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School board's tax rate decision triggers rollback

\$1.17 rate will be on November 6th ballot

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees decided Monday night to put the district's financial future in the hands of local voters. Despite the fact the school board has proposed a tax rate that is 20 cents lower than last year's, the \$1.17 ad valorem rate surpasses the \$1.04 rollback trigger by 13 cents.

"The board feels like there are things that need to be done," Superintendent Billy Collins commented Tuesday.

Collins went on to explain that property values are higher than they have ever been and that the board believes now is the time to move ahead on some long-neglected projects.

"We're counting on local voters to look past the initial numbers and realize that their tax rate has actually gone down," Collins added. "I hope they will realize that the board is trying to do what's best for the district and the children who attend Schleicher County schools."

Collins said he will be communicating with local citizens in the coming days and weeks in the hopes of explaining the complex issues surrounding this year's property tax rate.

School finance laws have changed drastically in recent years, as more state money has flowed into district coffers. However, along with the state money have come even more state mandates. Then there's the complicated system of calculating exactly what is and what isn't a tax increase.

Last year, Schleicher County residents paid \$1.37 per \$100 valuation. This year the rate drops to \$1.17. However, increased property values mean the school district will receive more tax money this year than last, despite the lower rate, and despite the fact that the taxes on an average home in Schleicher County will decline by more than \$35 this year. (See tax rate calculations on Page 5.)

Local voters will ultimately decide the question on November 6th when they vote whether to leave the \$1.17 rate in place or roll it back to \$1.04.

The trustees aren't prepared to sit and wait for the election before plotting the district's future. They moved Monday night to hire Lubbock architect Larry Harvey to survey the school's current facilities and to draw up a list of work he recommends the district carry out in the coming months and years.

Harvey's firm will be paid an hourly rate as the facility review is conducted. A maximum price tag of \$30,000.00 was set for the review process.

Harvey was on hand Monday night. He explained that the district will be billed only for the work he conducts and noted that the total charges could come in well below the \$30,000.00 figure. He pointed out that a study he previously produced for Grape Creek ISD helped guide the district away from costly new construction at the high school campus.

Instead, Harvey said, the Grape Creek trustees opted for a less expensive plan to renovate and enlarge the district's Middle School.

Harvey's assessment of SCISD's buildings and facilities will begin almost immediately. He noted that input from the community is essential in the process and urged the school board to help in selecting community groups with which he can work in order to gauge the overall support for upgrades at the school.

In other business, the trustees approved the corrected minutes of their previous meeting. They also listened as Finance Director Ray Ballew reviewed the district's financial records.

Superintendent Billy Collins then explained that the overall taxable value has risen in the county by some \$48 million. He presented the completed tax roll and the trustees voted to

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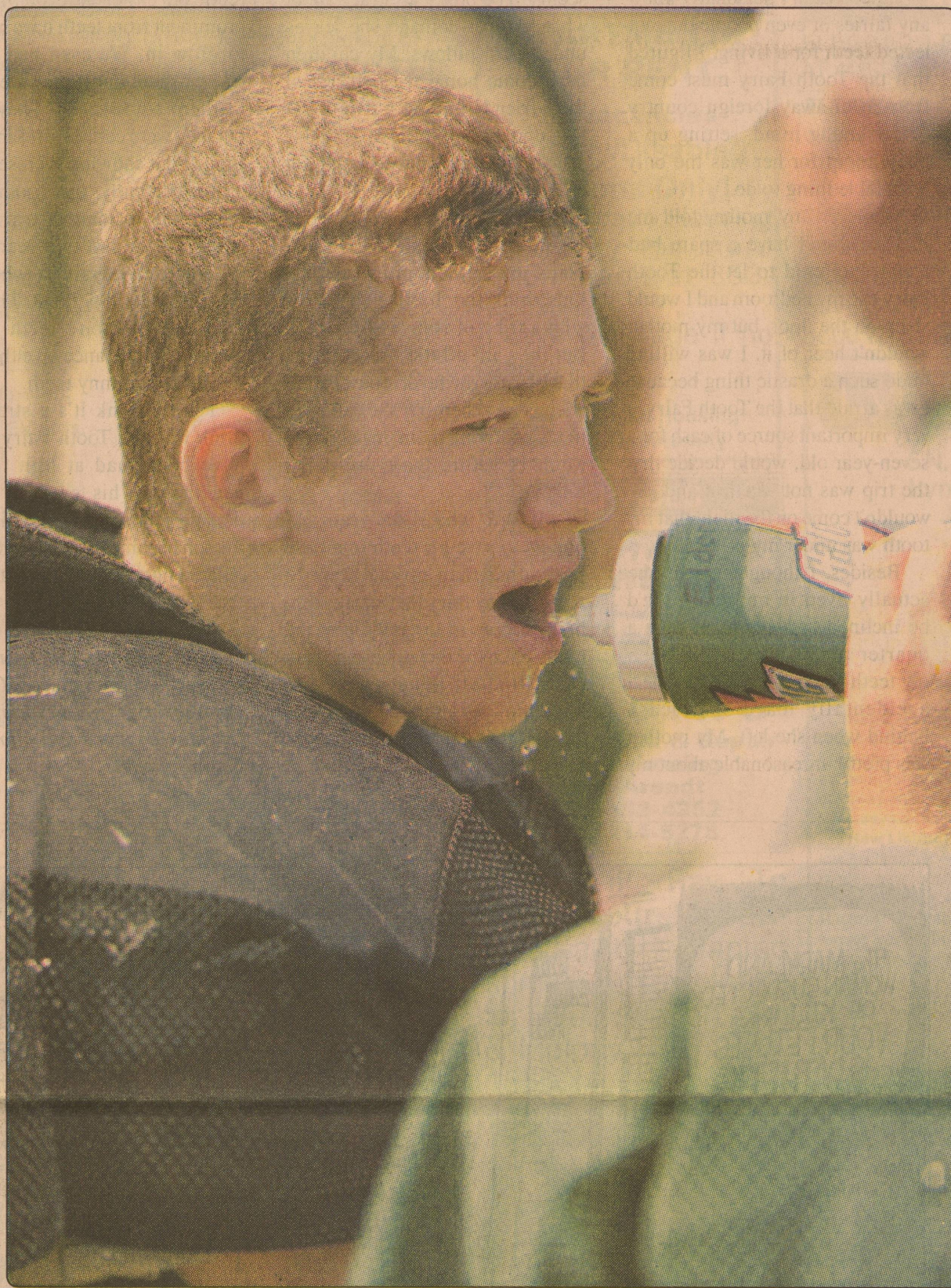


PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Big Gulp

Kevin Dykstra followed his coaches' advice Tuesday and took in plenty of water during two-a-day workouts on the Eagles' practice field. The Eldorado Eagles will host the Nueces Canyon Panthers here Saturday in a scrimmage as the two teams ready themselves for the 2007 season. Coach Johnny Burleson's Eagles are expected to shine this year as they make a run for the District 16-1A District title and a berth in the State 1A Playoffs.

Building continues at YFZ as Jeffs nears trial

If Warren Jeffs is in any legal jeopardy, you can't tell it by looking at the ongoing construction at the YFZ Ranch where dozens, if not hundreds of his followers are busy erecting a new town. The frenetic pace of activity is awe inspiring. So is the sheer size of what's been built on the 1,791 acre ranch since Jeffs' followers first arrived here in the waning months of 2003.

Sheriff David Doran, one of the few locals to be allowed onto the property says that the buildings are even more impressive from the ground. "Everything they are building is large, very large," Doran says.

The latest addition to the dozens of buildings already completed is a large white structure situated directly in front to the massive white limestone temple. Like the temple, the new building is also white, and is being clad in limestone, a wall appears to be going up around the structure and it has a sawtooth trim around the tops of the walls and the gable ends of the roof, just like the temple.

Former FLDS members in Utah and Arizona who have seen photos of the building and speculate that it may be a Priesthood School, or a Meeting Hall, while others say it's intended for Baptisms. One man admitted that he didn't know what the building is. "There's nothing like it up here," he said.

Meanwhile, Warren Jeffs, self-appointed prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, remains in jail in Hurricane, Utah. He is expected to stand trial beginning September 10, 2007 on charges of Rape as an Accomplice.

Jeffs allegedly arranged a marriage between one of his underage followers and her older cousin. Prosecutors accuse Jeffs of using his position of authority in the church to force the girl to have sex with the man against her will.

If convicted, Jeffs could face a sentence of life in prison, although few if any legal analysts following the case believe it will come to that.

More likely, the fact that Jeffs has never before been convicted would result in a greatly reduced sentence. And...that's if he's convicted at all.

A number of FLDS-watchers are convinced Jeffs will be acquitted. They claim the charges against Jeffs aren't that severe, or the female witness against him will succumb to pressure being placed on her and her loved ones by family members who remain loyal to Jeffs.

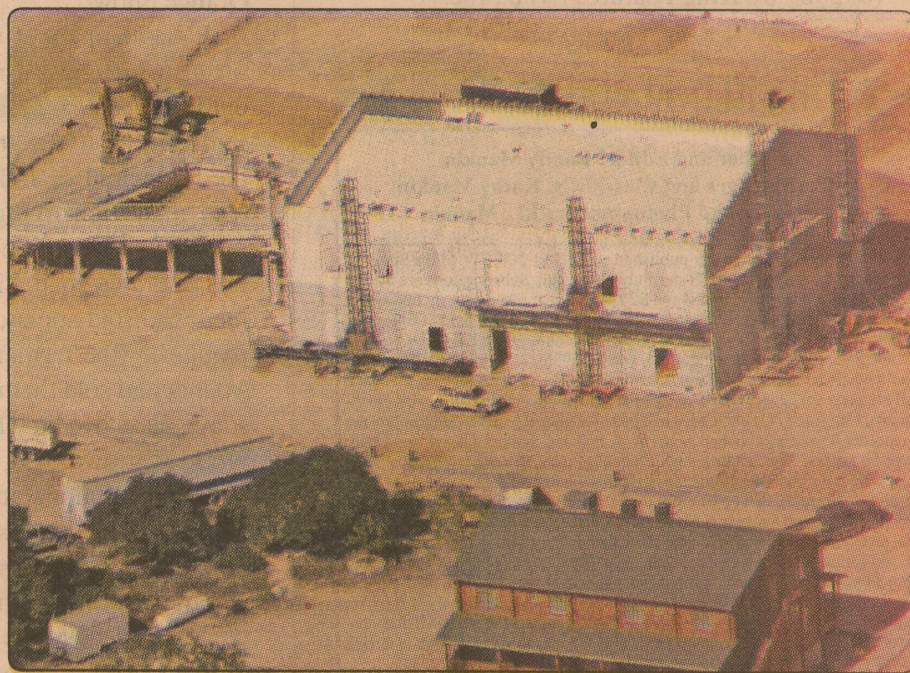
Still, Jeffs faces other charges in Arizona and federal charges for felony flight to avoid prosecution. What are the odds that he will avoid conviction and sentencing, all together? Who

knows?

One thing is certain, however. If and when Jeffs gets out of jail, he will find a community filled with loyal followers awaiting him at the YFZ Ranch. And, if their reunion is delayed long enough, the population on the ranch just might surpass that of the remain-

der of the county.

Jeffs assumed leadership of the FLDS Church in 2003, following the death of his father, Rulon Jeffs. The church is an offshoot of the mainstream Mormon church that broke with the mother church over the practice of polygamy.



COURTESY PHOTO BY J.D. DOYLE

What's it?

The latest building to go up at the YFZ Ranch bears an odd resemblance to the massive temple next door, with its white limestone walls and sawtooth trim. The building's appearance leads some to speculate that it is connected to the worship practices of the FLDS members who call the ranch home. None of the other buildings on the ranch look even remotely like the temple.

City council meets again, confirms last week's actions

The Eldorado City Council met briefly Monday evening, August 13, 2007 to officially complete the business they thought they had dealt with a week earlier.

Mayor John Nikolauk called the meeting to order and explained that the action taken at the council's prior meeting on August 6th was nullified because of an improperly posted agenda.

The council then voted to approve all the items they originally voted for at the previous meeting. The meeting ended almost as quickly as it had begun, less than 15 minutes after being convened.

The following is a summary of the previous week's meeting:

Melonie Reynolds was present and asking about the council's decision regarding property located near her home, and adjacent to North Street. Mayor Nikolauk advised that the property where mobile homes were parked several years ago had been zoned residential with no allowance for mobile homes. Dr. Pat Johnson advised Ms. Reynolds that all property owners concerned with the mobile home issue had the opportunity to protest the council's decision or otherwise express their views at the July meeting.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones was present to request \$2,000 of the Fire Department's funds in the 2007 budget in order to fix a fuel leak in the injector pump of the department's newest pumper truck. No action was necessary since the funds had already been budgeted for the purpose.

Insurance agent Bobby Zesch met with the council for over an hour and a half during which time he discussed the city's options regarding health insurance coverage for city employees. The council ultimately voted have Zesch present two options to the city employees with one of the options including a health

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Hillary the Underestimated

Hillary Clinton has led in almost every national poll among the Democratic presidential candidates, usually by double digits. She has turned in a solid, self-assured performance in the debates, has revved up an impressive organization and hasn't made a major mistake under the glare of a media that magnify everything she does.

Clinton is the underestimated front-runner. Conservative commentators like me have especially tended to discount her. We have argued that she'd never dare to run for Senate in New York; that if she ran, she'd be a terrible candidate; and that if she really ran for president, she would collapse under the weight of her own dullness and high negatives. Alas and alack, it is instead incontrovertible that -- in her own way -- she's a talented politician who has a clear path to the Democratic nomination and to the presidency.

She's not a natural, a fact highlighted all the more by her association by marriage to the great natural politician of his generation. If the test of a candidate is whether you would like to sit down and have a beer with her, she will never pass it.

She excels on other tests. Iraq seemed her greatest liability at the beginning of the campaign: She would either have to repudiate her vote to authorize the war, or be repudiated herself by anti-war Democratic voters. But she found her way out of the trap.

1.) She didn't apologize for her authorization vote, thus avoiding a blow to her credibility; 2.) She moved left in supporting a timetable for withdrawal, placating her party's base; 3.) She avoided the excesses of other Democrats panting for a pell-mell retreat, thus keeping intact her credentials as a potential commander in chief. This was brilliant politics. She leads in the latest Washington Post-ABC News poll both among Democrats who support a deadline for withdrawing troops and those who don't.

In those moments in the Democratic debates that have offered a choice between saying what the pacifist left wants to hear or saying what someone who might someday be president should say, she has done the latter. Her default mode is seriousness, and all her preparation shows. When she was asked in the most recent debate about the possibility of nearly three decades of a Bush or Clinton in the White House, I found myself commenting to a friend, "Watch -- she'll hit this out of the park." Which she did with a joke about regretting that Bush won in 2000.

She was ready for the question, unsurprisingly. Her campaign operation is like something out of "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines." It knows how to attack and parry and do it efficiently. It is inconceivable that she would ever be embarrassed by her campaign the way Obama has been by his a few times this year -- and if she were, someone would probably get fired.

Barack Obama has generated a lot of excitement. Maybe he will end up swamping Clinton, or she'll be done in by some unforeseeable issue or gaffe. But it doesn't look likely when Clinton has run a nearly flawless campaign and has done more than any other Democrat to show she's ready to be president.

I will never support her, but nor will I ever again underestimate her.

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Tooth Fairy Vengeance

Laura on Life



by Laura Snyder

My brothers and sister and I were born about a year apart and as a result, there was a period of about three or four years, in my childhood, when the Tooth Fairy came to visit our house on a very frequent basis. She came so often that I thought that maybe it would be best if we set up a guest room for her so that she didn't have so much flying to do.

Since I didn't personally know any fairies or even people that collected teeth for a living, I figured that the Tooth Fairy must come from a far-away foreign country. In my young mind, setting up a guest room for her was the only hospitable thing to do.

However, my mother told me that we didn't have a spare bedroom. I offered to let the Tooth Fairy use my bedroom and I would sleep on the floor, but my mother wouldn't hear of it. I was willing to do such a drastic thing because I was afraid that the Tooth Fairy, a very important source of cash for a seven-year old, would decide that the trip was not worth it and she wouldn't come on the night that my tooth was under my pillow.

Besides, I thought that if she actually lived in my room, she'd be inclined to leave more than a quarter under my pillow when my teeth fell out. Or maybe she'd accidentally leave some cash behind when she left. My mother was pretty unreasonable about my

perfect plan, though, so it never happened.

Nowadays, the Tooth Fairy seems to be pretty arbitrary about what kind of coinage she leaves under kids' pillows. My children have come home with stories of their friends finding a five dollar bill under their pillow. I figure she simply didn't have change for a five.

My children generally find one of those gold Sacagawea dollar coins under their pillow, so my kids think the Tooth Fairy lives with a tribe of Native Americans. But they are a little hurt to think that she might favor one of their friends over them. (If she had lived in my bedroom, mom, my children would be getting those five-dollar bills.)

My son, who is ten-years old, prefers to save his teeth in a little box rather than giving them to some creepy fairy that sneaks into his bedroom in the middle of the night. Even the thought of a certain cash windfall is not enough to sway him. So although he misses out on those golden coins, he comforts himself by thinking that at

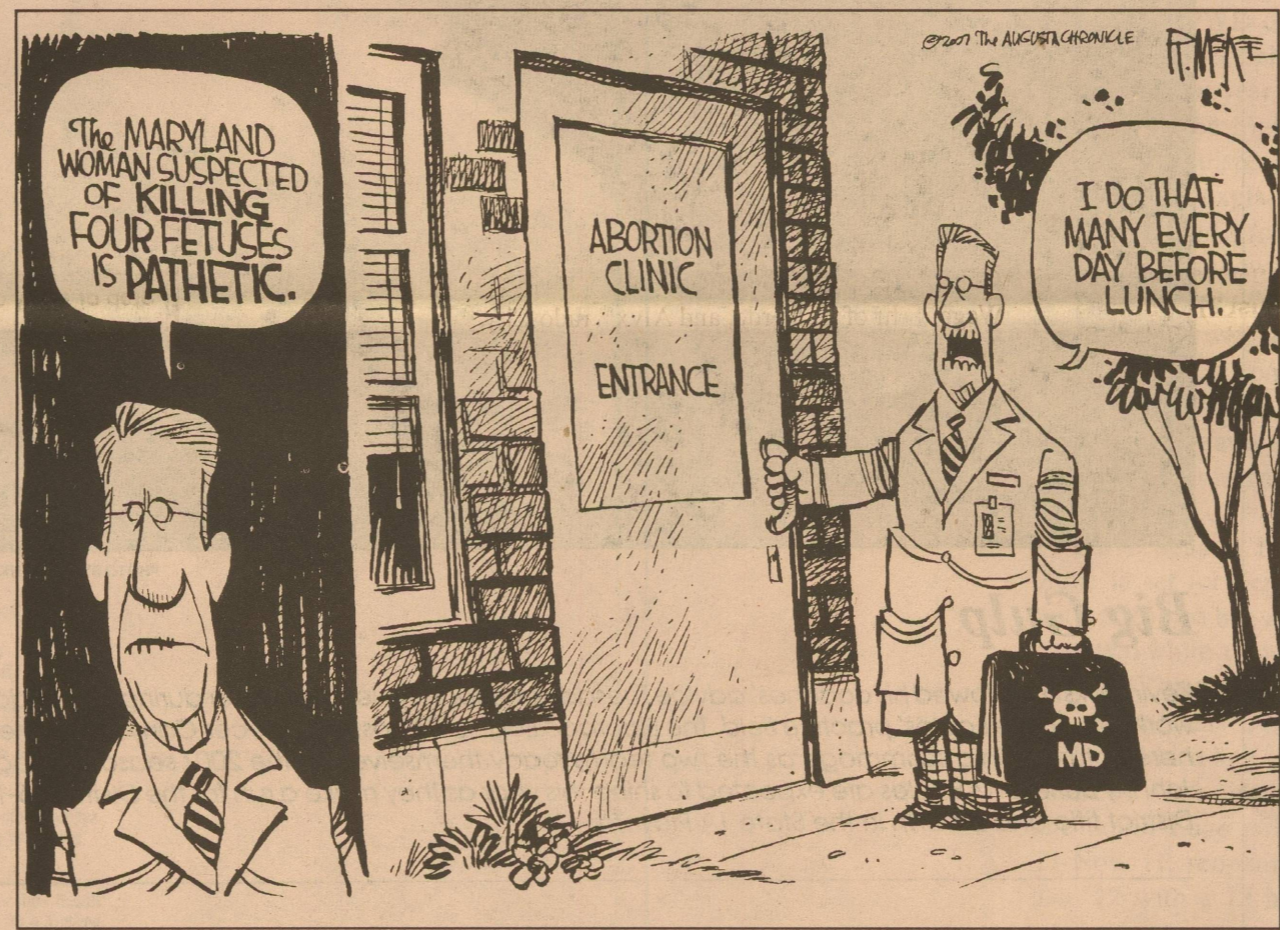
least he won't be the victim if the Tooth Fairy suddenly goes berserk. I guess that possibility always exists when we're talking about a person whose sole purpose in life is to collect other people's teeth.

There is a price to pay for his reticence, however. For the last two years he has had a buck-toothed, Bugs-Bunny-with-glasses sort of look on his face because the two teeth on either side of his very prominent front teeth have refused to grow in. We even had x-rays taken to find out if they were still in there somewhere. They were, but they were certainly taking their time about showing themselves.

Coincidentally, the Tooth Fairy hasn't had to make a trip to our house for the last two years until a couple of days ago when my daughter's tooth fell out. The very next day, my son's teeth finally made an appearance on either side of his Bugs Bunny teeth.

I don't think it's a stretch to think that the Tooth Fairy might have been mad at him for not handing over his teeth via the underside of his pillow. So in a way, my son became the victim of Tooth Fairy vengeance anyway. At least... that's what he thinks.

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The Orange Show in Houston

Houston is the biggest city in the country that does not have zoning. So you can have all sorts of interesting things right in the middle of a residential neighborhood. Such is the case with Houston's Orange Show.



by Tumbleweed Smith

It's a complex of whimsy, featuring whirligigs, a museum, an outdoor theater and all sorts of funky things to see and do. It was the brainchild of Jeff McKissick, who made his living as a mailman. During the depression he was an orange man. Like the apple men who sold apples, Jeff bought oranges at the farmers market in Atlanta and sold them all over the south. He moved to Houston after World War Two.

"He lived alone and had a big interest in health and longevity," says Susanne Theis, executive director of the foundation that operates the Orange Show. "He thought oranges were the perfect food. So he started building a monument to the orange. He traveled all over the country and brought back tractor seats, wagon wheels, bricks, anything that he thought would help him build the monument. He brought in rocks

because he thought they would show that oranges are strong and would make people strong. Signs show how oranges bring nutrients from the ground and convert them into energy in your body. Signs also tell folk tales about oranges. Jeff thought we should all live to be 100 years old. He didn't believe in people being lazy. He worked on building the Orange Show for 25 years, building it with his own hands. He died in 1980 at the age of 69, just two weeks after opening the Orange Show to the public."

The Orange Show became a Houston institution. It attracted all types of people, including some of the wealthiest families in the city. When Jeff died, he left a note to his heirs, telling them if they didn't know what to do with the Orange Show, contact Marilyn Oshman, whose family is in the sporting

goods business. She is involved in Houston's art community and put a group together to save the Orange Show. She is still involved with it. The Orange Show has become a place for artistic expression.

"We do concerts, plays, movies, workshops and all kinds of fun things here at the Orange Show," says Susanne. "We also do some wonderful education programs for at-risk kids because we feel that art is a powerful healing force and gives meaning to life. We've done 37 community murals now in Houston by kids who are at risk for gang involvement."

Susanne's foundation also stages Houston's famous art car parade, which attracts entries from all over the world. It also has just purchased the beer can house, another famous Houston landmark. John Milkovich, an upholsterer, got tired of painting his house so he covered it in flattened beer cans. It is slated to open later this fall and will show vintage beer cans from all across the United States.

"He made one of the most visited private homes in Houston," says Susanne. "Houstonians just love it."

Annual sales tax holiday set Aug. 17-19

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The annual state sales tax holiday is Aug. 17-19 and Texas shoppers will get a break from state and local sales taxes for most clothing and footwear priced under \$100.

Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

For the first time backpacks under \$100 specifically used by elementary and secondary students also are exempt. The new exemption includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack.

Comptroller Susan Combs estimates that shoppers can save about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the state sales tax holiday.

Examples of items that qualify for the sales tax exemption include baby clothes, boots, diapers, neckwear and ties, pajamas and swimsuits.

Items not covered in the holiday include belt buckles, most sport specific shoes such as baseball cleats, purses and jewelry.

This year the annual sales tax holiday was moved to the third weekend in August to better coincide with the first day of school.

"The Legislature voted to change the date of the sales tax holiday because schools are opening later in many districts," Combs said. "Most families take advantage of the sales tax holiday to buy back-to-school clothes for the kids."

TPWD to hire 200 new workers

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is adding 200 new employees to state parks after receiving increased funding from the Texas Legislature during this year's session.

The staffing increase is the first for the state park system in many years and follows several lean years where the department was forced to make major cuts to park services, staffing and hours of operation.

The available positions will be advertised through the TPWD Web site www.tpwd.state.tx.us and will be filled in September and October.

"We're looking for people who are really excited about helping take care of some of the most special places in our state, folks who are interested in a long-term career with Texas State Parks," said Walt Dabney, TPWD state parks director.

Gov's speechwriter resigns

Gov. Rick Perry's director of communications, Eric Bearse, resigned Aug. 6 to form his own consulting business, specializing in speechwriting, public affairs and political consulting.

For the last nine years, Bearse has been Perry's principle speechwriter, authoring two inaugural addresses, the governor's initial oath of office speech, four State-of-the-State speeches, and three Republican state convention speeches among nearly 2,000 speeches given by Gov. Perry since 1999.

Carrollton rep gets pacemaker

State Rep. Jim Jackson, R-Carrollton, was admitted to Massachusetts General Hospital Aug. 6 with a low heart rate. On Aug. 8 he received a permanent pacemaker and flew home a day later.

Jackson was in Boston attending the National Conference of State Legislatures' annual meeting.

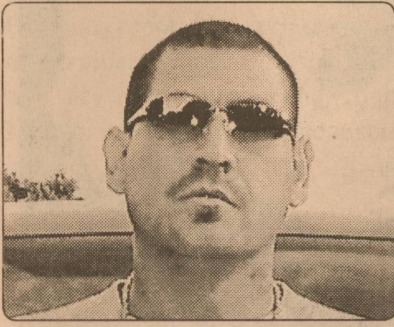
AG alerts parents to toy recall

The Office of the Attorney General is urging Texas consumers to stop using certain toys after Fisher-Price and

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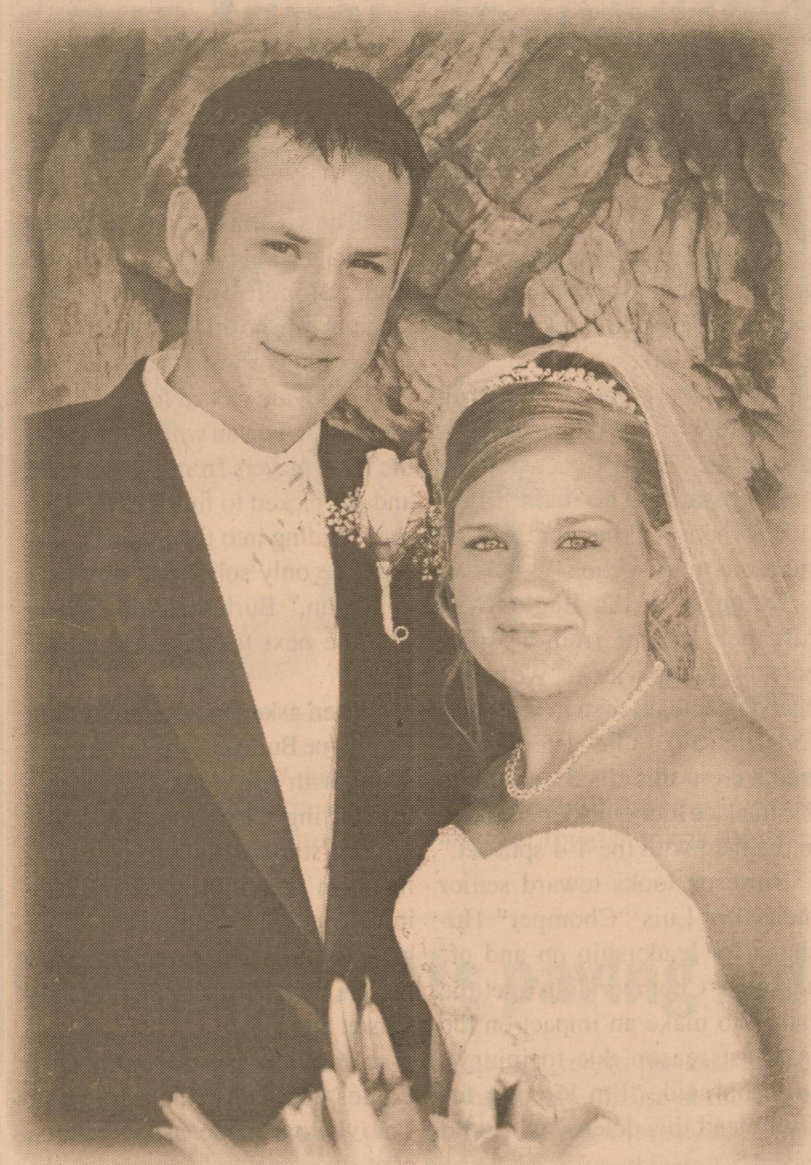
Jesus Baltazar



ELDORADO — Jesus Baltazar "Jessie" Arispe, 40, our beloved son, brother and husband, left this world on Friday, Aug 10, 2007. He is survived by his loving wife Jasmina Arispe, one son Jes-

sie Arispe, Jr., his parents, Baltazar Arispe and Victoria Batrez, brothers Victor Arispe and Ernesto Arispe, sisters Corina Gonzales, Cynthia Arispe, and Emma Aragon, and a loving grandmother whom he cherished, Maria G. Arispe.

He was preceded in death by his grand-parents Romegio Gauna, Anita Gauna, and Jesus G. Arispe. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel in Eldorado. Burial will follow in Eldorado Cemetery.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Sauer

COURTESY PHOTO

Hammond – Sauer Wedding

COLORADO CITY — Carla Elizabeth Hammond and Andrew Frederick Sauer, of Colorado City were married June 2, 2007, at First Baptist Church with Michael Howard officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Hammond of Colorado City. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman D. Sauer of Eldorado.

Maid of honor was Amie Hammond Wood of Colorado City. Bridesmaids were Heather Wadley-Hill of Syracuse, Utah, Courtney Sauer of Eldorado, Toni Wagenfuhr of Bulverde, and Alyx Turner of Midland. Flower girls were Callie Hammond of Syracuse, Utah and Burkley Wood of Lubbock.

Best man was Cody Halfmann of Miles. Groomsmen were Kary Gibson of Eldorado, Mitch Wilkerson of Weatherford, Gary Gibson of Eldorado, and Brandon Dobbs of Weatherford. Ring bearer was Eli Hammond of Colorado City.

Ushers were Eric Hammond of Syracuse, Utah, Daniel Hammond of Colorado City, Ty Wood

of Colorado City and Kirby Turner of Midland.

The bride a graduate of Colorado City High School is attending Western Texas College in Snyder. She is secretary for the Chamber of Commerce in Colorado City.

The bridegroom a graduate of Eldorado High School is a 2003 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor Degree in Agriculture Economics. He is a loan officer for City National Bank in Colorado City.

After a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will live in Colorado City.

Capital Highlights...

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the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a recall due to potential lead poisoning hazards.

According to the safety commission, toys and figures bearing the likeness of characters from Sesame Street, Dora the Explorer and other popular children's programs contain surface paints with excessive levels of lead, which

could be toxic if ingested.

More than 950,000 of the recalled toys were sold nationwide from May 2007 to August 2007. The products were sold both alone and as parts of sets. The toys are all marked with "Fisher-Price" and may have a date code between 109-7LF and 187-7LF marked on the product or packaging.

A detailed list of the recalled toys can be found on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

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Reese, Hannah & Colby

Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, August 20**
Meatloaf w/Tomato Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Honey Glazed Carrots, Corn Bread, Melon Salad, Milk
- Tuesday, August 21**
Polynesian Chicken Salad, Sweet Peas, Wheat Bread, Golden Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Milk
- Wednesday, August 22**
Steak Fingers w/Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk
- Thursday, August 23**
Oven Baked Pork Chops, Zucchini/Yellow Squash Medley, Corn w/Red Peppers, Wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Parfait, Milk
- Friday, August 24**
Fried Catfish w/Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Okra and Tomato Gumbo, Dinner Rolls, Apple Crisp

BIRTHDAY LIST

- AUGUST**
- 16th Kim-et Nelson, Leon Fuentes, Michael Ballew, Ray David Buitron Jr., Kristina Prater, Rocky Robles, Kristina Fritz, Koda Lozano, Dana Ledbetter, McKenzie McAngus, M'Lissa McKinney Schoening, J.B. Garcia, Hallie Schwiening
 - 17th Lisa Brown, Frankie Short, Rick Singleton, Leigh Ann Neal, Mitzi Lux, Earl Yates, Shirley Joiner, Mike Sproul, Marty Joe Powell, Nikkita Herrera
 - 18th Kimberly Griffin, Weldon Jenkins, Lana Jones, Shine Spigarelli, Elida J. Estrada, Charlie Niblett, Ray David Buitron Jr.
 - 19th Jonathan Belman, Michael Hill, Will Kessler, Justin Paxton, Trey Walker, Jerry Richards
 - 20th Katey Blair, Brent Moore, Craig Gutierrez, D.J. Criswell, Keith Corley, Maritza Villanueva
 - 21st Hal Porter, Juan Carlos Escobar
 - 22nd Johnny Lozano, Rebecca Rodriguez, Milton Fitts, Amy Henderson, Wenona Isaacs, Linda Creel, Colleen Swartzell, Sonia Covarrubiaz

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- 16th Debbie & Kerry Joy, Norris & Sharon Sauer
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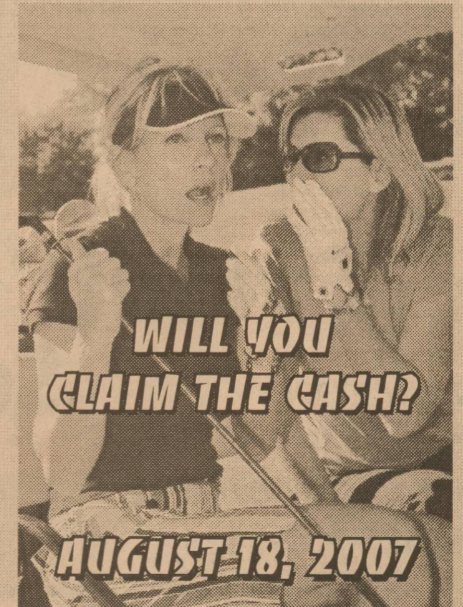
Winner of last week's \$100 cash prize was Felipe Martinez, shown here accepting the prize from Mason Vaughan




Winner of this week's \$100 cash prize was Jani and John Mitchell. Jani accepts the prize from Clara Herrera.

Don't Forget the \$100,000 Hole-In-One Shootout this Saturday!

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Warbirds remount and reload for 2007 season

by J.L. Mankin

The Eldorado Eagles look to rebound from a disappointing 1-9 season with a new look on both sides of the ball.

"We are trying something similar to what we did last season on offense," Head Coach Johnny Burleson said. "The main difference is there will be more motion and more misdirection."

Defensively the Eagles will shift their scheme from a 5-0 to more of a 4-4 split look. "We have a much faster team than in the past," Burleson said. "Our defense will benefit from this since we will be able to place four quick linebackers on the field with the 4-4 split set."

Burleson looks toward senior linebacker Luis "Chomper" Huichapa for leadership on and off the field. "Chomper didn't get the chance to make an impact on the field last season due to injury," Burleson said. "I'm looking for him to lead this defense to a solid season."

On the offensive side of the ball Burleson is unsure who will be the starting signal caller. Rance Cathey has the edge at the moment, the coach said, but Manny Gonzalez has a shot at the job. Cathey is mentally prepared for the season and that the position is "his to lose," Burleson stated.

Wes Brown and Ivany Sanchez will round out the backfield the tailback and fullback positions respectively.

"We really need to take care of the ball. Last season we averaged eight turnovers a game," Burleson said. "If we can take care of the ball I think we can score a lot of points."

The Eagles face their first action this Saturday in a scrimmage against Nueces Canyon starting with the JV at 9:30 am at Eagle Stadium. Varsity will follow around 10:30 am.

"The scrimmage will answer a lot of questions for us," Burleson said. "Hopefully we will settle some of our position battles."

Looking forward to district play the Eagles are picked fourth in district 16-1A. Forsan will be returning the most players from a good team and are picked to finish in the lead spot heading into the playoffs.

"The only solid pick out there is Forsan," Burleson said. "After that the next to spots are up for grabs."

When asked about the Sterling City game Burleson was quick to respond with one word... "Revenge."

Sterling City graduated most of their starters and are picked to finish in the sixth place position in district. Eldorado on the other hand is moving up several talented players from a strong JV squad a season ago.

Last year the Sterling City Eagles blanked Eldorado 56-0. The visitors made use of a fake punt, two onside kicks and three timeouts to pad the score.

"We know that game is on the schedule," Burleson said with a chuckle. "We've been planting the seed in our kids head about how big of a statement game that will be. An assistant coach has shown up to practice in a Sterling City shirt just to get their blood boiling."

The Warbirds open pre-district play against Mason on September 7 at home and begin district play in Christoval on September 28.

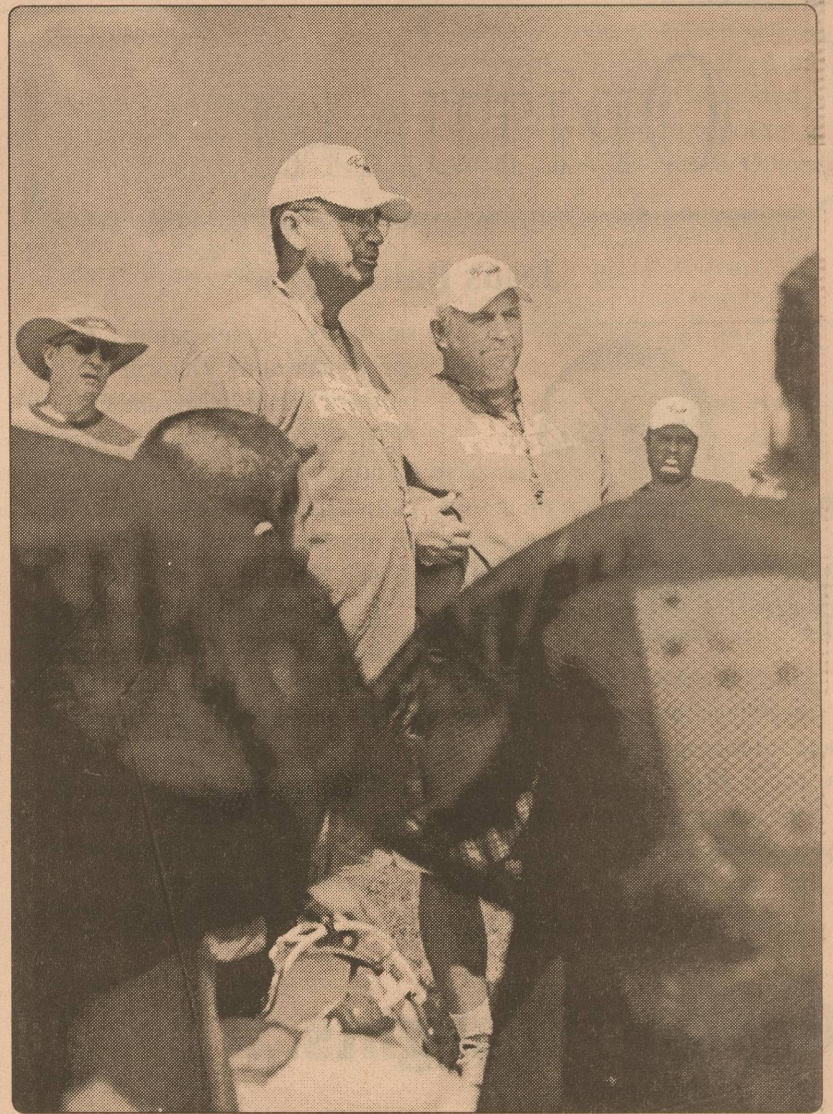


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Eagles players listen intently to coach Larry Mitchel and head coach Johnny Burleson during two-a-day practice Tuesday morning. The Warbirds are looking to shock district 16-1A by turning a 1-9 record a season ago into a playoff berth and maybe exact some revenge along the way.

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Golf Club Update

by Nancy Lester

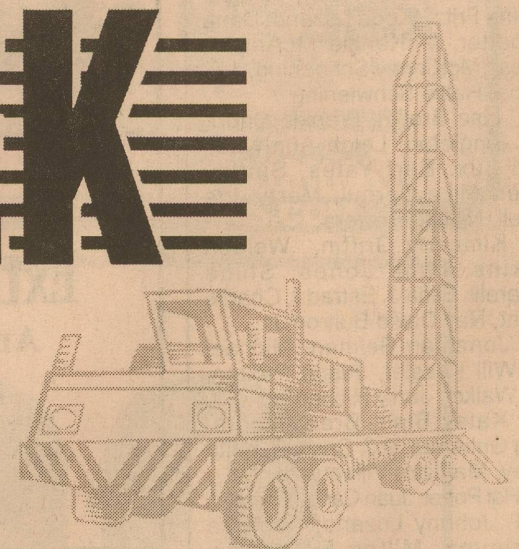
The Eldorado Golf Club will be sponsoring a Night Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 18, starting with registration at 6:30 p.m. and teeing off at 7 p.m. We will be playing 9 holes before dark, then have ham and brisket for supper and play nine holes after dark with lighted balls! Extra meals will be available for \$5.00 each if you want to bring your family. The annual Eddie Mae Kinser four lady tournament will be on August 25.

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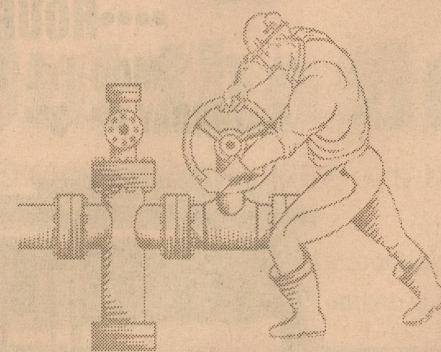
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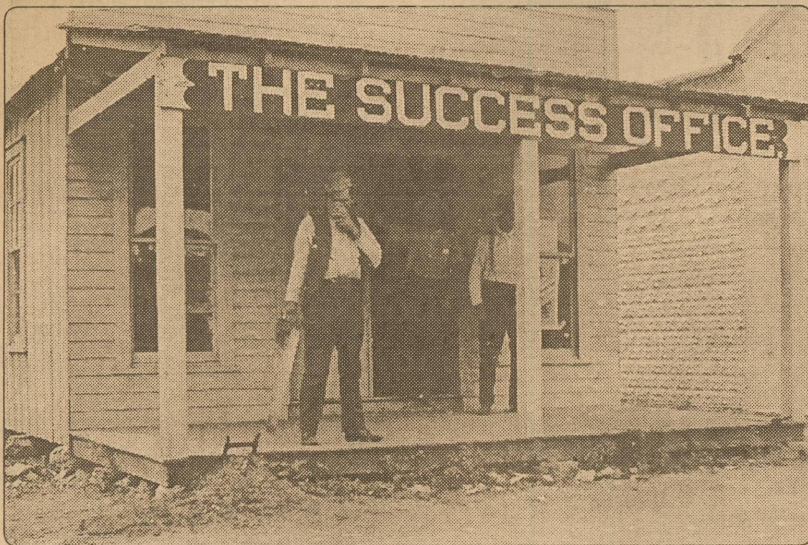


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The first office occupied by The Eldorado Success was located just a few feet down the block from the present location on Southwest Main Street.

A.T. "Archie" Wright, pioneer rancher, businessman, journalist

Archie Taylor (A.T.) Wright was born November 6, 1876 in Seguin, TX. Wright's talent for journalism must have originated from his father, A.T. Wright Sr., who was editor and owner of the Guadalupe News at Seguin.

Archie got a chance to use his skills as an editor and writer in 1906, when he bought the "Eldorado Paper" from R. L. Carothers, owner and editor of the first newspaper in Schleicher County. Archie renamed the newspaper "The Eldorado Success."

Archie had moved to Schleicher County from Tom Green County in 1900. He worked for W. B. Silliman as a ranch hand, breaking horses, until he bought the newspaper. This business consisted of a sixteen foot, one room, building with a hand operated George Washington Printing Press.

A.T.'s brother, Steve Wright, operated a grocery store on Holland Hotel Corner, Main St. in Eldorado for A.T. after he bought it in 1921. Following Steve's death in 1930, A.T. moved the store to an

enlarged building on Main St. The location was between "Highway Garage" (B.J.'s Garage) and "City Barber Shop" (Jerry's T.V.) The Eldorado Success was housed in the rear of this building, and the store was in the front of "Wright's Cash Store".

Archie was editor and owner of the newspaper for over thirty years, and during this time he served the community in many ways. He was on the school board, serving as secretary for eleven years. He was Mayor of Eldorado when the first water system was bought and first sewer system installed.

Archie married Mabel Love Foley in 1906, and the couple raised their four children in Eldorado.

A.T. died August 19, 1964 in his home in Eldorado. Mabel died December 18, 1972, and both are buried in their family plot in Schleicher County.

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certify the list.

Discussion then turned to reimbursement rates for employee and district personnel travel. It was noted that state and federal reimbursement rates have increased to 48.5 cents per mile and that per diem rates have increased to \$36 per day.

It was noted that school personnel are encouraged to take school cars when traveling, but are allowed to take their personal vehicles if they prefer. In those instances, the reimbursement rate is substantially lower — approximately 12.5 cents per mile. However, if there is not a school vehicle available and the employee must take their own car, they are reimbursed at a much higher rate.

The trustees decided to further research the state and federal reimbursement rates before taking action on the matter, so the issue was tabled until a later meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning the school's employee health insurance. It was noted that the current "tier 2 or mid-range" plan costs \$331 per month per employee with the employee paying \$65 per month. New rates are increasing to \$354 per month, however the school is going to pay even more of the tab, \$310 per month for the "tier 2" plan. That means the individual employee's contribution will go down to \$44

per month.

The trustees then took up discussion of a new pay scale for non-contract employees. Superintendent Collins explained that it has become increasingly difficult to find maintenance personnel, due mainly to high wages being paid in the oilfield. The trustees agreed that something needed to be done in order to attract qualified personnel, and they approved a new pay scale that starts maintenance workers out at \$9.34 per hour. He

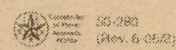
said the higher pay, coupled with the increased health insurance benefit should help in recruiting qualified workers.

The trustees then approved a policy update as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards. The also adopted a resolution stating the district's intention to comply with the recently adopted Religious Viewpoints Antidiscrimination Act.

The board then entered an executive session for the discussion of

personnel matters. They emerged into open session and voted to hire two teachers, Nicole Martinez as an art teacher, and John Boussard as a middle school or high school teacher and coach.

The SCISD board of trustees will meet next at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2007, at which time they will vote on the proposed \$1.17 tax rate. The meeting will be held on the High School Library, located in the school administration building on West Fields Avenue.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 P.M. AUGUST 27, 2007 in HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, 205 W FIELDS AVE ELDORADO, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.17000	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.00000	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters		

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	16.00000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	16.00000	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 612,616,844.00	\$ 658,102,559.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 10,153,440.00	\$ 4,441,690.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 307,660,854.00	\$ 353,190,049.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 10,090,198.00	\$ 4,281,480.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.37000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.37000	\$ 7,272.00	\$ 2,305.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04005	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.04005	\$ 6,087.00	\$ 3,769.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.17000	\$ 6,855.00	\$ 3,693.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,650.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 19,157.00	\$ 19,410.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 262.45	\$ 227.10
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (35.35)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,400,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

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 7th Grade 11:00-11:45 a.m.

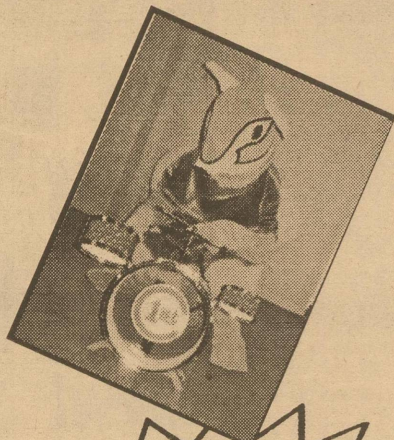
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 - Boys: 1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags
 - Girls: 1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags
 - 8 red folders (pockets & brads)
 - 8 blue folders (pockets & brads)
 - 2 70 pg. spiral notebooks (red and blue)
 - Fiskar scissors (round end metal blade)
 - Kleenex (large box)
 - 1 backpack
 - 1 box 12 pencil colors
 - 2-8 count box of crayons
 - 1 Water bottle (12 oz.)
 - \$5 for Pre-K Weekly Reader
 - 1-glue stick
 - 2 4oz. Elmer's White Glue
 - 1 pkg. Construction paper
 - 1 pkg. of white-letter size (8 1/2 by 11) copy paper
 - 1 set of clothes (shirt, pants/shorts, underwear, socks)

- KINDERGARTEN**
- Elmer's White School Glue-4 oz.
 - 2 No. 2 Pencils
 - Eraser (pink rubber)
 - Crayons-1 box of 8 (No Jumbo Crayons)
 - Fiskar For Kids Scissors (metal blade)
 - 1 large box Kleenex
 - 1 small school box
 - 2 vinyl (plastic) pocket folders
 - Boys 1 box sandwich size zip-lock bags
 - Girls 1 box gallon size zip-lock bags
 - 1 water bottle
 - Backpack THAT WILL HOLD FOLDERS
 - 1 regular size towel for napping (no mats, large towels, or blankets)
 - 1 pkg. of white-letter size (8 1/2 by 11) copy paper
 - \$5.00 for National Geographic Subscription

- FIRST GRADE**
- #2 Pencils,
 - Large Elmer's glue (white only)
 - School box
 - Metal inlaid scissors
 - Crayons-16 count
 - 1 pkg. Construction paper-9 x 12 assorted, loose
 - 1 box Kleenex
 - 4 pocket folders with bottom pocket
 - Pencil top erasers
 - 1 pkg. of white-letter size (8 1/2 by 11) copy paper
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- SECOND GRADE**
- 6 Pencils -- #2
 - Crayons - box of 24
 - Elmer's school glue

Back to School SUPPLIES

- Small plastic carry box
- 3 glue sticks
- Large eraser
- Fiskars scissors (no blunt tips)
- 4 Red marking pencils
- 6 pocket folders with bottom pockets
- Map colors
- 2 boxes Kleenex (200 count)
- 1 pkg. of white-letter size (8 1/2 by 11) copy paper
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- THIRD GRADE**
- Crayons - box of 24
 - Six pencils #2
 - Kleenex (200 count) (2 boxes)
 - Scissors - sharp point (Fiskars only)
 - Zipper pouch for notebook
 - 4 red marking pencils
 - Large Elmer's glue
 - Loose leaf 3 ring notebook
 - 1 pkg. Dividers (do NOT write on these)
 - Map colors
 - 6 pocket folders w/bottom pockets
 - 1 70 pg spiral notebook
 - 1 pkg. of white-letter size (8 1/2 by 11) copy paper
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- FOURTH GRADE**
- Notebook paper (no college or narrow ruled)
 - Pencil Top Erasers
 - Map colors
 - Ruler - both metric and American standard; clear plastic

- Scissors - 6" or 7" sharp point
- 8 Red grading pencils
- Kleenex - 200 count - 2 boxes
- #2 Pencils
- Zipper pouch for notebook
- 1 Spiral notebook (70 pages)
- Composition notebook (not a spiral)
- Elmer's glue
- Set of 6 highlighters—fluorescent; not liquid
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- 2 red pocket folders WITHOUT brads
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- 2 blue pocket folders WITHOUT brads
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- FIFTH GRADE**
- Zipper Notebook (large rings)
 - 1 Zipper Bag (cloth-no plastic) to fit inside notebook (if notebook does not have a place for pens/pencils)
 - 1 Large (Cloth-No Plastic) Zipper Bag (for colors and colored

- pencils)
- 2 Pkg. Notebook Paper (Wide Ruled)
- 1 Pkg. Plastic Dividers w/Pockets (8 1/2" x 11")
- 4 Pocket Folders w/BRADS
- 3 Composition Notebooks (No Wire)
- Pencils (Mechanical ones are acceptable)
- Red grading pens or pencils
- 1 Box of 24 count map colors or colored pencils
- 1 Box of 24 count crayons
- 4 Large glue sticks
- Scissors
- Stretch book covers (1 small & 2 large)
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Pkg. multicolored pastel copy paper
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- 1 Ream white copier paper
 - 1 Pkg wide-ruled notebook paper
 - 1 Pkg index tabs
 - 2 One-subject spiral notebooks with holes (2 different colors)
 - 1 Two-inch 3 ring binder
 - Pencils
 - 1 Red pen or pencil
 - 1 Box Kleenex

- 8th Grade Supply List LANGUAGE ARTS**
- (Please place your name on all materials.)
- 2 composition books
 - 4 folders with pockets and brads
 - 1 package of notebook paper
 - Markers
 - Map colors (one set will do if you are buying them for social studies)
 - Pens (dark ink)
 - 1 box of tissues
 - Small package of post-it notes

- MATH**
- 1 three subject notebook
 - 1 blue folder with brads
 - 1 package graph paper
 - 1 ruler with inches and centimeters
 - 1 ream of copier paper
 - 1 box of tissues
 - Notebook paper
 - Pencils
 - Red Pens

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1. Is wearing
6. Celestial bear
10. Andean land
14. Split to wed
15. Picture holder
16. "Exodus" author
17. A smokejumper may fight one
19. Evening, in ads
20. Blaster's need
21. "In that case ..."
22. Cyber-crook
24. Sushi wrap
26. Dutch actress
27. "Odds ..."
28. Comedians' bits
32. Vegans avoid these
35. Comfy shoes
36. ___ contendere (court plea)
37. Fashion mag
38. Rival of 37-Across
39. Golf club part
40. Bull tosser
41. Fruity quaffs
42. Make ashamed
43. Donna Karan, e.g.
45. Stowe heroine
46. Singer Sedaka

DOWN

1. Tests the weight of
2. Lacking a mate
3. Somewhat, informally
4. Unlock, to a poet
5. Arboreal home builders
6. Famine-stricken
7. Parade spoiler
8. Round Table title
9. Place for a pint
10. Training gear for a pug
11. Composer Satie
12. Baptism or bar mitzvah
13. ___-friendly (easy to operate)
18. Fare-___-well
23. Take steps
25. Gardener's need
26. Adjust the lenses
28. Radioer's "Got it!"
29. Nick Charles's wife
30. Yalies
31. JV player, perhaps
32. Card game combo
33. Nobelist Wiesel
34. "Woe is me!"
35. Hobby kit
38. Went up in smoke
42. Settles, as a score
44. "Gosh!"
45. 2000 Oscar role for Julia
47. State one's view
48. Loud, as a crowd
49. Oater "necktie"
50. Riverbank frolicker
51. Part of a fight card
52. Lhasa ___ (Tibetan dog)
53. City near Lake Tahoe
54. TV mag listing
58. Rhoda's TV mom
59. Sis's sib

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savings account.

Mayor Nikolauk then briefed the council on the street paving project. Councilwoman Dora Bosmans reported that East Street, which recently received a seal coat, was very rough. Councilman Stan Meador echoed the sentiment stating that North Street was also in rough condition.

Mayor Nikolauk instructed Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay to speak with the paving contractor, 90 West Construction, and see if the rough spots could be smoothed out.

It was noted that the city's final payment for the paving will be withheld until the problems are corrected.

Floyd Fay then updated the council on work in his department. He noted that there have been a few water leaks. He also explained that the only city employee certified in the gas department had left to take other employment.

Fay further advised that the landfill received three deficiencies when it was inspected by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Fay explained that the deficiencies are being corrected.

The DAF unit, purchased two years ago to solve problems at the sewer plant, is working perfectly, Fay stated.

Fay concluded by telling the council that the compactor at the landfill needs overhauling. He estimated the cost of repairs at \$31,205.00. He also explained that the transmission on the city's motor grader is frozen. He expects

that item to cost approximately \$12,000.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then reviewed the city's financial reports. She noted the need for a budget amendment to pay for repairs to the aforementioned compactor and motor grader.

Mrs. Mayo then advised the council that Myrl Sudduth had submitted measurements for easements in the Sunrise Addition and that letters would be going out to property owners.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then submitted a proposed ordinance for maintenance of yield and stop signs on City's right-of-ways near school property.

Councilman Dr. Pat Johnson told the council he would no longer be able to fill his seat on the City Council after August 24, 2007. Mayor John Nikolauk thanked Johnson on behalf of the city and said that he would be missed.

Antonio Contreras then appeared to inquire about the status of the council's decision concerning property his family owns adjacent to North Street. Mayor John Nikolauk told Contreras the city has not changed its position concerning the property, and that he and his family have the option to place a home on the property, but not a mobile home.

The council then went into a rare executive session with the agenda stating personnel matters as the reason. No action was taken when the council returned to open session.

The council will meet for a budget planning session on Monday, August 20th.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Macy Chatham and April Porras demonstrated how energy efficient light bulbs can reduce electric bills at Tuesday night's annual membership meeting of the Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative.

County accepts paving bid

10:00 a.m. rolled around Monday morning and Schleicher County Commissioner Matt Brown opened the sealed bid from 90 West Construction for paving several county roads. It was the only bid received.

The company's combined bid of \$103,351.00 included paving the parking area at the Cemetery Chapel, the main cemetery road, County Road 414 and County Road 402. Commissioner Brown, Kirk Griffin and Johnny Mayo voted to accept the bid for the paving. Commissioner Lynn Meador was not present. The money to pay for the project will come out of the county's contingency fund.

The August 13, 2007 meeting began with County Clerk Peggy Williams reading the minutes from the July 23 and July 30 meetings. Judge Griffin read a letter from attorney James Kosub who recommended a change in the definition of retirement age on a medicare and retirement policy. The court approved the change.

Judge Johnny Griffin presented the 2008 certified tax appraisal Roll. The court accepted the roll and will use the valuation to start their budget process.

Kirk Jones, a representative with the rodeo association and school board member, offered a

marquee given to the association by the school for use at the Civic Center. The commissioners approved the gift and installation.

The court then authorized jury service payments be directed to the Schleicher County Public Library if juror turn their checks back to the county after serving jury duty.

Among other business, Judge Griffin informed the court that Senate Bill 1867 gives smaller counties more leeway in regulating subdivisions.

Before adjourning, the court approved and paid bills and then started working on the county's budget for the 2007-2008 year.

Save at the gas pump

(SPM Wire) Sometimes it seems that gas prices only rise and never fall. While this is not entirely true, during peak summer driving season gas prices usually are their highest.

With the goal of helping drivers save at the gas pump while helping to save the environment by driving more fuel efficiently, the Alliance to Save Energy is offering these tips:

- Maintain your vehicle. Fixing a faulty oxygen sensor can improve mileage by as much as 40 percent. Fixing a car that is noticeably out of tune or has failed an emissions test can improve its gas mileage by an average of four percent.

- Keep your tires properly inflated to improve gas mileage by around 3.3 percent and also improve safety and tire life.

- Use the manufacturer's recommended grade of motor oil to improve gas mileage by one to two percent. Also, look for motor oil that says "Energy Conserving" on the API performance symbol to be sure it contains friction-reducing additives.

- Avoid idling, which gets zero miles-per-gallon. Cars with larger engines typically waste even more gas while idling than cars with smaller engines.

- Obey the speed limit. It's safer and less expensive. Gas mileage usually decreases rapidly above 60 miles per hour (mph). As a rule of thumb, each five mph over 60 mph is like paying an additional 20 cents per gallon for gas.

- Curtail "road rage" or aggressive driving. Speeding, rapid acceleration and braking can lower gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and five percent around town. Sensible driving is safer, too - so you may save more than gas money.

- Use cruise control to help cut fuel consumption by maintaining a steady speed during highway driving.

- Are you carrying around too much excess "baggage?" Pack

lightly when traveling, and avoid carrying items on your vehicle's roof. An extra 100 pounds in the trunk cuts a typical car's fuel economy by up to two percent.

- Combine errands into one trip to drive fewer miles, use less fuel, and reduce wear and tear on your vehicle. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as a longer, multi-purpose trip when the engine is warmed-up and efficient.

- Investigate other options for getting to work and other places -- carpooling, ridesharing, public transportation, biking, walking.

- Telecommute or stagger work hours if your employer permits, to avoid sitting in traffic and wasting gas, especially during peak rush hours.

- If you own more than one vehicle, drive the one that gets better gas mileage whenever possible. If you drive 15,000 miles a year, driving a car that gets 20 mpg rather than 30 mpg will cost you \$1000 or more this year.

- Buying, leasing, or renting a vehicle? Select a model that gets better fuel economy. Check out www.fueleconomy.gov, for information on fuel-efficient vehicles.

- Take advantage of 2007 federal income tax credits that reduce what you owe to Uncle Sam or increase your tax refund by \$250 to \$3,400 for purchases of hybrid-electric or diesel vehicles. Amounts are based on the vehicle's efficiency and fuel savings.

For more information about saving energy in your home, office or car, visit www.ase.org.

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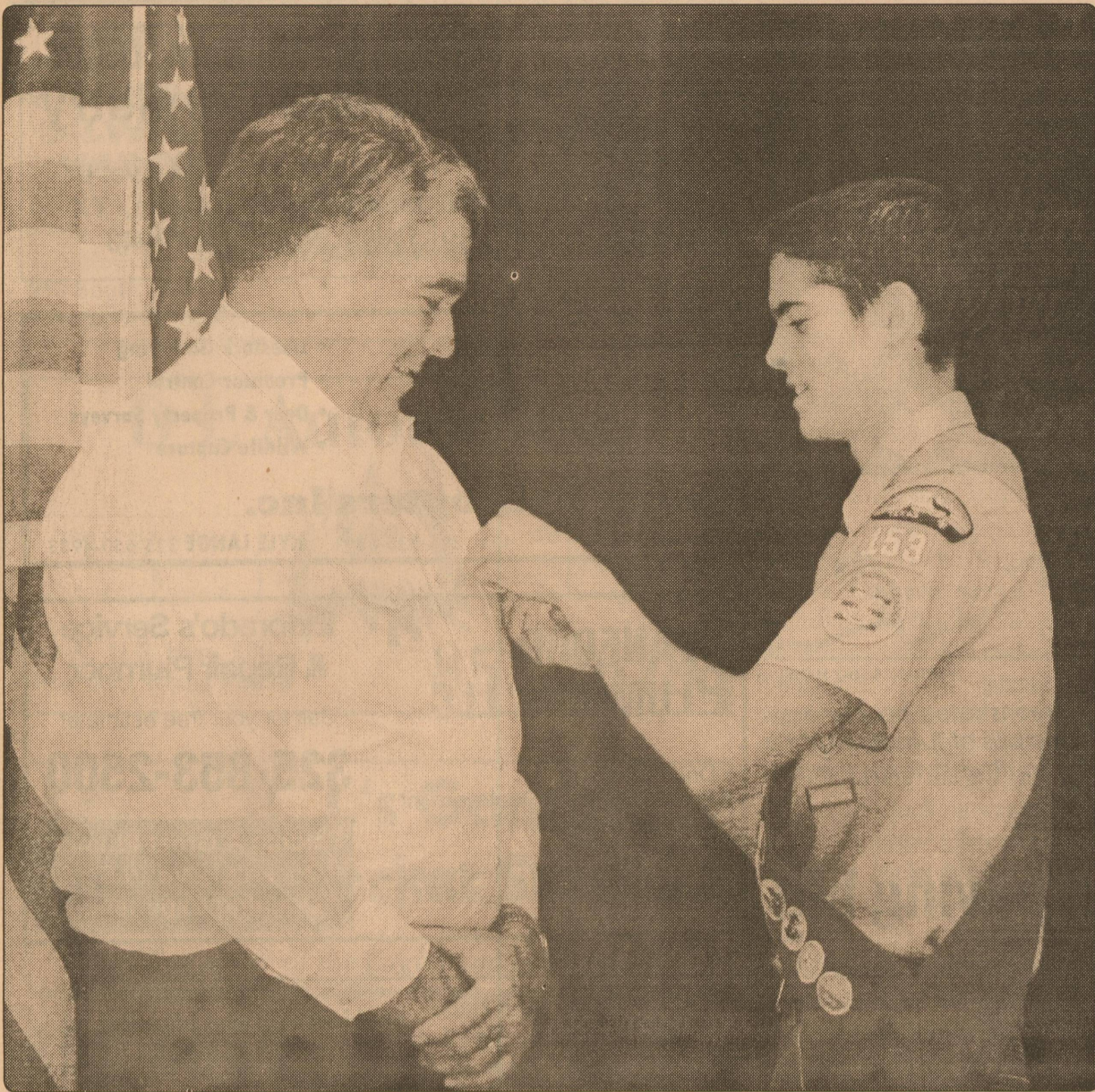
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The Blotter

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. 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

August 5 • Arispe, Gilbert, male age 26, offense Failure To Appear. Released time served.

August 8 • Sanchez, Frankie, offense Assault. Released on bond.

August 11 • Deleon, Irma Jean, female age 43, offense Driving While Intoxicated (1st). Released on bond.

August 12 • Bedea, Duane Dale, male age 32, offense Burglary of Building. Released on bond.

INCIDENTS

August 7 • 7:04 p.m. Caller at convenience store reported a fight in progress. Two officers responded.

• 9:27 p.m. Subject requested officers to resident on CR 302.

August 8 • 8:16 p.m. Subject reported a burglary of a vehicle. Some items were taken from vehicle without owner's permission. Officer responded.

• 5:32 p.m. Caller requested information on location of where black cattle broke through the fence on Hwy. 277 south.

August 9 • 7:15 a.m. 911 Hang up. Dispatcher noted address came up twice on 911 hang up.

• 9:37 a.m. Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy. 277 south

coming into Eldorado driving a maroon vehicle. Officer responded.

• 10:34 a.m. Caller reported a possible criminal trespass. Officer notified.

• 5:18 p.m. Sheriff Office received a 911 call from the Schleicher County Senior Center. Officer dispatched and found no problem.

• 7:12 p.m. Caller reported finding a bluish gray dappled horse on McIntosh Road. Caller wished to prevent an accident and took the horse home.

• 11:34 p.m. Caller stated a man was trying to break into their home. Deputies responded.

August 11 • 911 caller requested an ambulance for wife. Officers and ambulance responded to possible stroke victim.

August 12 • 5:43 a.m. 911 Call from Senior Center.

• 10:38 a.m. Owner of business requested to speak with an officer.

• 6:30 p.m. Caller requested help in getting rid of a nest of bees. Fire Department notified.

• 9:38 p.m. A witness reported seeing a four door Ford pickup back into a utility pole at convenience store, which caused sparks at light fixture as it shorted out. The impact damaged the driver's side of the bumper and knocked out the license plate light. Deputy notified as well as utility company.

August 13 • 12:50 p.m. Complainant reported two dogs from a residence killed their cat. Complainant spoke with City Hall who advised they speak to Sheriff Office.

• 4:18 p.m. Caller reported their daughter had been choking, but the child seem all right now. Dispatcher recommended the child be taken to the emergency room and be checked out.

• 8:00 p.m. Caller informed Sheriff Office of a minor vehicle accident at the intersection of Divide and Murchison. Officer responded.

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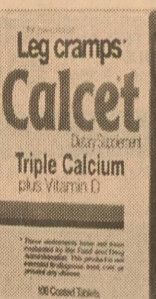
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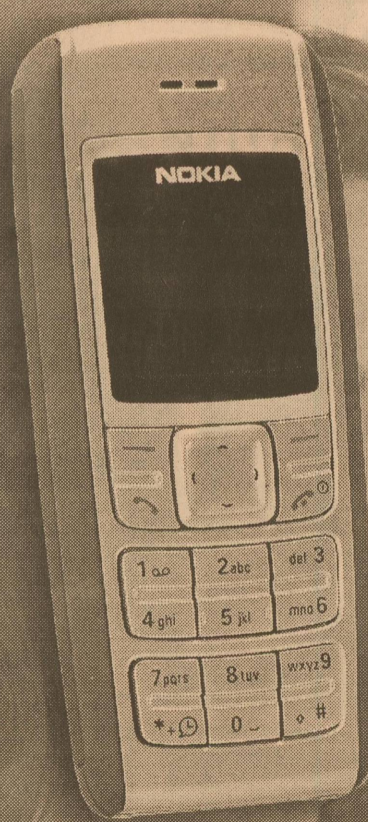
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2007-2008 Eldorado Eagles Cheerleaders (Front L-R): Marci Minor, Carli McAngus, Cheerleader Camp Instructor Tamara, Amika Gonzalez, April Porras, Abigail Ussery; (Back L-R) Corie Williams, Bridgett Mitchell, Ashley Paulson, Cassandra Buitron, Kadie Niblett, Brittany Gauna and Abigail Ussery. Not pictured Darci Graves.

EHS cheerleaders attend camp, learn new routines

The Eldorado Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders learned a new moves and cheers at Cheerleading Camp hosted by a University Cheerleader Association instructor this past week.

The girls performed their new skills and skits Wednesday, August 8 at the High School Gym for parents and friends. Darci Graves was nominated as Jump Queen. The Stunt Award went to April Porras and Amika Gonzalez. Safety Spot Award went to Brittany Guana. Voice and Cheer Award was given to Corie Williams and Spot Award to Ashley Paulson. Abigail Ussery and

Bridgett Mitchell were awarded the Dance Award. The squad nominated Bridgett Mitchell for the Leadership Award. All-Stars Award went to Bridgett Mitchell, April Porras and Kadie Niblett.

This season's Varsity Cheerleaders are Amika Gonzalez, April Porras, Cassandra Buitron, Bridgett Mitchell, Darci Graves and Corie Williams. Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are Kadie Niblett, Brittany Gauna, Ashley Paulson, Marci Minor, Abigail Ussery and Carli McAngus.

The cheerleader sponsors for the 2007-2008 season are Christi Collins and Samantha Carman.

High expectations for this year's Dove, Teal seasons

AUSTIN, Texas — The outlook for September's early migratory bird hunting in Texas looks promising, according to wildlife biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Dove and teal are expected to flourish as above-normal rainfall through the summer has yielded excellent range conditions throughout much of the state.

"Above-average precipitation statewide has created ideal habitat conditions for doves," said Jay Roberson, TPWD dove program leader. "I expect above-average production this year and hunt success should be higher provided doves are not dispersed."

Roberson explained that the abundant seed production, predominantly sunflower and croton, will help recently fledged birds to rapidly put on weight. But, quality range conditions could also cause doves to disperse as food sources become readily available and make managed fields less attractive early in the season.

Dove season in the North Zone is set for Sept. 1-Oct. 30, with a 15-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves; the Central Zone runs Sept. 1-Oct. 30 and reopens Dec. 26-Jan. 4, with a 12-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves; and the South Zone is set for Sept. 21-Nov. 11, reopening Dec. 26-Jan. 12 with a 12 bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves. Possession limit is twice the daily bag.

The Special South Texas Whitewing Zone, which now encompasses land west of I-35 and south of U. S. Highway 90, is open to white-winged dove afternoon-only (noon to sunset) hunting the first two Saturdays and Sundays in September. The daily bag limit is 12 birds, not more than four (4) mourning doves and two (2) white-tipped doves.

The early teal season runs Sept. 15-23 in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit and Sept. 15-30 in all other Texas counties. The daily bag limit for teal is four.

"There is lots of rain and water on the coast and we're looking at the third highest population of bluewings on record heading this way, so it could be unbelievable," said Dave Morrison, TPWD's waterfowl program leader. "Green-

wings are also at near record highs. But, with all the water we have, it could spread the birds out. Everybody is going to get some of the gravy."

Both greenwing and bluewing teal numbers this year are about 50 percent above the long-term population averages, said Morrison. "The September teal season has the potential to be one of the best in the last several years," he added.

Because hunting conditions are so good, TPWD anticipates a large turnout for the dove season opener in the North and Central Zones and is urging hunters to purchase their hunting license early to avoid last-minute delays. Licenses go on sale Aug. 15 and can be purchased at all TPWD law enforcement offices and from more than 1,200 retail outlets statewide.

Hunters are also reminded a state migratory game bird stamp is required for doves, waterfowl and sandhill cranes and in addition, a Federal Duck Stamp is needed to hunt teal.

Dove and teal hunters should take note they may only use "plugged" shotguns capable of holding no more than three shot shells and if you are hunting teal be sure to carry only approved nontoxic shotshells into the field as lead shot is prohibited.

If you don't have a place to hunt, TPWD offers opportunities for both dove and teal on managed public lands and leased private land. For \$48, the price of an Annual Public Hunting Permit from TPWD, hunters can access more than a million acres of public hunting lands, including 155 units covering more than 56,000 acres leased primarily for hunting dove and other small game. TPWD's public hunting program leased the land using money generated by permit sales.

While public hunting lands can be found throughout the state, most of the dove and small game leases occur along the I-35 and I-10 corridors within easy driving distance of the major metropolitan areas. Some areas offer special hunting opportunity for youth.

For the latest dove hunting conditions across Texas, check out TPWD's Weekly Migratory Game Bird Report on the Web starting in early September.

School Days

Healthy Days

FAMILY FEATURES

For kids, going back to school means new experiences and new friends — but also fuller schedules. Parents worry that regular meals and healthy eating will succumb to the time crunch. While many kids will be physically active in school gym classes and sports programs, homework and extracurricular activities can tempt them to lapse into unhealthy eating habits. Also, many kids will spend free time on sedentary activities such as computer games or TV watching.

Parents can help kids stay active and eat healthfully this school year with these tips from the American Heart Association:

- Move it! Encourage free-time physical activities that kids really enjoy. If they like it, they'll stick with it.
- Plan times for the whole family to take a walk, ride bikes, toss a football, kick a soccer ball or rake leaves.
- Be the role model. Your healthy, active behavior says, "Do as I do!" If you park yourself in front of the TV and eat unhealthy snacks, your kids may want to do the same.
- Set specific goals and limits that kids can understand and work toward, like completing one hour of physical activity per day, or cutting back on desserts (other than fruit) to two per week.
- Be supportive and reward good behavior with a fun activity or a new pair of sports shoes — anything except food, especially candy and sweets.
- Get children involved in planning and preparing meals and snacks. Not only do most kids really enjoy this activity, but research shows they're much more likely to try new foods if they've had a hand in preparing them. Make it part of the daily routine.

- Turn off the TV and video games and enlist the kids' help to create a grocery shopping list together. The American Heart Association's free, online "My Grocery List" builder at heartcheckmark.org is a great way the kids can use the computer to browse, with your help, through more than 800 certified heart-healthy products. Together you can click on favorite foods and create a shopping list to print and take to the store. (The kids may enjoy making their own special list.) Kids will get a kick out of this easy-to-use tool. And, grocery shopping just got faster and more fun!
- Consider dinnertime family time. When you dine together as a family, there's less chance of kids eating the wrong foods or snacking too much.
- Make reading food labels a family game. Everyone can get involved in learning about what's good for their health. This is a habit that can help change behavior for a lifetime.



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- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds
- 2 tablespoons sweetened shredded coconut
- 2 cups fat-free or low-fat plain yogurt, combined with 2 tablespoons sugar and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, or 2 cups fat-free, sugar-free or low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1 medium mango, diced, or 1 cup blueberries or sliced strawberries
- 1 8-ounce can pineapple tidbits packed in their own juice, drained

Put cornflakes in small plastic bag. Crush to make about 2 tablespoons coarse crumbs. Heat medium nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Dry-roast almonds and coconut 1 1/2 minutes, or until beginning to brown, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

Stir in cornflakes.

In medium bowl, stir together yogurt mixture and orange zest.

In another medium bowl, stir together mango and pineapple.

In each of 4 parfait or wine glasses, layer mixtures in following order: 1/4 cup yogurt mixture, 1/4 cup fruit mixture, 2 tablespoons yogurt mixture, 1/4 cup fruit mixture, 2 tablespoons yogurt mixture. Top each serving with 1 heaping tablespoon cornflake mixture.

Nutrition Analysis (per serving): Calories 191, Total Fat 3.0g (Saturated 1.0g, Polyunsaturated 0.5g, Monounsaturated 1.0g), Carbohydrates 35g, Sugars 31g, Fiber 2g, Cholesterol 3mg, Protein 8g, Sodium 124mg

Dietary Exchanges: 1 fruit, 1 skim milk, 1/2 other carbohydrate

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