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H.B. 3006 dies in Texas House

Bill's language survives as amendment to SB 6

House Bill 3006, died a slow death last week in the Texas House of Representatives, when it failed to move from the House calendar to the floor for consideration. The bill's failure came despite a favorable recommendation from the House Juvenile Justice Committee which held hearings on the bill and fine tuned the bill's language before unanimously recommending it for passage.

State Representative Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, sponsored the legislation aimed at strengthening Texas' laws against bigamy and polygamy after a polygamous sect of fundamentalist Mormons moved to Schleicher County from the Utah/Arizona border. In slightly more than a year, the group, known as the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS), has constructed a dozen large residential buildings and a massive temple on the YFZ Ranch, some four miles northeast of Eldorado.

The bill's failure doesn't mean that Hilderbran has abandoned his efforts to beef up Texas marriage laws. Late last month he offered an amendment to Senate Bill 6, when it reached the House floor, that incorporates a number of the provisions from H.B. 3006. The amended bill easily passed a floor vote in the House and now rests

with the House/Senate conference committee.

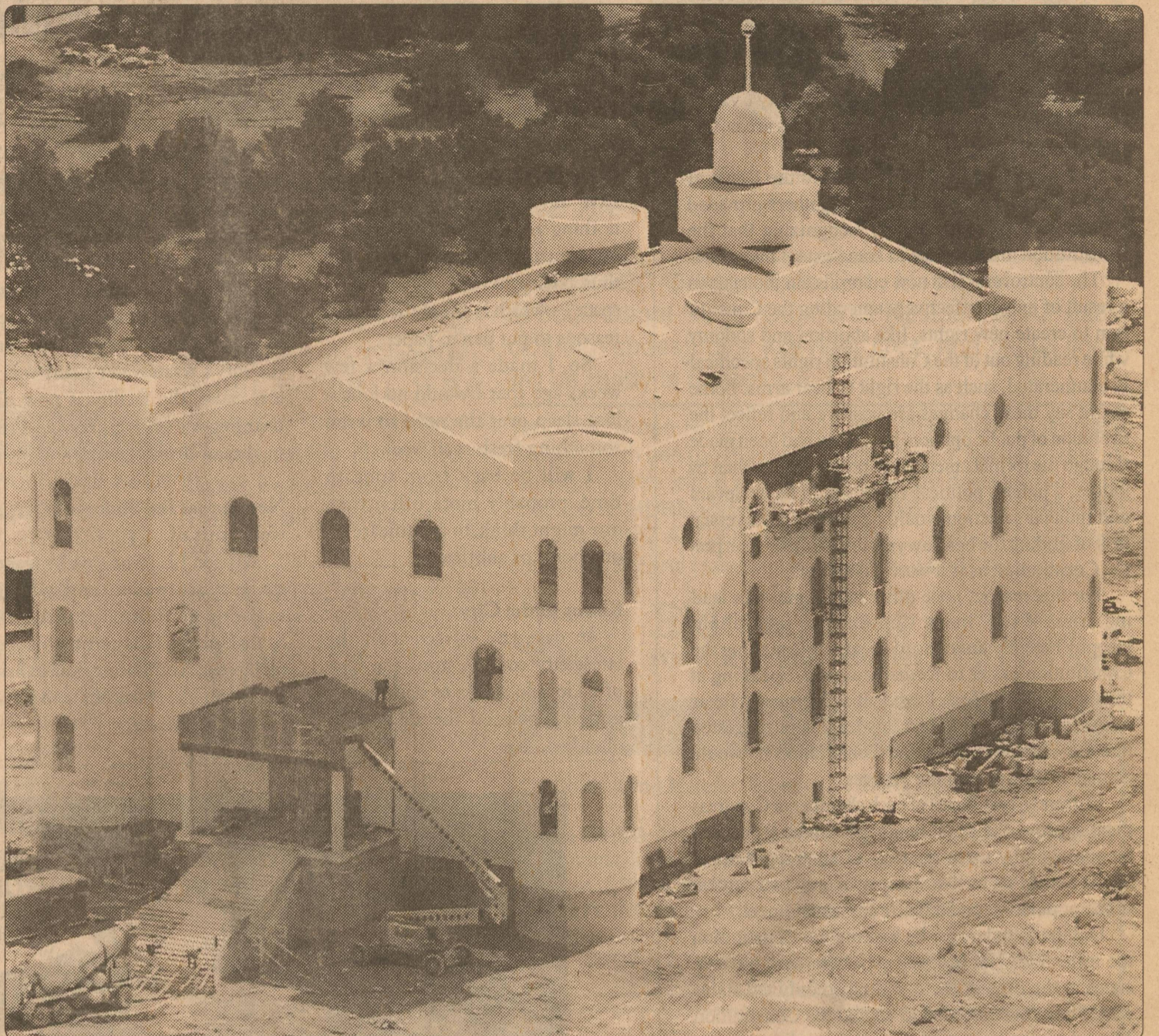
"While HB 3006 itself didn't pass, we can still accomplish our goals through SB 6," Hilderbran said. "We managed to get two-thirds of the bill - the most important two-thirds - into the Senate's Child Protective Services legislation as an amendment, so the language of the original bill is still alive there."

Senate Bill 6 contains several provisions that supporters say will toughen the state's child protective services. Hilderbran says the bill fits nicely with his desire to raise the legal age of marriage and head off some of the child abuse problems that many FLDS critics say are rampant within the fundamentalist sect.

"My bill focuses on protecting children, so adding this language into the Senate's child protective services bill made perfect sense," Hilderbran said.

A second amendment added by Hilderbran to the Senate bill will clarify that the Texas Attorney General may report allegations of neglect or abuse to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. While the AG's duties probably already fit under the umbrella of a law enforcement agency, Hilderbran's amendment would

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Slow going — Workers erect steps and a portico at the west entrance to the FLDS Temple on the YFZ Ranch. Meanwhile, other workers continue laying slabs of cut limestone high up the temple's south wall. The rock was quarried about a mile west of the temple and was cut to size by a series of large rock saws nearby the temple's south east corner.

Baccalaureate slated Sunday

EHS graduating seniors will begin graduation week Sunday evening with the annual Baccalaureate Service planned for 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Reverend Bob Jacobsen will deliver the baccalaureate message as part of the traditional service, hosted each year by the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance. Special music for the event will be provided by Silas Politte and Doran Schoenhals. The EHS band will play the proces-

sional and recessional marches.

A reception is planned following the program in the courtyard adjacent to the auditorium.

Family and friends of the EHS graduates are encouraged to turn out and support the class as they make their first appearance in their graduation robes.

The EHS Baccalaureate is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Everyone is invited to attend.

Ports-to-Plains Corridor town hall meeting slated today in SA

Local area residents will have an opportunity to learn more about the progress of the Ports to Plains Corridor at a Town Hall Meeting to be held Thursday, May 19 at the San Angelo TxDOT District Office 4502 Knickerbocker Road at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the training room of the TxDOT Vehicle Title and Registration Building. This building is located on the south end of the campus.

The public is invited. The meeting will feature presentations from Ports to Plains Coalition staff and TxDOT officials on the current status of the corridor, as well as future plans for construction along the corridor.

"This is a great opportunity to see the great progress we are making on the Ports to Plains Corridor, and learn more

about the great potential the project has for the San Angelo area," said Ports to Plains President Michael Reeves.

The Ports to Plains Corridor is a Congressionally Designated High Priority Corridor that runs from Laredo, Texas to Denver Colorado that will be upgraded to four-lane divided highway with reliever routes to improve safety and efficiency. A recent study conducted by the departments of transportation for Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Colorado projected that Ports to Plains will create more than 40,000 new jobs and have an economic impact of more than \$4.5 billion.

For more information contact the Ports to Plains Corridor Coalition at (806) 775-2338, or visit www.portsto-plains.com.

Kotsch, Higgins sworn in at school board meeting

Leanne Higgins and Jo Helen Kotsch received the oath of office Monday evening, May 16, 2005, as they took their place on the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees during the group's monthly meeting held in the EHS Library.

Kotsch, who is in her third term, represents Single-Member District #6 and was reelected on May 7. Higgins joins the board for the first time, having won the district's at-large seat in the May 7 election.

Among the first items of business the trustees set about was the election of officers. They chose Ms. Kotsch to continue in her role as board president and tapped Eddie Albin to serve as vice president. Berta Nicholson was elected as the board secretary.

Trustees present for Monday's meeting included Berta Nicholson, Jan Wanoreck, Eddie Albin and Lupe Sanchez, as well as Kotsch and Higgins. Trustee Kurtis Homer, was not present.

Also on hand for the meeting were business manager Ray Ballew, secretary Sandra Robledo, campus principals Maela Edmonson, Kara Garlitz, Bob Wanoreck and maintenance director John Kotsch.

Ray Ballew guided the board as the trustees reviewed the school's financial reports. He noted that the district's total fund balance was \$1,272,499, as of April 30, 2005. After reviewing the records, the board approved the financial reports as well as the minutes of the April 11th and 25th meetings.

Among other business the trustees appointed county agent Roxanne Fentress to the district's adjunct faculty. The action makes it possible for Ms. Fentress to work with SCISD students on their 4-H projects throughout the school year. It was noted that she receives no compensation or salary from SCISD.

The board also approved the continuation of their shared service agreement with the Regional School for the Deaf. The school provides transportation to the school in San Angelo for hearing impaired students who qualify for the

program. The transportation expenses are reimbursed to the school district. Superintendent George Blanch explained that the district currently has no students who qualify, but recommended the school continue the agreement since there no fees involved until a student uses the service.

Five contract service agreements between the Education Service Center Region XV and SCISD were also approved for programs involving technology, limited English proficiency, and safe and drug free schools. It was noted that the district cooperates with 34 other school districts in Region XV to provide training, technical assistance and planning for these federal programs.

Next, the board considered the resignation of EHS computer teacher Marilyn Whitten, who told the board in a letter that she is leaving her position in order to spend more time with her family. Ms. Whitten has worked for

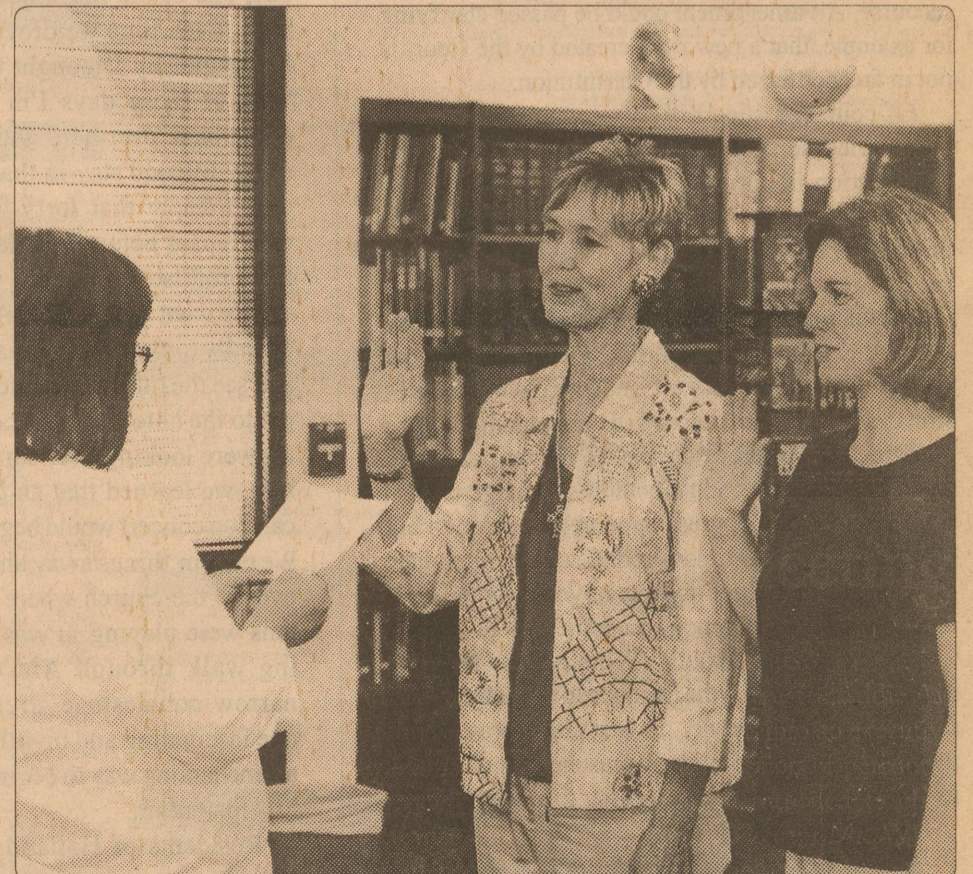
SCISD for thirteen years.

At the request of trustee Eddie Albin, the board entered into an executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. They soon returned to open session and voted to accept Ms. Whitten's resignation. The board then voted to hire Linda Chancellor of Eldorado to fill the position. Ms Chancellor has been teaching computer classes at Christoval ISD since 1996.

As the meeting drew to a close, Supt. Blanch explained that the district had 576 "eligible" students enrolled in all campuses as of May 10, 2005. The word eligible applies to all students kindergarten through 12th grade, and to Pre-K students who meet one of three criteria: 1) Homeless; 2) Low socio-economic standing; or 3) Limited English proficiency. The district's overall enrollment totals 586 students.

Blanch also gave the board a list

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Sandra Robledo (L) administered the oath of office to (facing camera L-R) Jo Helen Kotsch and Leanne Higgins at the opening of Monday night's school board meeting.

Don't bend it, amend it

by Marc A. Levin, Esq.

The contentious debate over judicial confirmations is often portrayed as a referendum on the notion of a "living Constitution." Conservatives like U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia believe that judges should adhere to the original text of the Constitution as expressed in the meaning of the words and their understanding at the time the Constitution was ratified. Liberals respond that the Constitution must be adapted to reflect changes in society's values and attitudes. However, these viewpoints are not, in fact, mutually exclusive.

In truth, no one seriously believes the Constitution is "dead." America's founding fathers provided a procedure for amending it, recognizing that the Constitution must change to some extent over time.

The controversy that now embroils our judiciary is a result of judges effectively amending the Constitution to create new rights, like abortion and sodomy, while reading out of the Constitution rights specifically enumerated, such as the right to bear arms. Some might say these changes are positive and reflect the evolution of public opinion, but if they had been made through the formal amendment process rather than by judges, a judge's political views would be irrelevant and judicial selection would be a non-controversial task of finding the best lawyers to faithfully interpret the Constitution as if it were a contract.

For this reason, none other than America's leading critic of the "living Constitution" judicial philosophy recently announced he supports making the Constitution easier to formally amend. Speaking at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M University on May 5, Justice Scalia suggested that the one provision in the Constitution he would change is the amendment process.

Currently, two-thirds of each chamber of Congress must approve the same language, which then must be approved by three-quarters of state legislatures. Scalia noted that twelve states with only two percent of the population could block any amendment.

Did the founders err by making the Constitution too inflexible? Not necessarily. There were thirteen states at the time of the founding so only ten states would have been needed to amend the Constitution. Also, the populations of the colonies did not vary that much.

That the Constitution couldn't be much harder to amend is borne out by recent history. There have been only five amendments since 1934. The only amendment ratified since 1971 was a minor change to the procedure for approving congressional pay raises.

The Supreme Court has picked up the slack. The Court has most controversially amended the Constitution by adding new rights, such as to abortion and sodomy. The Court's death penalty jurisprudence perhaps most clearly demonstrates that judges are amending the Constitution. In the last several decades, the death penalty has been upheld, struck down completely, upheld again, and just last year struck down as it applies to minors. Of course, the text of the Constitution has remained the same over this period, but the Court in its Roper decision last year concluded that "evolving standards of decency" had changed, relying in part on international rulings.

Amending the Constitution to streamline the amendment process would combat judicial activism in several ways. First, it would obviate the perceived need for judges to update the Constitution. Much like water building up at dam, when a supermajority exists for changing a fundamental part of our social contract, the country could more easily turn to the formal amendment process rather than judicial lawmaking.

Indeed, making the Constitution easier to amend answers one of the most common critiques of originalism - that the Constitution shouldn't be a legal straightjacket in the face of changing times and needs.

Second, when judges alter the Constitution through activist decisions, the public would have effective recourse. An amendment could be passed clarifying, for example, that a new right created by the Court is not in fact conferred by the Constitution.

Of course, a supermajority requirement should be retained so that stability is preserved and the Constitution is not reduced to mere statutory law. A minor change would reduce the requirements to three-fifths of Congress and three-fifths of the state legislatures.

Better yet, just as state legislatures no longer select the Senate, they could be eliminated from the amendment process altogether. After a congressional supermajority approves an amendment, it could be submitted to the public for ratification in the next federal election. To address emergencies, if three-fourths of Congress approves an amendment, Congress could be empowered to call an immediate election at which three-fourths of voters would have to approve the emergency amendment.

Some degree of flexibility is desirable so long as it is the people are doing the flexing and the judges doing the interpreting. Ironically, the best way to preserve the integrity of the Constitution and restore the judiciary to its proper role is by making it easier to amend.

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He's baaaack...for this week, at least

I've received more than a few calls in recent weeks from readers asking why I've stopped writing a column. Well, I haven't stopped, I've just stopped writing one every week.

I began writing a weekly column more than eleven years ago, when Kathy and I purchased the Success. Since then I've penned more than 500 of them, and after a while, it gets a little old.

I understand it's difficult for those who know me to accept, but there are times when I just don't have anything to say, or at least nothing worthwhile. With increasing regularity, I have found myself thus, having to write only to fill up space — which is one of the poorest reasons to put pen to paper.

So, I made a decision a few weeks ago that I would no longer lose sleep over the need to write something fresh each week.

I will be back from time to time, probably more often than one might think, to pontificate on one point or another.

Kudos to the City

In case you missed it in the latest city council story, the City of Eldorado seems to have finally gotten a grip on the algae prob-



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

lems that has for decades confounded operations at the sewer plant. Thanks to a new approach and the expenditure of a sizeable portion of the public treasury, the city's wastewater treatment plant is operating in complete compliance with state environmental regulations. According to Mayor Nikolauk, who steadfastly refused to give up when experts told him the city's wastewater plant was a lost cause, the facility is now discharging water that is very near the quality of drinking water.

New face at the Success, well...sort of

My son J.L., who says he wants to be a journalist, and who is majoring in the subject at Angelo State University, is getting his first real taste of community journalism. He began his internship here at the Success on Monday.

Having grown up in the Mankin household, he has spent his fair share of time helping out at the newspaper office. But, this week J.L. joined the ranks of working journalists. He's already proven to be a gifted photographer and he has good writing skills. Now comes all the other parts, like selling ads and building ads and laying out the paper and sitting through long and boring meetings.

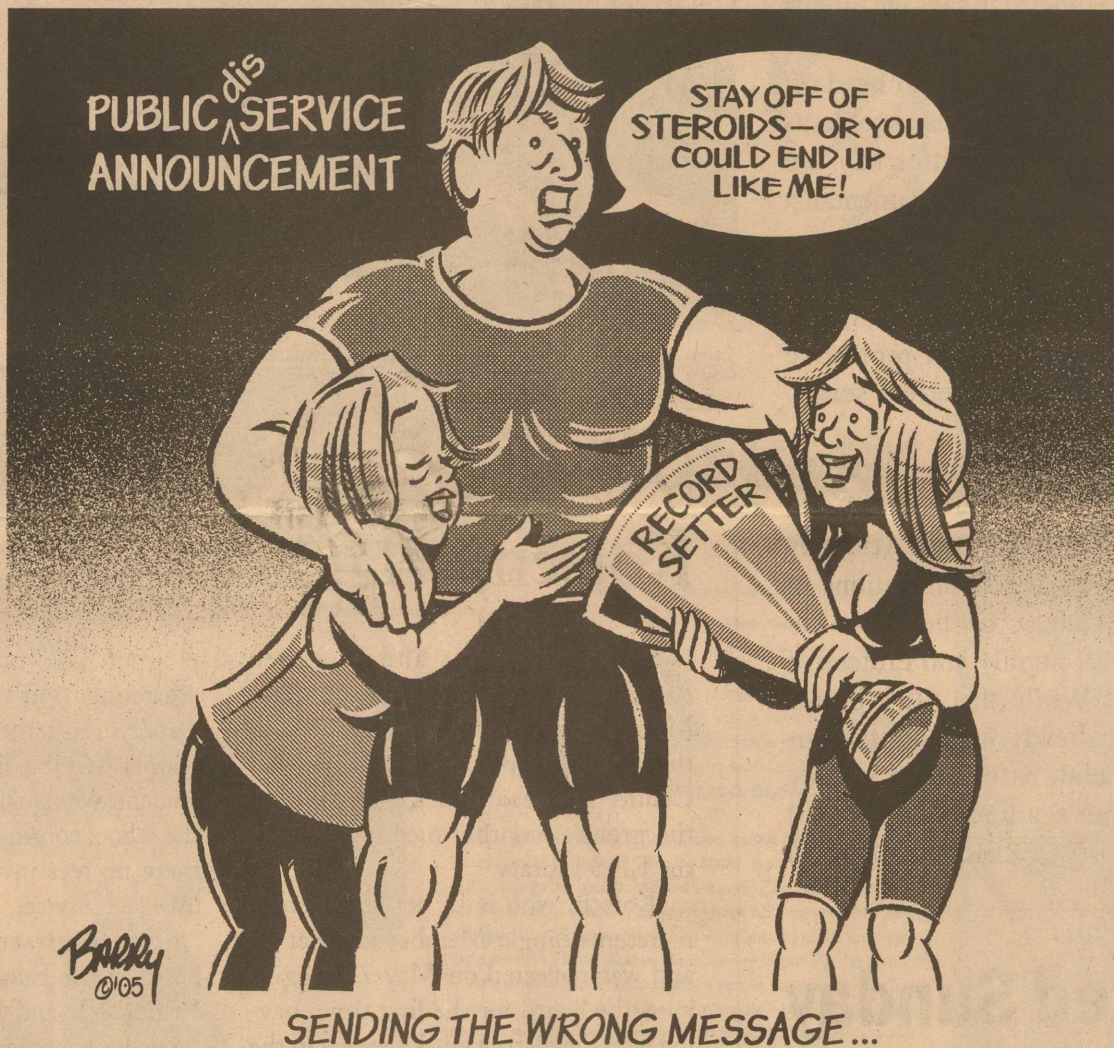
I know from my days working in the oilfield for my father just how challenging it can be when your Dad becomes your boss, and I'll try to take some of that into consideration in the coming weeks.

Okay, now he's gone way beyond bragging

While I'm up here on my soapbox I've got to mention my daughter, Sarah. She's been accepted to medical school and will be moving to San Francisco this summer.

Sarah has wanted to be a doctor for most of her young life, now she's going to get the opportunity. Am I proud? You bet! In fact I'm proud of both of my kids.

I'm going to stop at this point, lest you begin to think that I should give up column writing all together.



SENDING THE WRONG MESSAGE...

The Bicycles of Amsterdam

I went to see the tulips at Keukenhof Gardens outside Amsterdam both springtimes I was stationed in Germany. Some Army buddies of mine and I stayed in a small hotel not far from the Grand Krasnapolsky, one of the finest hotels in Europe. Each time we drove past the Krasnapolsky I thought to myself, "One of these days I'm going to come back over here with the girl of my life and stay in that hotel." I didn't know that forty-five years would pass before I made good on that promise to myself.

We went over in late April, specifically to stay in the Krasnapolsky and see the tulips at Keukenhof. We got to the hotel around noon and as we were looking over some tourist info, we learned that an hour-long carillon concert would begin at 2:30. We put our things away and walked over to the church where the carillons were playing. It was a charming walk through Amsterdam's narrow cobblestone streets, each one fascinating and inviting. It was an enchanting way to begin our visit to Amsterdam.

Residents of Holland are said to be the most contented people in Europe. It certainly seemed that way to us. English is spoken everywhere. Students begin learning



by Tumbleweed Smith

it when they're ten years old. The architecture all over the country is some of the most intriguing in the world.

Since the country used to be under water and is now below sea level, buildings are built on huge wooden pilings deep in the ground. Some of the wood is rotting now and some of the buildings are shifting so that doors and windows are crooked and the front of some structures give the appearance of falling into the street.

We went to a cheese market at Alkmaar, visited a wooden shoe factory and windmill museum at Koog-Zaandijk, and spent a few hours in Haarlem. Most of the time we spent in Amsterdam, soaking up the comfortable atmosphere. We toured Anne Frank's House, visited the Van Gogh Museum, stood in the room where Rembrandt painted and dined at the famous Five Flies Restaurant.

Perhaps the most memorable

thing about the trip is the bicycles. Young and old ride them. Some bicycle passengers ride side-saddle behind the rider. Babies are in secure baskets or seats. Riders carry huge shopping items in what look like small pickup beds built onto the front of the bicycles. I saw an older woman who must have been in her 70's dressed to the hilt with a stylish purple hat and coat, fully made up pedaling by on her bike, followed by a well-dressed man in a suit and overcoat, his coattails flapping in the breeze.

The bicycle riders glide silently, sitting high in the seat, the handlebars at a comfortable height. Since the city is flat, they never have to get off the seat to pedal hard. Two bikers riding side by side carry on conversations just like they were riding in a car. People talk on cell phones, smoke and hold umbrellas while riding. Bike paths are all over town and the riders are courteous when tourists mistakenly walk in them. The bicycles all seem to move in the rhythm of the city. The riders are seldom in a hurry. Some bikes are rusty with age and sea moisture. Train stations have covered parking areas for bicycles. You can't visit Amsterdam without noticing the bicycles.

Tax bill pushes school start date after Labor Day

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN — The proverbial meat grinders are whirring as it gets to be sausage-making time at the Capitol with the Legislature moving toward adjournment on May 30 and not facing the prospect of a special session to resolve the school finance situation.

Two big steps in that direction came last week. In the early morning hours of May 11, the Senate approved its version of House Bill 3, a measure that hikes business and consumption taxes to make up for a decrease in school property levies.

The next day, the upper chamber passed House Bill 2, a bill that would put some \$2.8 billion more into education spending during the upcoming biennium.

Part of the increased spending would be for teacher pay raises, while another aspect of the bill would turn back the clock by returning the school start day to its traditional post-Labor Day time.

The Legislative Budget Board has estimated that families earning less than \$100,000 a year collectively would pay \$1.1 billion a year more in taxes under the Senate tax plan, while higher income Texans together would only pay some \$431 million more.

While both the Senate and the House now agree that there will be no statewide property tax passed this session (school property taxes remain the province of local school districts), much remains to be resolved before a final measure goes to the governor.

Governor creates BRAC group...

The news was mostly good for Texas when the recommendations of the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission were announced on Friday the 13th, but the naval base at Ingleside was on the hit list as well as the Red River Army Depot and Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant at Texarkana.

Shortly after the announcement came out of Washington, Gov. Rick Perry signed an executive order creating a group he called the BRAC Response Strike Force to develop a plan of attack to convince the U.S. Department of Defense that the targeted Texas bases need to stay open.

DNA database catching crooks...

The Department of Public Safety's DNA database — called CODIS (for Combined DNA Indexing System) — last year solved 13 murders, 81 sexual assaults, 40 burglaries, six armed robberies, four assaults and one kidnapping.

The DPS' system got 183 "cold hits" during 2004, a cold hit being an unexpected match between the profile of a submitted biological sample and an unsolved case or a hit that links several unsolved crimes.

Guard leader retiring...

Maj. Gen. Wayne D. Marty, Texas adjutant general, has announced his retirement effective this summer.

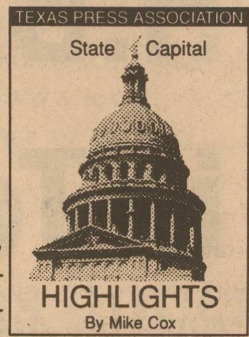
Replacing Marty on June 11 as commander of the 19,600 men and women of the Texas National Guard will be Brig. Gen. Charles G. Rodriguez. The 51-year-old San Antonio native will be the state's first Hispanic adjutant general.

Looking for a vacation idea?

With both the Legislature and the school year winding down, it's not too early to start thinking about getting out of town when the final bell rings.

One possibility is Palo Duro Canyon State Park, which recently grew by 7,837 acres with the purchase of an adjacent tract of both historical and biological significance. The state's second-largest park, Palo Duro now covers 26,200 acres near Amarillo.

For more information on the park and to make camping reservations, check the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.



OBITUARIES

Lois Thompson

Lois Mitchell Newton Thompson, 92, passed away May 11, 2005, in Eldorado, Texas.

Graveside services were at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, in Oakwood Cemetery with Dr. Milton Cunningham officiating.

Lois was born Sept. 21, 1912, in Marfa, Texas, to Crawford Thomas and Mary Eliza "Mamie" Mitchell who were pioneer ranchers in Presidio County. She graduated from Marfa High School and attended Baylor University. Her family was one of several ranching families who were instrumental in founding the Paisano Baptist Encampment in the early 1900's. What began as a small cowboy camp meeting has grown into a highly anticipated annual Christian gathering that has continued to bring generations of families together.

In 1933, she married William "Bill" Newton at her parent's home in Marfa. They lived in Waco where they reared their two children. Bill passed away May 22, 1956.

On Aug. 11, 1962, Lois and Colonel Rex Monroe Thompson were married. They were stationed in California before retiring to

San Angelo, Texas, where they resided from 1970 to 1986, when Colonel Thompson passed away on August 22.

Mrs. Thompson moved to Ridgecrest Retirement Center in Waco where she lived for eighteen years. In July of 2004, she moved to Eldorado to live with her daughter.

She is survived by her daughter, Pam Newton White of Eldorado; and her son, Mitchell Newton of Salem, Ore.; grandchildren Mary Kay White of Lavernia, Texas, Missy White Sims and husband Wayne of Aledo, Texas, Mitchell Newton Jr. of Oregon and Michelle dos Santos of Australia; and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by stepchildren Rex Thompson Jr., David Thompson and Bonnie Turner, all of California.

Memorials may be made, directed to VistaCare of San Angelo, TX 76903; Paisano Baptist Encampment at Alpine; or a favorite charity.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory in our "Memorial Guestbook" at www.wilkinsonhatchbailey.com.



Members of the Child Welfare Board gathered last week to determine the winners in the CWB raffle. Pictured above are (L-R) Jo Helen Kotsch, Staci Jurecek, Jakan Jurecek, Jim Martin, Ilse Williams, Holly Brame, Connie Wells and Bertha Castillo. Doug and Jo Ward won the raffle.

Doug and Jo Ward win hunting trip in CWB raffle

On Tuesday May 17, at the First National Bank, three-year-old Jakan Jurecek drew the winning name of the 2005 raffle. The winners of the overnight Axis doe hunt were Doug and Jo Ward. Present at the drawing were Child Welfare Board members Holly Brame, Connie

Wells, Ilse Williams, Bertha Castillo, and Jim Martin, who promptly called Jo Ward on the phone to give her the news. Jo Helen Kotsch from First National Bank of Eldorado attended as a witness.

The Schleicher County Child Welfare Board is overwhelmed by the public response to this year's fund raiser and would like to thank everyone who contributed to the drive. Please let one of the following members know when you see a child in need: Mark Alviso, Christy Meador, Connie Wells, Ilse Williams, Holly Brame, Jim Martin, Bertha Castillo, or Pam White.



Mya Nicole Minor

It's a Girl!

Mya Nicole Minor was born on April 26, 2005 at 1:18 p.m. at Community Hospital in San Angelo, Texas, to proud parents Brence and Ashley Minor. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 in. long.

Grandparents are Tommy and Beverly Minor, and Bryan and Mary Doran all of Eldorado. Great-grandparents are Ruben and Tina Minor of Eldorado, Doris Nichols and the late Dock Nichols of Abilene, Billy Jo and Ethel Pilkington of Eldorado, and the late Clifton Doran also Al and Jane Lynch from Llano. Her uncle is Baily Minor and her aunts are Branda Minor and Amy Doran, all of Eldorado.



Pfc. Jessie L. Guadarrama

Marine Corps Pfc. Jessie L. Guadarrama, son of Maria A. and Jessie L. Guadarrama of Eldorado, Texas, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Guadarrama and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Guadarrama spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons

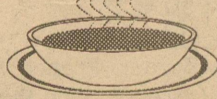
training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Guadarrama and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Guadarrama and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Guadarrama is a 2003 graduate of Eldorado High School of Eldorado, Texas.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, May 23
Country Fried Steak, Baked Potatoes, Spanish Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Lime Rice Swirl, Juice, Milk

Tuesday, May 24
Oven Fried Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Zucchini Squash, Wheat Bread, 1/2 Orange, Lemon Square, Milk

Wednesday, May 25
Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Tossed Salad w/ Tomato, Wheat Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

Thursday, May 26
Beef & Cheese Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Tortillas, Creamy Coleslaw, Fruit Salad, Milk

Friday, May 27
Fried Catfish, Corn Tomato Casserole, Spinach, Corn Bread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

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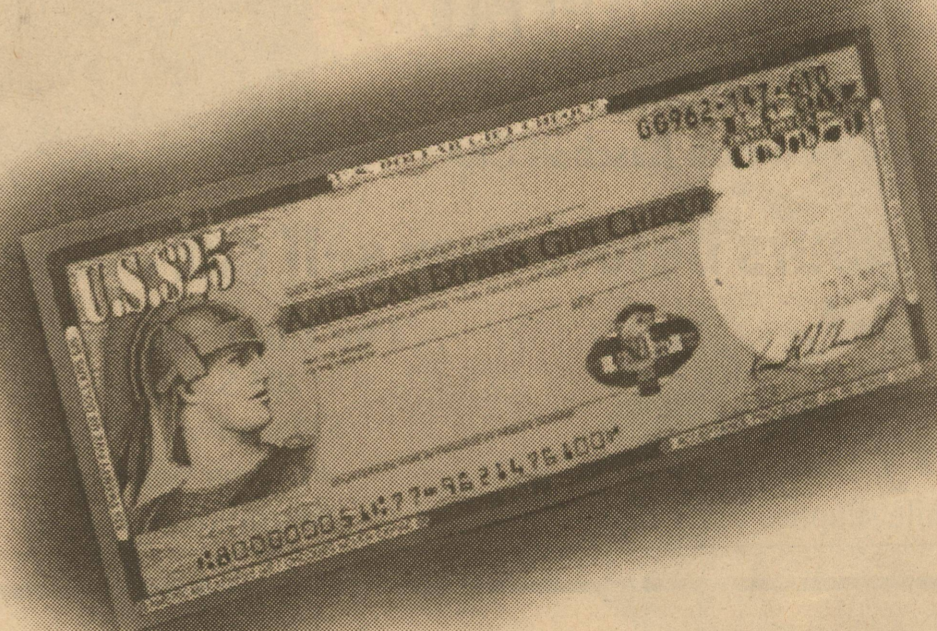
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2005 Outstanding Golfers were announced during the All Sports Banquet held May 9, 2005. Outstanding Girl Golfer went to Emily Newman; Outstanding Boy Golfer went to Cash Lane.



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Golf News

May 14th 3 person select shot 27 holes Tournament was held.
 Results:
 1st David Robledo, Bill Wells, Daniel Robledo with score minus -13 86.
 2nd Mike Nikolauk, Brett Nikolauk, Ricky Menchaca with score minus -13 86.
 3rd Barry Lane, Steve Snelson, Phil McCormick with score minus -12 87.
 A play off for 1st place was won by Robledo, Wells, Robledo to determine winners.
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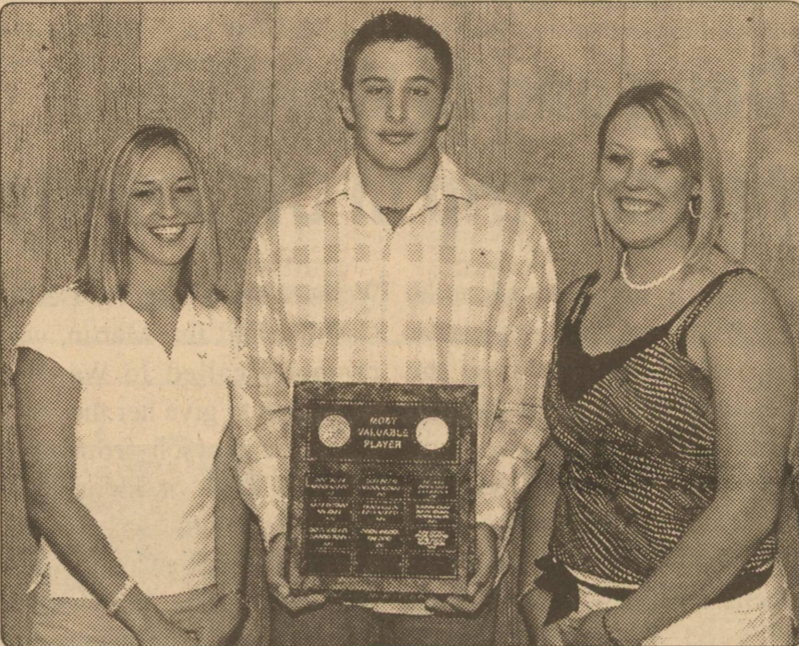


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2005 Tennis Most Valuable honorees were announced Monday, May 9 during the 2005 Annual Sports Banquet by Tennis Coach Matt Rutherford. Most Valuable Girl Player went to Maxie Holley and Taylor Baker. Most Valuable Boy Player went to Ryan Cathey.

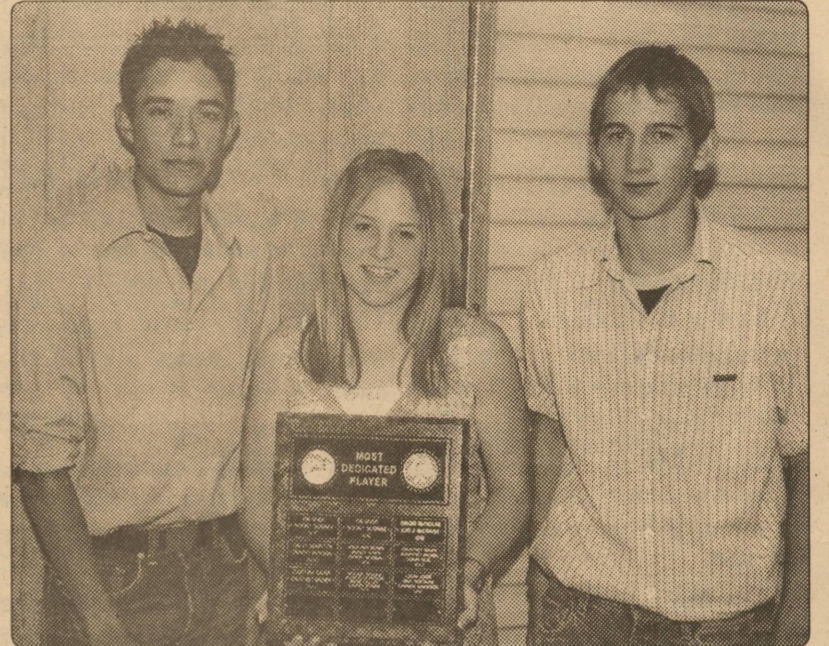


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2005 Tennis Most Dedicated Players (L-R) went to Able Montalvo, Chandra Wanoreck and Logan Jones. The trio were given the honor at the Annual Sports Banquet by their Coach Matt Rutherford, May 9, 2005.

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Tuesday, May 24
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Wednesday, May 25
 Pancake-on-a-Stick, Choice of Juice, Fruit, Syrup, Milk

Thursday, May 26
 Waffles, Syrup, Fruit, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, May 27
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Monday, May 23
 Pizza, French Fries, Tossed Salad, pineapple Slices

Tuesday, May 24
 Chicken Burger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Lemon Pudding/Topping

Wednesday, May 25
 Chef Salad, crackers, Diced Ham & Cheese Cups, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Orange Halves

Thursday, May 26
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Beef Cattle Field Day slated June 4 in Menard

There will be a Beef Cattle Field Day in Menard County on Saturday, June 4, 2005 at the Marjorie Russell Ranch west of Menard. The ranch entrance is 11 Miles West of Menard on Hwy 29. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9:00 a.m. The focus of the meeting will be to discuss current and future happenings and demonstrate techniques that can increase profitability on the ranch.



County Agent's Update

by Scott Edmondson

The morning program will begin with a discussion of the 10,000 acre Russell Ranch which has been under high fence for about 20 years and manages white-tailed deer, black Spanish goats and Angus cattle. Then Wade Polk, Extension Risk Management Specialist will give the Market Outlook for Beef Cattle. Dr. Rick Machen, Extension Livestock Specialist will discuss the National Animal ID Program and the Texas Beef Quality Producer Program. Bill Bullard, R-Calf USA, will give a cattle industry update and Dr. Richard Cordes

will discuss a health program for the beef herd.

The afternoon will be devoted to evaluating bulls and cattle handling and working activities. Dr. Rick Machen will evaluate some bulls and discuss selection with a practical exercise on using EPDs. Casey Worrell with The Ranchers Resource will demonstrate the use of Ultrasound and its application in beef improvement. James Worrell with WALCO and Shannon Worrell with Merial Ltd. will conduct a cattle working demonstration using the calf table. Vaccination, worming and implanting calves will be demonstrated and discussed.

This program is sponsored by the agriculture committees in Menard, Mason, Kimble, McCulloch and Schleicher Counties. Registration is \$10 and includes the meal refreshments and material. Please RSVP by June 1 by calling 325-396-4787. For more information contact the Menard County Extension Office at 325-396-4787.



EHS seniors Kolby Dombroski and Julie Hight were crowned Prom King and Queen at the 2005 Junior-Senior Prom, held May 5 at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo.

Dombroski and Hight crowned 2005 Prom King and Queen

The 2005 Junior-Senior Prom was held in the beautiful, historic Cactus Hotel on Twohig Street in San Angelo on May 5, 2005.

The theme of this year's prom was Le Villa de L' amour or City of Love based on the beautiful city of Paris. Juniors, seniors, their dates and sponsors were treated to elegant table arrangements of topiaries and red and white table linens. Dejavu provided the music and the students danced and seemed to enjoy the music. The food was artistically arranged; the menu consisted of chicken quesadillas, southwestern egg rolls, meatballs, chips and queso. For those with a sweet tooth, they could snack on brownies, cookies and chocolate covered strawberries. Roxanne Adame provided the wonderful and beautiful chocolate covered strawberries.

The students enjoyed the Senior video; thank you Mrs. Chatham for your technical expertise. At 11:00 P.M. Principal Bob Wanoreck announced the Prom king and queen. Junior class president Jeremy Ussery crowned King Kolby Dombroski and Queen Julie Hight; after the crowning they took a turn around the dance floor.

The ladies looked beautiful and the gentlemen were quite elegant in their tuxedos. As the

juniors and seniors left the prom, they took with them mementoes of the evening. The girls received rhinestone studded and engraved key rings, and the young men carried home frosted and engraved mugs to help them remember this special event.

Sponsors and parents were very proud of the excellent behavior of the juniors, seniors and their guests.

Multi-County prescribed burn tour planned June 10

There will be a Multi-County Prescribed Burn Tour on Friday, June 10, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. The tour participants can meet at the Menard County Courthouse at 8:30 a.m. or at Palmer School, 10 miles south of Menard at Highway 83 - FM 1773 intersection at 8:50 a.m.

The first stop will be at Jake Landers' Ranch just south of Palmer School (Hwy 83 & FM 1773 intersection). At this stop producers will view a long term regime of burning including 3 winter and spring burns in 2005 a burn caused by lightning in April 2005 and discuss prickly pear, mesquite and algerita control.

From there the tour will go south to Tony Hall's Gentry Springs Ranch in Kimble County about 2 miles south of Menard-Kimble County line on Highway 83. The 1500 acre burn was conducted this spring and we will see the results of cedar removal and influence of cedar slash on a burn. Charles Anderson will discuss the fuel load required for an effective fire and grazing management before and after a burn.

The third stop will be a roadside viewing of a cedar burn conducted by the Kimble County Burn Team. We will see the results of a burn

on young cedar. The fourth stop will be at Ray Lammert's Ranch where we will eat lunch first and then tour his ranch. We will look at the results of fire on

Shin Oak and browse management for deer. We will see the results various grasses and woody plants have towards fire and hear Ray discuss his new high fences and deer management.

The cost is \$10 per person (includes lunch and refreshments). There will be 3 Private Applicator Licenses CEU's offered on this tour. The tour is sponsored by the Menard, Kimble, McCulloch, and Mason/Gillespie County Offices and Chapters of the EPPBA, NRCS and Texas Cooperative Extension. For more information contact the Extension Office in Menard at 325-396-4787 or the Menard Office of at 325-396-4708.

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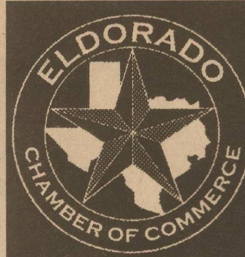
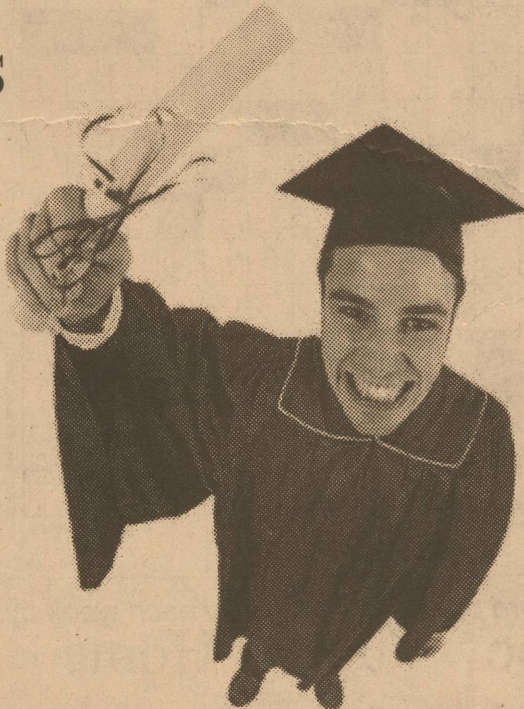
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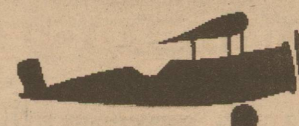


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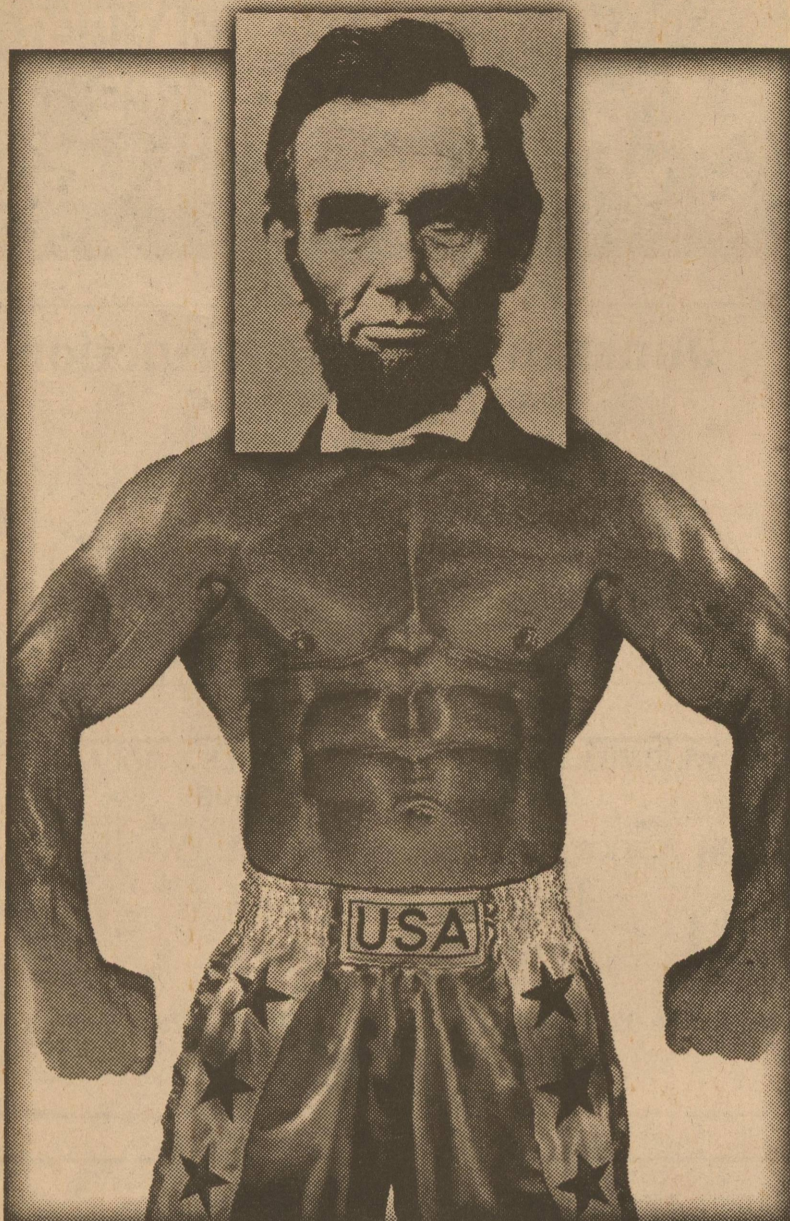
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School board meeting held

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of campus improvements to be completed during the summer months. The following items will be purchased: Elementary school master clock, PA/Intercom system, stadium sound system, new roofs for football stadium restrooms, tennis court concession stand, high school dry erase boards, stucco for the auditorium's north wall, new tennis court bleachers, and a new canopy at the tennis courts.

The school board will meet next on Monday, June 27, 2005 with the meeting slated for 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

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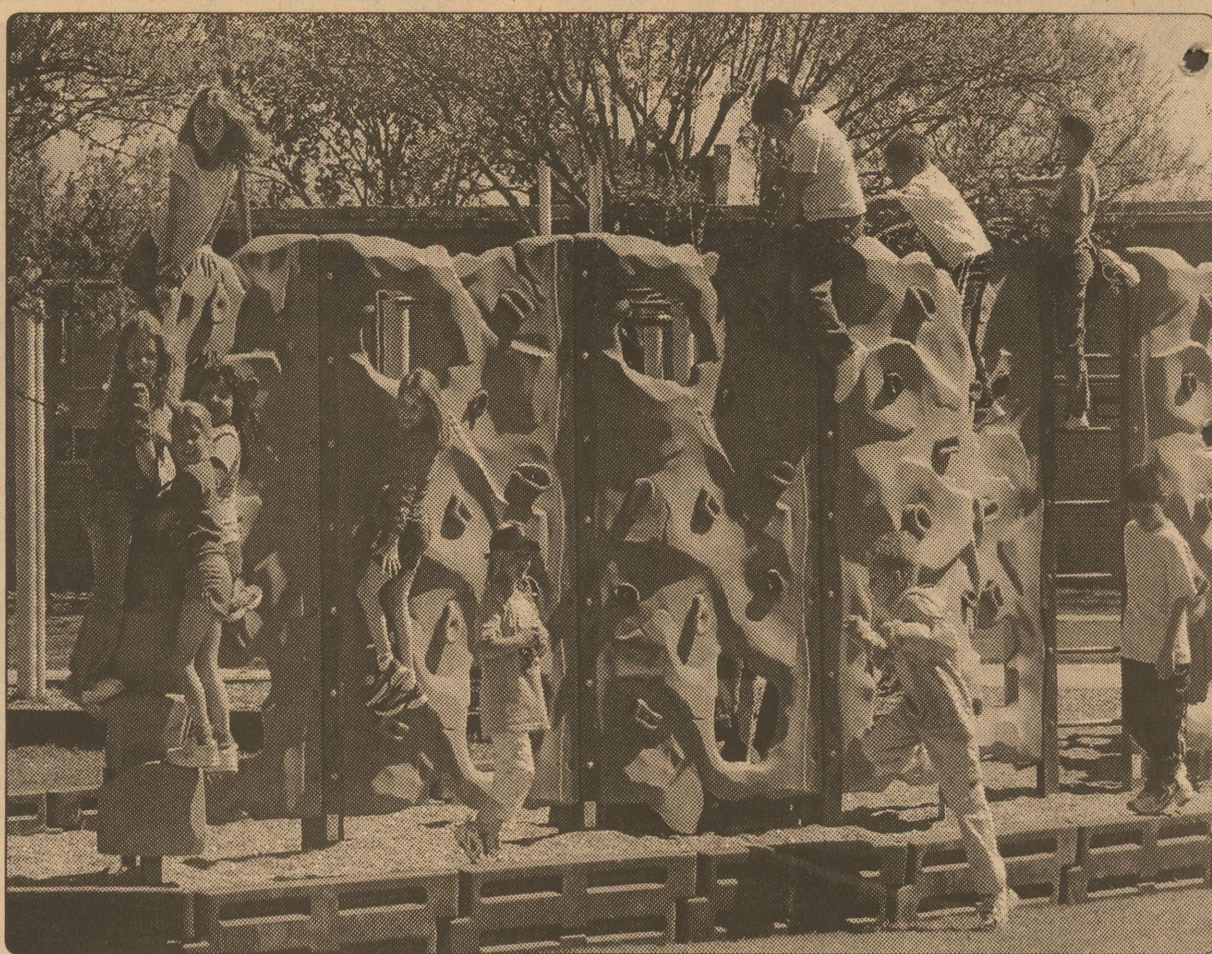


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Eldorado Elementary students play on the school's recently erected "climbing wall" in the playground area.

Elementary students enjoy new playground

If you have driven by the school in the past couple of months, you may have noticed a few changes on the playground. The students

certainly have.

A climbing wall and activity train have been added to the Elementary playground thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Wolslager Foundation, and an additional \$5,000 in matching funds from SCISD.

New swings were also installed after a generous, but anonymous,

donation came in to provide materials and to augment funds already set aside to match the Wolslager Grant. Soft ground support has been installed around the equipment in order to make the playground safer for the children.

The students can be seen enjoying the new playground equipment throughout the school day.

AG unveils measures to educate children about online safety

SAN ANGELO — Attorney General Greg Abbott unveiled measures Tuesday to help protect children when they use the Internet and educate them about the Office of the Attorney General. He introduced students at Lamar Elementary School in San Angelo to the "Kids' Page" of the Attorney General's Web site and to the Attorney General's new Cyber Safety Officer.

The multimedia Kids' Page (www.oag.state.tx.us/kids) includes tips and games to educate children about how to stay safe

while online. The Attorney General's Cyber Safety Officer, Paul Aleman, provides students with information about Internet safety and the dangers of giving out their personal information, and acts as a liaison between the Attorney General and local law enforcement.

"Protecting Texas children is one of my top priorities as Attorney General," Abbott said. "The Kids' Page and our new Cyber Safety Officer teach students they can have fun on the Internet and be safe at the same time."

Attorney General Abbott created the Fugitive and Cyber Crimes units in 2003 to track down and arrest child predators. The Fugitive Unit works to pinpoint and arrest convicted child sex offenders who have violated parole and could be stalking children. Cyber Crimes investigators assume the identity of underage teens in Internet chat rooms, which often leads to child predators soliciting them for sex online and then attempting to meet them. Predators agree to meet the person they think is a child, but are surprised to find out the "child" is actually a Cyber Crimes investigator.

To date, the two units have arrested more than 240 predators, including four who were arrested in the San Angelo region. One of them was Alexander Cruz, whom Fugitive Unit investigators arrested in San Angelo on March 23, 2004, for violating his parole. In 1986, 54-year-old Cruz was convicted in Concho County of indecency with a child by sexual contact and sentenced to 20 years in prison. The victim was a 13-year-old female. He had been a fugitive since Dec. 19, 2001.

In addition to online safety information, the Kids' Page Web site contains a video question-and-answer session with Attorney General Abbott, games and coloring pages about Texas history and the Office of the Attorney General, and other helpful links for students. Students can also participate in interactive "investigations" and can even become a Junior AG. "Kyle Coyote" is the animated tour guide for the Web site, which includes information in English and Spanish.

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- "Gee whiz!"
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- Healthful getaway
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Eldorado Explorer Scouts participated last weekend in the group's annual Explorer Academy at Camp Sol Meyer near Ft. McKavett. The group took part in a number of team-building exercises, including learning to rappel at the camp's rappelling tower. Pictured here in front of the tower are (Standing L-R) Blake Chatham, Kyle Brown, Richmond Adame, Michael Adame, Kyle Taylor, Nester Hernandez, Joshua Taylor (Kneeling L-R) Epolo Herrera, Zachary Taylor, Charlotte Adame, Brittany Jennings and Sam Rodriguez. The young Explorers were supervised by a number of adult sponsors including: Sheriff David R. Doran - Camp Coordinator, Lenette Doran, Bobby Andrews, Connie Andrews, Michael Faull - Fire Rescue Instructor, Jauquin Rojas - EMS - Rescue Instructor, Joey Jones - Fire Rescue - Rappelling Tower Instructor, Jimmy Taylor, Kim Taylor, Alfred Rios -SAPD -Honor Guard-Instructor, Taylor Niblett and Gregory Fuentes

RRC streamlines process for drilling permits

AUSTIN — Texas' three Railroad Commissioners announced Monday that the agency has successfully streamlined the drilling permit application process for oil and gas operators. The number of drilling permits — which are required before any operator can drill an oil or gas well — varies with the price of oil and gas. During the first three months of 2005, an average of 1,360 drilling permits were filed each month with the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC).

"Beginning May 2, operators and their consultants were able to file their drilling permit applications through the agency's new Online Internet system," said RRC Chairman Victor Carrillo. "This new system provides improved functionality as well as immediate access to drilling permit data and images over the Internet."

Commissioner Michael L. Williams said, "For the first time, third-party filers and consultants — who file nearly half of the drilling applications processed by our agency — will now have the ability to directly access and use the electronic

application. Previously — unless they were given authorizations by operators — third-party filers and consultants were restricted to walking paper applications through the Commission."

Commissioner Elizabeth A. Jones noted, "Expanding online filing capability and allowing drilling permits filed in paper to be processed electronically by Commission staff is a huge milestone for modernizing the Commission's permitting and other business functions. This system will provide more benefits and greater efficiencies for both the agency and our clients in the oil and gas business."

Operators, who file their permits online, will receive quicker notification electronically rather than through the mail that drilling permits have been approved. Operators also can now file expedited permits online and use a credit card to pay the drilling permit fee. In addition, less Commission staff time will be required to type in permit data and microfilm paper reports. The RRC will continue to accept mailed or walked-in

paper drilling applications, which will be scanned by RRC staff and processed electronically.

Prior to the implementation of the new system, drilling permit applications were either filed on paper and manually processed or filed online and electronically processed through the RRC's Electronic Compliance and Approval Process (ECAP) System. The ability to file drilling permits online marks the second phase of a series of steps the RRC is taking to streamline and improve the reporting and permitting of oil and gas activities in Texas. On Feb. 11, the RRC provided companies with the convenience of filing oil and gas production reports online, electronically or on CDs. About 154,500 oil and gas production reports are filed each month with the RRC.

For more information about filing drilling permit applications online, please visit the Texas Railroad Commission website at www.rrc.state.tx.us; contact the RRC's Oil and Gas Division at 512-463-6751 or email: drillingpermits-info@rrc.state.tx.us

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Such an offense is a violation of Title 9, Chapter 42 of the Penal Code, subject to 180 days imprisonment and/or \$2000 fine.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Daniel Guerra III was born 24 weeks premature on June 7, 2004. He weighed a mere 1 lb. 5 oz. Now almost a year later Daniel's friends and family (Daniel's Angels) wanted to give something back, so they spent several hours Saturday, May 7, 2005 knocking doors and collecting approx. \$300 in donations for the March of Dimes. Daniel's Angels include (Back L-R) Sergio Guerra, Nayelly Iglesias, Leonor Guerra, Diana Guerra, Stephanie Mercado, Felicia Rivera and Daniel, Louis Enriques, Enriqueta Juarez; (Front L-R) David Barajas, Kiki Guerra, and Destiny Rodriguez (not pictured) Cathy Hernandez. Daniel's Angels are grateful to the many donors in Eldorado who contributed to the March of Dimes.

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Local sales tax revenue increases; statewide percentages down due mainly to last year's sales tax amnesty program

AUSTIN — Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said last week that state sales tax revenue totaled \$1.34 billion in April, down 8.1 percent compared to April 2004, when a tax amnesty recommended by the Comptroller caused a 26.4 percent spike in monthly sales tax revenue.

"Last year's tax amnesty program brought in \$256.5 million in sales tax that might not have been collected otherwise from delinquent taxpayers," Strayhorn said. "Adjusting for my successful tax amnesty program, state sales tax revenue in April 2005 increased 3.6 percent compared to April 2004."

Strayhorn said local governments will receive \$455.7 million in May sales tax allocations, up 8.4

percent compared to May 2004. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts are up 6.9 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent May sales tax allocations of \$312.4 million to Texas cities, up 8.6 percent compared to May 2004. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 7.3 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$26.5 million, up 13.8 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 10.4 percent higher than last year.

Another \$12.4 million went to 96 special purpose taxing districts

around the state, up 16.3 percent compared to last May. Nine local transit systems received \$104.2 million in sales tax allocations, up 6 percent compared to a year ago.

May's sales tax allocations to local governments represent March sales that were reported to the Comptroller in April by monthly tax filers, and January, February and March sales reported to the Comptroller in April by quarterly tax filers.

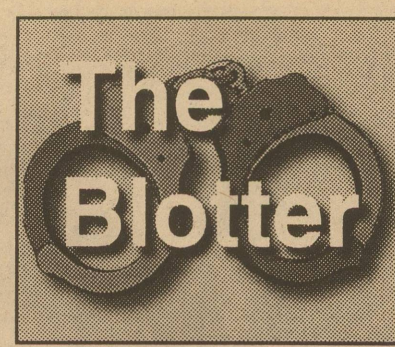
Locally, the City of Eldorado's numbers showed the most improvement, climbing some 27.74 percent while the Schleicher County Health Services Tax, collected by the county to fund the ambulance service by 10.02 percent. Schleicher County's

sales tax rebate declined slightly, due mainly to higher than normal numbers last year's tax amnesty program. (See chart below)

State sales tax revenue for May sales tax allocations to local governments represent sales made in March and reported to the Comptroller in April.

For details of May sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, June 10.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

May 12 • Read, Nicholas Brandon, male age 20, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI.

May 13 • Torres, Elisa Beth, female age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Harassment.

INCIDENTS

May 9 • 12:54 p.m. EMC requested an EMS for a basic transfer to Community.

May 10 • 9:26 p.m. Complainant reported a fight. Two officers responded.

May 10 • 6:12 p.m. C.P.S. requested assistance from an officer. Two officers responded.

May 11 • 7:06 p.m. Complainant reported a white Chevy pickup speeding. Officer responded.

May 11 • 3:25 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

May 12 • 8:34 p.m. Complainant reported loose livestock. Officer responded.

May 12 • 10:46 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

May 12 • 1:42 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.

May 12 • 2:26 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a person that had already pumped gas and payment was questionable. Officer responded.

May 12 • 4:42 p.m. Complainant stated that someone had stolen chrome valve caps from her son's car. Officer was notified.

May 12 • 7:27 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in a dark green extended cab Chevy pickup. Driver was identified, an officer responded but was unable to locate.

May 12 • 9:30 p.m. Complainant reported debris on roadway. TxDOT was notified and responded.

May 12 • 9:38 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver. Officer responded.

May 13 • 9:54 a.m. Animal control requested officer shoot a skunk. Officer responded.

May 13 • 12:25 p.m. Complainant reported someone ran into his fence and took off. Officer responded.

May 13 • 4:31 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer.

May 13 • 6:27 p.m. Request for an ACLS transfer to Shannon. EMS responded.

May 13 • 11:06 p.m. S.O. received a 911 hang up call. S.O. called back and had no answer. S.O. attempted to make contact with someone at the residence but only got a busy signal.

May 13 • 11:25 p.m. Complainant stated that she had received a phone call on her cell phone from her friend stating that she had been hit in the head area and was crying. Officers responded, officer reported child abuse.

May 14 • 12:34 a.m. Complainant requested an officer escort her to her car, the street light was still out and someone kept driving by. Complainant reported she felt unsafe. Officers responded.

May 14 • 10:18 a.m. Complainant reported that a white Chow dog had been hit and was still alive. Officer responded.

May 14 • 1:36 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident. Officer, DPS trooper, Game Warden and EMS 2 responded.

May 14 • 9:48 p.m. Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident. Officer responded.

May 15 • 7:07 a.m. Complainant reported hearing a female yelling for a male to leave the house, feared that female was being attacked. While on 911 call reported two people outside the residence on Eastfield. Officer responded.

May 15 • 2:33 p.m. Complainant requested to file a contempt of court for child custody. Information was taken for records.

May 15 • 3:50 p.m. Complainant reported a vent line on an oil tank was on fire. EVFD responded.

May 15 • 5:19 p.m. Officer requested an ambulance for female choking, female refused transfer and medical attention. EMS responded.

May 15 • 6:09 p.m. Complainant reported bees on Cottonwood. EVFD was notified.

May 15 • 6:13 p.m. Complainant requested officer kill a porcupine. Officer responded.

May 15 • 7:17 p.m. Complainant reported a fight at her neighbors house on Colpitts Street. Officers and DPS trooper responded.

May 16 • 10:03 a.m. Complainant reported a lost dog grey with brown in color and no collar.

May 2005 Sales Tax Rebates

Local Jurisdiction	May '05	May '04	% Change	2005 YTD	2004 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$5,775.34	\$7,992.71	27.74%	\$33,372.04	\$33,864.71	-1.45%
Schleicher County	\$9,944.71	\$10,193.59	-2.44%	\$47,050.74	\$37,223.48	26.40%
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$10,326.77	\$9,385.74	10.02%	\$46,198.21	\$36,673.87	25.97%

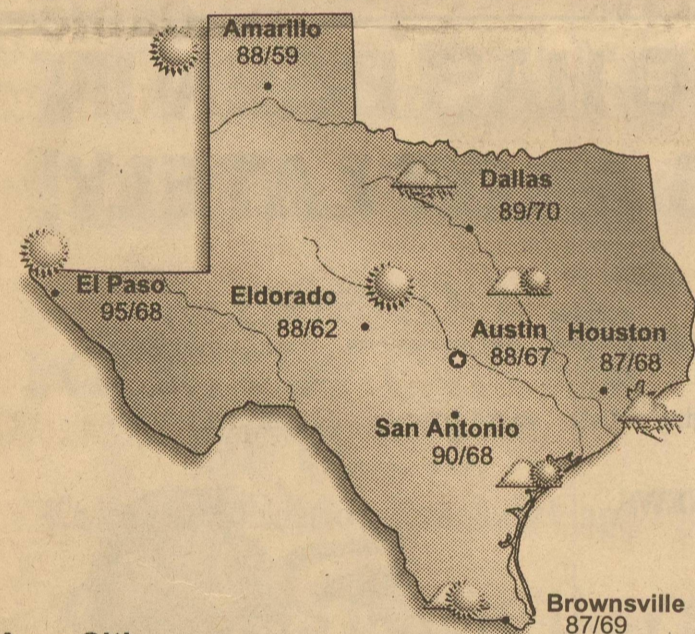
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 5/20	Sat 5/21	Sun 5/22	Mon 5/23	Tue 5/24
88/62 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	89/60 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	87/59 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	87/59 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	85/60 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 6:45 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:44 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 6:43 AM Sunset: 8:35 PM	Sunrise: 6:43 AM Sunset: 8:36 PM

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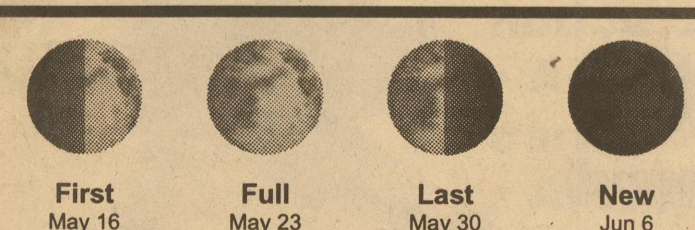
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	68	mst sunny	Kingsville	88	69	pt sunny
Amarillo	88	59	sunny	Livingston	87	65	t-storm
Austin	88	67	pt sunny	Longview	88	66	t-storm
Beaumont	87	67	t-storm	Lubbock	93	61	sunny
Brownsville	87	69	mst sunny	Lufkin	89	66	t-storm
Brownwood	93	68	mst sunny	Midland	94	62	sunny
Corpus Christi	86	71	pt sunny	Raymondville	89	68	mst sunny
Corsicana	88	68	t-storm	Rosenberg	87	67	t-storm
Dallas	89	70	t-storm	San Antonio	90	68	pt sunny
Del Rio	91	67	mst sunny	San Marcos	88	67	pt sunny
El Paso	95	68	sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	66	t-storm
Fort Stockton	95	65	sunny	Sweetwater	93	66	mst sunny
Gainesville	87	65	t-storm	Tyler	87	65	t-storm
Greenville	86	64	t-storm	Weatherford	88	66	t-storm
Houston	87	68	t-storm	Wichita Falls	93	68	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	60	t-storm	Minneapolis	74	58	rain
Boston	60	46	rain	New York	68	52	pt sunny
Chicago	71	54	rain	Phoenix	101	77	sunny
Dallas	89	70	t-storm	San Francisco	67	54	rain
Denver	82	54	mst sunny	Seattle	63	50	rain
Houston	87	68	t-storm	St. Louis	80	61	t-storm
Los Angeles	77	60	mst sunny	Washington, DC	70	56	rain
Miami	82	74	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 5/20	Sat 5/21	Sun 5/22	Mon 5/23	Tue 5/24
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23rd Barbara Wilson, John T. Mitchell, Bailey Minor
24th Briley Leggett, Marilyn Whitten, Gina Yvette Lopez, Glen Nix, Jerry Edmiston, Barbara Arendt
25th Makenzie Grelle, Tobin Joy, Ronny Lynn Robinson, Bertha S. Castillo
26th Adan Rodriguez III, Leticia Marie Ruiz, Michael James Adame, Kerry Robinson, Tres Whitten, Ashley Minor, Jessica Sellers

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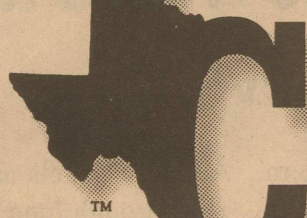
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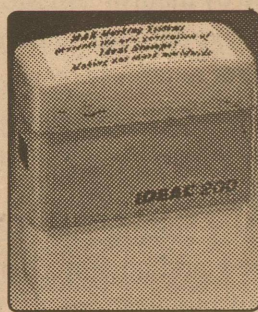


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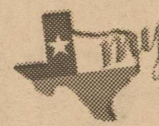
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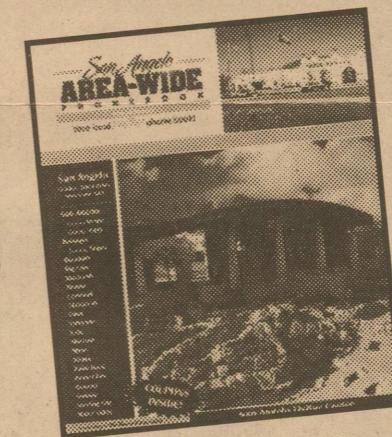
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Texas Folklife Festival: 34 years of world flavors and fun for the whole family

More than 40 ethnic groups celebrate annual four-day event

(San Antonio)—Savor a world of flavors with ethnic foods, live entertainment and fun for the whole family at the 34th annual Texas Folklife Festival, Thursday, June 9 through Sunday, June 12 at the Institute of Texan Cultures in downtown San Antonio.

"From the Aloha Kitchen to the Zhuravli Ukrainian Dancers of Houston, the Texas Folklife Festival continues to be the heart of the Lone Star state's rich cultural heritage," said Jo Ann Andera, Texas Folklife Festival director. "For the past 34 years, the participants have brought their customs together for everyone to celebrate."

Award-winning festival food favorites are back to whet appetites of all ages. Au-

thentic ethnic food and drink include Lebanese chicken and beef kabobs, Turkish coffee, Greek salad, Canary Island sangria slushies, Alsatian sausage, Creole red beans and rice, Belgian mussels, Filipino lumpia, El Salvadoran pupusas, Italian cheesecake, Scotch eggs and Mexican aguas frescas.

Get ready to rock-and-roll with the sounds of the Rick Cavender Band and Johnny Dee and the Rocket 88's. Also lined up for festival entertainment are 5-STAR and Los Amables, who are sure to win the crowd over with conjunto and Tejano hits.

Stroll through the Texas Crafts Market for just the right knick-knack for your home, a gift for a friend, or a special something for yourself. Browse

through quality handcrafted Celtic, Scottish and Indian jewelry, sample fresh almonds and pecans from the German roaster at the Fantasy Nut Company booth, and disguise yourself through the talented face-painting artistry of Your Enchanted Face. Tired feet? Walk on over to the Piper Sandal Company booth for some comfy leather sandals made in the Greek and Roman styles and get fortunes told with the Blue Lady as she reveals the hidden mysteries of life.

On the Back 40, festival-goers can visit and learn from the crème-de-la-crème of Texas craftsman. Observe Allen Graham as he demonstrates his more than 50 years of expertise in whittling, the art of making carvings from shavings of wood,

and marvel at the iron creations made in minutes by Willie Calhoun, a South Texas blacksmith. Visitors are reminded to mind their p's and q's, especially if they brush elbows with John Collins, who will be reenacting the life and times of Judge Roy Bean, Law West of the Pecos.

Children will delight in the zany performances of The Side Street Circus. Both the young and the young at heart will enjoy journeying through time from the Ice Age all the way back to the age of dinosaurs in Dinosaur George's Prehistoric Journey exhibit featuring exotic plants from the San Antonio Botanical Gardens located in the dome of the Institute of Texan Cultures.

The times and dates for Texas Folklife Festival are: 5-11 p.m.,

Thursday, June 9; 5-11 p.m., Friday, June 10; noon-11 p.m., Saturday, June 11; and noon-9 p.m., Sunday, June 12.

Discount adult tickets (13 and older) are \$8 and children's tickets (ages 6-12) are \$4. Advance tickets and food coupons are available through June 1 via the festival's Web site, www.texasfolklifestival.org <<http://www.texasfolklifestival.org>> or by calling (210) 458-2259.

Advance tickets are also available through June 12 at San Antonio area H-E-B stores. Tickets at the gate are \$10 for adults (13 and older) and \$4 for children (ages 6-12); and children 5 and under are free.

For more information, visit www.texasfolklifestival.org <<http://www.texasfolklifestival.org>> or call (210) 458-2390.

Hilderbran pins hopes on amendment to SB 6

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clarify the issue.

Hilderbran said that he will work with the members of the House/Senate Conference Committee as they seek to iron out differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill as well as with Senator Jane Nelson, author of the original SB 6, in order to ensure that his amendment makes its way into law.

Hilderbran's original bill and his amendment to the Senate bill would both raise the age of consent for marriage from 14 to 16 and outlaw stepparents

from marrying stepchildren. He filed the bill after hearing reports that the group, known as the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints, had forced young girls into incestuous marriages.

The sect, which has been rejected by mainstream Mormons who have denounced polygamy for over a century, came under scrutiny in recent months when its reclusive leader Warren Jeffs was accused in civil lawsuits of sexually abusing his underage nephew and covering up widespread molestations by fellow sect leaders.

Share the Bounty

FEED THE HUNGRY

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Americans are inventive and generous when it comes to helping others. From our barn-raising, lend-a-hand roots to today's walking to raise funds for disease research, we show up to help those in need. Helping fight hunger in your community is easy, fun and rewarding, and it makes a difference.

Food activist Frances Moore Lappe, author of *Diet for a Small Planet* and *World Hunger: Twelve Myths*, says, "We say that we're just a drop in the bucket, and that's meaningless. But wait a minute. If you have a bucket, those raindrops fill it up very fast. Being a drop in the bucket is magnificent. People everywhere are creating a bucket of hope. And so our drops are incredibly significant." Be a drop in the bucket and play a part in stopping hunger in your community. There's a role for everyone — choose one or more of these suggested activities, and check out the national networks that bring muscle to the fight.

Individual efforts, multiplied, spell hope for ending hunger.

Use all-time favorite recipes like these for your fund-raiser, potluck or bake sale:

Classic Tuna Noodle Casserole

- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Cream of Celery Soup or 98% Fat Free Cream of Celery Soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup cooked peas
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento (optional)
- 2 cans (about 6 ounces each) tuna, drained and flaked
- 2 cups hot cooked medium egg noodles
- 2 tablespoons dry bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted

PREHEAT oven to 400°F. MIX soup, milk, peas, pimiento, tuna and noodles in 1 1/2-quart casserole. BAKE 20 minutes. Stir. MIX bread crumbs with butter. Sprinkle on top. Bake 5 minutes or until hot. 4 servings

Courtesy of Campbell Soup Company

Easy Brownie Torte

- 1 package (1 pound 5.2 ounces) Betty Crocker chocolate chunk or triple chocolate chunk brownie mix
- 1 tub (15 ounces) Betty Crocker Pour & Frost chocolate frosting
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped chocolate-covered peanut butter cup candies

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Line 13 x 9-inch pan with foil so foil extends about 2 inches over sides. Spray foil with cooking spray. MAKE brownies as directed on package for 13 x 9-inch pan. Cool completely, about 1 1/2 hours. REMOVE from pan by lifting foil; peel foil away. Cut brownie in half lengthwise. MICROWAVE frosting as directed on tub; pour half of frosting over one half of brownie. Place other half of brownie on top; pour remaining frosting on top, allowing some to drizzle down sides. Sprinkle with candy. REFRIGERATE 30 minutes. Store loosely covered. 8 servings

High Altitude (3500-6500 feet): Follow High Altitude package directions. Courtesy of General Mills, Inc.

Chicken & Rice Casserole

- 2 cups cooked rice
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 1/2 cups cooked, chopped chicken breast meat
- 1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Milk
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 1 tablespoon diced jalapeños
- Salt

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Lightly grease 2-quart casserole. COMBINE rice, cheese, chicken, evaporated milk, onion, eggs, cilantro, butter and jalapeños in prepared casserole; stir well. BAKE 45 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Season with salt. For freeze ahead: PREPARE as above; do not bake. Cover; freeze for up to 2 months. Thaw overnight in refrigerator. Uncover. PREHEAT oven to 350°F. BAKE 60 to 70 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Season with salt. 4 servings

Courtesy of Nestlé USA, Inc.



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Honor Torch Bearers - 2005 Shannon Harber Relay-1200 Meter winners are 4th graders (L-R) Avery Nolen, Brian Parsley and Miranda Arispe. Avery Nolen and Miranda Arispe tied for 1st place in the girls division with a time of 6:11. Brian Parsley won first in the boys division a time of 5:09. The relay was held Friday, May 13, 2005 at Eagle Stadium. Second, Third and Fourth grades participated.

COMMUNITY CARING INITIATIVES

Hope: Ordinary people doing extraordinary things

Host a benefit potluck
Share fellowship and break bread while raising resources. Ask for a free-will cash donation or a donation of non-perishable food items.

Create an edible landscape
While snow is still on the ground, plan a personal or community garden that could supply fresh produce for the hungry in your town.

Make a dish, share a dish
Making two batches of lasagna or other hearty casserole is not much more work — freeze one to take to a local homeless shelter.

Stage a game night
Fight winter cabin fever. Host a games-and-dessert party; invite the neighborhood and ask for a donation for local hunger programs.

Donate a meal
As a family, opt to make your own pizza on Friday night and put aside the cash you might have spent on pizza out; donate to a hunger program.

Become a savvy shopper
When "most wanted" items like canned fish, meat, peanut butter or pasta are on sale, pick up an extra or two to donate.

Bake "cookies for caring"
Many kids and teens love to bake. Encourage children or a youth group to bake cookies for local feeding programs. Make regular "cookie donations."

Adopt an agency
Encourage youth clubs and congregations to "adopt" a local food pantry by raising funds and food for it.

NATIONAL NETWORKS

Here's a sampling of hunger relief networks to explore:

- Supported by American corporations like Campbell's Soup, General Mills and Nestlé USA, America's Second Harvest (www.secondharvest.org) provides emergency food assistance to more than 23 million hungry Americans through a variety of hunger-relief programs. One Big Table, a Second Harvest initiative, promotes local fund-raising potluck dinners and also sponsors a virtual potluck on its Web site for donating funds online.
- Parade magazine and Share Our Strength (www.strength.org), along with many corporate partners, sponsor The Great American Bake Sale (www.greatamericanbakesale.org), a groundbreaking program aimed at ending childhood hunger in America.
- Feeding the hungry is just a click away at www.thehungersite.com, which with the help of many vendors donates food to those in need here and around the world. The Hunger Site encourages everyone to "click every day" to donate food, and links to vendors who make donations for every purchase made.

For more resources, visit www.culinary.net.

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