

GERALD GEISTWEIT

REPRESENTATIVE
LEGISLATIVE REPORT



By a vote of 67 to 65, with 18 not voting, the House of Representatives recently defeated H.B. 388, which would have required the Texas Department of Corrections to permit conjugal visitation for inmates incarcerated in Texas prisons. It is good that the bill was defeated, and it's bad that the measure was even considered in the first place. This bill would have permitted convicted felons the privilege of having sexual "visits" with their spouses by ceremonial marriage, common-law marriage and even "informal" marriage. The Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) would have had to provide "visitation rooms" where the prisoner and his "visitor" could conduct their visit in private.

Proponents of the bill argued that the visits would provide an alternative to homosexual conduct and would aid in the rehabilitation of criminals. They labeled opponents of the bill "inhumane" and argued that it is a "God-given right" of all people to have an outlet for their biological needs.

As is so often the case, these well-meaning and sincere legislators fail to recognize two important considerations — one practical and one philosophical.

First, the concept of conjugal visits is impractical. The state prison system presently has a guard-inmate ration of one guard to every 12 inmates as compared to a federal prison ratio of one guard to four inmates and an average among other states of one guard to six inmates. The added security hazards of smuggled drugs and weapons would further tax an already overworked and inadequate guard staff.

The additional staff and additional state expenditures at a time when most of us believe the state is already spending too much. Why should the taxpayer be asked to pay for the construction of special visitation rooms for the sexual gratification of prisoners...especially when one considers that over 800 prisoners are presently sleeping on the floor as a result of overcrowded prison facilities?

Philosophically, what is

inhumane about denying sexual visits to people who have themselves committed crimes against humanity? Instead of focusing on the criminal's rights, let us consider the murderer's victim, whose conjugal visitation rights have been cut off forever. What about the victim of the rapist whose psychological capacity to enjoy sexual relations with her spouse may have been inhibited?

The purpose of incarceration is not only to remove the criminal from the mainstream of society for society's protection. It is not only for the purpose of rehabilitation that a person is imprisoned, although this is a laudable goal. It is also for the purpose of punishment. Those who have shown disregard for the rights of others, through criminal activity, should expect that part of their punishment includes loss of liberty, including loss of this most basic liberty.

Society has no obligation to provide a convicted felon with more than the most basic of necessities, i.e. food, clothing, shelter, health care. There is no reason to provide a country-club atmosphere for those who have shown disregard for the life and liberty of others. Moreover, society has a duty to make imprisonment unattractive so that incarceration will serve as a deterrent to the commission of future crimes — by the prisoner as well as others.

It is particularly desirable, in these times of escalating crime, that punishment serve to discourage criminal activity.

I fear the social implications of a society, as reflected by its governing bodies, which is growing more and more concerned with the plight of the criminal element. It is said that the root of compassion is the ability to identify oneself with the subject of compassion — the ability to see oneself in the place of another. If this is true, is this growing concern with the plight of the convicted felon a reflection of a declining sense of values in our society? I can't answer that, but I am confident that I was right in opposing and voting against conjugal visitation for inmates in state prisons.

Divide Agricultural News

By JOHN L. WIMBERLY
Soil Conservation Service

As warm temperatures return to the area after a cold, hard winter, spring flowers such as bluebonnets, filarees, and daisies can be seen blooming all over the countryside and especially along roadsides. Trees and shrubs are also putting out leaves and blossoms all across the region, including some such as mesquite that most people would rather not see, at least not in such great numbers. There are several methods used to control mesquite, but at this time of year, aerial spraying becomes the most commonly used means.

Aerial spraying has the greatest potential for treating brush infested grasslands that do not need seeding because of the possibility of treating large areas in a short time and at a lower cost than with mechanical treatment. There are, however, a number of factors that are limiting the use of aerial sprays. These include the danger of drift damage to nearby crops such as cotton, a lack of consistent results, and most recently, the strict regulations on use brought about by environmental concerns.

For aerial spraying to result in a good kill, timing is a very important consideration. Soil temper-

New Coach Is On Job Now

Eldorado High School's new head football coach, Johnny Clawson, has been busy the past few weeks getting acquainted in the school.

Clawson, who has been coaching at Reagan County High School, moved here last month with his wife, Sharon and daughter, Aron, aged four.

A native of Llano, Clawson is a graduate of Llano High School and a 1971 graduate of Angelo State University. At Angelo state, he majored in physical education and was active in intra-mural sports activities.

After graduating from ASU, he coached at Lampasas, Lockhart, Rice Consolidated, Mason and Reagan County, serving as first assistant football coach at the last three schools. He was also head basketball coach at Mason and head tennis coach at Rice Consolidated, and assistant coach for various other sports.

He is a member of the Church of Christ.

Pre-Registration This Afternoon

Pre-registration for students attending kindergarten next fall will be from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. today at the kindergarten building. Requirements for attending kindergarten are: Children have to be five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 1979; Birth certificates must be presented at registration; Immunization requirements must be completed; A doctor's record or a health department record must be presented at registration.

Immunizations now required by law for a child to start school are: Three doses of DPT and one booster after the fourth birthday; A series of two doses of polio vaccine and one booster after the fourth birthday and one dose of measles, rubella and mumps vaccine.

Woman's Club To Hear Talk

The Woman's Club of Eldorado will meet at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. James Williams for their May meeting. Meeting for a salad luncheon, the women will hear a talk by Mrs. T.J. Bailey, the president of the Heart of Texas District of the Federation of Womens Clubs.

MENU

- Monday May 14
 - Meat & macaroni casserole
 - Buttered potatoes
 - Mixed vegetables
 - Applesauce
 - Iced cupcakes
- Tuesday May 15
 - Fresh fish filets
 - Blackeyed peas
 - Corn chips
 - Cream style corn
 - Cole slaw*
 - Peanut butter cookies
- Wednesday May 16
 - Hot dogs with chili
 - Corn chips
 - Pork & beans
 - Stuffed celery (cheese)
 - Chocolate pudding
- Thursday May 17
 - Roast beef & gravy
 - Creamed potatoes
 - Green beans
 - Strawberry Jello
 - Pineapple cobbler
- Friday May 18
 - Sloppy Joes
 - French fries
 - Fruit cup
 - Rice Krispie Cookies
- BREAKFAST
 - Monday May 14
 - Applesauce
 - Blueberry Muffins
 - Tuesday May 15
 - Pineapple juice
 - Hot biscuits-bacon-jelly
 - Wednesday May 16
 - Grape juice
 - Buttered rice-toast
 - Thursday May 17
 - Banana
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 - Friday May 18
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On this special Mother's Day attend church and share in celebrating this time with others.

EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH
THE CHURCH IN EVERYONE

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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CHRISTOVAL Nursing Home NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Abernathy visited his mother, Amanda Abernathy.

Ann Passow went shopping in San Angelo with her sister-in-law, Mary Helen Passow. She plans to visit with her brother in Tennessee.

Dee Wilson visited her mother, Valeria Tate, Thursday.

Also visiting Thursday was Jerry Moran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nance.

Mrs. W.W. (Leora) Ragsdale visited Valeria Tate Friday and brought her some beautiful roses.

Myrtle and Lucy Lee Williams of San Angelo and Agnes McBee and Mildred Kirby of Christoval visited with Charlene Kirk Sunday afternoon.

Lorene Haggard had a nice surprise. Her sister and husband and niece from Arkansas visited.

Lorena Bell had lunch with her daughter, Thelma Lasater, Wednesday.

Roberta Carter's sister, Grace, visited Wednesday.

Leta Allen's husband took her for a ride Thursday.

Lois and Earl Barnes moved to San Angelo Friday. We wish you both well.

Grace McShan's sisters, Vera Wilkinson and Mrs. Carl Hill of San Angelo Carl Hill of San Angelo.

Toni Earle is visiting for a few days. So good to see you.

Chicken Jones and Ruth Hale brought some lovely roses and everyone sure enjoyed them.

Mrs. Vick brought flowers for everyone here to enjoy. Thank you.

Mr. Gaston and Chicken Jones held church services here Sunday.

Baptist Temple came at 3 p.m. Everyone enjoyed that.

71 Students Go To Colorado For Band Trip

Seventy-one tired but happy Eldorado High School band members returned home Monday night after a long and exciting trip to Canon City, Colo.

The group left Eldorado May 3 and spent the night in Lubbock. The next day they went to Colorado Springs where they spent the evening at the Flying W Ranch where they had supper and saw a stage show.

On Saturday, they left Canon City and performed that afternoon in a parade with 112 entries. They performed again on Sunday afternoon and watched the final competition at the Canon football field.

The parades were part of the 41st annual music and Blossom Festival.

Monday was spent with the group travelling back to Eldorado.

Students were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gentry, Pansie Jay, Pat Pitts, Jo Fatheree, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Igo, Wayne McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bradley, and Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Pina.

In Those Days

(Compiled From Eldorado Success Files)

ONE YEAR AGO
May 12, 1978 — Donna Casbeer received a \$150 scholarship from the local Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stark became the parents of baby boys.

The Eldorado Express News was sold to Terry Neill of Stanton.

Over 20 citizens attended a meeting of the city council to discuss a growing problem with stray dogs.

Debby Patton, Donna Cantwell, Susan Crippin and Toni Fatheree were named twirlers for the Eagle Band.

FIVE YEARS AGO
May 9, 1974 — Nelson Wolff and Bob Krueger won primary races in the May elections for U.S. representative.

Re-elected county judge was Bob McWhorter. Jim Holley and Gene McCalla were placed in a runoff position for commissioner of precinct two.

Services were held in Sonora for Lillie Garrett of Roosevelt who died in the local hospital.

Kathy Page was named salutatorian and Mike Ferguson was named valedictorian of the senior class.

12 YEARS AGO
May 11, 1967 — Herman Bennett of Brownwood received the bid to construct 24 housing units by the Eldorado Housing authority.

Luther Dunham was severely burned when he was lighting a charcoal barbecue grill and a can of lighter fuel exploded.

Ken Thomas, director of the Little League summer program, announced Little League tryouts.

Jim Thornton was returning to Eldorado where he was to become manager of the Eagle Chevrolet-Olds dealership.

The East Side Lions Club was hosting a barbecue and ladies night celebrating its first anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waldron were notified that their son, Lt. Robbye Wald-

ron was to leave Vietnam and head for home.

Students of Marylue Olson were to give a recital. Pupils were Susan Mertz, Cindy Jackson, Carolyn Bland, Melody Davidson and Charlie Davidson.

Jonana Doyle, 16 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Doyle of Lubbock, was severely burned when she got into a tub of hot water. Mrs. Claude Doyle of Eldorado, her grandmother, had been with the family.

35 YEARS AGO
May 12, 1944 — A canning center was opened at the high school for residents of the county. Women were invited to use the center for canning food, with the provision a little was left for the high school cafeteria.

A plea was made to city residents to pull bitterweeds on their property for fear the seeds would be transmitted to nearby ranches that were then free of the weed.

Miss Pauline Jones, a student at Texas Christian University, was spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.K. Jones.

Pvt. O.A. Harris was reported improved after suffering from a case of spinal meningitis at Cam Cook, Ca.

The Lions Club endorsed a proposal from Gov. Coke Stevenson to observe a period of prayer on invasion day. Everyone was to meet at the Methodist Church for prayer at the time of a signal which was to be six blasts from the fire siren.

Corp. and Mrs. Jack Halbert of Marfa were in Eldorado visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Edmiston and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Halbert, Sr.

Students in the seventh grade were treated to a train trip to Sonora with their teacher Miss Annie Herbert. The 20 children were also accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Mund, Mrs. Leslie Baker, Mrs. Marion Owens, Miss Doris Johnston and E.A. McMillian, principal.



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A Great Pair of Hands.

I watched my son Tom throw the football in a long, clean spiral to his brother Jeff. Jeff raced around the flower bed, past the oak tree, and caught it on his fingertips just as he reached the driveway. What a pair of hands that kid had. If he tried, he could get a college football scholarship easily, I thought. Yes, he had a great pair of hands.

His mother had noticed that years ago. When he was just a baby she'd say, "Look at those long, sensitive fingers. He's going to be a great pianist someday." It was right around that time she insisted I join the Payroll Savings Plan and buy some U.S. Savings Bonds for the kids' education.

Well, I never tried to stop him from playing the piano. And his mother never kept him away from football, even though I'm sure she worried about those sensitive fingers. We let him make up his own mind about what he'd do with his life.

Later that same day, I could hear Jeff playing some complicated classical piece on the piano. And I knew I'd

better dig out those Bonds. They don't give football scholarships at those fancy music schools. And I had to admit that even though he was great at football, he could play the piano even better.

When Jeff left for school his mother said, "Well it'll cost a lot, but it'll be worth it." I nodded in agreement, but I really felt a lot better when young Tom said, "Don't worry, Dad, I'm going to State, and they give out a lot of football scholarships."

Then, I remembered. *That kid had a great arm.*

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Calendar Of Events

Today, May 10 — Registration for kindergarten students, 2:45-3:30 p.m., kindergarten building; Beginners Tennis, 7:30 p.m., high school courts.
 Friday, May 11 — Barbecue for supporters of American Field Service, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Building.
 Saturday, May 12 — Eldorado Jamboree, 8 p.m., Memorial Building.
 Sunday, May 13 — Mixed Foursome at golf course; Party for beginning nursing home week, 3:30 p.m., dining room of hospital.
 Monday, May 14 — Commissioners Court, 9 a.m., courthouse; School board, 7:30 p.m., high school library; Tennis Club, 7:30 p.m., high school courts; Beta Sigma Phi, 7:30 p.m., club room; Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall.
 Tuesday, May 15 — Woman's Club, 12:30 p.m., home of Mrs. James Williams; TOPS, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Building; Kountry Cousins, 7 p.m., Memorial Building; Volunteer Firemen, 7:30 p.m., Fire Station.
 Wednesday, May 16 — Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Lions Club, noon, El Dorado Restaurant; District meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, 10:30 a.m., Sonora 4-H Center; State comptroller representative, 9-10:30 a.m., Memorial Building.
 Thursday, May 17 — Duplicate Bridge Club charity tournament, 7 p.m., Memorial Building; Jaycees, 7:30 p.m., clubhouse; Beginners Tennis, 7:30 p.m.; Social Security representative, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Fire Hall.
 Friday, May 18 — Ministerial Alliance, 9:30 a.m.
 Saturday, May 19 — Spring Golf Tournament.
 Sunday, May 20 — Devotional at nursing home, 3:30 p.m.
 Monday, May 21 — Tennis Club, 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 22 — Awards Day at high school; TOPS, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Building; Kountry Cousins, 7 p.m., Memorial Building; Firemen, 7:30 p.m., Fire Hall.
 Wednesday, May 23 — Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Lions Club, noon, El Dorado Restaurant.
 Thursday, May 24 — Beginners Tennis, 7:30 p.m., high school courts.
 Saturday, May 26 — Benefit golf tournament for hospital; Christoval Jamboree.



JUNIOR HORSE JUDGING TEAM — Members of the junior 4-H Horse judging team from Schleicher County won third in the halter classes and in overall competition in district recently. They are, from left to right, Ron Mittel, Jay O'Harrow, Donna Willeke, Dorothy Atkins and Jeffrey Hausenfluck.



SENIOR HORSE JUDGING — The senior 4-H horse judging team won second in performance classes and fourth overall in the district contests. Shown here are Mary Lisa O'Harrow, Patti Hausenfluck and Cindy Hausenfluck.

Sponsors Thanked For Relay T-Shirts

The following are random samples of letters written by the Elementary School girls and boys thanking their sponsors for their T-shirts. Each child wrote his or her sponsor and all of the letters to the same company were put in one envelope and mailed to the business man.
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 James, 4th
 Schleicher County Leader
 Dear Mr. Awtrej,
 Thank you very, very much for the T-shirt you sponsored for me.
 I won a first, second, third and fifth place ribbons in the Romper Relays. This was my first time in the Romper Relays. I was very proud to wear the T-shirt. Thanks again!
 Your truly,
 Jason Leifester, 4th
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 Dear Gentlemen and Ladies
 I would like to thank you for the T shirts you furnished for us. I think they look great. I think the Western Auto shirt brought me luck. I got first in all my events Wednesday. And thanks for letting us keep the shirts.
 Your friend,
 Douglas Ussery, 6th
 Eldorado Restayrant
 Eldorado, Texas 76936
 Dear Mr. Sanders:
 Thank you for sponsoring me at the Romper Relays. I won a first place ribbon and a fifth place ribbon.
 I will be by to eat some of your good food.
 Yours truly,
 Larry Taylor, 4th

Senior 4-Hers Win Second

The senior 4-H horse judging team won second in performance during the 4-H horse judging contest at San Angelo recently. The team is composed of Mary Lisa O'Harrow, Cindy Hausenfluck and Patti Hausenfluck. Senior alternate was Mitzi Mittel and coach was Melissa O'Harrow.
 The team also placed fourth overall in the contest.

The junior judging team of Ron Mittel, James O'Harrow, Donna Willeke, Dorothy Atkins and Jeffrey Hausenfluck won third in halter classes and third in the overall contest.
 Ron Mittel won second high individual in the halter division.

The two teams have worked since last fall on the Bob Johnson, Terry Atkins, Steve Sykes and Craig Barton ranches to practice for the contest.

Nutrition Helps Men's Hatchability

A hen's nutrition is a vital element in the hatchability of her eggs, says a poultry specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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Letters to the Editor

Tuesday morning at approximately 1 a.m. the Eldorado High School marching band returned from a hard, long trip to Canon City, Colo. where they participated in the Canon City 41st Annual Blossom Festival. Our band was in the Field Marching competition and Street Parade competition. Even though they did not make the finals in the competition their performance was great.

The citizens of Eldorado can well be proud of each and every student in our band. Forty-odd outstanding bands performed and each band played and marched admirably. As to the students of Eldorado High School, they were and are outstanding young ladies and gentlemen all. We are personally proud of each and everyone of them.

It was our honor and privilege to accompany the young people as sponsors on the trip, and as tiring as the trip was, these students made our trip most pleasant.

If these young people are our leaders of the future, we have no worries.

Mr. and Mrs. W. (Bill) Gentry

Frances Peters Club Hostess

Frances Peters entertained the Two-Bits Bridge Club last week with a dinner before bridge. All members were present. June Jones won high, Ethel Etheredge won low, and Bobbie Sanders won bingo.

Keep Numbers In Handy Spot

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service notes 10 emergency telephone numbers that every family should keep handy. These include the doctor, drug-gist, hospital, ambulance, neighbor, police, fire department, gas company, electric company and poison control center.

Bridal Selections For

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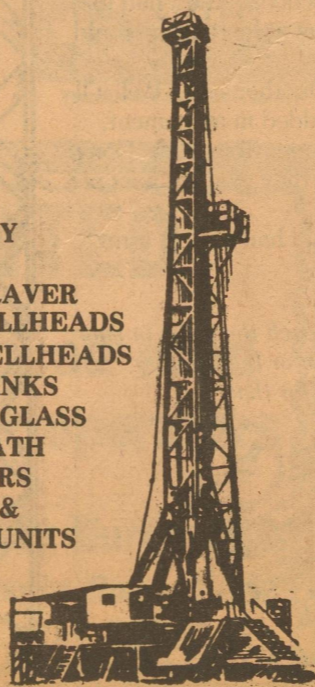
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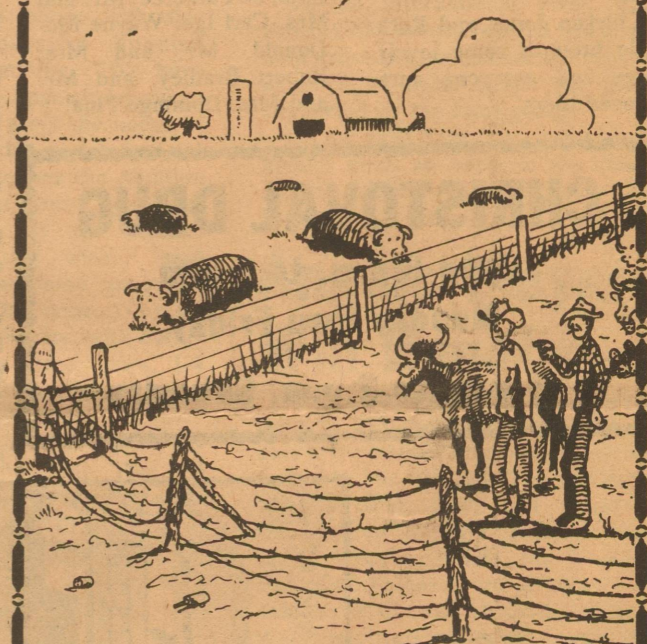
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