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**FLDS Case Estimated To Cost State \$7.5 Million**

AUSTIN — Records obtained via the Texas Public Information Act reveal that in the first 19 days following the April 3 raid of the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado, the state spent close to \$7.5 million. The Austin American-Statesman on May 16 reported a breakdown of the expenditures, unaudited figures obtained from the governor's office.

Here are rounded estimates of those unaudited costs:

- Department of Family and Protective Services: \$2.2 million
- Health & Human Services Commission: \$1 million
- Department of Public Safety: \$970,000
- Department of State Health Services: \$930,000
- Other state agencies: \$192,000

- Volunteer groups: \$60,000
- Vendors: \$1.2 million
- City/county governments: \$944,000.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, authorized state agencies to spend money from their 2009 budgets to fund the YFZ operation. State agencies entered the polygamist sect's 1,700-acre ranch compound on April 3 and removed more than 400 children who resided with their parents there.

On May 19, state district courts in San Angelo will begin to conduct hearings for YFZ families who wish to retrieve their children from foster care.

In other news, a ranch woman first thought to be an under-aged mother has since been identified

as 22 years old. She gave birth to a healthy baby boy in a San Marcos hospital in late April.

**Wilson sounds NASDAQ's bell**

Part of Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson's job is to drum up business for the Lone Star State.

Wilson and a delegation of Texas companies, chambers of commerce and economic development groups recently traveled to New York, N.Y., to do just that.

And, on May 14, Wilson was given the honor of presiding over the closing bell ceremony of the NASDAQ stock market.

There are more than 160 Texas-based companies listed on the NASDAQ exchange with a total market value of nearly \$120 billion, Wilson's office stated.

"Over the past several years, Texas has received numerous accolades as the top state in the

nation to do business," Wilson said. "As the rest of the U.S. experiences an economic slowdown, Texas' economy continues to outpace the rest of the nation."

**Fewer Texans in ranks of jobless**

On May 16, the Texas Workforce Commission reported the April statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.1 percent, down from 4.3 percent in March and 4.4 percent in April 2007. The 4.1 percent rate in Texas remains far below the U.S. unemployment rate of 5 percent.

Another statistic: Texas' seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment grew by 15,400 jobs in April.

"Texas continues to outpace national trends with its record low unemployment rate," said Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Tom Pauken. "Texas employers now have added 262,000 jobs in the past 12 months."

**Memorial honors fallen officers**

Twenty-five Texas law officers lost their lives on duty during the past two years. All were honored May 13 in a memorial service at the DPS academy in Austin.

The officers were employees of many entities, including the Department of Public Safety, Parks & Wildlife, county sheriffs' departments, city police and port police.

**PUC investigates power company**

The Texas Public Utility Commission announced May 14 it has launched an investigation against the Houston-based retail electric provider National Power Co.

Between May 12 and May 14 the agency said it had received nearly 200 complaints from customers who were notified about price hikes in their fixed-rate plans.

**TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION**

State Capital



**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

**Storms hit state capital too**  
 On May 15, swaths of high winds, heavy rains and hail hit Texas, including Austin.

About 40,000 capital city residences lost power and storm-felled trees and debris littered the Capitol grounds.

Attorney General Greg Abbott warned residents to exercise caution when seeking contractors to help with storm related damages.

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*Let's Look Back...*

**24 & 48 YEARS AGO**

**June 7, 1984**

Miss Janelle Bauer was honored in Houston with a bridal luncheon at Café Moustache on May 19 a week before her marriage to Jackson Hooper. Mrs. Charles Spalinger and her daughter, Mrs. Michael Phillips, were hostesses to the happy occasion...

David Wayne Euers has received a doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Euers of Eagle Lake...

The 71<sup>st</sup> commencement of Rice University in Houston was held on Saturday, May 12 at 7 p.m. on the East Lawn of Lovett Hall. Among the degree recipients was Laura Rohwer Derrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Rohwer of Garwood...

Miss Lori Mahalite, bride-elect of Mark Faldyn was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the Mansfield Memorial Library in Columbus Friday, May 25...

**June 2, 1960**

Charles A. Schamerhorn has taken management of the Eagle Cleaners cleaning and pressing shop on Post Office street on lease from Mrs. H.C. Fitzgerald, owner of the firm...

Rev. Boyd Harris is new pastor at Colly Memorial Methodist Church succeeding Rev. McDaniels who is leaving for Llano...

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Causey and children are leaving on June 8 for the Canary Islands, after an extended visit here with his mother, Mrs. Ida Causey and

other relatives...

Mr. and Mrs. Mevlin Hayden and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gert-

son entertained large group of friends at a delightful Hawaiian party in the backyard of the

Hayden home. Colorful costumes were worn by the guests, adding color to the typical garden setting for the party.

**Police Fundraiser June 5**

city Center from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 a plate.

The meal is being catered by Sportsman's Restaurant and consists of (2) beef enchiladas, rice, beans, chips and salsa. A drive-thru line will be available as well as indoor seating.

A silent auction will be held inside, starting at 5 and ending at 7:30 pm. Door prizes will be awarded, must be present to win door prizes.

Items purchased with last years funds include: (2) Mobile Vision "In-car" video systems, (2) computer towers, computer virus protection, evidence tags, (9) computer monitors, pepper spray, duty work boots, color document scanner, hard drive reader, por-

table radio clip holders, portable radio batteries, portable shoulder microphones, (8) Stinger flashlights, over one hundred hours



of police training, (4) Tasers with cartridges, and

police identification cards. The Eagle Lake Police Department is extremely proud to announce that our narcotic detecting dog, "LULU" was purchased using donations collected at the equipment fundraiser.

Tickets can be purchased from the Eagle Lake Police Department by calling, 979-234-2727.

Anyone wanting to donate a silent auction item or make a monetary donation should call 234-2727 and ask to speak to Lt. Wendy Alley.

Thank you for making this year's fundraiser a successful one and for your continued support of your local law enforcement officers.

**Summer Reading Starting**

The Eula and David Wintermann Library will begin the Summer Reading Program with registration starting on May 28.

Parents can come by the library and sign the children up for six weeks of fun programs, lots of reading and prizes.

The theme for the reading program is "Texas Reading Club Jubilee: 1958 - 2008".

The Texas Reading Club is celebrating 50 years of encouraging children to have fun reading and develop those reading skills that will help them during the school year.

The beginning program will be

on June 4 at 1:30 p.m. with Julian Franklin, the magician, returning for the sixth year.

He will presenting "Book Bash!", an interactive, educational, fun magic program for kids. His program has three messages. Good readers can have all kinds of adventures.

Good readers can meet all kinds of people. Good readers can learn to do all kinds of things. Also implied is the idea that anyone can become a good reader by reading every day!!

On June 11, there will be an author book signing featuring local author, Sharon Sommer. Sharon

will read her book "Adventures of Summer Hills - Rowdy Red's Lesson" and do a program with the children.

She will also have her books for sale and will sign the books for the public.

Ronald McDonald will be appearing this year on June 25 at 1:30 p.m. for all ages and Mr. Ted Lashley another magician will be the program for July 9 at 10:30 a.m. for all ages.

The closing party will be held on July 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Come register your children for a summer of fun and adventure!!!

**Taco Tony's Mexican Restaurant**  
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 979-234-3984  
 Breakfast Specials: Mon.-Fri., 8 to 11:30 a.m.  
 Lunch and Dinner Specials  
 Mon.-Fri. Beginning at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.  
 Buffet Tuesdays and Thursdays  
 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.  
 Hours:  
 Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.  
 Fri. and Sat.: 8 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.  
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

**ATTENTION**

**Parents of Graduates**  
 We invite you to show everyone how far your baby has come!

For just **\$12.75** we will run the baby picture of your graduate or

For just **\$21** we will run the baby picture and graduation picture of your child.

All photos will appear in the Graduation Issue, May 29, 2008 Other sizes also available.

*You've Come a Long Way Baby!*

**Jane Doe - 2008 - Rice High School**

**You've Come a Long Way Baby!**

**Jane Doe**  
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Congratulations! Love, Mom & Dad

**Legion To Decorate Graves**

The W. Cherry - M. Perry American Legion Post # 108 of Eagle Lake will honor all deceased veterans buried in our local cemeteries on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, by placing American flags by their gravesites.

The flags will be placed in the

designated holders by the gravesites on Saturday, May 24, and will be retrieved on Tuesday, May 27.

The flag holders are white with red, white and blue stripes at the top and are placed, where possible, to the immediate left of the gravesite or marker.

If we have missed a veteran's grave in the past, please contact

Ken Craig at 234-2807 or Vic Scott at 234-2792 as it is our intention to honor ALL veterans of ALL services.

There will also be extra flag holders and flags in each cemetery. Feel free to take one and place it by the veteran's grave if we miss someone.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Reader Shares Reunion Thoughts**

On May 3 we were in Eagle Lake for our 50<sup>th</sup> High School reunion—Class of 1958.

We were privileged to hold our reunion get-together at the museum and to have Mr. Harrison give us a tour of it. Many thanks for a close-up look at home!

And to Mr. Stavinoha for the tour of the depot. You will never believe all the work he has done to restore it with authentic artifacts.

His knowledge research is fantastic. He gives a great presentation.

I have passed these buildings so many times but never did the close-up tour of them.

All of you need to take time to introduce yourselves and your family to the great attractions.

It is unbelievable to have so much history right under your nose and I know you would enjoy it too.

If the flag is out front, the mu-

seum is open. I love Eagle Lake and wouldn't trade my "growing up" years there for anything. Thank you Christine, for all you did to make our reunion a success.

ELHS Class of 58  
 Vivian Hermann Scholz

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