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School board awards \$1.4M bid for gym renovation

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday, May 11, 2009 for a rare noon meeting.

Among other business, the board reviewed a series of bids for a construction and renovation project at the middle school gymnasium. Minnix Commercial of Lubbock was the low bidder and won the contract with a bid of \$1,430,000. Three other bidders ranged from \$1,666,000 to \$1,993,000.

Construction is slated to get underway as soon as the school semester is over, according to Superintendent Billy Collins.

Other items of business included the Superintendent's Report during which Billy Collins reported a total enrollment of 618 as of Friday, May 1, 2009.

Superintendent Collins also recognized the Eldorado High School Mighty Eagle Band for its recent Division #1 rating at the Concert Contest and the year-long accomplishment of yet another Sweepstakes Trophy for the Pride of the Divide. Collins went on to praise the individual students as well as EHS band director Jerry Barker.

It was noted that the two options for returning recaptured school funds to the state under Title 41 were approved by voters last Saturday. Option #3 passed 63-3 while Option #4 passed 55-12. The vote allows the district to exercise a bit of flexibility in how it returns "Robin Hood" or recapture funds to state coffers under Title 41, the state law that requires property rich districts to send their surplus funds for use by less fortunate districts.

The school board will meet in special session at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14th in order to canvass the votes of last Saturday's election.

Among other items of business, the trustees reviewed and approved the district's financial reports as presented by finance director Ray Ballew. They also approved the minutes of the April 13, 2009 meeting.

After awarding the contract for gym renovations, the board voted to purchase supplemental student insurance from United Healthcare. They also voted to extend the district's depository contract with First National Bank of Eldorado for two more years.

Before adjourning, the trustees approved shared service agreements with the Region 15 Education Service Center in San Angelo. They also voted to accept the resignation of shop teacher Jim Wyatt who is retiring.

Monday's meeting was presided over by SCISD board president Kurtis Homer with trustees Leanne Higgins, Berta Nicholson, Jan Wanoreck, Lupe Sanchez, Kirk Jones and Robert Jay in attendance. Billy Collins, and Ray Ballew were also in attendance. So was maintenance director Oscar Martinez and administration secretary Sandra Robledo.

It was noted at the end of the meeting that Jan Wanoreck is departing the board. She will be replaced next month by Kris Griffin.

The next regular meeting of the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees is slated for 6 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009 in the High School Library.

Grand jurors to review charges against Thuesen

Brazos County grand jurors will soon review the case of John Darrell Thuesen, 25, who stands accused in the March 6th shooting deaths of Travis and Rachel Joiner of Eldorado.

The siblings were living together in College Station while attending Texas A&M University. Thuesen is accused of entering their home on the 100 block of Walcourt Loop and gunning them down.

Thuesen is being held without bail on the two capital murder charges. If convicted he could face the death penalty or life behind bars without parole.

Bet ya' can't hit this one!



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Amy Alvizo pitched a one-hit shutout Saturday as the Lady Eagles dispatched the McCamey Lady Badgers 15-0 in the Bi-District Championship game played in Big Lake. Alvizo also contributed with her bat as she hit for a double, a triple and an inside-the-ballpark home run. The Lady Eagles will travel to Abilene on Friday where they will play a best of three series with the Ralls Lady Jackrabbits for the Area Championship.

Graves takes over as county road superintendent

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, May 11 and voted to appoint Mark Graves as road superintendent. He had been serving as acting superintendent since the retirement of Clay Burleson at the end of April.

Among other business, the commissioners accepted a bid from Regal Oil for a transport load of diesel fuel at \$1.8883 per gallon. No bid was received for unleaded gasoline.

As the men considered the issue it was noted that the county usually receives a bid for unleaded gasoline from Griffin Fuels allowing county employees to fill up at Griffin's key card pumps. However, no such bid was received this time. County Judge Charlie Bradley explained that Griffin's pumps were closed last week due to no fuel, causing county road crews, law enforcement officers and other employees to scramble as they sought other fuel options.

In a related matter, the court considered purchasing an unleaded fuel tank and a card reader so the county could buy unleaded gas in bulk and track its use.

Mark Graves then informed the court that road crews had been patching County Road 300. He said that last year's paving job done by 90 West Construction was coming apart due to the heavy road traffic from the YFZ commune.

Graves further advised that commissioner Kirk Griffin is investigating a new road mix that could be laid by county crews. He said the mix would work well in hot weather.

An agenda item for purchasing/leasing paving equipment for the road department was

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YFZ defendants argue for suppression of evidence

Last YFZ child remaining in state custody released to a distant relative

The last of 439 children removed from the YFZ Ranch last April by child welfare authorities was turned over to a distant relative this week, a move that could effectively end the largest child custody case in U.S. history.

The 14-year-old girl was allegedly married to FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs when she was only 12. Photos

showing him embracing and kissing the girl were made public after they were entered into evidence in civil custody proceedings.

The girl, now 14, was turned over to a woman named Naomi Carlisle. She is a member of Warren Jeffs' FLDS church and is believed to be the second-cousin of the young girl's father,

Frederick Merrill Jessop.

Documents obtained recently by The Eldorado Success indicate the girl will be living with Ms. Carlisle at her home in the Texas Hill Country.

CRIMINAL CASES HEAT UP

The end of the state's custody case comes as the criminal side of the story moves to the forefront.

Lawyers representing 10 YFZ ranch defendants gathered Wednesday morning in Judge Barbara Walther's courtroom where they began the task of challenging the search warrants that led to April 3, 2008 raid on the now-famous ranch near Eldorado.

The defendants are facing charges ranging from Bigamy to Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child.

Documents filed by the various defense attorneys accuse state and local authorities with misrepresenting facts and misleading Judge Walther with two affidavits filed to obtain the

search warrants executed during the April 2008 raid.

Specifically, the defense is accusing Texas Ranger Brooks Long of misleading the judge by not providing her with all the information he had available to him. They also accuse Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran of allowing the raid to go forward. The defense claims the sheriff knew that a call reporting abuse at the ranch was a hoax and that the alleged abuser wasn't at the ranch when the raid occurred.

Assistant Attorney General Eric Nichols responded in written filings that the defense's "scatter-shot allegations" fail to prove that Texas lawmen acted recklessly or fraudulently in obtaining the search warrants.

The Success will closely monitor the hearings and will immediately post any rulings issued by Judge Barbara Walther on our website at www.myeldorado.net. The story will also be reported in-depth in next week's edition.

Relay for Life this weekend

Relay For Life is Friday and Saturday, May 15th -16th from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. It's not too late to join in the fun. Anyone that would like to participate please contact Helen Brame for more details (325)853-3036. If you are a cancer survivor, and would like to participate, please contact Jim Wyatt (325) 853-2770 ext. 421. See schedule of events on Page 5.



EHS Baccalaureate service slated for Sunday evening

Eldorado High School's graduating seniors will begin their graduation process Sunday evening, May 17, 2009 with the annual Baccalaureate Service planned for 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Rev. Henry Flores of Primera Iglesia will deliver the baccalaureate message as part of the traditional service, hosted each year by the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance.

A reception is planned following

the program in the courtyard adjacent to the auditorium hosted by Moms in Touch.

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

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

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Rural Texas gets the shaft from cable

They were lucky it was three o'clock in the morning. Time Warner cable, that is, was lucky that so few of its customers in the Rio Grande Valley were tuned into ESPN, which features college sports, at a bit after three on Saturday, May 2nd. That's because for a few moments the channel switched from showing hard working athletes to heavy breathing porn stars.

The company apologized and blamed it on a technical foul up.

While some might have found this horrific and others, hilarious, it's an example of shoddy cable service the residents of many of Texas' small towns and rural communities get. Although folks in the state's larger cities enjoy the fruits of competition, where a choice of providers keeps prices down and service quality up, small town and rural Texans are often forced to accept a cable monopoly.

It's clear the cable companies know this and take advantage of it. According to a recent report from the Federal Communications Commission, when customers have a choice of TV providers their bills are at least 20 percent lower, if not more.

The cable companies, of course, offer excuses. That FCC report points out that cable company package rates have gone up more than 122 percent between 1995 and 2008. The cable companies often say they need to raise rates like this to cover the cost of "network upgrades." It's getting old, however. Despite years of claiming that they're upgrading their networks, many cable companies still provide programming to rural customers in the old-fashioned analog format instead of sending a crisper cleaner digital signal and many still refuse to offer those customers broadband Internet service.

The other excuse is that the poor old cable companies are victims of higher programming costs, which they have to pass along to their customers in order to survive. This excuse ignores the fact that many of these companies either own their own cable networks or they own the companies that provide the programming.

And, when programming disappears, as recently happened in Wichita Falls when the TV Guide channel simply went away, rates don't go down. Happy to pass along higher costs, the cable companies become quite stingy when it comes to passing along savings.

As Executive Director of Texans for Economic Progress, I meet with citizens all across our state in what we call our Power of Connectivity meetings. At these meetings, high prices and bad service are a constant lament. Customers are willing to pay, but they want to pay a fair price for a decent product.

They also say they'll pay more if they get more. Broadband Internet service, for example, is taken for granted in places like Houston, Austin, Dallas and San Antonio but in small communities people are forced to continue living with the buzz, click and tortoise-like speed of dial up.

Unfortunately, these days this is more than just annoying, it's an artificial constraint on economic progress. Business owners today need the advantages brought by lightning fast communications in order to remain competitive. Students need a fast Internet as an educational resource. Doctors need it to keep up with the latest in medical science. It's not a luxury and rural cable monopolies should stop treating it as such.

Small town Texans, just like their big city brethren, deserve the forward thinking solutions that have brought competition and innovation in television entertainment and Internet services. It is far past time for the costly cable monopolies to start caring about their customers and stop standing in the way of progress.

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Nobody Looks That Good!

Laura on Life

by Laura Snyder



Television commercials are big fat lies. I used to believe them when I was a kid. I really thought that kids would like a certain cereal if "Mikey" liked it. The newest toy was always on my Christmas wish list because, well, the kids on TV looked so happy when they played with it. I believed those commercials... until I became a mom.

Now, as a mom, I am indignant. How dare they place such high standards for us? I have never once seen a mom on a commercial for children's nighttime cold medicine wearing pink sweats and a stained t-shirt, with bags under her eyes. I know for a fact that when you have a sick kid, you do not roll out of bed in the middle of the night with perfectly coiffed hair, looking like you've just had a facial. Nobody looks that good at 2 o'clock in the morning! You wouldn't look that good even if you didn't have a kid who woke you up every hour coughing, sneezing, and tossing his cookies.

I also know that moms who manage to keep their floors looking immaculate do not allow their two-year old to attempt to pour a full, half-gallon of orange juice into a glass cup strategically placed on said floor, simply to have a chance to use their paper towels. This scenario does not happen in real life.

If an ambitious two-year old should attempt this trick without

parental permission, which, incidentally, does happen in real life, the mom would not casually stroll into the room, smiling and shaking her head as if she doesn't have to clean that floor again, sweep up the broken glass, buy more orange juice, and hose down the child. I don't care how good that paper towel is; it can't do all that. If it did, I'd buy it by the truckload.

Most moms, when staying at home with the kids, look as if they've been pulling their hair out by the roots. Make-up is an unrealized goal most days, and our teeth never look like perfectly white rows of corn on the cob, especially when gritted to keep from screaming. We make a special effort to look presentable when we go out of the house, but if no one but the kids are going to see us, why bother? And believe me, there have been days when I could be seen wandering around a drug store searching for Huggies and looking like Medusa. Some days are like that.

There is usually no time for any

kind of perfection. If you've got young children at home, simply getting a shower is the Holy Grail. Why do TV commercials producers insist on making it look so easy? Maybe these are people who don't spend much time around kids.

I love that commercial where the mom allows an entire kid's football team into her immaculate home and then worries about fingerprints on her glass table tops. Fingerprints would be the least of my worries. I'd wonder whether there would be enough food for the rest of the week. It would be like letting a horde of locusts into a corn field. You'd have to padlock the refrigerator and hide the dry goods somewhere they'd never look... like the laundry room.

But no, this mom is dressed in heels and wiping up fingerprints. And why on earth does she have glass tabletops in a house that harbors football-players? Is she insane?

Well, yes, I guess we can assume that she is. What other reason do we have as to why a woman would turn an entire football team loose on her squeaky-clean home?

Either she's lost her mind or advertising people live on an entirely different planet than I do.

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House bill raising exemption on franchise tax to \$1 million moves to Senate

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The House on May 4 approved HB 4765, legislation to raise the small business exemption to the state margins tax from \$300,000 to \$1 million but only for years 2010-11.

The primary author of the bill was Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville. One of the bill's four co-authors, Rep. Bill Callegari, R-Katy, said the timing of the new margins tax could not have been worse on Texas businesses because tax bills came due right as the economy began to worsen.

"By raising the revenue exemption, small businesses will get some needed relief to help deal with the terrible aftershocks of the economic crisis," he said.

Next, the Senate Finance Committee will consider the bill.

The margins tax has evolved over recent sessions of the Legislature.

The 2005 Legislature, in its 3rd called session, revised the state's franchise tax, too, by basing it on gross margins and businesses with total revenue of less than \$300,000 were exempted from paying the tax.

In 2007, the Legislature enacted a sliding scale of franchise tax discounts for businesses with revenue between \$300,000 and \$900,000.

Senate approves CHIP bill

Families that earn more than the federal poverty level but still can't afford health coverage would be able to buy into state health insurance for their children under SB 841 passed by the Senate on May 6.

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) covers families whose annual income is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$44,000 for four-member family.

Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco, said his bill aims to make it so families "will have the opportunity to pay part of the premium, so that they can grow into fully paying for their own health insurance for their own children."

SB 841 would create a program where families that make up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level, about \$66,000 for a family of four, could pay part of the premiums and buy in to CHIP coverage.

The bill moves to the House for further consideration.

DPS chief resigns, interim named

Col. Stanley Clark, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety since September 2008, announced his resignation on May 4 after allegations of sexual harassment in the workplace against him were made public.

Allan B. Polunsky, chair of the Texas Public Safety Commission, the agency that oversees the DPS, accepted Clark's resignation and named Lamar Beckworth of Austin as the interim director. Col. Beckworth has been a DPS officer for 31 years. He is the first African-American to lead the agency.

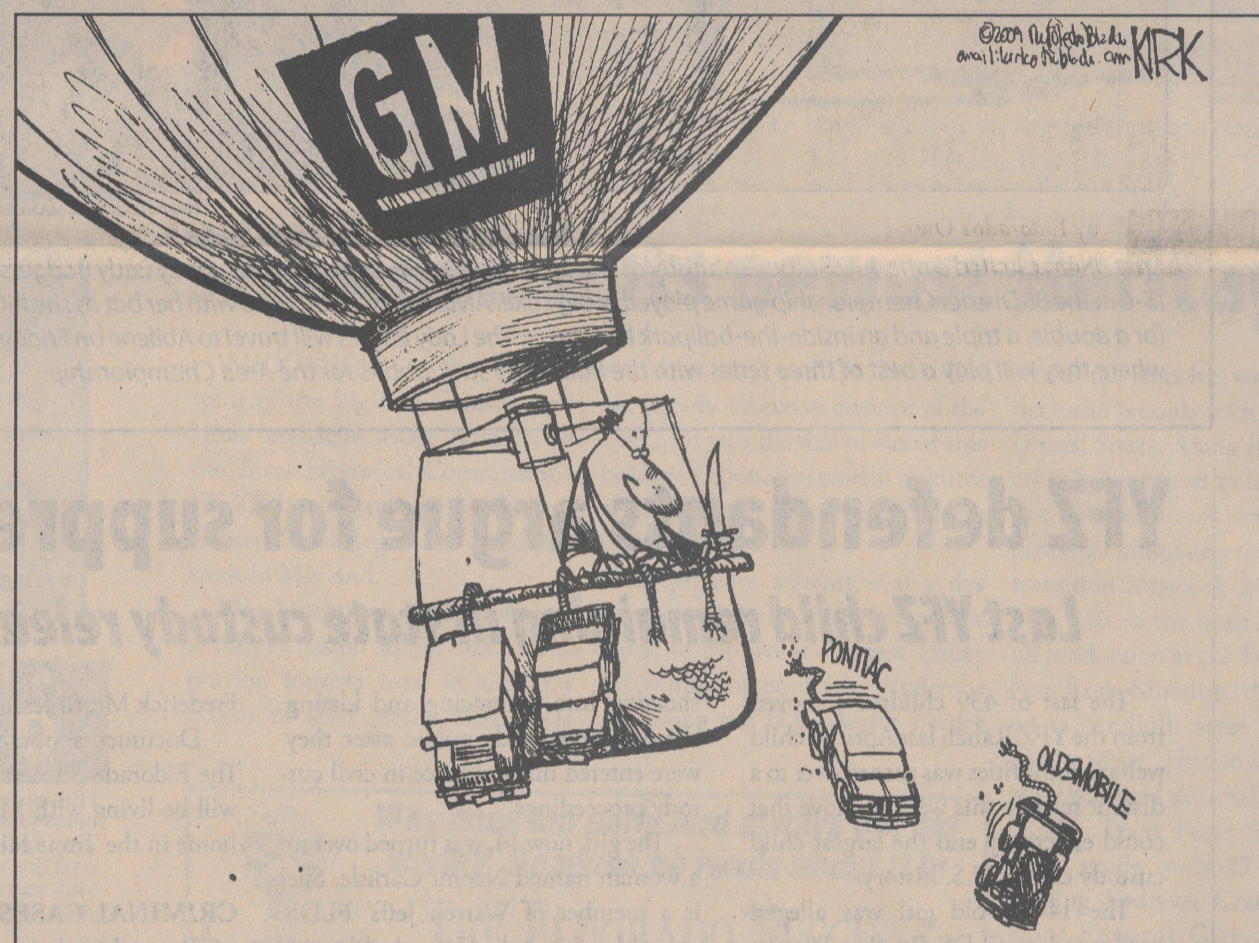
Ag chief requests fire assistance

North Texas wildfires over Easter weekend and recent weeks contributed to losses estimated at more than 220,000 acres of pasture, roughly 1,500 miles of fence and almost 500 cattle and calves.

Wildfires cost Texas farmers and ranchers about \$35 million during March and April, and Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said that is why he has requested USDA assistance.

In a May 5 letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Staples asked for access to emergency

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Traveling to Nearby States

Last month we traveled to New Mexico and Arkansas on two completely different trips. We went to New Mexico for relaxation. In Arkansas, we dug for diamonds.

We heard about a new hotel in Ruidoso so we went to check it out. It lived up to its expectations. The bed was comfortable, the room was nicely appointed and it was quiet. The hotel is located near a residential neighborhood, so it made for invigorating early morning walks among the tall pines and cool mountain air. The fragrant scent of the pines made us feel like we were a thousand miles away, instead of being just a few hours' drive from home.

Ruidoso has been a favored destination for people in West Texas for years. Many West Texans have second homes there. It is no wonder. It is a beautiful place. We've gone there many times for various meetings and conventions, but this time we went just to have fun. We succeeded in doing that. The shadows on the hills as we drove up there made us feel like we were in for a good visit. We had no agenda, no schedule, no timetable, no deadline. What a



by Tumbleweed Smith

luxury. We saw all sorts of chain saw art. It goes with tree removal. The people who take out dead trees create all sizes and shapes of bears and other animals.

One of the most fun things we did was sit in front of the big picture windows at The Inn Of The Mountain Gods and just look at the scenery. We saw big birds circle around Old Baldy, where some late winter skiing was underway. With the warm sun beating down on us through the wall of glass, watching the birds circle in the clear blue sky, we both dozed off for a few minutes. A definite first.

In Arkansas we took our five-year old grandson Caleb to the Crater of Diamonds State Park near Murfreesboro to dig for diamonds. When we got there, someone had just found a quarter carat diamond. We weren't

so lucky, but enjoyed digging in the 37 acres of plowed ground (which had turned to mud due to recent rains). We sifted through moist clods of dirt and retrieved pieces of jasper, quartz, mica and other small gemstones (mostly just small rocks). Caleb's big joy was throwing rocks into a puddle of water and watching it splatter.

The park is the only productive deposit of precious mineral diamonds in the US. They erupted from an ancient volcanic pipe 95 million years ago. The farmer who first discovered the diamonds in 1906 told people about his find and created a small diamond rush. The site became a state park in 1972.

In Hot Springs, we visited Garvan Woodland Gardens, perhaps the most beautiful botanical park I've seen in the United States. Buds were popping out on the trees. Hundreds of tulips, in all colors and designs, had just started to bloom. Garvan has some extremely unique water features and ponds throughout the park. Our visit there was a perfect way to welcome the spring season.

Butterfly garden in place at EES

As a service learning project, Mrs. Shelly Self's third grade students have planted a butterfly garden, which adorns the front entrance to the building. Mrs. Self and her students spent time studying plants and butterflies which are indigenous to this particular area and made plans to create their butterfly garden from information researched and gathered.

After much research and discussion, the students plotted and prepared the grounds for the planting of their flowers. The third grade class took a field trip to visit the Wildseed Gardens in Fredericksburg, TX and returned with plants and shovels in hand to proceed with their project.



Members of Mrs. Shelly Self's Third Grade Class readying grounds for a garden are: (L-R) Taylor Emmons, Dakota Gross, Madison Arispe, Logan Wong, and Eric Luna.

Competition for the title of "Schleicher County Rodeo Queen 2009" has begun!

The contestant who meets all eligibility requirements for the rodeo will earn the title of Schleicher County Rodeo Queen 2009, Roses and Prizes.

Eligible contestants must be unmarried females between the ages of 14-19 years of age and must reside in Schleicher County. Upon signing up for the contest, registrants will be issued advance tickets



County Agent's Update

by Courtney Barbee

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.

Meals for Friends Menu



MONDAY May 18th
Swiss Steak with Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Corn Bread Muffins, Tossed Salad, Orange Sections, Milk.

TUESDAY May 19th
Polish Sausage, Fresh Baked Sweet Potato, Steamed Cabbage, Corn Bread, Pears, Milk.

WEDNESDAY May 20th
Chopped steak, Parslied Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Wheat Bread, Cucumber/Tomato Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Milk.

THURSDAY May 21st
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Baked beans, California Mixed Vegetables, Macaroni Salad, Fruited Gelatin, Milk.

FRIDAY May 22nd
Tuna Noodle Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Tossed Salad with Tomato, Red Applesauce, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk.

Dining safely for the Diabetic

As the Memorial Day Weekend approaches, picnics and outdoor cookouts are sure to come to mind. They are a great way to entertain and everyone enjoys the outdoors. Food safety is a consideration that is especially important for all of us but can pose special problems for someone who is diabetic. An upset stomach, food borne illness or other gastrointestinal problems can cause issues with blood sugar and dehydration. Food that is mishandled can cause very serious consequences for all, especially, infants, young children, older adults and persons with chronic diseases and weakened immune systems. It is better to be safe than sorry!

Food borne illness often presents itself as flu-like symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or fever, so many people may not recognize the illness is caused by bacteria or other pathogens in food. Millions of cases of food borne illness occur each year. Most can be prevented by the proper cooking of food that destroys bacteria. Bacteria may be present on products when you purchase them. Raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs are not sterile. Neither is fresh produce such as lettuce, tomatoes, sprouts, or melons. Food, including, safe ready to eat foods, can become cross-contaminated with bacteria transferred from raw products, meat juices or other contaminated products, or from food handlers with poor personal hygiene. If you plan to be at an outdoor facility or camping away from home make sure that you have the right equipment. This includes cutting boards, utensils, food thermometers, cookware, shallow containers for storage, soap and paper towels. Make sure that you have a source for clean water. If none is available at



NANCY'S TIPS

by Eldorado's Own Nancy Lester

the site, bring water for hand washing and utensil clean up. Plan ahead to insure adequate storage for cold foods. Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared foods, and leftovers within 2 hours of shopping or preparation. Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and counter tops with hot, soapy water after preparing each food item. A solution of 1 teaspoon bleach in 1 quart of water may be used to sanitize washed surfaces and utensils. Food should not be tasted until it reaches a safe internal temperature. Bacteria multiply rapidly between 40 degrees and 140 degrees. To keep food out of this danger zone, keep cold foods cold and hot food hot. This is important to remember when transporting foods. After a picnic be safe rather than sorry. Any perishable foods such as meat, poultry, eggs and casseroles left at room temperature over 2 hours should be discarded. If they have been held at temperatures above 90 degrees, they should be considered unsafe after one hour.

Have a safe, happy and healthy summer!

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by Linda Thistle

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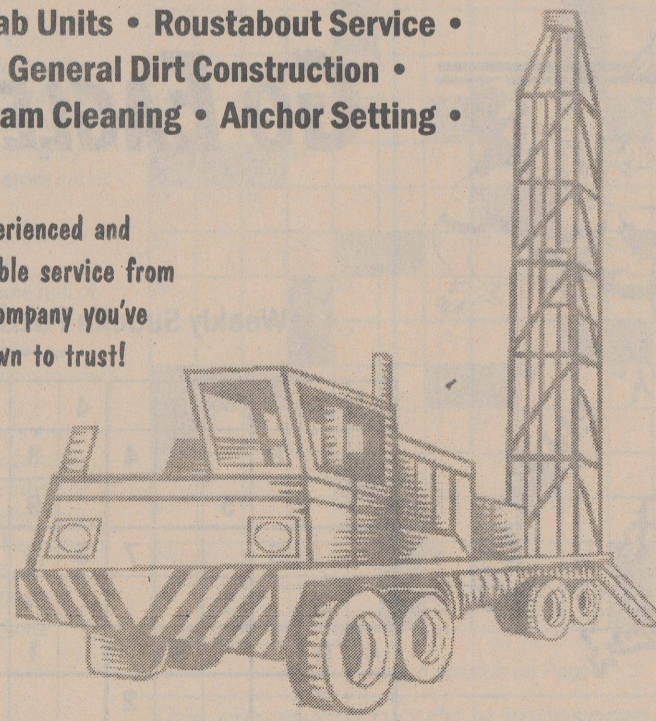
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The Bi-District Champion Lady Eagles! Team members include: (Front L-R) Lauren Rubio, Corie Williams, manager Victoria Garza, Aubrey Martinez, (Back L-R) Coach Thomas King, Amy Alvizo, Haley Higgins, Brittaney Gauna, Marissa Gonzales, Allyson Jarrett, Bridgett Mitchell, Abby Fuentes, Melissa Gonzales, and Coach Jesse Rubio.

Lady Eagles maul McCamey 15-0 for Bi-District crown

The Eldorado Lady Eagles softball team defeated the McCamey Lady Badgers 15-0 Saturday, May 9th for the 1A Bi-District title on a neutral field in Big Lake.

The Lady Eagles were the visiting team and, by virtue of that, came to bat first. Erratic pitching on McCamey's part, and red hot bats on Eldorado's part, quickly turned into a 6-0 lead halfway through the opening stanza.

The Lady Badgers weren't as lucky with their at bat. Sophomore ace Amy Alvizo was on the mound for Eldorado and she quickly set them down in order.

The Eldorado girls added two more runs in the top of the second and Alvizo did her job again in the bottom of the inning to give the Lady Eagles an 8-0 lead after two innings played.

The next three innings were simply more of the same as the Lady Eagles crossed the plate 7 more times. Meanwhile, Alvizo continued to stymie McCamey's batters. In fact, the

Lady Badgers managed only one hit in the game, a single to right field. Meanwhile Alvizo recorded five strikeouts in the game and was backed up by stellar defensive play.

Alvizo helped her own cause with a double, a triple and an inside-the-ballpark homerun. Haley Higgins tallied a double and a triple and Marissa Gonzales tallied another triple in the contest. The remainder of the Lady Eagles roster totaled another 13 hits and managed to steal 18 bases on 19 attempts.

The game ended at the bottom of the 5th when the umpire called the game under the mercy rule with Eldorado leading 15-0.

The win gave the Lady Eagles the 1A Bi-District title. The team celebrated with Coach Jesse Rubio and Coach Thomas King as they received their trophy.

Eldorado will now face the No. 8 ranked Ralls Lady Jackrabbits, the very team that sent them home in the Regional Quarterfinal round of last year's playoffs. This year the teams will vie for the Area championship on the softball field at Cooper High School in Abilene. A best-of-three series will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday with the second game slated for 1 p.m. on Saturday. Game three, if necessary, will begin 30 minutes after the completion of the second game.

The Lady Eagles roster is as

follows: #1 Bridgett Mitchell, #3 Gonzales, #24 Corie Williams, #32 Aubrey Martinez, #5 Haley Higgins, #8 Abby Fuentes, #10 Allyson Gauna, #50 Lauren Rubio, and #20 Melissa Jarrett, #15 Amy Alvizo, #20 Melissa Gauna/statistician Victoria Garza.



Haley Higgins at bat last Saturday for the Lady Eagles. She tallied a double and a triple in the game as she helped her team to a 15-0 Bi-District win over the McCamey Lady Badgers.

Eagles defeat Medina, advance to playoffs

The Eldorado Eagles baseball team defeated Medina 7-6 on Friday, May 8th in Junction to claim the second place spot in the district and advance to the Bi-District playoffs against La Pryor.

Eldorado jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning after Miles Mike-

ka and Dustin Gauna crossed the plate for the Eagles.

The Eagles added another run in the top of the 6th after Dustin Gauna reached on a double. Garrett Lux was up next and reached base on a fielding error, sending Gauna home. Lux wouldn't be far behind as Jonathan Belman drove him with a sacrifice RBI.

Medina answered in the bottom of the 6th when their lead off batter walked and moved around the base

paths then came home on a single and a sacrifice fly by his teammates.

Eldorado would tally three more runs in the game to brunt a five-run 7th inning turned in by Medina.

The win advances Eldorado to the Bi-District round of the playoffs where they will face the La Pryor Bulldogs at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 15th in Bandera in the first of a best-of-three series. The second game will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday with the third game, if necessary, to begin a half-hour after the completion of the second contest.

Warriors Walking for a Cure Golf Tournament results listed

The 1st Annual Relay for Life Warriors Walking for a Cure Golf Tournament was held on May 2nd.

Twelve 4 person teams played in the tournament.

There was a tie in the first flight for 1st place between a team from Brady and the team of Daniel Robledo, Oscar Escalante, Joe Garza, and Danny Nuniz of Eldorado.

Warriors Walking for a Cure would like to thank everyone who played in the tournament, came out to support us, and gave donations!

In the second flight there was a

SCISD School Lunch Menu

BREAKFAST LINE
Monday May 18, 2009
 Breakfast Cereal Bar, Fresh Banana, Choice of Juice, Milk
Tuesday May 19th
 Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Wednesday May 20th
 What Ever Breakfast, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday May 21st
 Buttered Toast/ Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday May 22nd
 Pig-n-a-Blanket, Choice of Juice, Chocolate Milk Friday, (Your choice of Milk)
 NO CHARGING

CAFETERIA LINE
Monday May 18, 2009
 Pizza, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Carrot Stix/ Dip, Fruit
Tuesday May 19
 Beef Stew/ Cornbread, Grill Cheese Sandwich, Tossed Salad/ Dressing, Fruit
Wednesday May 20
 Chicken Spaghetti/ Bread Stix, Tossed Green Salad, Early June Peas, Lemon Pudding/ Topping
Thursday May 21
 Pepperoni Hot Pocket, Carrot Stix/Dip, Trail Mix, Fruit
Friday May 22
 Bar B Q on a bun, Chips, Pickles, Apple Halves
 NO CHARGING

BASKET LINE
Monday May 18, 2009
 Chicken Burger/Chips, Pork-n-Beans, Burger Salad, Fruit
Tuesday May 19th
 Corn Dogs, Curly Fries, Cucumber Salad, Fruit
Wednesday May 20th
 Crispy Tacos, Lettuce/ Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix/ Dip, Lemon Pudding/ Top
Thursday May 21st
 Crispos/ Cheese Sauce, Broccoli Tops/Dip, Ranch Style Beans, Fruit
Friday May 22nd
 Bar B Q on a Bun, Chips, Pickles, Apple Halves
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City OK with county's jogging trail project

County Judge Charlie Bradley, commissioner Lynn Griffin and Tom Brown with Naismith Engineering met Monday night with the Eldorado City Council concerning the county's application for a grant to build a two-mile jogging and bike path that would incorporate the use of some of the city's rights-of-way and streets.

Judge Bradley explained that the grant needed to be approved on a short time frame and that the route of the project could be changed once the grant is approved.

Council members voiced several concerns about blocking rights-of-way as well as private driveways and street-side parking in front of homes.

Tom Brown advised that the proposed paths would be at least eight-foot wide and level to the ground so as not to obstruct parking in front of homes or driveways.

The council signaled their general approval for the project provided the city doesn't have to bear the cost of maintaining the project.

In other business, it was noted that the city received no sealed bids for a track loader. The council may proceed to locate a loader and negotiate a purchase price now that the bid requirement has been met.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay said he was seeking bids for road base and seal coating Pelt, Carson, North Poplar and Meador Streets. Fay also told the council he has hired two new employees to work at the landfill.

Engineer Brown then advised the council on the possibility of a grant through the Texas Water Development Board that would help fund \$1.2 million for a new water tower and water lines. He said the grant would cover 50 percent of the project with the remainder being paid through a zero-interest loan over a 25-year period.

In other business, Mayor John Nikolauk advised that the city is trying to permit the old land fill for use in disposing of Type 4 debris which includes brush, as well as building and demolition debris.

He also said that EPA has changed some of its permitting criteria for Type-1 landfills and that the city was going to apply for a

study grant to see if it can upgrade the new and old landfill to a Type-1 landfill.

It was noted that no one submitted a bid on maintenance work and repairs to City Hall.

In other business, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo advised that the city's current flood plain ordinance needs revision and asked for a volunteer from the council to help in amending the ordinance.

Mayor Nikolauk asked the council to support a resolution backing cities that object to AEP requesting Advance Metering System which will cost each customer \$3.25 per month for installation of new meters. Nikolauk told the council AEP should absorb the cost of the new meters.

Carolyn Mayo also asked the council to consider amending the mobile home zoning ordinance to include building permits and setback lines for fences. The council said they would like input from the citizens on the matter.

N&H Septic Pumping requested a disposal rate for sewage removal from the wind turbine locations. The council stayed with the \$.14 a gallon disposal rate for sewage.

The Plateau Underground Water District asked to test one of the water wells located at the landfill because a possible buyer of property near the landfill requested it. The

council approved the testing and agreed to share the \$300 cost of the test which will be done by S&K Engineering of San Angelo.

The council was given Amendment #1 to Zoning Ordinance #102-07 to consider. The amendment addressed zoning districts for private homes, apartment buildings, duplexes, nursing homes, retirement homes/apartments and day care centers. Other zoning for manufactured or mobile homes was amended as the wording for Commercial Districts, Educational, Medical, Institutional and Government Districts. The ordinance will be considered for adoption at the council's June 18th meeting.

Jon Cartwright, Dorothy Dacy, and Stan Meador then received the oath of office from Major Nikolauk as they began their new terms on the council.

The group then entered into a lengthy executive session that concluded at 10 p.m. with no action being taken on personnel matters.

Council members present for Monday night's meeting were Stacy Haynes, Stan Meador, Dora Bosmans, Jon Cartwright, Richard Mendez, Dorothy Dacy and Mayor John Nikolauk.

The next meeting of the Eldorado City Council is slated for 6 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009 in the council chambers at Eldorado City Hall.

Capital Highlights . . .

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loans and other forms of needed assistance for producers in 18 counties including: Archer, Baylor, Callahan, Clay, Cooke, Eastland, Hamilton, Hood, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Shackelford, Stephens, Wheeler, Wichita, Wise and Young.

In light of drought-related fires that ravage the state, a constitutional amendment proposed by Rep. Valinda Bolton, D-Austin, would authorize emergency services districts to impose an additional ad valorem tax not to exceed 5 cents per \$100 valuation for the acquisition of land, equipment, or apparatus or the construction of capital improvements,

with district voter approval.

Bolton's HJR 112 is awaiting a vote by the full House.

Cap on tuition, fees is approved

The Senate on May 4 unanimously approved a bill to cap tuition increases and mandatory fees for resident undergraduates at many public universities in Texas.

Authored by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, SB 1443 would establish a 5 percent per year cap, or the rate of inflation based on a three-year average, whichever is less. Affected would be 17 universities whose total academic cost exceeds the state median, just above \$5,000 in 2009.



Event Schedule Eagle Stadium May 15-16

7 pm - Opening Ceremony (National Anthem/Prayer/Cheerleaders)
7:20 pm - Survivor Speaker
7:30 pm - Survivors Lap
7:45 pm - Team Lap

8:00 pm - Cloggers
8:00 pm - Bingo @ Survivors Tent (Campsite/Spirit Stick Judging)

9:00 pm - WOBP Sing

10:00 pm - Luminaria Ceremony
10:45 pm - Fight Back Ceremony

11:00 pm - Crazy Hat Lap
11:30 pm - 80's Lap

Midnight - Ms. Relay Pageant

1:00 am - Road to Recovery Race
1:30 am - YMCA Lap (dress the part)

2:00 am - Three Legged Race
2:30 am - Pirate Theme Lap

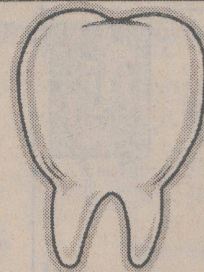
3:00 am - Pajama Lap (dress the part)
3:30 am - Hula Hoop Relay
3:45 am - Cowboy Theme Lap

4:00 am - Noodle Race
4:30 am - 50's Lap

5:00 am - Crazy Sock Lap

6:00 am - Closing Ceremony - Award Presentation
6:30 am - Campsite cleanup

7:00 am - Drive Safe!!



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Each ticket entitles the holder to a bountiful spread of delicious hors d'ouvers and other delicacies, prepared by Kimble County's best cooks. The eating and visiting starts, at 5:30 p.m. Then, at 6:45 p.m., you'll settle into your seats for plenty of good laughs.

The outrageous characters of Tuna, Texas (the third smallest town in Texas) will seem mighty familiar to anyone raised in a small town....like, say, Eldorado. A few of these quaint, loud, ridiculous, dear people who make appearances are Didi Snavely, a crusty broad who runs the used

weapons store. She assures that her merchandise "is guaranteed to kill." Others are Elmer Watkins, local grand leader of a certain "sheeted society" and Phinas Blye, a perennial candidate for local office. Petey Fisk, the humane society spokesman, never saw an animal he didn't love, nor a cause he didn't champion.

You will also meet the long-suffering Bertha Bumiller and her extended family: the delinquent son Stanley; her frustrated, dying-to-be cheerleader daughter Charlene; and her philanthropic husband Hank. The eccentric aunt Pearl is the maker of strychnine-laced "bitter pills" that she uses to "dispense" with more than a few neighborhood dogs.

A crowd favorite is the snooty Vera Carp, who oozes honey as she snipes. The very Reverend Spikes, who can't open his mouth that

a cliché doesn't tumble out, leads his flock (the Smut Snatchers Club) to ban "dangerous books".

All are pulled together by circumstance, their shared history, and some additional characters who complete this parody of a small Texas town. They are our kith and kin. They are us.

The twenty characters of Tuna are played by only two actors (and the assistance of an army who try to keep all the costumes, high heels and wigs straight). Their performances are "farm fresh and chicken fried crisp".

Don't miss this opportunity to have a fun evening of good food and entertainment. Call 325-446-2610 for more information and to charge your tickets. All the proceeds go to Meals on Wheels/Senior Center and the BackStreet Players.

The Family of Jose Guadalupe Espinosa, Sr. would like to thank you for your warm expressions of sympathy, on the recent loss of our Husband, Father, Brother, Grandfather, Uncle and Friend. Thank you to the women of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church for their wonderful meal after the service, also for the cards, calls, flowers, and food that were sent. Our special thanks to Dora Bosmans, Emma Torres, And Mr. and Mrs. Victor Belman for reciting the Rosary and Ray Cruz and Brenda Sanchez for providing the lovely music at the church and cemetery.

It is difficult to name each and every one of you who through some deed or gesture made our loss bearable; we thank God for family and friends such as you. We take comfort in the support and compassion you have extended to us and in loving memories we have of him.



"Love all you hold dear.
Precious is the time we share.
Do not wait for tomorrow.
For tomorrow may not be...."

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless All

The Espinosa Family

County commissioners meet, handle full agenda

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tabled due to the absence of commissioner Kirk Griffin.

Mark Graves then asked the court if they would purchase the road department another pickup truck. The commissioners noted that there are funds in the budget for a pickup and advised Graves to check with the Houston Buy Board website and look for a vehicle. It is budgeted.

Sylas Politte was present for the meeting to thank the commissioners for allowing him to operate the county swimming pool this

year. He asked the commissioners to consider purchasing pool side Adirondack chairs, a shade screen, 100 feet of kink-free commercial hose, a corded telephone with answering machine, two clocks for the concession stand and patio, a fan, patio furniture for northwest corner of pool deck and a cash box. The court approved the items.

Politte then advised the commissioners that the pool should be ready soon for end of school parties.

Sheriff David Doran was present to inform the court that Concho Valley Council of Governments is pursuing a Homeland Security grant for the purchase of a computer system called COPsync. The system provides officers access to a real-time, nationwide digital information sharing network.

The system consists of a laptop computer or hand held device, which will allow an officer to immediately identify criminals, talk or alert other officers and access critical information like on stolen vehicles and/or Amber Alerts. The officer will be able to connect via the internet, scan an offender's driver's license, then issue and print a ticket. The ticket is immediately entered into the county court system.

The sheriff advised the county would be required to purchase six internet "air cards" and internet

service at \$7,200 a year excluding software maintenance fees.

Doran noted the proposed grant would fund the COPsync system for up to three years. In the meantime, the county's old system would remain in place. The sheriff added that the new in-car system would give his officers a great deal of flexibility in the field.

The commissioners then met with Tim Vasquez, who represents the Tom Green County Veterans Services office. He noted that there are currently 178 veterans residing in Schleicher County and added that he has already assisted 25 of the local veterans through his San Angelo office.

Tom Green County currently makes Veterans services available to surrounding counties. Vasquez noted an interlocal agreement between the two counties is needed. Vasquez told the court he has a fully staffed office and having a active service officer helps veterans tap into the VA systems.

Judge Bradley explained that he had visited with Buff Whitten who has been the Veteran Service

Officer for Schleicher County. He noted Whitten is not opposed having another Veteran Service provider.

With that, the court approved the interlocal agreement with the Tom Green County Veteran Service office. The service will cost the county \$1,284 per year.

The commissioners also approved purchasing 14 folding Burn Ban signs from TxDOT to be placed on major highways coming into the county. The signs could be folded down to indicate when a county-wide burn ban is in effect.

The court once again discussed the electrical outlets on the courthouse square. It was explained that the men will vote on a new policy governing the use of the outlets at their next meeting.

Monday's meeting was presided over by Judge Bradley with commissioners Lynn Meador, Johnny Mayo and Matt Brown in attendance. County Clerk Peggy Williams and Treasurer Karen Henderson was also in attendance.

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- Squalid area
- Jack of nursery rhyme
- Tehran's land
- Prefix with portor pad
- Positive thinker Norman Vincent ____
- Not generic
- "As You Like It" forest
- Shakers founder in America
- Battery size
- Urges to attack
- Contacts database
- Some takeout
- Nikkei currency
- Word before car or card
- Piano student's exercise
- The whole ball of wax
- "____ had it!"
- Manhattan tourist's buy
- Stocking's end
- Ocean's bottom
- Very, in music
- Was decked out in
- Where Fey played
- Palin, for short
- Kind of bass
- Non-private

Down

- Turner or Sinatra
- North African port
- Send to blazes
- Choir voice
- Jury members, supposedly
- Tear apart
- Concert souvenirs
- Safe havens
- Marks on scores
- Road runner's cry
- Corn bin
- Be afflicted with
- Clinched
- "Bye for now," in chat rooms
- Buggy drivers
- At the summit of
- Oral tradition
- Glance from Groucho
- Pessimist's word
- Any of the Keys
- Villanova athlete
- Post-snowfall vehicle
- Decorated, as leather
- Caramel candy brand
- 1953 Alan Ladd oater
- All keyed up
- Sorting device
- Owen of "Children of Men"
- Go sprawling
- Up to the task
- Scandal suffix
- Swelled heads
- "____ alive!"
- Links or alley target

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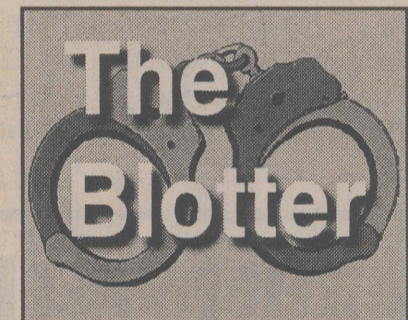
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ARREST

MAY 5 • Enrique E. Rodriguez, male age 20. Turned self in, serving 8 days. Released 5/12/09 time served.

MAY 6 • Clarence A. Maxwell, male age 29. Offense MTR possession of dangerous drug. Released 5/07/09 time served.

• Alfredo Martinez, male age 21. Offense evading arrest, using a vehicle. Still in custody.

MAY 7 • Marco Gauna, male age 38. Offense Indecency with a Child by Contact. Released 05/07/09 \$25,000 surety bond.

MAY 8 • Luis Manuel Torres, male age 33. DWLI. Released 05/09/09 \$1,000 surety bond.

• Juan Manuel Mata, Jr., male age 19. Offense, possession of marijuana <2oz. Release 5/9/09 \$1,000 surety bond.

MAY 9 • Rodney Walter Herod, male age 38. Offense DWLI. Released 05/09/09 \$2,000 surety bond.

• Bryan Mata Reyes, male age 20. Offense DWLI. Released 05/10/09 on \$1,000 surety bond.

MAY 10 • Eloise Melissa Estrada, female age 23. Offense outstanding MIP warrant. Released 05/10/09 time served.

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

15th David and Melisa Elias
18th Tim & Nancy McAngus
19th Lindsey & Jon-Michael Parker
20th Mr. & Mrs. Luis Aguilar; Mike & Patsy Brenner

OFFENSES

MAY 5 - 8:58 PM • Complainant requested an officer to location. Suspicious vehicle possible taking livestock. Officer responded.

MAY 6 - 3:11 PM • Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer re-

sponded.

MAY 7 - 8:11 AM • Caller requested an ambulance. EMS responded.

5:55 PM • Caller reported bees in their driveway. Chief Jones responded.

8:54 PM • Caller reported a vehicle breakdown on 190 East near Merand.

MAY 8 - 7:20 AM • Caller reported loud music next door.

2:38 PM • Caller requested an officer, stated he had just been jumped by some co-workers and needed some assistance. Officers responded and reported appropriately to Irion Co.

MAY 10 - 1:34 AM • Alarm went off in local store. Officer investigated. Unable to contact key holder for store. No visible signs of forced entry.

8:19 AM • Caller reported a fire north of Eldorado.

8:20 AM • Caller reported a fire 4 miles north of Eldorado.

1:19 PM • Caller reported a truck parked in her driveway. Owner notified.

2:31 PM • Caller reported bees in back yard.

MAY 11 - 12:14 AM • Caller reported strong natural gas odors coming from somewhere near their residence. Unable to contact city employee on the weekend duty roster. S.O. made contact with city supervisor.

2:00 AM • Caller requested an ambulance as they could not wake their spouse. EMS paged out and officers responded.

4:49 PM • Caller reported a big cloud of black smoke on 190 W.

7:04 PM • Complainant reported cattle on highway. Officer responded.

MAY 12 - 7:51 AM • Security alarm company requested an officer to respond to alarm. Officer responded. Clerk had set off alarm.

4:41 PM • Caller reported their dog got loose, requested to be contacted if found. Husky mix with collar and yellow eyes. Named Chico. Officer notified.

6:03 PM • Complainant reported a bee hive in their neighbor's Mulberry tree. Fire Chief notified.

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

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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DPS reminds Texas teens to Click It or Ticket

During the week of May 11 to 17, the Department of Public Safety and law enforcement agencies across the state are reminding Texas teenagers to buckle up and make sure their passengers are buckled up.

Almost 15 percent of Texas teens don't wear a safety belt when they are passengers, even though Texas law states that anyone younger than 17 must be wearing a safety belt, or in a child safety seat, whether they are sitting in the front or back seat. This means that drivers can be stopped and ticketed for a safety belt violation if they, or any of their passengers under the age of 17, are not buckled up or properly restrained.

Young drivers are more likely to be hurt or killed in a traffic crash than any other age group, and most teens that die in crashes are not buckled up.

"Many teens don't think about the danger they face when they get in a vehicle and don't buckle up," said Texas Highway Patrol Chief David Baker. "But motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15 to 20-year-olds in the United States."

Texas law also requires every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle to wear a safety belt. In addition, a child less than five years old and less than 36 inches tall must be secured in a child safety seat. A safety belt violation can result in fines of up to \$200, plus additional court costs.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has had a zero-tolerance policy regarding seat belts and child safety seats since 1999. Drivers who are pulled over for seat belt and child safety seat violations by troopers always receive tickets for those violations.

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To the Community of Eldorado who has helped us through this difficult time.

We lost our home in a house fire and we would like to thank everyone who has gone out of their way to help us with clothes, money, toys, furniture and most important everyone who has kept us in their thoughts and prayers.

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MIDLAND — The frontier spirit of the Big Sky Country and Texas mystique await travelers in the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) latest travel guide, the Texas Pecos Trail Region, unveiled this week in Midland.

"The brochure is a road map and a history lesson all in one, transporting tourists back in time for a taste of what life in West Texas

was once like," said Dr. Terry Colley, deputy executive director of the THC. "It tells the real stories of this heritage region, its colorful cultures and the people who embraced the Wild West."

Begin your adventure at a desert oasis at Balmorhea State Park, home to the world's largest spring-fed swimming pool then wind your way along the U.S.-Mexico border,

where the massive wattage of border radio brought rock 'n' roll to the United States. Along the way travelers will be treated to intriguing Native American rock art, tall tales of pistol-packing judges, an ecological transition zone and dynamic museums. Get to the heart of the state's oil production at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, then continue on to Sandhills State Park to slide across white, glistening sands and wind-sculpted dunes.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region travel guide tours 22 counties including Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val

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This is the THC's ninth regional travel guide that features the real stories of the real places of this great state. The regional guides are products of the THC's award-winning heritage tourism initiative, the Texas Heritage Trails Program, which encourages people to get out and rediscover the state's historic, prehistoric and cultural wonders. This successful program increases tourism at cultural and heritage sites in regions across Texas and revitalizes local economies through regional tourism development and marketing. The program also stresses the importance of historic preservation to tourism and fosters effective local leadership.

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