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COURTESY PHOTO

"Uncle" Fred Jessop

Sheriff questions phone call from Fred Jessop

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran received a phone call this week from a man identifying himself as Fred Jessop, the 94-year-old patriarch of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Doran said that the man phoned him last Saturday at the urging of officials from the YFZ Ranch.

"I can't say whether or not it was Fred Jessop. He provided me with the right pieces of information that would tend to identify him and he certainly sounded as if he could be 94, but I still have my doubts," Doran told the Success.

Doran said the man told him he was fine and didn't need any help, adding that he was retired and staying out of church business.

Jessop, known as "Uncle Fred" to the FLDS faithful, was slated to succeed former FLDS Prophet Rulon Jeffs. But, that office was claimed by the late prophet's son, Warren Jeffs, in 2002. Shortly thereafter, the new prophet excommunicated many in the church's hierarchy. Then, late in 2003, as construction was getting under way on the group's new compound near Eldorado, Fred Jessop went missing.

Despite rampant rumors that Jessop had been kidnapped, and/or killed, no one in the closed communities of Hildale, Utah or Colorado City, Arizona, came forward to report Jessop until two weeks ago. That prompted a missing person report being filed in the national law enforcement data banks and led to inquiries here in Eldorado as to Jessop's whereabouts.

Sheriff Doran noted he was contacted last week by YFZ officials who wanted to clear up the matter and they offered to put him in touch with Fred Jessop. He said he told the men he had to meet with Jessop face-to-face in order to confirm his identity. Doran said that Saturday's phone conversation falls far short of proving that Jessop is alive and well.

"In fact it raises more suspicions than anything," Doran told the Success.

He then noted that he has been in close contact with Sheriff Kirk Smith in St. George, Utah, who has jurisdiction over Hildale, and with whom the missing person report was filed. Doran said that Smith assured him his department was closely monitoring things here in Texas.

Doran says he has also contacted Colorado City Police Chief Sam Roundy who tells him that his contacts report Fred Jessop is alive and well and wanting to be left alone. "I still have very serious doubts about this whole thing," Doran added.

True to form, no one connected with the FLDS Church or the YFZ Ranch is willing to comment about Fred Jessop's whereabouts. The Success has made repeated attempts to contact church and ranch officials concerning the issue. So far, no one is willing to comment.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Volunteer firefighters battled a series of fires over the weekend, many started by lightning. Here, fire crews are shown fighting to hold back a surging grass fire in the early morning hours last Saturday on the Mertz Ranch southeast of Eldorado

Into the flames

Eldorado's finest battle series of destructive fires

Eldorado residents, most of whom were blissfully ignorant of the grass fire raging near the outskirts of town, awoke Saturday morning to the acrid smell of smoke that had settled over the town. During the frantic night, Eldorado volunteer firefighters shifted from fire to fire, trying to stay ahead of a series of blazes sparked by lightning after a line of thunderstorms pushed through the area.

The worst of the fires began just southeast of town on the Mertz Ranch and was almost extinguished by the rain. "We had just come from another fire on Pat Jackson's place in the east end of the county and we thought the rain was going to put his one out," Fire Chief Jerry Jones commented later.

Jones said that firefighters found a vantage point where they could watch the fire as the rain swept across. "It almost flickered out," Jones said. "But

the rain passed and it grew and grew."

Fire crews then found themselves trying to make their way across muddy pastures and through locked gates to get to the fire which flared up quickly when it crossed over to pastureland the rains had missed. Jones said a number of trucks got stuck in the mud or had flats as they crossed rough terrain trying to get ahead of the fire.

Jones noted that units from the Sonora Fire Dept. assisted with the grass fires.

Another round of thunderstorms sent firefighters scurrying again Saturday afternoon, this time to a tank battery fire on County Road 410 (Poor Boy Lane) where lightning had touched off a fire on an oil lease. Fire crews used foam to quench the flames before they could spread.

A leaky plastic water line in an upstairs bathroom was blamed for a fire

Sunday evening inside the Jennifer Sellers residence at 206 North Divide. Investigators say that the water leak dripped down on a 220 volt electrical receptical in the ground floor kitchen, causing an electrical spark.

The first firefighters reaching the scene donned air packs and entered the smoke-filled home, going from room to room looking for anyone who might be injured or unconscious while others contained and extinguished the flames in the kitchen. Fortunately for all concerned, no one was at home at the time of the blaze.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones says that the water leak that caused the fire had wet down enough of the kitchen to keep the flames from rapidly spreading into nearby rooms.

Jones notes that after their busy weekend, local firefighters are ready for a break.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Firefighters (L-R) Mike Haynes and Joey Jones were among the first ones inside Sunday evening at a structure fire on 206 North Divide. Fire and water damage was contained primarily to the kitchen on the first floor of the home occupied by Jennifer Sellers. Fortunately no one was injured in the blaze.

City council budget talks turn to role of administrator

The Eldorado City Council met Thursday evening, August 19, 2004, ostensibly for a budget workshop, but before the meeting was over, council member Toni Sudduth would question whether City Administrator Randy Mankin's role as owner and publisher of The Eldorado Success is putting the city in jeopardy of a lawsuit because of the newspaper's coverage of the story surrounding the YFZ Ranch.

Mayor John Nikolauk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with councilmembers Bill McCutcheon, Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans, Tommy Minor, Richard Mendez and Jaquain Rojas in attendance.

The group methodically went through budget discussions and the meeting was winding down when Ms. Sudduth challenged Mankin's part-time position as city administrator and questioned how much of Mankin's newspaper work was being done on city time. She also claimed that he took too much time away from work and was in arrears on his vacation time.

Mankin disagreed with that and referred to records he keeps in his day planner. He noted that in addition to taking care of business at City Hall, he receives numerous calls at all hours of the night and day, even while he is at his newspaper office.

Sudduth argued that Mankin has a conflict of interest and said that he should conduct city business only when he is at City Hall and suggested that he tell persons calling him at home or at his newspaper office to contact him later at his city office.

Mankin said he appreciated the opportunity the council had given him and said he tries to do his best on behalf of the city. He pointed out that he drives his own vehicle and provides his own fuel and cellular phone. He went on to say that he resented being confronted about his job performance in front of his employees and family members (Mankin's wife, Kathy was present, covering the meeting for the Success). He noted that other employees are given the courtesy being discussed in executive session.

Mankin then offered to resign if the council felt he could no longer serve effectively. The offer was flatly rejected by Mayor Nikolauk, who polled the remainder of the council on the question.

Council member Bill McCutcheon offered a motion that the council consult an attorney in hopes of settling the issue. Mankin pointed out that the item had been brought up without being on the agenda and urged McCutcheon not to offer a formal motion since it would violate the Open Meetings Act. Mankin said that instead he would seek a legal opinion on the matter on the council's behalf.

At that point, Sudduth asked that an attorney other than James Kosub be consulted. Mayor Nikolauk noted that Kosub is the city's attorney and would be called concerning the issue. He agreed, however to check with a Texas Municipal League attorney, in addition to Kosub.

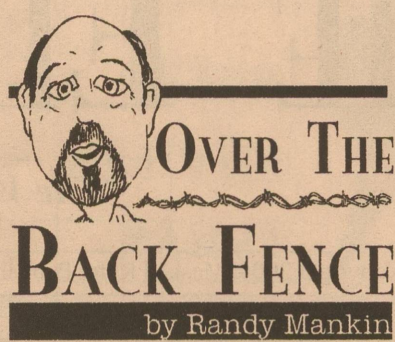
In the less exciting, but equally important budget workshop that preceded, the council met with Mankin, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay. During the two-hour long workshop, the council looked over the city's financial condition and reviewed several reports presented by Ms. Mayo. It was noted that a warmer than usual winter and a wetter than normal summer greatly curtailed the amount of

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MEANWHILE, THE SQUEEZE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TIGHTENS...



That's all I need, another Prophet



Kathy was going through a stack of press releases last week when she came across one from a guy named Tim Flemming who represented himself as God's Prophet.

That's odd, I thought when she brought it to my attention. First Warren Jeffs came along, and now a guy named Tim Flemming? Do we really need another self-proclaimed prophet?

Well, my curiosity got the better of me and I checked out the website that Mr. Flemming was promoting: www.godforgays.com. What I found was strange to say the least.

It seems that Flemming believes that his god speaks through him to a co-worker named Rory. This same god has also declared that the "Old Law" of the Bible, Koran and Torah have been fulfilled and that those books should be tossed. Hmmm?

So, that got me wondering. Just how many kooky religions are there in this world. All it took was an Internet connection and a few keystrokes to satisfy my curiosity.

Very soon I came across the Church of Ed Wood. The church's literature says that its followers practice Woodism, a pop-cul-

ture-based religion created in 1996 by Reverend Steve Galindo. Woodites supposedly believes in and follow late cult film director Edward D. Wood Jr. and look to him as a savior.

Then there was the Time Cube. Yes, the time cube. Apparently cubics, as they call themselves believe that the universe exists in some sort of cube that roughly equates to the four corners of the classroom some deluded person was dozing in when he dreamed this one up.

And, let's not forget the Raelians. I actually hear from these folks a lot. They bombard me, and every other newspaper editor, with their email. Raelians claim to be from outer space and say that it was they, and not God, who created life on Earth. They say that in the olden times men mistook them for gods and distorted their teachings....Okay.

Oh, yeah, there's the group called Jews for Allah, I guess that one is for the self-hating Jew. And, there's Sufism, a mystical belief system that supposedly sprang full-born out of Islam.

I guess the ones I had the hardest time understanding were the suicide cults...and there are many of them. These groups, with ideologies based on everything from UFOs to volcanos, somehow manage to recruit thousands and thousands of followers despite the fact that every so often they kill themselves off.

One of these was the Heaven's Gate cult, a group who believed that extra-terrestrials hidden behind the Hale-Bopp Comet were coming to whisk them away to some sort of intergalactic Valhalla.. Thirty-nine of them took their own lives in 1997 as the comet made its nearest approach to Earth.

My friend Jim Runge has suggested that perhaps he should proclaim himself a prophet and start collecting followers. Having seen a fair portion of his costume collection I can attest that he has the clothes for it. And, knowing his flair for drumming up business he would likely be the most profitable prophet since Warren Jeffs.

That was one mean Javelina

Rudy Garza lives at Sebastian, a little place north of Harlingen. He is an expert bow hunter and has won the state championship on numerous occasions. He makes custom arrows in a crowded shop beside his house.



by Tumbleweed Smith

When I was there early one morning I recorded birds in his fenced off sanctuary. Even before the sun got high in the sky, he already had customers.

One night around 10 o'clock Rudy and his wife returned from the super market and were unloading groceries in their driveway. Rudy heard the dogs barking and went to investigate. That was his first mistake. He thought the dogs were barking at a coyote. That was his second mistake. The dogs were barking at a javelina. One mean javelina. The dogs had it cornered.

"Usually, when javelinas sense danger, they start popping their teeth," says Rudy. "They get really fierce."

Rudy had a flashlight and handgun and as he approached the scene, he never heard any teeth popping. Assuming it was a coyote behind a bush, Rudy laid down to get a good shot at the animal.

"By the time I realized it was a javelina, it was too late," says Rudy.

As Rudy was getting on his feet, the javelina hooked the back of Rudy's knee with one of its long tusks.

"He threw me into the air like I was a rag doll."

Finally, the dogs chased the javelina away. Rudy had severe damage to the ligaments in his leg.

"I lost all the feeling on my right hand side."

Rudy went three years without shooting his bow a single time.

"It hurt me to be out, seeing the other guys shoot and I couldn't do it because I had no feeling in my fingers and hands. I felt bad because I wanted to do it, but couldn't."

Rudy took all sorts of pills and went to see the doctor on a regular basis, but he didn't seem to be improving. Someone suggested he go see an acupuncturist.

"I took acupuncture a month and a half and got better."

Gradually, Rudy regained strength and was able to get the feeling back on the right side of his body. He started practicing again.

"I realize part of what happened with that javelina was my fault because I shouldn't have assumed it was a coyote. But the javelina didn't pop his teeth at all."

The javelina killed one of Rudy's dogs that night.

"Even today I'm still not one hundred percent. But I'll manage. I go hunting now and am back competing."

The incident happened fifteen years ago when Rudy had heavy brush around his house. That has been cleared off now. When Rudy goes hunting, his favorite target is a javelina.

Governor Perry wants sales tax option to fund military projects

AUSTIN — Beyond the upcoming presidential election and the ongoing school finance problem, one of the biggest issues in Texas right now involves the military.

With the announcement last week of long-term plans to bring some 70,000 U.S. troops back to the U.S. from overseas installations, the economic stakes for Texas loom large, especially with the coming 2005 round of base closure fights.

Texas officials are busy making the case to the military that the Lone Star State would be a good home for thousands of those returning troops and their dependents.

Gov. Rick Perry said last week that he wants the Legislature to pass a bill giving local governments the power to allocate sales tax revenue for infrastructure upgrades around military bases.

That, of course, would provide added incentive to the Department of Defense to not only keep bases open, but expand those facilities.

The estimated economic im-

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Mike Cox

Some Texans will honor that other president from Texas this Friday, which would have been the 96th birthday of Lyndon B. Johnson.

Johnson's birthday is a holiday for most state employees (agencies must maintain a skeleton crew however), a fact which gains Texas a bit of national recognition on a Web site devoted to oddball holidays. The site, www.info-please.com/spot/stateholidays1 includes Texas' LBJ birthday holiday among five other unusual state holidays, including Illinois' Casimir Pulaski Day. Pulaski never set foot in Illinois, but the Polish cavalryman helped America win its revolt against Great Britain.

Meanwhile, back on the range, LBJ will be honored with a wreath-laying ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday at LBJ State Park and Historic Site in Johnson City. In Austin, students and visitors can enjoy free birthday cake and cold drinks outside the LBJ Library on the University of Texas campus from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. also Friday.

The 36th president was born in 1908 and died in 1973.

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Vanzetti's partner
6. Prim and proper
11. A dance, when doubled
14. Troy, as it's also known
15. ___ blanche
16. Barnyard brooder
17. ADO
19. Gerund ending
20. Like letters on a crate, maybe
21. 1,000 kilograms
23. Phase out
24. "Frankly, ___ I don't..."
25. Japan, the Land of the ___ Sun
29. Jagger's group, for short
31. Data to be entered
32. Strip mall unit
33. Immeasurable time
36. Checklist unit
37. Plow maker John
38. Slight lead
39. Hoss, to Ben
40. Sordid
41. Got to second base, in a way
42. Library stamps
44. Phonied up
45. Bad thing to lose
47. Old French coin
48. Overdo it on stage
49. Added starch to
55. ___ Andreas

DOWN
1. Sis and bro
2. "Thanks ___"
3. Use as a reference
4. McCarthy aide
Roy
5. Gumball price, once
6. Spill hot coffee on
7. London gallery
8. Bone-dry
9. "Who am ___ say?"
10. Breath-freshening gum
11. CHOW
12. Reddish brown dye
13. Rile up
18. Pug's workplace
22. Laudatory lines
24. Song from "Mondo Cane"
25. Reformer Jacob
26. Enthusiastic about
27. BUY
28. Elemental suffix
29. Goblet features
30. Canadian conservative
32. Burn the surface of
34. Stare lustfully at
35. On a ___-to-know basis
37. XING sign critter
38. Greek H
40. Soaked in hot water
41. Like toy animals at carnivals
43. Well put
44. Upholstered piece
45. Lab diagnostics
46. Cyberspace memoranda
47. Wimp
49. Cutty ___ (historic ship)
50. Daly of "Judging Amy"
51. Fashion mag
52. Inject with Novocain
53. Coup d'___
54. Cub Scout groups
57. China's ___tse

"Later, Dude!"

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The General Land Office's fall beach cleanup is scheduled Sept. 18 at 28 locations along the Texas coast.

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Since 1986, volunteers have removed 5,900 tons of trash from Texas beaches. For more information, visit www.texasadoptabeach.org or call 1-877-TX COAST.

Texas Veterans Commission seeks input...

In 1985, the Texas Veterans Commission published a directory of all memorials, monuments and statues in the state dedicated to the men and woman who have served in the military.

The commission is looking for the public's help in updating the directory with information on new memorials, and any memorials missed in the first compilation effort.

For more information, check the commission's Web site at www.tvc.state.tx.us.

OBITUARIES

Inosente Mendida Fernandez

SAN ANGELO — Mrs. Inosente Mendida Fernandez, 84, of San Angelo died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004. A prayer service was held Tuesday, Aug. 24, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the Central Evangelistico Pentecost Church. Burial followed in Belvedere Memorial Park.

Mrs. Fernandez was born on Dec. 28, 1919, in Rocksprings. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Fernandez; and a grandson, Clemente Nava.

She is survived by her husband, Sebastian Fernandez of San Angelo; sons, Juan Fernandez of Houston, Isreal Fernandez and wife

Josic of Ballinger, and Ismael Fernandez and wife Berta of Abilene; daughters, Dominga Fernandez of Ballinger, Connie Fernandez, and Silva Juarez and husband Frankie, all of San Angelo; special sister, Juanita Arispe of Eldorado; special sister-in-law, Dolores Mendida of San Saba; 17 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and 14 nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were be grandchildren, Amelia Gonzales, Lydia Flores, Stella Chapoy, Michael Fernandez, Linda Valdez, Laura Fernandez, Missy Fernandez and Randy Fernandez. Honorary pallbearer were be Elizabeth Delgado.



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Celebrating 25 Years-Kenneth and Caroline Hight were married on August 31, 1979 at Eldorado First Presbyterian Church. They will be celebrating their 25 Anniversary this next week. They have two children, Kimberly and Julie Hight. There will be no scheduled celebration, just some time spent together with family.

High School plans two days of parent-teacher conferences

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 in their work schedules to meet with the teachers.

Monday, September 27, 2004 from 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and Monday, October 4, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 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 par-

ents who wish to visit privately.

The high school counselor will be present to answer questions and to make available various material 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.

Womack family in Bluegrass concert at Community Baptist

The Womack family of Colorado City, Texas will be featured in a Bluegrass Gospel concert Sunday evening, Aug 29, 2004 at Community Baptist Church in Eldorado. The program is slated to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Edith Womack was raised performing Bluegrass Gospel music. She plays guitar and sings lead and harmony. Her husband, Fred, is lead singer for the group. Johnny

Womack Coulon plays stand-up bass.

Ricky Rogers of San Angelo, a good grind of the Womacks, will be playing dobro guitar and singing with the group.

The Womack family has performed at various musical functions and prefer performing gospel music. They have been playing as a group for about two years.

Edith Womack says the group is honored to be invited to Eldorado and are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

FUMC plans 5th Sunday music fest

First United Methodist Church would like you to join in their 5th Sunday Music Fest. A celebration for Back to School on Sunday, August 29, 2004.

There will be no Sunday school but there will be lots of special music!!! Church will begin at 10:00 a.m. There will also be Pot Luck lunch following church and special plate favors for the Young Christians!!!

First United Methodist Church Hopes to see you there!!!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Opposes cuts in Sheriff's Dept. budget

Dear Editor:

Come on Eldorado lets show our support for over Sheriff Dept. Our Sheriff's Dept. is not like most of the jobs 8 to 5 theirs 24/7 we need to keep our jail and I think our Sheriff's Dept. is doing an excellent job.

The prisoners work program helps a lot of people in our community. As for the work load I don't know of too many people that work the hours they do.

We certainly don't need to cut the Sheriff's Dept. staff or pay. Maybe we need to cut some of our

County Commissioners pay.

Remember Mr. Commissioner you are elected to serve the County lets not throw stones at each other.

I believe Sheriff Doran is doing a great job as well as all of his deputies.

Keep up the good work.

Mary Roden

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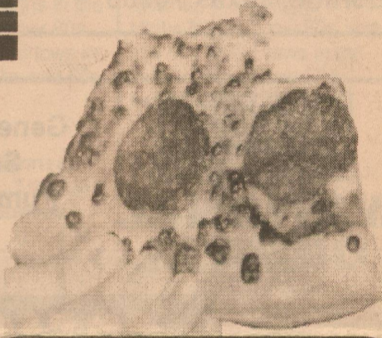
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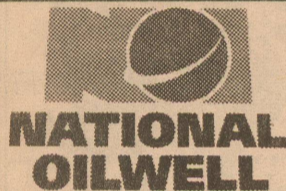
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Eagles excel in final tune-up with McCamey

Warbirds to begin 2004 campaign with Chirstoval here tomorrow night

The Eldorado Eagles took the field Friday evening in their second and final scrimmage of the season against the McCamey Badgers.

"For the most part we looked good," said Head Coach Gary Grubbs, "The only thing that really hurt us was poor tackling on a few plays."

The Warbirds gained 114 of their 202 total yards through the air and pounded out the remaining 88 yards on the ground. Quarterback Frank Edmiston racked up most of the Eagles passing yards with 103, including a 41-yard touchdown pass to Terrell Boysaw.

Boysaw ended the contest with 66 yards receiving on four catches. Jorge Bustos hauled in a 20-yard reception, Kolby Dombroski caught a 17-yard pass, both Rigo Arispe and Ryan Cathey had 5-yard receptions and Eric Garcia caught a pass for 1 yard.

Cathey led the Eagles' ground game with 41 yards on only three carries, while Edmiston tallied 25 yards on five attempts.

"We got off to a slow start in practice leading up to McCamey," said Grubbs. "It probably had to do with school starting and the kids getting back into the routine, but defensively we suffered from it."

Eric Garcia intercepted two passes and Dombroski recovered two fumbles to aid Eldorado's defensive attack.

The Eagles will start their season off at home this Friday night as they face the Christoval Cougars



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Kolby Dombroski went high in the air to catch this pass last Friday as the Eldorado Eagles squared off with the McCamey Badgers in scrimmage action. The Eagles will open their 2004 season by hosting the Christoval Cougars here tomorrow night. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m.

in Eagle Stadium.

"I feel like Christoval is in a rebuilding year, and I believe we are rebuilt," said EHS senior offensive lineman Will Griffin, "This game will prepare us well for district."

Grubbs also stated the importance of the next couple of games. "If we can just stay healthy we will do very well in district."

The Warbirds find themselves in a bigger district than they are accustomed to with the addition

of the Mason Punchers and the Junction Eagles to the already the present Sonora Broncos, Wall Hawks, Grape Creek Eagles, Ozona Lions, and the Reagan County Owls.

Friday's game is slated for 7:30 p.m. in Eagle Stadium. Eldorado fans are encouraged to come out in strength and support the 2004 Eagles.

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Tuesday, August 31

Waffles, Syrup, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, September 1

Biscuits, Sausage, Choice of Juice, Jelly, Milk

Thursday, September 2

Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk

Friday, September 3

Pancake on a stix, Syrup, Pears, Grape Juice, Milk

EARLY RELEASE

BASKET LINE

Monday, August 30

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Carrot Stix, Dip, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, August 31

McRib Sandwich, French Fries, Pork-n-Beans, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, September 1

Pizza, Carrot Stix, Dip, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches

Thursday, September 2

Chef Salad, Crackers, Diced Ham & Cheese, Broccoli, Rosy Applesauce

Friday, September 3

Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Tator Tots, Pickle Spears, Orange Halves

EARLY RELEASE DAY

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Tuesday, August 31

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Wednesday, September 1

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Thursday, September 2

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Hospital trustees meet in regular monthly session

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met Monday evening, August 23, 2004, and among other items of business, voted unanimously to amend the district's bylaws. The amendment, calls for a physician to be immediately available by telephone to consult with physician assistants and nurse practitioners. A physician must always be available to come to the hospital, especially the emergency room, within on-hour of the time they are called, provided they are in constant communication with a PA or NP.

The meeting was the board's regular monthly session and was called to order by board president Randy Mankin. Trustees Ricky Fuesel, Shirley Joiner, Susie Richters, J.D. Doyle and Jim Martin were in attendance. Among other items of business the trustees voted to reappoint Dr. Jim Lucas to medical staff and as the hospital's Chief of Staff. They also extended their employment agreement with Physician Assistant George Zerucha.

Others in attendance at the

meeting were Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz, Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor, and hospital consultant Andy Freeman. The trio reviewed the district's finances and noted that the number of patient visits in the Family Clinic are up by nearly 25 percent. It was also noted that the hospital staff is doing a collecting the accounts receivable. After reviewing the numbers, the trustees voted to write-off just under \$25,000.00 in bad debt.

Before adjourning, the board approved the minutes from the previous meeting. Several contracts were approved, including agreements with Vista Care Hospice, the Menard Special Education Co-Op, and StructuRad a firm that assists the hospital with the electronic transfer of data to and from radiologists.

The trustees also discussed the board vacancy left by the death of Frank Williams. The group agreed to give thought to a replacement before the next regular board meeting, slated for September 27, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the hospital board room.



The Waggin' Tongue
by Bertha & Betterenyou

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My, oh, my, little did I realize how just widely read the Eldorado Success is! My first foray into the world of print journalism generated responses from as far away as Utah. And, in reply to H.T. from the Beehive State -- NO, I am not interested in becoming your fourth wife! I do appreciate you sending along a photo and I am genuinely impressed by your masculine physique, notwithstanding the pot belly and spindly legs. But Sweetie, I don't think you could handle me!

This just in from Sonora, last week's jilted bride has found a new beau --- a big strapping fella' by all accounts, and she isn't the least interested in letting her wayward Romeo back into her life. Bertha's sources in Sutton County say that the bride is driving a brand new car and sporting a bright white toothy smile.

Overheard at a garage sale... long lines and short tempers almost resulted in a melee at the Elementary School when a couple of Moms in SUVs and a Dad in a 4-door dooley pickup, went three wide into the horseshoe at the drop off zone. But, as they say on the NASCAR circuit, rubbing is racing and, thus far at least, no one has gotten hurt.

It's true, it's true! When Schleicher County's finest, and

the DPS busiest troopers, busted a truck driver here last week, they managed to apprehend a wanted felon with federal warrants. But, when they searched the back of the rig what they found wasn't dope, it was DONUTS! That's right donuts! Talk about your stereotypes. Oh well. Good going guys, in the meantime could you save me a couple of honey glazed?

Confidential to the Silver Fox, I've looked into your inquiry about that rusting hulk of a bus, parked on South Main Street, and I can report that it is not, repeat, not the Prophet's new hideaway. Actually, I'm thinking about buying it and fixing it up as a tour bus. You know, for when I take this column national.

I've gotta run now. But, thanks for all the support. Keep those cards and letters coming in!

Schleicher Co. Grand Jurors hand up 6 felony indictments

The Schleicher County Grand Jury met Wednesday, August 11, 2004 and handed up 6 indictments. Three of the indictments have not made public by authorities and will be withheld from the public until the subjects involved are arrested or are served with

papers. The indictments released this week include:

- Andy Perez, 27, Eldorado. Failure to stop and render aid.
- Andy Perez, 27, Eldorado. Intoxication Assault.
- Effie Escarcega Olivarez, 47, Eldorado. Theft by check.

Cross Country 2004

Sept. 11	Carsbad	High School & Middle School
Sept. 18	Big Lake	High School & Middle School
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Oct. 2	Iraan	High School
Oct. 9	Abilene	High School
Oct. 16	Sonora	High School & Middle School
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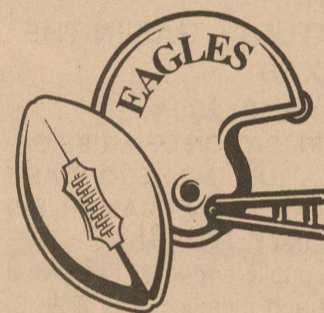


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Last year's 6th graders tackle the Service Learning Challenge at the local Super S store. As part of their food drive project, students had to figure out how to buy a balanced meal of non-perishables for a family of four for no more than 5.- They succeeded!

SCISD to participate in student achievement research

Submitted by Ilse Williams,
SCISD Service Learning Coordinator

Throughout the coming two years, SCISD, the Texas Center for Service Learning, and RMC Research corporation will collaborate in scientifically based research to evaluate the effects of Service Learning on academic achievement and civic attitudes of students.

After receiving a three-year grant to promote Service Learning as a teaching and learning method, the school has agreed to participate in a study that aims to examine the effectiveness of Service Learning.

Students whose teachers use Service Learning in their classes will be asked to complete a survey at the beginning and end of the school year. The survey includes questions about involvement in school and community activities. In addition, student achievement, attendance, and discipline data will be collected in ways that do not violate the students' privacy rights. Only students whose parents sign a permission form will be included in the study. These forms will be handed out to the students in the coming weeks.

Service Learning seeks to imbed citizenship and community involvement into the academic

curriculum.

During the past year, local students of various grades practiced service learning by conducting a food drive, participating in the Angel Tree project, joining residents at the local nursing home, collecting school supplies for a kindergarten class in Mexico, and envisioning and opening a youth center. Service Learning differs from community service when the envisioned project becomes a part of the reading, writing, researching, reasoning and calculating that goes in the classroom. In addition, the service learning method requires that students look at the value of the experience and what can be learned from it. Many of them have surprised themselves when they found out how good it feels to help others!

Last year, local students spent a combined total of 3,800 hours in Service Learning activities.

At the end of the year, 10 students from SCISD participated in a Service Learning Celebration in Abilene.

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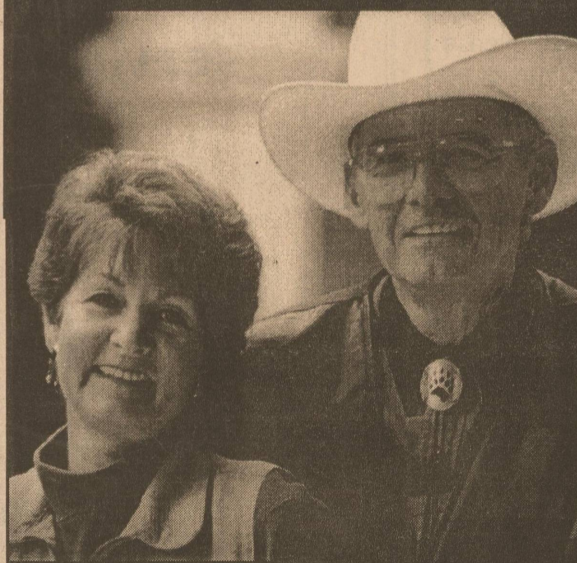
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Patsy Kellogg (L), manager of the Community Resource Center, received a certificate of appreciation Monday during Commissioners Court meeting from Tammy Harris (R) of Newbridge Family Shelter.

Commissioners spend long day grinding out a county budget

The Schleicher County Commissioners spent the first half of their day conducting routine business Monday, before launching into an 8-hour long budget workshop. Among other business, the commissioners authorized two insurance representatives to offer dental and vision plans to county employees.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin with Commissioners Bill Clark, Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown in attendance. As part of the meeting the men looked on as Kris Chandler and Tammy Harris, representing Newbridge Family Shelter, presented a certificate of appreciation to Patsy Kellogg, office manager of the county's Community Resource Center. The women noted Kellogg's dedication to her work and her years of service on behalf of the victims of family violence.

The men then met with Brigitte Rogers and Shelly Fennern, regarding a proposed property tax freeze for citizens age 65 and over, as well as those suffering from handicaps. Having previously turned down a request to place the question on the General Election ballot, the men relented this time after the women provided them with an Attorney General's opinion saying that it is legal for the county to do so without a petition from voters. The vote ends a petition drive and places the issue before county voters without the trouble and expense of having to call for a special election.

In other business, County Extension Agent Scott Edmonson

advised the commissioners about a candidate for the position of Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, the job from which Nancy Lester retired last year. Edmonson noted that an interview is being scheduled for the applicant and encouraged one of the commissioners to participate.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones then appeared before the court to suggest ways finance a much needed grass fire truck for the Fire Department. Jones asked the men to consider budgeting \$40,000 in the 2005 budget year and finance the rest with First National Bank. The county would then be required to pay \$9,000 per year for the next five budget cycles. The commissioners took no action on the request and recessed for lunch before returning to a marathon budget workshop.

After determining early on in the session that none of the men wanted to adopt a tax rate higher than the 73.3 cent rollback rate, the men settled down to the task of looking for cuts, with most of the discussion centered around Commissioner Bill Clark's pro-

posal that money be cut from the Sheriff's Dept. budget.

After a long and sometimes contentious session, Clark offered a motion to cut the Sheriff's budget by some \$61,000 below the 2004 funding level. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Ultimately, the men settled on a budget of \$468,840.00 for the Sheriff's office, with the option of purchasing a patrol car from contingency funds if there is money left at the end of the year.

That's the same arrangement the Sheriff has faced for the last several years. It was noted that a portion of the department's budget goes to fund the Meals for the Elderly program, which Sheriff Doran voluntarily took over several years ago when it was no longer feasible to have the meals delivered from Junction.

Other big ticket items on the men's wish lists were lumped together with Judge Griffin and Commissioner Kirk Griffin recommending that Certificates of Obligation be issued to finance the purchase of state-mandated

voting machines, a courthouse elevator, road equipment, a fire truck, paving and swimming pool improvements at a later date.

As the meeting drew to a close, Commissioner Matt Brown made a motion to place the proposed 2005 budget and tax rate on the September 13, 2004 agenda, with Kirk Griffin offering a 2nd. Matt Brown, Kirk Griffin and Johnny Mayo voted for the motion and Bill Clark voted against.

The proposed tax rate for the General Fund was 60.45 cents per \$100 valuation with 11 cents going to the Farm-to-Market fund and 1.81 cents going toward an Interest and Sinking Fund. That will provide \$1,635,602.00 in tax money to help fund a proposed budget of \$2,305,598.00.

Also included in the budget were 5 percent raises for all employees, including all elected officials, except for county commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. after the county's monthly bills were reviewed and approved.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF ARIES OPERATING, L.P. TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY AUTHORITY FOR THE CAMAR SOUTHWEST UNIT CAMAR, SW (STRAWN) FIELD, SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq., the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on September 10, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Aries Operating, L. P. for unitization and secondary recovery authority and recognition of such unit as an entity for density purposes for the Camar Southwest Unit, Camar, SW. (Strawn) Field, Schleicher County, Texas. Applicant has 100% of the working interests and in excess of 90% of the royalty interests within the Unit Area committed to the Unit Agreement and the unit.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Philip Whitworth, at (512) 495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

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THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

City council meets, eyes upcoming budget

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

natural gas and water the city sold this year, resulting in a revenue shortfall. Also of concern to the council were the upward spiraling costs of electricity and fuel.

The council reviewed the preliminary budget one line item at a time and noted that the first set of numbers failed to balance by more than \$200,000.00. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to take a three-pronged approach to balancing the books. First, the group wanted to identify as many spending as possible. Secondly, they wanted to consider bolstering the revenue side of the equation by pulling from the city's reserves. Thirdly they agreed to look into increasing utility rates. A fourth option, increased property taxes, was not among the funding options considered.

Landfill fees were also discussed as a way of possibly in-

creasing the city's revenue. At one point Randy Mankin brought the daily landfill logs to the council chamber and reviewed the number of residential and commercial users currently dumping at the site. It was noted that several oilfield contractors, as well as TxDOT employees and contractors, are bringing an increased amount of debris to the landfill. The council asked Mankin to look at the options for charging the commercial customers and to formulate a plan for them to consider. There seemed to be little sentiment for charging Schleicher County residents who haul residential trash to the landfill.

Among the other funding options under consideration is the possibility of increasing the minimum water charge from \$9 per month to \$10. Also, the council is considering raising the amount it charges for each 1,000 gallons over

the minimum from \$1 to \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons.

The council instructed Mankin and Mayo to prepare budget options for them to consider, including the funding options described above. It was noted that any utility rate increases that might be included in the budget would not be automatic and would take effect only after a public hearing on the individual rate increases.

The council then set a budget hearing for Monday, August 30, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at which time they will consider the city's 2004-05 budget. Under Texas law the group must adopt a budget before they can set a property tax rate for the coming year.

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YFZ Ranch hauling wastewater to San Angelo

TCEQ District 8 Director Ricky Anderson confirmed this week that wastewater is being transported from the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado to a wastewater treatment plant at the San Angelo landfill operated by Trashaway. Anderson said that his inspectors had visited the ranch on August 16th to confirm that an above ground storage tank had been installed. He said that since that time ranch officials have hired a licensed wastewater hauler to transport the waste to San Angelo. Anderson said that his inspectors have received trip tickets documenting the process and that they continue to closely monitor the situation at the YFZ, which he says will only last until a permanent wastewater treatment plant can be constructed at the ranch.

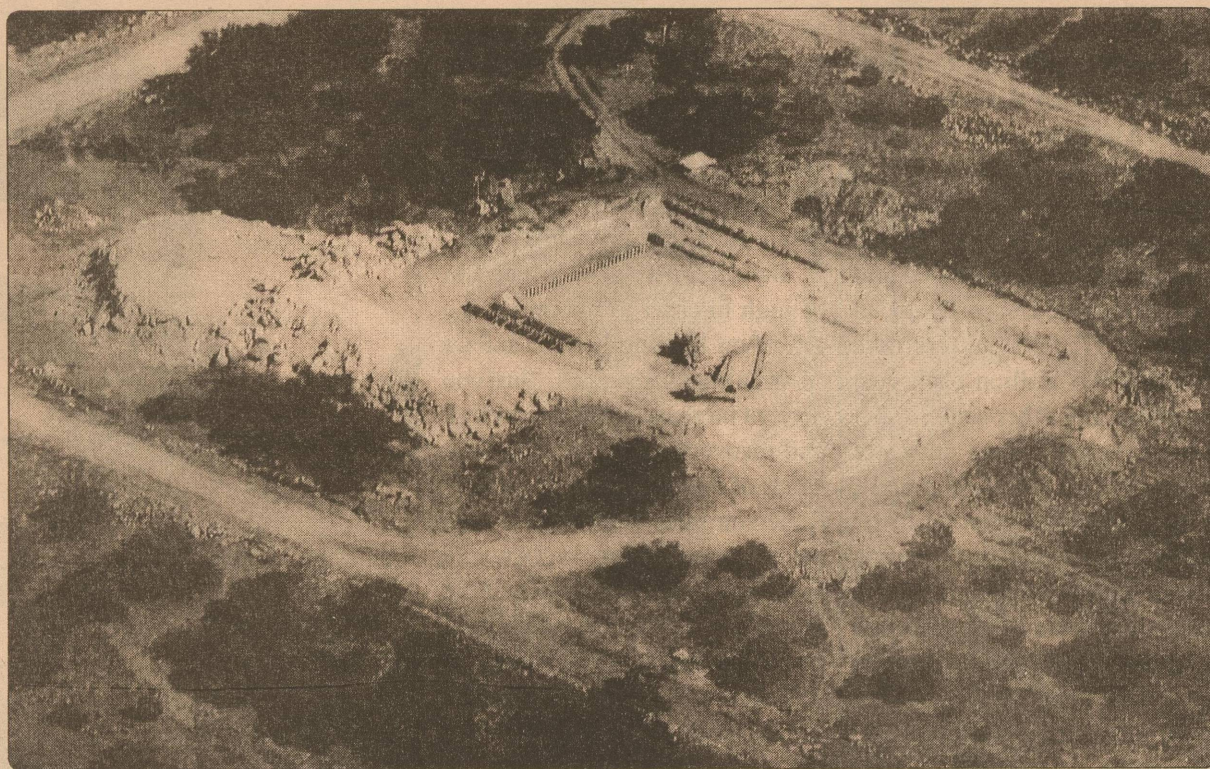


PHOTO BY STACI KEY

Work is progressing on what appears to be a foundation for yet another large building on the YFZ Ranch. Construction activity at the YFZ, which seemed to have slowed a bit in recent weeks, appears to be escalating again.

Anderson went on to say that his employees are also working with YFZ officials on installing a public water system. That became necessary when state inspectors learned that more than 25 people would be residing permanently at the ranch. TCEQ has strict rules for the operation of a public water system, with stringent guidelines about quality and quantity of water produced, as well as how it is stored and distributed.

A call to TCEQ's Austin office revealed Tuesday that enforcement action is pending against the YFZ. It should be noted that the ranch could face fines as high as \$10,000 per day for each of 29 violations previously cited by TCEQ. The Success also learned that the state agency has yet to receive an application for construction of a

wastewater treatment plant at the YFZ Ranch.

YFZ resident said excommunicated by Prophet

Sources in Colorado City, Arizona tell the Success this week that Alan Steed, a one-time resident of the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado, has been excommunicated by FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs. It was Steed who, along with three other men, met with Sheriff David Doran on April 28th of this year to reveal that the construction at the YFZ Ranch was not actually intended as a hunting retreat. At that time Steed identified himself as holding

the office of Patriarch in the FLDS church.

According to others who have recently been barred from the church, Prophet Jeffs found Steed's family to be unworthy of him booted them out earlier. The prophet reportedly assigned Steed a number of new wives when he was sent to Texas to work on the Eldorado compound. Now, Steed himself may be out of the group.

That fits with what little can be

seen here in Eldorado. Another of man who was active in the early development of the YFZ, Ernie Ilesop, is reportedly no longer working here in Schleicher County, either. Officials at the ranch have told local authorities that he merely has been assigned to work on another project.

As always, the Success invites comment from YFZ Ranch and FLDS Church officials. So far, no such comment has been received.

From the Elementary Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members—

Thank you for insuring that school has gotten off to such a great start. The first week ran efficiently and our students have adjusted nicely to the new school year.

There are a few issues that I would like to address regarding drop-off and pick up procedures. For a new system, things have gone remarkably smooth. I honestly don't see the overall process as different except that we are running north to south instead of east to west. Please remember to enter the horseshoe area single file, drive slowly and your child should go immediately to the sidewalk after exiting the vehicle. Everyone needs to drop off and pick up their child in the drive through. Kids Kampus parking is for teachers only. Additionally, there will be no crossing guards in the parking and bus areas.

Drop off for your child after 7:45 AM. There will be no supervision available prior to this time. If your child eats breakfast at school, you can drive around the horseshoe and drop them off in front of the cafeteria.

If your child rides the Thunderbird, remember that it does not run on the third Wednesday and

the first Friday of every month. Alternative transportation needs to be arranged.

If your child is going to walk home from school, please bring to the office a note giving permission for him or her to leave campus without adult supervision. This will help us to better keep up with all our students. Please remember that we only have their best interest at heart.

Students under the age of 12 who attend any school sponsored sporting event are expected to sit in the stands with their parents and support the Eagles!! Fraternalizing under, in, on or around the stands will not be permitted.

School will dismiss on Fridays at 3:00 PM. All the elementary students will get to participate in the pep rally, and then be escorted back to the elementary for final dismissal.

There will be no school on Monday, September 6.

I have felt so welcomed by SCHLEICHER-ISD. This is a great place to educate your children, and I hope to make it a little better each day. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me at macla.edmonson@scisd.net

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

Dear Editor:

What a debt of gratitude we owe to Sheriff David Doran and the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. for a job well done! They put their lives on the line daily to protect and serve the citizens of Schleicher County. They are educated, professional, highly trained personnel that deserve twice the compensation they now receive. They have my admiration, respect and thanks for doing an Excellent Job!

Sincerely,
Clyde Thackerson

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**PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING
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BUDGET AND TAX RATE**

Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District will hold a hearing at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2004 at Amigo's Dream, Eldorado for the FY 05 Proposed Budget. Immediately following the budget hearing, the Board shall convene in a regular meeting to consider adoption of the FY 05 Budget and consider adoption of a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2004-2005. The proposed tax rate is 0.476/\$100 ad valorem value.

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Ken Nelson - Secretary 325-650-2216 cell 325-387-2704 home

**Today's Weather
Local 5-Day Forecast**

Fri 8/27	Sat 8/28	Sun 8/29	Mon 8/30	Tue 8/31
94/69 Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	93/69 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	89/66 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	83/63 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	80/62 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 8:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	95	72	sunny	Kingsville	98	75	mst sunny
Amarillo	96	65	sunny	Livingston	94	71	pt sunny
Austin	95	72	mst sunny	Longview	93	73	pt sunny
Beaumont	93	74	pt sunny	Lubbock	96	68	sunny
Brownsville	98	78	mst sunny	Lufkin	93	73	pt sunny
Brownwood	97	71	mst sunny	Midland	98	72	sunny
Corpus Christi	96	77	mst sunny	Raymondville	100	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	94	74	mst sunny	Rosenberg	94	74	pt sunny
Dallas	95	78	pt sunny	San Antonio	97	74	mst sunny
Del Rio	98	77	mst sunny	San Marcos	98	73	mst sunny
El Paso	95	71	sunny	Sulphur Springs	94	72	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	97	72	sunny	Sweetwater	96	72	sunny
Gainesville	94	74	pt sunny	Tyler	92	73	pt sunny
Greenville	93	73	pt sunny	Weatherford	94	72	mst sunny
Houston	94	75	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	99	75	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	66	t-storm	Minneapolis	84	63	t-storm
Boston	75	58	sunny	New York	78	63	mst sunny
Chicago	86	74	t-storm	Phoenix	103	80	sunny
Dallas	95	78	pt sunny	San Francisco	75	59	pt sunny
Denver	82	52	mst sunny	Seattle	67	57	rain
Houston	94	75	pt sunny	St. Louis	90	78	t-storm
Los Angeles	76	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	81	67	pt sunny
Miami	89	78	t-storm				

Moon Phases

First Aug 23
Full Aug 30
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UV Index

Fri 8/27	Sat 8/28	Sun 8/29	Mon 8/30	Tue 8/31
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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Class Times: 5:30 - 6:30 Wednesdays

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For additional information or if you should have any questions,
please feel free to call Paul Stephens at 387-5821
Classes are ongoing and new students may start at any time.

Dove hunters asked to report bands

Mourning doves are one of the most widely distributed and abundant birds in North America. They are also a popular game bird with hunting seasons established in 39 of the lower 48 states. There are more mourning doves harvested than all other migratory game bird species combined. In Texas, an estimated 375,000 hunters take more than 4.5 million each year - more than any other state.

Because mourning dove are so important, wildlife managers need good information to set hunting regulations. Information on proportion surviving from one year to the next and the proportion of the fall population taken by hunters are key. Banding is the primary tool used to obtain this information.

But banding does no good if hunters don't see or report the bands on doves they shoot. Previous banding studies 30 years ago indicated two-thirds of banded doves taken by hunters were never reported. Hunters either never saw the small bands or saw them, and chose not to report them.

Texas hunters along with those in 28 other states reported over 1,250 of the 28,748 bands placed on doves nationwide in 2003. Texas hunters reported 48 of the 966 bands placed on doves in Texas last year. "While we applaud hunters' efforts, we note that is only about 4-5% of the bands placed on doves," noted Jay Roberson, dove program leader for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"This is about the same recovery rate from hunters for dove bands that we saw during an earlier banding study," said Jay Roberson. "That study ended over a quarter of

a century ago long before we had easy and free modern methods of reporting. Today hunters can report bands through a toll free telephone number (1-800-327-BAND or 2263) or by the internet (www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl)."

Band reporting rates need to be high in order to maximize the return on hunting license dollars spent on banding studies. "Just one percent increase in band reporting and recovery rates can save thousands of dollars in banding costs", Roberson said. "And, just a modest increase in the recovery rate to 8-10 percent would cut in half the number of doves that would need to be banded, saving biologists' valuable time for other important duties. This is because the error of the estimates of survival and harvest rate decrease geometrically with increasing recoveries.

"We hoped for a higher recovery rate because of the toll free telephone number," Roberson said. "Today, waterfowl band recovery rates are much higher since the toll free telephone number went into effect in 1996. We believe most waterfowl hunters are now reporting bands on ducks they take. We were hoping more dove hunters would report bands so that the recovery rate would at least double since the 1970s."

There may be several reasons the recovery rates for doves haven't increased. Dove hunters may not understand how important it is to report them or they're not even seen. The bands are very small and hard to see. "We encourage hunters to examine the doves they take very closely this year to make sure the bands are not hidden under the flank and belly feathers. If they are banded, we encourage hunters to take a minute to report



Photo by Seawillow Schmidt

Wildlife Technician Dale Schmidt bands Morning Doves in Llano County.

them. It could be worth your while and you can keep the band."

In the fall of 2003, Texas hunters reported 48 bands on doves they took. Thirty-six (75%) of these were banded in Texas in July and August and 12 were from other states (OK-7, KS-4, ND-1). "No surprises here, Roberson said. This is the same proportion we saw during the 1970s. Most of the doves Texas hunters take are produced in Texas."

However, one big surprise was a juvenile banded in northeastern Texas in July was recovered a month and a half later near Brookings, South Dakota. First year doves typically make northerly dispersal flights in the fall but this distance was unusual.

This summer, Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologists will band more doves than last year in 13 different locations using wire funnel traps baited with grain. Traps are regularly checked. Doves are carefully removed, banded with metal leg bands containing unique numbers and the toll free telephone number and immediately released. "We are hoping hunters will 'step up to the plate', as they have in the past, and help us solve the problem of declines in the breeding population index," Roberson said. "This will be the second of a 3-year study to determine the proportion of doves banded in Texas taken by hunters and where in order to set bag limits and season lengths."



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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Schleicher County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.9 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on **September 13, 2004-10:00 AM** at **Schleicher County Commissioners Court Room.**

FOR the proposal: Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown
AGAINST the proposal: NONE
PRESENT and not voting: NONE
ABSENT NONE

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$27,528	\$28,086
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 6,538	\$ 6,632
Average taxable value	\$20,990	\$21,454
Tax rate	0.7411	0.732
Tax	\$155.56	\$157.04

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would INCREASE by \$1.48 or 0.95 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would DECREASE by \$0.0091 per \$100 of taxable value or 1.23 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

The Blotter

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

ARRESTS

August 16 • Flores, Alberto Olveda, male age 54, arresting officer Irion County, offense attempted Burglary of a Habitation.

August 16 • Gaines, Christopher Mark, male age 20, walk-in, offense Minor in Possession of Alcoholic Beverage Class B Misdemeanor Enhanced. Released on a \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

August 17 • Rivera, Enrique, male age 38, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Driving while License Invalid. Released on a \$2,000.00 Surety Bond.

August 17 • Barker, Jennifer L, female age 24, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Theft by Check Class D Misdemeanor. Released on time served.

August 18 • Barrera, Ehjio, male age 43, arresting officer SC deputy, offense #2001-0016. Released on a \$1,000.00 PR Bond.

August 18 • Lloyd, Joseph, male age 21, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Possession of Controlled Substance > 1 < 4 grams. Released on a \$5,000.00 Surety Bond.

August 19 • Delacruz, Juan Jose R., male age 46, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Fictitious Registration 2 Out of County Warrants. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety and (2) \$2,500.00 Surety Bonds.

August 19 • Barker, J.B. Louis, male age 26, arresting officer SC deputy, offense serving 5 days. Released on time served.

August 19 • Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, male age 41, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Driving While License Suspended. Released to USBP.

August 22 • Cullins, Justin W, male age 17, arresting officer Irion County, offense Driving While Intoxicated.

INCIDENTS

August 17 • 9:30 a.m. Caller reported four skunks at neighbors backyard. Officer responded.

• 6:26 p.m. Complainant reported loss goats. Officer responded.

• 8:08 p.m. Caller reported control fire.

August 18 • 3:47 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.

August 19 • 7:48 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious brown pickup. Officer responded. Officer located vehicle subject was a process server.

August 20 • 5:24 p.m. Complainant

requested to speak to an officer in reference to a child custody matter. Office responded.

• 10:54 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire. Officers and EVFD responded.

August 21 • 1:02 a.m. Caller reported a grass fire. Officer responded.

• 2:11 a.m. Caller reported female not responding. Officer responded. Ambulance dispatched.

• 7:27 a.m. Caller reported a natural gas odor. City responded.

• 1:08 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire. EVFD responded.

• 2:34 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident. Officer responded.

• 3:26 p.m. Complainant reported a tank battery on fire. EVFD responded.

• 3:32 p.m. Complainant reported a truck broke down. Officer responded.

• 4:04 p.m. complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

August 22 • 12:10 a.m. Complainant reported two Javalinas in yard. Officers responded.

• 5:51 p.m. Caller reported she had no gas at residence. City responded.

• 7:27 p.m. Caller reported bees. EVFD responded.

• 6:45 p.m. Caller requested an ACLS transfer to Shannon Medical Center. EMS 2 responded.

• 8:08 p.m. Caller reported no water at residence. City responded.

• 10:39 p.m. Caller reported smoke at residence. EVFD responded.

August 23 • 11:55 a.m. Requested an ACSL transfer from the clinic to Shannon.

• 7:49 p.m. Caller reported a disabled vehicle. Officer responded.

• 11:06 p.m. caller reported loud children. Officer responded.

August 24 • 1:30 a.m. Complainant reported a loose dog in his yard.

• 7:12 a.m. Complainant reported that he would be having a controlled burn.

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Eldorado Spotlight



The Mittel Spotlight camera caught 3 good fellows doing a good deed. JR Pena of Borger (center) SC inmates Mark Franke (L) and Jeff London (R) were finishing the brick pavers project sidewalk to the fountain at Schleicher County Nursing Home last week. Now residents can wheel their wheelchairs close to the fountain and enjoy the water.

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HAY FOR SALE-\$3.50 A Bale. 853-2656. 36p

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Where: Memorial Building
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For Sale: Almond Chest Freezer \$75. Call 853-2858.36p

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Said proposed budget reflects \$1,497,508 budgeted for the Utility/Sanitation/Street Funds and \$472,986 for the General Fund.
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Zesty Southwestern Marinade

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 4 teaspoons ground cumin
- 3 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1-1/2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves, crushed

Combine all ingredients in small bowl. Makes about 3/4 cup.

Steak Tacos With Chipotle Cream

- 2 beef flank steaks or top round steaks, cut 1 inch thick
- Zesty Southwestern Marinade
- 4 bell peppers, cut in half
- 2 medium onions, cut crosswise in half
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 16 to 20 small flour tortillas, warmed
- Chipotle Cream

Place steaks and marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag; marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or overnight, turning occasionally.

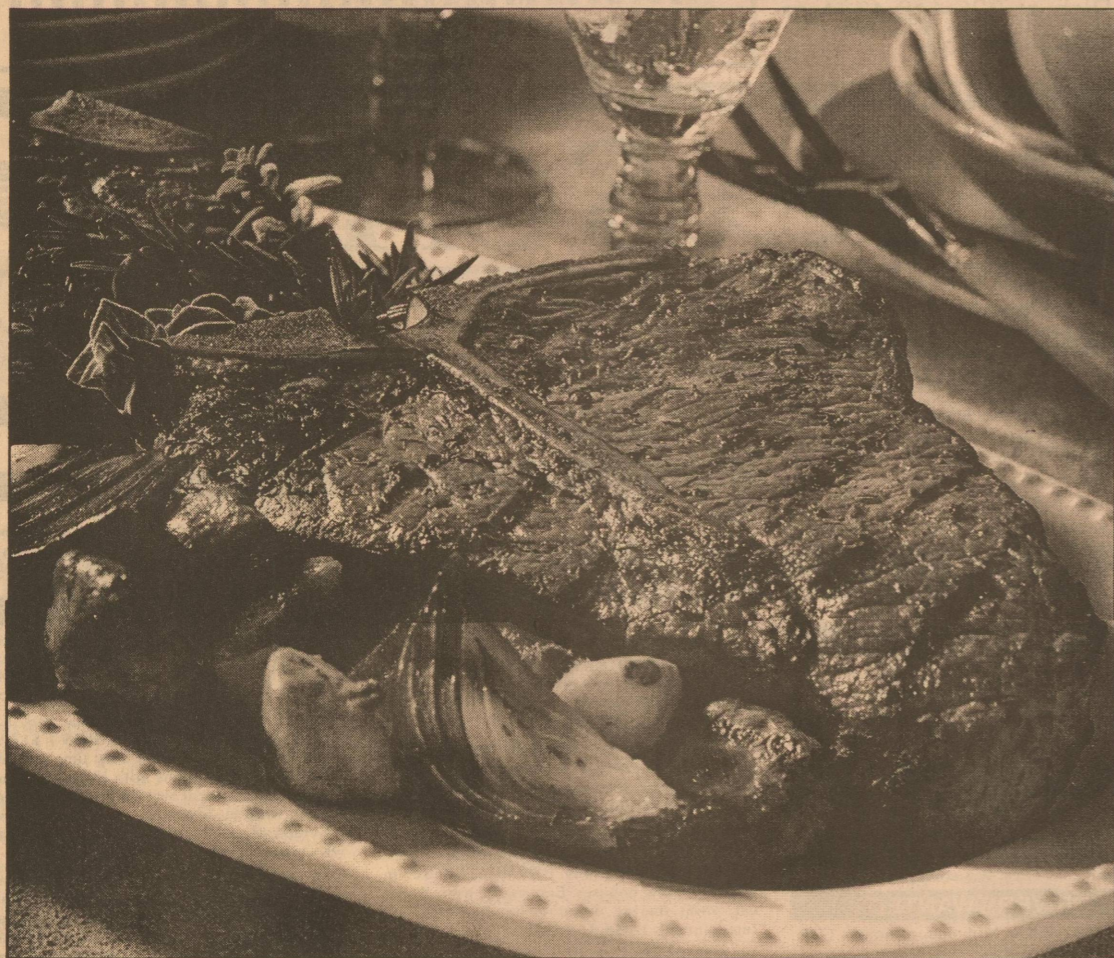
Remove steaks from marinade; discard marinade. Brush peppers and onions with oil. Place steaks and vegetables on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill flank steaks, uncovered, 17 to

21 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness (top round steaks 16 to 18 minutes for medium rare), turning occasionally. Grill peppers and onions 16 to 18 minutes, turning occasionally; remove peppers and continue grilling onions 8 to 10 minutes or until crisp-tender.

Cut vegetables into strips; combine. Carve steaks across the grain into thin slices. Serve beef and vegetables in tortillas with Chipotle Cream. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Chipotle Cream: In small bowl combine 1-1/2 cups dairy sour cream, 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro and 1 tablespoon adobo sauce from canned chipotle peppers. Cover; refrigerate. Makes about 1-1/2 cups.

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Porterhouse Steak prepared with Garlic-Thyme Rub

Marinade Magic

There's no mystery to marinating. Marinades are seasoned liquid mixtures that serve two purposes: to add flavor and, in some cases, to help tenderize. A tenderizing marinade must contain an acidic ingredient like lemon juice, yogurt, wine or vinegar — or a natural tenderizing enzyme from fresh papaya, ginger, pineapple or figs. Use flavor marinades for tender beef steaks.

- Top Sirloin
- Top Loin (Strip)
- Tenderloin
- Porterhouse/T-Bone
- Rib
- Ribeye
- Chuck Top Blade

To add flavor, steaks need only be marinated for 15 minutes or up to 2 hours.

Use tenderizing marinades for less tender beef steaks.

- Chuck Shoulder
- Top Round
- Skirt
- Flank

To tenderize, steaks need to marinate for at least 6 hours or up to 24 hours. Marinating longer than this can result in a mushy surface texture.

More About Marinades

- Always marinate in the refrigerator, never at room temperature where bacteria can thrive.
- Marinate in a food-safe plastic bag or nonreactive container. Turn the steak occasionally to allow even exposure to the marinade.
- If a marinade is to be used as a baste for the beef or later as a sauce, reserve a portion of it before adding the beef. Marinade that has been in contact with raw meat must be brought to a full rolling boil before using as a sauce.
- Never save and reuse a marinade.
- Allow 1/4 to 1/2 cup marinade for each 1 to 2 pounds of beef.

Here's the Rub

Rubs are blends of fresh or dried herbs and spices that add flavor to steaks (they don't tenderize). It's easy to make your own or you can purchase prepared blends in the supermarket spice section. Apply rubs evenly to both sides of steaks. The amount depends on your taste preference and the beef cut.

Garlic-Thyme Rub

- 1 to 2 tablespoons cracked black pepper
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves

Combine all ingredients in small bowl. Makes 2 to 3 tablespoons.

Lemon Pepper Rub

- 2-1/2 teaspoons lemon pepper
- 3 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1-1/2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves

Combine all ingredients in small bowl. Makes 2 tablespoons.

Spicy Seasoning Rub

- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1-1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 3/4 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper

Combine all ingredients. Cover and store in airtight container. Shake before using to blend. Makes about 1/3 cup.

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Alien vs. Predator, a monster mishmash

Alien Vs. Predator (known as AVP) was going to get savaged by critics. That was certainly no surprise.

So the producers simply left critics out of the loop; no advance showing was offered. (Of course, the Movie Man never goes to private screenings; the only way to properly review a film is to see it the same way the common man sees it — replete with whatever disturbances crowds bring. [Of course, in a good movie (especially a comedy), a crowd can make a picture more fun.]

AVP was not shown in advance to critics. And, shocking!, the film is getting ravaged. And, double shocking!, fans of the two movies are pouring into theaters.

At over \$38 million, AVP boasted one of the best openings of the summer, eating away at negative reviews like an Alien's acidic blood.

About the film

Like its blood brother, Freddy Vs. Jason, Alien Vs. Predator is the sort of film horror/sci-fi fans have hungered for.

Geeks have filled Internet message boards with pontifications about which would win. And there were plenty of reasons for nerds to get excited. After all, there have already been AVP comic books, toys, cards, and video games.

20th Century Fox wisely insisted the film be issued as a PG-13. All other Alien films (four of them) and both Predator movies were Rs.

Eagle-eyed viewers (and sci-fi geeks have eagle eyes) noted an alien skull in the Predator 2 film. Supposedly, plans for AVP got underway in 1991, one year after Predator 2.

Director Paul W.S. Anderson understood the importance of the merging of the two fictional worlds. (He also directed a couple other video-games-to-movies, Resident Evil and Mortal Combat. [Plus he made what Younger Movie Daughter says is the scariest film she ever saw, Event Horizon.]

Anderson fills the picture with references to both films, down to using the correct names of actors and businesses from the prior movies. Believe the Movie Man:



Alien vs. Predator

4 out of 10

Starring: Lance Henriksen, Sanaa Lathan, other unknowns

Directed by: Paul W.S. Anderson

Rated PG-13: for language, Alien goo and slobber, chest busting, violence

Nerds notice these things. (Try slipping something past a serious Star Wars freak or a Ringnut.)

Unlike Freddy Vs. Jason, AVP is played much by-the-book. What made the goofy (and long awaited as well) Freddy/Jason battle fun was that it was full of stupid humor.

AVP tries very hard to be a straightforward sci-fi/horror/thriller and most of the time, that hurts the picture.

The plot

Weyland (Lance Henriksen, who played Bishop, the robot in Aliens [which is that rare sequel that's equal to its predecessor] and whose company ends up being the maker of said robot in the future [see how the nerd sci-fi mythology can hurt your head?]) seeks glory.

When a burst of heat is discovered beneath Antarctica, the very rich man assembles a crackerjack team (is there any other kind?) and they all head for the cold; Henriksen wants to be the first to discover the mysterious pyramid buried 2000 feet under the ice.

The crew finds the pyramid is buried directly under an abandoned 1904 whaling town. Conveniently, a shaft has been drilled down right to the pyramid.

So the team jumps in and reaches their goal. Eventually they find a chamber with some weird weapons in a case. They take them. Oops.

While the humans are down below, those left above are slaughtered by arriving Predators. It seems a rite of passage for Predators, who of course arrived millions of years before on earth, is to hunt Aliens. Preds fight the bred Aliens, trying to get to the weapon chamber where, if the Preds are successful, they can really take care of the critters.

Humans are around just to be incubators for the Aliens which are then hunted by Predators. Got it?

All the while, the pyramid under the ice (this is sounding sillier all the time) is constantly shifting, walls and ceilings slide around, regularly creating new configurations.

Slowly, the human team gets picked off — either as incubators or just by Preds in general.

Soon, the one person who didn't want to go down there in the first place, Alexa (Sanaa Lathan), ends up fighting alongside a Pred, winning the creature's trust when she offs an Alien.

When just about every life-form is destroyed, one final twist remains. Will a sequel starring a "Predalien" arrive? Well, duh — critic preview or no preview.

What works

Anderson gets points for managing to merge two diverse universes; he deviates occasionally,

but only a true sci-fi nerd will notice.

All the effects are top notch (with one glaring exception — see "What doesn't work") down to alien drool and Predator invisibility.

Big kudos go to the lighting of AVP. Nothing can kill a picture, especially a genre film, faster than cruddy lighting. This one, filmed most at night and/or underground, has the appropriate (if illogical) areas lit so viewers aren't left in the dark in some scenes.

Finally, those Predators have some groovy dreadlocks!

Best scene

Henriksen (who is sick), Lathan, and an Italian (Raoul Bova) are fleeing a Predator.

The creature is fast approaching so Henriksen says he'll fend it off to let the other two escape. The Predator snatches Henriksen off the ground and peers into his chest, seeing he's about to die. So, being a kindly Pred, he puts him back down.

Henriksen is bummed. "Don't turn your back on me!" he yells. The Pred, probably already embarrassed because he showed some mercy, turns around and quickly kills the human. (That's not exactly a great scene but is about the best you'll find in AVP.)

What doesn't work

Naturally, this movie employs traditional ways of getting offed: locked in a dark room; snagged by an alien and becoming an incubator; impaled by an alien tail. Seen it before.

Some lines in AVP are unintentionally hilarious. Like when Henriksen says, "I'm not the only one with a satellite over Antarctica!" No one goes to this sort of film expecting a scintillating script, but, still...

Most effects were cool, but the humans' breath never fogs in the frigid atmosphere. Was all the CG money already spent?

In one shot, baby aliens pull a Matrix move — the "bullet time" shot, poised in midair — with the camera circling as they hurtle toward a human face. It was daring but doesn't work. More unintentional laughs.

The plot is very weird in places. Preds breed to Aliens to hunt them yet the last Pred uses an annihilation device to kill them all. Very un-Pred-like. They're supposed to be relentless killers, yet one pauses to listen to a human. No way, even if she's "earned" his respect by offing an Alien.

Sadly, there's even the old "cat jumping out to scare man creeping around dark room" scene — except that this time it's a penguin which makes it even dumber.

The rating

As the only non-R movie among the group, AVP is light on the gore. There are still ample killings — they're just cut away from before the gushing begins. (Expect an R-rated DVD release [maybe even an NC-17].)

There's one use of that word but, the movie isn't loaded with cussin'. AVP is a hard PG-13 but it's right.

Summing up

While AVP owes plenty to other movies — Raiders of the Lost Ark and especially Enemy Mine — it's still not anything impressive to add to the sci-fi canon.

There are some good ideas in the film, especially the always-altering pyramid, but the Movie Man was too bothered by the lack of Aliens. Think back to that first movie: Man, just one created mass havoc. Yet thousands now don't? Bummer.

And, for an "Alien Vs. Predator" movie, they don't fight that often in the less than 90 minutes the film runs.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, August 30

Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Sliced Strawberries, Angel Food Cake, Milk

Tuesday, August 31

Barbecue Chicken, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Apricot, Banana Medley, Milk

Wednesday, September 1

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Thursday, September 2

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