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## Temple appraisal tops \$8 million

### County-wide values surge \$50 million

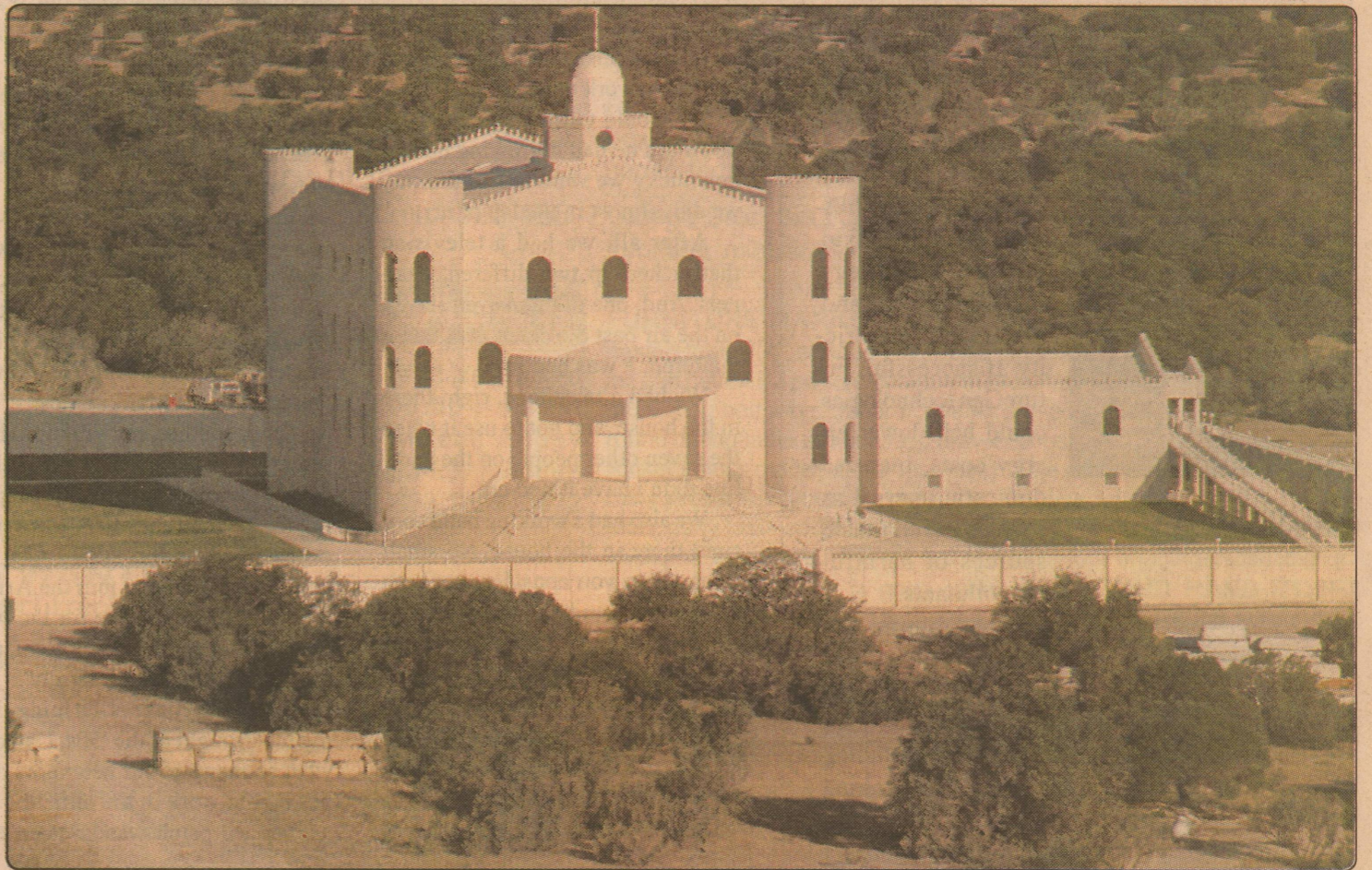
Chief Appraiser Scott Sutton told *The Success* this week that preliminary appraised values on the YFZ Ranch came in at just over \$18 million with more than \$8 million of that amount attributable to the massive white limestone temple standing near the center of the property. Not included in the appraised values are a number of structures still under construction on January 1, 2006 and others where construction didn't commence until after the first of the year.

Sutton explained that he expects to make some adjustment to the values of commercial and personal property on the ranch but that he doubts if the overall appraised value will drop below \$17.5 million. If that is the case then the tax bill at the YFZ Ranch could come in at just over \$450,000, based on this year's tax rates.

Sutton notes that soaring oil and gas prices have also added to taxable values across the county. He said he expects the county's tax base to approach \$320 million, up more than \$50 million from last year.

"This is all very preliminary," Sutton said. "There are always some adjustments."

The increased values won't benefit the county's four county-wide taxing jurisdictions equally. Sutton explained that only Schleicher County is allowed to levy a tax on property and minerals owned by the University of Texas. Schleicher County ISD, Hospital District and the Plateau Underground Water District may not tax University land which represents some 8 percent of the land in the county or a total of 61,850 acres.



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The value of the FLDS temple on the YFZ Ranch stands at just over \$8 million, at least as far as the Schleicher County Appraisal District is concerned. That's just a portion of the ranch's total \$18 million appraisal which includes land, buildings, commercial and personal property.



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Taking the oath of office at Monday night's school board meeting were (L-R) Jan Wanoreck, Lupe Sanchez and Robert Jay.

## SCISD trustees meet to elect board officers

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday, June 12, 2006 to welcome new board members and to elect board officers.

Jan Wanoreck, Lupe Sanchez and Robert Jay received the oath of office as the meeting began. Neither Wanoreck nor Sanchez had an opponent in the recent school board election and were automatically re-elected. Jay defeated long-time board member Eddie Albin to win his first term on the SCISD board.

Following the oath of office, the board voted to keep Jo Helen Kotsch in her position as board president. Kurtis Homer was elected as board vice president while Jan Wanoreck was elected as the board secretary.

Next, Jo Helen Kotsch formally welcomed new SCISD superintendent Billy Collins to the district. It was his first opportunity to attend a board meeting since arriving in Eldorado.

The board then heard from finance director Ray Ballew who reviewed the

district's financial reports. Ballew reported a total of \$1,550,237 in SCISD's fund balance with \$507,900 of that having been designated for capital improvements.

The board then reviewed and approved the minutes of meetings held on May 8 and May 17. They also heard a report from High School librarian Debbie Griffin regarding the district's distance learning program.

The trustees next took up the school calendar for the 2006-07 school year and voted to change a planned holiday from Feb. 19, 2007 to Feb. 12, 2007 in order to facilitate the state's TAKS test schedule.

Maintenance supervisor John Kotsch then updated the board on the need to repair the roof on the Elementary wing and explained that he had researched a new rubberized product called "Duro-Last" that is rolled out over the existing roof. The board listened as Kotsch reviewed the pricing for several types

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## County commissioners okay \$82K as 10% match for TxDOT airport grant

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday and approved the expenditure of \$82,800, representing the county's 10 percent portion of an \$828,000 grant through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Aviation Division.

The grant will pay for the installation of hot mix coating for the existing runway and PAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicator) landing system lights for the northern approach to the runway.

In order to formally request the grant money, the commissioners approved a resolution allowing the county to make improvements to the

local airport and allow the county to seek financial assistance from TxDOT for the improvements.

An important clause in the grant agreement allows the county to pay its 10 percent share over a three-year period.

Judge Johnny Griffin informed the court the county had purchased and ordered security lights for the courthouse square. The ornamental lights were purchased with designated security funds and cost just over \$35,000.00.

Griffin then advised the commissioners that he and District Judge Barbara Walthers had discussed

the Americans with Disabilities Act in regard to the lack of handicap accessibility to the upper floors of the courthouse and the lack of air conditioning of the second floor court room.

The commissioner discussed several options including the installation of air conditioning and an elevator to access the second and third floors. But, as they reviewed potential costs, the men agreed that it would be more cost effective to build an annex in which to house the court room. The commissioners then voted unanimously to hire

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## City raises fines on fireworks to \$500

The Eldorado City Council met Monday night, June 12, 2007, and voted to increase the fine for violating the city's fireworks ban from \$100 to \$500 per incident. Mayor Nikolauk stated that in light of persistent hot and dry conditions he would be asking the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department to help enforce the ban, especially during the July 4th holiday.

In other business the council voted to appoint Dorothy Dacy to fill the seat left vacant in Ward #3 when Tommy Minor chose not to seek re-election. Mayor John Nikolauk administered the oath of office to Dacy and she joined the council for the remainder of the meeting.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then informed the council that \$380,000 obtained through certificates of obligation had been received to pay for street paving projects. The council decided to spend the money on North and East Streets and Mayor Nikolauk instructed Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay obtain measurements of the streets so that so paving bids could be sought.

The mayor also updated the council on work at the landfill and the Ports-to-Plains coalition meeting he attended. Floyd Fay informed the council

about an 8-inch water main break in the alley adjacent to the lumber yard. He advised that it took the city crews an hour and half to repair the break. Fay also explained that oil had been received for the patching machine and

the city crews would begin filling pot holes soon.

The council then approved the expenditure of up to \$24,999.99 to purchase and install a 10 ft. x 12 ft metal

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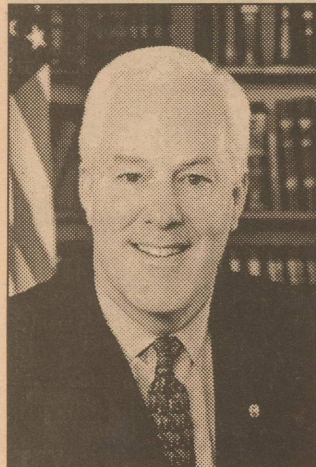
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk administered the oath of office Monday night to Dorothy Dacy who was appointed to fill the city council seat left vacant when Tommy Minor chose not to seek re-election.

## Continuing Our Energy Leadership

For more than 100 years, starting with the legendary Spindletop oil field near Beaumont, Texas has been a leading energy producer in the U.S. and the world. Now, a page is turning – and Texas is again in the forefront of global energy developments.

Two Texas cities – Odessa and Jewett – are among the 12 national finalists to host the design, construction and operation of “FutureGen,” the world’s first near-zero-emissions coal-powered generation plant.



### Commentary

by U.S. Senator John Cornyn

FutureGen is a demonstration project launched by President Bush in 2003 to test new technology in refining coal and generating electricity. If successful, FutureGen technologies could help lower energy costs, increase domestic energy resources and eliminate sources of harmful air pollutants.

Last month, the U.S. Department of Energy selected Odessa and Jewett to compete with cities from our nation’s leading coal-producing states, including West Virginia, Illinois and Wyoming. The winning site will be announced next summer.

FutureGen may sound complex, but its concept is fairly simple. It uses a chemical process to release the energy from coal – known as gasification – rather than burning the coal to achieve the same result.

More specifically, coal gasification is an innovative way to chemically break down coal using heat and pressure. The chemical reactions produce clean-burning gases that are used to generate electricity as well as other valuable by-products that can be sold for industrial use.

The FutureGen plant will also use technology to capture and safely store harmful carbon dioxide emissions before their release into the atmosphere. The carbon dioxide can be piped to oil fields, where it can then be used to help extract valuable fossil fuels.

FutureGen, and projects like it, represent a scientific attempt to meet our energy needs. By contrast, Texas’ previous success in energy often relied on big dreams and a large dollop of good fortune.

The Tyler Morning Telegraph newspaper described how one major East Texas oil field was discovered:

“Columbus Marion ‘Dad’ Joiner, a man in his 60s, was broke and depressed when he went to sleep along a seawall in Galveston one night in 1926 and had a vision that he would find the biggest oil field in the world in East Texas.

“When he awoke, he sketched the topography of the place he saw in his dream. He later walked and hitchhiked his way to Rusk County and believed he had found that visionary place on Daisy Bradford’s land.

“She leased him the land and he drilled three wells and the third one finally came in – and it was the biggest oil field in the world.” The field ultimately supplied vast amounts of energy to the Allies in World War II.

Another great believer, Rupert Ricker, a lawyer in Big Lake, picked a spot to drill in Reagan County where local folks just knew that no oil existed. Well, it did after all.

Santa Rita Number 1 came in on May 28, 1923, SEE TEXAS ON PAGE 8

## He’s almost a genius

The older I get, the smarter my father becomes. So smart, in fact, that he’s almost a genius, and will no doubt reach that mark provided I can survive for a few more birthdays. Odd, isn’t it, that my aging process should be the determining factor in my Dad’s wisdom?

It wasn’t always that way. As a youngster and a teenager I didn’t truly appreciate my father’s work ethic. Neither did I appreciate the fact that he insisted that I embrace that same work ethic.

He would tell me stories about how hard he had it growing up and how lucky we were to live the way we did, almost in the lap of luxury.

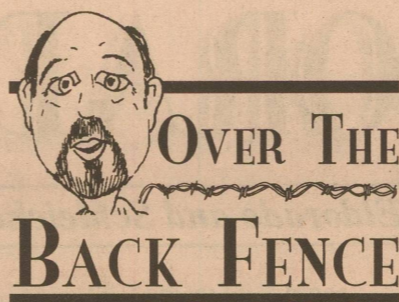
After all, we had a television that picked up two different channels. And, one of them even stayed on the air past 8 o’clock. Not that it mattered, 8 was bedtime.

We had a telephone, right there in the house, and got to use it when the seven other people on the party line didn’t have it tied up.

We also had a working bathroom, right there in the house. No small thing when you consider that both sets of my grandparents (neither of which lived more than three miles away) still had outhouses.

We also had a swamp cooler. Probably the surest sign of affluence in the time and place where I was raised.

To this day I still cannot imag-



ine how people tolerated the Texas heat before air conditioning came along.

My father would routinely point to these things and a couple of dozen others as evidence that my generation was growing up soft.

In all honesty, Dad did grow up in a very tough time. His home was on a dry land farm in a tiny community named Truby during the Great Depression. His father died when he was very young. He was the youngest of six Mankin kids.

Dad’s mother, my grandmother, remarried and had four more children. That made ten, in all, competing for the time and attention of two overworked adults.

Dad left home to join the Army and did so just in time for the war in Korea. He came home to marry my mother and raise a family.

Unable to make it farming during the drought of the ‘50s, Dad did what so many of our neighbors did, he went to work in the oilfield

The oil patch was good to our

family and, probably because of how I was raised, I’ve always resented the term oil field trash.

I, too, worked in the oilfield. It helped pay my way through college, and then after school, I returned to it for several years before venturing into the newspaper business.

My father was a pumper, a roughneck, driller and toolpusher. And as such, he was prepared to offer me advice when I got my first drilling job.

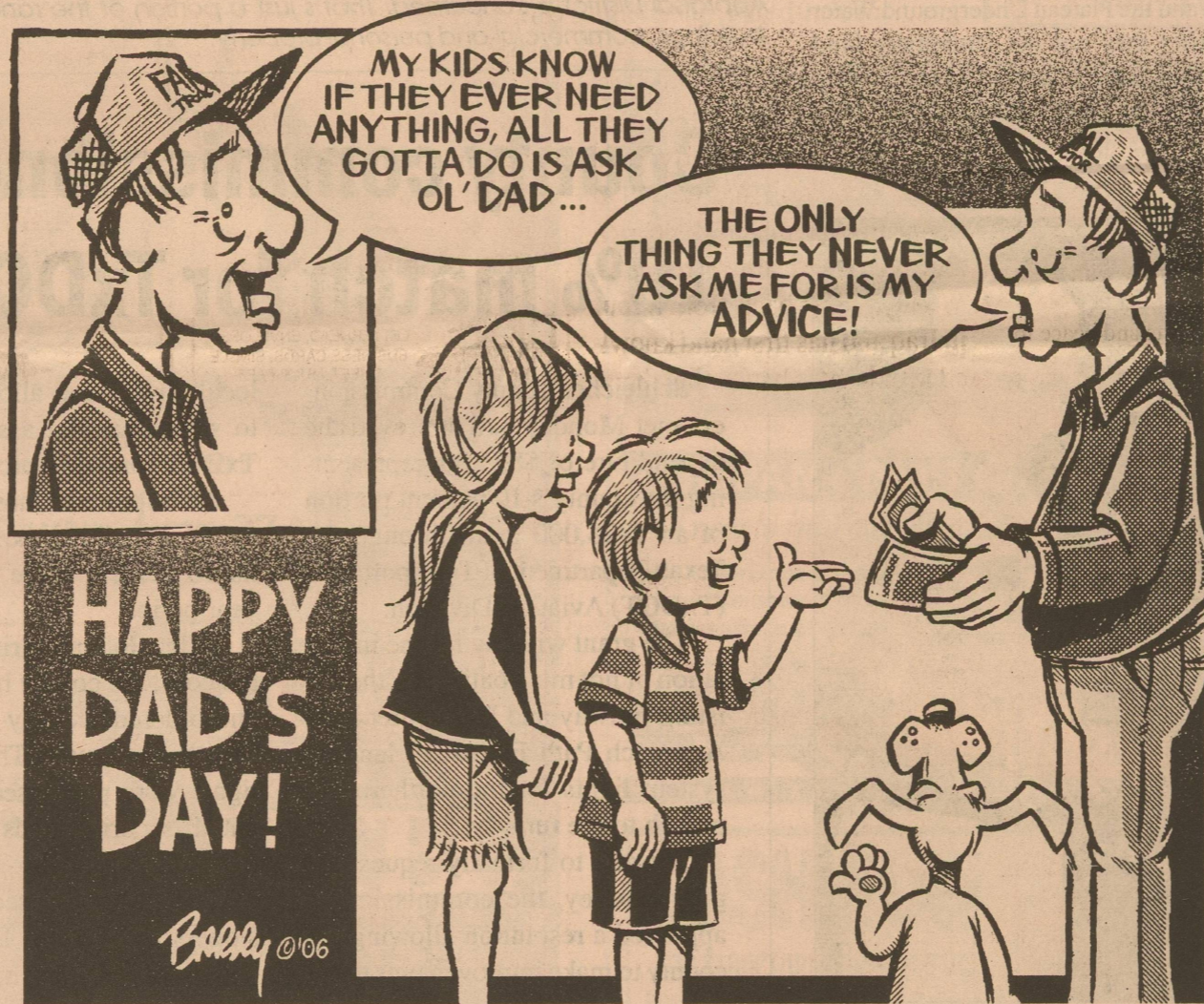
“If you ever find yourself in a bind,” he told me, “sit down and think it through before you call for help.”

“There’s never been a driller fired for thinking,” he added. “But, there’s been a bunch of ‘em fired for not thinking.”

How can you argue with logic like that? It was probably the single best piece of advice I ever received. And, like all good advice, it translates well into other walks of life.

I told you my Dad was smart. And, he’s getting smarter. So visit with him if you get the opportunity. Or, better yet, sit down and visit with your Dad this Father’s Day. You just might find he’s gotten a little smarter since the last time talked.

Which makes me wonder just how smart I may become as my own kids get older? I do look forward to finding out.



## July 4th dances at the post

Marathon, the gateway to the Big Bend, was named by a retired sea captain who took up residence there and said the countryside reminded him of the area around Marathon, Greece. When it came time to start a Post Office, Marathon was chosen as the name of the town.

Marilyn Shackelford has lived in Marathon (population 700) all her life. She is amazed at how much real estate prices have shot up in Marathon recently. A few years ago she and her husband sold an old house for \$15,000. Recently that house sold for \$150,000. An old railroad house built in 1910 sold for more than \$250,000. It had been remodeled.

“People from California, Florida, Colorado and Louisiana are buying the property,” says Marilyn. “We’ve also had some folks from Austin move in. Some people are buying the property for a second home, to stay here in the winter or summer, depending on where they live.”

Marilyn and her husband have a ranch south of town that has giant yucca plants on it. They sell



by Tumbleweed Smith

those plants all over the world. Two good customers are in Spain and Holland. When the Olympics were in Barcelona, some of their yucca decorated the grounds.

Marilyn’s grandmother was born in 1892 at old Fort Pena Colorado just outside of Marathon. The Army was still there then. The old fort is now referred to as “The Post” and has become a social gathering place for area residents.

“We have a dance on July 4th at the Post every year,” says Marilyn. “Back in the forties, the dances were big dress up affairs. The women wore formals and the men wore suits. You didn’t go to a dance on the 4th of July unless you had a formal or a suit. When I was four, Mama made me a little blue taffeta formal for me to wear. That was the first time I danced with my husband. He was five and

I was four.

“Ranchers donated beef for a free barbeque and there was always a big crowd. Between three hundred and a thousand people would attend. If the fourth hit on Saturday, they’d have dances on Friday and Saturday, the third and the fourth. So we had dances pretty regular back then. And the dances have continued. We still have them.

“Back when my grandfather was alive, he helped built the dance floor down there beside the creek. The lumber yard gave them lumber to build it, then after the dance they would take it up and the lumber yard would sell it for used lumber. My grandmother told me that so many people fell in the creek because they built it too close; they finally built a cement one where it is now.

“The dances have been a tradition for a long time. I have four sons and eleven grandkids and they all come in for the dances every year. They don’t wear formals and suits anymore. They just wear whatever. Some of the dress is kind of risqué.”

## Gubernatorial candidates prefer to use nicknames, 4-0

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Candidates for governor of Texas seem in agreement on at least one thing: they favor their nicknames over their given names while on the campaign trail.

Gov. “Rick” Perry’s given name is James Richard Perry, and “Chris” Bell, the Democratic challenger and former U.S. representative from Houston, is officially Robert Christopher Bell.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, a former Republican who filed as an independent candidate for governor, is asking that her name appear on the November ballot as Carole Keeton “Grandma” Strayhorn.

In case any confusion should result, Grandma was Carole McClellan when she was mayor of Austin (1977-83) and Carole Keeton Rylander when she was on the Texas Railroad Commission (1994-98).

Since her first successful “One Tough Grandma” political advertising campaign for the office of comptroller eight years ago, Strayhorn has widely been identified as a grandma and most recently as the only grandma in the race for the governorship of Texas.

Richard S. Friedman, also an independent candidate for governor, is known more by his nickname “Kinky” than his given name. Friedman, 61, said he’s had his nickname for more than 40 years.

Friedman and Strayhorn must be certified for ballot spots by the secretary of state because independent candidates have no statewide primary.

Both submitted petitions carrying many times more registered voter signatures than necessary, but for each candidate the secretary of state must verify as true and accurate a minimum of 45,540 signatures.

The secretary of state’s office has not announced that either of the two independents has met the requirement.

### Dems granted restraining order

An Austin state district court granted the Texas Democratic Party a temporary restraining order preventing the Republican Party of Texas from appointing a candidate to replace U.S. Congressional Dist. 22 Rep. Tom DeLay on the November ballot.

The Democratic Party alleges DeLay asserted his candidacy during the GOP primary, but intentionally pulled out later so no vote for a replacement would occur at the primary. The court scheduled a June 22 hearing on the matter.

Earlier this year, DeLay stopped his reelection campaign as allegations of ethical breaches mounted against him, and he withdrew from the race. He resigned from office June 9, facing criminal indictments on charges of election law violations.

### Border watch to involve citizens

Imagine Texas’ 1,240-mile border with Mexico from Port Isabel to El Paso dotted with Texas-side video cameras to monitor illegal crossings.

With volunteer landowners pitching in, it would be kind of like a neighborhood watch, Gov. Perry suggested.

The cameras are part of a multi-million dollar plan teaming the public with local law enforcement, the U.S. Border Patrol and the National Guard in border security operations.

### Toll road project to open sooner

Gov. Perry announced that at least part of the state’s three-toll road project will be open to traffic in December, nine months ahead of schedule.

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# OBITUARIES

## Joseph Clifford Schooley, Jr.

ELDORADO ~ Joseph Clifford Schooley, Jr., better known as "Cliff" to his friends, went to be with the Lord on, June 11, 2006, at the age of 55, after a battle with Cancer. He was born July 29, 1950 in San Angelo, Texas to Clifford and LG Schooley.

Cliff grew up and graduated from Eldorado High School in 1968 and attended Angelo State University in the fall. While attending ASU he married his high school sweetheart, soul mate and love of his life, Donna Davis on August 23, 1969. After 3 years at ASU and working at Producers Livestock, Cliff and Donna moved back home and eventually to the ranch, which was homesteaded by his grandfather, Gratt Edmiston. Gratt was a very influential man to Cliff and taught him about outdoors, animals, land, life and God. Cliff kept those ideas and lessons in his heart and as he and Donna began raising a family he instilled those values to his children and later to his granddaughter. While working on the ranch, Cliff also worked for ARCO for 20 years, then retired and began training "working dogs."

Cliff is survived by his beloved wife, Donna Schooley, of 36 wonderful years; one son and "new" daughter-in-law, Gabe and LeAnna Schooley of Stephenville; one daughter, Ericka Schooley and one very special granddaughter, Ariana; both of Mesquite; two sisters, Lorretta Ray and Cynthia Powell of Sudan; and an extended/second family "Aunt Margie" and children and Cedar Hill Church of Christ.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Clifford and LG Schooley, and his grandparents. "Pop" or "Poppa" will be

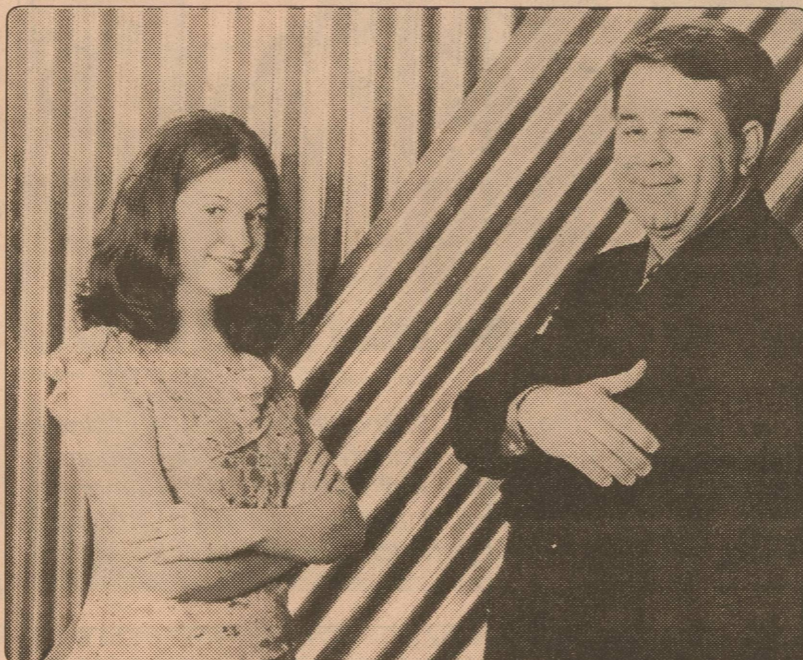
greatly missed by his granddaughter, children and beloved wife. We know you will be smiling down on us and waiting to greet us with open arms, Pop!

A special "Thank You" goes to Hospice of San Angelo, and our two angels, Laura Blaylock and Veronica Fierro. Also, thank you to Donna Ferguson, Mike Andress, and Jim Martin for your support through Hospice.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo or the American Cancer Society.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ on Mertzon Street in Eldorado, Texas. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

"Don't grieve for me,  
For now I am free.  
I am following the path  
God has laid, you see,  
I took His hand  
When I heard Him call.  
I turned by back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone,  
Must stay that way,  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys  
Of friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full,  
I've favored much,  
Good friends, good times,  
A loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee.  
God wanted me now,  
He set me Free".



The Moodys

COURTESY PHOTO

## Moodys slated to sing at Agape on Sunday, June 18

The Moodys are one of the most fun filled and ministry-focused families in the gospel music industry today. Hailing from San Antonio, they have taken their style of gospel music from coast to coast and border to border for over fourteen of both southern and country gospel while delivering their own personality that will send you away having been both blessed and entertained.

Touring for an average of 200 dates a year The Moodys spend a great deal of their time sharing with you the love of a wonderful Savior as well as their tremendous appreciation for the ones who daily give us the freedoms that we all so richly enjoy...our dedicated men and women in uniform. John Moody is just back from a tour in Iraq and has first hand knowledge of what is happening there,

including the spiritual climate of the troops.

The Moodys' exciting musical presentation will occur at the Agape Assembly of God on Sunday, June 18, at 11:00 a.m. Come and treat your ears to something good. A spaghetti meal will served after this eventful service.

You won't want to miss the opportunity to experience this talented and dedicated family. Texas has long been known for its many sons and daughters who have made their mark in gospel music. Once you experience The Moodys you will agree that God has sent one more gift from Deep In The Heart Of Texas.

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Drivers will be able to avoid notoriously heavy traffic through the capital city on Interstate 35.

Drivers who purchase the special electronic "TxTag" will enter the toll road without stopping at a booth, and save 10 percent.

### Agency chief resigns from post

Dr. Eduardo J. Sanchez resigned June 6 as commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, effective Oct. 6. A native of Corpus Christi,

Sanchez was appointed to the post in 2001 by Gov. Perry. The agency has 11,500 employees and an annual budget of \$2.3 billion.

### Parties hold biennial conventions

State party conventions were held earlier this month. The Republican Party of Texas met June 1 and 2 in San Antonio.

The Texas Democratic Party met in Fort Worth June 8 and 9.

Both parties focused on immigration policy and border security issues.



COURTESY PHOTO

Grant David Charboneau

## It's A Boy!

Grant David Charboneau was born to Jason and Kristin Charboneau on Monday, May 22, 2006 at 10:40 a.m.

He weighed 7 lb. 5.5 oz, and was 21 inches in length.

Proud grandparents are Carolyn McGann of Hobbs, New Mexico, Joe Charboneau, and David and Elise Toohey of San Angelo.

Grant David was also welcomed by his loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

**Meals for Friends Menu**

**Monday, June 19**  
Country Fried Steak, Baked Potato, Spanish Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Lime Rice Swirl, Juice, Milk

**Tuesday, June 20**  
Oven Fried Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Zucchini Squash, Wheat Bread, 1/2 Orange, Lemon Squares, Milk

**Wednesday, June 21**  
Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Tossed Salad w/ Tomato, Wheat Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

**Thursday, June 22**  
Fried Catfish, Corn Tomato Casserole, Spinach, Corn Bread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

**Friday, June 23**  
Beef & Cheese Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Tortillas, Creamy Coleslaw, Fruit Salad, Milk

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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ Hoo Boy!  
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2006 14 and Under "The Flames" Softball Team: (Front L-R): \*Marissa Gonzalez, \*Melissa Gonzalez, Brianah Creek, Brooke Guerrero; (Back L-R): Coach Helen Brame, Marci Minor, \*Patricia Hernandez, Emily Hulsey, \*Victoria Garza, \*Brittaney Gauna, Holley Romero, \*Mary Lou Martinez and Coach Vicki Farmer. \*Denotes All Star.



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2006 10 and Under "The Fillies" Softball Team: (Front L-R): Abigal Narvaez, Sarah Jackson, Evelyn Martinez, Julie Matinez, Kaylee Swindall and Chase Mertz; (Back L-R): \*BreeAnna Cortez, Taylor Carter, \*Mikayla Ramon, \*Macy Mikeska, Jordan McCulloch, and Elizabeth Guerrero. Coaches Sammy Jackson and Julio Narvaez. \*Denotes All-Star.



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2006 10 & Under "Pink Panthers" Softball Team: (Front L-R): Reagan Dehanis, \*Whitney Perez, \*Sasha Rodriguez, Kaitlyn Lindsey, Addye Chatham; (Back L-R): \*Brittany Galan, Abriana Islas, \*Chasity Willis, and \*Madison Albin. Coaches Belinda Martinez and Blake Chatham-Assistant. \* Denotes All-Star.

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Eldorado High School Freshman Haley Higgins was recently named to the Standard Times 2006 All West Texas Softball Team. Higgins was named 2006 Newcomer and batted .378 in District 2-2A play. Haley, also the catcher for her team was also named 2006 Most Valuable Player for the Lady Eagles. She is the daughter of Billie and Leanne Higgins.



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2006 14 and Under "Bad News" Softball Team: (Front L-R): Pollie Guerrero, \*Abby Fuentes, Sierra Arispe; (Middle L-R): \*Alex Guzman, \*Miranda Arispe, Brianda Torres, \*Deisy Aranda, \*Kasey Gonzalez, Kiki Rodriguez; (Back L-R): Brenda Galan, \*Amy Alvizo, Samantha Brown. Coaches Ramon Adame, Frank Estrada and Donny Fuentes. \*Denotes All-Star.



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10 and Under Softball Team: (Front L-R): \*Nikki Herrera, Branda Gail Arispe, \*Jessica Gandar, Rachelle Garcia, Bailey Griffin; (Back L-R): Ysseria Ramirez, \*Kimberly Sanchez, \*Odette Barrientos, Claire Wideman. Not pictured \*Micah Key. Coaches Chelsey Hill, Lewis Martinez and Donny Fuentes. \*Denotes All-Star.

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## Free Children's Reading Program begins at Library

Tuesday, June 13 was an exciting day at the Schleicher Co. Public Library! Roxanne Fentress, County Extension Agent, visited with the children during story time and read the book "The Hatseller and the Monkeys" by Buba Wague Diakite.

The story talked about the importance of breakfast and what happens to our bodies when we skip breakfast in the morning. Small buckets of corn, oats and rice were on display and the children tasted of cereal made from each and learned the importance of eating cereal from whole grains. Each child took home a "goodie" bag and were encouraged to come back next Tuesday for another reading program.

This first program kicked off the 2006 Texas Reading Club, "Reading: the Sport of the Champions." This reading

club will provide opportunities for children of all ages to enjoy reading.

This free program will be on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Schleicher County Public Library. It is co-sponsored by the Texas State Library and includes weekly reading activities and events.

This year it is anticipated that children of Schleicher County will break previous years records by reading twice as many hours. Local school Librarian, Debbie Griffin and teachers have encouraged children to maintain and improve their reading skills this summer. The Library has added a number of new books to the children's collection and expect more to arrive in the next 2 weeks.

Information about the reading Club is available by calling 853-3767 or stopping by the library at 201 S. Main. The Schleicher Co. Public Library is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Dale Lipsett (center) was recognized by his peers, Steve Justice (L), Manager of Post Office Operations, and Linda Welch (R), Ft. Worth District Manager, on Thursday, June 1, 2006 at a ceremony in San Angelo in recognition of 40 years of service with the Federal Government. Lipsett's granddaughter Alexia Goodman was also present. Lipsett, who makes his home in Eldorado, has been serving as Postmaster in Ozona for the last 3 years.

## Eight local youths attend annual State 4-H Roundup

Eight Schleicher County 4-H members attended State 4-H Roundup in College Station last week, June 6-9. Members placed at District 7 Roundup in San Angelo May 6 which allowed them to advance to state competition last

week. Participating in Educational Presentations were Taylor Baker, Lauren Brown, Taylor Niblett, Allison Reynolds and Chandra Wanoreck. Their presentation entitled, "Operation: Safe Kids" demonstrated their community service project with the Eldorado Head Start students in April.

Meg Griffin and Corie Williams also participated in an Educational Presentation, "Dressed for Success".

Ridge Ann Sudduth participated in the Public Speaking Event with her essay on "The Living Will".

### THANK YOU

The Schleicher County Extension Office and Schleicher County 4-H members would like to thank Niblett's Oilfield Services and First National Bank of Eldorado for sponsoring the trip to State Roundup. In addition, a big thanks to all the parents who attended and chaperoned during the event, especially Vickie Williams, Teresa Shirley, and Debby Griffin.

## School board

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of roofing then voted to approve the expenditure of \$72,550.35 for roof repairs using the rubberized product.

The trustees then approved the renewal of contracts with the Education Service Center Region XV for assistance with grant applications and compliance.

The trustees then went behind closed doors for a lengthy executive session to discuss personnel. They returned to open session and voted to accept the resignations of Ken Newman and Ernesto Barrera. They also voted to hire Judith Wells, Evelyn Gordon and Christi Collins.

Before adjourning the meeting, Supt. Collins reported the district's overall enrollment stands at 595. The trustees then declined to nominate a person to serve on the TASB board of directors from Region XV.

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## County Commissioners...

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an engineer familiar with the Americans with Disabilities Act to come up with a plan for an annex building to be erected on the courthouse square.

Next, Joe Fuessel and Robert Compton, representing Pre-Paid Legal Services, asked the court to allow them to speak to county employees about their product. The court approved.

The commissioners then approved payment of \$146.75 for the annual dues to the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

Jeff Chancellor and Jennifer Lively representatives with the Eldorado Baseball Association spoke to the court about reseeding and blading the outfield of West baseball field and keeping people off the field as the grass sets. Judge Griffin advised that they could proceed but noted that keeping adults and children off the fields has been a problem though the years. Griffin recommended placing signs around the parks stating that anyone wanting to use the fields should

sign in at his office.

Griffin further suggested that an adult baseball field be built at the Civic Center using volunteer help as a way to relieve congestion around the county's baseball and softball fields during the summer months.

The commissioners then went into executive session with Judge Griffin to discuss details surrounding the dismissal of a county maintenance employee.

Road Superintendent Clay Bureson then advised the court that Seidel Construction will begin paving Mary Street. He noted the cost of the project has increased by approximately \$17,000 over the original bid.

Judge Griffin next told the commissioners that survey stake that had been placed for a fence around the Civic Center had been run over by a tractor. The court recommended County Attorney Raymond Loomis send a letter informing the land owner of the problem and asking for restitution or resurveying of the fence.

Before the meeting ended, County Treasurer Karen Henderson sought and received approval for budget transfers in the amount of \$37,500 from the Road & Bridge Fund to the General Fund.

The meeting was attended by all four commissioners including Matt Brown, Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark and Kirk Griffin. Others present during the meeting included County Clerk Peggy Williams and Deputy Clerk Mary Ann Gonzalez.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court is slated for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 26, 2007 in the first floor meeting room of the Schleicher County Courthouse.

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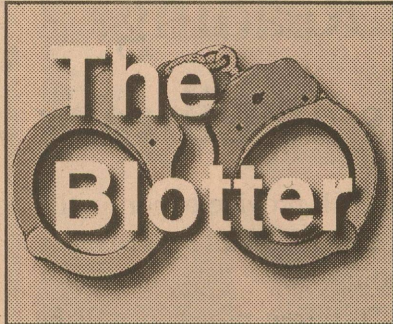
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**ARRESTS**

**June 6** • Aycock, Angela, female age 29, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant. Transferred Out.

**June 7** • Abel, Moreno, male age 66, arresting officer SC deputy, Offense P.I. Time served.

**June 9** • Norberto, Moya, male age 19, arresting officer SC deputy, offense MTR/DWI. Released on \$3,000.00 Cash Bond.

**June 11** • Rodriguez, Rogelio, male 22, SC deputy, DWI/DWLI 2nd. Bond Out.

• Gasper, Marcela A., female age 21, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI Enhanced.

**INCIDENTS**

**June 6** • 11:05 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious truck and trailer. Officer responded.

**June 7** • 5:58 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious white vehicle 3-4 miles on 277 north. Officer responded.

• 6:02 p.m. Complainant reported criminal mischief at her residence. Officer responded.

• 6:10 p.m. Complainant reported a motorist that was broke down. Red and white pickup pulling a boat. Officer responded.

• 8:45 p.m. Complainant reported a drunk driver out on main street. Officer responded.

• 9:09 p.m. Complainant requested assistance with her son. Officer responded.

• 11:15 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious person in her alley. Officer responded.

• 11:16 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 2 responded.

• 11:18 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious tractor trailer.

**June 8** • 4:09 a.m. Complainant reported that there were under age drinking and loud music on Nance Street. Officer responded.

• 4:11 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer in reference to subjects with bats asking for another subject and broke subjects hand. Officer responded.

• 10:08 a.m. Complainant reported several dogs near his property. Officer and animal control were dispatched.

• 1:04 p.m. Subject requested to speak to an officer.

• 3:35 p.m. Security company reported a back door alarm going off at 213 Dixie. Officer responded.

• 9:46 p.m. Complainant reported car in bar ditch. Officer responded.

**June 9** • 8:33 a.m. Complainant reported that her son has been missing since Tuesday. Officer notified.

• 1:21 p.m. Complainant reported possible assist motorist. Officer responded.

• 6:02 p.m. Caller reported missing son had contacted her by phone, everything was OK. Officer notified.

**June 10** • 12:09 a.m. Complainant requested an officer to respond in reference to locking keys in vehicle. Officer and local lock smith responded.

• 1:19 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer to report abuse from spouse. Officer responded.

• 2:15 a.m. Repo on red Monte Carlo, and tan Honda Odyssey.

• 4:20 p.m. Officer reported assist motorist 6 miles south on 277. Officer responded.

• 9:35 p.m. Complainant reported a drunk driver traveling north on 277 from Sonora. Complainant advised two subjects would be traveling a white newer model Dodge pickup with red stripes on both sides. Officers responded.

• 10:51 p.m. Complainant reported 2 suspicious subjects standing outside of his residence. Officer was dispatched.

• 11:39 p.m. Complainant reported loud music directly behind his residence on the corner of Parks and Brooks. Office responded.

**June 11** • 2:14 a.m. Complainant reported a juvenile was caught looking into the window. Officer responded.

• 3:36 a.m. Complainant reported that there were two males yelling at each other, waking up the neighbors at the Eldorado Place Apartments. Officer was notified.

• 3:39 a.m. Complainant reported that somebody had two windows on his door about 15 minutes prior to notifying the sheriffs office. Officer responded.

• 5:19 p.m. Complainant advised her daughter refused to come home after several hours. Officer responded.

• 7:59 p.m. Complainant reported a stranded motorist near the Menard/Schleicher County line. Officer and Menard County were contacted.

• 8:56 p.m. EMS dispatched for ACLS transfer. EMS dispatched.

**June 12** • 6:22 a.m. Complainant reported that he had hit a deer. Officer was notified.

**June 13** • 7:37 a.m. Complainant reported JVC stereo stolen from vehicle. Description red and blue lights with grey front. Complainant also reported Punch brand speaker box stolen. Items were stolen at some time during the evening. Officer responded.

**Weekly Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

1. \_\_\_-relief
4. Actress \_\_\_ Flynn Boyle
8. All wound up
13. Depositor's holding; Abbr.
15. "Make it fast!"
16. Disney's Little Mermaid
17. Provo's state
18. Emaciated one
20. Tasty mushroom
22. It's assumed
23. Center-toperimeter line
26. Guitarist \_\_\_ Paul
27. Lobster \_\_\_ Diavolo
30. Common raffle prize
33. \_\_\_ support (computer assistance, e.g.)
34. Like Cheerios
35. Blood fluids
39. Porcine pads
42. Give a makeover to
43. Pile up
45. Rains of old

**DOWN**

1. Oz creator L. Frank \_\_\_
2. One in a cast
3. Japanese beetle, e.g.
4. Chem room
5. Simile center
6. Sitar selection
7. Historic Harlem
9. Libidinous god
10. Diarist Anais
11. Go out with
12. Loop trains
14. Vamp Bara
19. Feudal land
21. Lean to one side
24. Hawaiian strings
25. Shi'ites or Amish
27. Big do
28. Marsh growth
29. River of Florence
31. Person with sticky fingers
32. Guffaw syllable
35. Kemo \_\_\_
36. Outback avians
37. 10K or marathon
38. "Go ahead, shoot!"
40. Napoleon exile isle
41. Casino machine
44. Compensations for losses, e.g.
46. Utah ski spot
48. Microwave option
49. Dark Chinese tea
50. Hardly verbose
51. Hidden marksman
55. Revolutionary diplomat Silas
56. Nut job
57. Geometry topic
59. River of Hades
60. Scratching post user
61. Menu phrase
62. Calculator figs.
63. Scratch up
64. Full of guile

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**June**

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**17th** Bernabe Sanchez, Justin Allen Robinson, Jess Gonzales  
**18th** Jason Holley, Lester Paul Nixon, Chad Allen, Joe A. Rodriguez  
**19th** Lance Mitchel, Marty Edmiston  
**20th** Mandee Wike, Stefan Barajas  
**21st** Lindsay Beach, Scott McGregor, Sidney Reynolds, David Charboneau, Jeri Whitten  
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giving birth to another Texas behemoth, the Big Lake oilfield, and launching production in the legendary Permian Basin. The state has benefited greatly. Over the years, Santa Rita Number 1 has provided about \$1 billion to the state's Permanent University

Fund.

Now a new generation of visionaries, which includes local and state leaders and scientists at the University of Texas at Austin, are turning their eyes toward another abundant Texas resource: our coal.

Either Odessa or Jewett is a

perfect fit for FutureGen. The Odessa site boasts a strong West Texas expertise in the storage and transportation of carbon dioxide and its use in enhanced oil recovery. The Jewett site, in east-central Texas, offers an abundant supply of coal.

Many people would be surprised to learn that Texas is the nation's fifth-largest producer of coal, the top consumer of coal in the U.S. and has a 200-year reserve of lignite coal. A carbon dioxide storage facility in Texas would help unearth more of our oil and gas reserves, which in turn could boost much-needed domestic production.

Texas is no stranger to alternative fuel technology. Earlier this month, Abilene hosted the nation's largest-ever conference on wind power. With our turbine fields in West Texas, our state runs a close second only to California in generating wind-produced megawatts of electricity.

We're also poised to tap solar power as a serious source of energy. With our vast acreage and sunny climate, Texas solar-resource potential ranks first in the nation. The energy from sunshine falling on a single acre of land in West Texas is capable of producing the energy equivalent of 800 barrels of oil each year.

Texas has long provided America with valuable energy resources. Even as oil and gas reserves in major Texas fields have gradually declined over the years, Texas remains the headquarters of the world's energy industry. It would be entirely fitting if the technology that fuels future generations of our global energy supply is developed in Texas as well – in Jewett, Odessa or elsewhere.

*Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.*

## City Council meeting...

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building to replace the current pole barn building in use as a city shop. Fay also informed the council the Orient Heights Colonia sewer project was winding down with sewer hookups being completed for residents in the area.

It was also noted that two employees completed water school and one completed hazard and industrial waste school.

Carolyn Mayo then reviewed the city's financial reports, as well as the tax and quarterly investment reports. Mayo informed the council she would be mailing CCR Mailings and Gas Public Education reports to city residents and

businesses. Mayo also informed the council the damage done to a AEP utility pole in the amount of \$4,200.00 by the garbage truck was paid by the city's insurance.

Ms. Mayo then advised the council a city employee had fulfilled the standard 90-day probation period and will be receiving an automatic 50-cent per hour increase in pay.

The council agreed to spend \$25 per council member to participate in a 2-hour Open Meeting/Records training session in the near future.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of zoning for mobile homes and out-of-network fees charged by the city's health insurance provider. Both items are due to be discussed at the council's next meeting which is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2006.

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