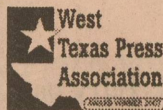


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Jennie Pipkin displays her Apple iPod that she keeps devotionals and music on while testifying for the defense during Warren Jeffs' trial Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, in St. George, Utah. Jeffs, head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is charged with two counts of rape as an accomplice for allegedly coercing the marriage and rape of a 14-year-old follower to her 19-year-old cousin in 2001.

Prosecution rests its case in Jeffs rape trial

Defense attorneys launch rebuttal

Warren Jeffs, embattled prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints finally got his day in court this week, as the State of Utah pressed its allegations that Jeffs was an accomplice to rape.

Prosecutors, including Washington County Attorney Brock Belknap, elicited testimony from a woman identified only as Jane Doe 4 in which she alleged that she had been forced into a marriage against her will when she was only 14. The woman, now 21, says she was married to her 19-year-old cousin by Warren Jeffs despite her repeated pleas not to be married.

Jeffs later urged her to be submissive to her new husband after she refused to have sexual relations with him, Ms. Doe said in sworn testimony.

Doe said she viewed Jeffs as a spiritual leader and believed her salvation was dependent upon following his directives.

Two of Doe's sisters also testified, saying that they urged the girl not to go through with the marriage but that they could not prevent the union ordered by Jeffs, who was then second in command within the FLDS church to his ailing father, then prophet Rulon Jeffs.

Before resting their case, prosecutors played a half-hour audio recording of a sermon in which Jeffs and fellow church member Sam Barlow addressed underage marriages among FLDS members and the extent to which legal authorities would go to prevent or interfere with the marriages.

While Jeffs and his FLDS church openly promote the practice of polygamy, or plural marriage, the charges facing the prophet in the Utah courtroom involve a monogamous relationship. The age of the bride at the time of the marriage is the primary issue in the case and whether or not she consented to have sex with the man she claims she was forced to marry.

Defense attorneys quickly attacked that notion Tuesday afternoon as they got the chance to offer their case. Sev-

eral witnesses testified on the prophet's behalf, including Jennie Pipkin, who told the jury that she went to Jeffs to complain that she no longer wanted to have sexual relations with her husband.

Pipkin explained that after having five children with her husband, she grew tired of his attention and went to Jeffs to complain. She noted that Jeffs told her it should be the woman's role in a marriage to determine if and when to have sexual relations.

Pipkin said that when her husband continued to pressure her for sex she complained again to Jeffs. This time, she said, the prophet granted her a divorce.

On cross examination Pipkin told prosecutors that she was not aware of any cases in which Jeffs granted a divorce before a marriage produced children.

Other witnesses appearing Tuesday included Ben Thomas, Margaret Thomas, John Keate, Joanna Keate, Charlotte Jessop, Christine Shapley, Merrill Shapley and Verleen Jessop, all of them testifying in defense of Jeffs.

At press time on Tuesday the trial continued with a number of people on the defense witness list remaining to be called.

Several persons whose names appear on the prosecution's witness list were never called, leading some courtroom observers to speculate that they might be called as rebuttal witnesses.

Also on Tuesday it was revealed that Jane Doe 4, the alleged victim in the case, was seeking a \$1 million settlement in a civil case she has brought against Jeffs, the FLDS church and the United Effort Plan trust. The UEP, once the financial arm of Jeffs' church, was taken over by the court when it was determined that Jeffs and his lieutenants were looting it for their own benefit.

Doe's settlement offer would pay her legal bills and establish a \$1 million "M.J. Fund" to provide food, shelter and other emergency assistance to people displaced from FLDS dominated communities with a special emphasis placed

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Sales tax receipts reveal economic growth

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said last Friday the state collected \$1.85 billion in sales tax in August, up 12.7 percent compared to a year ago.

"When the state's 2007 fiscal year ended August 31, sales tax collections totaled \$20.1 billion, 10.9 percent higher than in fiscal 2006," Combs said.

Combs distributed \$447.3 million in September sales tax payments to local governments, a 10.4 percent increase compared to September 2006. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 7 percent compared to the same period in 2006.

Locally, the increases are considerably better. The City of Eldorado received \$11,306.79 this month, a 22.12 percent increase over the \$9,258.19 payment received just a year ago. Year-to-date the city has received \$112,510.92, up 53.74 percent over the same period

last year.

Schleicher County's sales tax payment also grew, coming in at \$16,392.81, a 22.77 percent increase over the \$13,352.34 payment received in 2006. So far this year, the county has received \$157,712.58 in sales tax payments, as compared to last year's \$142,847.84.

Schleicher County also levies a half-cent Health Services Tax, with which it funds the ambulance service. This month the Health Services Tax brought in \$17,999.86, up 35.33 percent over the same month last year. In all, the Health Services Tax has generated \$156,270.90 this year, a 10.13 percent increase over the 2006 year-to-date total of \$141,891.65.

Combs sent September sales tax allocations of \$302.9 million to Texas cities, up 9.1 percent compared to September 2006. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax revenues are running

7.1 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received September sales tax allocations of \$27.3 million, up 12.1 percent compared to a year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 8.2 percent higher than last year.

The 122 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$15.1 million in sales tax revenue, an increase of 34 percent compared to a year ago. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to special purpose districts are up 17.7 percent compared to 2006. Ten Texas transit systems received \$101.9 million in September sales tax payments, up 10.7 percent compared to a year ago. Year-to-date, transit sales tax revenues are up 4.9 percent.

September's sales tax allocations include local sales taxes collected in July and reported to the Comptroller in August. For details of September sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/al-locsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Oct. 12.

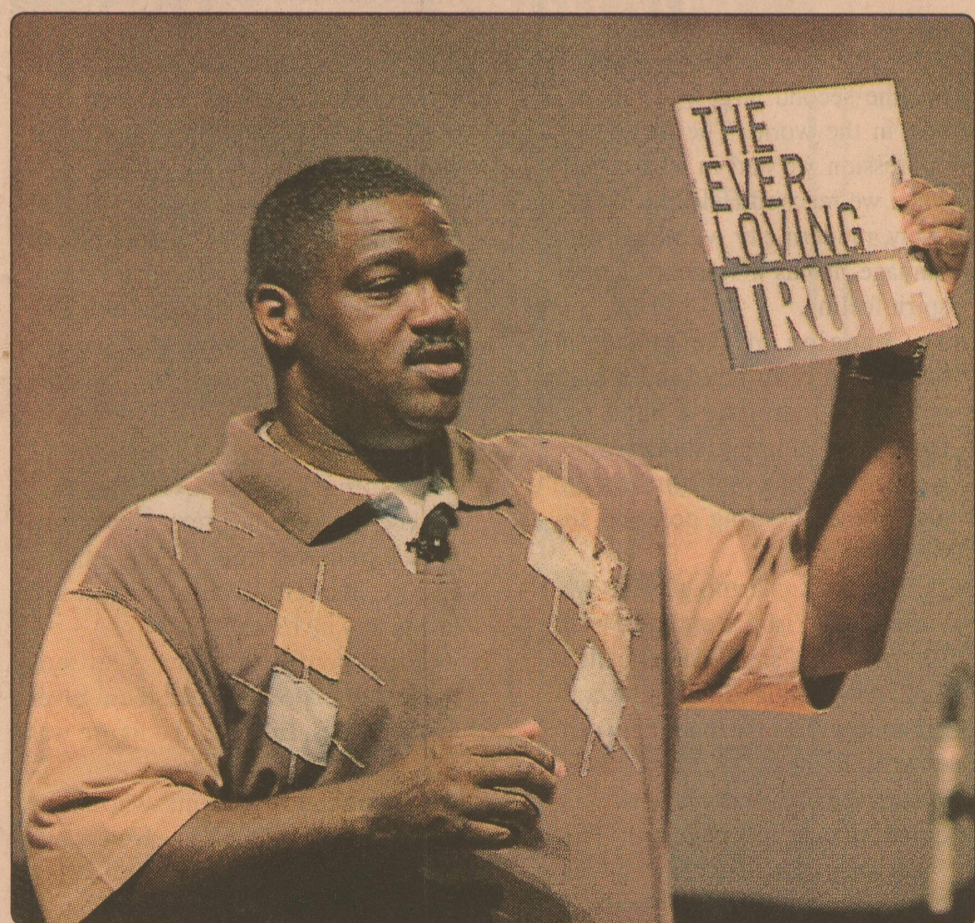


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Dr. Voddie Baucham, Jr. spoke Saturday, September 15th to a crowd of approximately 300 people in the Eldorado High School auditorium. The lecturer and author explained several techniques for defending the Christian faith, especially when confronted by non-believers. He also went through portions of "The Ever Loving Truth," a Bible study booklet he authored. Baucham was invited to town by the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance.

Water district sets tax rate

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District held a budget hearing Sept 6 to approve a budget for Fiscal Year 2008, and to set the FY 2008 tax rate.

The budget was set at \$96,225, and the tax rate at \$.02500 per \$100 valuation. The new rate is down over 16% from last year's \$.03000. Present at the hearing were Board President Sambo Henderson, and Directors Ronnie Sauer, Lynn Griffin, and Ray Ballew.

The District office is in the Schleicher County Annex Building, 203 SW Main St., and remains available for water quality testing for anyone in Schleicher County.

Homecoming Court



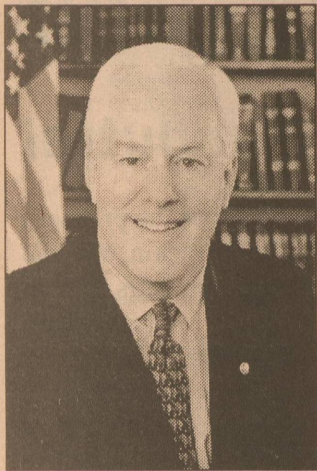
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EHS Homecoming Queen candidates and Duchesses posed Tuesday on the Elementary playground. They include (Front L-R) Junior Duchess Cassandra Buitron, Freshman Duchess Laura Garcia, Sophomore Duchess Adriana Hernandez (Back L-R) Senior Queen candidates Amika Gonzalez, Macy Chatham and Chelsey Pridemore.

It's time to draw the line

The now-infamous Moveon.org ad -- "General Petraeus or General Betray Us" -- marks a potential watershed in U.S. political discourse. A radical-left interest group has undertaken to accuse our military leadership of treason for working towards victory in the war against Islamic terrorists.

The open question now is -- will the majority Congressional party continue to tacitly endorse this scurrilous tactic by its most activist supporters, or will this defamation be repudiated? We are about to find out.



Commentary

by Senator John Cornyn

The ad in the New York Times defamed a highly respected, highly decorated four star General who has dedicated his life to serving our country. The assault had a specific purpose. It was designed to discredit Gen. David Petraeus in advance of a congressionally ordered report on the situation in Iraq. Gen. Petraeus, while stressing that much work remains, delivered good news about the progress we're making in the war against Islamic terrorists and rooting out al Qaeda.

For a century or more, as political leaders of both parties have robustly debated defense policy, they have demonstrated the wisdom to avoid personal attacks on the integrity and honor of our military leadership in the field.

But this assault on Gen. Petraeus thus far appears to have the tacit support of one of our major political parties. Most of their members have gone to great lengths to avoid repudiating the ad.

In fact, there is substantial evidence that some members of that party are using Moveon.org as their public hit man, to do the dirty work of character assassination in public while elected officials pretend their hands are clean. On the eve of Gen. Petraeus's appearance before Congress last week, one unnamed Democratic Senator was quoted as saying, "No one wants to call [Petraeus] a liar on national TV."

The expectation is that the outside groups will do this for us." A highly sympathetic profile of an anti-war coalition in the New York Times Sunday Magazine Sept. 9 underscored the close working relationship between the group, including Moveon.org representatives, with Congressional leadership offices -- unnamed, of course.

Shortly after the advertisement appeared, I sponsored a resolution supporting Gen. Petraeus, condemning character assassination of our active duty military leaders and repudiating the Moveon.org ad. The majority leadership made certain the resolution did not receive a vote on the Senate floor last week.

This stratagem is unusual in several ways. Why would a legislative majority be a party to shooting a messenger for bringing them good news? One possible answer -- reports of progress in Iraq are not good news to some in Congress, particularly those who have publicly declared we've already been defeated there.

The Petraeus testimony was especially revealing in checking the anti-war movement's credibility. For months, groups such as Moveon.org have tried to

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What would MacArthur think of Korea today?

My father was in Korea when the cease fire was signed and the opposing armies settled in on either side of the DMZ or demilitarized zone. That was in 1953. Since that day, there have been few if any steps taken by North or South Korea to bring about a lasting peace, and more than a few steps taken in the opposite direction.

Most notable is North Korea's unwillingness to abandon its failed socialistic system and adopt capitalism, the free market dynamo that has powered the U.S., Europe, Japan and even South Korea to unprecedented prosperity.

Meanwhile, as its neighbor churns out manufactured goods ranging from TV sets to automobiles and computers to gigantic oil tankers, North Korea remains mired in poverty. Unable even to feed its own people, and unwilling to learn from history, the leaders in Pyongyang continue to recite the Communist party line and blame everyone else, but especially South Korea and the United States, for their problems.

But dire situations tend to inspire ingenious, if not risky solutions, much like the one North Korea developed over the course of a decade and a half...thermonuclear extortion.

Kim Jong-il, Chairman of North Korea's National Defense Commission, Supreme Com-



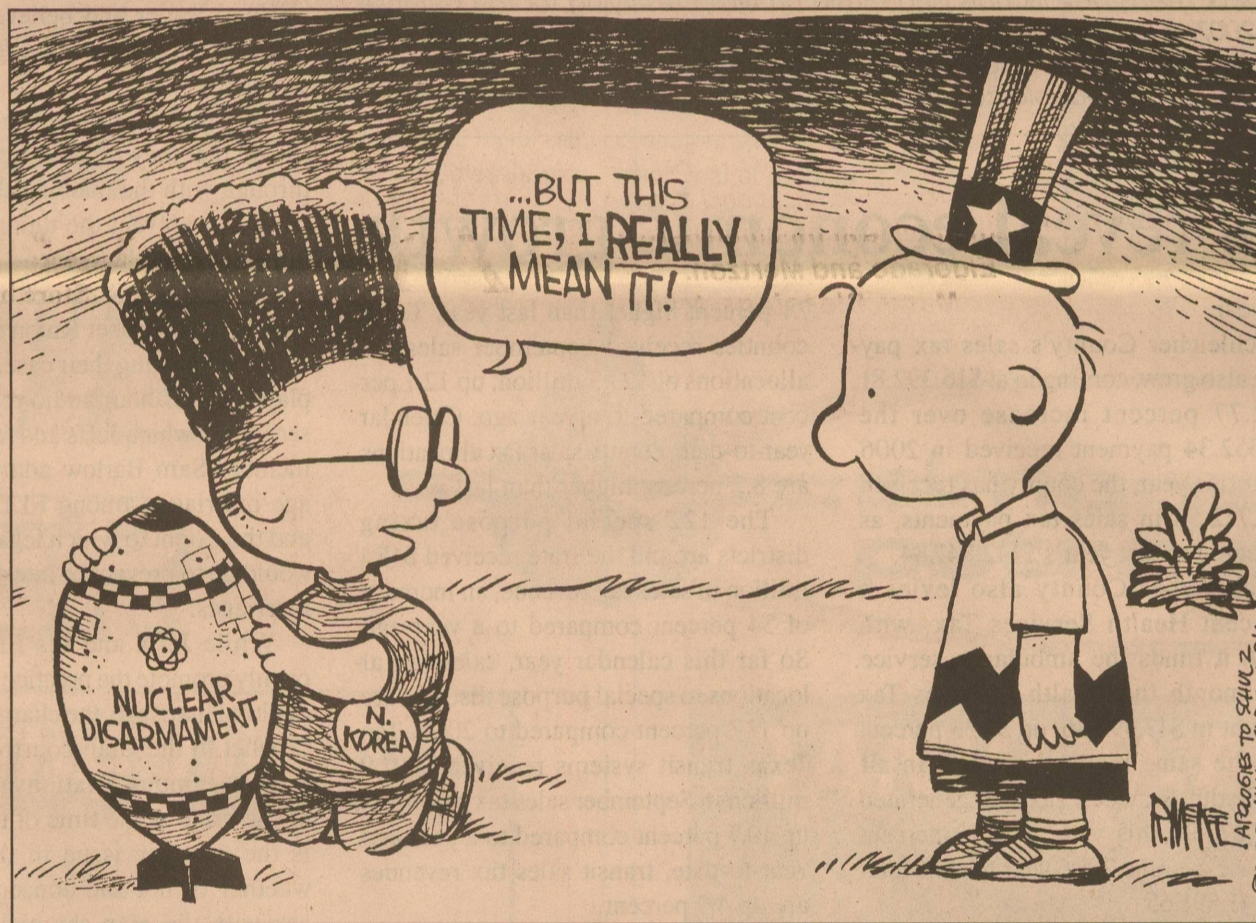
mander of the Korean People's Army, and General Secretary of the Worker's Party of Korea, has become a master at the game of thermonuclear extortion.

Kim's oft demonstrated willingness to take the world to the brink of disaster, only to back down when faced with towering piles of American and European cash, has made him a wealthy man.

So far, three American presidents, two British prime ministers and a couple of French chancellors have fallen victim to Kim's intercontinental ballistic diplomacy.

But the game is wearing thin and now North Korea is implicated in a plot to supply not only the Iranians, but also the Syrians, with nuclear technology.

I can't help but wonder if President Bush, who has demonstrated a willingness, perhaps even an eagerness, to spend every percentage point of his popularity, might be ready to cash-in what little he has left for a couple of preemptive strikes.



Cruising the Baltic

In an effort to stretch out summer as long as we can, we usually plan a trip in late August. This time we went to Russia.

The flight from Dallas to Amsterdam was about nine hours. There we boarded Holland America's Prinsendam and left for a two week voyage to the Baltic. We cruised along the Kiel Canal, one of the most fascinating bodies of water I've ever seen. It is the world's busiest artificial waterway, linking the North Sea with the Baltic.

The Kiel is barely wide enough for the Prinsendam, one of the few ships small enough to navigate the unique waterway. It must be a real treat for the people living along the 60-mile body of water to see a cruise ship in their little canal. All along the route, crowds of people were waving at us. A trumpet player in a small sailboat serenaded us. It was a festive event, with spectators in tents and umbrellas, lined up on top of hills.

We visited Rostock, Germany, a large, busy, picturesque city, with architecture very reminiscent of Amsterdam. Most of Rostock's downtown is pedestrian only, no cars. The town square was busy



by Tumbweed Smith

with booths selling all kinds of merchandise. We climbed a tall lighthouse in nearby Warnmunde, a resort city. I saw a teenager with bright green spiked hair. His legs were tattooed in a leopard pattern.

The real purpose of the trip was to visit Riga, Latvia. My wife's grandmother came from there. Riga is a beautiful city with ancient buildings, some of which are in need of repair. The city, like so many cities in Eastern Europe, is still recovering from World War Two. But rebuilding is occurring. We saw lots of construction cranes.

The port at St Petersburg, Russia (where my father-in-law sailed out of Russia in 1912) is not too pretty. Tons of ship-loading equipment and thousands of containers are on wharves that go on forever. The city has lots of canals and is

known as the Venice of the North. We visited the Hermitage, which has the second largest art collection in the world. The feeling of oppression we had in Russia left when we reached Helsinki. It is a lively, modern city with little war damage. It has a wonderful free-spirit feeling.

Changing of the guard in Stockholm is an hour and a half spectacle featuring a band on horseback, jumping soldiers and a parade of blue-uniformed men and women wearing polished silver helmets.

The most charming place we visited was Visby, a walled Swedish town on a small island called Gotland (good land). Narrow cobblestone streets meander between colorful houses with flower boxes. We arrived there early when it was quiet, serene and peaceful. The water was calm. Concrete statues of rams are throughout the city.

We met friends in Copenhagen and had our pictures made by the statue of the Little Mermaid in the harbor. We sailed on a fiord in Norway and saw ski-jump high on a mountain. What a way to say goodbye to summer.

Hurricane strikes 3 Texas counties

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Sept. 13 declared Orange, Jefferson and Galveston counties a disaster area resulting from Hurricane Humberto.

Gov. Perry ordered state agency and military resources and personnel to the area before the storm hit. Relief workers delivered generators, water and ice to stricken areas.

Humberto took only 18 hours to develop from a tropical depression into a Category 1 hurricane with sustained wind speeds in excess of 85 mph and heavy rains.

No tropical cyclone on record ever reached the intensity of Humberto at a faster rate near landfall, the National Hurricane Center reported. After striking Texas, the weather system moved across Louisiana and Mississippi and into Alabama.

Energy Texas, a major power provider in 26 counties including the three in the disaster zone, reported power outages to 118,019 customers.

Seventy-two hours after Humberto struck the coast, Energy said power restoration to customers was almost complete. A widely reported early estimate of damages caused by the hurricane came to about \$500 million.

The Texas Department of Insurance urged residents affected by the hurricane to call the consumer hotline, 1-800-252-3439 for answers to storm-related insurance questions.

Border security council is formed

Gov. Perry appointed 11 members to the newly created Texas Border Security Council to serve at his pleasure.

The council was created by Senate Bill 11 of the 80th Legislature.

The council's job will be to devise performance standards, reporting requirements, audit methods and other procedures for homeland security fund allocation and use.

Council members include the presiding officer Cameron County Judge Carlos Cascos of Brownville, Brewster County Judge Val Clark Beard, Hudspeth County Judge Becky Dean-Walker, Victoria County Sheriff T. Michael O'Connor, Maverick County Sheriff Tomas S. Herrera, Secretary of State Phil Wilson, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Commissioner Buddy Garcia and Public Safety Commission member Allan Polunsky.

Three private businessmen, Fred Burton of Austin, Scott A. McLaughlin of El Paso, and Robert Braxton Holt of Midland, also were appointed to the council by Perry.

"Texans understand there can be no homeland security without border security," said Perry. "The members of the Border Security Council will play an important role in reinforcing the state's efforts to strengthen the safety and security of Texas."

More minorities take AP exams

The Texas Education Agency reported minority students represented 52 percent of all Advanced Placement test takers in Texas in 2007.

Fifty percent of those who took the test in 2006 identified themselves as minorities. In 2002, the figure was 45 percent.

High school students who score highly on AP exams can earn college credit for courses, saving their families thousands of dollars in tuition costs and giving students a head start on a college education, the TEA reported.

Wilson visits NYC for Texas

Texas' new Secretary of State Phil Wilson, on the job since July 1, took

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OBITUARIES

Isidora Ramirez

SONORA - Isidora Ramirez, 86, of Sonora went to be with the Lord Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, in a local hospital. Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial to following at the Sonora Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her parents, Pilar and Margarita Garza; her loving husband of 53 years, Esau Ramirez Sr.; her daughter, Maricella R. Martinez; brothers Julian Garza, Merejildo

Garza and Jose Garza; and her sisters, Chavela Villareal and Geronima Garcia. She is survived by her children, Esau Ramirez Jr. and wife Adelina of Arizona, Louis Ramirez and wife Yolanda, Rebecca Martinez, Linda Robles and Juan Sanchez of Sonora, and Jane Ramirez and John Arispe of Eldorado; brothers, Pilar Jr. and Juan Garza; 24 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews



COURTESY PHOTO

Germania Farm Mutual Insurance Association Local Chapter is proud to announce the award of the Sherry Yates Lux Memorial Scholarship of \$500 to William Neal Higgins, a 2007 graduate of Eldorado High School. The award is given to recognize volunteer activities and community involvement and is furnished by Phyllis Sauer and Ilse Williams.

ASU to host Concho Valley College Night October 2nd

Local and area high school students and their parents are invited to meet with representatives of about 100 Texas colleges and universities and the different branches of the military at Concho Valley College Night Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Angelo State University. The event will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the C.J. Davidson Conference Center in the ASU Houston Harte University Center, 1910 Rosemont. Representatives from the various schools and military branches will be available to provide information and to answer specific questions about their institutions and services. The evening will also include a financial aid workshop, "Financial Aid: Where It Comes From and How to Get It," that will run from 7-8 p.m. in Room 110-111 of the University Center. Jim Glossbrenner, West Central Texas coordinator of high school relations for the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center,

will conduct the workshop. He will discuss financial aid options open to students and various factors that should be considered in planning a college career. College Night is designed to allow area high school sophomores, juniors and seniors and their parents to contact a maximum of Texas institutions of higher education at a minimum of time and effort. It also provides a way for students to narrow their collegiate options or explore other educational possibilities as they visit with representatives from the various schools regarding college admission, academic programs, costs, housing, scholarships and other topics. This is the 12th year that ASU has hosted the event. Students who need additional information or are interested in attending should contact the ASU Office of Admissions at 942-2041, Ext. 230, or their high school counselors.

Card of Thanks

We sincerely appreciate all the loving support shown to our departed sister, Debbie Pina, during her illness. Your visits and phone calls meant so much to her. We also thank you for all the cards, memorials and baked goods sent our way since she passed away. Though our hearts are heavy, we find comfort in the fact she is reunited with her heavenly family. God bless you all. Danny, Deborah Jordan, Jacob and Joshua Pina

Our greatest comfort was knowing the many concerns we had from all our friends, family, and God during her long tragic accident and death. We haven't words for all the love, prayer's and everything else at this time here in Eldorado and Mertzon. Many Blessings to one and all! May God bless and keep each of your forever. Oretha Powell Dannheim Family



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a trip east to drum up business for the Lone Star State. He had this to say: "During the trip we visited the New York Stock Exchange and discovered that Texas has 216 companies worth \$2.42 trillion that are publicly traded on the exchange — the most of any state in the nation. "This is proof that the Lone Star State truly is 'wide open for business' and has the potential to remain an economic powerhouse for years to come." Wilson makes trips like this for Texas One, an outreach program to promote Texas as an attractive place for businesses to relocate.

former Congress Avenue Bridge as Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge. Richards served as governor from 1991 to 1995. She died Sept. 13, 2006.

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- Wednesday, September 26**
Steak Fingers w/Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk
- Thursday, September 27**
Oven Baked Pork Chops, Zucchini/ Yellow Squash Medley, Corn w/ Red Peppers, Wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Parfait, Milk
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Eagles fall 19-14 to larger Junction squad

The Eldorado Eagles managed to score on offense and defense, but just couldn't pull out the win in Junction falling to the Junction Eagles by a score of 19-14.

"That was a game that we should have won," Head Coach Johnny Burleson said. "We need to clean up our game. There were a couple of big fumbles against Junction that cost us the game."

Wes Brown led Eldorado offensively with 10 rushing attempts for 57 yards and one reception for 14 yards.

"I am very proud of the kids though," Burleson said. "They gave great effort out there," Burleson said. "Timmy Maskill worked his tail off blocking for us. He really shined out there, which isn't an easy task considering the entire offensive line played well."

The Eagles struggled somewhat on the night gaining only 116 yards on the ground as a team and 38 yards through the air.

Ivany Sanchez accounted for 34 of those rush yards and caught a pass for another six and a touchdown.

Dustin Gauna led the team in receiving yards with one catch for 18 yards. Gauna also racked up a touchdown for the Eagles when Junction's punt returner muffed the catch and Gauna covered the live ball in the end zone.

Paul Martinez snagged another turnover for the Eagles shortly before the half, when he stepped in front of a Junction receiver to intercept a pass. Martinez hauled the

ball in and turned up field, only to bobble the ball up in the air, forcing him to catch it a second time in order to secure the interception.

"We would have good drives, but just couldn't finish them off or we would fumble," Burleson said. "All those things are correctable though. I'm not worried."

Eldorado now looks toward their homecoming game against Harper.

"Harper has a really good team," Burleson said. "Some could argue that they are even better than last year."

Harper has already faced two teams from district 16-1A. They rolled past Menard 40-7 in week 2 and Irion County 38-0 last Friday.

"This game will give us a good idea where we stand as far as our district goes," Burleson said. "We will work to correct our mistakes from last week and hit the field as much energy and focus as we have all season."

The Eagles will miss offensive lineman Kaleb Murr this week.

"Kaleb is an important part of our team," Burleson said. "I can't wait for him to recover from his injury and join the team on the field again."

A homecoming parade is slated for 2:00 in front of the Eagle Gym where the homecoming pep rally will begin at 2:30 Friday afternoon.

The game with Harper is slated for 8:00 p.m. at Eagle Stadium and will be carried live on KLDE FM 104.9.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Paul Martinez, Jr. had to catch this ball twice Friday night. The first time, was when he intercepted a Junction pass. The second catch came moments later after he bobbed the pickskin straight up in the air as he turned up field. Martinez made both catches and tallied an interception for the Eagles in the 19-14 loss to Junction.

Jr. High Eagles notch up 12-6 win over Junction

The Eldorado Jr. High Football team opened the 2007 campaign on a positive note when they hosted the visiting Junction Eagles on Thursday, September 13th.

The game started out with Junction receiving the ball on the opening kickoff and were forced into a three plays and out on their first series.

After receiving the punt Eldorado returned the favor exchanging possessions with Junction again to end the first quarter.

The second quarter Eldorado began to march down the field but after crossing midfield a fumble would be recovered by Junction. Junction then mounted a drive to Eldorado's 30 yard line. On a second and 5 play, Junction attempted a run to the right side off tackle when C.J. Knutson would meet the running back and knock the ball loose, where Nathan Jimenez would scoop up the fumble and rumble 70 yards into the end zone.

The two point conversion attempt failed and Eldorado lead 6-0 half way into the 2nd quarter.

Junction then mounted a drive of their own that would be capped by a 35 yard touchdown pass down the middle of the field. The two point conversion attempt failed and the halftime scoreboard showed both team knotted at 6 each.

The third quarter continued to be a back and forth contest that carried into the 4th quarter.

The 4th quarter saw both teams exchanging punts and Junction forced Eldorado deep into their own end of the field. The scoreboard showed 3:41 remaining in the contest when a time out was called by Eldorado to attempt a pass play on third down. The time out paid off with Allen Espinoza connecting with Nathan Jimenez on the right side for a 70 yard touchdown pass. The two point conversion failed and Eldorado would hold on to the lead and the final buzzer sounded with Eldorado on top by final of 12-6.

The 7th graders scrimmaged Junction's 7th grade on the practice field with both teams controlling the ball with 15 plays each. Junction scored on the fifth play from scrimmage and then Eldorado's defense intercepted a pass that would be returned for a score. Eldorado then took their turn on offense and Eldorado utilized their speed in the backfield with Rico Martinez and Colten Jackson both scoring on long runs on sweeps to the right-hand side.

Coach Broussard and Rubio were very proud of the teams overall effort and persistence in battling the visiting teams from Junction.

Next action for the Jr. High teams will see the young Eagles traveling to Harper to take on the Longhorns beginning at 5:00 p.m. Following the conclusion of the 8th grade game the 7th graders are scheduled to play a 10 minute quarter with Harper.



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Nathan Jimenez found running room last Thursday as the Jr. High Eldorado Eagles took on Junction in Eagle Stadium. The young Warbirds outscored the visitors 12-6 to get a win in their first game of the season.

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Lady Eagles Cross Country Team: (L-R) Claudia Pasillas, Amy Alvizo, Kaitlyn Bluford, Corie Williams and Lourdes Pasillas.

David Ramirez medals at WV Cross Country Meet

The Eagles varsity boys Cross Country team placed 7th at the Water Valley Meet held Saturday, September 8th. David Ramirez was the only Eagle runner to medal, coming in 11th place. Other results were: Dylan Dombroski 48th, Mason Baker 50th, Aaron Parsley 60th, Hunter Alvizo 65th, Joseph Rubio 67th, Michael Rubio 70th, Morgan Baker 73rd, Jorge Medrano 77th and Zack Brame 89th.

The Lady Eagles Cross Country team placed 15th at the Water Valley Meet. With runners placing as follows: Claudia Pasillas was 58th, Amy Alvizo 91s, Kaitlyn Bluford 97th, Corie Williams 114th and Lourdes Pasillas 116th



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JV Eagle Josh Jurecek recovered this fumble against Junction Eagles Thursday afternoon. The Eagles JV defeated Junction 21-0.

WV Jr. High C-County results

The Junior High Cross County teams ran at the Water Valley Meet on Saturday, September 8, 2007. 7th grade girls: placed 7th out of 15 teams, there were 140 runners. Results: 12th-Avery Nolen-16:34.2, 13th-Miranda Arispe-16:36.5, 78th-Nikki Herrera-20:23.2, 85th-Mary Lou Martinez-20:51.6, 88th-Robin Hibbs-21:08.8, 106th-Kasey Gonzales-22:32.0, 112th-Stacey Valeriano-23:09.1.

8th grade girls: placed 10th out of 12 teams, there were 130 runners. Results: 18th-Abby Fuentes-16:24.1, 65th-Brianda Torres-18:30.9, 73rd-Amanda Garcia-18:47.1, 75th-Polli Guerrero-18:59.1, 96th-Maddie Bilibrey-19:54.5, 101st-Sierra Arispe-20:13.5, 102nd-Ashby Ragsdale-20:13.8, 110th-Marissa Gonzales-21:19.7, 116th-Melissa Gonzales-22:04.8.

JV defeats Junction 21-0

The Eldorado Eagles JV football team rolled over Junction 21-0 Thursday evening in Eldorado. Miles Mikeska led the team in yardage with 87 yards and a touchdown. Rudy Sanchez accounted for 51 yards on the night. Eloy Bustos was close behind with 42 yards, a touchdown and a two-point conversion. Garret Lux counted for 31 yards and a touchdown.

Zack Taylor tallied 7 yards on the ground and Bailey Minor added another 6 yards. Nino Duran rounded out the scoring with a PAT. Defensively Garret Lux blocked a punt and Josh Hash snagged an interception to put the Junction squad in a hole.

Josh Jurecek and Ben Wipff each recovered fumbles to bring Junction drives to and end. The JV team will head to Harper Thursday in hopes of improving their season record to 2-0.

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High School Parent/Teacher Conference

Eldorado High School will host a two day Parent/Teacher Conference in order to visit with all of the students parents.

Times have been chosen in order to allow parents more flexibility to attend this conference around their work schedule.

The conferences are scheduled for:

Monday, October 1, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 8, 2007 from 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The designated times for both days were selected so that parents may have some flexibility in their work schedules to meet with the teachers. A private room will be available for those teachers and parents who wish to visit privately.

The high school counselor will be present to answer questions and to make available various materials including information about financial aide for students nearing graduation, various testing options for all students, and graduation requirements and a 4-Year Plans for freshman and sophomores. Spanish translation will be available.

The teachers of Eldorado High school hope each parent of a High School student will take this opportunity to ask questions and get to know who instructs their children.

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Kristin Mittel receives Texas Tech scholarship

Kristin Mittel is the recipient of the WO and Garah E. McKay Endowed Scholarship for academic year 2007-08. This \$2,000 award is given in recognition of high academic achievement and university and community involvement.

Kristin is majoring in Human Development and Family Studies in the College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University. The College of Human Sciences will award approximately 301 scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year, totaling a little more than \$330,900.

Kristin is a 2007 graduate of Eldorado High School and the daughter of Ben Mittel and the granddaughter of Raymond and Carolyn Mittel of Eldorado.



Kristin Mittel

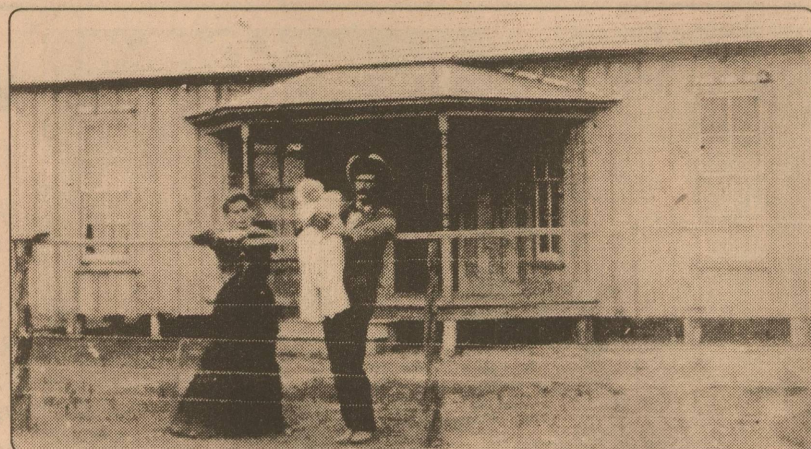


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 Sheriff Henry J.Y. Mills and his family in early day Eldorado

Touch of History

by Rene Caloote

Law and order comes to Eldorado

Henry J.Y. Mills was the first sheriff of Schleicher County. His opponent was Tom Palmer, and he beat Tom by three votes.

Mills came to Schleicher County when he was about twenty-seven years old. He worked for Sam Henderson, and lived at Kickapoo. Sam paid him \$25 a month until a well driller came along and offered him \$50 a month. Sam raised his pay to \$30 a month, but he was elected sheriff, and had to quit anyway.

Mills served as sheriff during the land rush days, and helped change the law to end this unfair procedure.

There is a pistol in the Whitehead Memorial Museum that was loaned by the Mills family. The pistol was taken from an outlaw in Eldorado. The pistol is one of the very early guns made by Sam Colt for the U.S. Army. It was an old "cap and ball" pistol.

The Texas Rangers notified Mills that some outlaws would probably come through Schleicher County, and he was to arrest them.

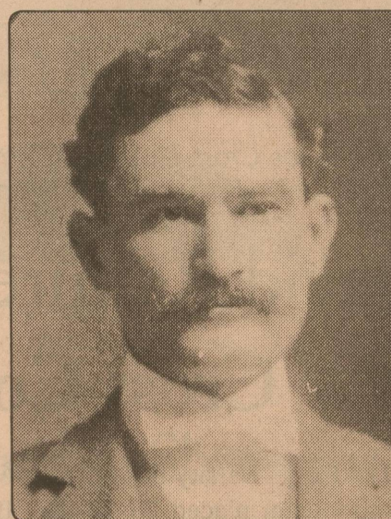


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 Henry J.Y. Mills

In a few days, a stranger rode into Eldorado, and entered a saloon. Sheriff Mills thought it might be one of the outlaws, and he arrested him. After days passed, and the rangers did not come after the prisoner, Mills released him. The prisoner was so grateful that he gave one of his two guns to the sheriff.

Mills served as sheriff of Schleicher County from 1901 until 1906.

Customer service seminar scheduled Tuesday at ASU

The Angelo State University (Conference Room). Small Business Development Center is conducting a free seminar entitled, Excellent Customer Service on Tuesday, September 25, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Rasmussen Building (2222 Dena Drive) on the ASU Campus, Room 100

Learn the following customer service techniques:

- Identifying customers
- Customer needs
- Causes of dissatisfaction
- Reasons people buy things
- Why customers leave
- How customers evaluate service

This seminar will be presented by Paul Howard. Paul joined the SBDC in September 2005 as a Business Development Specialist specializing in family owned small businesses. He holds a BBA in General Business from Angelo State University and has 30 years small business ownership experience in retailing.

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CDC states: People with diabetes are about three times more likely to die from influenza (flu) and pneumonia than those without diabetes, yet more than half of people with diabetes did not get a flu shot in a recent year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encourages people with diabetes to get a flu shot before the flu season, which generally runs November through March.

"People may be unaware that diabetes can make their immune system more vulnerable to severe complications from flu including death," said Dr. Frank Vinicor, director of the Division of Diabetes Translation at CDC. "A flu shot is an easy, safe, and preventive measure that people with diabetes should take to protect themselves from the risks associated with the flu."

"Flu shots do not contain a live virus so they cannot cause the flu," said Tamara Kicera, deputy chief for program development and evaluation, Adult Vaccine Preventable Diseases Branch of the CDC's National Immunization Program. "Getting a flu shot is essential for people with diabetes. For other people, such as family members of people with diabetes, the shot not only protects them from the flu, it can help them avoid passing the flu along to their loved ones. A flu shot can be a good idea for anyone who wants to reduce their risk of illness, but people with chronic diseases should be sure to ask their doctor about this vaccination."

CDC also recommends that people with diabetes receive a pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine to protect against the most common form of pneumonia because they are at greater risk for several comorbidity factors including heart disease and renal failure. Annually, 10,000 to 30,000 people with diabetes die from complications resulting from flu and pneumonia.

Medicare will be filed for Medicare beneficiaries.
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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Playbill listings
6. Popeye creator
11. Club ___ (resort chain)
14. Mete out
15. Light on one's feet
16. Anthem contraction
17. Movie with the catchword "Not!"
19. Prefix with pod
20. Mauna ___
21. Beyond tipsy
22. Get a move on
23. News
27. Sushi wrap
29. Narc Eddie (Popeye) ___
30. Chow down
32. Train with a pug
33. Quarterback Manning
34. "___ right up ..."
36. Place in office
39. Acted the ratfink
41. Gin's partner
43. Deduction from gross
44. Georgetown athletes
46. Forbidden thing
47. Did a 10K
48. Surveyor's map
50. ___ de plume
51. "Beetle Bailey" bulldog
52. Simon, "The Liberator"
55. Classroom figure
57. Gardner of "On the Beach"
58. Air hero
59. White Monopoly bill
60. Winery vessel
61. Motion picture award
67. Corrida cry
68. Memo that might contain a ":-)"
69. Ready to fall off
70. Aerialist's lifesaver
71. Big band horns
72. One of the directing Coens
1. Crown's cry
2. In the style of
3. Stallone nickname
4. 1964's ___ Gulf Resolution
5. Dutch painter Jan
6. Got an eyeful of
7. It can be inflated
8. Brownies, e.g.
9. Axis foes
10. Bureaucratic tangle
11. Nature personified
12. Like Stephen King novels
13. Hung on the line
18. Wise to the max
23. Drilling sites
24. House of blocks
25. Lois and Clark's paper
26. Suppressed
28. Mickey's creator
31. Mortise mate
35. ___ grigio (wine)
37. Orange container
38. Andrea Bocelli, for one
40. Painter of limp watches
42. "Hurry up!"
45. Barbaric sorts
49. Puget Sound city
51. Spotted cat
52. Relay race handoff
53. Rudimentary seed
54. Chill out
56. Go for fish
62. Yahtzee cube
63. Overhead rails
64. Circusgoer's cry
65. Jamboree org.
66. Bard's nightfall

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• SCISD releases list of "Rollback Facts"

The Schleicher County ISD Board of Trustees has adopted a tax rate of \$1.17 for the 2007-2008. This rate is \$0.13 above the rollback rate of \$1.04. The \$1.17 tax rate requires "voter ratification" in an election will be held with the general election on November 6th, 2007. A vote of "YES" would set the tax rate at \$1.17, which is \$.20 LESS than last years' rate of \$1.37.

This is a very unique opportunity to LOWER THE TAX RATE (from \$1.37 to \$1.17) and still raise additional revenue this year to address FACILITIES CONCERNS that are needed to better serve the students of the district. Taxes on a \$40,000 house would decrease by \$80.00 a year. A property valued at \$100,000 would see a decrease in taxes of \$200 per year. Senior citizens with a "frozen tax" on their homestead will see a decrease in the "frozen tax" and would re-establish a new freeze at the lower tax.

Facilities in greatest need of repair/remodeling are:

- The Elementary School Building - There are extensive plumbing, flooring, drainage, and electrical problems that are in need major repair or upgrade. One example is where inadequate drainage has caused water to enter the classrooms, damaging the flooring and, potentially, creating mold problems and safety hazards. There are large areas of the building that do not conform to current State Fire Code standards, such as wooden flooring in the hallways and lack of sufficient escape exits in the elementary gym. The building's electrical system was not designed for the modern electrical demands of computers and other electronic infrastructure of today's schools.

Some areas are still in need of heating and cooling upgrades of units over 20 years old.

- The High School Building - This building is also in need of extensive electrical upgrades. The auditorium which is used for major community programs such as band concerts, graduation and the veterans program, is in need of new lighting, a sound system, major upgrades to heating and cooling units and "back-stage" remodeling.

- The Junior High Gym - This building was completed in 1959 and has had no major renovations in the ensuing 48 years. There are extensive plumbing problems. Many showers, toilets, and drains do not work properly. They DO NOT MEET MINIMUM STANDARDS contained in State Health Codes and are not ADA compliant. The dressing rooms are in need of major renovations. Many cosmetic changes are also needed. All of our physical education students use this facility every day and many community members use it at various times. Visiting basketball and football teams use the locker and dressing rooms throughout the school year as well.

- Other Areas Concerning Public Safety and Protection of SCISD Property - The condition of the restroom facilities at the stadium, the grandstand seating, adequate protection of our school buses from severe weather, as well as other renovations to make the buildings more hospitable an energy efficient.

Again, we would like to state that our goal in acquiring this additional revenue is to do the very best we can to provide adequate, safe, and durable facilities for our students that, at the very least, conform to all current Code Regula-

tions. We currently fall short of this in many of our facilities that our students use every day. When taxpayers have asked why the district specifically needs this revenue, the answer is that it is time to REINVEST IN OUR FACILITIES.

This is certainly not an exhaustive list of all facilities concerns. Many of you are aware of others needs as well. An architect has been authorized to conduct a formal Facilities Assessment to further evaluate our buildings. The district will receive the results of this professional evaluation in the late Fall. SCISD wants to repair and improve the existing facilities in the school district to the widest extent possible. This is an opportunity to address current facility needs and to address concerns that the community may have.

ROLLBACK VS BOND ISSUE

Currently, two options available to districts for extra funds are:

- a.) A bond issue
- b.) The thirteen extra cents of "local enrichment" tax.

The \$0.13 cents obtained by the passage of a ROLLBACK Election offers the following advantages over a BOND issue:

- A \$2 million bond issue financed over 10 years would require the district to pay at least \$500,000 to \$600,000 in INTER-

EST COSTS over the term of the bonds. In addition, there would be fees for bond attorneys and other parties that would increase those costs.

- The district would be able to substantially improve current facilities and utilize a "pay-as-you-go" approach that would not require a lengthy commitment into the future.

- TAXPAYERS OVER THE AGE OF 65 WOULD NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL TAXES AS A RESULT OF THE ROLLBACK BUT WOULD HAVE THEIR TAXES REDUCED PROPORTIONATELY FROM THE \$1.37 RATE DOWN TO THE \$1.17 RATE. This would not be the case with a Bond Issue.

- The additional thirteen cents is "equalized" by the State. School districts are guaranteed that each penny of local tax will be "enriched" to a certain level. This thirteen cents would result in approximately \$70,000 in additional STATE FUNDS for the district. There is no "equalization" for tax levied for bond issues.

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It's time to draw the line

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convince us that: 1) they support our troops, but 2) we are losing in Iraq. We now know both claims are false.

Gen. Petraeus made it clear our progress in Iraq has been significant. Total attacks have decreased, and Sunni tribal leaders in al Anbar have revolted against al Qaeda. As a result, some American troops are now expected to begin returning home later this year.

Ultimately, this ad warns our troops: man or woman, General or Private, if you talk about our progress, or the importance of our confronting those who wish harm to America, these activists will stop at nothing to brand you a liar and a traitor.

Gen. Petraeus is a soldier, and is not in a position to defend himself directly from political hatchet jobs. But that does not mean we

all have to acquiesce to this degradation of our military, and our political discourse, by those who are hoping for a U.S. defeat in the war against terrorism and al Qaeda. These tactics should be rebuked.

The majority will get another opportunity to do the right thing this week, as the Senate debates the Department of Defense Authorization Bill. I will reintroduce my resolution as an amendment.

There will be no "procedural" excuses this time to prevent this resolution from receiving a vote. So the questions will be these: will the majority repudiate these gutter tactics of character assassination? Will they return to bipartisan support for the integrity of our military leadership? Will they stand up and support an honorable man leading our efforts to win the fight against al Qaeda and keep America safe?

There is no doubt our political discourse has become coarser and less civil over recent years. We need to show there is a limit on how low we will allow ourselves to sink in partisan attacks. Defending the integrity of those who risk their lives to defend our freedoms would be an opportune place to draw the line.

Sen. Cornyn (R-Tex.) is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He served previously as attorney general of Texas and as a state Supreme Court justice.

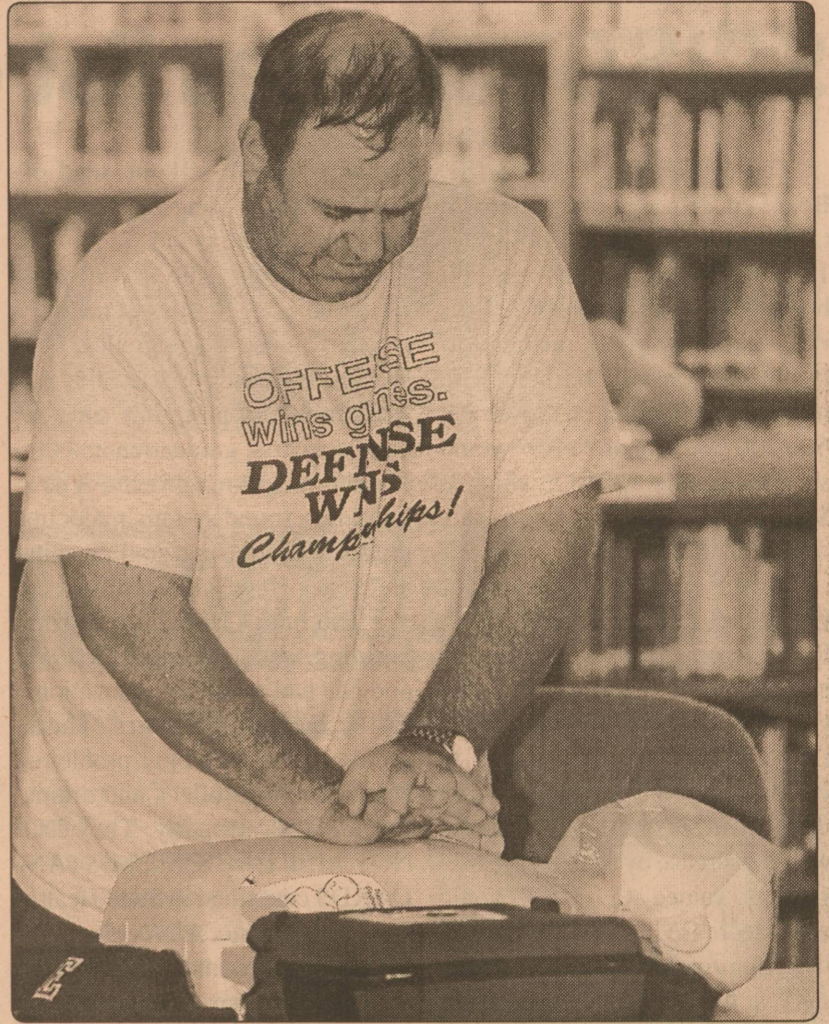


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Coach Stu Carter was one of the many certified SCISD staff members who learned how to administer the Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Automated external defibrillator (AED's) now on SCISD campus

The 80th regular session of the Texas legislature last spring produced significant new legislation on matters affecting student health in public schools. SCISD was ahead of the game and had

already purchased three AED's with another one being purchased this fall. Currently there is an "automated external defibrillator" at every campus. The 4th unit will be placed centrally in the gymnasiums. Senate bill 7 also stipulates the requirements for staff training in public schools. Currently, there are 20 certified staff members at SCISD, trained in both CPR, AED usage, and first-aid.

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 103)

HJR 103 would update the constitutional reference to Angelo State University to conform with the statutory transfer of that institution from membership in the Texas State University System to membership in the Texas Tech University System.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 57)

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students, and to enter into bond enhancement agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation

bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs, and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission; the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on property either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first home equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a disclosure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsolicited loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a service-connected 100 percent

disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify the progression of property tax exemptions available to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for projects, costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release

in a family violence case and permit the legislature to authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders in a family violence case.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge's service to December 31st of the fourth year of the term if he/she is elected to all or part of a six year term, and reaches mandatory retirement age during the first four years of said term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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BIRTHDAY LIST

SEPTEMBER

20th Odette Barrientos, Tevyn Thomas, Miguel Lozano, Shawn Goodrum, Don Richters, Susie McAlpine, Dean Williams, Krista Belk, Abigail Spradley, Wyatt Mertz, Heidi Adame, Lucas Santellano
21st Walter Powell III, Joe Dombroski, Danny Curtis, Rosa Irene Robles, Sidney Covarrubiaz, Karina Duran
22nd Tinker Wipff, David Doran, Shelly Speck, Tammy Gardner, Jennifer Nixon, Gladys Fauli, Betty Wheeler, Betty Rose Galvan, Jesus Deluna III
23rd Vernia Joyce Green, Stacie Oliván, Cathy Niblett, Tina Gazaway, Clayton Sauer, Stacie Saldívar, Taylor Niblett, Hal Whitten, Melanie Corbell, Skeeter Roubison, Eileen Keefer
24th Olean Stricklan, Connie Radford, Travis Lively, Mondee Whitten, Rozanna Sauer, Dylon Riojas
25th Maria Hernandez, Maureen Corrales, John Ben Cawley, Jeff Thompson
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Mildred Mae Kent Stanford celebrates 100th birthday

Mildred Mae (Kent) Stanford, longtime resident of Eldorado, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at Rio Concho Manor, 401 Rio Concho Drive in San Angelo.

Mildred, or Minnie as she is known by close friends and family, was born in Crockett County, the fifth child of Albert Ephram and Carrie Cummings (Hill) Kent. The

family traveled by covered wagon from Houston County, Texas to Schleicher County in 1909 where the family settled southwest of Eldorado when Mildred was two years old.

Five more brothers and sisters were born before tragedy struck. Albert became the first Schleicher County victim of the 1918 influenza epidemic, leaving a widow

with 9 children ranging in age from 1 to seventeen.

Mildred married Truett Covington Stanford on November 18, 1928, and they resided on a small ranch in the Bailey Ranch community, 8 miles west of Eldorado, where they raised 4 sons, Albert, Truett, Jack and Joe. Her loving husband Truett passed away on May 31, 1979.

Mildred's 4 sons, along with eleven grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren and 6 great-

great-grandchildren, and many friends, nieces and nephews are helping celebrate her 100th birthday.

Mildred has two surviving siblings, E.L. "Buck" Kent, 95, of Midland and Lillie Bell or Pat (Kent) May, 90, of Ft. Worth, who are also helping here celebrate her birthday.

Mildred has resided at Rio Concho Manor for more than 15 years where she enjoys playing "128" with her many friends.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD'S State Financial Accountability Rating

SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD WILL HOLD

A PUBLIC MEETING AT 6:00 P.M., OCTOBER 8, 2007

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Schleicher County Hospital District will hold a Public Hearing for the 2008 Proposed Budget on September 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room of Schleicher County Medical Center.

Nursing Home Chit Chat



REMINISCING

by Annie Arispe
Nursing Home Activity Director

An ex-school teacher told a story one time of when she taught school. I had an incubator in the classroom. Our class set duck eggs, goose eggs, and hen eggs. It was wonderful for the kids. The goose did not hatch, but the duck and chicks did. The duck swam all day in the paint tank that contained only water, but at night he got lonely and would get out and hunt the custodian. He paddled down the hall. The custodian would pick him up, scold him, and put him back in the water.

The chicks lived in a box all week and went home with me on Friday. My husband and I were in the process of building our home, so it was appropriate for the chicken to live in the box in the will be-someday living room.

One night my husband said, "What was that noise?" When I continued, we decided that a baby rooster was learning to crow! Later, we put the chicks in a pen in

the yard. When we came home the rooster was gone. He had crowed one too many times. We thought a wild animal must have gotten him.

I let the children hold the chickens before the bell rang with the warning that, "you clean up." I discovered that as long as they held the chickens there was no problem, but if they put them down on the table or desk they had a clean-up job to do.

When school ended, I took the chick's home, fattened them, and dressed them. In the fall when school started again, the kids wanted to know how the chickens were. When I told them, I was in deep disgrace. I might just as well have said, "I killed my mother and put her in the freezer."

Residents are getting excited with the new season coming up. Fall colors are going up. We are cleaning the patio and looking forward to seeing family and friends for the Annual Bar-B-Q this Friday. Hope to see you there.

Jeffs trial underway in St. George, Utah

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on assisting women with young children.

In the civil case Jane Doe 4 is identified only as "M. J."

Utah state law prohibits the publication of names of victims of alleged sexual abuse. It is also the policy of *The Eldorado Success* not to identify such persons, or to provide other information that

might lead to their identification. Consequently, the newspaper has chosen not to reveal the names of Jane Doe's sisters.

Defense attorneys continued to call witnesses as *The Success* went to press.

Any developments occurring after the paper goes to print will be reported on the newspaper's website at www.myeldorado.net

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Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The SCHLEICHER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the COUNTY OF SCHLEICHER from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 9.9 percent on SEPTEMBER 13, 2007 and SEPTEMBER 17, 2007.

The SCHLEICHER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. at THE SCHLEICHER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The SCHLEICHER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the SCHLEICHER CO. HOSPITAL DISTRICT from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 4 percent on SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 and SEPTEMBER 17, 2007.

The DISTRICT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. at SCHLEICHER COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER BOARD ROOM.

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TCEQ revises state's outdoor burning rules

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The 19-page document provides answers to the most often asked questions, including:

- Do I need a permit to burn my garbage?

The TCEQ does not issue burning permits. Outdoor burning, in general, is prohibited in Texas, al-

though there are certain exceptions allowed in the rules. For instance, domestic waste may be burned when the local governmental jurisdiction does not collect trash.

- Do I have to get my neighbor's approval before I can legally burn?

Written approval must be obtained beforehand, if the burning takes place less than 300 feet from any structure, including a nearby residence, or business, as well as livestock, or certain vegetation.

- How do I report someone who is illegally burning outdoors?

You may report burning to the local air pollution control office, or the nearest TCEQ regional office. The TCEQ also provides a toll free Environmental Complaint Hotline, 888-777-3186. Complaints can also be submitted by e-mail at complaints@tceq.state.tx.us, or on the agency Web site, using the online form <http://www5.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/complaints/>.

The document is available free of charge, on the publications page http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/comm_exec/forms_pubs/pubs/rg/rg-049.html of the TCEQ Web site.



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. Accidents 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

September 14 • Ramos, Jesus, male age 26, offense Driving While Intoxicated. Released.

INCIDENTS

September 12 • 1:16 p.m. High School requested an officer to escort a student home from the school.

• 3:22 p.m. WTU reported a substitution had been shot at on Rudd Road. Officer was requested at the scene to file a report.

September 13 • 12:04 p.m. Officer met with principal who advised a juvenile female student left the class room and failed to respond to principal. Officer escorted student home per request of principal.

September 13 • 1:42 p.m. Truck driver reported a suspicious person at the elementary school. School was notified and officer patrolled the school grounds.

• 8:11 Subject found four puppies on County Road 412.

• 10:53 p.m. Complainant reported phone harassment by ex-husband's sister.

September 14 • 12:11 a.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer.

• 11:20 p.m. Complainant on McWhorter reported someone had broken a windshield on relative's truck. Officer responded.

September 15 • 7:55 a.m. Caller reported a suspicious 18 wheeler truck parked near their gate.

• 9:58 a.m. Caller requested assistance with a Emu. Found

owner and owner requested the officer put the EMU down. Officer responded.

• 9:02 p.m. Caller requested an officer to check doors at business to ensure they were closed. Officer responded.

September 16 • 1:58 a.m. complainant reported their son was drunk and would not let them back into the house. Subject requested an interpreter. Officers responded and situation was resolved.

• 6:59 a.m. Caller wanted to know what happened to their son. They were separated due to possible violence and the son was sent to live with the other parent. Officer notified.

September 17 • 8:08 a.m. Caller reported company would be doing some blasting on a location. All officers notified.

• 6:04 p.m. Sutton County Dispatch requested a deputy escort meet the Sutton County deputy at the Schleicher County line to escort a female. Schleicher County deputy escorted party to Tom Green County line where Tom Green deputy escorted subject.

School Lunch Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, September 24
Blueberry Muffin, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Tuesday, September 25
Biscuits/Sausage, Jelly, Choice of Juice, Milk
Wednesday, September 26
Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, September 27
French Toast/Syrup, Peach Halves, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday, September 28
Buttered Toast/Jelly, Choice of Cereals, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, September 24
Pepperoni Pizza, Fresh Broccoli and Carrot Stix/Dip, Sliced Pineapple
Tuesday, September 25
Steak Burgers, Baked Chips, Lettuce/Tomato, Sliced Peaches
Wednesday, September 26
Chef Salad/Dressing, Diced Ham/Cheese Cup, Crackers (8)
Pear Halves
Thursday, September 27
Chicken Strips/Half Baked Potato, Applesauce, Carrot Stix/Dip, Chocolate Chip Cookies
Friday, September 28
Hamburger/Chips, Lettuce/Tomato
Hamburger Pickles, Apple Halves

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, September 24
Chalupas, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Spanish Rice, Sliced Pineapple
Tuesday, September 25
Lasagna, Hot Rolls / Tossed Salad Peas & Carrots, Sliced Peaches
Wednesday, September 26
Taco Rolls, Ranch Style Beans, Cucumber Salad, Pear Halves
Thursday, September 27
Cheese Pizza, Trail Mix, Mixed Green Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie
Friday, September 28
Hamburger/Chips, Lettuce/Tomato
Hamburger Pickles, Apple Halves

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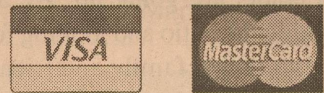
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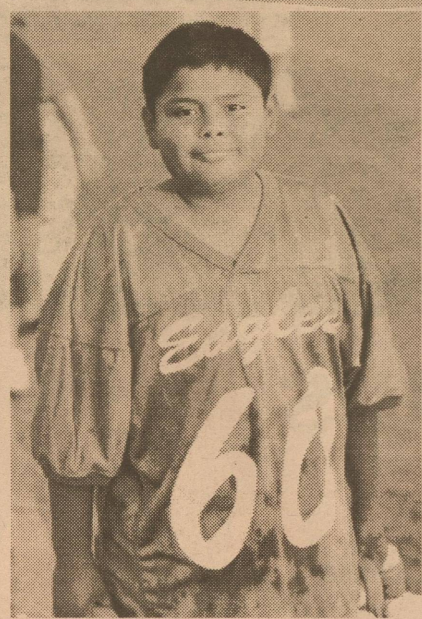
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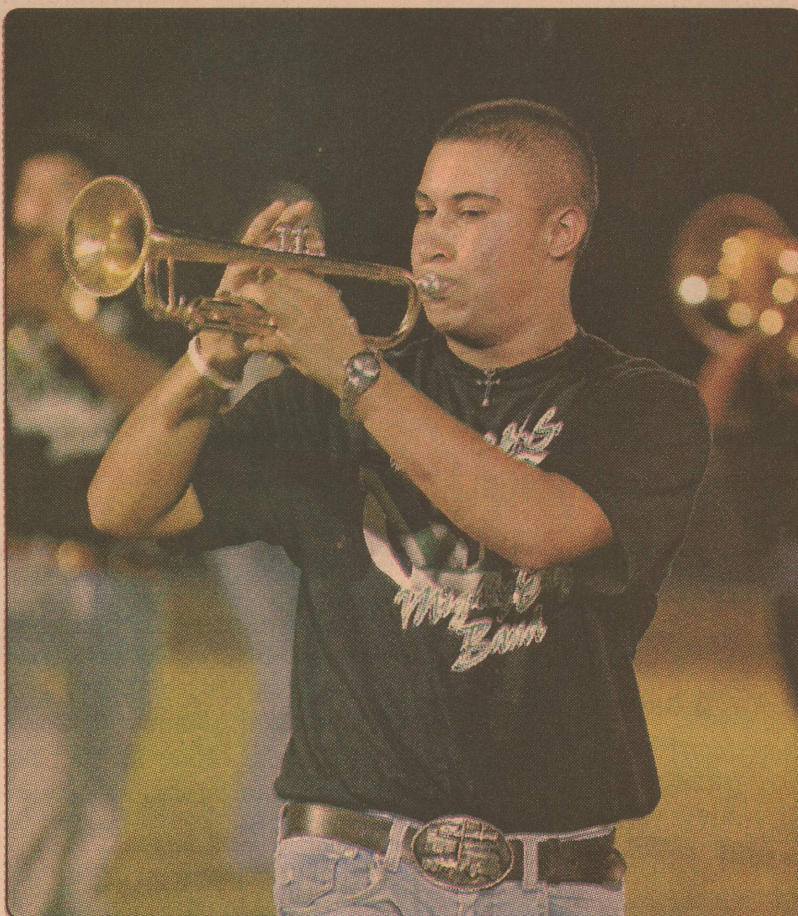
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Proposed new rules for Texas franchise tax

AUSTIN — Comptroller Susan Combs says proposed rules implementing major changes to the Texas franchise tax are now published in the Texas Register. Following a 30-day public comment period, the rules are expected to be adopted in December.

"It is important for all franchise taxpayers, especially those who will be required to report franchise tax for the first time, to review these proposed rules," Combs said.

The Texas Legislature revised the franchise tax by changing the tax base and the tax rate and extending coverage to most legal entities. About 200,000 new entities will have to file franchise tax reports.

For franchise tax reports originally due on or after Jan. 1, 2008, taxable entities with \$10 million or less in total revenue may choose an E-Z filing option (i.e., .00575 x apportioned total revenue) or they may choose to pay tax on their margin.

All taxable entities with total revenue greater than \$10 million must pay tax on their margin. Margin is the least of three calculations: total revenue minus cost of goods sold, total revenue minus compensation or total revenue times 70 percent. Total revenue is determined based on federal

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The new tax rate is generally 0.5 percent for wholesalers and retailers and 1 percent for all others. Based on calculation formulas and discounts, entities with total revenue of \$434,782 or less and entities that calculate they owe less than \$1,000 in franchise tax will not be required to pay the tax, but they will still be required to file a report.

"Now is the time for businesses to begin familiarizing themselves with the revised Texas franchise tax, before the first major filing deadline occurs on May 15, 2008," Combs said. "The experts in our office are always available to answer questions or assist taxpayers in any way."

Read the proposed rules for the revised franchise tax at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/archive/September142007/PROPOSED/34.PUBLIC%20FINANCE.html#106>. An online franchise tax calculator is available at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/HB3Calc.pdf to help taxpayers estimate their revised franchise tax liability.

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The rate cut was the first time the Fed has lowered short-term interest rates since June 2003, after holding the target Fed funds rate steady at 5.25 percent over the past thirteen months.

Although the Fed addressed the downside risks to economic growth — the potential for the economy to fall into a recession — it also voiced concerns about continuing inflationary pressures. The Fed stated that it will continue to monitor incoming information on inflation and economic growth for input on future interest rate decisions.

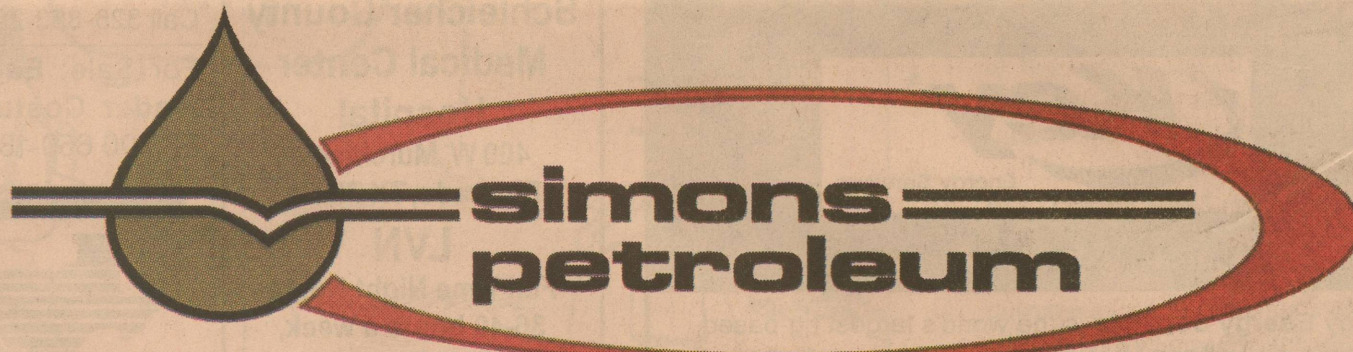
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