



## Herek, Rivera To Wed

Erica Lea Herek and Ricardo Alfonso Rivera III along with family and friends are proud to announce their engagement to be married.

Erica is the daughter of Angie and the late Gary Herek of Eagle Lake, granddaughter of G.A. and Febe Rodriguez of Eagle Lake and the late Roman and Eugenia Herek of Stevenspoint, WI. Erica is a 2006 School of Tomorrow graduate and is currently employed by My Friend's House Daycare.

Ricardo is the son of Audelia and Ricardo Rivera, II of El Campo, grandson of David, Sr. and Maria Andrade of Placedo and Patricia and the late Ricardo Rivera of Victoria. Ricardo is a 2006 School of Tomorrow graduate and is currently employed by South Texas Utilities.

The couple will exchange vows Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 5 p.m.

## Texas Crop Weather

The Texas Field Office issued the following report regarding Texas agriculture for the week of April 14 to 20.

### Agricultural Summary

Frost, as well as high winds, was observed in the earlier part of last week across some of the state.

The Blacklands, East Texas, the Upper Coast and South Central received about an inch of rain last week.

The rest of the state received little to no rainfall.

Hail was observed in a few places in the Cross Timbers.

Wheat, as well as some oats, had headed in some of the Southern Plains, Cross Timbers and the Blacklands.

Cotton land preparation and pre-watering continued in the High Plains last week.

Drier conditions allowed corn planting to progress in the Blacklands.

Sorghum planting continued in both South Central Texas and the Blacklands.

Cabbage, carrots, broccoli and some potatoes continued to be harvested in the southern areas of the state.

Pecan trees continued to bud in the Blacklands and the Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau.

Topsoil moisture was mostly short to adequate statewide.

Supplemental feeding of livestock was still prevalent due to cooler temperatures in Trans-Pecos, the Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas.

### Field Crops Report

In the area of small grains, wheat, as well as some oats, was headed in some of the Southern Plains, Cross Timbers and the Blacklands.

Wheat condition was mostly poor to fair statewide.

Oat condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Regarding cotton, land preparation and pre-watering continued in the High Plains last week.

Corn planting was under way in the Northern High Plains.

Corn planting neared completion in South Central Texas.

Drier conditions last week allowed corn planting to progress in the Blacklands.

Corn condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Sorghum planting continued in both South Central Texas and the Blacklands.

Sorghum condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

### Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Cabbage, carrots, broccoli and some potatoes continued to be harvested in the southern areas of the state.

Pecan trees continued to bud in the Blacklands, Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Supplemental feeding of livestock was still very prevalent due to cooler temperatures in the Trans-Pecos, Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas.

Range and pasture condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

## TPWD Urges Reporting Of Cougar Sightings

The mountain lion, also known as cougar, panther, catamount or puma, has the widest distribution of any wild cat from Canada to South America.

Prior to European settlement, mountain lions lived throughout Texas.

By 1960, predator control, loss of habitat and human settlement reduced mountain lion numbers and limited their distribution within Texas to the mountainous country in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas.

Since 1983, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has solicited and recorded voluntarily reported sightings and mortalities of mountain lions.

Mountain lion sightings and mortality information, rather than actual population estimates, is used to assess the presence of the cats in certain areas.

Currently, sightings of mountain lions have occurred in all 254 Texas counties.

However, not all sightings are confirmed.

Mortalities provide a more accurate reflection of where mountain lions have lived.

Mortalities have been recorded in 67 counties.

The mountain lion is a large, slender cat with a smallish head and noticeably long tail.

Their color is a light, tawny brown, which can appear grey or almost black, depending on light conditions.

Contrary to popular belief, there are no black panthers in Texas.

No one has ever captured or killed a black mountain lion.

Its size (total length) ranges from about 6-1/2 feet in females to as much as 8-1/2 feet in males. Male cougars weigh between 100 and 150 pounds, and females weigh between 45 and 96 pounds.

In the wild, cougars live about 10 to 11 years.

Their range in Texas is primarily in the west, south and central regions.

Cougars are active in the mornings and evenings, as well as at night.

They are solitary animals except during a short (3 to 5 days) breeding time, which can occur at any time of the year.

Most litters are born in the summer and fall and average two to three kittens.

Cubs stay with the female until they are 11 to 24 months of age,

when they leave and begin looking for their own home range.

The size of a lion's home range is determined by prey abundance and availability, topography and the presence of other lions.

Male home ranges usually encompass the range of several females and very from 80 to 200 square miles.

Males do not usually tolerate other male cougars in their home range.

Female home ranges are normally 20 to 100 square miles and may overlap.

In Texas, mountain lions prey primarily on white-tailed deer and mule deer.

Javelina, pronghorn antelope, feral hogs, big horned sheep, raccoons, coyotes, porcupine, opossum, rabbits and a variety of other small mammals also supplement their diet.

Mountain lions will occasionally take domestic livestock.

Although cattle and horses are less vulnerable to lion predation once they have grown in excess of 500 pounds, sheep, goats and pigs remain vulnerable for their lifetime.

Ranchers experiencing livestock loss due to mountain lions or other predators may contact Texas Wildlife Services at (979) 845-6201 for assistance.

Texas Parks and Wildlife continues to maintain records and solicits information on mountain lion sightings and mortalities.

This information is used primarily to document the distribution of cougars and assess the presence of the cats in certain areas.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department would like to hear from you.

To report evidence of a mountain lion, call your local wildlife biologist or the regional office in La Grange at (979) 968-6591.

If you find a cougar track, try to protect it by covering it with a bucket until the biologist arrives. Mountain lions are classified as non-game animals in Texas, and it is legal to take them with a valid Texas hunting license.

If you would like to contact your local biologist, see our Web site at [tpwd.state.tx.us/wildlife-biologist](http://tpwd.state.tx.us/wildlife-biologist).

Old Skool Organization will hold their 2nd Annual City-Wide Kick Ball Game Saturday, April 26 at 3 p.m. at E.H. Henry Park. Other activities are scheduled as well. Hot dogs, hamburgers and various other snacks, will be sold so come hungry! Bring lawn chairs or blankets and sit back and watch the games. We look forward to seeing the citizens of Eagle Lake and surrounding communities, come out and support the youth of the city.

## St. Michael Spring Festival

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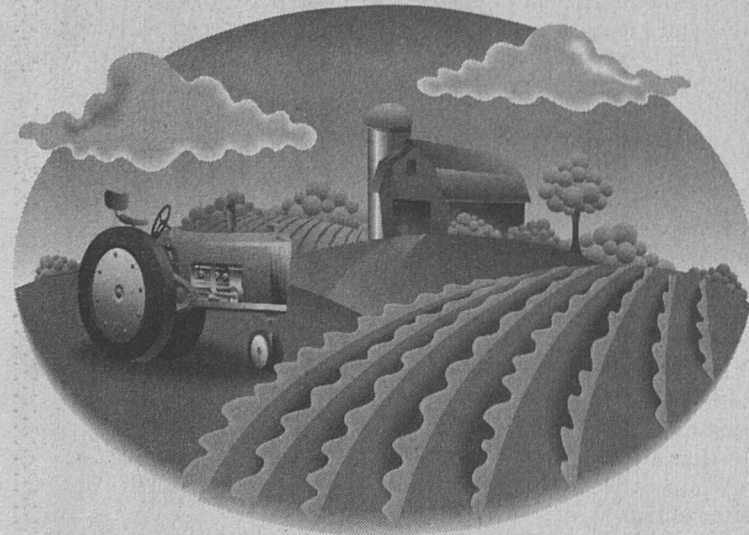
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Heavyweight bulls 66-73  
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STEERS #1 #2  
150-300 lbs 125-150 100-120  
300-400 lbs 118-130 100-115  
400-500 lbs 112-115 92-109  
500-600 lbs 106-116 93-105  
600-700 lbs 95-108 82-93  
700-800 lbs 83-94 72-81  
HEIFERS #1 #2  
200-300 lbs 110-130 95-109  
300-400 lbs 95-113 85-95  
400-500 lbs 98-111 87-95  
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