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Calling all Bull Shooters

Running of the Bull returns to Eldorado

Come one, come all to the 4th annual Running of the Bull festival, planned this week in downtown Eldorado. Festivities will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday morning with the Running of the Bull parade. Sightseers and newcomers will be encouraged to know that, unlike the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain, the local festival won't feature wild bovines charging pell mell down Main Street.

No, Running of the Bull isn't about that kind of bull. Instead, it's a 2-day long liars contest with advanced bull shooters and expert exaggerators taking the stage on the courthouse square to test their skills.

But, there's more to it than that! You can expect entertainment of all sorts, including singing and dancing, as well as cowboy poets, and down home storytellers.

There will also be a bevy of contests including the 4x4 Skiing Tournament, sponsored this year by Rosa's Casita. The winning team will walk away, in unison of course, with a \$100 grand prize.

For the uninitiated, 4 x 4 skiing consists of teams of four racing against each other standing on 4 x 4 posts. They keep the post pulled to their feet with ropes and, of course, and must coordinate their efforts in order to advance.

Any team that wins a race on Saturday qualifies for the final rounds on Sunday when the final rounds will get under way at 1 p.m. and continue until a winner is chosen by single elimination.

The ever popular Washer Tossing tournament will also be held. Janna Pridemore is the coordinator and she may be reached at 450-0009. The tournament begins at 12:30 PM

on Saturday. Interested parties should contact Janna.

The Running of the Bull parade will stage behind the hospital on West Warner. It will wind its way through town beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. Annie Arispe is this year's parade coordinator and she encourages everyone to take part. You may contact her at 853-2151 or show up at the staging area by 8:30 AM on Saturday.

According to Jim Runge, Eldorado's senior bull shooting specialist and the founder of the Running of the Bull festival, the uniform of the day for Saturday will be all white, with a red sash and bandana, just like you see in Pamplona at the original Running of the Bulls.

In fact, Runge donned just such an outfit Monday and entertained passersby by posing in front of the Chamber of Commerce with a couple of his friends.

As always, there will be plenty of arts & crafts, food and amusements sprinkled around the courthouse lawn. So, bring your lawn chairs, and get there early before all the shady spots are taken. There is no admission charge and the public is encouraged to attend...and participate. There will be plenty of occasions when first timers and novice talkers can try their hand in front of an open mic.

One of the highlights of past years has been the Worst Elvis Contest. It will be held again this year at 3 p.m. followed by the "Real Elvis" and will wrap up with the singing of "Happy Birthday" to a special local resident.

In 4 short years, The Running of the Bull has become one of the signature festivals in West Texas. Be sure to be there this year. You never know what will happen next!



SUCCESS FILE PHOTO

Cowboys from near and far will gather in Eldorado this weekend to vie for cash prizes and beautiful championship buckles in the 37th annual Eldorado SCRA "Top of the Divide" Rodeo. At last count, more than 200 participants have signed up to compete in this year's event.

It's Rodeo time again in Eldorado!

The 37th annual Eldorado SCRA "Top of the Divide Rodeo" will be held Friday and Saturday evenings at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena, just south of town. According to Schleicher County Rodeo Association president Jim Wyatt, this year's show will be bigger and better than ever.

This year's event will bring back stock promoter, Cadillac Rodeo Company of Mexia, Texas, and will be sanctioned by the Cowboy Professional Rodeo Association. The show will get underway at precisely 7:45 p.m. each night.

Despite being a pro rodeo, the open aspect of the traditional rodeo will be honored and local talent will be participating during each of the main performances.

While there will be plenty of conventional rodeo action, the Mutton Bustin' competition, which has proven to be a crowd favorite in recent years, will be back again this year.

Youngsters wishing to compete in the Mutton Bustin' event are asked to sign up at the main entrance each night. Ten names will be drawn each night to compete.

This year there are four Rodeo Sweetheart contestants. They are Miranda Arispe, Samantha Brown, Marissa Gonzales and Marci Leanna Minor. The Sweetheart will be chosen at the beginning of Friday's night performance.

Also, Tri County Roping top 11 team ropers from previous ropings will have

selected teams compete each performance. The top team will be announced Saturday evening and will receive a contest buckle.

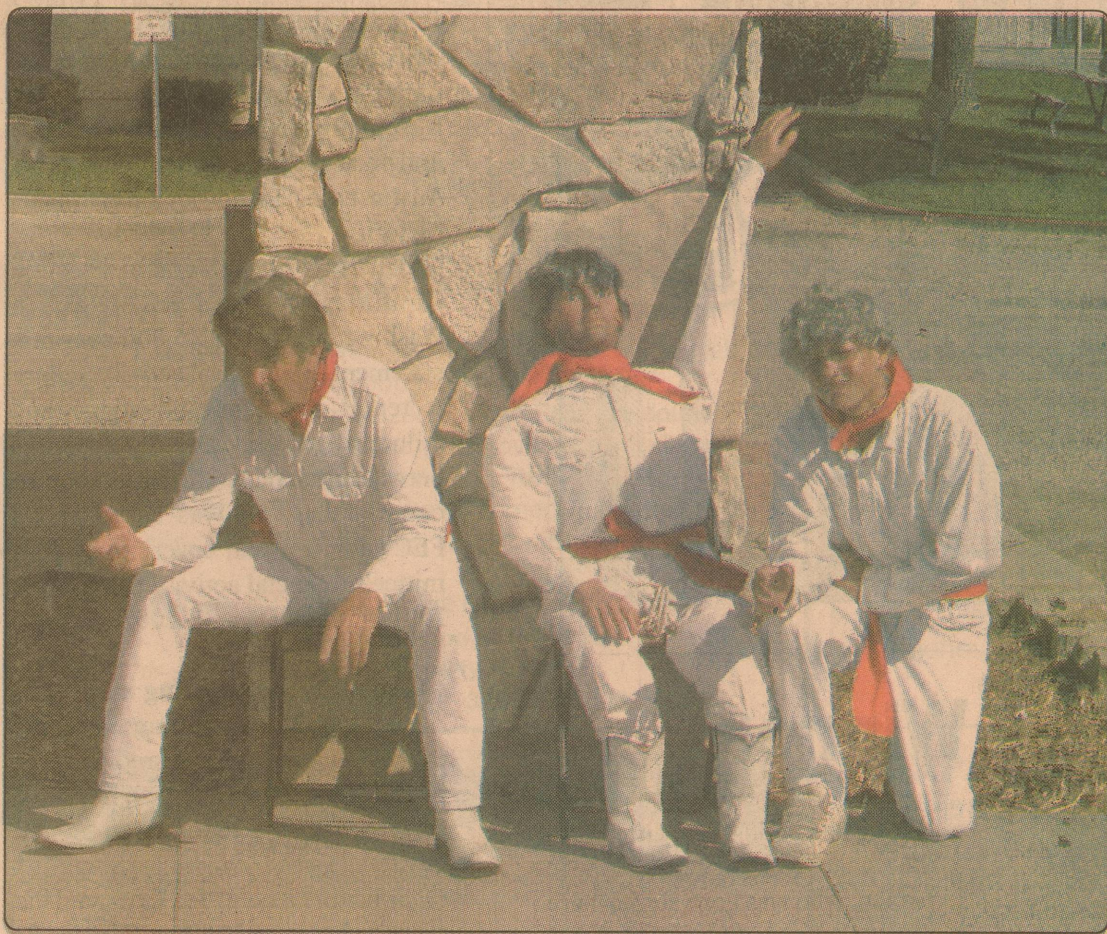
As always, the Eldorado Rodeo is sponsored by the Schleicher County Rodeo Association, which was named the "New Rodeo of the Year" by the Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association at the CPRA Finals 2003. It was nominated for CPRA Rodeo of the Year honors in 2004.

Contestants will compete for prize money as well as points on the CPRA circuit. The prize money will include \$2,400 in added money. Also, Skyline Buckles to Event Champion. Extra purse added to bull riding this year. Last year the Bulls scored 35, Cowboys 0.

At press time, Cadillac Rodeo Company reported approximately 200 entrants for this weekend's show.

Ticket are \$8.00 for adults for Friday and Saturday performances. Senior citizens can get into the rodeo on Friday for \$6.00. Slack will be Thursday, July 27 starting at 7:30 p.m. and free to the public. Concession stand will be serving barbecue brisket, goat and lamb meals prepared by Steve Nelson and Felipe Pina and the usual concession goodies.

Speaking of shows, rodeo goers are in for a treat again this year with Old Hat Band performing at the slab immediately after Saturday's rodeo. Cost \$10.00 per person.



Some people just can't wait for the Running of the Bull. You can count Jim Runge (L) and Josh Taylor (R), as well as their silent friend, among that number. The trio, dressed in Pamplona-style costumes, posed Monday afternoon in front of the Chamber of Commerce marquee, giving passersby on U.S. 277 a glimpse of the tongue-in-cheek fun in store for everyone this weekend.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

County Commissioners meet, buy 4-H trailer

The Schleicher County Commissioner's Court met Monday, July 24, 2006 with all commissioners present. Judge Johnny Griffin and County Clerk Peggy Williams were also present.

The court discussed briefly a request from Cory Stevens, Schleicher County Extension Agent, to purchase a 4-H trailer to haul livestock and supplies to stock shows. The court voted to purchase a 20 foot aluminum goose-neck trailer, which includes a spare tire and rubberized flooring in the amount of \$12,300.50. Stevens told the court the trailer would be only used by him and kept at his residence.

The commissioners voted to advertise bids on labor for one mile of fencing at the Civic Center and the Schleicher Co. Airport. The bids will be open on August 14, 2006.

No action was taken on item 5 on the agenda concerning the possibility of placing the Old Eldorado Woolen Mill building on the county's property

insurance. Judge Griffin told the commissioners the woolen mill building is not owned by the county and insuring it was not an option.

The court then voted to renew the county's health insurance with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Texas through the Texas Association of Counties. Insurance on one employee will cost the county \$433.24 monthly.

Judge Johnny Griffin informed the court he hasn't received a certified tax roll for 2006. He encouraged the com-

missioners to be thinking about what projects the county needs.

Paving was a topic of interest for the upcoming budget, including paving the parking area at the Civic Center and cemetery.

Judge Griffin advised that the public doesn't seem to object to building a new courtroom annex on the courthouse square. He noted, however, that some have expressed their objections to using the Memorial Building for a annex.

Local Cable customers up in arms

Eldorado cable TV customers learned this week that a new company, Rapid Cable, a subsidiary of Rapid Communications of Santa Ana, California, has taken over the local cable system. Along with the new ownership have come sharply higher bills, some as much three times higher than

the amount charged by Cebridge, the former cable operator.

Phone calls from the Success office to Rapid's customer service line have been met with a busy signal, the same result as reported by numerous Eldorado residents who called the newspaper seeking answers.

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Ditch the Penny

Giving money away for free is not behavior one expects from ordinary, rational Americans. But it's something they do every day in massive numbers -- that is if you consider the penny to be money.

At store counters around the country, people will leave pennies for the next customer, something they'd never do with a dime or quarter or any piece of currency they actually value. The poor, pathetic penny has become clutter in the nation's pockets, the irritating detritus of cash transactions that inconveniently don't end in a 5 or 0.

Yes, we love Abraham Lincoln. We love our memories of buying candy with pennies when we were children. We love our traditional adages ("a penny for your thoughts," etc.). But none of that should be enough anymore to inflict the penny on adults attempting to conduct cash transactions in an efficient way. Who will rid us of this nettlesome coin?

Perhaps Congressman Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., who will soon introduce legislation to move to a system that rounds cash transactions to the nearest 5 or 0. This would be a further step toward the penny's obsolescence, or -- as it should be thought of more accurately -- toward stopping the madness.

The penny is no longer made from copper (too expensive), but merely has a cooper coating over zinc, which is also now too expensive. It isn't easy finding a substance worthless enough to make into pennies. It now costs 1.23 cents to make 1 cent. That means it will take 10.7 billion pennies to make 8.7 billion pennies this fiscal year.

Penny defenders argue that the coin is the only thing standing between the U.S. and a devastating inflationary spiral, since rounding would always mean rounding up. Wake Forest economist Robert Whaples did a study of 200,000 transactions at a multistate convenience-store chain and found that prices would be rounded down about as often as they would be rounded up.

There is no rule that the country has to keep its coins forever. The half-penny was eliminated in 1857, and the nation weathered the trauma. Finland ended production of its 1-cent and 2-cent euro coins with no dire consequences. U.S. military bases overseas stopped using pennies in the 1980s, adopting a rounding system for cash transactions that has been operating perfectly smoothly.

The main force behind keeping the penny is pure numismatic nostalgia. There is no doubt that the penny is an endearing and very American coin. Generally, I sympathize with the sort of cussed traditionalism that has resisted the introduction of the metric system and the one-dollar coin. But these innovations also represented a significant nuisance factor, in the effort it would take to learn a new measuring system and to distinguish dollar coins from quarters. In the case of the penny, it is the traditional rather than the innovation that is the nuisance.

People should be free to be nostalgic about the penny, but not to make everyone else endure it. As the penny slowly fades away, they can keep buckets of them in their houses to remind them of whatever it is they want to be reminded of. The rest of us, meanwhile, can get on with life with pockets and purses full of coins worth the bother.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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We saw miles and miles of Texas

I had the opportunity last week to travel with my family to Clarendon. The occasion was the 76th annual convention of the West Texas Press Association where I would end my year as the association's president.

My good friend and colleague Roger Estlack, publisher of the Clarendon Enterprise, was in charge of putting on this year's convention and he took the opportunity to showcase Clarendon, his hometown.

I was impressed, and I'm certain everyone else felt the same.

Clarendon is a lovely small town. Just the right size, I'd say, and it has the prettiest courthouse in the State of Texas. Recently restored through a state restoration grant, the courthouse was our first stop last Thursday evening where we were given a guided tour of the historic building before being treated to a chuck wagon dinner and concert on the courthouse grounds.

It was fantastic. Then, came a special treat. The owners of the Sandell Drive-in Theater arranged for a special showing of "The Paper" starring Michael Keaton, Robert Duvall and Glenn Close.

I don't know how long it's been since you went to a drive-in movie, but it had been too long for me, and



I thoroughly enjoyed the chance to sit, reminisce and enjoy a really good movie.

And...it was a good movie. I had forgotten how good. In fact, back in 1994, the day Kathy and I signed the papers to buy The Success we went to San Angelo for dinner and a movie with the former owners, Gary and Cathy Smith. The movie we saw... "The Paper" of course.

That same evening, as we finished our dinner at a Chinese restaurant, I broke open my fortune cookie to find a slip of paper saying, "Success is Yours."

I still have that little slip of paper...somewhere.

But back to the weekend in Clarendon. It was marvelous and I really enjoyed the chance to get together with friends and catch up on the things that have happened in their lives since we last gathered in San Angelo.

That was the convention I hosted

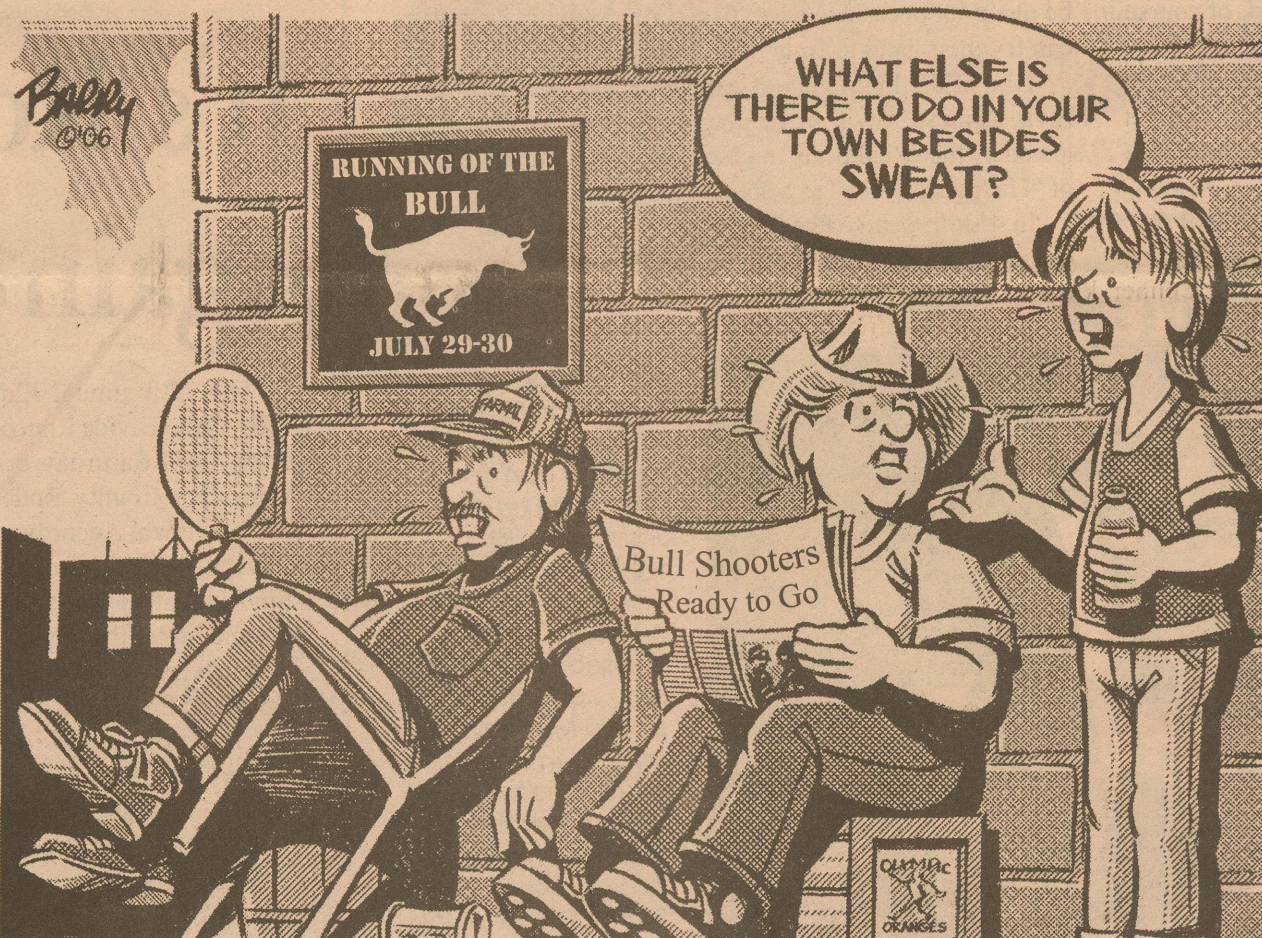
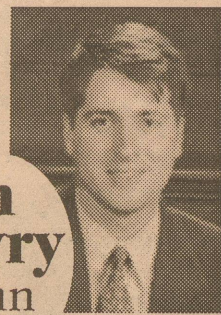
and it was there that Roy Robinson, publisher of The Graham Leader, stepped down as WTPA president and passed the torch to me. So it was this weekend that I passed the gavel to Roger Estlack.

We drove up to Clarendon, which is just 40 miles shy of Amarillo, through some very beautiful country. I couldn't help thinking of the Asleep at the Wheel tune, "I Saw Miles and Miles of Texas."

Renowned photographer Wyman Meizner was one of the speakers at our convention. He knows well how many miles there are in Texas, since he's photographed nearly every single one of them. You've seen his work, no doubt, on the cover of Texas Highways magazine, or a dozen others. The man is a gifted artist who hasn't forgotten his roots. While others in his profession might have sought moved to Santa Fe or Taos, or closer to the galleries in Dallas or Houston, Meizner lives in the old jail in Benjamin, Texas very near to where he grew up.

A few words here about Roger Estlack. I have really enjoyed getting to know him over the past few years. He runs one of the best, if not the very best, small town papers in the state and I know he will enjoy his year as WTPA president.

The Rich Lowry column



This Motel is a Real Winner

I traveled to Kingsville to do some filming and interviewing on King Ranch. Tom Arcand was with me doing the video work. We arrived in Kingsville around 8 PM and checked into the first decent motel we found. It was a recognized upscale national chain; in fact it had been voted the best motel of the year within the chain.

We asked for 2 rooms. The clerk said she had two rooms, but they were not next door to each other. She told me I was in room 238 and Tom was in room 223. She handed me a sheet of paper with details about the rate, etc and asked me to initial it and sign it, which I did without taking much notice of it. She then handed me the little envelope with a plastic key card and a voucher for breakfast.

When Tom finished with his check in, we got our luggage and equipment and went to our rooms. At least Tom did. I was loaded up with all my luggage and recording equipment, which I hauled up two flights of stairs. When I got to room 238, I sat down my heavy luggage and equipment and was looking forward to stretching out and getting comfortable. It had



by Tumbleweed Smith

been a busy day and I was tired. The key wouldn't work. I must have shoved that card in that lock 25 times. I noticed a light was on inside the room. I loaded up all my stuff; trudged down two flights of stairs with it, put it in the car, then hiked the 200 yards to the office. She gave me another key.

I dragged myself back across the parking lot, up the stairs (this time without my stuff. I left it in the car) and tried to open the door to 238 with that card. It wouldn't work. Back to the office. I told the girl behind the counter I thought maybe someone was in that room, since the light was on. She called it and sure enough, it was occupied.

I asked for another room. She said she could put me in room 117. Just about that time a woman came through the door and said she couldn't get her key to work in room 117. Wow. Now it was

getting interesting. The girl behind the counter called the maintenance person, who was gone somewhere. She called someone else and that person was gone also.

I remembered the piece of paper she had given me earlier. I got it out. It indicated I had been assigned to room 222, next to Tom. She gave me the key to 222 and it worked. I got my stuff and was all set for a relaxing evening. I called my wife by cell phone because the phone hadn't been activated yet. I tried calling the front desk, but got no answer. I turned off the light and went to sleep.

I got up at my usual early hour a little after 5 and turned on the TV. It wouldn't work. All I got was video static. I went to the lobby to check my email. The computer wouldn't work. Tom came over and we went to the restaurant for breakfast. Tom ordered the Eye Opener, the top item on the menu. The waiter told us that was the only item on the menu that was not covered by the breakfast voucher. Tom said he would pay extra to get the Eye Opener.

Next time I'm spending the night in Kingsville I'll stay somewhere else.

AG supports effort to replace DeLay's name on ballot

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 21 filed a brief supporting the Republican Party's efforts to replace former U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay's name on the Nov. 7 ballot.

"Because the district court issued an injunction against the secretary of state and declared a portion of the Texas Election Code unconstitutional, Secretary of State Roger Williams will be filing an amicus brief in Fifth Circuit (court) defending the constitutionality of Texas law," Angela Hale, communications director for the attorney general, said.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks earlier this month issued an injunction preventing Williams from removing DeLay's name on the ballot. Democrats sued to keep DeLay on the ballot after Republicans sought to name a replacement for the Houston area Congressional District 22.

DeLay won the March primary but resigned June 9 and moved out of Texas to Virginia. The former House majority leader still is under indictment in Travis County on charges of money-laundering and campaign finance fraud in connection with the November 2002 election.

The indictment alleges DeLay funneled about \$190,000 in campaign donations from Texas entities to his national committee, Americans for a Republican Majority (ARMPAC), and then returned the money to his Austin-based Texans for a Republican Majority.

On July 20 the Federal Election Commission fined ARMPAC in Washington, D.C., \$115,000 over misstatements of financial activity, failure to report debts and obligations, and failure to properly allocate expenses between federal and non-federal accounts. The fine was based on an FEC audit last year covering the committee's financial activity from Jan. 1, 2001, through Dec. 31, 2002.

AG submits redistricting map

On July 21 the attorney general's office submitted a revised redistricting plan in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that Congressional District 23 needed to be redrawn.

Solicitor General Ted Cruz said the proposed plan only alters District 23 and three adjoining districts, avoids pairing any incumbent members of Congress and leaves the existing partisan balance of the four altered districts undisturbed.

The League of United Latin American Citizens sued over the current redistricting plan, which was spearheaded by DeLay and approved by state lawmakers in 2003.

TAKS scores up slightly

Student scores on the third- and fifth-grade reading and math Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test continued to show improvement over last year, the Texas Education Agency reported.

Students taking the fifth-grade reading test in Spanish increased their passing rate by 3 percent over 2005, with 86 percent passing. For the fifth-grade math test in Spanish, 74 percent passed this year compared to 73 percent in 2005.

On the fifth-grade tests in English, 91 percent passed the reading test and 93 percent passed the math exam. These scores reflect a 1 percent in-

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Albert Robledo Martinez

ELDORADO — Albert Robledo Martinez, 54, left this earth for his heavenly home on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at his residence.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 22, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Eldorado Cemetery, under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Albert was born June 30, 1952, to his parents, Luiz and Raquel Martinez in Littlefield, Texas. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from Nov. 13, 1972, through Nov. 12, 1976. He was transferred to the Marine Corps Reserves on Nov. 12, 1976, to Sept. 28, 1978.

Albert served in the Vietnam War and received a Rifle Marksmanship Badge, a Good Conduct Medal and a National Defense Service Medal.

Albert worked in the oilfield in various capacities for 11 years. He also volunteered at the school as a crossing guard along with other duties. Albert enjoyed visiting with the children and helping them. He also served his community through being a volunteer for the Eldorado Fire Department. Albert was very pleased to be able to serve his community.

Albert was a devoted and loving father and brother. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. He had a great love for history. He will be greatly missed by all.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, Luiz and Raquel Martinez.

He is survived by his sons, Luiz Martinez of Eldorado, and David Martinez and daughter-in-law Charlyn Martinez of San Angelo; his brothers, Armando, Harvey and Hector Martinez; his grandchildren, Austin Lane, Gabriella Grace and Aiden Duran Martinez; his niece, Blanca Charboneau; two nephews, Daniel and Michael Martinez; uncles Guillermo Martinez, Samuel Martinez and Augustine Martinez, all of Plainview, Rutilio Robledo and wife Lupe of Eldorado, and Nick Robledo and wife Edna of Kansas; and aunt Pauline Hill of Dallas.

Pallbearers for the service were Joe Tijerina, Usvaldo Hernandez, Perfecto Gauna, Daniel Martinez, Oscar Martinez, Jorge Arispe, Victor Pina and Michael Martinez.

OBITUARIES

Selma Helmers

SAN ANGELO — Selma Helmers, age 87, of San Angelo passed away Thursday, July 20, 2006, in a local care facility.

Graveside service was held Saturday, July 22, in Mertzon Cemetery with the Rev. Buddy Trull officiating.

She was born on July 22, 1918, in Roscoe, Texas, to Andres and Pauline Hildrebrand Zinke. She married Malven Helmers, who preceded her in death in 1997.

She is survived by her daughter, Ruth Ann Rizzolo, and her husband, Eddie, of Pearland, Texas; her son, Robert "Bobby" Eugene Helmers, and his wife, Sandra, of Christoval; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

with the class of 1951, he joined the Army and was honorably discharged as Corporal in 1955. He went to Port Arthur, where he worked at Neches Butane then later at Firestone where he retired as Process Control foreman in 1996 after 36 years.

"Bud" was a generous, loyal friend, and loving person who never met a stranger. He was an avid hunter and jokester. He was of Methodist faith and loved people of all walks, barbecues and family get togethers. He leaves a big void in the lives of many.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.R. Conner; mother, Thelma Cerami; stepfather, Johnny Cerami and his beloved Mimmi and Grandad.

He is survived by his loving wife, Doris Conner of Bridge City; son, Mark Conner of Groves; son and daughter-in-law, Barron and Pam Vincent of Lake Jackson; daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Keith Foster of Mount Belview; brother and sister-in-law, Clifford James (Jim) and Fae Conner of Lockhart; and sister-in-law Betty

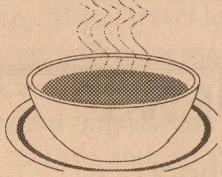


Orville Taylor Conner

Orville Taylor Conner, known as O.T. & "Bud," was born to John Riley Conner and Thelma Marie Taylor Conner, September 26, 1933 in San Angelo, Texas and passed away July 15, 2006 in Bridge City, Texas, at the age of 72 after an extended illness.

"Bud" grew up in Eldorado, raised by grandparents Lottie (Mimmi) Hill and Orville E. (Grandad) Conner. After graduating from Eldorado High School

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, July 31**
Ham w/ Pineapple Rings, Corn, Mac. & Cheese, Dinner Roll, Peaches, Lemon Bar, Milk
- Tuesday, August 1**
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Apricot/Banana Medley, Milk
- Wednesday, August 2**
Roast Beef w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Sliced Strawberries, Angel Food Cake, Milk
- Thursday, August 3**
Frito Pie, Spinach, Wheat Bread, Tossed Green Salad, Cinn. Applesauce, Milk
- Friday, August 4**
Tuna Stuffed Tomato, Veg. Beef Soup, Wheat Bread, Fresh Fruit Cup, German Choc. Cake, Milk

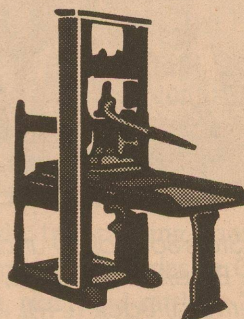
& Dr. Lowie Rice of Conroe; grandchildren: Logan and Shandi Conner, Heather and Kaylee Vincent, Tanner and Jordan Foster; nephews: Chris Conner and Michelle and daughters Ashlee and Lauren of Jonestown, Bryan Conner and Nicole of Corpus Christi; and niece Beryl Jones and Joe of Conroe.

Services were held July 18, 2006 in Claybar Funeral Chapel in Bridge City. Interment with military honors in Greenlawn Cemetery, Groves, Texas. Reverends Bob Boone and David Green officiated.

Pallbearers were Bill Reed, Wayne Dionne, Ray LeBlanc, Bill Ricks, Dan Herbert, Jimmy Beard, Wayne Herbert and Sam White.

Honorary pallbearers were Mike Meeks, Dan Dumas, Jimmy Seitz, Larry Rice, Gerald Bird, Joe Allen, Gene Hidalgo, Rusty Quigley, Don Peters and Kenneth Horn.

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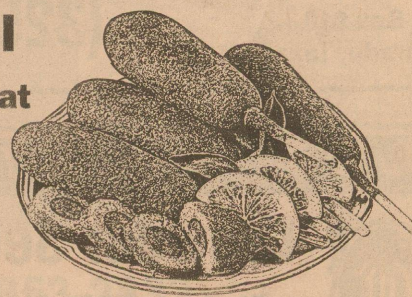
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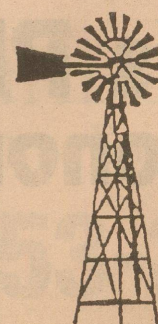
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SPREAD THE NEWS

Eldorado Middle School Registration
Thursday, August 3
Come and Go

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| 5th Grade | 8:00-8:45 a.m. |
| 6th Grade | 9:00-9:45 a.m. |
| 7th Grade | 10:00-10:45 a.m. |
| 8th Grade | 11:00-11:45 a.m. |

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2006 YMCA Football Registration Underway

The Southern Division of the YMCA football league is now accepting registration through August 25, 2006 which includes Sonora, Eldorado, Ozona, Big Lake and Junction.

The program cost \$95.00 which includes helmet and shoulder pad rental. All fees must be paid in full with registration. Scholarship assistance is available for all YMCA programs and applications are available at the YMCA. Applications must be turned into the YMCA by July 31 for review.

Divisions include Pee Wee (3rd and 4th grades, minimum weight 55 lbs and maximum weight 125lbs). Heavy weight division (5th & 6th grades, maximum weight 170 lbs.)

The season is from September 16 to October 14 and all games will be played on Saturdays. The players are grouped according to school areas. Every participant receives a trophy at the end of the season.

Applications are available locally by calling Jay O'Harrow at 853-2385 and/or Sandra Espinosa at 853-2665. Remember the deadline is August 25. Late registration is accepted on a space available basis only, which includes a \$5.00 late fee.

College-bound students should register now for ACT exam

The next ACT test will be administered on September 16, 2006.

College-bound high school students who wish to take the exam must register by August 18 - the deadline for having the registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of August 25, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org, or registration forms can be picked up at high school guidance counseling offices.

The cost is \$29 for the traditional ACT and \$43 for students who choose to take the optional ACT Writing Test. Some colleges require a writing score but many don't, so students should find out the requirements of prospective colleges before registering for the exam. ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools.

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Juanice and Charles Orr

Orrs celebrate 50th Anniversary

Charles and Juanice Orr celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 15, 2006 with a dinner and reception at the home of their daughter.

Charles Orr and Juanice Williams were married July 14, 1956 in Eldorado. They are the parents of Kathy Smith of Brady and George Orr of New Braunfels.

They also have 2 grandchildren. The couple has lived in Waco, Big Spring, Brownwood, Dallas and Eldorado since their wedding. He is retired from the insurance business. She is semi-retired and is also employed at the Schleicher County Library.

Hosts for the party were the couple's children and their spouses.

State regulates placement of campaign signs along highways

Political elections are usually accompanied by an increase in the number of campaign signs placed along roadways this time of year.

State transportation officials want to make sure citizens and candidates are aware of the laws regulating their placement on state highway right of way.

Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of way. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to \$500 per sign.

It is legal to place a campaign sign on private property adjacent to state highways with landowners' permission.

Restrictions require that signs be constructed of lightweight material and limited to 50 square

feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days prior to an election and must be removed within 10 days after an election.

TxDOT officials say the laws are intended to reduce clutter along highways so that official traffic control signs and vehicles approaching intersections are clearly visible for the safety of all the traveling public.

TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department. Signs posing potential safety hazards will be removed as soon as possible.

Texas is subject to the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under the federal law, if the state fails to control signage visible from interstate and other federally-funded highways, Texas may be subject to sanctions of up to 10 percent of its federal transportation construction funds.

For questions related to these regulations, please contact Val Thompson at 325-947-9242.

RUNNING OF THE BULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 29
 9 a.m. Parade (Annie Arispe 325-853-2151)
 10 a.m. Arts, crafts and food vendors open...children's amusements open
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4 X 4 races begin...sign up at sound booth...must race Saturday to get into Sunday's finals...\$100 prize
 10 a.m. West Texas cloggers open show
 10:30 - 12:30 Liars, cowboy poets, storytellers, punsters, etc. (Possible speakers: Leslie Buie-Rockwall, Curly Butts-Bowie, Jim Collins-McKinney, Carl Condray-Big Spring, Sam Cruse-Christoval, Dale West Eubanks-Roosevelt, Cashmere Funkhouser-Austin, Dennis Gaines-Kerrville, Valinda Hathcox-Sulphur Springs, Diane Henson-Austin, Gary Johnson-Austin, Monte Jones-San Angelo, Andy Mayfield-San Antonio, W. E. Perkins-Garland, Dean Pratt-McKinney, Les Royal-Hico, Steve Smith-Carrizo Springs, Scott Sutton-Georgetown)
 12:30 p.m. Washer tossing tournament begins...call 450-0009
 12:30 - 3 p.m. Resumption of talks
 1:30 p.m. Lone Star Cloggers
 3 p.m. "Suerta" band on stage 2
 3 p.m. Worst Elvis Impersonator Contest
 To Tell the Truth Elvis segment
 3:30 p.m. The real Elvis...Bob Lester
 4 p.m. Surprise 90th birthday celebration

SUNDAY, JULY 30
 12 noon Arts, crafts, food and amusements open
 12 - 5 p.m. Storytellers, etc. (Possible speakers: Curly Butts-Bowie, Carl Condray-Big Spring, Sam Cruse-Christoval, Dale West Eubanks-Roosevelt, John Fluth-Ozona, Cashmere Funkhouser-Austin, Dennis Gaines-Kerrville, Valinda Hathcox-Sulphur Springs, Diane Henson-Austin, Gary Johnson-Austin, Andy Mayfield-San Antonio, W. E. Perkins-Garland, Dean Pratt-McKinney, Les Royal-Hico, Steve Smith-Carrizo Springs, Scott Sutton-Georgetown)
 1 p.m. Cloggers
 1 p.m. 4 x 4 Finals competition begins
 5 p.m. Storytelling ends

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 28th Seth Taylor, Charlene Harris, Courtney Sauer, Damien Beach, Tommy Hunley, Mary Jenkins, Walter Wagner
 29th Gera Lemke, Wayne Palmer, Maddie Dean
 30th Scooter Faull, Sandra Helmers, Vernell McCalla, Virgilio Escobar Sr.
 31st Mark Daniels, Cristie Jo Belman, Ginger Reynolds, Jerrilyn Ward, Amanda Rene Garcia
August
 1st Branda Arispe, Conley Jo-Teel Fuentes, Bailey Espinosa, Ike Whitten, Su Scott, Gregory Fuentes, Lily Vallejo, Ruby Gonzalez
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Capital Highlights...

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 crease on both tests over 2005.

At the third-grade level, students taking the reading test in Spanish saw a 2 point gain over 2005 with 91 percent passing. Third-graders taking the test in English held steady with 95 percent passing, the same percentage as 2005.

155,000 lose home coverage

More than 155,000 Texas homeowners are losing their homeowner insurance coverage after Texas Select Lloyds companies began issuing notices to agents to cease writing new and renewal insurance business.

Unless parent firm Vesta Fire Insurance Co. and its rehabilitators work out a last minute solution, all

policies with the companies will be cancelled on Aug. 23.

Texas Select, the only Vesta company with Texas policyholders, had 155,779 homeowners' policies in force in June, the bulk of which are in Harris and Bexar counties with 28,233 and 18,213 respectively.

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Parks Condition Blow Travelers Away

by Mark K. Campbell

To say we were shocked was a titanic understatement.

An Internet visit could've warned us, but we didn't surf; instead we headed to Sea Rim State Park and neighboring Sabine Pass Battleground State Park and Historic Site.

Plans got submarined right off the bat. The wait out of Galveston at the Bolivar Ferry was a whopping 75 minutes in broiling heat.

Then the road we planned to take - Highway 87 from High Island to Sea Rim SP - was closed.

So we drove the long way around, anxious to see a park we hadn't visited in over a decade and to see the nearby historic battleground.

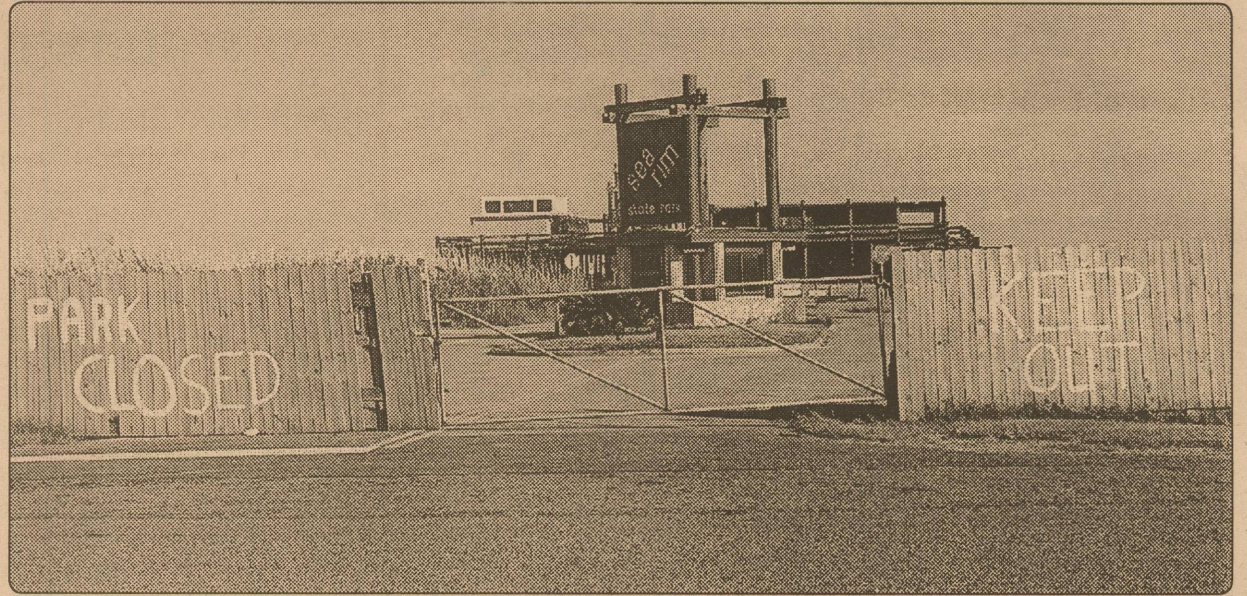


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Hours of driving, including a long detour, brought travelers to a still hurricane-damaged Sea Rim State Park. And the nearby Sabine Pass Battleground State Park and Historic Site was also in terrible disrepair.

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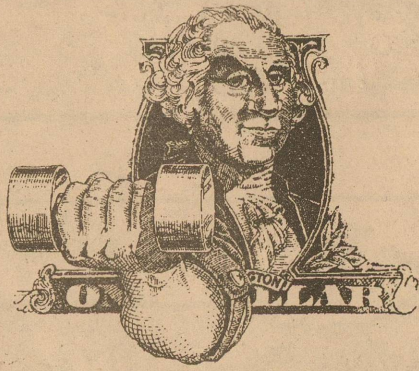
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When we got there, the sights were indeed historic.

Sea Rim in shambles

Naturally, we knew last September's Hurricane Rita made landfall near Sabine Pass; Sea Rim is just 10 miles west and the Battleground is right next to the town.

But we assumed repairs had been made. After all, rapid restoration would be a boost to the morale of the stricken area.

Bad tidings loomed early. Tiny Sabine Pass is still piled with rubble; entire buildings remain crumpled where they were either destroyed or bulldozed.

As we headed to the state park, massive mounds of debris littered the roadside. One majestic house - still a "blue roofer" - was named for tarps that covered ravaged roofs - stood but was for sale.

We cruised past the Marshlands Unit of Sea Rim; that gate was open.

However, the main gate - the Beach Unit - was closed, spray-painted so haphazardly. Just beyond the gate was yet another pile of debris. The distant observation decks look ragged and two miles of open Gulf beaches were not accessible.

We drove toward the highway's end and found an entrance to the Willow Pond Birding Trail. The wooden boardwalk remained intact, but trees had either fallen over the raised pathway or had grown willy-nilly, deterring access, untouched for 10 months.

Worst of all were the mosquitoes. They attacked with a vengeance and were relentless. We checked out the walkway - which can be traversed - then literally fled back to the truck.

Marshlands mess

Backtracking, we entered the open gate at the Marshlands Unit. It was completely abandoned.

Apparently left open to allow local boaters water access via a boat ramp, the park itself was in serious disarray.

Canoes, flat-bottomed boats, and kayaks once available for rental simply stood discarded, some atop each other.

Four Texas Parks and Wildlife pickup trucks were being overtaken by marsh grass, their windshields broken by vandals whose fist-sized rocks still laid atop some hoods.

In the canal that heads from the ramp through the marshlands, a lone alligator kept vigil, keeping us in its sight at all times.

The main building looked looted as items like stuffed birds laid helter-skelter inside dusty rooms.

The Sea Rim visit was a shocking bust. Surely, however, the famed Battleground had been repaired.

Alas, no.

At the Battleground

Driving back through tiny Sabine Pass - which long ago lost a battle to become a major port; that honor went to Port Arthur - the sacred Battlegrounds were roped off with yellow and orange tape/barricades.

A 4-lane boat ramp was open, but the park itself was completely closed.

The men's side of the park bathroom had caved in and a metal walkway that led around the seaside of the park was barricaded with Port-A-Potties.

All we could do was look from the roadway at the still standing (thankfully) statue of Confederate hero Lt. Dick Dowling who, with 46 other Texans, repelled a Union invasion.

Determined to capture the port of Houston, four Union gunboats attempted to head upstream. However four Texas cannons stopped the Union invaders.

Also on the park land are four WWII ammunition bunkers once used by the U.S. Army Coastal Artillery Division.

But, the bunkers were covered with high grass and the walkable bulkheads - a great place to fish or gaze over at Louisiana just across the way - were sealed off.

Both Sea Rim and the Battleground are ideal spots for birders who must've been sorely disappointed last winter.

The TPW website says Sea Rim is expected to be opened in August - which seems highly unlikely. The Battleground is "closed to the public until further notice."

So our initial efforts at finding an isolated, non-West Texas section of the Lone Star State seemed to be thwarted.

Then we visited the McFadden National Wildlife Refuge.

SEE PARKS ON PAGE 10

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KINDERGARTEN Elmer's White School Glue - 4 oz.; (2) #2 pencils; Eraser (pink rubber); Crayons - 1 box of 8 (no jumbo crayons); Fiskars for Kids scissors (metal blades); 1 large box Kleenex; School box-small; 2 vinyl (plastic) pocket folders; Boys (1-box sandwich size ziploc bags) Girls (1-box gallon size ziploc bags); 1 water bottle; Backpack **THAT WILL HOLD FOLDERS**; (1) regular size towel for napping (no mats, large towels, or blankets); 1 pkg. of white-letter size (8 1/2 by 11) copy paper; \$3.00 for National Geographic Subscription. **ALL SUPPLIES SHOULD BE LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME IN LARGE PRINT; Other supplies may be requested by your child's teacher.**

FIRST GRADE #2 Pencils; Large Elmer's Glue (white only); School box; Metal inlaid scissors; Crayons -16 count; 1 pkg. 9 X 12 assorted construction paper (loose); 1 box Kleenex; 4 pocket folders (bottom pocket); 1 box sandwich size Zip Lock Bags, Pencil top erasers; \$3.00 for Weekly Reader (National Geographic); 1 pkg. of white-letter size (8 1/2 by 11) copy paper.

SECOND GRADE 6 Pencils - (#2); Crayons box of 24; Elmer's glue (white); Zipper pouch, large eraser; Fiskar's scissors; 4 Red marking pencils; 2 Kleenex (200 count); 6 pocket folders with bottom pockets; Map colors, Elmer's school glue-gel; 1 pkg. of white-letter size (8 1/2 by 11) copy paper; \$3.00 for Weekly Reader (National Geographic).

THIRD GRADE Crayons box of 24; (6) #2 pencils; 2 Kleenex (200 count); Scissors - sharp point (Fiskars only); Zipper pouch for notebook; (4) four red marking pencils; large Elmer's glue; Loose leaf 3 ring notebook **NO TRAPPER KEEPERS**; 1 pkg. Dividers (do not write on these); Map colors; 6 pocket folder w/bottom pockets; \$3.00 for Weekly Reader (National Geographic); 1 pkg. of white-letter size (8 1/2 by 11) copy paper; **INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS MAY GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES NEEDED THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

FOURTH GRADE Notebook paper (no college or narrow ruled); Pencil Top Eraser; Map colors; Ruler both metric and American standard clear plastic; 1 Glue stick; Scissors 6" or 7" sharp point; 8 Red grading pencils; 2 Kleenex 200 count, #2 Pencils; Zipper pouch for notebook; (1) Spiral notebooks (70 pages); (8) pocket folders (with 3 holes) NO BRADS 2-green, 2-red, 2-yellow, 2-blue; Composition notebook (not a spiral), Elmer's glue, 1 pkg. of white-letter size (8 1/2 by 11) copy paper, set of 6 high lighters - fluorescent (not liquid), \$3.00 for Weekly Reader (National Geographic), Girls 1 box quart size Ziplocks bags, Boys 1 box gallon size Ziplock Bags.

Every student must have tennis shoes for PE. All supplies should be labeled with child's name in LARGE print. Teachers may request additional school supplies during the school year.



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5th Grade Supply List

Notebook (large rings), 1 hardback notebooks (1 1/2" in size), 2 Notebook paper (wide ruled), 1 zipper bag (cloth-no plastic) to fit inside notebook (if needed), 1 large (cloth-no plastic) zipper bag (for colors, markers, and colored pencils), 1 pkg. plastic dividers with pockets (8 1/2" x 11"), 4 pocket folders with BRADS, 1 composition notebook (no wire), Pencils (no mechanical ones), Pens - blue or black erasable, Red grading pens or pencils, 3 Highlighters, 1 box of 24 count map colors or colored pencils, 1 box of 24 count crayons, 1 box of markers, 4 large glue sticks, 1 small glue (no gel glue), Stretch Book Covers (optional-1 small & 2 large), 2 large box of Kleenex, Scissors, "White paper (1 ream-500 sheets/8 1/2" x 11")", 1 pkg. multicolored copy paper.

***This ream of paper will be used all year for your child's math papers instead of notebook paper. P.E. Supplies-shorts, t-shirt, and tennis shoes.**

6th Grade Supply List

Language Arts: 1 pack of notebook paper - no college rule - to be turned in to teacher, Markers/map colors, Scissors, 2 Composition notebooks, 1 Box of tissues, Elmer's Glue, Sticky notes, 1 pocket folder with Brads, a box or zipper pocket to hold markers/map colors, scissors, and glue, \$1 for clear plastic folder (Ms. Teaff will purchase these in packets of 10 for \$10. You will receive one on the first day of school.) 1 ream (500 sheets) white copy paper. **Science:** 1 Composition notebook, map colors, Kleenex. **Math:** 1-2" 3 ring-binder, 1-1 subject wide ruled spiral notebook, 2 red pens or pencils, pencils, notebook paper.

7th Grade Supply List

Math: 5 subject spiral notebook, 1 ruler with centimeters and inches, Red pens or pencils, 2 pencils or .7 mm mechanical pencils, wide ruled notebook paper, expandable folder. **Language Arts:** Pens-any colors and black, pencils, 2 colored pens for grading, 1 composition book (may need another during the school year), however, many of you have an extra one from last year; 1 pkg. Post-it notes, 2 folders with brads and pockets, \$1 for clear plastic folder (you will receive one the first day of school), glue, scissors, your choice of a package of art supplies (ex. box of crayons, map colors, markers), 1 ream (500 sheets) white copy paper, 2 boxes of Kleenex.

Eighth Grade: Math: 180 page spiral notebook, 1-1/2-2 inch notebook, 1 package of 5 dividers, 1 ream (500 sheets) white copy paper, kleenex. **Language Arts:** Construction paper assorted colors, 1 glue stick, note cards, scissors, 1 pkg. of colored markers, spiral notebook, folder with pockets and paper fastener inside, red pens. **History:** Map colors, 2 highlighters any color, Kleenex.

Summertime is Anthrax time in Texas...vaccinate livestock now in Val Verde, Crockett and surrounding counties

It's the same song, yet another verse for naturally-occurring anthrax cases in livestock and wildlife in Val Verde and Crockett Counties in Southwest Texas. A little rain, a lot of hot weather and the invisible, spore-forming bacteria *Bacillus anthracis* has resurfaced, putting unvaccinated livestock and grazing wildlife at risk in the area.

"Anthrax has been confirmed in a pen of deer in Val Verde County, and in a Charolais bull in Crockett County. We know that anthrax often goes under-reported, as we hear of anecdotal reports of livestock or deer losses without laboratory confirmation. Many ranchers forego the veterinary inspection and laboratory tests, and, instead, just begin vaccinating," reported Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission. "Anthrax cases are not unusual, but a laboratory confirmation should alert ranchers and livestock owners that it is time to vaccinate their animals in Val Verde, Crockett and surrounding counties."

"Vacationers and hunters get concerned about anthrax, but there is no need to worry, if proper precautions are taken," said Dr. Hillman. "If you travel to an area where an anthrax case has occurred, avoid touching or handling sick or dead animals, don't pick up bones or shed antlers, and don't swim in ponds or streams where there are dead animals nearby. The same advice goes for your pets, too. By the time hunting season starts, cool weather usually puts an end to anthrax cases. Always harvest only healthy-looking animals."

Anthrax is a reportable disease in Texas. While laboratory tests, conducted by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station, are needed to confirm infection, suspected cases also are to be reported to the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242, where a veterinarian is on call 24 hours a day. If an outbreak occurs in dairy animals, producers are to call the TAHC immediately.

Dr. Hillman explained that

anthrax is naturally occurring around the world. After an animal dies from the disease and isn't properly burned, the bacteria will lie dormant in the soil. The anthrax bacteria resurfaces on grass or forage only under ideal weather and soil conditions during spring and summer months. By the time an animal ingests the anthrax bacteria and exhibit staggering, trembling or convulsions, death is inevitable. TAHC regulations require that the animal carcasses, manure and bedding be incinerated. This will keep wild animals from being exposed to the disease, and it will also kill the bacteria, preventing another site where the anthrax can resurface.

Most of Texas' anthrax cases occur in a triangle bounded by Uvalde, Ozona and Eagle Pass, which takes in portions of Crockett, Val Verde, Sutton, Edwards, Kinney, Uvalde and Maverick counties. However, Dr. Hillman said anthrax can occur anywhere. Among the cases confirmed this summer are several horses, farmed buffalo and other livestock in Minnesota; cattle in Saskatchewan, Canada; free-ranging bison in the Northwest Territories in Canada; sheep, goats and cattle in Turkey;

cattle in Peru; sheep in Russia; and several cows in Wales, in the United Kingdom.

Several steps should be followed when anthrax occurs in an area:

1. Wear long sleeves and gloves when handling carcasses or when working with or vaccinating livestock to avoid contaminating any sores or scratches on arms or hands. See your doctor if you develop an unusual-looking sore on your hands, arms or other exposed skin. Although it is very rare to contract skin anthrax, this infection requires treatment with antibiotics prescribed by a physician.

2. Practice good sanitation! Wash your hands after handling livestock (even if you wear gloves.) Disinfect equipment used on the

animals or carcasses. Keep pets and children away from carcasses or bones of dead animals. Move healthy animals away from a pasture where animals have died from the disease.

3. Properly dispose of animal carcasses by burning to prevent exposure to other animals, such as predators or dogs.

4. Vaccinate livestock if cases occur in the surrounding areas. Anthrax vaccine is a "live" vaccine, so it must not be administered with antibiotics. Vaccinated animals must be withheld from slaughter for two months.

5. Restrict the movement of livestock onto or from an affected premise until animals can develop immunity through vaccination (about 10 days).

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1. Li'l Abner's creator AI
5. Price to pay
9. Gem weight unit
14. Toast topper
15. Nabisco favorite since 1912
16. Bring a smile to
17. Boardwalk's Monopoly partner
19. Country star LeAnn
20. Ran the show
21. Draw no cards
23. Homer Simpson cry
24. SASE, e.g.
26. Jurist Fortas
27. Birth announcement senders
33. Uncle Remus honorific
36. ___ Lanka
37. Disney's Little Mermaid
38. Prom wheels
39. Barely defeated
42. Calvary letters
43. Colorful phrase
45. Game with Reverse cards

DOWN

1. Made do
2. San Antonio landmark
3. Bird's roost
4. Pig's place?
5. Sign of a healthy
6. "... man ___ mouse?"
7. Short times, for short
8. Dance technique
9. '30s heavyweight champ Primo
10. In the thick of
11. Rear end
12. On the briny
13. Acid ___
18. Use a spyglass
22. "___ Daba
25. Bean ___ (tofu)
27. Whiskey bottle word
28. Unearth
29. "Love Story" author Segal
30. Hirschfeld's girl
31. Time in office
32. Take a spill
33. Radar image
34. Hitcher's hope
35. Mideast chief
40. Geraint's lady
41. Spoil rotten
44. Nosy sort
48. Coop call
49. ___ fugit
50. Hand over
53. Copy, for short
54. Witchy woman
55. Noted furrier
56. Powder holders
57. Mosque leader
58. Local theater, slangily
59. ___ monster (large lizard)
60. Shipped out
62. Dull as dishwater
65. Palm Pilot, e.g.

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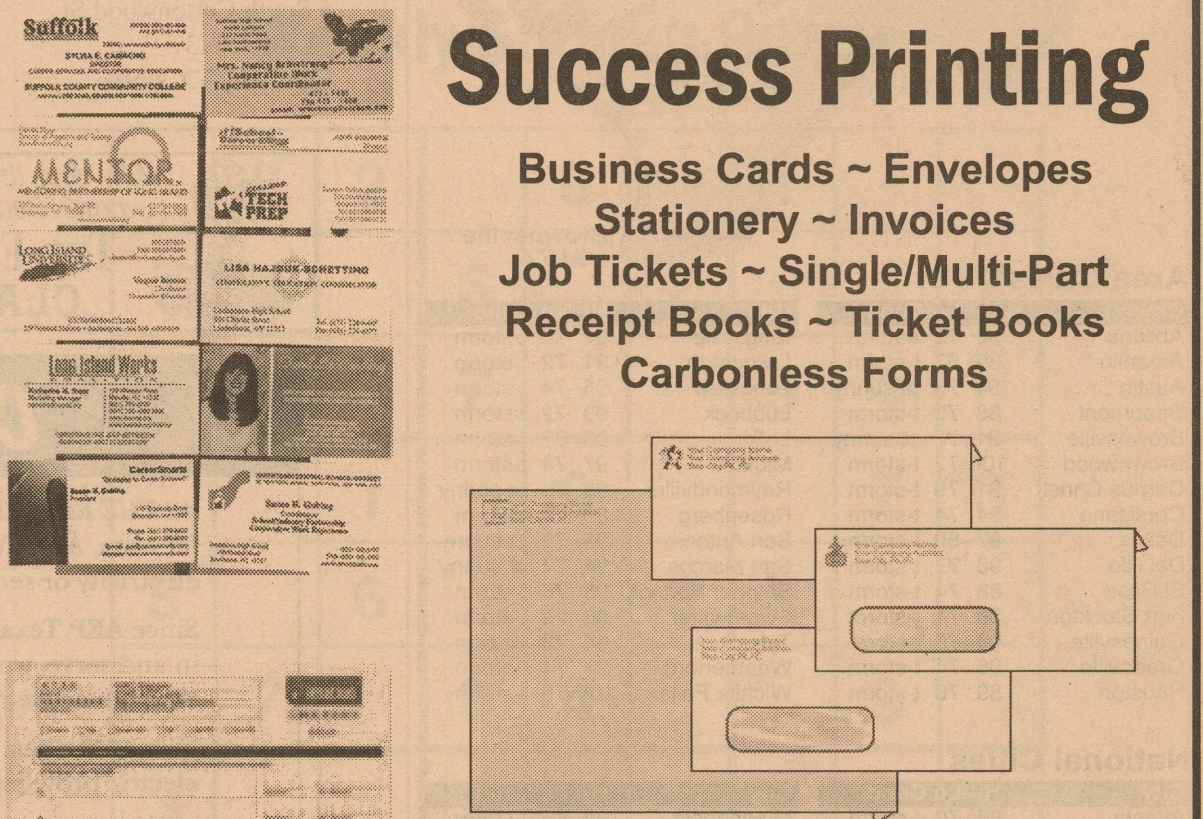
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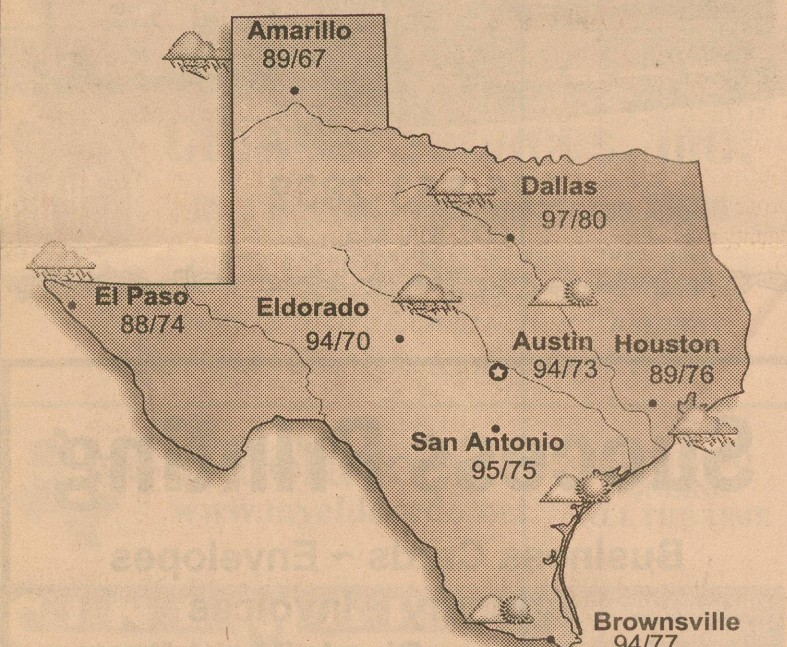
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

| Fri 7/28 | Sat 7/29 | Sun 7/30 | Mon 7/31 | Tue 8/1 |
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| 94/70 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 95/71 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 97/71 Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 97/71 Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 97/71 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. |
| Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:40 PM | Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM | Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM | Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM | Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:37 PM |

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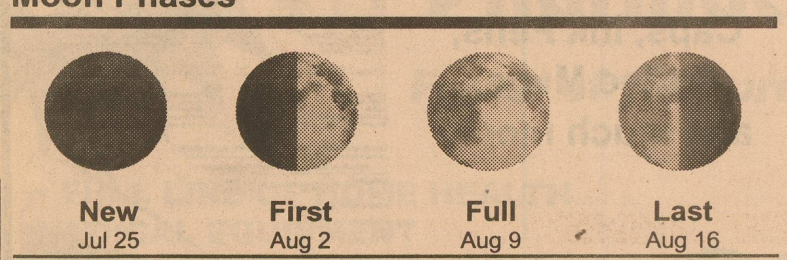
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| Abilene | 96 | 72 | t-storm | Kingsville | 94 | 76 | t-storm |
| Amarillo | 89 | 67 | t-storm | Livingston | 91 | 72 | t-storm |
| Austin | 94 | 73 | pt sunny | Longview | 95 | 74 | t-storm |
| Beaumont | 88 | 75 | t-storm | Lubbock | 93 | 72 | t-storm |
| Brownsville | 94 | 77 | pt sunny | Lufkin | 93 | 73 | t-storm |
| Brownwood | 100 | 72 | t-storm | Midland | 97 | 74 | t-storm |
| Corpus Christi | 91 | 79 | t-storm | Raymondville | 96 | 76 | pt sunny |
| Corsicana | 94 | 74 | t-storm | Rosenberg | 89 | 75 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 97 | 80 | t-storm | San Antonio | 95 | 75 | pt sunny |
| Del Rio | 98 | 77 | t-storm | San Marcos | 94 | 74 | pt sunny |
| El Paso | 88 | 74 | t-storm | Sulphur Springs | 95 | 76 | t-storm |
| Fort Stockton | 96 | 74 | t-storm | Sweetwater | 96 | 72 | t-storm |
| Gainesville | 98 | 76 | t-storm | Tyler | 94 | 73 | t-storm |
| Greenville | 96 | 74 | t-storm | Weatherford | 97 | 74 | t-storm |
| Houston | 89 | 76 | t-storm | Wichita Falls | 100 | 76 | t-storm |

National Cities

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| Atlanta | 88 | 70 | t-storm | Minneapolis | 98 | 75 | t-storm |
| Boston | 86 | 75 | t-storm | New York | 90 | 77 | t-storm |
| Chicago | 89 | 73 | t-storm | Phoenix | 98 | 81 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 97 | 80 | t-storm | San Francisco | 72 | 56 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 92 | 64 | mst sunny | Seattle | 73 | 55 | pt sunny |
| Houston | 89 | 76 | t-storm | St. Louis | 91 | 75 | t-storm |
| Los Angeles | 77 | 65 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 91 | 76 | t-storm |
| Miami | 87 | 80 | t-storm | | | | |

Moon Phases



UV Index

| Fri 7/28 | Sat 7/29 | Sun 7/30 | Mon 7/31 | Tue 8/1 |
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The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale. 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

Regional meetings slated for general aviation airports

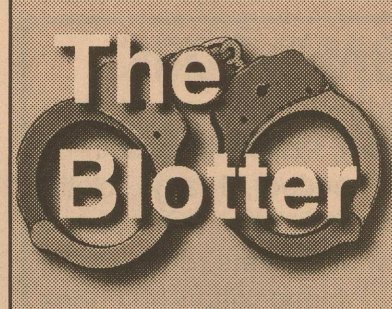
Who, What
 • TXDOT is conducting regional planning meetings throughout the state to review and update information for airports in the Texas airport system.

Background
 • During the meeting, citizens will have an opportunity to discuss airport needs.
 • Economic activity in general will be discussed, focusing specifically on the need for airport improvements as they relate to safety, access, local economic enhancement, and community development.

• Specific airport development plans and timing of projects will be reviewed to determine if the TXDOT information is correct and current.
 • Funding procedures for state and federal financial programs for general aviation airports will be addressed.
 • This meeting will offer a

When, Where
 San Angelo
 August 9, 2006, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
 Assembly Room, TxDOT District Office, 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo 76904

Airports to be discussed include:
 Robert Lee Robert Lee Eden-Concho County (New) Eden
 Reagan County - Big Lake
 Bruce Field - Ballinger
 Winters Municipal - Winters
 Eldorado - Eldorado
 Mathis Field - San Angelo



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS
July 19 • Dominguez, Liza Ann, female age 25, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Serving 2 days. Released on time served.
July 19 • Franco, Rodolfo, male age 42, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Serving 40 days.
July 19 • Martinez, Joy, female age 17, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWOL.
July 20 • Moreno, Gabriels Garcia, female age 51, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWI Class A. Released on PR Bond \$1,000.00.
July 20 • Cribbs, Jodie Shea, male age 25, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Warrants. Released Paid Fines.
July 24 • Miller, Richard A., male age 31, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Assault.

INCIDENTS
July 18 • 11:07 p.m. Subject reported a repo.
July 19 • 2:17 p.m. Complainant reported a forgery using her address and phone number. Officer responded.
 • 5:44 p.m. Caller reported that a family member had passed away. Officers responded.
 • 6:45 p.m. Complainant reported that a black and yellow Mongoose brand children's bike had been stolen from their residence the week before the fourth of July. Complainant also advised bike could possibly have silver pegs.
 • 9:24 p.m. Caller reported a large grass fire approx. 10 miles out on Rudd Road, near 316. Officer and EVFD responded.

July 20 • 7:11 p.m. Complainant called an officer and reported a possibly intoxicated subject near the car wash. Officer notified office.
 • 10:11 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.
July 21 • 1:11 p.m. Complainant reported a gas leak. Officer responded.
 • 6:00 p.m. Caller reported a fight 12 miles east of town. Officer responded.
 • 9:51 p.m. Caller reported drunk driver on 277 south. Officer responded.
July 22 • 2:39 a.m. Complainant reported a party near his home. Officer responded.
 • 2:56 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in a white Chevy pickup. Office responded, and was unable to locate.
July 23 • 11:22 a.m. Caller reported stop sign down on 190 and 119. Tex Dot was notified.
 • 6:51 p.m. Subject requested a criminal trespass. Office responded.
 • 10:44 p.m. Complainant reported hearing noises in the alley. Officer responded.
July 24 • 11:29 a.m. Requested to speak to an officer in reference to an assault and a subject holding personal belongings. Officers responded.
 • 6:38 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated person walking in their neighborhood. Officer responded.
 • 8:22 p.m. Complainant stated her 71 year old grandmother having minor heart failure. EMS 2 responded.
 • 9:00 p.m. Complainant reported two dirt bikes traveling at high rate of speed and didn't want them to her hurt. Officer responded.
 • 10:14 p.m. SCMC called for ACLS transfer to Shannon. EMS responded.
July 25 • 8:25 a.m. Complainant reported a white company truck all over the road. Officer responded.
 • 10:24 a.m. Requested to speak to an officer in reference to an item found in yard. Officer responded.
 • 12:41 p.m. Complainant reported some smoke at Super S. Officers and Fire Chief responded.
 • 2:12 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for her sister. EMS 2 responded.

CALL FOR PAVING BIDS

The City of Eldorado is seeking bids for seal coating 7,470 feet of roadway within the city limits. Interested parties are asked to submit a bid for seal coating 4,300 ft of North Street and 3,170 ft. of East Street to a width of 25 ft. The job will include sweeping and preparing existing surface, followed by a seal coat with (I) one course penetration paving with AC-5 asphalt \$.30 gal/sy and PB-4 aggregate @ 1 cy/75 sy. Bid must include finishing existing road base and working grade at intersections. Direct all inquiries to Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay.

Sealed bids must be received at Eldorado City Hall by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2006, at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud.

The Eldorado City Council will consider the bids at its next regular meeting.

The City of Eldorado reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.

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- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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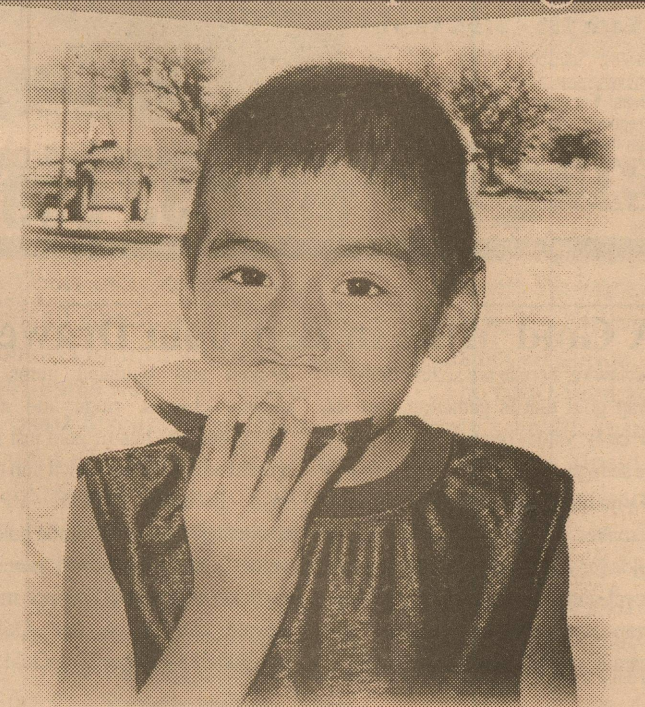


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Eldorado Spotlight



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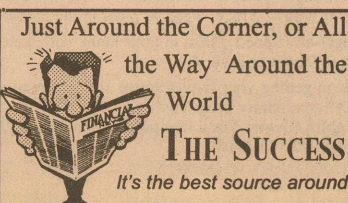
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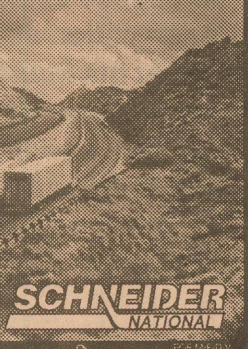
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Texas seashore state parks still a windblown mess

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The refuge

Now this was isolation. A bumpy road moseys past a building then straight into the marshes. Occasionally, a small fishing pier allowed anglers to hurl lines and all were full.

We negotiated the woeful road to a wooden bridge where benches had been built, for birding and fishing.

The water churned with baitfish being chased by something much bigger. A local told us that he regularly hauls treasured red drum

from the canal waters.

Waterways cut through the thick-grassed marshes. The flat land seems to go on forever.

Driving back, we spied a water moccasin sprawled out on the road. He cared nothing about us, posing for photos then easing off into the grasses.

Back on the main road - and the truck was thankful - a right turn took us to the open ocean.

It's national land and you can drive on the beach. We motored all the way to the Sea Rim boundary,

blocked off by pylons.

Like Padre Island National Seashore, these beaches are unpatrolled and lonesome.

The shore is heavy with seaweed and a program is underway (since 2001) to save the dunes.

A bonus is that the beach is so seldom visited that all kinds of exotic items wash ashore. We found a tin of biscuits - an empty large metal box of British cookies. And two hunks of pumice were fun to toss into the water to watch

rocks float.

Only hardcore anglers, swimmers seeking solace, and birders visit this lonely part of Texas - so close to Louisiana.

Shrimp boats trolled off shore, dragging their nets back and forth. A few children frolicked in the water a mile away. Otherwise, it was just the Gulf - its water stained ruddy from the Mississippi River outflow - and the horizon.

Where, hopefully, another monster hurricane is not brewing.

Solution to puzzle on Page 7

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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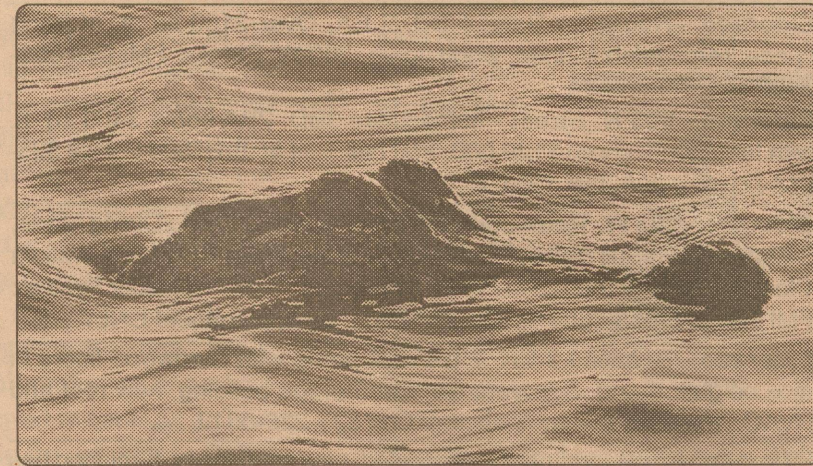


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The alligator at the Marshlands Unit of Sea Rim SP wasn't fond of human visitors; it constantly kept us in its sights.

Back to School Fundamentals

FAMILY FEATURES

Trendy, yet comfortable new shoes. *Check.* Stylish, yet appropriate clothing. *Check.* The latest super-hero branded, easy-on-the-shoulders backpack. *Check.* Pen, notebook, ruler, calculator, lunchbox and bottle of water. *Check and check.* With kids heading back to school, you do your best to provide them with tools to succeed while mixing in the right balance of fun.

Balancing what's fun with what's healthy has never been more important. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, obesity has more than doubled among children ages 2 to 5 and has more than tripled among youth ages 6 to 11 and adolescents ages 12 to 19 since 1980. By incorporating simple, healthful choices into your child's everyday routine, the entire family will benefit. Here are a few healthful, cool tools to get things rolling back to school.

It's all about simple, healthy choices ...

Makeover Lunch!

Healthy does not mean hum-drum. Pump up the cool factor and send your kids off to school with a power-packed lunch you both will feel great about. Here are five tips to a fun, nutritious lunch that students will vie for in the lunchroom.

- 1. Gear Up!** Let your kids select a lunchbox that best expresses their personality. Make time to pack lunch together the night before. Not only can you discuss healthy choices for the lunchbox and educate kids about portion-control, it's also an opportunity to catch up on the day's events.
- 2. That's a Wrap.** Shake up that boring, everyday peanut butter and jelly or turkey sandwich by varying the bread you use. Wrap your kids' favorite deli meat in a low-fat, whole-wheat tortilla or pita pocket. And, branch out on condiments. Instead of light mayonnaise, mustard or ketchup, add a healthy kick to any sandwich by using fresh salsa, pesto or vinaigrette.
- 3. Snack Well.** Avoid greasy potato chips and make fruit fun. Skewer fresh fruit on Popsicle sticks. For easy preparation, pick up presliced fruit in the produce section. Kids will delight in making and munching on these delicious kebobs.
- 4. Blast of Fun.** Move over sugary beverages - reshape the way your kids stay hydrated with Aquapod® Spring Water. This bubble-shaped bottle is 11 ounces of pure, refreshing spring water packed into a fun bottle that kids love. It's the perfect size and shape for lunch.
- 5. Finishing Touch!** Include a special note in your child's lunchbox. A simple "good luck on your test" or "thinking of you" goes a long way. Or, cut out a comic strip to give your child a few giggles before heading back to class.



Stay Hydrated!

Did you know that kids lose proportionally more fluids through sweat than adults? Hydration affects our bodies physically and mentally. Here are some sure-fire hydration tips from Jennifer Trachtenberg, M.D., F.A.A.P., a renowned pediatrician and author.

- Encourage your children to drink water at 6 months old.
- Hold off on juices until after age 1 to help encourage the taste for water as a thirst quencher.
- Try giving your children water with or after meals, as they will be thirstier after eating. Nowadays bottled water comes in many convenient shapes and sizes for easy portability for families on the go.
- Serve as a role model for your children by drinking water in front of them. Try to change your habits when it comes to drinking sugary or caffeinated beverages.
- Depending on their age, children need approximately 18 to 32 ounces of fluid daily, including:
 - 2 to 3 cups low-fat milk
 - 4 to 6 ounces 100 percent juice
 - Water

For more tips on healthy ways to stay hydrated, visit www.aquapod.com.

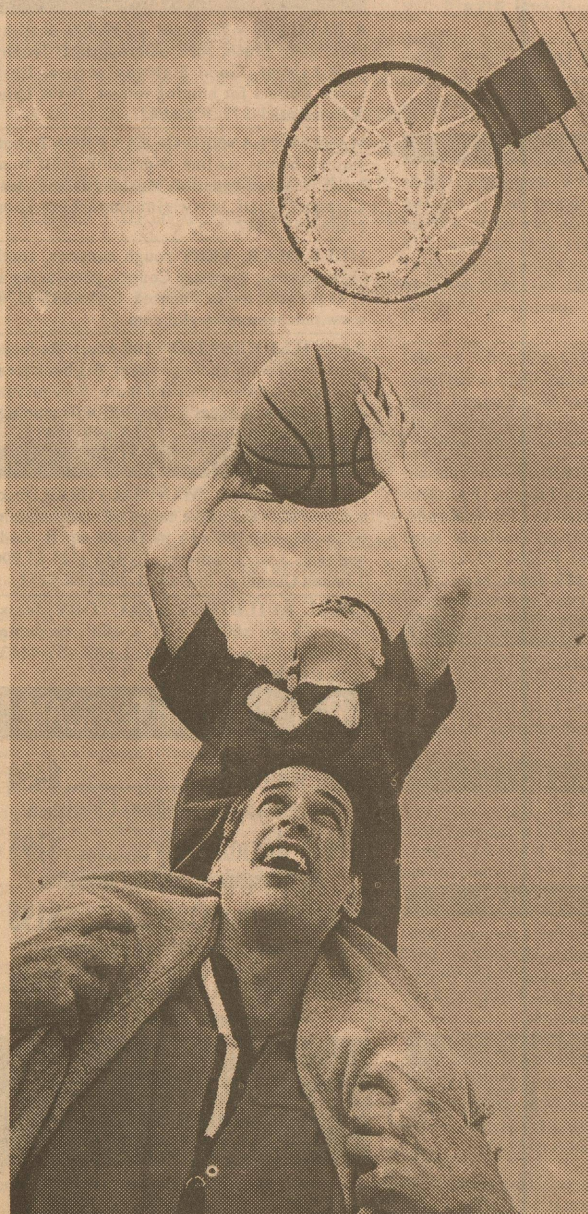


Get Active, You Can!

As parents and caregivers, you are role models for your children. If you eat right and are physically active, there is a good chance your children will make these choices, too. Here are some tips provided by *We Can!* (Ways to Enhance Children's Activity and Nutrition!), a national education program of the National Institutes of Health designed to encourage families to eat healthy, get off the sofa and get active.

- Enroll your children in community sports teams or lessons.
- Play with your kids 30 minutes a day. Put on your favorite music and dance. Children should be physically active for at least 60 minutes each day.
- Have the kids help you rake, weed or plant in the garden.
- Replace sugar-sweetened drinks in your home with water; add a twist of lemon or lime.

For more tips on getting your family active and information about *We Can!* community programs visit <http://wecan.nih.gov>. For a free parents handbook call toll free at 1-866-35 WE CAN.



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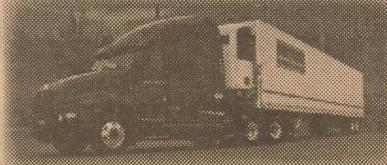
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