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## Ozona wool warehouse manager pleads guilty Laughlin awaits sentencing in \$2 million fraud case

by MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OZONA — The former manager of Wool Growers Central Storage Co. entered a guilty plea last week to taking \$2 million in a fraud scheme.

Donnie Laughlin, 60, pled guilty to engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity on May 31 in a Lubbock federal court. Laughlin is currently out on bond awaiting sentencing.

Sentencing is not expected to take place for about six to eight weeks, said U.S. Attorney Roger L. McRoberts.

Laughlin is facing a maximum imprisonment of up to 10 years, a fine not to exceed \$250,000 or a fine not more than twice the amount of criminally derived property involved, possible restitution and a mandatory term of supervised release of no more than three years, according to the plea agreement that was filed in federal court.

Laughlin was formerly charged by the U.S. Attorney's office on May 17 for carrying on a scheme to defraud and obtained \$2,072,326.56 from the producers/owners of mohair and wool stored at the Ozona and Sanderson warehouses, according to court documents.

Beginning in March 2000, Laughlin carried out the scheme by selling producers' wool and mohair, and not paying the producers the money they were owed, the documents state. Laughlin also sold the products without the producers' knowledge or permission.

Instead of deducting fees for storage and commissions from these sales, and paying over the balance to the producer, Laughlin would either keep the money for himself or transfer the money from the mohair/wool sales bank account to the bank account of the Wool Growers retail business, the documents state.

Once the money from the fraudulent

sales had been transferred and deposited into the Wool Growers retail business bank account, Laughlin would then order the money to be used for regular business expenses of the Wool Growers retail business or would be used by Laughlin in the form of unauthorized additional salary checks and cash, the documents stated.

The documents also state that Laughlin allegedly committed mail fraud by authorizing approximately 34 envelopes from five buyers of wool and mohair that were addressed to "Wool Growers Central Storage" in Ozona. The envelopes contained approximately 34 checks payable to "Wool Growers Central Storage" or "Sanderson Wool Commission" totaling approximately \$758,552.63.

Each of the envelopes, and its contents, were to be sent and delivered by the United States Postal Service, the documents state.

The mail fraud scheme allegedly took place between Feb. 1, 2002 and May 25, 2006, the documents state. Laughlin was hired in 1991 as manager of Wool Growers.

The federal court hearing took place a little over a year when Laughlin was arrested by the Crockett County

Sheriff's Department on state charges of allegedly misapplication of fiduciary property over \$200,000.

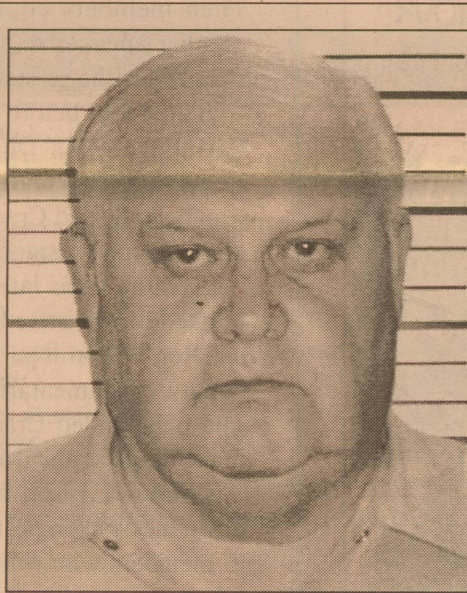
"I think the Texas Ranger (Brooks Long) involved in the investigation did an outstanding job," McRoberts said.

Laughlin's case, along with the one on former bookkeeper Tonya Stalcup, was turned over to the federal court system around the fall of 2006.

Stalcup pled guilty during a May 3 hearing to frauds and swindling and aiding and abetting, court documents stated.

Stalcup is also out on bond awaiting

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Donnie Laughlin of Ozona pled guilty last week to taking \$2 million through fraud while manager of Wool Growers Central Storage Co. in Ozona.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

### Beetle Flambé

This 1998 Volkswagen Beetle was a total loss last Thursday when it caught fire a mile north of Eldorado on U.S. 277. The driver, Madeline Higdon, 18, of Sonora, reported that she was driving southbound when the car's brake light came on. She told Deputy Jason Chatham that the brakes seemed to be locking up as she pulled over on the shoulder of the roadway. Chatham responded to the fire, along with Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe. Units from the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene, but firefighters, T.J. Rodriguez, Frank Dixon, Wade Shurley and Jerry Felver arrived to find the car completely engulfed in flames. The men quickly extinguished the fire and the roadway was reopened to traffic. There were no injuries reported in the incident.

## Comptroller reminds taxpayers of amnesty period Texas businesses can get a "fresh start" on state taxes

AUSTIN — Comptroller Susan Combs today reminded businesses that they have a chance to clear up unpaid, under reported or overdue taxes without fear of penalty or interest during Project Fresh Start, a tax amnesty period that runs from June 15 through Aug. 15.

During the 60-day amnesty period, businesses with overdue state taxes and those operating without required tax permits can come forward, file past-due tax reports and pay their taxes in full. The Comptroller will waive penalty and interest charges normally added to delinquent taxes. The tax amnesty applies to taxes and tax reports originally due before April 1, 2007.

"Since we announced Project Fresh Start, a number of taxpayers have contacted us about clearing up their records," Combs said. "This is also a great opportunity for businesses that have neglected to get a tax permit and report state taxes. This is their chance to begin meeting their tax responsibilities without fear of

being penalized for past mistakes."

The Project Fresh Start amnesty period applies to sales tax, franchise tax and all other state and any local taxes and fees administered by the state Comptroller, except unclaimed property and Public Utility Commission gross receipts assessments. Eligible taxpayers include those who did not file a required tax return or report; misrepresented, understated or omitted any tax liability on a past report; or erroneously claimed tax credits or tax deductions.

The amnesty does not apply to assess-

ments already identified by the Comptroller, taxpayers currently under audit or review and taxpayers the Comptroller has already contacted about an audit or possible tax deficiency.

Combs urges taxpayers to visit the Project Fresh Start Web site at [www.freshstart.texas.gov](http://www.freshstart.texas.gov) for complete details about how to participate in the tax amnesty, or call (800) 252-1390 or contact the nearest Comptroller field office. Field office information, tax permit applications and tax forms are available on the Web site.

## Sudduth receives \$10,000 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Ridge Ann Sudduth, a 2007 graduate of Eldorado High School, was awarded a \$10,000 Richard Wallrath Scholarship during the State 4-H Roundup held this week at College Station on the campus of Texas A&M University.

Sudduth was active in 4-H throughout her school years. She is the daughter of "Rabbit" and Toni Sudduth of San Angelo and formerly of Eldorado.

Ridge Ann Sudduth plans to attend Angelo State University, then transfer to Texas A&M University in order to pursue a degree in Agriculture Journalism.



## Congressional representative visits here today

Joanne Powell, a member of Congressman Mike Conaway's (TX-11) staff will be in Eldorado today, June 7, 2007, to visit personally with constituents. This will allow citizens to share concerns, request help on a federal issue or to ask any questions they may have.

Mrs. Powell will be in the Commissioners' Courtroom, on the first floor of the Schleicher County Courthouse from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



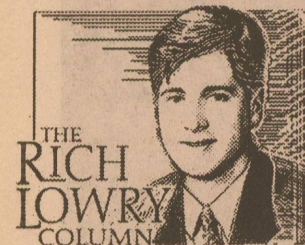
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Rhapsody Swyter (L) received a Division II rating at the State Band Solo and Ensemble Contest recently while classmate Janelle Pechacek (R) received a Division I rating and a Gold Medal. Pechacek played a "Sonatina" on the Contrabass Clarinet by William Schmidt. In their written critiques, contest judges praised Pechacek's "outstanding performance."

## Not a Poodle, But a Bulldog

It is the strange fate of retiring British Prime Minister Tony Blair to be called a lackey for adhering to his own deep-felt foreign-policy vision.

Long before President Bush arrived in the White House, Blair championed the idea that the West should intervene to stop human-rights abuses in other countries, putting morality above respect for the borders of sovereign countries. It wasn't until after 9/11 that Bush embraced a version of this expansive vision, essentially making him a convert to the Blair view rather than the other way around.



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In the debate regarding the Iraq War, Blair merely applied his principles of liberal interventionism that had led him to support a war against another aggressive, human-rights-abusing dictator, Slobodan Milosevic, in the Balkans. In a 1999 speech, Blair linked Milosevic and Saddam Hussein as "dangerous and ruthless men" who had "brought calamity on their own peoples." Stopping one had been right, and so was stopping the other.

Many of Blair's fellow liberal interventionists, however, weren't going to let consistency get in the way of opposing "Bush's war." Their support for a robustly moralistic foreign policy ended as soon as it was picked up by a conservative Republican. There were a handful of liberal interventionists who backed the Iraq War, but they dropped off when it turned from an easy liberation to a grinding counterinsurgency. Recognizing the evil of our enemy and the humanitarian stakes of failure, Blair held firm.

Blair has been nearly alone in keeping liberal-interventionist priorities throughout the Clinton and Bush years. Rather than "Bush's poodle," Blair was a bulldog for his beliefs.

Those beliefs have meant that he took part in no less than four wars, and probably would have welcomed a fifth in Darfur. He supported humanitarian military action in Europe (Kosovo) and in Africa (Sierra Leone), with U.N. support (Afghanistan) and without (Iraq). President Bush once said, "When somebody hurts, government has got to move." Blair applies that (not the least bit conservative) insight internationally, with the government bringing along the paratroopers when it moves.

Since there is an overwhelming amount of "hurt" in our broken world, the question becomes how to discriminate among proposed interventions. Which are important enough to warrant force and which aren't? Blair argues that they are all important. In the new, interdependent global environment, old distinctions between a foreign policy based on morality and national interest have collapsed. This is overstated, but it is true that threats to the international order come almost exclusively from regimes that also abuse human rights.

Blair acted on his liberal foreign-policy views -- a throwback to William Gladstone in the British tradition and to Woodrow Wilson in the American -- with honor. He confronted American presidents when he thought they were wrong -- pushing Bill Clinton to send ground troops to Kosovo, for instance -- and stood by them when they were embattled on behalf of things he too believed.

Blair's foreign-policy vision might have overreached and he had other important failings as a leader, but he was never anyone's poodle.

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## What We Used to Know

How did we let such valuable information slip away?

It is real simple stuff. So simple, in fact, that in our daily rush it is fading from existence.

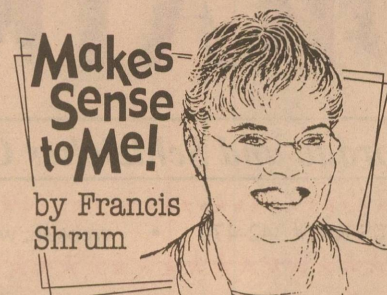
I'm talking about how to raise successful kids. I said it was simple. I didn't say it was easy.

I recently attended a lecture given by a newly retired educator. His material is considered revolutionary in a modern education seminar because it simply isn't politically correct to say that parents should teach their kids to accept the word "no" the first time, that they should actually be required to stay at their parents' side when shopping and keep their hands off items they have not purchased.

Or even -- a hush falls over the crowd -- that they should learn to sweep the floor and do dishes!

The credentials of this educator are impeccable. He has been a son for 64 years, a husband for 46 years, a father for 45 years, a grandfather for 25 years and a great-grandfather for three. He has 42 years of teaching experience in public education.

He wants to remind parents of what we used to know -- that children who are taught a few basic things at home before they go to school are going to do better than those who are not shown how to sit still, listen, obey instructions, wait a turn, share, be respectful,



Makes Sense to Me!

by Francis Shrum

courteous, considerate and patient, or when to keep their voice down or their mouth firmly closed. Being responsible, and knowing how to work and put stuff away is also extremely helpful.

These are things any parent can teach, and parents in past generations did. They are skills that guarantee any kid will do well in any given situation in his or her future.

The truth is, however, that public education has added two years to the front side of formal education -- in the form of Headstart and pre-K programs -- in an attempt to teach kids how to go to school because they are not learning it at home.

This educator said his own mother understood there were two kinds of education -- the first, la educación, you learned at home; the second kind you learned at school. The success of the second invariably depended on the success of the first.

Wise woman.

There is no definition for this first kind of education in the English

dictionary, he said, because English-speaking society does not view the development of manners in the same way as Spanish speakers -- and the first kind of education is all about manners. So, I looked it up. In the Spanish dictionary, education is defined as manners. In the English, there is no mention of manners anywhere in the definition of education, or vice versa.

He said his parents knew if their kids learned the first kind of education, they would not be called "ill mannered" -- which was an insult on the family. They also paid close attention during the second phase of their kids' education. They asked questions. "What did you learn today?" Perhaps most importantly: "What are your friends' names?"

He said all parents should teach la educación before education, and as I mused on the wisdom of these words, I was haunted by a question.

In our me-first, don't-tell-me-what-to-do society, how many adults can even remember, let alone teach, what we used to know?

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## Legislation passes, speaker survives challenge

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The 140 day regular session of the 80th Texas Legislature ended on May 28.

The House and Senate completed the essential task of settling on a budget — \$153 billion — covering fiscal years 2008-2009.

The state budget for 2008-2009 includes a set-aside of \$7.5 billion for property tax relief in 2010-2011.

Commanding the bulk of attention, however, was House Speaker Tom Craddick's

battle to withstand challenges to his authority in the final days of the session.

Members from both major political parties cited parliamentary precedents and House rules in attempts to be recognized on the House floor so they could move to conduct a vote to vacate the chair.

Had such a motion been recognized and a vote taken, Craddick, R-Midland, might have been forced to step down. Then members could have elected another speaker to serve out the remainder of the session.

Three days before the session's end, Parliamentarian Denise Davis and Deputy Parliamentarian Chris Griesel, who had advised Craddick all session long, abruptly resigned their posts.

A short time later, Craddick appointed former state Reps. Terry Keel and Ron Wilson as parliamentarian and deputy parliamentarian, respectively. The pair guided Craddick through a maze of questions from the floor.

Craddick, Keel and Wilson ran down the clock, repeatedly responding to members with rulings that it is the speaker's absolute right to choose to recognize or not recognize a member to make a motion. In effect, "You will not be recognized to make that motion," was the pat response. Attempts to be recognized subsided as lawmakers saw the opportunity to pass legislation slipping away.

Craddick said he plans to run for a fourth term as speaker, but he will face competition. The list of House members who have expressed a desire to succeed Craddick includes Republican Reps. Fred Hill of Richardson, Jim Keffer of Eastland, Jim Pitts of Waxahachie, Robert Talton of Pasadena and Brian McCall of Plano, and Democratic Reps. Senfronia Thompson and Speaker Pro Tempore Sylvester Turner, both of Houston.

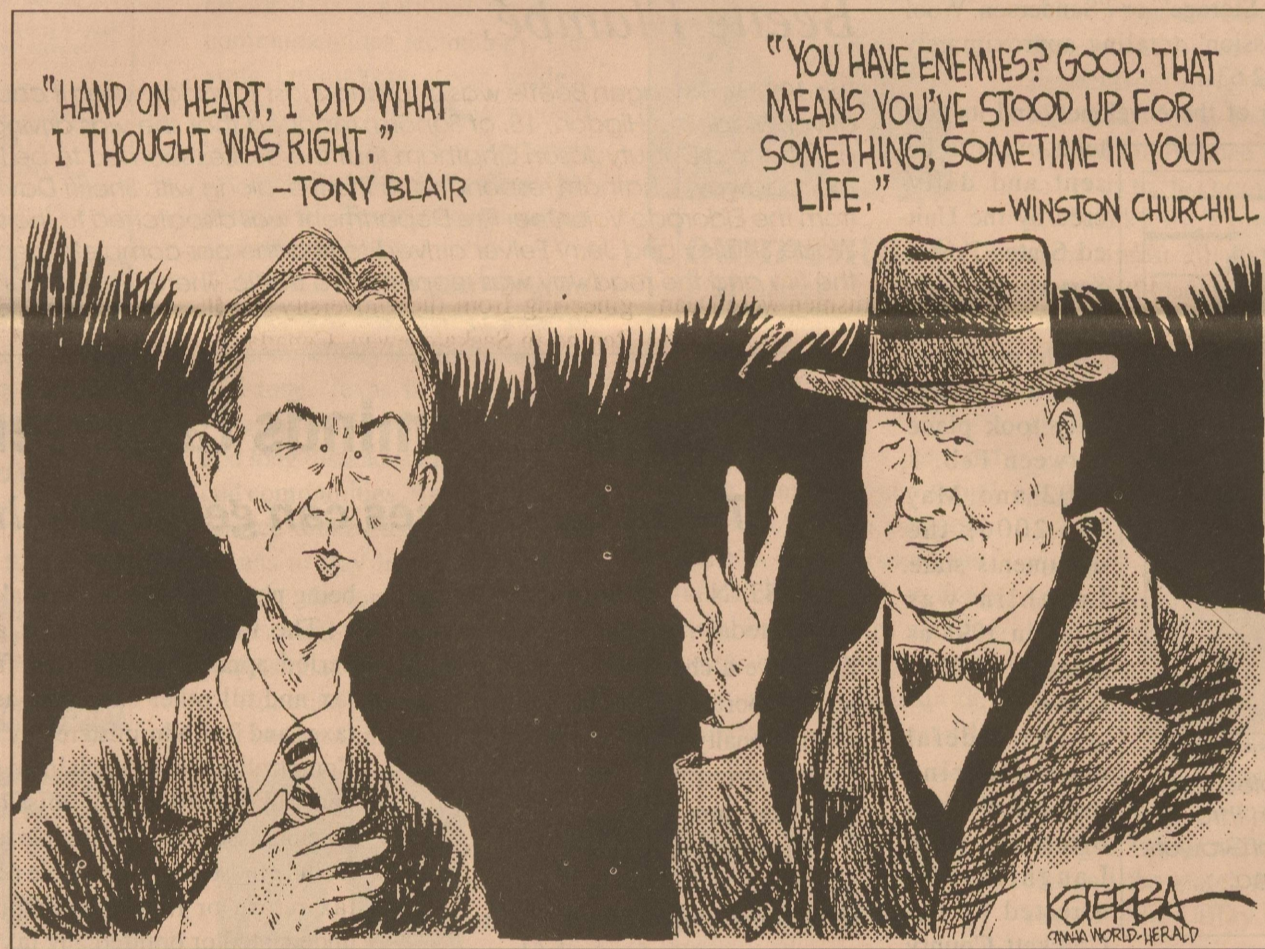
The 81st Legislature will convene in January 2009. Craddick and challengers will have 18 months to get promises of support from colleagues.

### Major legislation gains passage

Despite time lost in efforts to unseat Craddick, legislators still managed to push through and pass about 1,500 bills. Here are the effects of a few of them:

- A water plan benefiting Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and other thirsty metro areas and giving rural areas some control over interbasin water transfers.
- A \$425 minimum pay increase for public school teachers and a set of standards that if met can qualify a teacher for an additional raise.
- Funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program will give coverage to an additional 127,000 children.
- Enhanced felony charges possible for owners of dogs that attack other people.

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## The Buckholts Mural: Five Years of Dedication

Buckholts is a small town near Cameron. The Buckholts Betterment Association is made up of citizens who work to make Buckholts better. A few years ago the BBA recently painted its huge building on Main Street, which serves as the community center. One wall was white.

To Lamerle Zajicek (pronounced Zy-check), an artist who has a studio across the street from the community center, the blank white wall looked like a giant canvas. She thought a big mural would look just lovely on that wall. She approached the BBA and presented her idea to create a historical mural on the side of the building. The BBA officers liked the idea and agreed to furnish supplies and paint. Little did they know what they were getting into. Work on the project started in 2000 (when Lamerle was 70). The mural was finished in 2005.

Lamerle spent a full year doing research, making patterns and stencils, sketching and figuring out how to get her ideas and images on that big wall. She



by Tumbleweed Smith

decided to make a giant grid, dividing the wall into small squares, creating scenes on a scale of one inch equals one foot. She drew a straight line across the middle of the wall to gain perspective. After all, she had a lot of space to work with. The wall is 25 feet tall and 80 feet long. Scaffolding and ladders were required to get to the top of the mural.

She decided on the 1880's to the early 1900's as the time to depict in the mural. The town started with the arrival of the train in 1881. She acquired a photograph of the old depot and included it in the mural.

"We put vignettes all down the wall," says Lamerle, "each, one with just a small story in itself, telling how our town got started."

Lamerle wanted the people

of the community to have a part in making the mural, thinking it would mean more to them if they had a hand in it. She apparently was very persuasive. Buckholts has a population of 387. The number of people who worked on the mural reached 133. Some lived in Buckholts, some lived elsewhere but had ties to the community. The oldest person to work on the mural was 99. The youngest was four.

"We couldn't work in the mornings," says Lamerle. "The sun made a glare on the wall. Most of the work was done in the afternoons when the light was better for working."

She got people to paint scenes related to their work. A railroad man helped paint the railroad scene, a cotton gin man painted the gin, a banker named Crow painted some (what else?) crows. Monroe Fox, who has the Ideal Poultry Company in Cameron, painted some chickens. A mule man painted mules. A cattle rancher painted cows.

"Everybody seemed to have fun," says Lamerle.

## Ft. McKavett VFD to hold 7th annual BBQ Cook-off

The Fort McKavett Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) will host its 7th annual BBQ, beans and chili cook-off benefiting the Fort McKavett VFD building fund. Activities will begin Saturday morning June 9th with cook-off participants meeting at the fire station for registration at 9 a.m. Members of the VFD will operate a booth selling food and drinks to the public beginning at 11 a.m. Fund raising activities include a silent auction of donated items from area supporters beginning at 1 p.m. and a washer pitching contest beginning at 2 p.m. A BBQ dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Grand Auction beginning at 6:00 p.m. Live music entertainment will be provided by "The Old Hat Band" after the Grand Auction. For more information contact the Fort McKavett Trading Post at (325) 396-2350.



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The Fort McKavett Volunteer Fire Department recently acquired this new brush truck through a grant from the Texas Forest Service and contributions from local area ranchers in Menard, Schleicher and surrounding counties. Pictured above (L-R) Ft. McKavett State Historic Site manager, Buddy Garza, congratulating newly installed Fire Chief Pete Crothers, along with Park Rangers Alfredo Muñoz and Ken Lester and Buddy's son Anthony.



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Jack Walker Harris

## It's A Boy!

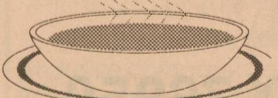
Jack Walker Harris made an early arrival to the world on May 16, 2007 at 9:10 pm. J.W. weighed 6 pounds 1 1/2 ounces and was 18 inches long. His parents are Stoney and Lyndi Harris.

His proud grandparents are Richard and Eureka Harris of Eldorado, Glenda Harris of Eldorado, Mike and Julie Smalley of Abilene, and Brenda Smalley of Abilene.

Great-grandparents are Leroy Hanusch of Eldorado, Toby Harris of San Angelo, and Paul and Wanda Grohman of Abilene.

J.W.'s aunts and uncles are Charlie and Annie Smalley of Abilene and Clay and Kristi McCullar of Baird. Two special people also welcomed J.W. into the world and they are Kurtis and Candi Homer.

## Meals for Friends Menu



### Monday, June 11

Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Biscuit, Heavenly Hash Cake, Orange Juice, Milk

### Tuesday, June 12

Bar-B-Cue Brisket, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit Cup

### Wednesday, June 13

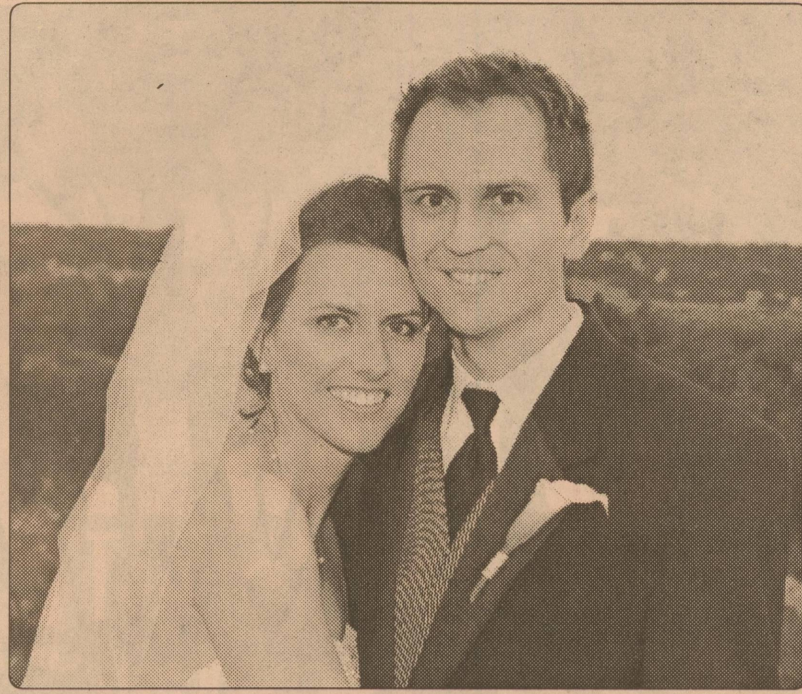
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Hot Roll, Milk, Vegetable Salad, White Cake w/Caramel Icing

### Thursday, June 14

Chicken Salad Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Potato Chips, Fresh Banana, Milk

### Friday, June 15

Glazed Ham, Cooked Cabbage, Sweet Potato w/Apples, Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding, Milk



COURTESY PHOTO

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Richard Clark

## Meador/Clark exchange vows

Erin Clair Meador and Scott Richard Clark were united in marriage on April 28, 2007 at the First United Methodist Church in Eldorado, Texas.

The wedding ceremony was officiated by Reverend George Lumpkin of Lampasas and Reverend Taylor Fuerst of Houston.

The bride is the daughter of Lynn and Christy Meador of Eldorado, and the groom is the son of Clarence and Donna Clark of Regina, Canada.

Members of the wedding party are as follows. The cross bearer was Jayden Wolfe of Manitoba, Canada. Candle lighters were Sterling Pape of San Angelo and Taylee Wolfe from Manitoba.

Erin's Maid of Honor was Jamie Hardy of Austin, and the Matron of Honor was Whitney Meyers of Albuquerque. Bridesmaids were Gloria Safont Meador and Katy Meador both of Eldorado; Karen Corkery of Ottawa, Canada and Savannah Stephens of Palmer, Texas. Scott's groomsmen were Dean

Clark of Calgary, Canada; Rick Terry of Regina; Philippe Lakas of Paris, France; Greg Armstrong of Ottawa; Stan Meador and Chris Meador of Eldorado.

The ushers were Regan Meador of New York, Travis Corkery of Ottawa, Ruben Harris of Minneapolis and Fred Bastien of Montreal, Canada.

The flower girls were Codee Meador, Andrea Meador, Sofia Meador, and Logan Moore all of Eldorado.

Ring bearers were Cooper Meador of Eldorado and Keegan Clark of Calgary. Terri Clark also of Calgary read scripture from the book of Isaiah.

Erin is a Texas Tech graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and holds a Masters of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University. She is currently employed at Nokia in Dallas.

Scott received a Bachelor of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Regina in Saskatchewan, Canada and also is employed in Dallas at Nortel.

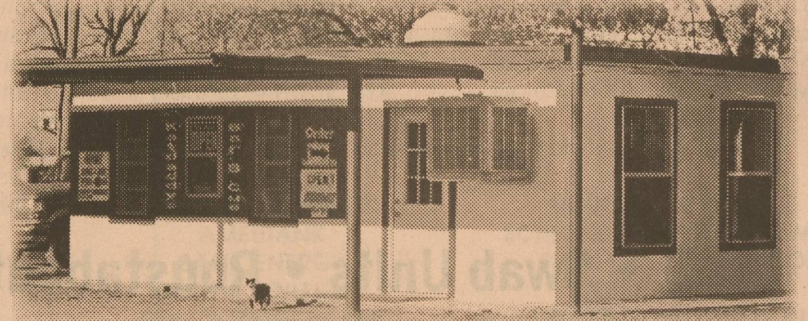
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Winner of this week's \$100 drawing is David and Blanca Charboneau. Blanca is shown here accepting the prize from Helen Ledbetter and Mary Jenkins who were wearing their Pirate costumes.

**Calling All Treasure Hunters!**

By depositing \$25 into a Savings Account, Eldorado youths will receive a Treasure Chest and other goodies!

Children 17 and under may register during the month of June to win a 9-inch Audiovox portable DVD player.

**Weekly Sudoku Puzzle**  
by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.  
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### FREE Summer Tennis Camp

**FREE:** To all 7th and 8th grade students in Eldorado.  
**Where:** At the Eldorado High School Tennis Courts  
**When:** Starts on June 18, 2007 till June 21, 2007.  
**Time:** The Camp begins at 9 am. Everyday till 10:30 am.  
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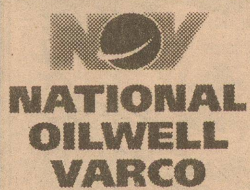


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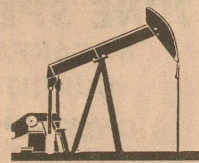
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### Elementary recognizes top students at awards assembly

The Eldorado Elementary School held its annual awards ceremony on Thursday, May 24, 2007.

Principal Maela Edmonson was emcee for the awards program following the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas flag, performed by the Elementary student body and parents.

Accelerated Reader high point individuals were Faith Kotsch, Anthony Olivares, Sierra Forlano, Star Foley, Travis Carter, Noal Sorrells, Branda Minor, Danny Pechacek, Jaime Chancellor, Christian Martinez, Cody McCormack and Esmeralda Ruezga who was high point reader with 304.1 points.

Fourth grade Accelerated Reader students who made their goal 5 out of 6 six-weeks were: Jacqueline Castro, Breana Crofoot, Estephania Estrada, Jessica Gonzalez, Mika Key, Kenzie McAngus, Cody McCormack, McKinney, Arden Mertz, Ivie Kate Mynatt, Abby Nolen, Kristen Reese, Esme Ruezga and Abigail Spradley.

Perfect Attendance Award was given to students who did not miss a day of school for any reason and were not tardy for any

classes between 8-14-2006 until 5-24-2007. These students were Clayton Arendt, Mathias Buitron, Estephania Estrada, Nicholas Floras, Sierra Forlano, Jessica Gonzalez, Junior Gonzalez, Jose Guerra, Keanu Hernandez, Okshana Hernandez, Whitney Perez and Titus Rios.

Most Improved Students were Erica Santellano, Kaylee Swindall, Luisa Muniz, Antonio Contreras, Jonathan Fortenberry, Leroy Tores, and Eric Sanchez.

The President's Gold Award students who had a 90 or above average in reading and math for the year and who received commendations in at least two out of three areas on the TAKS were Breana Crofoot, Tori Guerrero, Ivie Kate Mynatt, Esmeralda Ruezga, Garet Swinford, Abby Nolen, Whitney Perez, and Tres Whitten.

The President's Silver Award winners for extra effort were as follows: Arden Mertz, Dalton Buchholz, Estephania Estrada, Carlos Guzman, Kenzie McAngus, and Mika Key. The program ended with the announcement of the Perfect Attendance Bike Drawing winners who were Estephania Estrada and Junior Gonzalez.

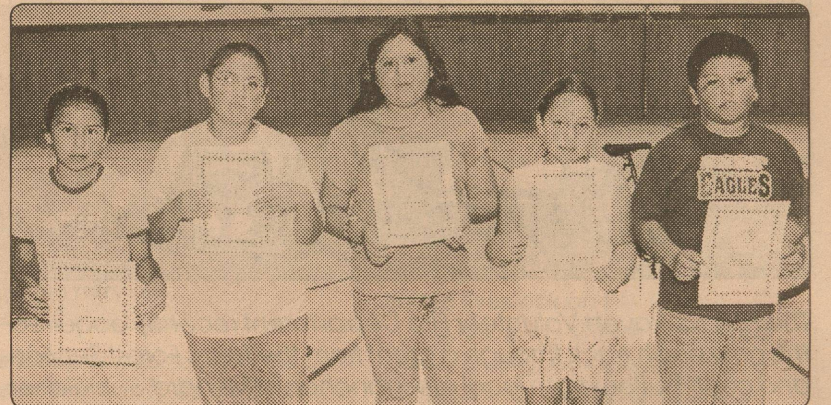


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Perfect Attendance for the August 14, 2006 through May 24, 2007 school year. They are: (Front L-R) Okshana Hernandez, Titus Rios, Jessica Gonzalez, Whitney Perez and Junior Gonzalez.

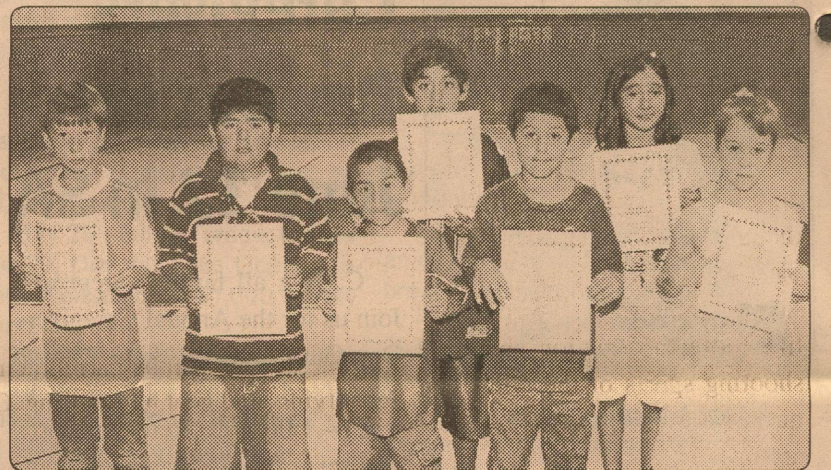


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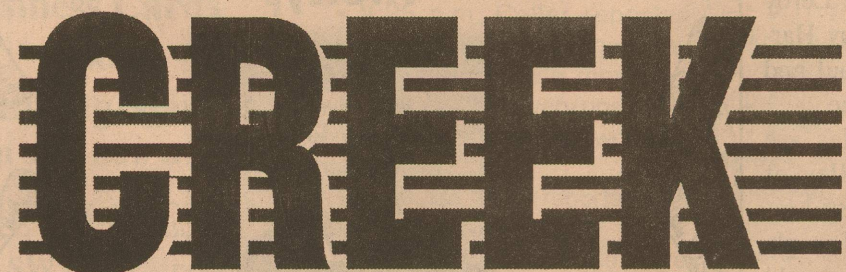
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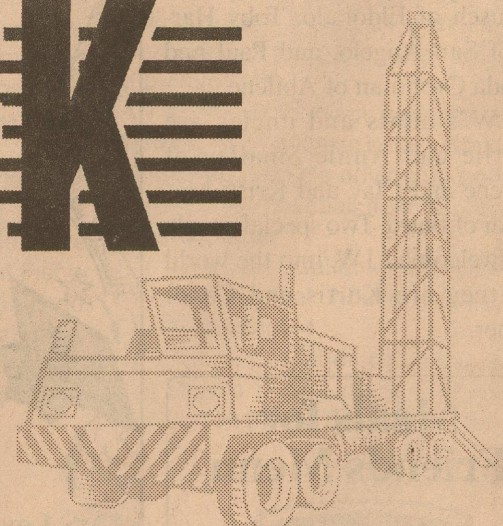
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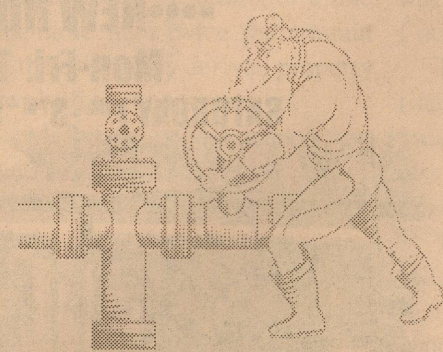


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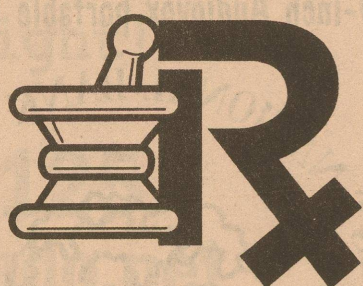
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# SA home builder fined \$20K

The Texas Residential Construction Commission fined Rey P. Hernandez Construction, of San Angelo, \$20,000 for using fraud and deceit to obtain his registration, as well as having an unpaid judgment and failing to register homes properly.

News of the fine was made public this week after action taken by the TRCC at its April, 2007 meeting was finalized.

Other fines were also levied against Texas builders and remodelers.

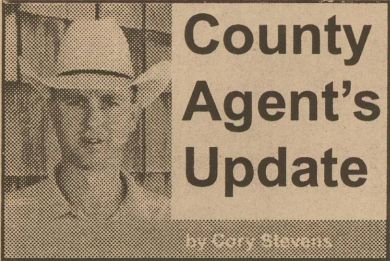
The following builders were all cited for presenting checks to the commission that later were not honored by their financial institution for a lack of sufficient funds. The fine amount is in parenthesis: MC Construction, of Missouri City (\$5,000); Spazio Construction, Inc., of Laredo (\$5,000); Bolan Builders, of Austin (\$5,000); Davenport Development Group, of Heath (\$5,000) and Stacy and Carla Bate-man Family, LP, of Lindale (\$1,000).

Commission Executive Director Duane Waddill

said builders and remodelers must understand that the commission will hold them responsible for any failure to obey the law or to adhere to commission rules.

"I fully expect Texas builders and remodelers to honor their legal and moral obligations to consumers and the state," Waddill said. "The commission is aggressively investigating and sanctioning those builders and remodelers to ensure they take their responsibilities seriously in the future. The industry must recognize the commission's commitment to enforcing the laws and rules regulating residential construction in Texas."

Consumers can research whether or not a builder or remodeler is registered and if the state has found a defect as a result of a consumer complaint and how many projects a builder or remodeler has registered by utilizing the public record search on the commission's Web site at [www.texasrcc.org](http://www.texasrcc.org). FMI call toll free 877-651-TRCC (8722).

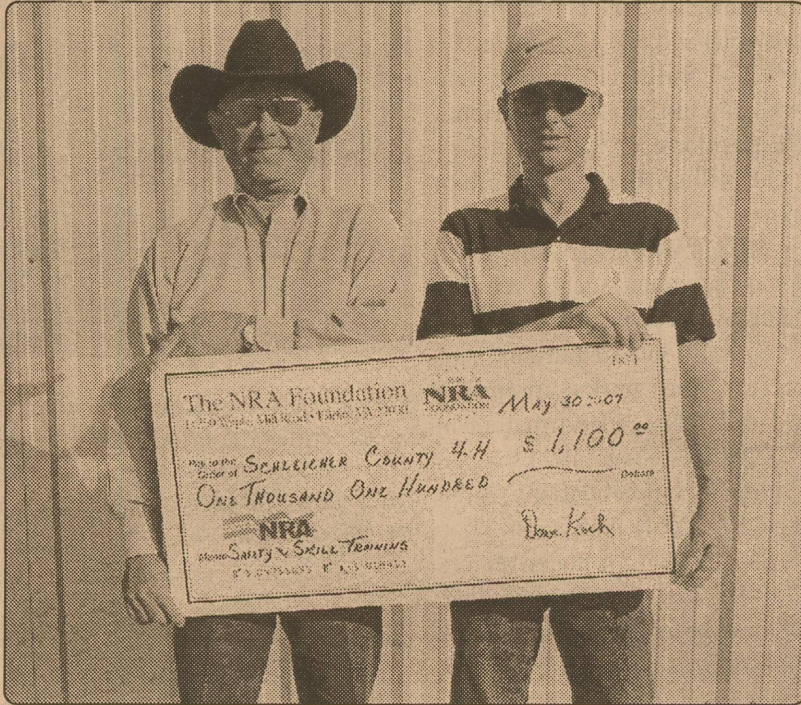


## County Agent's Update

by Cory Stevens

### 4H Shooting Sports receives NRA grant

The Schleicher County 4H Shooting Sports group received a grant in the amount of \$1100 from the Friends of the NRA. This grant will be used to further educate young people of Schleicher County in gun safety and shooting sports events. Funds are for these grants at local banquets held across the country. The banquet for the San Angelo Area will be held on August 25th, 2007. If you would like more information about 4H shooting sports or the NRA banquet contact the extension office at 853-2132.



Dave Koch (L) presented a check for \$1,100 from the Friends of the NRA to the 4H Shooting Sports program for safety and skill training. County Agent, Cory Stevens accepted the gift on behalf of the club.

### 4H Horse Club events reminder

Just a reminder, playdays begin next Tuesday. These are open to anyone. Events will be barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway roping, goat tying, and goat hair pulling. Contact the extension office with any questions: 853-2132.

### Deadline is Tuesday for annual 4H Camp

If you are interested in attending 4H camp this summer, July 5-7, the absolute deadline is this coming Tuesday. This camp is for anyone ages 9-19, but is more specifically targeted to 4H members 8th grade

and under. The fee for the camp is \$126. I must mail off the applications by next Tuesday. Come by the extension office and fill out an application. Please be prepared to pay with a check when you come.

### 4H benefit golf tournament

A golf tournament will be held benefiting the Schleicher County 4H club on June 16th. We will begin at 1:30 PM. The tournament will be a 2 person select shot, with the entry fee being \$100 per

team. 75% of the entry fee will be paid back. If you would like more information, please call the extension office at 853-2132 or Phil McCormick at 853-3206 or 853-2511.

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- 10th Carlos Lozano, Shianne Middleton, Tommy Robledo, Jake Swindall, Lesa Martinez
- 11th Edwina Taylor, Luis Dellavechia
- 12th Jessi Dawn Taylor
- 13th Gloria Belman, Clay Butler, Madolyn Phillips, Patsy Kellogg, Hannah Robledo, DeeAnn Perkins, Robert Jr. Sanchez, Lisa Sanchez

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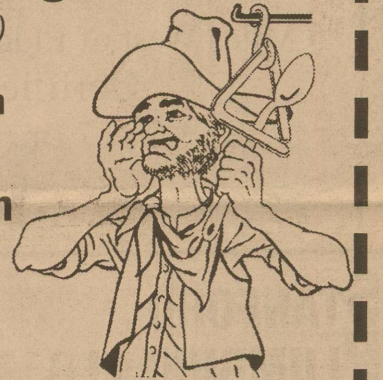
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# Parks legislation termed a tremendous victory for Texas state & local parks

## Appropriations Bill (HB 1) provides necessary funding

AUSTIN - The omnibus parks bill authored by State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) aimed at restoring excellence to the state park system and historic sites gained Senate approval only hours before the end of the 80th Legislative session.

Rep. Hilderbran, with help from House Speaker Tom Cradick, was responsible for obtaining record funding over the next biennium for state and local parks. In addition to the provisions of H.B. 12, Rep. Hilderbran was successful in securing the appropriations necessary to implement the bill. H.B. 12 will provide approximately \$182 million in additional funding in the 2008-2009 biennium. The substantial increase in funding will be a huge step in the much-needed improvements in park repairs and operations.

The approved Senate version of the bill, sponsored by Sen. Craig Estes, differs somewhat from the House version. While it provides short-term relief to the ailing parks system, it does not provide for a long-term solution. Rather than allocate all future sales tax revenue

from the sale of sporting goods, the bill authorizes a one-time appropriation.

"We had a tremendous short term victory," Rep. Hilderbran said. "We secured record appropriations for the next two years; however, a long-term funding solution is unfinished business. We will complete a study during the interim and come back next session to pass legislation to finish intent of this bill."

Senate members said they wanted to see an interim study done to determine what items should be considered "sporting goods" and used to fund parks through their generation of sales tax. While H.B. 12 authorizes that six percent of the sales tax revenue from sporting goods go to Texas historic sites, and 94 percent go to Texas parks, it limits the comptroller's office from depositing an amount higher than the Legislative appropriation made this session.

Under the bill, a legislative task force made up of eight members will review the items included in the definition of "sporting goods" and determine if there is a cor-

relation between each individual item and activities related to state and local parks and coastal erosion, and the amount of revenue that must be generated to fund the policy decisions made by the 80th Legislature regarding parks and coastal erosion. The task force will present its findings to the 81st Legislature not later than Jan. 15, 2009.

H.B. 12 combines House Bills 6 and 7, and also addresses management practices within the Texas Parks and Wildlife. H.B. 6 had gained significant support in the House, as it aimed to remove the \$32 million cap on the sporting goods tax used to fund Texas parks. This aspect will be studied further by the joint committee. Though the sporting goods tax brings in about \$105 million each year, the most recent appropriations bill only allocates \$15.5 million for state parks and \$5 million for local parks.

Taking language from H.B. 7, the bill authorizes the transfer of 18 historic sites from the Texas Parks and Wildlife jurisdiction to the Texas Historical Commission. The sites will be funded through a historic site fund which will receive six percent of the sporting goods tax revenue. Currently, parks and historic sites are funded from the same account.

"Creating a separate fund exclusively for historic sites means that whether in good times or bad, our historical sites will receive sufficient funding without having to compete with more popular recreational sites," Rep. Hilderbran said. "In the long run, this will help protect the funding and ensure the success of the state's historic sites."

Additionally, the bill directs the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to be more innovative and enterprising in business management and with the marketing of our state parks. It requires TPWD to meet the recommendations of a State Audit report released in March.

TPWD will be required to establish an equipment review system, under which the agency will be required to evaluate on an annual basis whether any maintenance equipment has become outdated and, if so, will require the agency to sell the equipment. It also requires TPWD to submit a management plan every two years to address the most urgent maintenance requests. The bill also outlines ways to help increase the collection of user fees.

Highlights HB 1 (Appropriations Bill) and HB 12 include:

- \$25.6 million to operate state parks, including 229 additional FTE positions
- \$8 million for state park minor repairs
- \$9.7 million for state park capital equipment, such as vehicles and computers
- \$3 million in additional support for state parks, including new architects and estimators in TPWD's Infrastructure Division to fulfill recommendations of the recent SAO state park audit.
- \$44 million for major repairs to TPWD sites. This bond package includes the necessary appropriation funding to support bond debt service for FY08-09. Of the total, \$17 million is Proposition 8 bond funding approved by Texas voters in 2001, and \$27 million is a new bond issue that must first be approved by voters this coming November.

• \$13.9 million in land acquisition funding. This includes \$9.6 million from the sale of the undeveloped Eagle Mountain Lake State Park property near Fort Worth. It also includes \$4.3 million for acquisition of inholdings and properties adjacent to existing state parks.

• \$36.3 million for local park grants to cities and counties. This restores full funding for local park grants to cities and counties to \$15.5 million per year, plus the appropriations bill allocated an additional \$16.7 million for specific park projects.

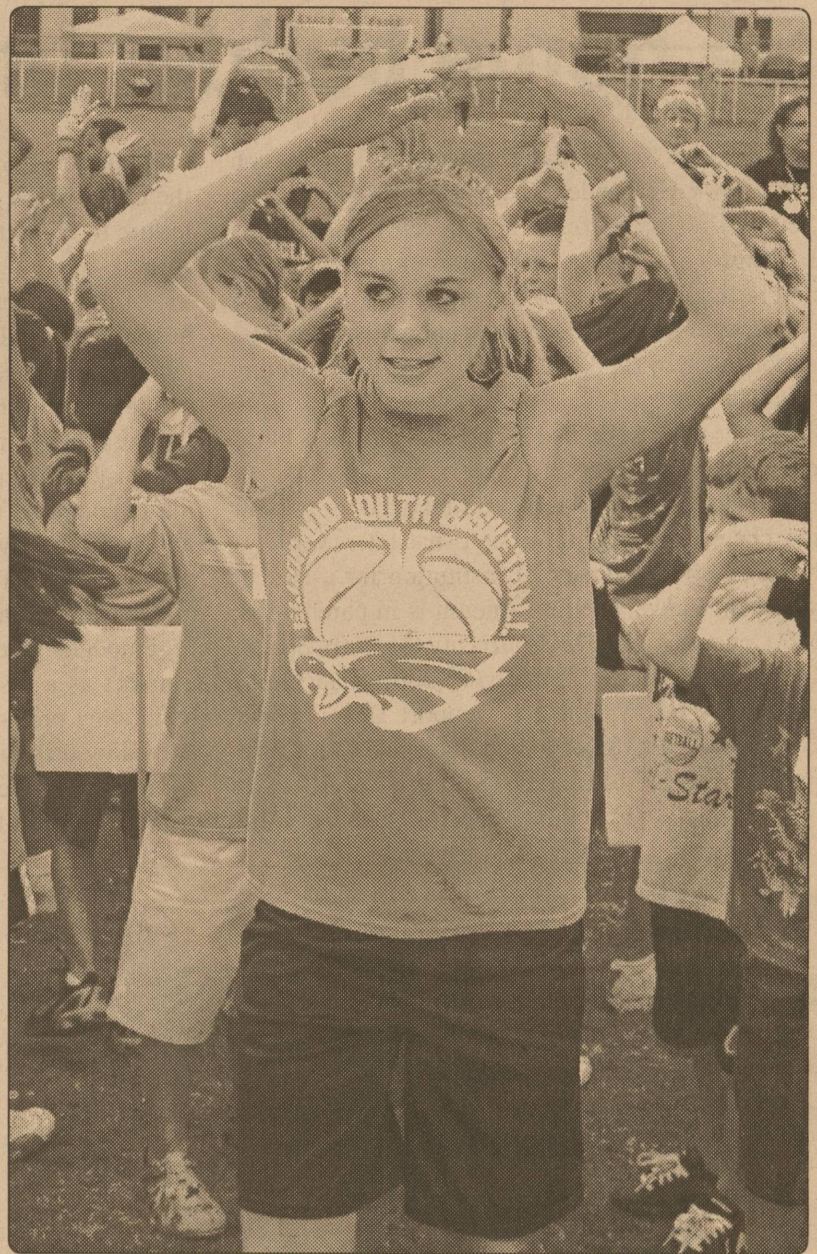


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Bridgett Mitchell was one of the youth leaders at the community-wide Vacation Bible School held last week at Eagle Stadium. She is shown here leading children through a series of hand and arm gestures as they followed along with music provided by Micah Mariano.

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**ACROSS**

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- On the trail of
- Just hired
- "Nana" author Zola
- Head out
- Yalie
- Amiable
- "Red state" org.
- Took stock of
- Fancy pancake
- Suffix with auction or chariot
- Was a good boy
- Carson City's state
- Calligrapher's embellishment
- "Metamorphoses" writer
- Deck protector
- Lobster \_\_\_ Diavolo
- Industrially and economically advanced land
- Victorian \_\_\_
- Hi-fi pioneer Fisher
- Dry as dust
- Dutch painter Jan
- Rock's \_\_\_ Dan
- One of a shelf pair
- Daisy \_\_\_ ("Li'l Abner")

**DOWN**

- Nintendo rival
- "Famous" cookie maker
- Life stories, in short
- Word with "ye"
- Made taut
- Take in or let out
- The Hatfield-McCoy affair, e.g.
- Sealing gunk
- 12/24 or 12/31
- Mao's land
- Israeli desert region
- Split to wed
- Applied a rag to
- On the briny
- Spitfire fliers of WWII
- \_\_\_-eyed (suspicious-looking)
- March slogan word
- Junction point
- "As \_\_\_" (letter closing)
- "\_\_\_ Zapata!" (Brando flick)
- Summer quencher
- Howard of Sirius
- Risk a ticket
- Send packing
- Muddy up
- Opie's sitcom dad
- Tardiness excuse
- Quiznos fixture
- \_\_\_ kwon do
- Enjoy Vail, say
- With it, mentally
- Take care of
- \_\_\_ buddies
- Nitrous \_\_\_ (laughing gas)
- Showbiz twin Mary-Kate or Ashley
- Much office email
- Rope fiber
- A party to
- Hack's customer
- Title role for Gwyneth Paltrow
- Walk like a totpot
- Mule of song
- \_\_\_Cone (icy confection)

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## IRS warns taxpayers of E-mail scams

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today alerted taxpayers to the latest versions of an e-mail scam intended to fool people into believing they are under investigation by the agency's Criminal Investigation division.

The e-mail purporting to be from IRS Criminal Investigation falsely states that the person is under a criminal probe for submitting a false tax return to the California Franchise Board. The e-mail seeks to entice people to click on a link or open an attachment to learn more information about the complaint against them. The IRS warned people that the e-mail link and attachment is a Trojan Horse that can take over the person's computer hard drive and allow someone to have remote access to the computer.

The IRS urged people not to click the link in the e-mail or open the attachment.

Similar e-mail variations suggest a customer has filed a complaint against a company and the

IRS can act as an arbitrator. The latest versions appear aimed at business taxpayers as well as individual taxpayers.

The IRS does not send out unsolicited e-mails or ask for detailed personal and financial information. Additionally, the IRS never asks people for the PIN numbers, passwords or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

"Everyone should beware of these scam artists," said Kevin M. Brown, Acting IRS Commissioner. "Always exercise caution when you receive unsolicited e-mails or e-mails from senders you don't know."

Recipients of questionable e-mails claiming to come from the IRS should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the e-mails. Instead, they should forward the e-mails to phishing@irs.gov (the instructions may be found on IRS.gov by entering the term "phishing" in the search box).

The IRS also sees other e-mail scams that involve tricking victims into revealing private personal and financial information over the Internet is known as "phishing" for information.

The IRS and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration work with the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and various Internet service providers and international CERT teams to have the phishing sites taken offline as soon as they are reported.

Since the establishment of the mail box last year, the IRS has received more than 17,700 e-mails from taxpayers reporting more than 240 separate phishing incidents. To date, investigations by TIGTA have identified host sites in at least 27 different countries, as well as in the United States.

Other fraudulent e-mail scams try to entice taxpayers to click their way to a fake IRS Web site and ask for bank account numbers. Another widespread e-mail tells taxpayers the IRS is holding a refund (often \$63.80) for them and seeks financial account information. Still another email claims the IRS's 'anti-fraud commission' is investigating their tax returns.

More information is available on IRS.gov.

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Eldorado's Internet Homepage

## DPS inspecting commercial vehicles during Roadcheck 2007

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and inspectors continue three-day-long commercial vehicle inspection push that began Tuesday, June 5th and ends Thursday, June 7th. The effort is in conjunction with Roadcheck 2007, an intensive 72-hour commercial vehicle inspection program being conducted throughout North America.

DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers and noncommissioned inspectors, along with Highway Patrol troopers who have received specialized training in commercial vehicle inspection, are stopping thousands of commercial vehicles to inspect safety equipment and check driver log books, driver licenses and endorsements. Inspectors will also look for possible drug or alcohol use.

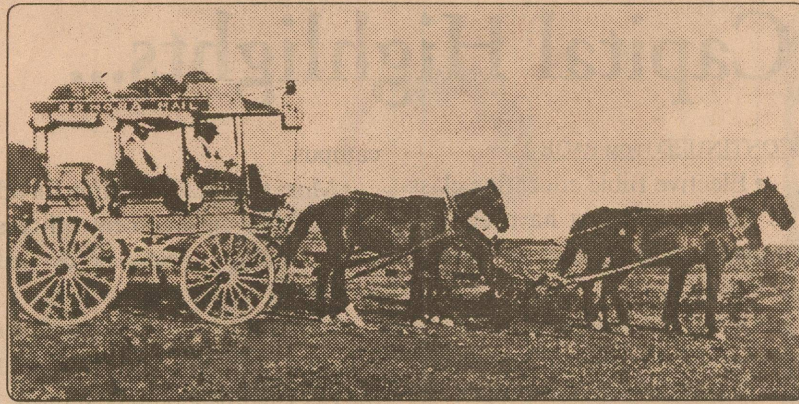
"We expect to conduct thousands of commercial vehicle inspections during this concentrated inspection period," said Chief Randall K. Elliston, head of the Texas Highway Patrol. "Roadcheck reminds truckers and commercial

vehicle owners to make sure they are meeting safety requirements and their vehicles are in good operating condition. If they're unsafe, we'll remove them from the roadways and issue tickets to others as necessary."

During Roadcheck 2006, inspectors examined 6,124 vehicles in Texas. As a result, troopers removed 1,461 vehicles and 218 drivers from service because of the serious nature of their safety violations.

The Roadcheck program, which stretches from Mexico to Canada, is designed to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle safety. The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), which sponsors Roadcheck, reports a significant decrease in the commercial vehicle crash rate in North America since the program's start in 1988.

Vehicles passing inspection receive a CVSA decal exempting the vehicle from inspection for a 90-day period, unless they have an obvious safety defect.



Stagecoach in Eldorado — Mr. C. C. Doty and driver.

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## Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

A trip from San Angelo to Sonora through Schleicher County in 1895 was quiet an adventure. Stagecoaches pulled by a team of four horses traveled this route six times a week to deliver mail and a few passengers. The stage-coach had to stop and change horses every ten to twelve miles, and let the passengers rest. Also traveling this dirt road were private buggies, wagons, freighter wagons and saddle horses.

As many as eight different freight companies carried supplies to Eldorado and Sonora from San Angelo during the period of 1894 to 1909. Their cargo would consist of groceries, salt, feed, barbed wire and other commodities that were not produced locally. Wool was carried back to San Angelo during the sheep shearing season. The daily schedule for the drivers was from sun-up to sun-down, weather permitting. If a storm came up and the roads were too muddy, they had to stay at a camp ground or camp out until the road was passable.

Rest areas or stage stops were very important in those days. The caretakers of these way stations or stores would feed the horses and water them from a dirt tank. They also supplied fresh horses, and cared for the travelers.

One campground and general store was the Calcote Store eleven miles north of Eldorado. Robert Lee Calcote supplied fresh horses, supplies and a large campground for travelers. Another rest stop was the Mark Fury Ranch Stage Stop twelve miles north of Eldorado. The J. D. Ernest Stage Stop was located on what is now the Noweita Matthews Briggs ranch south of Eldorado.

After the automobile came to Schleicher County travel changed a lot but, the dirt roads were still a problem.

## Fire Department begins spraying for mosquitoes

Eldorado volunteer firefighters were slated to begin spraying for mosquitoes Wednesday evening, June 6th, according to Fire Chief Jerry Jones who brought the news

to the Success office just before press time. He advised that fire trucks would be making their way through town to spray a "highly diluted" mosquito spray.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Judy Christian and Gene McCalla (at right) led the Newcomers Club, a tour group from San Angelo, through the historic Old Eldorado Woolen Mill. The mill, which manufactured many of the army blankets used during World War II and the Korean War, was in full production until the 1990s. Now, the oldest woolen mill west of the Mississippi River is open for tours by appointment only.

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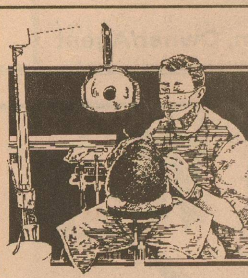
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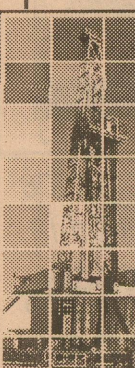


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## Capital Highlights...

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- Elective Bible education classes for schools that have enough students who express an interest in taking them.
- A toll road bill that puts a two-year hold on construction of the Trans Texas Corridor project but allows the planning to continue, while granting local and regional toll authorities control over their own road projects.
- Random steroid testing of Texas high school athletes.
- A requirement for all public schools to have at least one automated external defibrillator on

- campus.
- More than \$200 million for additional law enforcement officers and technology to aid in border and homeland security operations.
- Constitutional amendment letting voters decide in November if the Legislature should be required to record each member's vote on final passage of substantive bills.
- Constitutional amendment letting voters decide in November if the state of Texas should borrow \$3 billion for cancer research over the next decade.
- Deadline for the governor to veto bills is June 17.

## USDA promotes home ownership loan program

OZONA — Direct Loan Funds are available for single family dwellings. The program is the best option for eligible low-income applicants to move into a home without a down payment.

Homeownership loans may be used to buy, build, improve, repair, or rehabilitate homes. Funds may also be used to modernize homes

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Borrowers may buy an existing house and lot or build a home. Under certain conditions, funds may be used to refinance debts on a home.

Loans may be made for up to 100 percent of the appraised value of homes meeting Agency requirements. Payments are based on income and family size. The interest rate is determined by income and may be as low as 1% with standard term 33 years.

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## 51st District Court Report

51st District Court of Schleicher County met Friday, May 31, 2007 with the Honorable Barbara L. Walthers presiding. The following judgement was handed down.

Suyen Hernandez Rios of Eldorado was charged with tampering with a government record to defraud/harm. Rios received one year deferred adjudication.

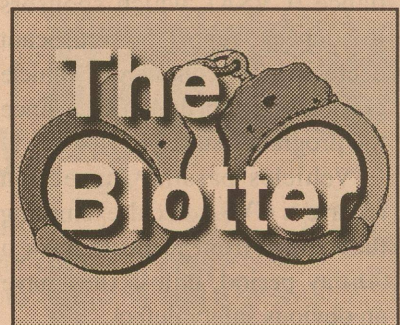
## Grand Jurors hand down indictments

The Schleicher County Grand Jury handed down 7 indictment Friday, May 31, 2007. Only two of the seven indictments had been made public at press time.

Jose Luis Aguilar, 24, of Eldorado was indicted on a

charge of Indecency with a Child/Sexual Contact, a second degree felony.

Armando Moreno, 19, of Eldorado, was indicted on two counts of Burglary of a Building, both are state jail felonies.



*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 will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### ARRESTS

**May 23** • Guerra, Trinidad, male age 32, offense violation of Protective Order. Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.

**May 26** • Luna, Teresa, female age 29, Driving While License Invalid. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

**May 28** • Fedler, Amy, female age 26, Hold for Sutton County, Dallas Co. Warrant. Released on (2) \$500.00 Surety Bonds.

**June 2** • Constancio, Lena G. female age 41, offense Driving While License Invalid.

**June 5** • McClinton, Lilia Antonette, female age 25, Motion To Revoke Tom Green County Warrant/Illegal Dumping.

### INCIDENTS

**May 29** • 2:33 p.m. Burglary of a vehicle. Caller reported a stereo taken from their vehicle. Officer responded.

• 7:02 p.m. Caller requested fire department. Oxygen bottle was on fire. Officer and Fire Chief responded.

• 7:08 p.m. Hospital requested an officer.

• 9:25 p.m. Caller reported some movers have damaged their neighbors yard while moving a swing set. Neighbor very upset and complainant advised they would fix the problem.

• 10:30 p.m. Caller reported loud music on Calender Street.

**May 30** • 7:24 a.m. Caller reported a fire at SW Main at Fisher Yard. Fire Department dispatched.

• 7:59 a.m. Subject reported someone broke into their home and took two computer speakers and numerous DVD's.

• 8:26 a.m. Convenience store reported a gas drive off. Vehicle is a white Chevy Pickup w/welder on the back headed Hwy. 277 North. Amount \$62.47.

• 6:27 p.m. 911 Call. Dispatcher contacted. Follow up call revealed a child had called 911.

**May 31** • 7:32 a.m. Caller reported livestock on FM 2598.

• 3:59 p.m. Caller reported animal cruelty. Complainant has reported animal cruelty by neighbors. Officer spoke with animal owner.

• 10:35 p.m. Caller reported loud music coming from neighbors.

**June 1** • 4:17 p.m. Complainant reported a possible minor accident on Lee Street, vehicle possibly being hit by a garbage truck.

• 11:31 p.m. Complainant reported loud music coming from neighbor across street. Officer notified.

**June 2** • 11:04 a.m. Theft on SW Main of 130 joints of pipe. Officer responded.

• 11:23 a.m. Caller requested an officer to investigate a possible break in. Officer responded.

• 3:30 p.m. Caller reported bees at their location on E. Hill. Fire Department

• 3:31 p.m. Hospital requested to speak with an officer.

• 6:37 p.m. 911 call to report a controlled burn on FM 2449, CR 220. Officer notified.

• 9:58 p.m. Complainant reported loud music coming from trailer. Officer notified and was unable to locate.

**June 3** • Welfare concern. Caller reported an elderly man on the side of the road North of Christoval. Sheriff Officer reported to Tom Green Sheriff Office.

**June 4** • 12:15 a.m. Caller reported loud music coming from neighbor's house waking them and their children. Officer responded.

• 12:21 Alarm system activated at convenience store. Key holder contacted.

• 5:17 p.m. Caller reported a pickup pulling a boat all over the road and not staying on their side of the highway.

• 6:11 p.m. Subject reported a Ford Mustang w/White letter across windshield. Vehicle driving up and down by the baseball field 80-100 miles per hour.

• 7:33 p.m. Caller reported a skunk under their house. Animal Control contacted.

• 9:42 p.m. Caller reported a motorcycle racing up and down Mertzson Highway. Officer notified.

## Laughlin pleads guilty

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Wool Growers filed for bankruptcy in April 2006. A hearing on the bankruptcy reorganization plan was held May 3 in the U.S. Federal Courthouse in San Angelo.

The majority of creditors have filed to approve the plan, but a group called the Wardlaw Creditors filed an objection and voted against the plan.

The Wardlaw Creditors consist of Jack David Wardlaw, Jesse Lem Wardlaw and Warlaw Brothers, which is composed of Jack David Wardlaw III, Mack Miers Wardlaw and William Chase Wardlaw, all of Sonora.

As of press time Monday, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert L. Jones had not issued an opinion, ruling on the plan.

McRoberts said Stalcup's sentencing will probably take place two weeks before Laughlin's based on the time when she pled.

There's also the possibility of an initial term of supervised release of three years, which follows a term of imprisonment, and restitution to the victims or community.

In the plea agreement, Stalcup agreed that the total loss amount is approximately \$200,000 and that she owes restitution.

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The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 11, 2007, at the City Hall. Citizens are invited to offer written or verbal comments at that time. Copies of the Proposed Ordinance #103-07 are available upon request at the City Hall. 22-23b

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

Schleicher County I.S.D. is accepting Sealed Bids for Food, Non-Food, Bread and Bakery Products and Dairy Products for the period of August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008.

Sealed Bids will be opened Monday June 28, 2007 at 2:00 P.M. in the Administration Building at 205 Field Street, Eldorado, Texas.

Bids received after that date and time would not be considered. Schleicher County I.S.D. reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Interested Parties should contact Billy Collins at 205 Field Street or by calling 325-853-2514 ext. 222.

### INVITATION FOR PAVING BIDS

The City of Eldorado is accepting written, sealed bids for rebuilding 8900 linear feet of street and seal coat 7300 linear feet of existing street. Bid opening will be held Monday, June 11, 2007, at 6:30 PM. Specifications are available at the City Hall between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM Monday through Friday. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

For more information, please contact Utility Supt. Floyd Fay at 325/853-2691. Bids should be submitted and received by City Secretary no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, June 11, 2007, at the City Hall, City of Eldorado, 6 S. Cottonwood St., P. O. Box 713, Eldorado, TX 76936. 22-23b

## Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Estephanie Estrada (L) and Junior Gonzalez (R) who won the Perfect Attendance Bicycles during the Elementary Awards Assembly held Thursday, May 24, 2007.

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The Eldorado City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Zoning Map for attachment to Ordinance #102-07 (approved May 7, 2007). Such Zoning Map proposes boundaries for Residential (Conventional & Mobile), Commercial, and Flood Zones within the City of Eldorado.

The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, June 11, 2007, at the City Hall. Citizens are invited to offer written or verbal comments at that time. A Draft of the Proposed Zoning Map, as well as newly adopted Ordinance #102-07, are available upon request at the City Hall. 22-23b

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**Back in the news**

The FLDS temple loomed in the background Monday as Fox News Channel producer Geroge Szucs interviewed Success publisher Randy Mankin near the entrance to the YFZ Ranch on County Road 300. Szucs was in town preparing a segment for Hannity's America. Two parts of the series taped in and around Hildale, Utah, have already aired. The segment featuring the YFZ Ranch is scheduled to air at 8 p.m. Sunday, June 10th on the Fox News Channel.

PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

**Don't Disconnect Rural Texas**

by Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples



**Commentary**  
 by Todd Staples  
 Texas Ag. Commissioner

Texas farmers and ranchers have long made the Lone Star State a leader in agricultural production. In recent years, Texas also has emerged as a national leader in communications technology. Our state lawmakers, civic leaders and business owners have worked together to advance a communications connectivity policy that benefits all Texans - rural, urban and suburban alike.

While it is often taken for granted, the most essential element of our connectivity is affordable basic dial tone. Texas is an expansive state with many wide, open spaces and long distances between towns and communities. But basic phone service makes it possible for all Texans to stay linked to families, friends, doctors, customers and others vital to our personal and professional well-being.

Our state's farmers and ranchers understand tight budgets,

sparse countryside and the need to connect to markets and suppliers. By the same token, our urban and suburban neighbors know the importance of having close, fresh, affordable food supplies and having access to the shopping, tourism and other unique opportunities our rural areas offer. Just like

roads and waterways, communications connectivity bridges the geographic divide and brings us all together.

Without the fundamental connectivity that basic dial tone provides, it's hard to imagine what the Texas economy - and its \$73 billion impact from agriculture would be like today. Many financial and logistical hurdles had to be cleared to get us to this point.

Thankfully, Texas had the foresight almost 20 years ago to embrace affordable basic telephone service as an important economic and social lifeline. Ours was among a handful of states that wisely chose not to rely solely on the federal government to promote ubiquitous dial tone. Instead we created our own program, the Texas Universal Service Fund, to ensure all Texans - regardless of their location - have access to basic phone service at a reasonable price.

While this fund has been successful, my former legislative colleagues and I determined last session it was time to identify what changes, if any, were needed. We charged the state's experts - the Texas Public Utility Commission

- to review all aspects of the fund to assess their continued relevancy.

The PUC's report concluded that the fund is still needed, but also in need of updating. In my new role as agriculture commissioner, I plan to closely follow all deliberations on this vital issue to ensure our rural areas continue to have access to affordable, quality service and that all Texans are connected for continued economic prosperity. I am confident the PUC will lead us in an objective analysis that balances the needs of all Texans.

Despite our state's size and diversity, Texans realize that we are inextricably tied together by both economic and social necessity. Prudent public policy will respect these inter-dependencies and ensure that no part of the state - rural, urban or suburban - is left behind.

Inevitably, new communications technologies will continue to shrink distances and make our lives easier and more productive. But, as we move forward, it is essential to keep in mind that basic dial tone has been, and will remain, the cornerstone of our state's communications connectivity.

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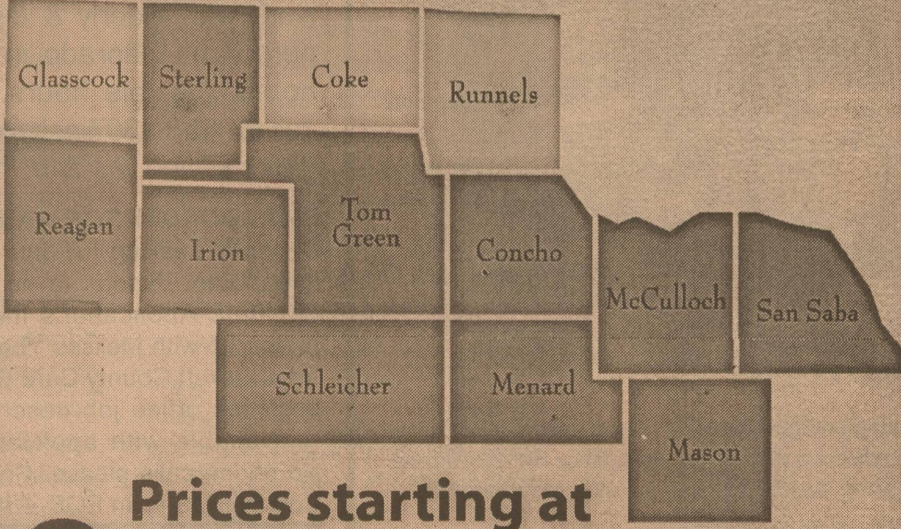
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