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Hilderbran bill seeks strong protection for abused children

AUSTIN — State Representative Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) filed child-protective legislation last week that would require courts to consider the actions of all adults in the household before determining whether the child or the alleged abuser should be the one removed from the home.

"In the Eldorado incident last year, in my view we should have removed the suspected perpetrator, not the victim," Hilderbran said. "But we have to know for sure that the remaining parent would really be protecting the child. If they are going to let the alleged abuser back in the home, then keeping the child there isn't a viable option."

The bill (HB 4255) follows last year's raid on a polygamist compound in Eldorado, where over 400 children were removed from the camp amid sexual abuse allegations. The Texas Supreme Court later determined that Child Protective Services did not make all reasonable efforts to keep the children in their homes by considering an option to remove the alleged perpetrator rather than the children.

However, for many families in the Eldorado case, evidence showed that both parents were aware of the child abuse and took no reasonable steps to prevent it.

Hilderbran's bill would modify the Family Code to state that the court may only issue an order to remove the alleged perpetrator from the home, rather than the child, if all available facts indicate that the remaining parent or guardian is likely to abide by the terms of the temporary restraining order.

According to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, there were numerous incidents where the parents remaining with the children were observed coaching them on what to say to DFPS staff. The continuous coaching raised concerns that the children were not providing department staff with truthful answers about the alleged abuse.

"The safety of the child should always be considered first, and we are working with the Attorney General's office on language for the committee substitute that will ensure that," Hilderbran said. "At the same time, we have to know that keeping the child with their parent isn't doing them more harm than good."

The bill also amends the code to state that a
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Hop, Skip and a Jump!



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Alex Guzman soared through the air last Saturday as she completed in the Triple Jump at the Irion County Relays in Merton where Eagles tracksters participated in a number of events. Individual results can be found on Page 4.

View related video on our website at www.myeldorado.net

Meth cook site found in pasture north of Eldorado

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran confirmed this week that a "cook-site" for the production of illicit methamphetamine narcotics was discovered approximately 16 miles north of Eldorado in the pasture behind the Huldale Switch Disposal Well on U.S. 277.

Doran said his department was alerted when oilfield personnel found several items discarded in the pasture. The site was quickly determined to be a place where a batch of methamphetamine had been prepared.

"It appears as if someone pulled off the road, cooked up some meth, then abandoned their gear," Doran said.

He noted that every precaution was taken while dealing with the toxic leftovers from at the cook site. Narcotics investigators from the Department of Public Safety were called in and a hazardous material or "HazMat" team was brought in from San Antonio to clean up the site.

"Evidence has been gathered and the case remains under investigation at this time," Doran added.

The sheriff went on to ask that anyone with knowledge of this or any other crime please contact his office at 853-2737.

Success offers up videos on website

The Eldorado Success now offers video reports on its website at www.myeldorado.net. While it is impossible to make everything that is in the newspaper available on video, several of the stories covered in recent weeks are already posted on the site, with more to follow as they become available.

The first video posted was a five minute clip of FLDS bishop Willie Jessop meeting with Schleicher County Commissioners in January.

Former sheriff candidate Shane West is also featured in a video as he met with commissioners in February to question Sheriff Doran's asset forfeiture fund. The sheriff's response is also available on video.

Highlights of this year's First Grade Rodeo are currently available. So are clips from the Eagles baseball team's 12-1 victory last week over Medina, and action from the Irion County Track Meet.

Look for a small TV symbol (at left) in stories that have a related video available on the website. Again, the website is www.myeldorado.net.

Commissioners updated on park survey

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday with Tom Brown of Neismith Engineering who updated them on the survey mailed recently to county residents. The survey sought preferences of citizens for county parks and open spaces.

Brown explained that the survey received well over the required 5 percent response from citizens if the results are to be used to obtain a grant. Brown went on to say that one of the most popular requests is for the construction of a bicycle and walking path.

Brown continued by informing the commissioners about the availability of a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Trail Grant. He then displayed maps with an overview of the two possible paths connecting the school with the county park. One path would require 10,000 feet of 6-foot-wide trail while an alternate path would be 3,800 feet long.

Brown then explained that the county could use funds from the Trail Grant as matching funds for an Outdoor Recreation Grant to build a swimming pool

and park complex.

Brown said the tabulation of the survey's will be completed soon and totals will be presented at the next commissioners meeting on April 13th, at which time the men would then have to make a decision about pursuing the Trail Grant.

Brown concluded by saying that the final Outdoor Recreation plans will be presented to the commissioners in May.

In other business, Cathy Kuykendall asked for approval to hold a Blood Drive for James Daniels who, she says, has been diagnosed with cancer. The commissioners approved her request and the blood drive will be held on the courthouse square on Saturday, May 16th.

The men then reviewed and approved cell phone charges incurred by Extension Agent Cody Bundick during the recent round of livestock shows.

Next, County Clerk Peggy Williams asked for and received permission to continue using Records Consultant Inc. to process all inactive records in her office as called for by the county's records

retention schedule. The policy calls for certain records to be destroyed once they become two-years old.

Williams said it will cost \$24 per box to process the records and estimated a total cost of \$3,000 to process records due to be destroyed this year.

The commissioners then approved a resolution to join the Texas Buy Board and appointed County Treasurer Karen Henderson as purchasing agent.

The court then met with Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe concerning various subjects.

The sheriff presented the court with an annual 'profiling' report. He said that the state requires each sheriff's department to submit such a report which consists of information collected from traffic stops which is then put in a data base.

Sheriff Doran then told the court of his intent to seek a U.S. Department of Justice 'COPS' grant, which he said is

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County Judge Charlie Bradley leans in for a good look as Commissioner Matt Brown (L) and engineer Tom Brown look over map of a proposed walking and bike path running from the school to the county park. County residents have returned about 10 percent of the approx. 1,000 park surveys the county mailed out. Brown explained that so far, at least, the number one thing on the citizens' wish list is a walking and bicycle path.

At Least He's Calm

Last fall, Barack Obama was deemed by all the great and good as the man to save the country from its financial crisis because of his calm. As John McCain flailed around, Obama stayed steady, and commentators ascribed to him the most extraordinary leadership qualities based merely on his equipoise.

How is that working out? Well, the stock market has lost roughly 25 percent of its value in the past two months, destroying more than \$2.6 trillion of wealth. But at least President Obama is calm.

The banking crisis weighs down the economy, with zombie institutions requiring ever more federal cash (Citigroup has taken \$45 billion, and AIG \$180 billion and counting). But Obama's supernatural calm is undisturbed by the financial mayhem.

His treasury secretary, Tim Geithner, has gone from such an indispensable man that he could get away with cheating on his taxes to the butt of "Saturday Night Live" skits. His vague and unconvincing bank rescue plan tanked the market, while he hasn't yet fully staffed the upper echelons of his department. The New York Times reports of him and his team, "Some worry that political and financial constraints have made them reluctant to grapple with the full magnitude of the crisis." If Obama worries, he does it calmly.

Despite its stated purpose of providing a temporary boost to the economy, Obama's stimulus plan spends \$200 billion in 2011 and beyond -- at the same time liberal supporters of the stimulus complain that it doesn't do enough in the near term. But Obama is serenely calm about it.

As the economy staggers into what seems will be at least the worst recession since World War II, he is proposing \$1 trillion in tax increases, including a new broad-based levy on industrial activity. But he'll impose the taxes very calmly.

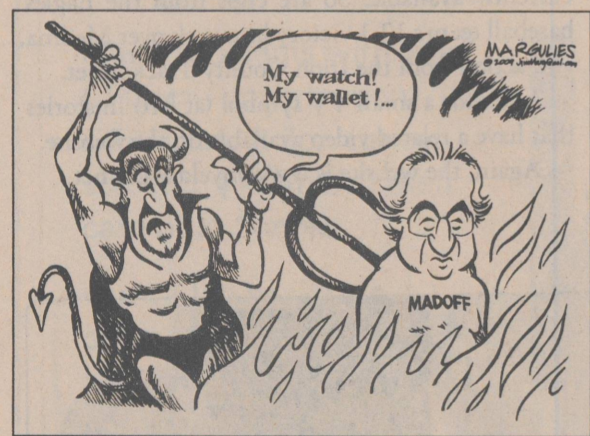
With the nation's finances strained dealing just with the fallout from the financial crisis, he is proposing a radical budget that will increase spending by at least \$3 trillion above current projections during the next 10 years. But all his new spending is suffused with a wondrous air of calm.

His budget makes unduly rosy assumptions about the near-term performance of the economy that are already being discredited, pockets fake savings by making absurd assumptions (e.g., that troop levels in Iraq were set to remain at 140,000 forever), and still projects a \$637 billion deficit in 2016 even after years of robust, economic growth. But he is as calm as he is dishonest and profligate.

The early returns on Obama's calm aren't encouraging. During the campaign, his overeager supporters in the press wanted to declare him a world historical figure based on the flimsiest of evidence. The gravest crisis he had faced was the Jeremiah Wright controversy, which he responded to with a disingenuous "race speech" defending Wright before dumping him.

Perhaps Obama's muddle-through approach to the banks will suffice until the natural resilience of the economy brings a recovery. Or perhaps, as Obama temporizes, the problem gets bigger and worse, discrediting his leadership and exposing the vision of his budget as, in the words of a headline in *The Economist*, "wishful, and dangerous, thinking." Either way, Obama will be calm.

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A Bluebonnet By Any Other Name

Texas Times

by U.S. Senator John Cornyn



Davy Crockett once famously said that Texas is "the garden spot of the world." If there's one icon that helps Texas live up to Mr. Crockett's compliment, it's our state flower, the bluebonnet. Every spring, the bluebonnet covers miles of Texas countryside in a sea of blue.

As it is always said, in Texas we do things bigger and better. Our state flower is no exception. Having just one state flower, as other states do, was not good enough for the State of Texas. In fact, Texas has five different species of the bluebonnet as our official state flower.

In 1901, the Texas Legislature took on what might have been an easy task in a less diverse state—selecting the state flower. Debate was heated, with different groups and legislators lobbying intensely for their favorite species. One legislator, Phil Clement of Mills, Texas, made an emotional argument for the cotton boll, because cotton was one of Texas' lead crops. Clement called the cotton boll the "white rose of commerce."

Another legislator from Uvalde, State Representative John Nance Garner, fought for the prickly pear cactus, lauding its durability and the beauty of its blooms. He ultimately did not win the debate, but because of his enthusiasm for the prickly pear, he was dubbed "Cactus Jack"—a nickname that

stuck with him for the rest of his life. Cactus Jack went on to serve as Vice President to Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The most compelling argument was made by John M. Green, of Cuero, Texas, with the help of an organization called the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Texas. When Green rose to the podium to suggest the bluebonnet, someone on the floor called out, "What the devil is a bluebonnet?" One explanation was given comparing the bluebonnet to the sunbonnets worn by Texas women in the pioneer days to protect their faces from the sun. Another called the bluebonnet by its Spanish nickname "el conejo" or "the rabbit" because of its resemblance to the tail of a cottontail rabbit.

Finally, representatives from the Colonial Dames organization stepped up to make their case for the bluebonnet with the help of a visual aid. They presented a painting of bluebonnets by Miss Mode Walker of Austin, which brought on a "deafening" round of applause.

The bluebonnet had stolen the show. A resolution making the bluebonnet, specifically the *Lupinus subcarnosus*, the official state flower of Texas was signed by Governor Joseph D. Sayers on March 7, 1901.

The debate did not end there, however. Not everyone was content with the selection of the Texas Legislature. Different groups argued that the *Lupinus subcarnosus* was not the most attractive of the bluebonnet family. They claimed another species, the *Lupinus texensis*, was bolder, more beautiful and should be named the official flower. For the next 70 years, this debate would ensue. In 1971, a solution was finally reached. Governor Preston Smith signed a resolution on March 8, 1971, designating both species of the bluebonnet as the official state flower, along with "any other variety of bluebonnet not heretofore recorded." As it turns out, three other species have been discovered.

The 70-year debate did prove one thing: Texans were passionate about bluebonnets. Over the years, this bright blue flower, which usually peaks in late March and early April, has been a source of inspiration for artists, poets, and photographers. Even the Texas Highway Department was moved to incorporate the bluebonnet in a landscaping and beautification project in the

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Economic conditions make budget bill crafting tough

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Some Texans prefer swift action by the state Legislature because they want to see progress.

Then there are those who don't mind a slow pace and maybe want lawmakers to create as few new laws as possible.

We're now half way through the 140-day 81st regular session of the Texas Legislature and no substantive legislation has been debated on the House floor, although lawmakers filed a record number of bills before the March 13 bill-filing deadline.

Bills that have passed in the Senate and are waiting for House approval are in a waiting line.

There's a reason for it. It's a complicated puzzle to create a budget with the state economy slowing down and disagreement about how, where or if the \$16 billion in federal stimulus dollars should be spent.

One also could factor in that there's an extra learning curve with a new speaker, new committee chairs and new members learning to work as a unit.

Lawmakers want to be sure they understand exactly what is on the table before they offer up a 2010-2011 budget that could cost taxpayers \$170 billion. That is the work of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees.

The House Committee on Ways and Means will have to figure out where the money will come from to fund the budget. That's a rough task when sales and use taxes won't be nearly as high as projected, property values have decreased and the state business activity tax is not producing as anticipated because it is based on businesses' profit margins.

There's a superstition that it's not a good idea to mention the possibility of a special session because it increases chances that the governor will call one, and that kind of talk is percolating.

But Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, chair of House Appropriations, and Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, chair of House County Affairs, seemed to deliver a different message when they talked to reporters March 20 about the progress of the session. Coleman expressed confidence that the House can and will pass a budget during the regular session.

However Gov. Rick Perry stated publicly he would veto an appropriations bill that doesn't meet his standards. And that seems to mean the bill had better not include language that translates to an acceptance of federal stimulus money for unemployment compensation.

Voter ID bill passes in Senate

The Texas Senate on March 18 passed Horseshoe Bay Sen. Troy Fraser's voter ID bill on a 19-12 party line vote, with Republicans in favor and Democrats against.

If the House approves SB 362 in its present form, in order to cast a ballot, voters would present their current voter registration certificate and driver's license. A state or U.S. military-issued ID card could be used to substitute for a driver's license.

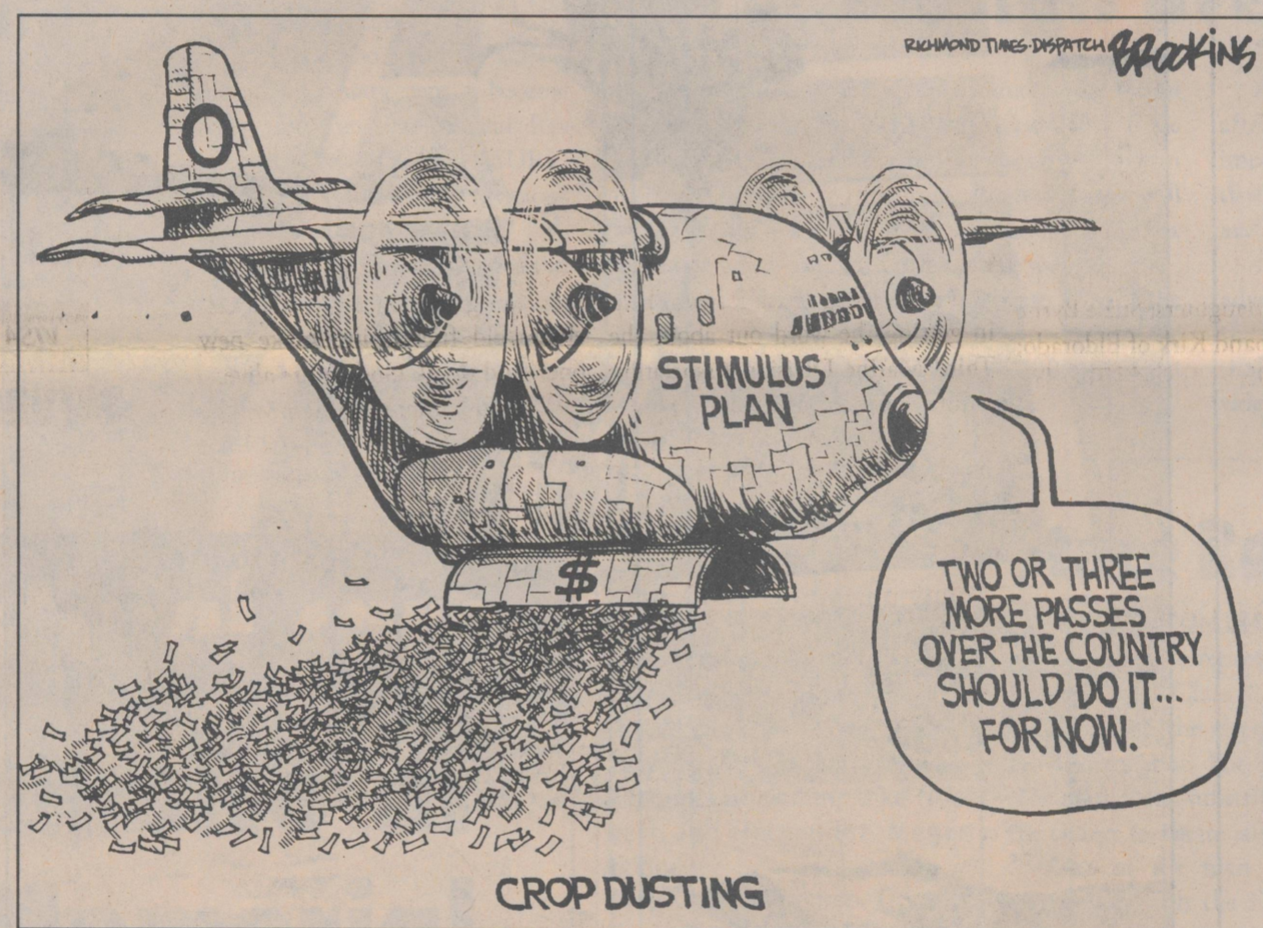
For those who don't have a driver's license or other government-issued ID, they could use two other forms of identification, such as a library card and a utility bill.

Austin growth faster than most

When Texans visit their capital and sense that it's grown recently, there are new statistics to back up the sensation.

The U.S. Census Bureau on March

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A Frim in Monahans Outfits the Military

Jeff Wemmer is President and CEO of a company in Monahans called Best Made Designs. It produces a line of military equipment under the brand name Spec-Ops (which stands for Special Operations). Jeff says he and his partner, Bryan Heflin, saw the need for a good military line of packs, pouches and belts while they were both working for Camelbak, a firm that makes portable water systems for military and law enforcement personnel.

"Our military sales really started picking up in the late 90's," says Jeff. "Military folks kept coming to me and asking when we were going to start making ammunition belts and pouches and other items needed by our fighting forces. We just decided to go out on our own and start a new company."

Jeff is 45 years old now and says he was raised as a military brat. His father was in World War Two and was an advisor for wars in Korea and Vietnam. He grew up on the eastern shore of Maryland and spent much of his time hunting and fishing. When he was seventeen he tried to enlist in the Navy, but was rejected because of an eye problem. So he started out making



by Tumbleweed Smith

a life of his own. He was a fisherman in the north Atlantic, a bike racer, a cowboy and a big game hunter and guide. He says he started Best Made because he wanted to do something he could be proud of.

"It's more than a business, it's a way of life for us. I thought the military was going to be my life, but it wasn't meant to be, so this is second best, making sure our fighting men and women have the proper gear. I'm on one side of the fence and the military is on the other side, but we're still chunking rocks at the same enemy."

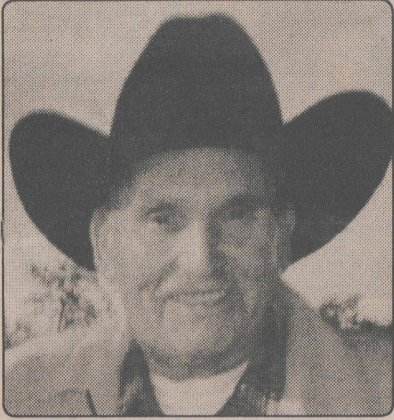
The company produces items that are 100% made in the USA, even down to the thread used in the products. Bryan Heflin, co-owner and General Manager, was born and raised in Monahans and in 1998, when the two started thinking about starting a company, a former sewing factory building in Monahans was vacant. So they moved

in. The building has 40,000 square feet and sits on twelve acres of land. Around 100 employees make the military articles plus a line of hunting gear.

Best Made Designs makes tactical nylon products: packs, pouches, rifle slings and belts. Jeff says these represent military personnel's office, closet, filing cabinet and sometimes even their bed and breakfast. He wants to make our defense forces as comfortable as possible, while at the same time providing equipment that is bomb tough. The bulk of Best Made Products are now going to Iraq and Afghanistan. Jeff goes to those places to see what our military needs and to check on how the equipment is holding up. He and Bryan are both extremely aware of quality and make sure the items they sell are in the best shape possible. Jeff was in Iraq last July 4th and got to witness the re-enlistment of 1,250 troops, the largest re-up ceremony ever held in wartime on foreign soil. A picture of that ceremony (which occurred in Saddam's palace) is in the company's catalog. He says it was a moving experience for him and a statement of pride that should have been reported on every news outlet in the US.

OBITUARIES

Jose "Joe" Cervantes Cardona
1929 - 2009



He lived in Odessa for 54 years. He owned and operated Cardona Water Well Drilling Company. He had a very special gift of locating water with brass rods. He loved horses, gardening, singing and cooking. He was a loving father and grandfather.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Dora Cardona; and his son, Joe T. Cardona III; and sisters, Eva C. Cardona and Mary Pina of Eldorado.

GARDENDALE — "Joe" Jose Cervantes Cardona, 80, of Gardendale went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at Medical Center Hospital.

He was born Jan. 1, 1929, in Sonora, Texas, to Jose and Juana Cardona.

He married Mary Dora Terrazas on Oct. 28, 1951, in Fort Stockton. He is a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and the Ector County Sheriff's Posse.

He is survived by his son, Fidel T. Cardona of Gardendale; three daughters, Stella Grace Mora and husband Ruben, Juanita C. Selman and husband Tom, Nora T. Cardona-Valdez, all of Midland; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren with two on the way.

Funeral Mass was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009, at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Midland with Father Bridges officiating. Interment followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

DEATH NOTICES

Felix Harrison

ELDORADO — Felix Earl Harrison, 88, passed away Saturday, March 21, 2009, in Eldorado, Texas. He was born Sept. 25, 1920 in Del Rio, Texas. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marcella Harrison; son Brad Harrison and wife Linda of San Antonio; and, three grandchildren. Funeral was held Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at First Baptist Church.

Charles Miers Johnson

ROCHELLE — Charles Miers Johnson, age 81, passed away Saturday March 21, in Brady, Texas. He was born April 8, 1927. He is survived by his wife Christine, son Ross Johnson and wife Ann, daughters, Suzie Byrne and husband Joe of Abilene, Holly Griffin and husband Kirk of Eldorado; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services were held Tuesday, March 24, 2009 in Rochelle.

Presbyterian Church presents 'Messiah in the Passover'

Chosen People Ministries representative Rachel Goldstein will be ministering at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 7 pm. She will be bringing the message "Messiah in the Passover."

Rachel Goldstein grew up in New York City and Toronto in a Messianic Jewish family. As a young adult, Rachel has dedicated herself to reaching Jewish people with the Good News, as well as equipping the Church to do likewise. She earned a B.A. from Moody bible Institute in Jewish studies and bible/Theology. She now serves as Short-Term Missions Strategist in new York City for Chosen People Ministries. The ministry includes evangelism programs, college outreaches and conference ministries. She is also active in personal evangelism and discipleship, especially among Jewish college students.

Chosen People Ministries is an over one hundred year old Mission that was founded in 1894 by Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian rabbi who came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah of Israel. From humble beginnings in Brooklyn, New York, Chosen People Ministries has grown into a worldwide ministry

with outreach centers in Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, Israel, Mexico, Ukraine and the United States.

Throughout its long history Chosen People Ministries has been unwavering in its commitment to bring the Gospel message of salvation in Jesus "to the Jew first and to the Gentile" throughout the world. In stressing the Jewish roots of Christian faith, Chosen People Ministries hopes to make the message of the Messiah more accessible to Jewish people and also to help Christian believers achieve a greater appreciation of the Jewish basis of their own faith traditions.

This meeting is open to the public and First Presbyterian Church would like to invite the Christian as well as the Jewish community to attend. The church is located at 7 N. Cottonwood. For more information please call 325-226-3221.

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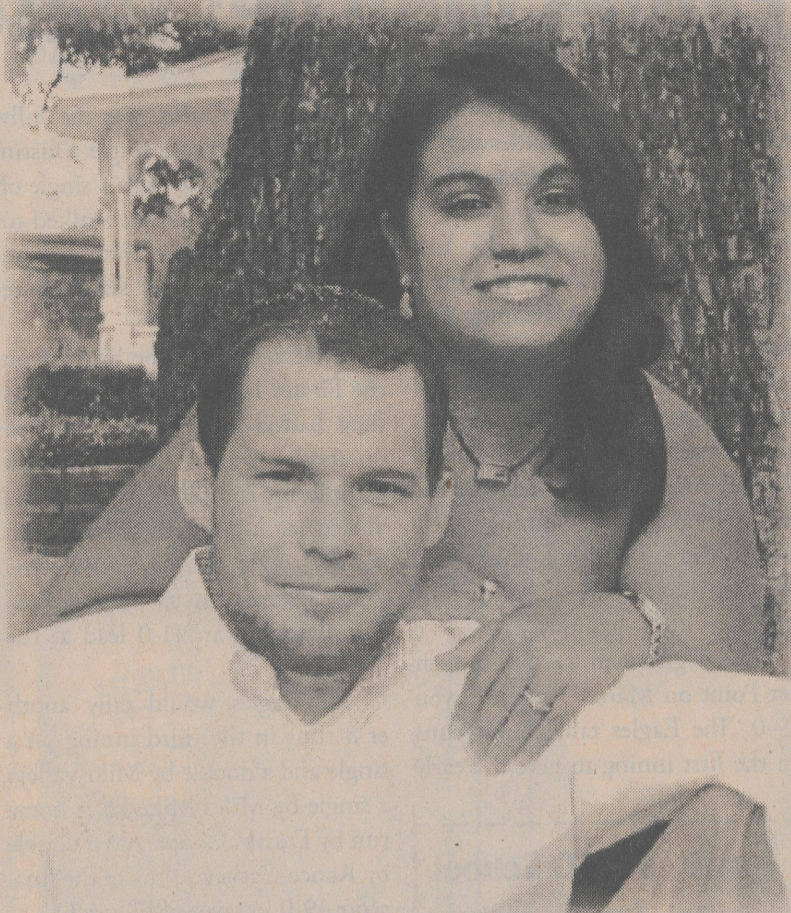
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The bride elect is a 2001 graduate of Ryder High School in Wichita Falls and a 2007

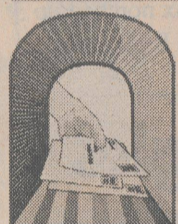
graduate of Angelo State University. She is a first grade teacher in Lockhart ISD.

The groom to be is a 2002 graduate of Brady High School and is currently a PA with an Orthopedic group in Austin.

A June 2009 wedding is planned in Fredricksburg.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Third Marine Division Reunion

Dear Editor:

I am writing to ask for your help in getting the word out about the Third Marine Division Association annual reunion. The Association is made up of anyone who is now, or ever has been, in the Third Marine division or attached to the Third Marine division.

Our Marines have served bravely wherever and whenever asked, from WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan and

Peacetime. The members of our Association gather once a year to celebrate old friendships, make new ones, and thank God we are alive.

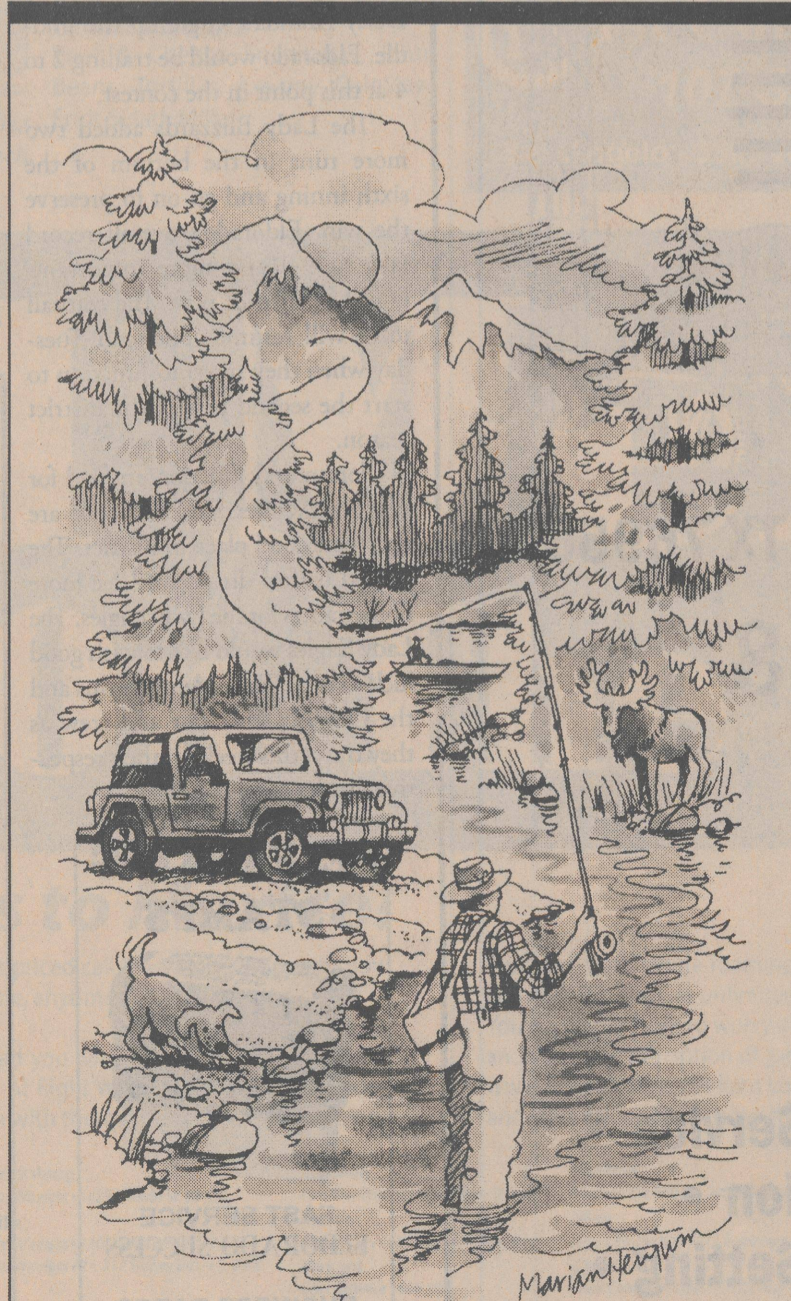
The 55th annual reunion will be held August 24-30 in San Antonio, Texas. For more information contact Mike Sohn at 210-654-3310 or email @ jumient2@hotmail.com

Sincerely,
Mike Sohn



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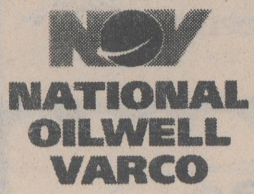
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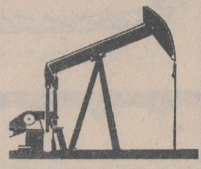
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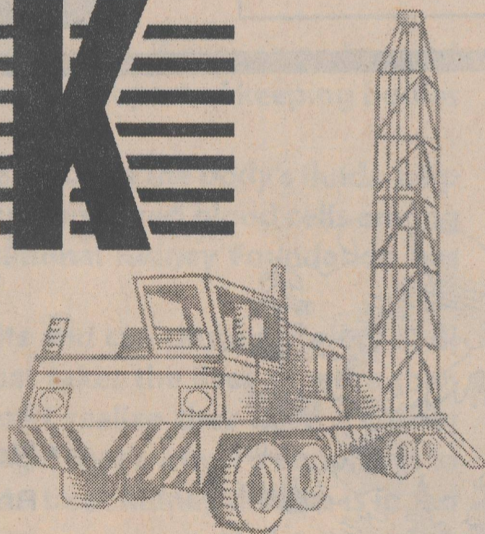
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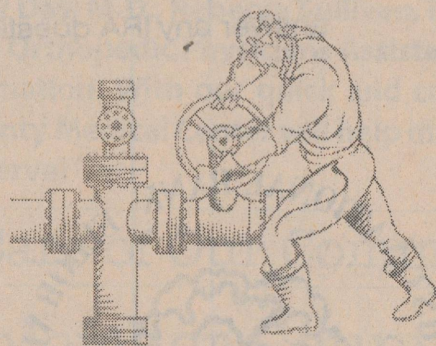
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Eagles nine get season off to a good start.

The Eldorado Eagles baseball team got its season underway by winning 2 of 3 at the Crane Tourney on March 5-7.

The Eagles dropped the first game to Grape Creek 11-1 then came back to beat McCamey 21-5 and Ozona 5-4.

Eldorado then took on the Junction Eagles on March 10 but lost to the visitors 6-2. Rance Cathey and Dustin Gauna each reached base a singles in the 6th inning. Milo Vallejo drove the pair home with a double to count for the Eagles only two runs in the game.

The Eagles then traveled to Center Point on March 16th and won 19-0. The Eagles tallied four runs in the first inning to take the early

lead. Rance Cathey got the rally going with a two-out single. Dustin Gauna followed up with a single of his own. Miles Mikeska walked to load the bases before Nathan Jimenez smashed a grand slam home run.

The Eagles kept the heat up on the Pirates in the second inning as they batted around and notched up another 7 runs. Garrett Lux hit a triple up the center while Miles Vallejo and Anthony Mata each connected for doubles to keep the Pirate defense on its heels and to give Eldorado an 11-0 lead at the end of two.

The Eagles would tally another 8 runs in the third inning on a single and a double by Milo Vallejo, a single by Miles Mikeska, a home run by Dustin Gauna and a double by Rance Cathey to make the final score 19-0 in favor of Eldorado.

The Eagles then defeated Medina 12-1 on March 20 in Eldorado. Rance Cathey cleared the bases with an inside the park home run to end the 5th inning with a mercy rule win.

Eldorado then traveled to Menard on Tuesday, March 24th to claim an 18-1 victory. Dustin Gauna and Milo Vallejo led the Eagles at the plate as each tallied 2 runs on 3 hits with 2 RBIs. Miles Mikeska scored 2 runs on 1 hit, Nathan Jimenez scored a run on 2 hits Rance Cathey finished with a run on 2 hits Garrett Lux notched up 3 runs on a hit and an RBI.

Lady Eagles lose 4-2 game to Blizzards

The Eldorado Lady Eagles travelled to Winters this past Tuesday to resume district play following spring break. The Lady Eagles recorded a run in the first inning when Corie Williams was brought in by Haley Higgins fly out to center field. The Lady Eagles defense would hold the Lady Blizzards scoreless until the bottom half of the second when Winters scored two runs that resulted from two errors in the infield.

The two teams would battle through to the 3rd when Winters again tally two more runs to take a 4 to 1 lead. Eldorado would add one more run to their total when Allyson Jarrett was brought home by Deisy Aranda's single up the middle. Eldorado would be trailing 2 to 4 at this point in the contest.

The Lady Blizzards added two more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and go on to preserve the win. Eldorado's overall record falls to 9-9 and more importantly 3-2 in district play. The softball team will resume action on Tuesday when they travel to Junction to start the second half of the district season.

Forsan and Junction are tied for first and Winters and Eldorado are tied for second place in district. The second half of district will see more home games for the Lady Eagles. The Lady Eagles would like to wish good luck to the UIL academic teams and the One-Act Play cast and crew as they travel this week for their respective district competitions.



J.R. Martinez put out this Medina base runner at first last Friday as the Eagles defeated the Bobcats 12-1.

View related video on our website at www.mylldorado.net

Eagles tracksters compete in Mertzon at the Hornet Relays

Saturday, March 21, 2009
VARSITY GIRLS RESULTS

Team Totals: 1. Irion County, 119; 2. Grape Creek, 118; San Saba, 100.

400 M. Relay: 1. 53.81 (Brianda Torres, Haley Higgins, Brianah Creek and Bridget Mitchell)

800 M. Run: 4. Abby Fuentes, 2:53.65;

100 M. Dash: 3. Brianah Creek, 13.87

800 M. Relay: 6. 1:57.66 (Ashby Ragsdale, Brianda Torres, Haley Higgins and Brianah Creek)

200 M. Dash: 1. Brianda Torres, 28.47

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Timmy Maskill placed 2nd last Saturday in the Shot Put at the Hornet Relays in Mertzon with a distance of 39-8 1/4. Anthony Mata placed 4th at 37-9 1/2.

High Jump: 5. Haley Higgins, 4-8

Long Jump: 3. Brianda Torres, 14-6, 5. Bridgett Mitchell, 14-3 1/2.

Triple Jump: 6. Abby Fuentes, 29-2 3/4.

VARSITY BOYS RESULTS

Team Totals: 1. Grape Creek, 132; 2. Bronte, 100; 3. Eldorado, 84.

400 M. Relay: 3. 46.13; (David Tirado, Wes Brown, Garrett Lux, Ryan Castillo)

100 M. Run: 4. Wes Brown, 11.69

800 M. Relay: 1.1:35.95 (Garrett Lux, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo and Rudy Sanchez)

1600 M. Relay: 3. 3:48.02 (Ivanny Sanchez, Garrett Lux, Rudy Sanchez, and Ryan Castillo)

Discus: 2. Timothy Maskill, 115-4; 3. Josh Juracek, 100-7

Long Jump: 1. Wes Brown, 19-1

Shot Put: 2. Timothy Maskill, 39-8 1/4; 4. Anthony Mata, 37-9 1/2

JV VARSITY BOYS RESULTS

Team Totals: 1. Grape Creek 167, 2. Bronte 111; 3. Miles 84, 4. Christoval 83 and 5. Eldorado 71.

800 M. Relay: 1. 1:43.33 (Eloy Busto, Evan Joiner, Francisco Mendez, Jorge Medrano)

1600 M Run: 1. Jorge Medrano, 5:49.69

800 M. Run 2. Francisco Mendez, 2:19.65; 4. Jorge Medrano, 2:20.50

Long Jump: 2. Eloy Bustos, 18-00.50

High Jump: 1. Eloy Bustos, 5-6

100 M. Dash: 1. Eloy Bustos, 12.14;

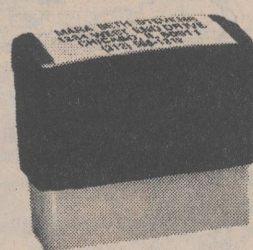
Discus: 6. Sanchez, 81-11

Congratulations Konner!



Konner Lovett shows a top placing market swine in the San Angelo Stockshow. Konner is the son of Wendi Lovett and grandson of Mary Leigh Dunagan. The Yorkshire barrow was bred by Hanusch Farms Show pigs. Also pictured are Gary Hanusch and BJ Wilde.

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April 15th deadline looms as IRS offers up Top Ten tax time tips

DALLAS - Instead of getting a refund this year, some people may find themselves owing tax and want to know how to prevent it from happening again.

"Give your employer a new form W-4, Withholding Allowance Certificate," advised Clay Sanford, IRS spokesman in Dallas. "Either claim

fewer allowances or put on line six an extra amount that you want withheld from each paycheck, and if you are self-employed or have other income not subject to withholding, adjust your quarterly estimated tax payments."

With the April 15 tax deadline less than a month away, Sanford

offered these extra tips:

1. Gather your records. It's never too early to start getting together any documents or forms you'll need when filing your taxes: receipts, canceled checks, and other documents that support an item of income or a deduction you're taking on your return.
2. Find your forms. Whether

you file a 1040 or 1040-EZ, you can download all IRS forms and publications at IRS.gov.

3. Do a little research. Check out Publication 17 on IRS.gov. It's a comprehensive collection of information for taxpayers highlighting everything you'll need to know when filing your return. Review

Publication 17 to ensure you're taking all credits and deductions for which you're eligible.

4. Think ahead to how you'll file. Will you prepare your return yourself or go to a preparer? Do you qualify to file at no cost using Free File on IRS.gov? Are you eligible for free help at an IRS office or volunteer site? Will you purchase tax preparation software or file online? There are many things to consider. So, give yourself time to weigh them all and find the option that best suits your needs.

5. Take your time. Rushing to get your return filed increases the chance you will make a mistake and not catch it.

6. Double-check your return. Mistakes will slow down the processing of your return. In particular, make sure all the Social Security

Numbers and math calculations are correct as these are the most common errors made by taxpayers.

7. Consider e-file. When you file electronically, the computer will handle the math calculations for you, and you will get your refund in about half the time it takes when you file a paper return.

8. Think about Direct Deposit. If you elect to have your refund directly deposited into your bank account, you'll receive it faster than waiting for a check by mail.

9. Visit IRS.gov often. The official IRS Web site is a great place to find everything you'll need to file your tax return: forms, tips, FAQs and updates on tax law changes.

10. Relax. There's no need to panic. If you run into a problem, the IRS can help. Call our customer service number at 800-829-1040.

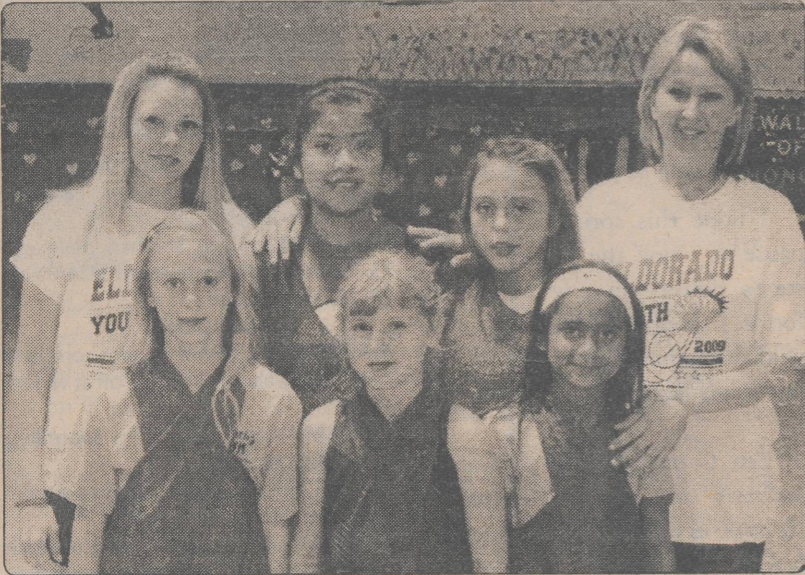


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2009 Eldorado Youth Basketball 3rd and 4th Grade "Rydersons" - Front (L-R) Taylor Emmons, Alyssa Rinehart, Kiki Guerra; Back (L-R) Coach Cheyenne Walker, Miriam Garcia, Rylie Walker and Coach Sheri Walker.

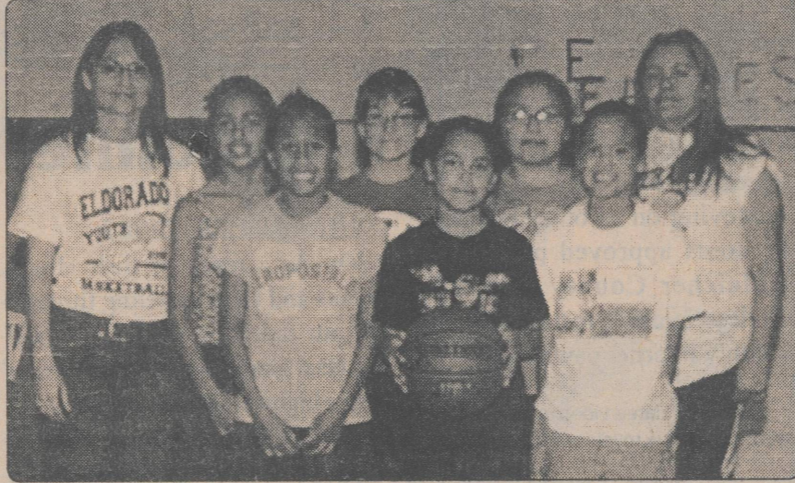


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2009 Eldorado Youth Basketball 3rd & 4th Grade Girls: Front (L-R) Branda Gail Arispe, CJ Covarrubiaz, Emy Arispe. Back (L-R) Coach Roxanne Arispe, Sydney Covarrubiaz, Emily Key, Gisselle Hernandez, Coach Mary Lou Covarrubiaz. Not pictured: Rebecca Hernandez.



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2009 Eldorado Youth Basketball 3rd & 4th Grade "Eagles" Front (L-R) Coach David Creek, Rojelio Zamora; Back (L-R) Victor Castro, Noah Sorrells, Cade Creek and Anthony Olivares.



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2009 Eldorado Youth Basketball 3rd & 4th Grade "Lakers": Front (L-R) Jay Ruiz, Austin Alban, Mark Muniz, Leroy Torres. Back (L-R) Coach Anthony Longoria, Lonnie Estrada, Raymond Parsons and Coach Lynn Parsons.



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2009 Eldorado Youth Basketball 3rd & 4th Grade Girls: Front (L-R) Mercedes Ochoa, Chase Mertz, Monica Sanchez, Brooke Carmen; Back (L-R) Coach Samantha Carmen and Coach Michael Mertz.

Meals for Friends Menu



MONDAY March 30, 2009
Spanish Meatballs, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk.

TUESDAY March 31st
Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Cole Slaw, Gelatin w/Pears, Milk.

WEDNESDAY April 1st
Pork Chop w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/Nuts, Juice, Milk.

THURSDAY April 2nd
Fried Catfish, Corn Tomato Casserole, Spinach, Corn Bread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk.

FRIDAY April 3rd
Beef & Cheese Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Tortillas, Creamy ColeSlaw, Fruit Salad, Milk.

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The First United Methodist Church family would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors for your love and support with the services of Rachel and Travis Joiner. It has been a difficult time for not only the family and the church, but for all of the community. We would like to thank everyone who helped, especially the Eldorado churches that were so helpful in staffing the nursery and in providing food for the meal that day. To all of the law enforcement agencies involved, thank you for all of your help. It is such a privilege to live in a community that cares for each other so much. All of you are a blessing to us.

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County Commissioners consider park grants

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funded through the government's recent stimulus plan. The grant may be used for hiring new officers to assist with drug interdiction.

Deputy Arispe then advised the commissioners that law enforcement agencies are expecting the Mexican drug cartels to begin moving more drugs along U.S. 277 and U.S. 190 as enforcement is beefed up at the major border crossings in El Paso and Laredo.

Arispe advised that the department could use the help of an extra deputy during traffic stops, especially at night.

Moving on to other business, the court approved paying the Schleicher County Library's wireless internet installation and monthly internet payment.

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The men also approved payment of a \$2,600 bill for repairs to road superintendent Clay Burleson's pickup. County Treasurer Karen Henderson explained that the pickup was damaged from hitting a pole.

Present for the March 23, 2009 meeting were Commissioners Matt Brown, Lynn Meador, and Johnny Mayo. Judge Charlie Brad-

ley, Clerk Peggy Williams and Treasurer Karen Henderson were also in attendance. Commissioner Kirk Griffin was absent due to the death of his father-in-law.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court is slated for 9 a.m. on Monday, April 13, 2009 in the first-floor meeting room of the county courthouse.

Bluebonnet...

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1930s. As a result of their efforts, Texans and those traveling throughout our state can see fields of bluebonnets alongside most of Texas' major highways every spring.

Towns across Texas have developed wildflower tours and festivals to showcase their bluebonnets as the best and most colorful in the state. Every April, thousands of visitors flock to the historic cotton town of Chappell Hill for the official "Texas Bluebonnet Festival," complete with bluebonnet contests and crafts.

I hope this spring we can all pause to enjoy the beauty of our state's flower—in any of its five forms. Indeed, the bluebonnet runs wild throughout Texas and deep in our state's history.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Capital Highlights...

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19 reported Raleigh-Cary, N.C., and Austin-Round Rock, Texas, were the nation's fastest-growing metro areas between 2007 and 2008, based on July 1, 2008, population estimates for the nation's metropolitan and "micropolitan" statistical areas and counties.

Raleigh-Cary saw its population climb 4.3 percent between July 1, 2007, and July 1, 2008, to 1.1 million. Austin-Round Rock experienced a 3.8 percent increase, to 1.7 million.

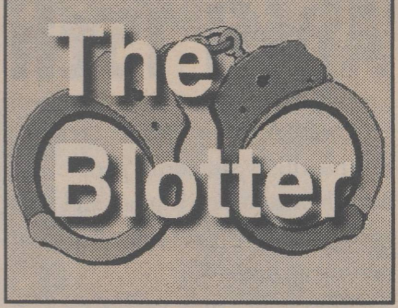
Stiffer penalties for violators

SB 52 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, was approved by the Senate on March 18. The legislation

ratchets up penalties for illegally parking in a spot marked for disabled drivers. The fine for a first offense would increase from a maximum of \$500 to a maximum of \$750. Penalties would increase for subsequent offenses, up to \$1,100 and 50 hours of community service for a fourth offense.

Needle exchange bill advances

SB 188 by Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, was approved by the Senate on March 19. The bill would legalize needle-exchange programs. Deuell said his bill would allow non-profits to offer one-to-one syringe exchanges, plus drug abuse counseling and education programs for prevention of communicable diseases.



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

ARRESTS

MARCH 23 • Walden, Marc Shawn, male age 30. Offense DWI, possession of marijuana <2oz., unlawful carrying of a weapon. Still in custody.
MARCH 24 • Arispe, Stephen, male age 23. Offense stalking Released 3/24/09 on \$5,000. surety bond.

INCIDENTS

MARCH 18 - 7:32 AM • Alarm company notified S.O. alarm had gone off at variety store.
9:54 AM • Caller reported a controlled burn. Units notified.
MARCH 19 - 9:59 AM • Caller reported a controlled burn. Units notified.
6:16 PM • caller reported loose livestock near road on 277 S. Officer responded.
7:09 PM • Caller reported a black cow near the roadway on 277 S. about 3 miles out. Officer notified.
7:41 PM • Caller requested an officer for a domestic dispute. Officer responded.
10:08 PM • Caller reported seeing a fire east of Meador draw. Officer and EVFD responded.
MARCH 20 - 12:30 PM • Caller reported a controlled burn. Units notified.
3:31 PM • Hospital request EMS for basic ambulance transfer. EMS responded.
MARCH 21 - 3:12 PM • Caller requested an officer about possible DUI from Sonora traveling N. on 277. Officer responded.
MARCH 22 - 2:46 AM • Caller requested a deputy for standby. Deputy responded.
4:30 PM • Caller requested an escort at 11:30 am from the Baptist church to the cemetery.
5:16 PM • Caller reported pit bull with puppies on their porch. Animal control notified. Officer responded. Animal Control will try to contact owners.
7:39 PM • Caller reported they locked their keys in their car.
8:22 PM • Menard S.O. advised there was a cow on Highway 3 miles into Schleicher county. Officer notified.
8:35 PM • Caller requested to speak with an officer about a break in. Officer responded.
MARCH 23 - 12:08 AM • Caller reported a black cow on 190 E. about 20-25 miles out. Officer responded.
5:10 AM • Caller reported loud banging sounds by their residence. Officer responded.
4:38 PM • Officer reported a speed limit sign down at the city limit of 915. TxDOT contacted.
10:32 PM • Caller reported that an adult had bought beer for some underage people. Requested an officer to investigate. Officer responded.
MARCH 24 - 1:48 AM • Female caller reported her phone stolen. Person that has phone is paying phone bill form her bank account.
3:45 PM • Anonymous caller requested to speak to an officer regarding information they had. Officer responded.

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Kidney disease affects one in every 10 adults and can cause a variety of illnesses, including kidney failure, a problem that takes the lives of more than 70,000 Americans each year. Most people don't realize they have a kidney problem until the disease is in an advanced stage, that's why it's important to be pro-active with the kidneys. The best time to treat kidney disease is in the early stages.

To ensure your kidneys stay in working order, health professionals recommend three simple tests to check for kidney disease: 1) A blood pressure test, 2) A urine test, 3) A blood test.

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Words accompanying clinking glasses
- Czech, for one
- Triangular sails
- When prompted
- Castaway's locale
- Village Voice award
- "Faith of My Fathers" author
- Place for a cooling pie
- Smelter input
- Yeats or Keats
- Filling station option
- Soil embankment
- Offender, to police
- "Nel blu dip into diblu" song
- Unwelcome news for utilities customers
- MDX and RDX automaker
- Like Bo Peep's sheep
- Victoria's Secret buys
- Holy man of Tibet
- 2008 Patrick Creadon documentary on the national debt
- They're indicated by a + or -
- A util.
- Offer as proof
- "Time is money," e.g.
- Liquids haulers on rails
- Tarzan, notably
- Writer Sarah ___ Jew-

DOWN

- Axis leader
- ___ about (roughly)
- Need Bengay
- Catch some rays
- Poster paint
- Command to a guard dog
- Aspiring atty./sexam
- Muhammad or Laila
- Family feud
- Electee to the Senate at age 29
- Egyptian sacred bird
- Liver secretion
- Put on eBay
- Meltdown site
- Ill humor
- Keynote speaker at the 2004 Democratic Convention
- No longer in
- Catering hall parker
- Florida citrus city
- Flux unit
- Doesn't merely defeat
- "... is sad and dreary ev'rywhere..."
- Roo's mother
- Ruhr Valley city
- France's longest river
- "It's dark in here!"
- Right for the occasion
- ___Magnon
- Bibliography abbr.
- Apple-polisher
- Some investments, for short
- Cabbed it
- "House" actor Epps
- Electrical network
- Goldfish in "Pinocchio"
- Ireland's ___ Fein
- Roddick of tennis
- "Your point being...?"
- Part of an aardvark's meal

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Superintendent. Bids are to be delivered to the Schleicher County ISD Administrative offices, 205 W. Fields, Eldorado, Texas. Bids received after 2:00 pm on April 15, 2009, will be returned unopened. All bids submitted in accordance with instructions will be publicly read beginning at 2:00 pm, April 15, 2009.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the amount bid, payable to Schleicher County ISD.

Bid Documents may be procured from Chapman Harvey Architects, Inc. after March 2, 2009 upon a deposit of \$100.00 per set, ten sets maximum. The deposit will be returned to plan holders who return complete sets of Bid Documents within 10 days of the bid opening.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Schleicher County Sheriff's Sale

The Schleicher County Sheriff's Department will be accepting bids on the following vehicles from **Thursday March 12th thru Friday March 27th, 2009**. Bids will be opened at the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. on **Monday, March 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** Call Sheriff Department to inspect vehicles at 853-2737.

1996	Dodge Van	2B4FP25B6TR613873	GREEN
1994	Toyota Camry	JT2SK12E6R0257770	TAN
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Eldorado Spotlight



JV trackster Eloy Bustos placed first in several events at the Home Relays in Mertzon Saturday. He jumped 5-6 in the High Jump giving him first place in the JV event. Bustos would go on to place first in the Long Jump and 100 Meter Dash.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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CALL FOR BIDS ON VAN

Schleicher County Hospital District is accepting sealed bids for a van equipped with a wheelchair lift. Complete specifications are available in the office of Nursing Home administrator Sarah Crone, located in the Medical Center at 400 W. Murchison in Eldorado. Sealed bids will be received until 10 a.m. on Monday, April 6, 2009.

Any bids received after that date and time will be returned unopened. The bids will be opened and read aloud at a meeting of the hospital district's board of directors at 12:00 noon on Monday, April 6, 2009. The board of directors reserves the right to accept or reject all bids. Inquiries should be directed to Sarah Crone at the above address or by calling 325-853-2507.

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Garrett Lux hands the baton to Wes Brown (above at left) for the fist handoff of the Boys 800 Meter Relay while Ryan Castillo hands off Rudy Sanchez for the final pass as the Eagles boys blew past the competition with a time of 1:35.95 to take First Place at the Hornet Relays hosted by Irion County High School in Mertzon on Saturday, March 21st.

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USDA extends 'Buy-In Waiver' for disaster programs

ELDORADO — Jan Wanoreck, executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Schleicher-Sutton/Val Verde County, announced today that producers who did not obtain crop insurance or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2008 can pay a buy-in fee through May 18, 2009, to become eligible for 2008 disaster assistance programs authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

"Producers have an additional opportunity to become eligible for several programs if they suffered 2008 agricultural losses due to natural disaster," said Wanoreck.

Producers who have not already taken the necessary steps to become eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) are required to complete the following steps by May 18, 2009:
 • Pay a \$100 "buy-in" fee per crop. The maximum fee is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers.

• In the case of each insurable crop, excluding grazing land, agree to obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the next insurance year for which crop insurance is available; coverage level should equal 70 percent or more of the yield at 100 percent of the price.

• In the case of each noninsurable crop, agree to file the required paperwork and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage fee by the applicable state application closing date

for the next available year.

Producers who choose to "buy in" under this provision will be considered, for insured crops, to have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for the 2008 crop year at a level of coverage not to exceed 70 percent of the yield at 100 percent of the price. For noninsurable crops, producers will be considered to have a level of coverage equal to 70 percent of the yield. These levels of coverage will be used to calculate the 2008 SURE

guarantee.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

For more information regarding the disaster assistance buy-in waiver and other FSA programs, please contact the Schleicher-Sutton/Val Verde County FSA office at 325-853-3535 or visit the national website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

FSA offers new livestock program

Have you recently lost livestock due to the recent cold wet weather? The Schleicher-Sutton/Val Verde FSA Office wants to inform you about a program called LIP (Livestock Indemnity Program) that will compensate producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather.

Payment rates for livestock owners are 75% of the fair market value of the livestock as determined by the Commodity Credit Corporation. A 2009 payment rate has not been established at this time.

A notice of loss must be filed no later than 30 days after loss is apparent. Proof of death of livestock is very important and some documentation must be provided that identifies the kind and weight range of livestock and the number of livestock lost.

If you sustained above normal death losses due to adverse weather and want more information, contact the Schleicher-Sutton/Val Verde Farm Service Agency (FSA) at 325-853-3535 or visiting the office 510 S Divide in Eldorado, Texas.

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second failure to report child abuse or neglect is a Class A Misdemeanor. Currently, the charge is a Class B Misdemeanor. For medical professionals, a second strike would up the charge to a state jail felony.

"One of the men indicted in connection with the Eldorado law enforcement investigation was a medical doctor who had delivered numerous babies to underage

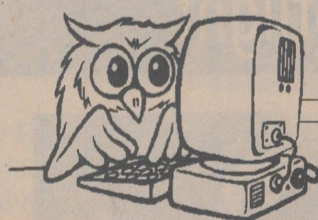
children, but never reported suspected sexual abuse to the department," Hilderbran explained.

HB 4255 would also make it a Class A Misdemeanor to inaccurately fill out or file a birth certificate for the purpose of hiding abuse.

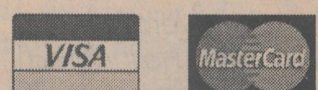
"If a doctor or midwife lies on a birth certificate to cover up the sexual abuse of a child, we are going to make sure they are punished at every turn," Hilderbran said.

Hilderbran added, "Without H.B. 3006, which we passed during the 79th Legislative Session, none of the indictments that law enforcement got against these men would have been possible. This session, we are coming full circle to make sure we protect the children from anyone who might be complacent in abuse."

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

That's the Ticket

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