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County asked to widen and repair CR 300

by Kathleen Inman

Commissioners Court met Monday, June 8, 2009 for a regularly scheduled meeting and heard from local rancher Chip Cole concerning the high volume of heavy trucks hauling rock from the YFZ Ranch on CR 300. Cole noted the road is narrow making it difficult for two trucks to meet without breaking their mirrors. Cole suggested widening the road but the commissioners, who have discussed the issue at previous meetings, have yet to come up with a concrete solution.

The commissioners also heard an update from Doug Garvin, a local pilot and member of the county's airport committee. Garvin advised that the committee had recently attended the TxDOT airport convention and updated the commissioners on new developments related to the airport. Among those was the need for a larger storage tank for aviation fuel. Garvin explained that the recent closure of a local fuel company has made it difficult to obtain fuel since most companies are only interested in hauling in a transport load, or about 5,000 gallons. The tank currently in use at the airport only holds 3,000 gallons.

Garvin went on to explain that the TxDOT Aviation Division offers a Routine Airport Maintenance Program or RAMP grant that would pay half the cost of purchasing a new fuel tank.

The commissioners approved the idea and Garvin will begin looking for a larger fuel tank.

The Game Dinner was the next issue to be discussed and the suggestion was made by Doug Garvin to put a sign up to ask hunters to deposit trash in a designated dumpster and the need during hunting season as well as during holidays for additional dumpsters. Discussion about citizens putting items such as washers and dryers in the dumpsters at the firehouse is a problem. It was decided that a banner could be placed to direct hunters to use a designated dumpster.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones then met with the commissioners to explain that repairs need to be made to the front end of truck 33 and the men okayed the expenditure.

Jones then explained that a complaint had been filed against the department recently when it spray for mosquitoes. He explained that the complaint came from someone associated

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FUMC offers summer program for K-6 students

First United Methodist Church of Eldorado is offering to our community a free, summer long program for our children entering kindergarten through the 6th grade.

Beginning June 17th, and continuing through August 12th, there will be a program each Wednesday from 10:30-12:30 that will be filled up with music, stories and activities. The program will be followed by lunch for all the children.

The program is offered as a gift to Eldorado by the members of the Methodist Church.

Registration forms will be available at the area churches, at the housing office, and the FUMC office. If you are unable to pre-register your child, please bring them Wednesday and be prepared to fill out the registration form at that time. The forms must be signed by a parent or guardian and completed in full. Parents and/or guardians are asked to pick up their children at 12:30 p.m.

Got Milk?



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN INMAN

Bryce Smith, a cowboy with the Poor Hollow Ranch team, dives in the circle to stop the clock on his team's run in the Wild Cow Milking event during the 3rd Annual Ranch Rodeo held last Saturday at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena. The event involves a 4-man team. One member ropes the cow while two others hold her so the 4th man can milk the angry beast. Once there's enough milk in the bottle to show, the 4th man runs to the circle where the judge raises a red flag to stop the clock. The cowboy must then display the bottle to the judge to prove he made it with enough milk to qualify.

City Council hears complaint about sewer service

by Kathleen Inman

The Eldorado City Council met in regular monthly session on Monday, June 8, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk and began with a session for comments from citizens.

At that point, Doug Garvin rose to speak about sewer problems at apartments he owns on North Street.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay advised Garvin that recent sewer backups in the area have been caused by heavy run off from rain overloading the lift station near the hospital.

It was also suggested that some individuals are removing caps from sewer taps in order to drain their property after a rain, which also contributes to the backed up sewer lines.

Garvin noted that his property is the highest in the neighborhood and said he didn't understand how the hospital lift station could cause the problems he has experienced. He continued by saying that he has complained for years and nothing has been done.

At that point, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo said she has been with the city for 30 years and she had never heard such a complaint.

Floyd Fay noted that he had heard of sewer problems in the area on one occasion.

James Busby, a civil engineer with the firm of Burgess & Niple, was present at the meeting. He advised of methods by which the sewer system can be checked to survey the system and diagnose the problem. But, he noted, the survey wouldn't help if people are removing sewer caps.

When asked if there was a way to seal the caps so that they couldn't be easily removed, it was noted that there are times when a homeowner needs to access the sewer lines for maintenance.

Ultimately it was decided that city crews will continue to monitor the situation to see if they can find the people who are removing the sewer caps.

Also, the council asked that a public notice be run outlining the ordinance that prohibits the removal of sewer caps to drain standing water.

A public hearing was then held concerning a proposed amendment to the city's mobile/modular home ordinance. The amendment would clarify the criteria for placement of the homes and make provisions for placement of other structures as well as landscaping.

As part of the hearing, Carolyn Mayo displayed a map that added the designation to the map of the zones EGH for educational, medical, institutional and governmental property.

A vote followed and the amendment to the ordinance was adopted.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones next met with the council in order to address the complaint concerning spraying for

mosquitoes. (See county story on this page.)

The city decided to acquire an applicator's license so that spraying for mosquitoes would be in compliance with State Health Department rules.

Sealed bids were then received for chip and seal coating repairs to 8,357 linear feet of city streets. 90 West Contractors of Del Rio won the contract with the low bid of \$210,291.20. Two other bids were rejected including \$270,808.00 from Jack Daniels Construction Company of the YFZ Ranch at Eldorado and \$349,104.92 from Griffin Construction Company, also of Eldorado.

Engineer James Busby then presented a plan that would allow the city to merge its two landfills into one

operation while significantly increasing the amount of space available to disposal of garbage. The council agreed with the idea and authorized Busby's firm to proceed with the application process.

It was noted the engineering and application process could cost the city as much as \$100,000 but the city expects to realize more than that in savings and added revenue once the two sites are combined.

In other business, the council gave their approval for streets to be blocked so that a 4th of July parade can be held.

Floyd Fay then reported on the acquisition of a track loader for the landfill. He asked for and received

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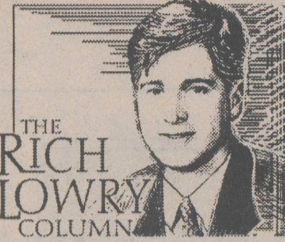


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Howard Gordon (R), owner of G&S Construction of Hermleigh, directs his work crew as they work to install new water mains in the downtown section of Eldorado. The new mains will replace some of the oldest water mains in town, originally installed in the 1920s and 30s.

A Bad Day for Impartiality

It was a historic day when President Barack Obama announced his nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court. No president had ever nominated a Hispanic woman. Nor had a recent president -- or his nominee -- expressed less genuine



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interest in the traditional craft of judging. Impartiality has been supplanted by empathy. The old-fashioned virtue of objectivity -- redolent of dusty law books and the unromantic task of parsing the law and facts -- is giving way to an inherently politicized notion of judging based on feelings. Lady Justice is to slip her blindfold and let her decisions be influenced by her life experiences and personal predilections.

Obama and Sotomayor embrace this method of judging with gusto, even though it is deeply antithetical to justice properly understood. This is why Sotomayor is such a radical choice. She represents a judicial philosophy that is neither truly judicial nor a philosophy. The political outcome -- and the personal biases that drive it -- is paramount.

To complement his essentially political conception of the court, Obama has an essentially political conception of a justice. He voted against John Roberts despite his qualifications and his love of the law. Roberts failed the political test, defined by Obama as "one's deepest values," "the depth and breadth of one's empathy."

Obama uses empathy as a code word for judicial liberalism, and few nominees could be as starkly empathetic as Sotomayor. She has the requisite inspiring background. She has been a reliable liberal vote (never mind that the Supreme Court has been singularly unimpressed by her reasoning in cases that have reached it). And she believes that her background is one of her most important qualifications.

In a rambling 2001 speech, she disagreed with a colleague who thought judges should transcend their "personal sympathies and prejudices." Sotomayor argued that "the aspiration to impartiality is just that -- it's an aspiration because it denies the fact that we are by our experiences making different choices than others." In sum, she said, "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life."

This stunning statement of race and gender determinism perhaps explains Sotomayor's decision in the New Haven firefighter case now before the Supreme Court. A white firefighter studied for an exam to get a promotion. He bought \$1,000 worth of books and had someone read them onto audiotapes because he's dyslexic. He passed, but the city declined to promote him because no blacks had qualified for promotion.

Sotomayor thought this blatantly race-conscious action passed constitutional muster. Does her 2001 speech mean that she would have ruled differently if she were white, dyslexic or a working-class firefighter struggling to get ahead? If so, she is manifestly unfit for the highest court in a country that puts the law above tribal loyalties.

Sotomayor's nomination represents an extraordinary personal accomplishment and an important symbolic affirmation for Latinos. Her confirmation, though, would be another step toward eviscerating the constitutional function of the Supreme Court, as empathy trumps impartiality.

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Floating through time on the Guadalupe

Every summer, thousands of Texans and visitors to our state seek a reprieve from the summer heat in the cool waters of Texas rivers. From canoeing to kayaking to floating on inflatable tubes, our state's plentiful rivers offer a refreshing escape and an enjoyable way to see the Texas countryside. Perhaps the most famous of Texas' rivers and certainly the biggest recreation destination is the Guadalupe River.

Fed by springs, the water of the Guadalupe runs clear and its banks are lined with thirsty Cypress trees. From the Texas Hill Country to the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the Guadalupe River spans 230 miles. Beginning in Kerr County, Northwest of San Antonio, the Guadalupe travels through Hill Country, joining with the Comal River in New Braunfels, and finally with the San Antonio River before reaching the Gulf.

The Guadalupe River is more than just a popular summer destination; it runs rich with Texas history. According to the Texas State Historical Association, the lower course of the river was originally christened "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe" by Spanish explorer Alonso De Leon in 1689. The first governor of Spanish Texas, Domingo Terán de los Ríos, maintained a colony along the Guadalupe from 1691-1693 and decided to rename it "San Agustín." The new name did not stick, however, as most residents and travelers continued to refer to it as the Guadalupe.

But Spanish settlers were not

Texas Times



COMMENTARY

by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

the first humans to get swept up in the waters of the Guadalupe. Artifacts found in the Guadalupe River Valley date back to the Archaic era. Studies indicate that several tribes of Indians, including the Tonkawa, Waco, Lipan Apache, and Karankawa, once inhabited the land along the Guadalupe.

The first permanent European settlement along the Guadalupe was the city of Victoria, established at the mouth of the river by Martin De Leon in 1824. A year later, James Kerry founded Gonzales up the river from Victoria. Gonzales would later become an infamous landmark in Texas history--the site of the first shot fired in the battle for Texas independence. Over the next 40 years, other well known cities were founded along the Guadalupe, including Seguin, then known as Walnut Springs, New Braunfels, and Kerrville. Railroad construction brought many more settlers to the area in the 1880s, resulting in the establishment of communities like Comfort, Luling, and Cuero.

Today, the Guadalupe is a favorite for floating--or tubing--canoeing, and fishing. The Guadalupe is one of

the few Texas rivers to offer trout fishing, in addition to traditional Texas fish like bass and catfish.

Each year, in the second week of June, the Guadalupe hosts the Texas Water Safari, known as the world's toughest river race. Since 1963, contestants have been loading up their canoes and braving the Guadalupe and San Marcos Rivers on a 260-mile "safari" where manpower is the only kind of motor allowed. In some safaris, as few as two teams out of 60 have reached the finish line. This year, the Texas Water Safari drew the attention of the New York Times, which recently profiled past winners and future contenders.

The waters of the Guadalupe also generate significant economic revenue for the communities along its banks, in addition to supplying many of these communities with municipal water and waterpower.

This summer, I encourage all Texans to take advantage of the many recreational activities that the Guadalupe and the rest of our state's rivers offer. In doing so, I hope each of us can also remember to do our part to keep our rivers clean and healthy for future generations of Texans to enjoy.

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.

Lawmakers leave plenty on table, but no signal of special session

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN -- Lawmakers left Sunset bills and other major issues unresolved in the closing days of the 81st Texas legislative session that ended on June 1.

The Legislature, through the Sunset process, may tweak, overhaul or dispose of entire state agencies. Left undecided were the fates

of the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Department of Insurance, the Texas Racing Commission and the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. Also left unresolved was the bill to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program to more Texas families.

But Gov. Rick Perry dismissed suggestions that the Legislature's failure to pass such major bills would force him to call lawmakers back to Austin for a special session this summer.

Perry lauded the Legislature for certain bills they did pass, namely the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association bill, legislation that provides coverage in hurricane-related disasters. Perry also cheered the cutting of the profit margin tax on small businesses.

The House and Senate did manage to pass 128 substantive bills that became law immediately when the governor signed them. On Sept. 1, 133 more bills will become law. And, on Jan. 1, 2010, five more bills will be on the books as new laws. The governor has until June 21 to exercise his veto power.

Now, here are a few random samples of new state laws:

- HB 205 by Rep. Jimmie Don Aycock, R-Killeen, makes municipal leash laws not apply to a dog used to protect livestock on property controlled by a property owner while the dog is being used on such property for that purpose.
- HB 328 by Rep. Joe Heflin, D-Crosbyton, eliminates the inspector of hides and animals, a county-level office created in 1871 to aid in the prevention of cattle theft by a thorough inspection of hides and animals shipped out of a county for sale.
- HB 375 by Rep. Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, reclassifies farm elk and elk hybrids as livestock under the Agriculture Code.
- HB 772 by Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, requires the Texas Education Agency to provide a live audio and video webcast of all State Board of Education meetings and to maintain a publicly accessible archive of webcast meetings.
- SB 37 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, grants eligibility to a child for services under the deaf-blind with multiple disabilities waiver program at the time of the child's diagnosis. The bill ensures the receipt of services that enhance the child's ability to communicate and learn.
- SB 83 by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, authorizes a victim of, or a parent or guardian of a victim of a sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault or continuous sexual abuse of a child, to terminate a lease early and avoid liability, if the assault took place at the leased property.
- SB 1291 by Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, removes provisions in the Insurance Code authorizing a health insurance policy to require that services of a licensed professional counselor or a marriage and family therapist be recommended by a physician.
- SB 2225 by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, amends current law relating to the civil and criminal consequences of engaging in certain conduct involving the transporting or transferring of a firearm and making firearm smuggling a criminal offense.

House members pledge for Straus

In the days after sine die adjournment of the Legislature, evidence

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The Obama Dog

Joy Rochester grew up in Odesa and now owns a sporting goods store in Colorado. She came home the other day to enter her Portuguese Water Dog in a dog show. She has had a PWD or Porty for nine years. She became interested in the breed because she and her son are both allergic to dogs and the PWD's are non-allergenic. The Obamas have a daughter who has allergies, so that's why they chose a PWD.

Because of her long time interest in the breed and the fact that she has two of them, she was a little concerned about protecting the integrity of the breed when she heard that the Obamas had adopted a Porty.

"I didn't like it at all because I was afraid people would start buying them because of their popularity. That would create a real problem because the breed takes a lot of work. I hope breeders will make sure that the breed does not become just an avenue to make money. That's my big fear that these will start showing up in shelters. Thus far, breeders have been so careful about the homes they place them



by Tumbleweed Smith

in, making sure the owners understand how much the breed needs."

A PWD puppy can cost up to two thousand dollars. Although the breed originated in Portugal, it has declined in popularity over there. I'm sure now that the White House has one, the media attention will cause the numbers to increase everywhere. The breed came to the US thirty years ago.

"They were bred to assist fishermen in the water," says Joy. "They actually have a herding instinct and are able to herd fish into nets. They also have a retrieving instinct as well where they will retrieve and pull the net together and pull it into the boat. They will retrieve any lines that go overboard. If you have equipment or poles or anything else that go overboard, they'll retrieve those. They can dive for things that have gone underwater. They

are incredibly intelligent. The one thing that people should know before they even think about getting one of these dogs is they are highly energetic. They are a working dog and they need to work. If you don't have time to work them, they will find something to do. They are not a dog to have around really young children. They're not a dog to have in situations where you work eight to ten hours a day. They need interaction. They need to be challenged. For someone to get this dog because it's popular and cute, then after the puppiness wears off to just put it in a crate and leave it is not a good thing."

The Portuguese Water Dog is a rare breed. Her dog named Soli was the only Porty entered in the show. She won a purple ribbon, which is better than a blue.

"My dog is a dog-dog first. It's my pet and my companion. Just this morning about seven-thirty she was playing in a mud puddle with some other dogs. I had to give her a bath, blow dry and groom her."

Joy hopes to become a Portuguese Water Dog breeder.

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James B. Jackson



ODESSA — James B. Jackson, was born to Delmer C. and Barbara (Shelton) Jackson on Sept. 19, 1955, in Abilene, Texas. He finished his work on earth and went to be with his heavenly father at Medical Center Hospital surrounded by his loving family and friends on Thursday, May 28, 2009.

He was a member of Bethany Christian Church of Odessa. He loved hunting, fishing and working with young boys as a Scout Master for the Bethany Troop No. 23. He was currently with Champion Technologies.

He graduated from Hobbs High School in 1973 and from Angelo State University in 1977 with a degree in chemistry. He married Susan Gayle Hawley in 1976. He is survived by his parents, Delmer and Barbara Jackson of Eldorado, Texas; son Luke Jackson of San Angelo; daughter Melissa Bergmann and husband Danny of Monahans; one grandson, Andrew Charles Bergmann; brother, Jerry A. Jackson of San Angelo; and aunt, Louise Booth of Baird, Texas, an uncle Bobby James Murphy of Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Vera Mae and Jake Shelton and Elsiberry and Mary Pearl Jackson. Funeral service was Monday, June 1, at Bethany Christian Church in Odessa, Texas, with Pastor Clark Ford officiating. Burial was Monday, June 1, in Ross Cemetery in Baird, Texas.

Arrangements were entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel in Odessa.

Our special thanks go out to all of his friends who were there for him during his illness. Memorials may be made to the Boy Scouts Camp Scholarship Fund or to the American Cancer Society.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Dr. Sarah Mankin received her diploma Sunday, June 7, 2009 from Dr. Michael Clearfield during commencement exercises held on the campus of Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine on Mare Island in Vallejo, California.

Sarah Mankin graduates from medical school in California

Sarah Ashley Mankin graduated Sunday, June 7, 2009, from Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Vallejo, California where she completed her medical studies with 131 students from across the nation.

Following two years of classroom instruction on the Vallejo campus, she completed an additional two years of clinical rotations at hospitals in: Hillsdale, MI; Durant, OK; Fort Worth, Lubbock, Corpus Christi and Baytown, Texas.

Graduation ceremonies were conducted in a natural amphitheater among a grove of giant eucalyptus trees on Mare Island at the north end of San Francisco Bay.

The school also conferred degrees upon 61 doctors of pharmacy, as well

as masters degrees to 21 physician assistants and eight public health professionals. Advanced education degrees were also presented to 51 California teachers through the university's new School of Education.

Dr. Mankin is the daughter of Randy and Kathy Mankin of Eldorado. She is a 2000 summa cum laude graduate of Eldorado High School and a 2004 magna cum laude graduate of Angelo State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry.

Her parents, as well as her brother, J.L. Mankin, aunt Annthinette Blankenship, and cousin Holly Studer were on hand to witness the ceremony.

Dr. Mankin has been accepted into a Family Practice residency at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock where she will begin postgraduate training in July.

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NANCY'S TIPS

by Eldorado's Own Nancy Lester



Dining for the Diabetic

By Nancy Lester

Summer is always a good time to add a little spice to your life!

If you have heard people say: "If food tastes good, you can be sure you shouldn't be eating it," please don't believe them. Food can taste great and also be nutritious and healthy.

I will be concentrating on sodium reduction. Reducing salt in one's diet is a good way to help lower blood pressure which can be a real concern for people with diabetes. High blood pressure has been linked with heart disease, kidney disease and stroke. Salt adds flavor to food and the average American consumes about 6 to 18 grams of salt a day, or about 1 to 3 teaspoons. One teaspoon of salt has about 2,300 milligrams of sodium. By substituting herbs and spices, you can substantially reduce you sodium intake. Individual spices and herbs can be added to dishes, or you can make your own spicy blend. Five new spices to add to your diet for January include:

Bay Leaves – A winning combination with meats, stews, poultry, salad & soups

Curry Powder – Chicken, fish, tomatoes and fresh tomato soup

Dry Mustard – Ground meat, salads and sauces

Caraway leaves – Meats, stews, soups, cabbage and asparagus

Allspice – Ground meats, stews, tomatoes

Other tips for adding flavor to your recipes without adding salt include: *Use citrus zest or shredded rind. *Add fresh hot peppers for a spicy "bite."

*Use herbs. When adding herbs or spices to a recipe, remember than ¼ teaspoon powdered herb is equal to about ¾ to 1 teaspoon crumbled or flaked or 2 teaspoons of a fresh herb. The general rule for a recipe serving six is to add 1 teaspoon of a mild dried herb or spice (such as oregano, basil, cumin or cinnamon); or ¼ teaspoon of a strong herb or spice (such as rosemary, cloves, nutmeg, ginger, mustard, or allspice).

*Cook cereal, vegetables, rice or pastas in unsalted water. Try

seasoning them with spices and herbs instead.

Resolve now to become a label reader. You will be surprised at the amount of sodium or salt that you will find in canned and processed foods. Prepared or premixed products such as macaroni and cheese, seasoning mixes, boxed dinner mixes, TV dinners and frozen main dishes are often very high in sodium. Become aware of the amount of salt that you consume on an average day. Make an effort to reduce this amount and make good choices to help you achieve your goal. Give yourself time to get adjusted to a diet lower in sodium. Many people make the adjustment and enjoy the benefits of a healthy diet.

Try this recipe for Tex-Mex Spice Mix to add flavor to a variety of main dishes, vegetables and appetizers.

Tex – Mex Spice Mix
3 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon salt (optional)
2 tablespoons ground cumin
2 teaspoons garlic powder
1 tablespoon ground black pepper
1 ½ teaspoons ground red pepper
1 teaspoon oregano
Combine all ingredients thoroughly. Store in a sealed container.

Meals for Friends Menu



MONDAY June 15th
Swiss Steak with Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Corn Bread Muffins, Tossed Salad, Orange Sections, Milk.

TUESDAY June 16th
Polish Sausage, Fresh Baked Sweet Potato, Steamed Cabbage, Corn Bread, Pears, Milk.

WEDNESDAY June 17th
Chopped Steak, Parslied Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Wheat Bread, Cucumber/Tomato Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Milk.

THURSDAY June 18th
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Baked Beans, Calif. Mix Vegetables, Macaroni Salad, Fruited Gelatin, Milk.

FRIDAY June 19th
Tuna Noodle Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Tossed Salad with Tomato, Red Applesauce, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk.

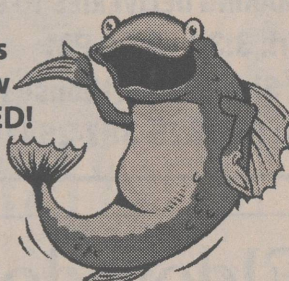
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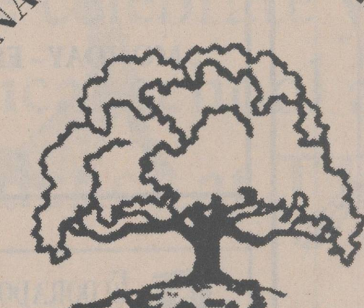


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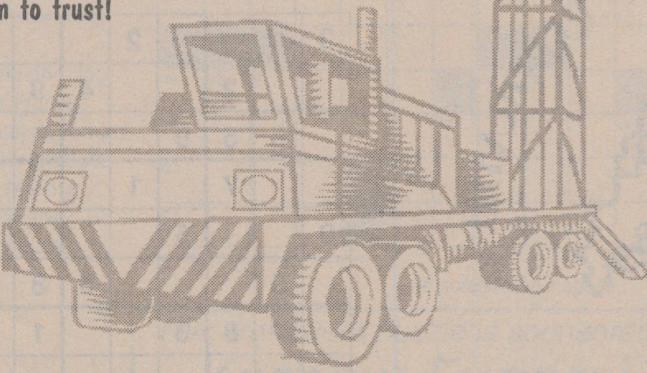
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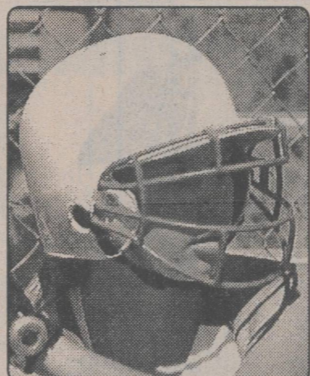
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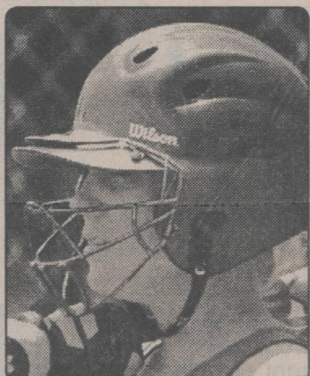
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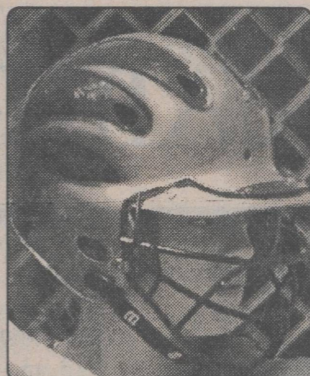
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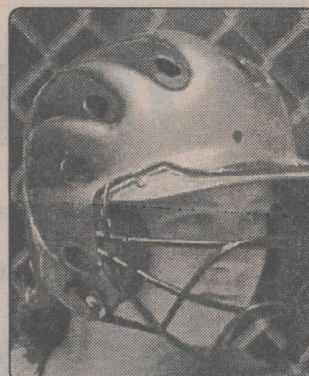
Bridgett Mitchell
 1st Team Pitcher



Corie Williams
 1st Team Infielder



Allyson Jarrett
 2nd Team Outfielder



Amy Alvizo
 Hon. Mention Pitcher

Lady Eagles claim 5 spots on All-District Softball Team

Haley Higgins of Eldorado was named the Most Valuable Softball Player in District 2A this week. The Lady Eagles senior catcher received the high honor despite being in the district with the eventual state champion and talent-laden Forsan Lady Buffaloes.

It was Forsan's victory over Alto in the State Final game paved the way for the announcement of post-season honors. Historically, teams withhold announcing the honors

until every team in the district has been eliminated from the playoffs, or one of them wins State.

Among the other Lady Eagles claiming post season honors was senior pitching ace Bridgett Mitchell who was named 1st Team pitcher. Likewise senior Corie Williams claimed a spot as 1st Team infielder. Sophomore Allyson Jarrett was named 2nd Team outfielder while Amy Alvizo was named to the Honorable Mention team as a pitcher.

Coach Jesse Rubio said he was pleased that Eldorado could place so many players on the team, especially since district foe Forsan turned out to be the state champs.

"Haley was dominant behind the plate all year," Coach Rubio said. "She deserved to be named MVP."

"The same for Bridgett and Corie...they played well and deserve to be on the 1st Team," Rubio continued. "As for Allyson and Amy, they were only sophomores this year

and both played at a high level. I expect great things of them in the next two seasons.

The Lady Eagles ended the season with a loss to Forsan in the Regional Quarterfinal Round of the State 1A Playoffs.

All-District Teams are selected at the end of the regular season and before the playoffs begin. Coaches nominate their players but are prohibited from voting for one of their team members.



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Rance Cathey

Rance Cathey signs to play for Ranger College

Rance Cathey, ace hurler for the Eldorado Eagles for the past several seasons, will be taking the mound again next year but will be wearing the purple uniform of the Ranger College Rangers.

Cathey signed recently to play for the Rangers, which his parents, Rickey and Vikki Cathey say made them very proud.

For his part, Rance says he is happy to be moving another step forward in pursuing his dream.

He and his parents offer their thanks to all who contributed to his career so far, whether it be in coaching or attending the games to yell support from the bleachers.

EMS golf team enjoys winning season

The Middle School Golf Team started late in the school year, but finished in a big way. One of Eldorado's MS golf teams took second place in the Sonora tournament and Lane Griffin scored 2nd overall individually. Members of the second place team were: Lane Griffin, Edward Hernandez, Blaine Mitchell, Bobby Martinez and Jackson O'Harrow. The 4th place team members were Eric Estrada, John Paul Galan, Brian Shriver, Rico Martinez and Dylan Ramos.

At the Mason Tournament the team of Lane

Griffin, Blaine Mitchell, Jackson O'Harrow, Edward Hernandez and Brian Shriver took the gold with a combined score of 216 on 9 holes. Individually, Lane Griffin placed 2nd, Blaine Mitchell placed 5th and Jackson O'Harrow, 6th place overall. Bobby Martinez, John Paul Galan, Rico Martinez, and Eric Estrada (6th overall individually) placed 4th place as a team.

Coaching the Middle School Golf Team for the 2009 school year was Coach Jhett Norman.



The Middle School Golf Team (L-R) Jackson O'Harrow, Brian Shriver, Blaine Mitchell, Edward Hernandez and Lane Griffin took the gold in Mason with a combined score of 216 on 9 holes!

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7th and 8th Grade Golf Teams: Front (L-R): Jackson O'Harrow - 7th, Bobby Martinez - 7th, Edward Hernandez - 8th, Brian Shriver - 8th; Back (L-R): Rico Martinez - 8th, Eric Estrada - 8th, John Paul Galan - 8th, Lane Griffin - 8th (2nd Place Medalist Sonora and Mason shot 44 each time), Blaine Mitchell - 8th (5th Place Medalist Mason) and Dylan Ramos - 8th

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Eldorado Elementary honors top students

Eldorado Elementary Awards Ceremony was held May 28, 2009 in the Eldorado Elementary Gym.

The program opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag with Principal Houston Hendryx and Elementary Councilor Cathy Newman as emcees.

Accelerated Reader High Point Individuals from each class were recognized first and presented with a certificate. Highest Point Reader went to Anthony Olivares with a 186.1 points.

The are: Hunter Hernandez, Kathryn Shipman, Robert Perez, Marco Martinez, Codee Meador, Christine Lindsey, Micaela Forlono, Trent Collins, Anthony Olivares, Sierra Forlano, Jay Ruiz, Canyon Fall, and Noah Sorrells.

Most Improved Students recognized and presented a certificate. They were: Natalie Castro, Maria Gallegos, Eric Reyes, Jennifer Rodriguez, Joseph Rodriguez, Ariela Zamora, Courtney Espinosa, Adan Garza, Jose Moya, Shawn Solis, Kiki Guerra, Alyssa Rinehart, Monica Sanchez.

Perfect Attendance from August 25, 2008 through May 28, 2009 recognition was acknowledge by presenting students who did not miss school and had no more than three early sign-outs. These students also received a gift card and a certificated. They were: Regina Alvizo,

Naomi Borrego, Antonio Contreras, Bernardo Cruz, Taylor Emmons, Artie Escobar, Christina Estrada, Jordan Estrada, Micaela Forlono, Sierra Forlono, Hannah Fortenberry, Garrett Hariman, Trace Hariman, Kaden Key, Leonela Leija, Daniel Lopez, AndreaLynn Martin, Keegan McCollum, Evalyn Mejia, Crystal Mose, Kayden Rodriguez, Isaac Sorrells, Noah Sorrells, Leroy Torres, Jayton West, Hunter West.

Students who had all "A's" every six weeks were: Garrett Hariman, Andrea Meador, Taner Swinford, Benjamin McGee, Isaac Sorrells, Mikayla Rodriguez, Kathryn Shipman, Kami Lux, Justin Yant, Jackie Covarrubiaz, Hunter Hernandez, Dustin Shriver, Codee Meador, Edgar Muniz, Emmie Mynatt, Taner Swinford, Regina Alvizo, Trent Collins, Laura Coronado, Adan Garza, Jack Griffin, Lorena Huerta, Makenzie Cross, Christine Lindsey, Wyatt Mertz, Erika Sanchez, Dacey Roubison, Payton Whitten, Brooke Carman, Anthony Olivares, Franklin Buchholz, Noah Sorrells, Jess Gonzalez, Davis Hutto, Will Mynatt and Emily Nixon.

Students who received "A/B" every six weeks were presented a certificate. There were: Kevan Covarrubiaz, Esmeralda Cruz, Lesette Escobar, Tomee Jo Figueroa, Jaakan Jurecek, Lindy Sanchez, Samantha Lozano, Frankie Villanueva, Naomi Borrego, Jaylynn Estep, Kreek James, Ariela Zamora, Kaden Key, Marco Martinez, Roberto Perez,

Patrick Self, Emiliano Hernandez, Camron Heard, Kaden Johnson, Riley Jones, Jackie Lozano, Hope Barajas, Jose Moya, Marisol DeLuna, Gregory Martinez, Julio Narvaez, Courtney Espinosa, Bobby Moreno, Ram Barajas, Micaela Forlano, Madison Arispe, Hannah Fortenberry, Faith Kotsch, Eric Luna, Wiley Martin, Keegan McCollum, Andi Morris, Emelyn Reyes, Logan Wong, Austin Albin, C.J. Covarrubiaz, Star Foley, Jonathan Fortenberry, Elizabeth Griffin, Trace Hariman, Hudson Martin, Luis Miguel Martinez, Chase Mertz, Branda Minor, Jordan Stanford, Zelenia Vasquez, Riley Umphress, Kade Creek, Abbi Sorrells, Aranda Sanchez.

Fourth Grade students who received the Presidential Gold Star Awards-Educational Excellence went to Franklin Buchholz, Mathias Buitron, Victor Castro, Sydney Covarrubiaz, Jess Gonzales, Davis Hutto, Chase Mertz, Will Mynatt, Emily Nixon, Abbi Sorrells, Noah Sorrells, Makayla Trevino and Riley Umphress.

Presidential Silver Star Awards Educational Achievement certificates were presented too Alex Alvarez, Mikah Boone, Bernardo Cruz, Miriam Garcia, Gisselle Hernandez, LuisMiguel Martinez, Branda Minor, Jesse Ramon, Marcos Ramon, Arantza Sanchez and Leroy Torres.

The program ended with Mrs. Parker's 4th Grade playing their recorders and the drawing for the Perfect Attendance Bike.

Jayton West was the proud winner of the bicycle.



2008-2009 Elementary Perfect Attendance Honorees: Front (L-R) Christina Estrada, Evalyn Mejia, Keegan McCollum, Daniel Lopez, Jayton West; Second Row (L-R): Artie Escobar, Taylor Emmons, Esmeralda Cruz, Bernado Cruz, Antonio Contreras, Naomi Borrego, Regina Alvizo; Third Row (L-R): Kaden Key, Garrett Hariman, Isaac Sorrells, Hannah Fortenberry, Micaela Forlano, Sierra Forlano; Back (L-R) Trace Hariman, Leroy Torres, Noah Sorrells, Crystal Mose, AndreaLynn Martin, Jordan Estrada.



2008-2009 Silver Star Presidential Educational Excellence Award Honorees - Front (L-R): Branda Minor, Bernado Cruz, Alex Alvarez, Mikah Boone; Center (L-R): Jesse Ramon, Luis Miguel Martinez, Gisselle Hernandez, Miriam Garcia; Back (L-R): Marcos Ramon, Leroy Torres, Arantza Sanchez.



2009 Elementary Gold Star Presidential Educational Excellence Honorees-Front (L-R): Emily Nixon, Will Mynatt, Noah Sorrells, Makayla Trevino; Middle (L-R): Jess Gonzales, Sydney Covarrubiaz, Franklin Buchholz, Victor Castro and Mathias Buitron, Back (L-R): Riley Umphress, Abbi Sorrells, Chase Mertz, and Davis Hutto.

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County Commissioners consider swimming pool needs

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with a visiting little league baseball team. Jones went on to note that the department sprayed a highly diluted mix Malathion, a chemical which is available over the counter. He further noted that no one sprayed anywhere near the baseball fields while games were underway.

Still, the complaint prompted a visit from an investigator with the Texas Department of Health in Alpine. Jones said he was advised that someone would have to obtain a pesticide applicators license before spraying could be conducted in the future.

The commissioners also met with Sulas Politte about the need for a new diving board at the county

pool. It was noted that the current 14-foot long board is too long for the depth at the local pool. The commissioners explained that if a new board is purchased it must also work at a new pool, if and when one is built. Politte went on to describe the present condition of the pool facility. He noted that the restrooms are old but still functional and will suffice for the time being. Politte also noted that the state requires a ring buoy be used during rescues, despite the fact that there are presently "bullet buoys" in use at the pool.

Other needs include a neck harness for the emergency backboard. It was noted that Melissa Rodriguez with the local EMS has offered the use of a neck harness during the time the pool is open this summer.

Politte also needs to obtain an operator's license from the state and a fiberglass rescue pole is needed to replace the old aluminum pole which can be an electrical hazard. A stripe needs to be painted in the bottom of the pool as well as a "No Diving" symbol along the sides of the pool.

It was noted that Kadie Niblett is teaching a swimming class at the pool with some 50 students already having completed a 3 week course. It was also explained that the pool averages 30 to 70 visits per day and several after-hours private parties have been scheduled.

Discussion then turned to the need for a new maintainer and the commissioners considered using a John Deere maintainer as a demonstrator so it could be tested without strings.

The men also discussed other

equipment, including a rock crusher and a welding machine.

Next on the agenda was the discussion of a fringe benefits policy for County personnel. The issue of the cemetery caretaker's house at the cemetery, came up along with repairs needed on the house. Of concern was whether living in the house is a benefit or a requirement of the job. It was also noted that if repairs are made to the house, the present caretaker has a house available to him in town if and when repairs to the existing home are made.

Personal use of cell phones is another fringe benefit issue that needs to be clarified. It was explained that as the issues are cleared up, they will be added to the county's employee handbook.

Discussion then turned to finishing up the Wellness Center and the need for road base for the parking lot. It was explained that the parking lot was donated to the center by the Mertzton Highway Church of Christ and that the land will go back to the church if the center ever fails or the land is otherwise sold.

An indigent care request was received for \$145 for the payment of an electric bill, which the commissioners agreed to pay.

It was then explained that District Judge Barbara Walther was in Eldorado last week and advised the county that she will likely hold district court in San Angelo through the summer months due to the lack of air conditioning in the 2nd floor courtroom.

It was also noted that Judge Walther has ordered the county to pay \$8,000 in court costs related to the YFZ child custody and defendant hearings. The county will submit the bill to the state for payment.

Before adjourning the commissioners reviewed and approved payment of the county's regular bills.

Monday's meeting was presided over by County Judge Charlie Bradley with commissioners Matt Brown, Kirk Griffin, Johnny Griffin and Lynn Meador in attendance. The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners' Court is slated for 9 a.m. on Monday, June 22, 2009.

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1. Sine __ non
4. Like lemon juice
10. Bibliography abbr.
14. City area, informally
15. Tile with pips
16. "The Lion King" lioness
17. Get mellow
18. Method of moving files
20. Shoulder muscle, for short
22. Pro-__ (some tournaments)
23. Appropriates as one's own
24. The whole shebang
26. Jury member, in theory
27. Place for undies
33. It's circulated
35. Nobelist Wiese
136. Start of a bray
37. "If it __ broke ..."
38. Brits' strollers
39. __ monster (large lizard)
40. Terhune title dog
41. Coty of France
42. Mythical goat-man
43. Irregular amounts
47. Comic Martha
48. Angle shape
49. Pump figure

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1. Campus locale
2. Twist the arm of
3. Genesis son
4. Tack on
5. Reef builders
6. Mosque leader
7. Goes underground,

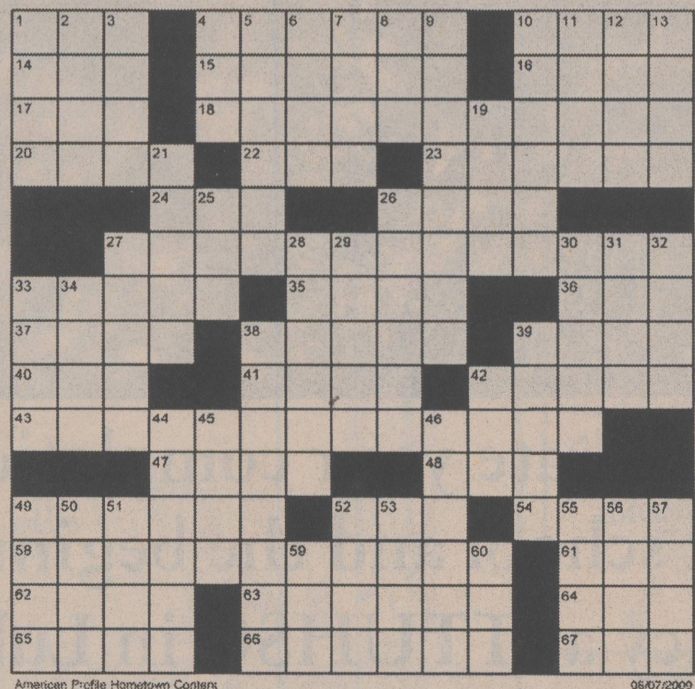
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8. "__ pig's eye!"
9. Admits defeat
10. "Bewitched" witch
11. Ground crew's rollout
12. Gazillions
13. Places for napkins
19. Active sort
21. Pentacle bearer,

maybe

25. Was presidential
26. Readied, as a pump
27. Comics orphan
28. Far from flustered
29. Dik-dik kin
30. Minuscule amounts
31. Hard to hang onto
32. Paddler's target
33. Like badly worn tires
34. Pinocchio, famously
38. Petitioned, in away
39. Butler player
42. Paul's "Exodus" costar
44. North American geese
45. Went under
46. Rider of 1775
49. OTB postings
50. Field yield
51. Melt ingredient
52. Mucky stuff
53. NYC's Madison and Park: Abbr.
55. Pole or Croat
56. Slaw or fries
57. Heavy metal's Osbourne
59. Potter pal __ Weasley
60. Fabulous bird

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permission to get an extended warranty with the machine which the council already agreed to purchase.

Fay also updated the council on work in his various departments. He noted new regulations that restricts cities to two methods for euthanizing animals at their impound shelters — lethal injection or a state approved gas chamber. Fay said an

approved gas chamber would cost the city as much as \$22,000. On the other hand, an animal control officer must be licensed to administer lethal injections to animals. The council agreed to switch to the injection method and to send a city employee for training and licensing.

Carolyn Mayo then updated the council on the city's financial picture. She noted that the city is in the black and there will be sufficient money to pay for all the projects the council has approved.

Mayo gave updates on building repairs to City Hall and the old Fire Hall. The plan is to repair a wall and close in several windows, thereby making the building's more secure. She noted she has received two bids on the project.

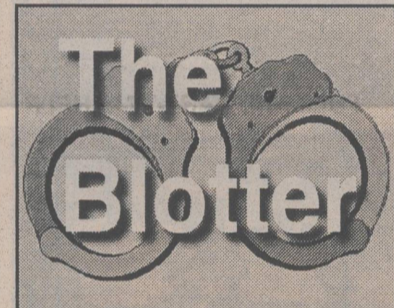
There are currently four residents in the Sunrise addition who have yet to agree to provide and easement to the city for utility lines. Ms. Mayo said she is still working to get the four to comply.

Interviews are still being conducted for a person to serve as billing clerk and code enforcement officer, Ms. Mayo said. She said she has been looking at eight different applicants and is still in the process of testing several. She added that so far she has narrowed the list down to two applicants that she feels very positive about. They are mature and have a lot of experience, she said.

Before adjourning, the council reviewed and approved the city's regular bills, approved the minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting and voted to elect Stan Meador to serve another year as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Council members present for the meeting included Stacy Haynes, Jon Cartwright, Dora Bosmans, Richard Mendez, Stan Meador and Mayor John Nikolauk. Council member Dorothy Dacy was absent.

The next meeting of the Eldorado City Council is slated for 6 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2009 in the council chambers at City Hall.



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

JUNE 3 • Ramirez, David, male age 40. Offense Motion for enforcement. Still in custody.
JUNE 5 • Ochoa, Ruth Garcia, female age 29. Offense, out-of-county warrant. Released 06/07/09 on \$500. cash bond.

INCIDENTS

JUNE 2 - 9:40 PM • Complainant reported a gas leak. Officer responded.
9:56 PM • Caller reported power lines down. Reported to power company.
JUNE 4 - 9:20 AM • Caller requested to speak to an officer about a theft on Lea St. Officer responded.
5:07 PM • Caller reported that their parent had collapsed in their house. Ambulance dispatched. Officer responded.
11:30 PM • Complainant reported loud music next door on Doris St.
JUNE 5 - 4:44 AM • Caller reported two males wearing baggy pants and white t-shirts, trying to break into her car on SW Main St.
10:51 AM • Caller requested to speak to an officer about a call that had been made the day before about loud music. It was stated the people playing the loud music were also shouting obscenities after the officer left. Officer responded.
4:30 PM • Complainant requested to speak to an officer in regards to a family dispute. Officer responded.
4:43 PM • Complainant reported a

reckless driver in a brown jeep, headed south on 277 N. subject was just going through Christoval. Officer notified.

5:33 PM • Complainant wanted step son to leave her house after he refused to pay for things used. Criminal Trespass issued.

5:45 PM • Complainant reported a pit bull in their yard and asked for someone to remove the animal. Animal Control called.

10:12 PM • Complainant reported a gas leak. City responded.

JUNE 6 - 10:24 PM • Caller reported that he would be cooking outside until the morning. Lots of smoke from big pit.

JUNE 7 - 9:26 PM • Caller reported harassing telephone caller. Officer investigated.

10:40 PM • Caller reported a gas leak behind store. City called
10:55 PM • Officer reported logs left on the intersection of Hill Ave and East St. City contacted.

JUNE 8 - 12:27 AM • Caller reported fire on 915. EVFD notified.

10:20 AM • Caller reported oilfield theft. Officer took report.

5:33 PM • Officer requested to call TxDOT to pick up tire debris off of 277 N. Someone contacted to send crew to pick it up.

6:21 PM • Complainant reported a bike in a ditch on Mary street that has been there for days. Officer notified.

8:03 PM • Complainant locked keys in car and requested assistance. Wrecker notified.

8:28 PM • ER notified that a young girl was bitten by a dog.

8:33 PM • Complainant reported a gas drive away for the amount of \$30.03.

8:50 PM • Complainant requested information about a restraining order. Officer contacted.

10:11 PM • Tom Green Co. S.O. called to advise about a possible drunk driver on 277 N. headed southbound in a white ford ex. cab. toward Schleicher Co.

10:33 PM • Caller reported possible drunk driver in the courthouse parking lot. Officer UTL.

JUNE 9 - 12:25 AM • Caller reported broken vehicle 8 miles So. 277.



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The residence of the Executor is Schleicher County, Texas. The post office address is: Box 451, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered shall present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 28th day of May, 2009.

Estate of Felix E. Harrison
By Donald L. Barley
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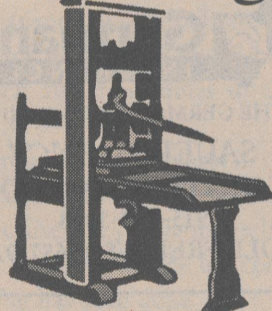
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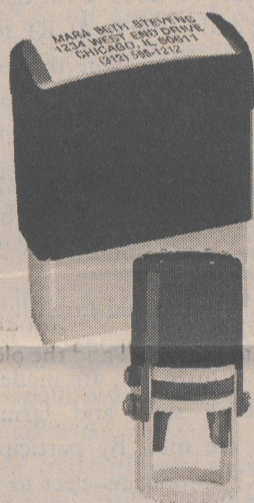
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up for the contest, registrants will be issued advance tickets to sell for the July 24 & 25 rodeo performances. Contestants also must furnish their own horse, sit a saddle well and be able to provide transportation for themselves and their mount

to participate in events. Complete rules and regulations can be picked up at the Schleicher County Extension Office. Entry deadline for application and autobiography will be June 18th at 5:00 p.m. For more information, call Courtney Barbee, CEA-FCS at 325-853-2132.



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of team-building in the House emerged. Some 106 House members signed pledge cards in support of a second term as speaker for Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio.

Straus's first and current term as speaker extends until the 82nd Legislature convenes in 2011. Many

Democrats signed cards, even with the possibility that their party could gain control of the House by picking up a couple of seats in the November 2010 election.

On June 5, Straus released the list of pledges, saying broad bipartisan support for him is "a clear indication that members of both parties can set aside their differences to work together to find solutions to critical issues facing our state."

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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

Solution to puzzle on Page 8

Dogs

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Middle School Secretary Sylvia Belman was named to the EMS Legend Society by students during the annual Awards Assembly on May 28, 2009. The EMS Legend Society honors teachers and staff who have served on the middle school campus for 20 years. Belman's place in the Society will be recognized with a commemorative plaque that will hang in the halls of Eldorado Middle School.

COURTESY PHOTO

Farm Program calculation tools now available online

ELDORADO—Jan Wanoreck, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Schleicher-Sutton/Val Verde County announced this week that new online research and planning tools are now available for farmers and ranchers to assist them in examining how the new 2008 Farm Bill programs apply to their crops and operations.

Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) is a new revenue-based guarantee program administered by FSA that assists farmers and ranchers in managing the risks inherent in agricultural operations. ACRE is an alternative to the traditional price-stabilizing Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

By visiting the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov, growers can enter their crops, acreages and price/yield projections into an "ACRE Calculator" to evaluate potential results. The calculator tool and other information including eligibility resources can be found by navigating to the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program/ACRE pages shown in the menu bar on the left side of the FSA homepage.

"The ACRE alternative provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the five-year state Olympic average yield and the two-year national average price," said Wanoreck.

The website also provides a 2008 Benchmark Yield History, ACRE Revenue Yield Maps and ACRE Price Values. The calculator can be used for one year and repeated to project multiple year results. Additional ACRE background information includes fact sheets and descriptive charts to help explain this program's provisions and calculations.

August 14, 2009 is the deadline to elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 Crop Year. Note that once a producer elects to participate in ACRE, the farm is no longer eligible for the regular Direct and Counter-cyclical Program through the 2012 Crop Year, the last year covered by the 2008 Farm Bill.

Producers should carefully evaluate their participation in ACRE. Payments in ACRE are made only when both state and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates.

For more information about your options under ACRE and other new Farm Bill programs, contact the Schleicher-Sutton/Val Verde County FSA at 325-853-3535 to schedule an appointment.

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