

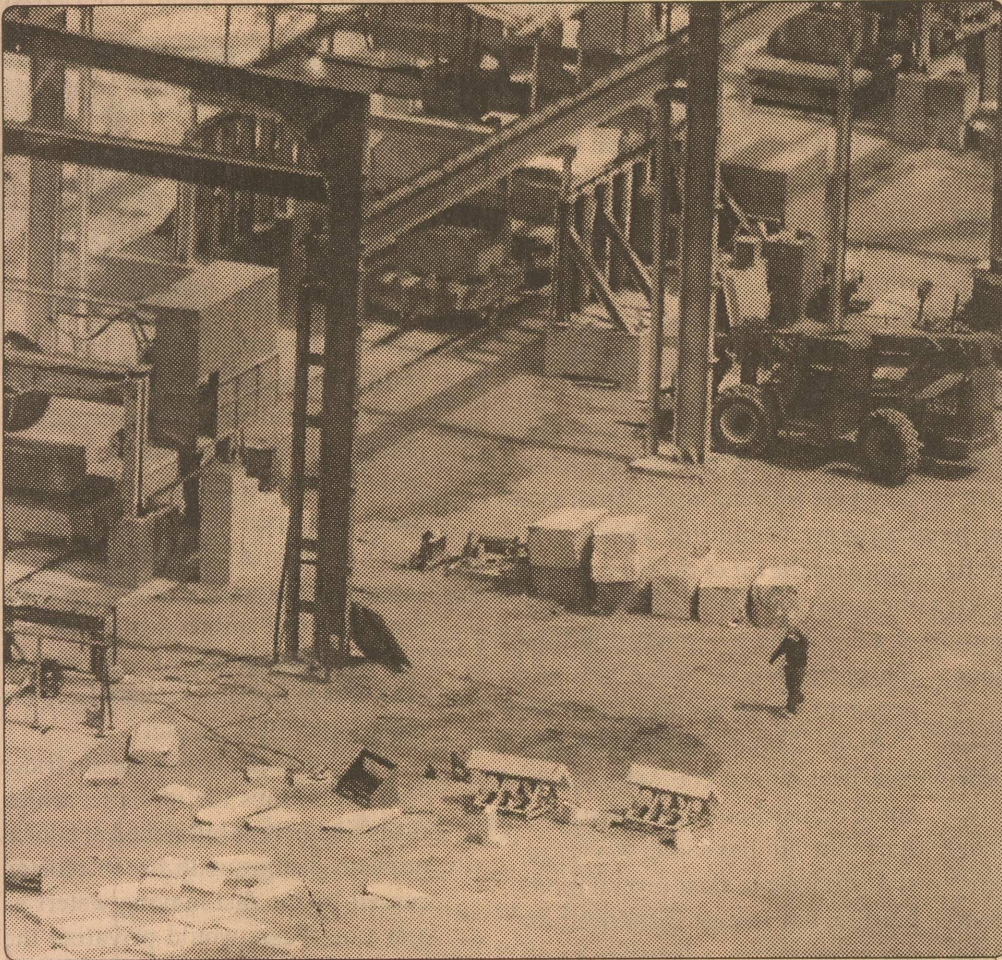
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Massive stone blocks and a towering gantry crane and rack saw assembly dwarf a worker at the YFZ Ranch where work to prepare stone for the FLDS temple continues unabated.

FLDS named to 'Hate Group' list by Southern Poverty Law Center

The Southern Poverty Law Center will name the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to its "Hate Groups List" when it publishes its quarterly *Intelligence Report* on May 1st. The list contains hundreds of groups ranging from the Ku Klux Klan and Aryan Nation, to the Nation of Islam, many of them located here in Texas, some as nearby as San Angelo.

Word of the listing reached the Success this week, along with an advance copy of an article titled "Tempest in Texas," by SPLC reporter Susy Buchanan, which is due to appear in the upcoming *Intelligence Report*. In the article, Buchanan describes the FLDS, its belief in polygamy and its adherence to the teachings of Prophet Warren Jeffs, who Buchanan calls "a religious dictator."

Buchanan's story goes on to describe Jeffs' efforts to relocate a por-

tion of his followers to the 1,691-acre YFZ Ranch, just north of Eldorado in Schleicher County. She also focuses on Jeffs' racial teachings, which she terms, "rabid racism."

Buchanan told the Success on Friday of last week that she had reviewed "hours and hours" of Warren Jeffs' teachings on audio tapes. Many of the audio clips she mentions in her story were published by the Success on its website and transcribed for print in its April 7 edition.

"This is pretty alarming stuff," Buchanan said. "The public needs to know about it."

Salt Lake City, UT attorney Rod Parker, who represents the FLDS from time to time, said that his clients' beliefs about the black race stem from their fundamental Biblical beliefs that God punished Cain for killing Abel by changing the color of his skin.

"It may sound strange to you and me," Parker said. "But, it is part of their teaching. On the other hand I have never known Warren Jeffs to advocate prejudice against any group."

Mark Potok, Director of the SPLC Intelligence Division, defended the Hate Group designation in a telephone interview on Tuesday. "We're not accusing the FLDS of hate crimes," Potok told the Success. "We are saying that the group's leadership, and particularly its prophet Warren Jeffs, have espoused an ideology of hate that is clearly white-supremacist in its nature."

Potok went on to say that the SPLC doesn't routinely target religious groups. "We don't do cults, per se," Potok said. "We usually follow the more traditional racist groups like the Klan or the Nation of Islam. But, the FLDS entered our world last year when we

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NTSB closes book on FBC bus wreck

The National Transportation Safety Board determined on Tuesday that the probable cause of the fatal First Baptist Church bus crash that claimed the lives of 9 persons on Oct. 13, 2003, was a reduced state of alertness on the part of the driver Ken Thomas, due to fatigue as a result of chronic insomnia and poor quality sleep.

The report noted that the FBC bus was headed eastbound on Interstate Highway 20 near Tallulah, LA when it drifted onto the right shoulder where it struck the rear of a parked tractor-trailer rig. Eight of the 14 passengers on the bus sustained fatal injuries. A ninth passenger died of injuries several days later. The driver of the tractor-trailer rig was not injured.

The NTSB also listed as a contributing cause of the accident the failure of Alpha Trucking, Inc., the company that owned the tractor-trailer rig, to perform vehicle maintenance and to provide safety management controls. The report states that Alpha Trucking's vehicle maintenance was consistently deficient "as evident by the habitual and progressive mechanical neglect found in the roadside inspections and the board's post accident investigation." As a result, the Board found that Alpha Trucking, Inc., misused the motor carrier vehicle self-inspection program by failing to employ the services of a qualified inspector and by misrepresenting the completion of vehicle repairs, thereby compromising the safety of the traveling public.

The report also reveals that many passenger seats in the bus did not remain secured to the floor during the crash. The conclusion was that inadequate seat anchor hardware used by the bus manufacturer, Neoplan USA Corporation, failed during the accident, resulting in more serious injuries to passengers. The report also stated that several of the T-bolts that fastened the seats to the stainless-steel floor track had been incorrectly installed and/or maintained.

As part of the report, the NTSB noted that there are currently no performance standards for motorcoach seat

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Ricardo Lisama Valdez, Jr., 53, of Eldorado, reportedly blacked out at the wheel Sunday and crashed his 1988 Chevy S-10 Blazer into the back of the Sofge Motel on East Murchison in Eldorado. Valdez was traveling westbound on U.S. Hwy. 190 when he reportedly lost consciousness. The vehicle left the roadway, crossed two vacant lots, and two roads, narrowly missing three utility poles before taking out a small Mesquite tree and a barbed wire fence. The Blazer eventually collided with the back wall of the motel building. Valdez, who was the only occupant, suffered no apparent injuries. However, after Valdez told Trooper Nunez that had been involved in a similar accident on April 5, the officer kept the man's driver's license pending a medical review.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN



Hilderbran's 30-06 bill gathers momentum in Austin

By all accounts, House Bill 3006 was supposed to die in committee last week, but it didn't.

State Representative Harvey Hilderbran authored the bill and likes to refer to it as H.B. Thirty Ought-Six, because he says it packs a serious punch. The bill targets polygamous marriages, as well as under-age marriages, and addresses several other aspects of Texas marriage law. The bill was prompted by developments on the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado where the openly polygamous FLDS church is currently building a new town.

Hilderbran went to bat for his bill on Wednesday of last week, stretching a twenty-minute presentation into a little over two hours before the House Juvenile Justice Committee. The presentation included the testimony of best-selling author Jon Krakauer, private investigator Sam Brower and Eldorado Success publisher Randy Mankin.

Also on the witness list was Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff who advised stunned committee members that a polygamous sect of Fundamentalists Mormons was relocating from Utah to Texas where they are building a new town on the YFZ Ranch in Schleicher County. Explaining that the

group practices polygamy and under-age marriage, Shurtleff told the committee of his experience in trying to bring the group to justice.

"It embarrasses me to say that for fifty years the state of Utah did nothing," Shurtleff said. "I feel badly about exporting our problem to the state of Texas."

For several of the committee members the hearing on H.B. 3006 was their first exposure to the world of prophets and polygamy. Some of them sat in stunned silence as they heard phrases like "Bleeding the Beast" and "Blood Atonement" for the first time. Others were a bit more animated.

Committee Vice-Chairman Toby Goodman from Tarrant County wasn't nearly so passive. "We're not going to stand for that kind of thing here in Texas," Goodman said. "I'm telling you we won't stand for it."

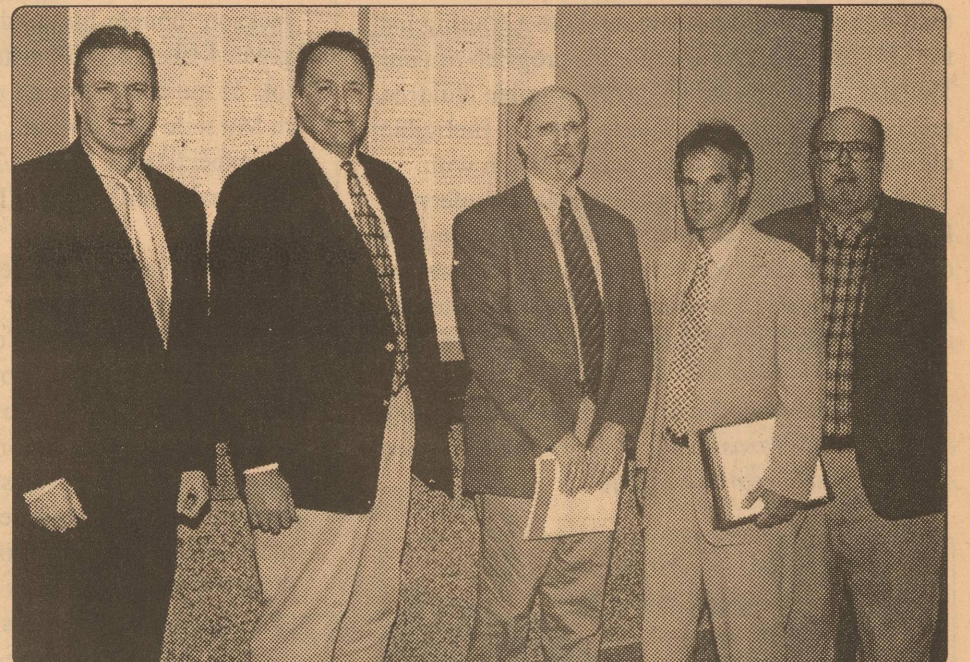
Goodman's comment apparently struck a nerve with Shurtleff who quickly added that since he was elected as Utah's attorney general in 1998 the state has begun beefing up its laws. He then pointed to the recent trial and conviction of Hildale, UT police officer Rodney Holm on bigamy and unlawful

sexual conduct charges.

Shurtleff went on to explain that Texas' lax marriage laws may be one of the reasons Prophet Warren Jeffs decided to relocate a part of his FLDS followers to the YFZ Ranch where the

group is building a mammoth temple. He concluded by urging the committee to seriously consider Hilderbran's bill in hopes of keeping up the pressure on Warren Jeffs' group.

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Calm before the storm — State Representative Harvey Hilderbran posed last week with his group of witnesses before taking his H.B. 3006 before the Juvenile Justice Committee at the State Capitol in Austin. Pictured (L-R) are Hilderbran, Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, private investigator Sam Brower, author Jon Krakauer and Success publisher Randy Mankin.

CHIPing away at reforms?

by Mary Katherine Stout

For two years newspapers, lawmakers and promoters of government spending have relentlessly criticized the state budget and policy decisions passed last session that were made to balance a state budget without increasing taxes.

Critics point to two policies, in particular, in the Children's Health Insurance Program that stepped up the state's enforcement of eligibility guidelines and misleadingly allege that these policies keep eligible children out of the program.

The two policies make sense: the use of an assets test to check eligibility, and the requirement that families re-enroll every six months — both measures ensure the state directs funds to Texans most in need, and reduces fraud. These policies did not change eligibility; they merely enforced the eligibility guidelines already in place.

With the state budget headed to negotiation between the House and the Senate, the criticisms continue as newspaper columnists, liberal activists and left-leaning lawmakers call for wasting millions by undoing these important policies.

Last session the legislature asked Medicaid and CHIP recipients to prove that they remain eligible for the programs every six months, rather than once a year. More frequent verification helps to ensure that anyone receiving taxpayer-funded health insurance is truly eligible for the program. After all, the programs are intended to be a short term safety net, and much can change in a year that would impact eligibility: people have children, children have birthdays, people get jobs, lose jobs, and income and assets change.

While critics have painted the re-enrollment process as a hardship and a hassle that drives eligible people away, a survey of families disenrolled from the CHIP program found that 93 percent of the families agreed that "CHIP has made the renewal forms easy to fill out." The same survey also found the most frequently reported reason that a family did not complete the renewal process was that they "forgot or did not get around to the paperwork." This requires a reasonable measure of personal responsibility, asking recipients of a rich and virtually free benefit to complete an easy re-enrollment process.

In addition, the last legislature implemented an assets test for CHIP to ensure that the program is truly a safety net and not simply a taxpayer-funded alternative to private insurance. The assets test is hardly draconian, if you are footing the bill.

So who has the assets test kept out of the program? According to a report released last December, the assets test denied families, such as: a single parent and one child with three vehicles totaling \$50,000 in value after the allowable deductions, a family of four with a monthly income of more than \$5,000 and 3 IRA accounts totaling around \$158,713.00, though they initially reported their monthly income at \$1,550.

The assets test also denied families who falsely reported a lower monthly income, just to appear to be eligible for CHIP, as well as re-enrollment to families owning vehicles like a 2003 or 2004 Lexus, a 2004 Cadillac and other new SUVs and pickup trucks. These families have the resources to help themselves but would instead defraud the state and its taxpayers in order to receive CHIP benefits.

While opponents have described the assets test as mean, the truth is that the policies simply protect the program from being used by those who are not eligible.

Ironically, even lawmakers advocating for relaxed eligibility determination expressed concern that the state might need to institute a waiting list for CHIP services if funds for the program run out. There is no better way to ensure eligible children receive CHIP benefits than to prevent ineligible children from taking their place to begin with.

The state can play an important role as a safety net for the truly needy while responsibly managing tax dollars. Lawmakers should be applauded for resisting pressure to reverse these policies and spend wastefully in a futile attempt to make critics happy.

Mary Katherine Stout is the health care policy analyst for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, an Austin-based research institute.

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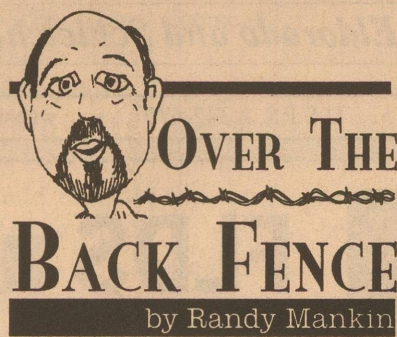
I had the opportunity to testify last week before the House Juvenile Justice Committee at the State Capitol. The topic was H.B. 3006, introduced by State Representative Harvey Hilderbran, which seeks to raise from 14 to 16 the age at which Texas teenagers may marry with parental consent. It also addresses other aspects of Texas marriage law.

The bill, we were told a few weeks earlier, was destined to die a slow death in committee because some legislators considered it "overly ambitious" while others didn't understand the need. Few of them, it seemed, had ever heard of Warren Jeffs or his FLDS church. Even fewer were aware that polygamy is alive and well in this country and setting up shop here in Schleicher County.

How can that be? After all, Eldorado has been overrun by reporters and news crews. How can there be a Texan left alive who doesn't know what's going on here?

The short answer is that Texans, like their counterparts in other states, are busy with their day-to-day lives and only pay attention to the news that directly affects them or their loved ones. So, it takes a large blip on the radar screen to catch their attention.

But Harvey Hilderbran isn't one to give up easily, neither does his staff, or the people here locally who



support his efforts. Those of us who know Rep. Hilderbran, know that he has an extensive background in the advertising business. So it came as no surprise when he cobbled together an imaginative public relations campaign designed at winning over the members of the Juvenile Justice Committee.

First, House Bill 3006, as it is officially known, became H.B. Thirty Ought-Six, because, as Hilderbran said, "it packs a serious punch and blows holes in a serious problem."

Then, more subtle techniques were employed to make sure the committee paid attention.

Attorney General Mark Shurtleff of Utah was invited to testify before the committee. The six foot six inch, pistol-packing AG was a dominating presence. When he spoke, the committee listened.

Next, Jon Krakauer, best-selling author of *Under the Banner of Heaven*, addressed the committee. His celebrity, and his expertise on the subject of fundamental Mor-

monism, helped ensure that the Austin press corps was on hand, as well as a dozen or so cameras from Texas' major news markets.

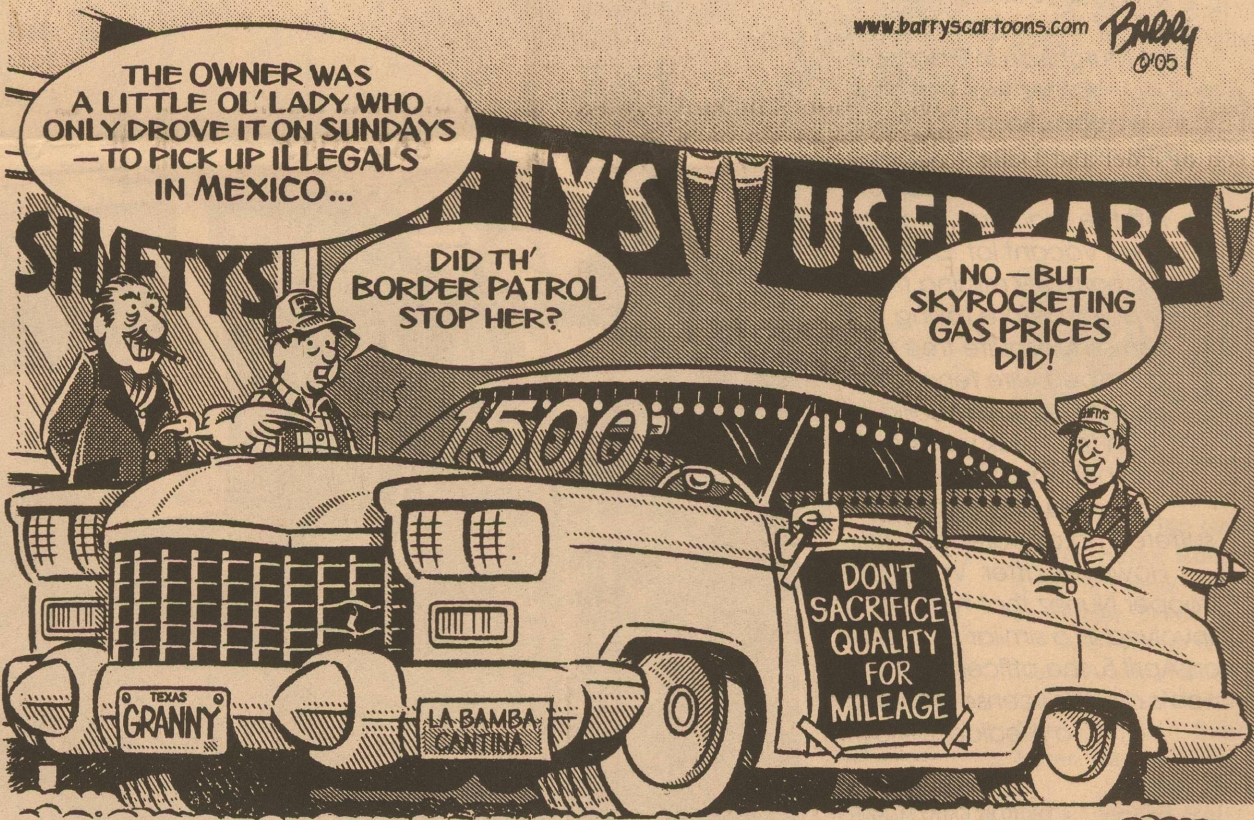
And the cameras...well the cameras guaranteed that the committee members were present and not wandering in and out of the room during the testimony.

By all accounts it worked. I had been told to expect the hearing to last twenty minutes. It stretched for more than two hours and ended with assurances from several on the committee that they were eager to work with Hilderbran and bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

Oh, by the way, a number of the news crews who covered the hearing, were wearing those Eldorado, Polygamy Capital of Texas caps that were the hit of the Elgoatard, the same caps that stirred the anger of a few others — proof that half the battle is won when you get people to pay attention.

H.B. Thirty Ought-Six, by itself won't force the polygamists out of Schleicher County, but it's a start. The bill has a long way to go and will have to clear several more hurdles, but at least it survived its day in committee, a day when it was supposed to whimper and die.

I hope you will take the time to call Rep. Hilderbran's office and thank him for his efforts. He took an interest when he didn't have to. You may be reach at his Capitol office by calling 512-463-0536.

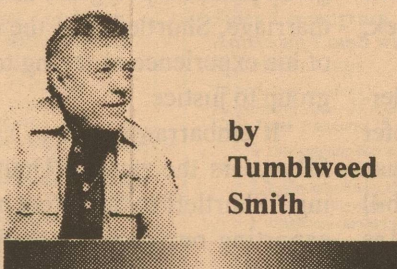


Spring Break in Philadelphia

When we were planning our trip to Philadelphia, we put eating soft pretzels and cheese steak sandwiches on our list of things to do. Those two food items are famous in Philadelphia. Our grandson Jackson thought his sandwich was great. Mine was OK after we put lots of mustard, salt and pepper on it. My wife said it didn't live up to her expectations. We had 3 pretzels: plain, salty and sugared. They were fabulous.

We arrived in Philadelphia during the biggest flower show in the world, held in the Convention Center adjacent to the hotel where we stayed. It did live up to its expectations. They transformed that place into a forest of trees, statuary, fountains and flower gardens. There must have been a million people there. Jackson, the only fourteen year old on the premises, thought there surely were more exciting things to do in Philadelphia than look at flowers.

We found the city easy to get around. We rode a train from the airport that took us within two



by Tumbleweed Smith

blocks of our hotel. Purple buses take tourists to museums and historic sites for a dollar a ride. We walked to most places. Wandering around the historic neighborhoods is an event in itself. The city has lots of flavor and excitement.

Philadelphia has a store filled with items from the ROCKY movies. All three of us ran up the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and raised our hands in triumph. I ran up those steps in my cowboy boots. Not a big deal.

We went to Philadelphia to see the liberty bell, Independence Hall, the Franklin Institute, Betsy Ross's house and other patriotic places. During Jackson's spring break last year, we took him to Washington, DC and he was very moved. This

year we wanted to take him to the place where our country started.

We stood in the room where the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776. We got a review of American History. The Constitution was written and signed in September of 1787. The Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments to the constitution) was ratified by the states in 1791. Philadelphia was the nation's first capital. The government moved to Washington in 1800.

The National Constitution Center has a room full of life size bronze statues of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Jackson stood by the side of Washington and I took his picture.

We had time to do fun things like spend time in the hotel pool and hot tub, take a ride in a flight simulator in the Franklin Institute, ride the Sky Bike, which takes the rider over a high wire, watch an Imax movie about Lewis and Clark and see a first class multi media presentation on the founding of our country. And we did see Ben Franklin go into a bank. We had fun in Philly.

Surf group makes waves over special beach bills

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN — A non-profit group dedicated to preserving Texas' beaches is making waves about House Bill 1603 and its companion Senate Bill 740, hoping the Legislature and all Texans interested in the state's long coastline will take a closer look at the measures.

Introduced by Rep. Dennis Bonnen (R-Angleton), the House bill relates "to the authority of certain political subdivisions to erect or maintain shore protection structures and the location of the line of vegetation in relation to those structures."

The measure would amend the Natural Resources Code to exempt the municipal utility district for the Treasure Island subdivision at San Luis Pass in Brazoria County from the Texas Open Beaches Act.

The Texas chapter of the Surfrider Foundation says the measure, which reads like a local bill aimed at a local problem dealing with beach erosion caused by the fast-moving waters of San Luis Pass, would privatize the public beach and create a legal precedent that could lead to further loss of public beaches.

The House Land Management Committee voted 8-0 on April 7 to send the measure to the floor. Only two people testified on the bill — Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson and former Sen. A.R. "Babe" Schwartz of Galveston.

To read Surfrider's position paper on the bill, check the foundation's Web site at www.surfrider.org/texas.

The Legislature's analysis of the bill is available at www.capitol.state.tx.us/.

Young marriage targeted...

True or false? A child in Texas can legally marry at 14 as long as he or she has parental permission. If you answered false, you'll probably be in favor of Rep. Harvey Hilderbran's (R-Kerrville) House Bill 3006.

Hilderbran's bill would raise the minimum marrying-with-parental-permission age to 16 from the present 14. The bill also would make it illegal for stepparents to marry stepchildren.

Patterned after similar legislation passed in Utah, the bill is aimed at preventing problems at the newly constructed Yearning for Zion ranch in Schleicher County.

The ranch is occupied by members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who moved to the West Texas county from Utah and Arizona, reportedly seeking an easier environment to practice polygamy.

Cheeseburger and fries, please...

A measure pending in the House Civil Practices Committee is aimed at fat folks who figure they can win a hefty settlement by filing suits against fast food firms for selling them foods high in calories.

House Bill 107, filed by Rep. Corbin Van Arsdale (R-Houston) would put Texas litigants on a lawsuit diet by protecting fast food companies, agricultural interests and grocery stores from liability in "you made me fat by selling me cheeseburgers" suits.

Bump in the road for Willie...

The effort to name State Highway 130 in honor of Willie Nelson has hit a rough spot in the road with Republican Sens. Steve Ogden (R-College Station) and Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio) saying they don't want the stretch of highway that will pass through their districts named after Texas' internationally-known country western star.

While Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos' (D-Austin) measure is still alive, one anonymous jokester has suggested that the Republicans might be happier naming the new Central Texas toll road the Delay Way.



OBITUARIES

Ineze Motes Royster

LAURENS, S.C. — Ineze "Neze" Motes Royster, beloved grandmother, passed away on Sunday, April 17, 2005.

She was born to Nancy Jane Blakely and Mace Langston Motes on Feb. 21, 1908, in Laurens County, then known as Watts Mill.

She married Marvin Everett Royster and had one daughter, Nancy Jane Royster. Both preceded her in death.

She also lost a sister, Mary Whitelock; and a great-grandson, Nick Shurley.

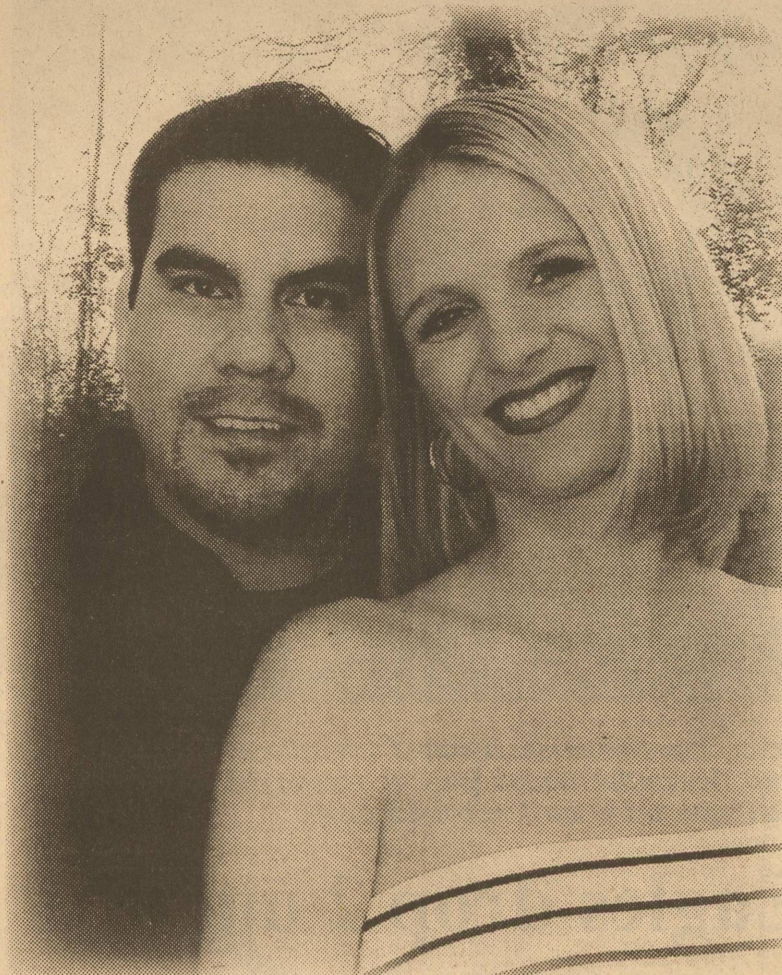
She is survived by her brother, M.T. Motes of Laurens; five grandchildren, Derry Lynn Summer of Kingwood, Texas, Marvin Shurley and wife Wanda and Mason Shurley, both of Sonora, Texas, Clark Johnson and wife Betty of Saginaw, Texas, and Neill Johnson and wife Cindy of

Amarillo, Texas.

Also eight great-grandchildren, Jennifer Summer of Kingwood, Texas, Collier Shurley of Eldorado, Texas, Clay Shurley of Midland, Texas, Josh Shurley of San Angelo, Texas, Wes and Greg Johnson of Saginaw, and Chris and Neill IV Johnson from Amarillo. She also leaves behind many other loving relatives and a very special friend, Jean T. Williams.

Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, in Laurens City Cemetery, conducted by the Rev. Wade Fuhrken and the Rev. Bill Rogers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Laurens First United Methodist Church, Renovation Fund, 244 W. Main St., Laurens, S.C. 29360 or Hospice of Laurens County, P.O. Box 178, Clinton, S.C. 29325.



Jacob Balderas and Ashlie Yocham

Yocham/Balderas engagement

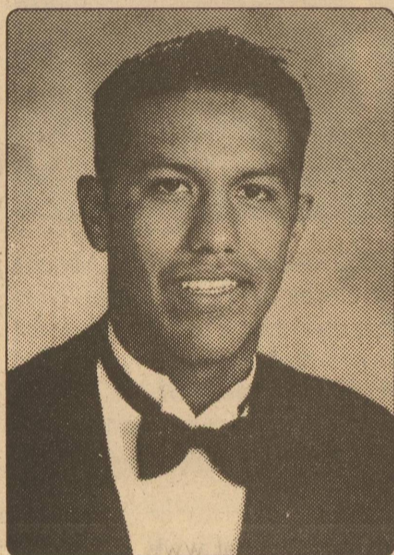
Ashlie Yocham and Jacob Balderas will be married July 23, 2005 at the First Baptist Church of San Angelo.

Ashlie is the daughter of B.F. Yocham of Houston and Carolyn Whitten of Vinton, Louisiana. She attended Eldorado High School

and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology in 2003 from Angelo State University. She is currently employed as Human Resources Manager by Shannon Clinic.

Jacob is the son of John and Gloria Balderas of San Angelo. Jacob attended Christian Liberty Academy and is currently employed as Vice President of Human Resources for Hirschfeld Steel.

Johnny Herrera named to National Dean's List



COURTESY PHOTO

Johnny Herrera

Juan (Johnny) Herrera, of Eldorado, was named recently to the National Dean's List, in recognition of his high academic achievement at Angelo State University.

As part of the honor, Mr. Herrera will be eligible to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship. In all, there will be 50 such scholarships awarded nationwide. His photo and biography will also appear in the 28th edition of The National Dean's List.

Johnny Herrera is a 2002 graduate of Eldorado High School. He is the son of Fidel and Delia Herrera.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, April 25
Country Fried Steak, Baked Potatoes, Spanish Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Lime Rice Swirl, Milk

Tuesday, April 26
Oven Fried Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Zucchini Squash, Wheat Bread, 1/2 Orange, Lemon Squares, Milk

Wednesday, April 27
Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Tossed Salad w/ Tomato, Wheat Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

Thursday, April 28
Beef & Cheese Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Tortillas, Creamy Coleslaw, Fruit Salad, Milk

Friday, April 29
Fried Catfish, Corn Tomato Casserole, Spinach, Corn Bread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Glenda Harris

Beta Sigma Phi met, Tuesday, April 12 at the home of Barbara Jackson. There were nine members and one pledge in attendance. Janee Finely was in attendance.

Minutes were read and approved and the treasurers report was given.

Correspondence included a memo that the state Beta Sigma Project is the Susan G. Coleman Breast Foundation. A donation will be sent to the project.

A newsletter was also received from the Concho Valley Home for girls which is a longtime pet project.

In old business, Laura McCutcheon and Dorothy Dacy advised that the Lions Club Spaghetti dinner for graduation had been cancelled.

Glenda Harris reported what the charges would be if the club decided to move their meetings back to the Memorial Building next year.

The next item of business was the clubs Founders Day Banquet. It will be held April 26 at a local restaurant at 7:00 p.m. All will exchange gifts and reveal their Secret Sister at that time.

President Kim-et Nelson then opened the floor for the election of officers for the 2005-2006 year. The new officers are Glenda Harris - President; Kim-et Nelson - Vice President; Treasurer - Barbara Jackson; Recording Secretary - Dorothy Dacy; Corresponding Secretary - Flora Hubble; Ex-

tension officer - Mary Leigh Dunagan.

The Sunshine Gifts were won by Laura McCutcheon and Mary Nolen. Refreshments were served by hostess Barbara Jackson.



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Senior Joey Hernandez is called safe after sliding into second base. Hernandez made it to second base after a center field hit. The Eagles lost to the Junction Eagles 4-0.

Eagles drop 2 out of 3

by Coach Gary Grubbs

Over the weekend the Eldorado Eagles lost two crucial district contests. On Friday the Junction Eagles beat Eldorado 4-0 and on Saturday Mason defeated the Eagles 4-3.

On Friday, April 15, Junction was able to shutout the Eagles behind the strong pitching of Weston Nieman. The Eagles had their chances stranding runners on 2nd or 3rd on six different occasions. For the Eagles Jared Grubbs and Andy Mejia collected a hit a piece, while Joey Hernandez collected two hits. On the mound Ryan Cathey was the hard luck loser. He pitched a very strong game striking out nine Junction hitters while only walking one.

On Saturday, April 16, 2005 the Eagles dropped another close game in Mason 4-3. The Eagles again were unable to push runs across when they had runners in scoring position. Hits for the Eagles were collected by Jared Grubbs, Terrell Boysaw, Frank Edmiston and Frank Wipff. Again the Eagles had a strong pitching performance from Jared Grubbs who went the distance striking out six and walking one.

Eagles win one over Ozona

A big 4th and 6th inning explosion at the plate for the Eagles paved the way for the Eagles on Tuesday, April 12, 2005. Behind a 13 hit attack, good defense, and strong pitching by Jared Grubbs the Eagles beat Ozona 18-3 in a crucial district 2-AA contest.

The Eagles scored 6 runs in the 4th and 12 runs in 6th. Big hits in the 4th came from Ryan Cathey, Jared Grubbs and Caleb Nixon who drove in two runs apiece. In the 6th the Eagles exploded for 12 more runs. RBI's in the 6th came from Nixon, Joey Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Andy Mejia, Jared Grubbs, David Hernandez, and Kolby Dombroski. Standing out at the plate were Kolby Dombroski who was 2 for 3, Andy Mejia who was 2 for 3 and Jorge Bustos who was 1 for 2 with three runs scored.

District 2 AA Junior High Track Meet Results

April 07, 2005
Grape Creek, Texas

7th Grade Boys

Shot Put: 2. Juan Medrano, 33-9;
Long Jump: 1. Wes Brown, 17.0; 3. Ivony Sanchez 15-8.5;
Discus: 1. Juan Medrano, 109-5;
2400 M Final: 6. Mason Baker, 9:51;
400 Meter Relay: 1. Tony McCord, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, and Ivony Sanchez (51.29);
800 Meter: 4. Dylan Dombroski, 2:44.11
110 Hurdles: 1. Tony McCord, 20:32;
100 Meter Dash: 3. Wes Brown, 12:68;
800 Meter Relay: 1. David Tirado, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Ivony Sanchez (1:48.41)
400 Dash: 1. Ivony Sanchez, 58:48;
300 Hurdles: 3. Tony McCord, 54:80;
200 Meter Dash: 2. Ryan Castillo, 26:45; 6. David Tirado, 28:76.

7th Grade Girls

800 Meter: 3. Adrianna Hernandez 65:71;
400 Meter Dash: 2. Adrianna Hernandez 65.71;
200 Meter Dash: 1. Adrianna Hernandez 28.92;
1600 M. Finals: 6. Maureen Martinez, 6:48.

8th Grade Boys

Shot Put: 1. Tim Maskill, 44-2;
Discus: 1. Tim Maskill, 124-2; 2. Dustin Gauna, 122-2;
800 Meter: 2. Dustin Ramirez, 2:21.67; 4. Austin Grubbs, 2:29.27;
110 Hurdles: 3. Kevin Dykstra, 19:13; 4. Paul Martinez, 19:13;
300 Hurdles: 3. Kevin Dykstra, 47:08;
200 Meter Dash: 6. Londy Alfaro, 26.97;
1600 Meter Relay: 3. Austin Grubbs, Dustin Ramirez, Londy Alfaro, and Jonathan Mejia (4:02.09).

8th Grade Girls

Shot Put: 2. Kirsten Stubbs, 30-5.5;
High Jump: 4. Haley Higgins (Tie) 4-4;
Discus: 1. Kirsten Stubbs, 89-6; 6. Meg Griffin, 69-6;
400 Meter Relay: 2. Darci Graves, Cassandra Buitron, Haley Higgins, Bridgett Mitchell (56.24).
100 Meter Dash: 5. Haley Higgins, 13.99;
400 Meter Dash: 2. Cassandra Buitron (66.70)
800 Meter Relay: 5. Bridgett Mitchell, Darci Graves, Cassandra Buitron, Deyanira Cruz (2:02:83).



Eldorado's 7th grade boys won the 400 Meter Relay at the Middle School District Track Meet in Grape Creek on April 7. Here Ryan Castillo hands off the baton to team member Ivony Sanchez for the final leg of the race. Other team members were Tony McCord and Wes Brown. The team placed first with a time of 51.29. The 800 M Relay team, consisting of David Tirado, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo and Ivony Sanchez, also won their race with a time of 1:48.41.



2005 Lady Eagles Golf Team: L-R Gentry Newman, Meagan Eubanks, Brittney Jennings and not pictured Myra Robles. Coaching the Lady Eagles was Coach Don Richters.

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Monday, April 25
Biscuits/ Sausage, Orange Juice, Jelly, Milk

Tuesday, April 26
Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Apple Sauce

Wednesday, April 27
Scrambled Eggs, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Thursday, April 28
Waffles, Syrup, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, April 29
Buttered Toast, Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Pear Halves, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, April 25
Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Hamburger Salad, Lemon Pudding, Topping

Tuesday, April 26
McRib Sandwich, French Fries, Pork-n-Beans, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, April 27
Crispy Beef Taco's, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches

Thursday, April 28
Chef Salad, Crackers, Diced Ham, Cheese Cups, Pears

Friday, April 29
Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Spicy fries, Pickle Spears, Orange Halves

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, April 25
Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Baby Carrots, dip, Lemon Pudding, Topping

Tuesday, April 26
Cowboy Beans, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, April 27
Chalupas, Mexican Corn, Lett. & Tom. Salad, Sliced Peaches

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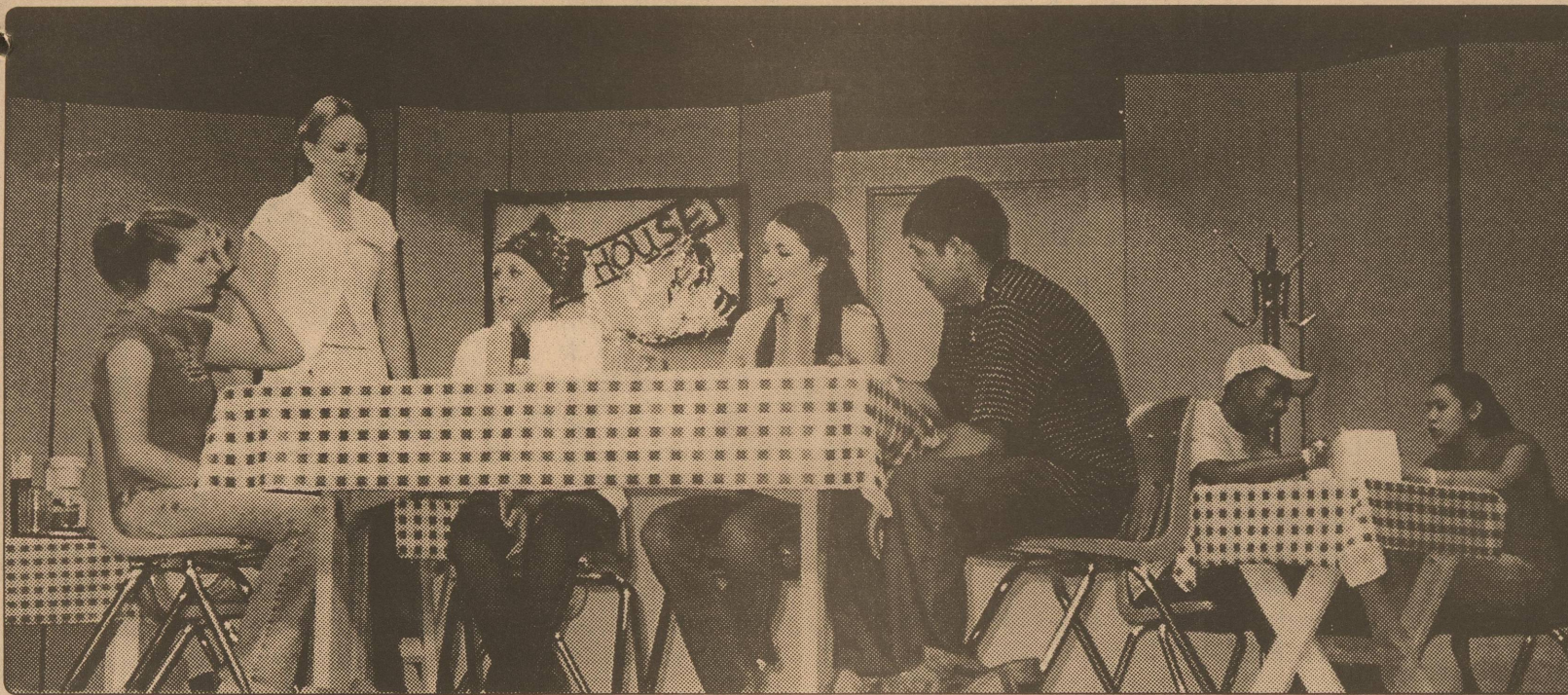
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Last Performance — "Her Senior Year by Cody Moree," the EHS One Act Play, a drama, as directed by Sara Candela, gave their final performance on Monday, April 11, for the EHS student body. Cast members include front (L-R:) Ridge Ann Sudduth, Brittany Jennings, Kristin Mittel, Rachel Joiner, Jorge Bustos; Back (L-R) Jeremy Ussey and Chelci Rodriguez. Other cast and crew members not pictured were: Chelsy Stone, Jillessa Hibbs, Nestor Hernandez, Diego Barrera, Blake Chatham, Sam Rodriguez and Joel Esparza. The plays from Sonora and Ozona high schools advanced to the Area competition during the District contest on March 22. Sam Rodriguez was honored as an Outstanding Crew Member at the district contest.

Annual clean up day slated Friday, May 6

All Eldorado residents are being encouraged to participate in the Great Texas Trash Off on Friday, May 6, 2005. Local sponsors include: Eldorado Pride, Schleicher County and Texas Cooperative Extension. Once again, we have two major goals this year. The first goal is to clean up large items of trash and debris. The Schleicher County Commissioner's Court made the initial supportive move for this effort with the commitment of the County Road Workers for the day to help beautify our community. The second goal is to encourage



County Agent's Update

by Scott Edmonson

the planting of trees and other life giving plants. We emphasize the use of those plants with low watering requirements.

County Judge Johnny Griffin and County Road Superintendent Clay Burleson have stressed that the county will be happy to pick

up an items in the alley's on May 6 but cannot go onto private property. The County Extension office will be coordinating these pickups so if you have any questions about the clean-up day or would like to sign up, please call the Extension office at 853-2132 and we will try to make the arrangements. Please note that we do not have the means for tire disposal and cannot accept any item with Freon in it.

All volunteers are asked to meet at the Extension office at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 6, 2005 to sign-up. For more information, please contact the Extension office.

Texas Country Cleanup

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will be hosting a series of Texas Country Cleanup programs in this area. On May 17th, they will be at the Diamond B Accessories in Winters, on May 18th, at the Brown County Fairgrounds in Brownwood and on May 19th, at the Wall Coop Gin in Wall.

They will be accepting Empty Plastic Pesticide Containers that have been pressure rinsed or triple rinsed and lids and paper instructions removed. They are

also collecting used motor oil and oil filters. There is a limit of two 55-gallon drums per participant and oil and filters will not be accepted from businesses that change oil for a fee. Other items accepted: crank case oil, transmission fluids, brake fluids and power steering fluids.

They will also be accepting lead acid batteries from cars, boats, tractors, etc. For more information, please drop by the Extension Office for a more detailed flyer.

Time to sign up for County 4-H Camp

Well, it is that time again to sign up the County 4-H Camp. Once again this year, we will be going to the 4-H Center in Brownwood. This is a super fun time and we go along with Irion and Menard Counties. The date is June 1-3, 2005. All participants must be at least 8 years of age by the day we leave. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Extension office at 853-2132.

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- 23rd Kyle Brown, Jeffery Donn, Oscar Martinez, Summer Finley, Mandy Belk
- 24th Will Whitten, Jerry Whitten, Chelsea Long, Janet Warnock, Mike Haynes, Tracy Brenner
- 25th Kristi Reeves
- 26th Lito Belman
- 27th Mabel Freitag, Ruth A. Mittel, Michael A. Redish, Austin A. Shockley, Rachel Nixon, Ramon Navila
- 28th Liz Anderson, Ross Hodges
- 29th Pedro Luis Garcia, Amika J. Gonzalez, Anthony Pina, Steve Blaylock, Megan Poyner, Kathy Smith, Brittany Galan

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I am not afraid to stand up for what I believe and I believe in the ability of our children, faculty and staff to succeed. It is my intent to do whatever is necessary to achieve that success in our district.

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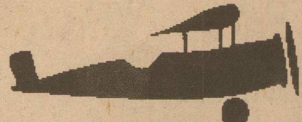
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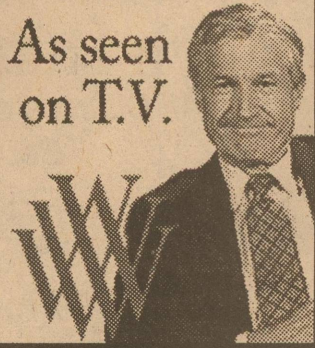
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Civil rights group places FLDS on 'Hate Group' list

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learned of Warren Jeffs and his overtly racist teachings."

Potok noted that the SPLC Hate Group List is compiled using hate group publications and websites, citizen and law enforcement reports, field sources and news reports. He said the center lists only organizations and their chapters known to be active during 2004. The FLDS appears on the new list with locations in Colorado City, AZ and Hildale, UT as well as Mancos, CO and Eldorado, TX. The list includes 762 active hate groups in all.

State Representative Harvey Hildebran, who has introduced legislation targeting the FLDS, told the Success on Tuesday, "We have already heard tapes of the church's leader preaching racism, so the addition of the FLDS to the hate group watch list comes as no surprise to me."

"It is saddening that there are

still people in the world who can hold such xenophobic beliefs," Hilderbran added, "and even more upsetting that this group has brought these beliefs to Texas."

Closer to home, Sheriff David Doran, who is one of the few locals to have regular contact with the reclusive residents at the YFZ Ranch, said he was unsure what the SPLC's decision to include the FLDS on its list of hate groups would mean. "It will probably generate another round of media attention, but other than that, I don't know what it will accomplish," Doran said. "I wish someone would show me some evidence of a crime instead of all this speculation."

Special Agent Bill Endorff of the Federal Bureau of Investigation told the Success on Tuesday that the FBI routinely tracks hate groups and said that he was aware that the FLDS church would appear on the SPLC watch list. En-

dorff declined specific comment on the FLDS but did say that the FBI's San Angelo field office was aware of the group and its prophet Warren Jeffs and that his followers are moving to the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado.

"We have been monitoring, and will continue to monitor the situation very closely," Endorff stated. The Southern Poverty Law Center is a non-profit civil rights advocacy group founded in 1971 by attorneys Morris Dees and Joe Levin. The center monitors and reports the activities of groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, Nation of Islam and the Aryan Nation and has scored dozens of legal victories on behalf of civil rights abuse victims.

In 1981, the Center began investigating hate activity in response to a resurgence of groups like the Ku Klux Klan. Today the Center's Intelligence Project monitors hate groups and tracks extremist activity throughout the

U.S. It provides comprehensive updates to law enforcement, the media and the public through its quarterly magazine, *Intelligence Report*. Staff members regularly conduct training sessions for police, schools, and civil rights and community groups, and they often serve as experts at hearings and conferences.

The SPLC Hate Group List and the article by Susy Buchanan will be published in the upcoming edition of the *Intelligence Report*, due out at the end of the month.

The Southern Poverty Law Center has its headquarters in Montgomery, AL. For more information about the SPLC visit the group's website at www.splcenter.org.

The Eldorado Success continues to seek comment from FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs or other church representatives on this story, or any other story dealing with the FLDS church or the YFZ Ranch.

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Hilderbran shepherds H.B. 3006 through committee hearing

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For his part, Jon Krakauer told the committee that the FLDS church represents an evil culture. "It is like this Twilight Zone where everybody answers to Warren Jeffs," Krakauer said. "He's a freak. He's a sick guy. He is an evil, evil man."

Krakauer wrote the best-selling book *Under the Banner of Heaven, a Story of Violent Faith*, a book that investigates the world of fundamental Mormonism and features several fundamentalist groups, including the FLDS.

He warned the committee about the secretive nature of the FLDS and said that a Waco or Jonestown-like ending was not beyond the realm of possibility. Krakauer then urged the committee to take whatever steps necessary to pressure the FLDS to leave the state.

Sam Brower, a private detective from Cedar City, UT, then explained his experiences investigating the FLDS. He emphasized the hold that Warren Jeffs has

over his people and spoke of the intimidation that is used against family members in order to keep women in the group from reporting abuse.

Success publisher Randy Mankin told the committee members that he had seen the disbelief in their eyes as Hilderbran, Shurtleff, Krakauer and Brower testified before him. "I understand, it's an incredible story, an almost unbelievable story," Mankin said. "But, it's true and it's happening four miles from my front door." He then noted that Hilderbran had introduced H.B. 3006 ahead of the bill filing deadline so that the legislature wouldn't have to wait two more years to act. "The bill needs some work," Mankin said. "I know that, Representative Hilderbran knows that. We're just asking that you work with him to make the bill better and give our law enforcement officials another tool to work with."

Mankin summed up the presentation by saying, "I'm a native Texan. I grew up here and I never would have dreamed that Texas had

more lenient marriage laws than Utah...but it does. Now those laws are being used for other, more sinister purposes. I ask the committee to give favorable consideration to Rep. Hilderbran's bill."

Committee Chairman Harold Dutton of Houston advised Rep. Hilderbran at the end of the hear-

ing that he would hold the bill as pending until the two of them could sit down and work through its language.

The Success learned late Tuesday that a compromise may have been reached on H.B. 3006, meaning that it could be sent to the House floor as early as next week.

Senior Spring Fling Country Fair planned

The Area Agency on aging is proud to announce its biggest event of the year "Spring Fling!" The Senior Spring Fling celebrates Older Texans/Older Americans Month as it honors the many outstanding contributions seniors provide to our local community. The event, with its theme of "Country Fair," includes business exhibits, educational and informational booths, health screenings, awards, entertainment, door prizes, and lunch. Attendees and participants are encouraged to dress in "hillbilly"

clothing. If dressing in costume is not for you, then wear whatever is comfortable-especially shoes.

Eldorado will be taking the Thunderbird Van to this event. This will be for Seniors only.

If you would like to ride on the Thunderbird you will need to call the Resource Center at 853-3572 by Tuesday, May 3rd to reserve your place.

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1. Yule visitor	47. Family reunion attendee	65. Green-card holder	Dawson	24. Cornmeal mush
6. Earring sites	49. Instruction unit	66. Fraser of tennis	7. Inauguration Day highlight	26. Wash gently against
11. Fenway team, on scoreboards	50. Title incorrectly	67. "Don't __, don't tell"	8. Chicken serving	27. Diner on "Alice"
14. Appeals for donations	52. Mouth, slangily	68. Ford dud	9. Captivates	28. "Thanks __!"
15. Brings in	54. Bounce back	69. Packing a piece	10. Estonia, once: Abbr.	29. Unscrupulous animal cracker salesman?
16. Attendance fig.	55. USNA grad	DOWN	11. Where to buy animal crackers?	31. Sans __ (carefree)
17. Broken-off piece of an animal cracker?	57. Double-checks, in a way	1. Job detail, briefly	12. Prefix meaning "bone"	33. __ Gay (WWII bomber)
19. Munched on	61. Narc's org.	2. __ breve (music marking)	13. Dutch master Jan	35. Poop out
20. Magic flier	62. Taste of an animal cracker?	3. __-do-well	18. Coral formation	36. Go ballistic
21. Partner of green eggs		4. Valve mover, in an engine		38. Bridge bid, briefly
22. Sloth's hangout		5. Extremely pale		40. Poli sci subj.
23. Slaughter in baseball				43. When repeated, "Nothing new"
25. Biblical sage				45. Crooner Como
27. Drudge of the Internet				48. Serena's sport
30. 1954 Fellini-Oscar winner				49. Less meaty
32. Inventor Whitney				50. Jason's wife, in myth
33. Ticklish Muppet				51. Pastry pretifiers
34. Cricket and croquet				53. Insurance giant
37. Access the Web				56. __-Ball (arcade game)
39. Boxer, slangily				58. Circle bisector: Abbr.
41. Invite for coffee, say				59. Roy's cowgirl partner
42. Dictation takers				60. Husky's burden
44. Egyptian Christian				62. Al Capp's Daisy
				63. Like a sgt. or cpl.

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NTSB releases report on FBC bus wreck

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anchorage and recommended that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration develop standards for future use. The NTSB board also recommended that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators develop a method for inspecting seat anchors in motorcoaches and revise their inspection standards and procedures.

First Baptist Church pastor Rev. Andy Anderson commented

on the report Tuesday evening, saying that none of the NTSB findings came as a surprise. "We were kind of kept in the loop as the investigation went along," Anderson said. "The report is what we expected."

Anderson went on to say that he hoped the report would be the final chapter in the long and painful saga endured by his congregation. He noted that the church, which owned and operated the bus, paid a \$2,380 fine to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration shortly after the accident and

that the church's insurance carrier recently settled with wreck victims and their families.

"The Lord has blessed us throughout this ordeal in ways we could never have imagined," Anderson said. "We've pulled together as a church. It's been a trial, but we have also been blessed."

The Oct. 13, 2003 FBC bus wreck occurred as a group of the church's senior citizens, known as Senior Ambassadors, were leaving on a trip to Nashville, TN and Gettysburg, PA.

Among those who died in the

crash were: Domingo and Delia Pina, Kenneth and Betty Richardson and Mary Robinson, all of Eldorado, Jean S. Demere and Jimmy Teel, both of Water Valley and LaVerne Shannon of San Angelo. Billy Frank Blaylock of Eldorado died of his injuries more than a month after the accident.

A synopsis of the accident investigation report, including the findings, probable cause and safety recommendations, can be found on the "Publications" page of the Board's web site, www.nts.gov.

Robert Lee team wins Mabel Freitag 3-Lady Tournament

The Mabel Freitag Three Lady Tournament was held Saturday, April 9, 2005 at the Eldorado Golf Club.

Winners of the first flight were Loretta Bridges, Donna Watkins, and Kim Lynn of Robert Lee a score of 61.

Second place went to Lana Mott, Debbie Young and Leslie Gooch of San Angelo with a score of 62.

The winners of the second flight were Branda Gray, Chris McCravy and Su Scott of

Eldorado with a score of 66.

Second place with a score of 67 went to Jodie Finklea and Ethel Olson of Sonora and Melissa O'Harrow of Eldorado.

Closest to the pins were won by Kathleen Price of San Angelo, Ebbie Sutton of Sonora and Branda Gray of Eldorado.

The longest drive was won by Kathleen Price of San Angelo.

We appreciate all those who help make the tournament a success.



8th Grader Timothy Maskill placed 1st in Shot Put with a throw of 33-9 at District 2AA Middle School Track Meet hosted by Grape Creek.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

Dear Editor and whom it may concern:

I would like to begin by praising all the players, parents and volunteers who participate in the local youth/school sporting events. Although for most parents and volunteers free time is little or limited due to a busy work week great effort is put into making such things available for our youth.

However, I cannot seem to recall when the object of ANY sport was changed into seeing who could get onto any player coach or volunteer in a rudely uncalled manner. As only a spectator, I have seen this happen many times. For instance, when a coach calls for a bad play, or teaches a weak one, or an official HONESTLY oversees and mistakenly calls a play, or furthermore, when a player misses a ball, overthrows it, or doesn't make a good enough play, one as an ADULT, should NOT yell at him or her, that includes a fellow coach-volunteer-player or even one of the opposing team.

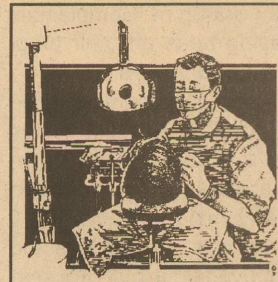
The REAL object of any sport is to teach its players and coaches the fundamentals of that sport, whether it be kicking, throwing, catching or even running. Basic knowledge such as thinking, hand-eye coordination, good sportsmanship, making and correcting mistakes, and competing fair is the object to any game as well. Players have also been taught how to work as a team-to work together. As many coaches have taught their players, there's no "I" in the TEAM.

Players, coaches, parents and volunteers should understand that all though winning in most cases is better, losing HAPPENS from time to time. Coming in second is just as good as long as you learned something, played your best, played fair, and had fun. Next time, one should congratulate those involved on a good job and great effort. Even if one has failed, teach them it's OK

and how to better their skills for next time.

In closing, have you ever wondered what arguing, bad mouthing, or making obscene gestures to a player, coach, volunteer, or a spectator teaches our youth-the future of tomorrow?

Just a Spectator,
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The Polygamists are Coming!

Eldorado is being invaded by polygamists from Colorado City. Texas "outsiders" unfamiliar with what they do and how they do it are aggressively seeking information about the group. And they should...

The public needs to know how the one-man dictatorship developed and how maniacal Warren Jeffs rules today. He and his lieutenants are highly skilled and articulate business men who have mastered the art of deception and therefore pose a threat to any community they inhabit.

Colorado City historian Benjamin Bistline's first deeply documented book, *The Polygamists: A History of Colorado City, Arizona* was written to present the truth of the beginnings of the religious doctrine. Over the years, the doctrine has been verbally "rewritten" by religious leaders of God's apostate tyrannical support their claim of approval of their one-dictatorship.

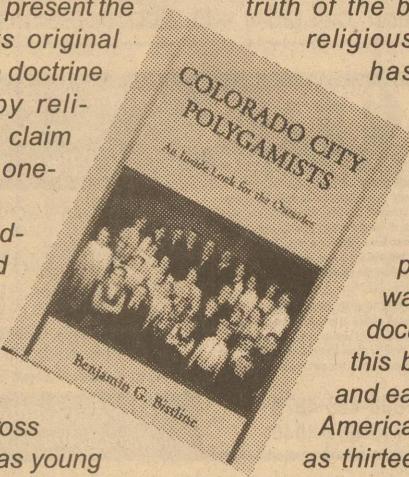
For "outsiders" to whom Colorado City and the first book with deep documentation, was overwhelming simplified, and easy to follow.

People across America are asking how it is that girls as young as thirteen can be forced to marry, and not even to young men but old men; and how it is that women are treated as chattel and belong not to themselves or their husbands, but to the Priesthood; and how it is that wives and children can suddenly be reassigned to a "more obedient" man; and how it is that teenage boys are cast out so older men can have more wives.

And finally, how is it that tax dollars of American citizens are not only supporting many large polygamist families, but helping their communities expand.

Polygamy abuses in America remain in the public eye thanks to Oprah, CNN, ABC Primetime, A&E Television and other media sources, including newspapers *The Salt Lake Tribune*, *The Spectrum of St. George, Utah*, *The Phoenix New Times*, *The Arizona Republic*, and *The Desert Morning News*. With polygamists setting up an enclave in Texas, *The Eldorado Success*, *San Antonio Express-News*, *Fort Worth Star Telegram*, *The Dallas Morning News*, and others are working to make their citizens aware.

To order *Colorado City Polygamist* visit the World Wide Web www.agreka.com; Cover Design Lea Taylor; U.S. \$18.95



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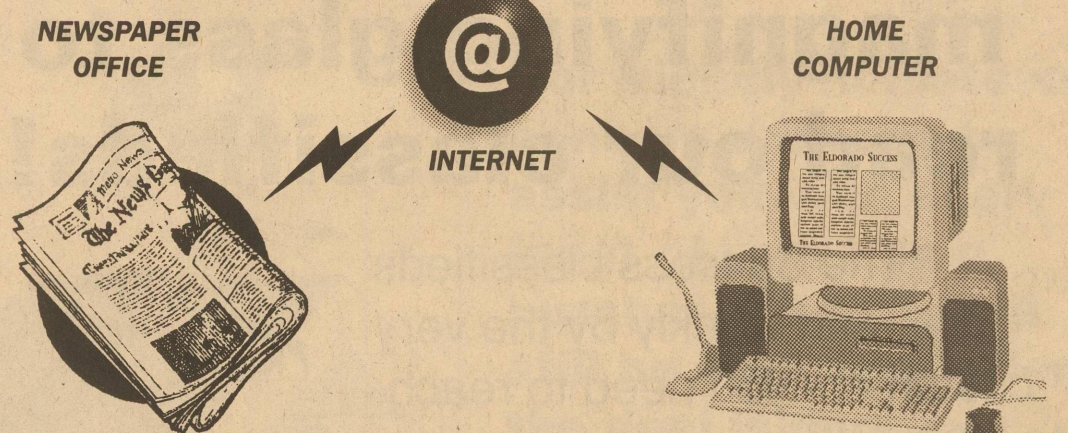

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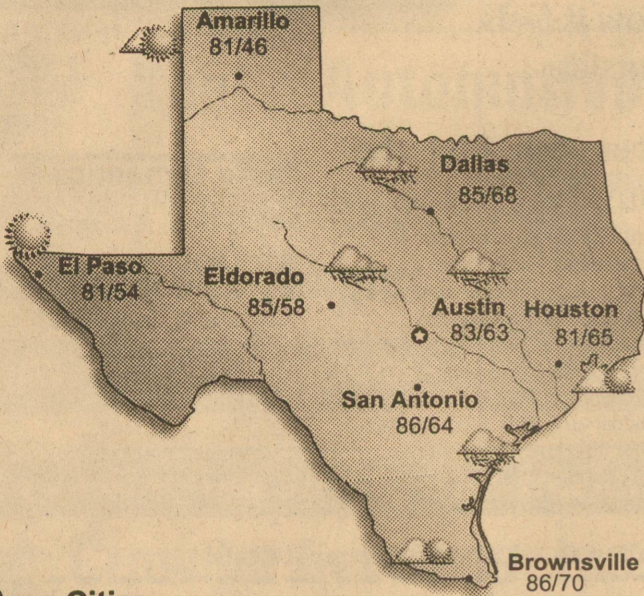
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 4/22	Sat 4/23	Sun 4/24	Mon 4/25	Tue 4/26
85/58 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	84/54 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	78/51 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	74/53 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	80/49 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 8:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM

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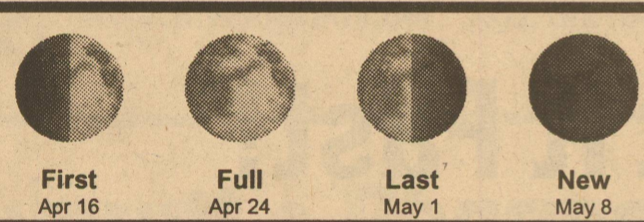
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	61	mst sunny	Kingsville	87	68	pt sunny
Amarillo	81	46	mst sunny	Livingston	81	61	pt sunny
Austin	83	63	t-storm	Longview	83	63	pt sunny
Beaumont	80	63	pt sunny	Lubbock	86	49	sunny
Brownsville	86	70	pt sunny	Lufkin	82	63	pt sunny
Brownwood	88	63	t-storm	Midland	87	53	sunny
Corpus Christi	83	70	pt sunny	Raymondville	89	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	83	64	t-storm	Rosenberg	81	64	pt sunny
Dallas	85	68	t-storm	San Antonio	86	64	t-storm
Del Rio	87	65	t-storm	San Marcos	85	64	t-storm
El Paso	81	54	sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	63	t-storm
Fort Stockton	88	57	sunny	Sweetwater	88	58	mst sunny
Gainesville	83	63	t-storm	Tyler	83	63	pt sunny
Greenville	83	63	t-storm	Weatherford	83	62	t-storm
Houston	81	65	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	88	60	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	57	t-storm	Minneapolis	62	44	mst sunny
Boston	55	38	mst sunny	New York	64	42	mst sunny
Chicago	60	36	mst sunny	Phoenix	86	62	sunny
Dallas	85	68	t-storm	San Francisco	65	50	mst sunny
Denver	64	37	mst sunny	Seattle	66	46	pt sunny
Houston	81	65	pt sunny	St. Louis	70	55	t-storm
Los Angeles	70	52	mst sunny	Washington, DC	70	46	rain
Miami	78	67	rain				

Moon Phases



UV Index

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10	10	10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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Golf News

by Su Scott
April 16-17 One man select shot Golf Tournament - Results
Championship Flight
1. Chris Phillips 55-59-114
2. Ross Whitten 59-60-119
Presidents Flight
1. Andy Garcia 61-60-121
2. Rocky Robles 62-60-122
3. Richard Gonzales 61-62-123
1st Flight
1. Adam Gauna 64-64-128
2. Chris McCravery 64-64-128
2nd Flight
1. David Robledo 71-63-134
2. Bill Wells 68-68-136
Remember Tuesday Play Days 5:00.



Eldorado Eagles 2005 Golf Team placed fourth in 2AA District play and is shown here with their trophy. The Eagles golfed at three locations Eldorado, Mason and Quicksand in San Angelo. Eldorado team scored a total of 1064 points. Cash Lane had combined low district score of 237. Team members are: (L-R) Richmond Adame, Epolo Herrera, Adam Dominguez, Cash Lane, Russell Cathey, (top) Kyle Taylor, Raul Rios and Chance Meyers (bottom). Sonora won district with a total score of 879. Coaching the 2005 Golf Boys Team was Coach Don Richters.

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Pesticide applicators training and testing

by Scott Edmonson
County Extension Agent

The Schleicher County Extension office will be hosting a Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing workshop. During this workshop, participants who wish to acquire a Pesticide Applicators License in order to purchase and apply federally

restricted or state limited use pesticides.

Please note that this training is only for those individuals who wish to acquire a Private Pesticide Applicators License. This training will take place on Friday, May, 20th, 2005 at the Extension Office beginning at 8:30 a.m. There is no cost for the training

but you must purchase a Pesticide Applicator Manual prior to the training date. Cost for the manual is \$20 and they can be picked up at the Extension office. This training will be limited to the first 10 paid participants.

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The Blotter

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ARRESTS
April 12 • Ramos, George, male age 43, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Warrant out of Tom Green County. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.
• Holdge, James, male age 25, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.
April 13 • Holsey, Brandon Michael, male age 21, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Assault Family Violence. Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond.
• Young, Robert Sherman, male age 19, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.
• Borrego, Joseph David, male age 18, arresting officer SC Deputy, offense POM - Possession of Drug

Paraphernalia. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.
• Moreno, Mary Ann, female age 18, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz. Released on \$500.00 PR Bond.
April 14 • Martinez, Jessie, male age 27, arresting officer SC deputy, offense No D.L. and No Insurance. Released on Time Served.
• Luna, Ubaldo, male age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense driving with out Drivers License. Released on Citation.
April 16 • Buitrago, Ramiro Jr., male age 17, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Assault Causing Bodily Injury - Family Violence. Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond.
April 18 • Moreno, Rosaura Galindo, female age 42, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Harassment Class B Misdemeanor. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

INCIDENTS
April 12 • 9:26 a.m. Complainant reported an attempted break in of his building. Officer responded.
• 6:26 p.m. Complainant reported family violence at her sister's house. Two officers responded.
April 13 • 3:34 p.m. Complainant reported having bees on their property. EVFD was contacted.
• 4:51 p.m. Complainant reported a possible burglary at East Fields Ave. Officer responded. Three subjects were arrested for possession of marijuana. 2 male subjects and 1 juvenile ran and was arrested later and charged with evading arrest, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The juvenile was transported to Tom Green County juvenile detention center.

• 11:09 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.
April 14 • 8:28 a.m. Complainant reported a one vehicle roll over. No one was found in or near vehicle. Two officers responded.
• 11:54 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about her son. Officer responded.
• 4:06 p.m. Complainant reported a very young child wandering by himself along the highway in front of a store. Complainant was concerned for the child's safety. Officer responded.
• 6:54 p.m. Complainant reported a large nest of bees on the street corner of her property. EVFD was contacted.
• 10:16 p.m. Complainant reported youths gathering for their weekly party at the Eldorado Place Parking Lot. Shouting and music was so loud it was vibrating the windows. Officer responded.
April 15 • 5:10 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.
5:28 p.m. Complainant stated that one of his employees had been assaulted. Officer responded.
• 5:31 p.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off in the amount of \$65.48. Sutton County was notified. Subject was located and paid off amount.
• 9:58 p.m. Complainant stated that he had not seen or heard from his daughter since noon. Two officers responded and subject was located.
• 11:14 p.m. Complainant reported loud music on Dixie. Officer responded.
April 16 • 4:34 a.m. Complainant reported what he thought to be a drunk driver. Officer responded, subject turned out to be Standard Times news paper deliver person.
• 11:44 a.m. Complainant requested an officer shoot a skunk on his property. Officer responded.
• 3:45 p.m. Complainant reported a horse dead in the middle of the road with a saddle still on it. Two officers and the game warden responded.
• 10:28 p.m. Complainant reported her husband harassing, stalking, and threatening her. Officer responded.
April 17 • 4:02 p.m. Complainant reported a blazer running into the Sofge's Apartment. Two officer and DPS trooper responded.
• 4:35 p.m. Complainant reported electricity out at store and at the neighbor's house on Mills Ave.
• 4:41 p.m. Complainant reported subject will not slow down while driving in her neighborhood. She fears for the safety of her children while playing outside. She reported she has spoken with subject and asked him to slow down. Officer responded.
• 4:41 p.m. Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident in Shot's parking lot. Two officer responded.
• 4:45 p.m. Complainant reported electricity out at his residence on West Ave. Will call company and report. Officer stated prior vehicle accident did not have anything to do with outage.

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Angelo A&M Center Spring Field Day offers continuing education units

by Scott Edmonson
County Extension Agent - Ag
SAN ANGELO - The Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo will offer a number of continuing education units during its second annual natural resources field day April 28.

The program will be from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the center, located on U.S. Highway 87 north of San Angelo.

This year's theme is "Just Add Water...A Look at Texas Rangeland Water Issues." Options for conserving rainfall and groundwater sources will be the main focus.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units for pesticide applicators will be available to each participant; two in the general category and one in the integrated pest management category.

The field day also offers five continuing education units for Society for Range Management

members who are certified as professionals in rangeland management.

The certification program equips experts with the knowledge needed to help government agencies, ranchers and others with their rangeland problems.

Persons certified under the program are required to earn 32 continuing education units during each two-year cycle to maintain their certification.

The field day program focuses on strategies and techniques landowners can use to get the most benefit from the rain that falls on their rangeland. There will also be an extensive trade show of exhibitors with ties to rangeland restoration and water conservation.

The morning session will include talks on rangeland health and the water cycle, mechanical practices for retaining water and reducing evapo-transpiration, river and stream health for improving the water cycle and grazing management for healthy rangelands.

The afternoon session starts

at 1 o'clock following a catered lunch. Topics will be developing water catchments for domestic use, wildlife water development, wellhead protection to prevent water pollution, and cost share programs.

The field day concludes with a speaker panel discussion.

Individual pre-registration is \$25. After April 21, registration is \$40. Student registration is \$10. Lunch is included.

For more information, call the center at (325) 653-4576.



8th Grade District 2AA Girls Discus Champion Kirsten Stubbs threw 89-6. Grape Creek hosted the Junior High District Meet.

HONOR ROLL

Eldorado Elementary Honor Roll 5th Six Weeks

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"A-B" Honor Roll: Evelyn Martinez, Dominique Ochoa, McKenzie McAnguz*, Arden Mertz*
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"A" Honor Roll: Victoria Guerrero*, Abigail Spradley*
"A-B" Honor Roll: Jacqueline Castro*, Deonn Fuentes, Jessica Gandar*, Brittney McCulloch*, Jacob Mettlen*, Morgan Miller, Caitlyn Self*
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Mrs. Jones
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Pan-Asian Dishes Pack Flavor Punch

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Cuisine doesn't get any hotter than this. Food experts across the nation point to Pan-Asian flavors as the freshest trend of the year, taking note of the unique ways in which their flavors tickle the palate with brilliant ingredient pairings.

Mai Pham, award-winning cookbook author and owner of the nationally acclaimed Lemon Grass Restaurant in Sacramento, Calif., makes bold flavor statements with these tapas-style "small plates," which are perfect for entertaining as well as both casual and elegant meals. An expert in Vietnamese and Thai cuisine, Chef Pham marries flavors from across Asia with American Lamb and USA-grown peanuts, making a unique culinary statement.

"American Lamb and USA-grown peanuts offer wonderful flavors and textures integral to Pan-Asian dishes," Chef Pham says. She favors the sweet, mild taste and versatility of fresh American Lamb for showcasing Pan-Asian flavors. American Lamb's availability at the grocery store and butcher allows the creative cook to dish up trendy tastes year-round. If you don't find the cut you're looking for, just ask — and preorder when possible. USA-grown peanuts, tremendously versatile, flavor-packed and widely available as well, are both familiar and exotic, making them a critical component in these inspired dishes.

Spicy Lemongrass American Lamb with Peanuts in Lettuce Cups can be assembled by guests or served as bundles. Whimsical adult finger food, Grilled American Lamb on Sugarcane with Sweet Chili-Peanut Sauce can be made on sticks of lemongrass, bamboo sticks or canned sugarcane. Asian American Lamb Noodle Salad with Peanuts is a study of contrast between crunchy peanuts, tender American Lamb and chewy noodles. And, the flavors in all of these dishes shine at room temperature, making them perfect for entertaining.

Thrill your guests with these unique Pan-Asian-inspired offerings... their intriguing blends of fresh flavors and familiar ingredients are sure to garner praise!

For additional recipes, visit www.americanlamb.com and www.nationalpeanutboard.org.



Grilled American Lamb on Sugarcane with Sweet Chili-Peanut Sauce

Grilled American Lamb on Sugarcane with Sweet Chili-Peanut Sauce

20 appetizer servings
Preparation Time: 25 minutes
Cook Time: 6 minutes

- 2/3 cup finely chopped jicama, patted dry
- 3 tablespoons chopped cilantro (leaves and stems)
- 2 stalks lemongrass (white part only), finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped shallots
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped garlic cloves
- 1 teaspoon prepared Thai red curry paste
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped Kaffir lime leaves or lime zest
- 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 pound ground American lamb
- 5 tablespoons chopped roasted peanuts, divided
- 5 canned sugarcane sticks, quartered (each about 1/2 inch wide and 5 inches long) or 20 thick skewers soaked in water for 30 minutes
- 1 cup prepared Thai sweet chili sauce

In medium bowl, blend first 12 ingredients. Mix in lamb and 3 tablespoons peanuts. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes.

To prepare each skewer, form 3 tablespoons lamb mixture into 1-inch-thick roll. Place upper half of stick or skewer lengthwise in center of lamb roll and press skewer into lamb, forming meat around skewer (moisten hands for easy preparation). Spray prepared sticks or skewers each with nonstick cooking spray. Cook on barbecue grill or in large skillet, turning every 2 minutes (about 6 minutes total) until lamb is no longer pink inside. Serve with Thai sweet chili sauce sprinkled with 2 tablespoons peanuts.

Nutrition per serving: 65 calories, 5g protein, 2g carbohydrates, 4g total fat (59% of fat from calories), 15mg cholesterol, 0.4g fiber, 95mg sodium, 1.12mg niacin, 0.04mg vitamin B-6, 0.40mcg vitamin B-12, 0.44mg iron, 1mg zinc

Asian American Lamb Noodle Salad with Peanuts

16 appetizer servings
Preparation Time: 25 minutes
Marinate Time: 30 minutes
Cook Time: 18 minutes

- 10 green onions (white and pale green parts only), chopped
- 3 tablespoons sesame oil, divided
- 3 tablespoons rice wine or apple juice
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons oyster sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound American lamb shoulder, well trimmed and cut into 1/4-inch-thick bite-size pieces
- 3 shallots, thinly sliced, divided
- 6 ounces sweet potato noodles or (mung bean) cellophane noodles
- 3 to 5 cups baby spinach leaves
- 1/4 pound snow peas, strings removed
- 1 carrot, julienned and blanched
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped roasted peanuts

In medium bowl, combine green onions, 2 tablespoons sesame oil, rice wine or apple juice, soy sauce, brown sugar, oyster sauce and salt. Remove 2 tablespoons and mix into lamb. Cover, refrigerate and marinate for 30 minutes. Reserve remaining sauce.

Prepare noodles according to package directions. Remove from heat, rinse, drain and toss with remaining 1 tablespoon sesame oil, set aside.

In large nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon peanut oil over medium heat. Add one-half of shallots and stir 10 seconds. Add lamb and cook, stirring occasionally until no longer pink (about 4 to 6 minutes.) Transfer to large bowl, keep warm.

Wipe out skillet and add remaining 2 tablespoons oil. Add remaining shallots and stir 10 seconds. Mix in noodles and reserved sauce, cooking 3 to 4 minutes or until sauce is absorbed. Add spinach, snow peas and carrots. Stir-fry 3 to 4 minutes or until spinach is just wilted. Pour over lamb. Add peanuts, toss and serve.

Nutrition per serving: 201 calories, 8g protein, 15g carbohydrates, 12g total fat (52% calories from fat), 27mg cholesterol, 1g fiber, 390mg sodium, 2mg niacin, 0.07mg vitamin B-6, 0.79mcg vitamin B-12, 1mg iron, 2mg zinc

From top: Asian American Lamb Noodle Salad with Peanuts and Spicy Lemongrass American Lamb with Peanuts in Lettuce Cups

Spicy Lemongrass American Lamb with Peanuts in Lettuce Cups

16 appetizer servings
Preparation Time: 25 minutes
Cook Time: 5 minutes

- 3 tablespoons fish sauce, divided
- 3 tablespoons lime juice, divided
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped garlic cloves, divided
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 2/3 pound American lamb shoulder, trimmed and finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon chopped Thai bird chilies or crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil
- 2 shallots, thinly sliced
- 1 cup coarsely chopped fresh mint leaves
- 2/3 cup jicama, peeled and chopped into 1/4-inch pieces, squeezed dry
- 1/4 red onion, finely chopped
- 8 sprigs cilantro, finely chopped
- 2 stalks lemongrass (white part only), sliced and then chopped
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped galangal (Thai ginger) or ginger root
- 1/2 cup chopped roasted peanuts, divided
- 2 to 3 heads iceberg lettuce inner leaves, each trimmed to about 4 inches wide

In medium bowl, combine 1 tablespoon each fish sauce and lime juice, 1 teaspoon garlic and cornstarch. Add lamb and blend well, set aside.

In small bowl, combine remaining 2 tablespoons each fish sauce and lime juice, 1 teaspoon garlic, brown sugar and chilies. Stir well, set aside.

In medium pan, heat oil over medium heat. Add shallots and cook 10 seconds. Add lamb, stir and cook until no longer pink (about 5 minutes). Mix in sauce. Just before serving, toss lamb with mint, jicama, red onion, cilantro, lemongrass, ginger and 1/4 cup peanuts. Invite guests to put 2 or 3 tablespoons lamb mixture on each lettuce leaf. Top with remaining peanuts, roll and enjoy.

Nutrition per serving: 100 calories, 5g protein, 6g carbohydrates, 7g total fat (60% calories from fat), 14mg cholesterol, 1g fiber, 307mg sodium, 1.18mg niacin, 0.07mg vitamin B-6, 0.41mcg vitamin B-12, 1mg iron, 1mg zinc

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