 • 11:32 a.m. Caller reported a controlled burn at their ranch.

5:08 p.m. Caller needed an officer to pick up a knife a customer found in a restroom of a business.

August 17 • 12:56 a.m. Caller complained of a domestic problem between them and boyfriend. Officers responded.

6:03 a.m. 911 Call. Officer responded to CR 102.

August 18 • 5:06 a.m. Alarm was activated at store. Officer responded.

7:08 a.m. Caller stated his semi and load was stuck on Oak and West Street. Officer responded.

5:07 a.m. Controlled burn was reported on Hwy. 190 west.

August 19 • 4:03 p.m. Possible vehicle fire on East Street. Vehicle was smoke. Officers responded.

4:34 p.m. Caller stated a truck was on fire at convenience store. Fire was in dashboard and extinguished.



51st District Court Report

51st District Court of Schleicher County met Thursday August 14, 2008 with the Honorable Barbara L. Walthers presiding. The following judgements were handed down.

Gabriel Vasquez, 19, of Eldorado received 5 years TDCJ and an extra 587 days running concurrent for probation violation of burglary of a habitation.

Jesus Ramos, 27, of Eldorado plead guilty to Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more and received 6 years probated.

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Governor unveils program to speed apprehension of criminals who harm law enforcement officers

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry today launched the Blue Alert network, pursuant to Executive Order RP 68. The program will enable rapid, statewide distribution of information related to offenders who flee after killing or seriously injuring federal, state or local law enforcement officers in the line of duty.

"Each day when they put on their uniforms, our law enforcement officers place themselves in harm's way to protect and serve the people of Texas. In turn, Texans should have the opportunity to do their part to help these officers in their time of need," said Gov. Perry. "The Blue Alert Program will be a powerful tool that leverages the eyes and ears of many toward the apprehension of criminals who threaten our protectors."

Based on the successful AMBER and Silver Alert programs, the Blue Alert network is a cooperative effort between the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). DPS and GDEM are currently recruiting Blue Alert partners among public and commercial television

and radio broadcasters; private commercial entities; local, state and federal government entities; and any others who can assist in spreading offenders' information.

Upon Blue Alert activation, the offender's vehicle information will be displayed across the state primarily via TxDOT's dynamic message signs and media broadcasts. Alerts will also instruct individuals with information related to the offense to contact local law

enforcement via 911. Activation of the network will be terminated upon apprehension of the suspect, evidence the assailant has left the state, or determination that the alert is no longer an effective tool for apprehending the suspect.

Blue Alert Network Activation Criteria (all criteria must be met to activate):

- A law enforcement officer is killed or seriously injured by an offender

- The investigating law enforcement agency determines the offender poses a serious risk or threat to the public and/or other law enforcement personnel

- A detailed description of the offender's vehicle, vehicle tag or partial tag is available for broadcast to the public

- The investigating law enforcement agency or jurisdiction submits a Blue Alert request to GDEM.

Consumer alert: New identity theft scam targets Texas debit card users

Parents who use the Texas Debit Card to access their child support payments should beware of a new identity theft scam that targets EPPICard users. The Texas Attorney General's Office and government agencies in 14 other states use EPPICards, which are known locally as the Texas Debit Card, to disburse child support payments.

According to the Internet Complaint Center, EPPICard users nationwide have reported receiving

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EPPICard users have also reported receiving an e-mail message offering payments to those who complete an online survey. At the end of the survey, users are asked for their EPPICard account information so that funds can be credited to the account. By providing the requested information, users put their financial information at risk.

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Texas Debit Card users should be vigilant and avoid this new twist on old e-mail scheme. Par-

ents should never open unsolicited e-mails or click on Web links that appear in an unsolicited e-mail. Doing so could activate hidden viruses or other malicious software or direct users to a decoy Web site that allows identity thieves to collect the information they need to empty the users' bank accounts and ruin their credit.

Texas Debit Card users who have questions about their account should call the program's toll-free hotline at (866) 729-6159. Customer service representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Parents also may call the toll-free number to check account balances and obtain transaction histories.

More than 280,000 Texas parents served by the child support program use the Texas Debit Card as a convenient alternative to receiving child support payments by cash or check. Parents who receive fraudulent e-mails regarding account information or survey requests should notify the Internet Complaint Center by filing an online complaint at www.ic3.gov.

Capital Highlights...

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Judge allows dropout funding

State District Judge Stephen Yelenosky rejected the Texas State Teachers Association's lawsuit to stop state funds from going to dropout recovery programs run by private schools.

TSTA argued that Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott did not have authority to award grants allowing \$6 million in state funds to be awarded to private schools.

200th missing predator arrested

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Aug. 14 announced his

office's Fugitive Unit reached a milestone 200th Operation Missing Predator arrest on Aug. 13.

Since May 2005, the Fugitive Unit has located and arrested convicted sex offenders who fail to register with authorities. State, federal and local authorities work together to make it happen.

Estimate: \$54 million in savings

Before the annual Texas Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 15-17, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Susan Combs estimated Texans would save \$54 million, taking advantage of no state sales tax on clothes, shoes and a list of other items.

Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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

Solution to puzzle on Page 7

At the Track

L	I	B	R	A	M	I	C	A	T	E	N	S				
O	R	I	O	N	E	C	O	N	A	M	O	K				
W	I	N	B	Y	A	L	A	N	D	S	L	I	D	E		
E	S	E	O	P	E	N	S	A	I	L	E	D				
D	E	T	E	N	T	E	B	A	Y							
	X	E	S	P	A	A	R	P	A	W						
S	O	L	E	S	O	A	V	E	O	L	E					
P	L	A	C	E	E	M	P	H	A	S	I	S	O	N		
E	L	M	R	E	U	P	S	S	T	E	T					
D	A	B	A	L	G	A	M	S	N							
C	D	S								D	E	T	O	U	R	S
A	T	H	E	E	L	S	E	M	I	D	E	E				
S	H	O	W	S	I	G	N	S	O	F	L	I	F	E		
T	A	P	E	B	O	O	K	L	I	N	E	R				
I	T	S	Y	S	O	W	S	E	V	E	R	S				

Meals for Friends Menu



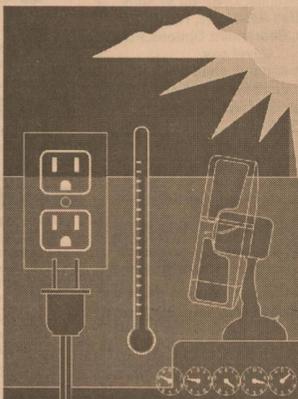
- MONDAY AUGUST 25**
Ham with Pineapple Rings, Corn, Macaroni & Cheese, Dinner roll, Peaches, Lemon Bar, Milk
- TUESDAY AUGUST 26**
BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Corn Bread, Apricot/Banana Medley, Milk
- WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27**
Roast Beef with Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Sliced Strawberries, Milk
- THURSDAY AUGUST 28**
Frito Pie, Spinach, Wheat Bread, Tossed salad With Dressing, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk
- FRIDAY AUGUST 29**
Tuna Stuffed Tomato, Vegetable Beef Soup, Wheat Bread, Fresh Fruit Cup, German Chocolate Cake, Milk

Connect to Energy Savings

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for over 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we no longer sell electricity or send out monthly electric bills, we recognize this is going to be a long, hot summer.

Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some low or no cost tips with you on how to keep cooler this summer by saving energy and money.

- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater to warm during the summer, take short showers and wash only full loads of clothes in the laundry.



It's important to remember that if you're having trouble paying your electric bill, call your retail energy provider (REP) at the number listed on your current electric bill to avoid disconnection.

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