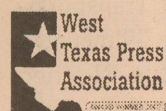


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YFZ defendants plead not guilty during arraignment

Men may travel within Texas for work

Raymond Merrill Jessop, 36, Merrill Leroy Jessop, 33, Alan Eugene Keate, 56, and Michael George Emack, 57, each entered not guilty pleas Monday as they appeared before 51st District Judge Barbara Walther during arraignment proceedings. The men, each represented by an attorney, waived their right to have the charges against them formally read aloud in court.

They were previously indicted by a Schleicher County Grand Jury on felony charges of Sexual Assault of a Child and Bigamy.

Bail restrictions on the men were relaxed a bit, during the hearing. Judge Walther agreed to let the men travel outside Schleicher County in order to work but ordered them not to leave Texas.

Two of the men, Michael George Emack and Alan Eugene Keate will be allowed to travel to Utah in order to get their trucks and tools. The men must then return to Texas and remain in the Lone Star state until their trials, Walther ruled.

Attorney Mark Stevens asked that Raymond Merrill Jessop be allowed to travel to Cour d'Alene, Idaho in order to work, but Judge Walther denied the request and required both Jessop brothers to remain in Texas.

And, all four were ordered to sign bail agreements stating that they will not have contact with their alleged victims.

At one point, attorney Stevens left the courtroom with some of Judge Walther's files prompting the judge to send her bailiff after the lawyer. When he returned, Stevens was told that he may not leave the courtroom with the files.

It could be several months before a fifth defendant, Warren Steed Jeffs, 52, will see the inside of a Texas courtroom. He is currently in jail in Kingman, Arizona where he awaits trial on sexual misconduct charges relating to his involvement in underage marriages within the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, over which he has ruled as prophet since his father's 2003 death.

Jeffs was convicted last year in Utah on two counts of Rape as an Accomplice, for which he received two consecutive 5-to-life sentences.

Jeffs was also indicted by Schleicher County grand jurors on charges of Sexual Assault of a Child and felony Bigamy.

Texas authorities have promised to extradite Jeffs to Texas as soon as authorities in Utah and Arizona are finished dealing with him.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

YFZ resident Mike Emack (center) will be allowed to travel to Utah to pick up his truck and tools but must return to Texas and remain in the state under new bail terms agreed to Monday by District Judge Barbara Walther. Emack and three other YFZ residents entered not guilty pleas before Walther during arraignment proceedings in the Schleicher County Memorial Building.

Just when you think it is over, Texas braces for Hurricane Ike

CAMP MABRY, AUSTIN – Governor Rick Perry has once again authorized state active duty deployment for up to 7,500 Texas Military Soldiers and Airmen in response to Hurricane Ike, a weather system threatening the Gulf Coast.

What started with Hurricanes Dolly, Edouard and Gustav, is now being dwarfed by what officials say is a very dangerous hurricane Ike. State preparations started Sunday at H-120 or 120 hours prior to expected landfall. Key personnel from local, state and federal agencies gathered to brief Mr. Jack Colley, Deputy Director (Governor's Office) Division of Emergency Management on the state

of readiness.

If anything, this 2008 hurricane season has demonstrated that we have to be prepared at all times. Hurricanes do not occur at convenient times or with sufficiently timed intervals. For Texas Military Forces, their families and civilian employers it means that "preparedness" is not a catch phrase but a constant state of readiness that impacts the local community because of and in spite of a Soldier or Airman's deployment. The civilian employer may lose a valued employee to military duty, but receives in return force multipliers who save lives in their communities and protect property from

flood waters.

For the Texas Military Forces Ike's current preparations are comprised of pre-and post landfall assistance and include ground and air evacuation hubs, bus fueling points, management of staging areas for evacuation buses, points of distribution operations and shelter management.

All available air assets are being reconfigured for search and rescue and medical air evacuations.

Defense Support to Civil Authorities is not your typical military operation and requires patience and adaptation to current circumstances. Sometimes our best-laid plans change in favor of a dramatic

change in the weather pattern or even where the storm will make landfall, but whatever the case maybe, our main focus will never shift which is the safety and wellbeing of our fellow citizens.

If our mere presence in a community has a calming effect, then that is our mission. When we have to go door-to-door to hand out MREs, ice and water - then that is our mission. When we have to fly patients to safety - that is what we do. When the power fails and we reestablish communications with first responders and district disaster commanders, we'll do that; but first and foremost our mission is to save lives and protect property.

More YFZ indictments expected?

Court documents released recently reveal that Texas authorities obtained search warrants in April for blood and tissue samples from several YFZ residents, including some of the men already facing charges for Sexual Assault of a Child and Bigamy.

Still others, including Jackson Jessop and Nathan Jessop may be facing criminal charges for sexual misconduct with underage girls.

Investigator Diane Wilson noted in the affidavit she completed when seek-

ing the search warrants that one of the girls identified herself as the 10th wife of Nathan Jessop and named him as the father of her child.

Parts of the evidence under consideration was previously used in child custody cases stemming from the April 3rd raid at the YFZ Ranch.

A caseworker for Texas Child Protective Services testified last week that nearly half of the men living at the YFZ Ranch were involved in underage marriages.

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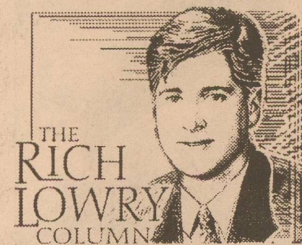
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Eagles receiver Paul Martinez leaped high in the air Saturday night to haul in this touchdown pass from Rance Cathey. The catch gave the Warbirds a 19-18 lead at the half. But, the Slaton Tigers came roaring back in the second half to claim a 46-25 win over the Eagles.

Hating Sarah

Sarah Palin works fast. She instantly became the object of the kind of partisan hatred that most politicians can raise only after prosecuting an unpopular war and lying about their misconduct in office (Nixon), after making sanctimonious dishonesty an art form and getting caught in flagrante with an intern (Clinton), and after winning a disputed election and botching a foreign occupation (Bush).

Palin-hatred is an artifact of who she is rather than anything she's done. Joe Biden famously rose from the working class to the U.S. Senate. Palin became governor of Alaska, but never left the working class -- with her old-fashioned beehive hairdo and librarian eyeglasses, with a husband who is a commercial fisherman and works on a North Shore oil field, and with her hobbies of fishing and hunting.



As such, she's the object of the cultural disdain of a left that loves the working class in theory, but is mystified or offended by its lifestyle and conservative values in reality. If there's ever been an exemplar of the rural America that, in Barack Obama's telling, "bitterly" clings to its guns and religion, it's Sarah Palin.

A popular liberal talk-radio host calls her a "bimbo," a Washington Post columnist compares her to Caligula's horse, and the left-wing blogosphere goes on a demented jag about how her fifth son, Trig, is really the son of her 17-year-old daughter, Bristol. The lunacy forced the Palins to issue a statement that Bristol is pregnant, setting off a feeding frenzy from the same press that went out of its way to protect the privacy of John Edwards.

In a less-poisonous atmosphere, Palin might have diminished the intensity of the "mommy wars." Here were traditionalist conservatives hailing a very busy working mom with five kids, including a handicapped 4-month-old. But the same feminists who ordinarily dismiss stay-at-home moms as benighted betrayers of the sisterhood now question whether Palin can juggle her family and political responsibilities. Washington doyenne Sally Quinn worries about putting "the mother of young children in a job outside the home that will demand so much of her time and energy."

A lot of Palin-hatred is couched in terms of her lack of experience. Fair enough, but there's a tone of contemptuous dismissiveness about the experience that she does have -- fueled no doubt by her career in "fly-over country" so remote no one really flies over it. The Obama campaign is loath to admit that she's governor of Alaska, pretending instead she's still mayor of tiny Wasilla.

Is Palin ready to take over on Day One? No. But she's not being asked to be president on Day One, but vice president in what will probably be a post-Cheney, more traditional model of the office. She has no less political experience than John Edwards when he was a one-term senator who had never before held elected office when he was John Kerry's running mate in 2004. The difference is that Edwards, as a senator and a presidential candidate, had proven he could speak plausibly to national issues.

We don't know yet whether Palin can do that on a rapid, pressure-packed timeline. We'll soon find out. Most of the country will be rooting for her, the likable and unlikely upstart. But not the Palin-haters, for whom she is already a woman only to be scorned.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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The Cowboy Strike

Texas Times

by U.S. Senator John Cornyn



When the "beef bonanza" came to the Texas Panhandle in the 1880s, it sparked a classic confrontation -- cattle punchers versus cattle barons -- that ranks as one of the great tales of the golden age of the American cowboy. More than just a good story, though, it continues to provide valuable lessons about the pursuit of happiness and the American dream.

Traditionally, cowboys and ranchers shared a friendly relationship. Frequently paid with cattle, and allowed to build their own maverick herds, cowboys lived with the hope, and prospect, of becoming ranchers themselves.

But when the demand for beef soared, a new "breed" of owners from England and Scotland came in and dominated the Panhandle lands. They formed corporations, claimed the maverick cattle as their own and insisted that the cowboys work for wages only. When barbed wire was introduced, they fenced in the open range.

Naturally, the cowboys resisted. At stake was their chance to claim a part of the American dream. Denied the right to own cattle, they demanded higher pay. The owners said no. So, just before spring roundup 125 years ago, the cowboys shocked the cattle country. They went on strike.

It was called the first cowboy strike in America. By some esti-

mates, the number of striking cowboys grew to more than 300 across five large ranches. The owners fought back, firing cowboys and hiring replacements. Their strike in 1883, 10 years before Labor Day became a legal holiday in Texas, accentuated a deep-seated belief that hard work deserves honest pay and fair treatment. After two-and-a-half months, the resistance of the cowboys weakened and the strike ended.

During the strike, the town of Tascosa became a popular place for out-of-work cowboys. Money saved to weather the walkout all too often evaporated amid the temptations in this "Cowboy Capital of the Panhandle," northwest of Amarillo.

In the daytime, Tascosa was a trade and supply center. At night, its rip-roaring "suburb" of Hogtown provided entertainment for a cast of characters that even Hollywood could not invent.

The mysterious and intriguing Frenchy McCormick and her husband, Mickey, reigned over the gambling parlors of Hog-

town. Frenchy dealt the cards and Mickey tended the bar.

Keeping the law in Hogtown were Sheriff Pat Garrett and District Attorney Temple Lea Houston, son of Sam Houston. Keeping them busy were a cast of notorious characters, including famed bad man Billy the Kid.

The cowboys around Tascosa were rugged individualists with a deep streak of independence. They worked from sunrise to sundown -- from "can see to can't see" -- roping, bulldogging, branding and herding cattle. But their way of life on the open range would fade, as would Tascosa. The death knell for the town came when the main east-west railroad bypassed it.

But the American dream did not die with it. Tascosa took on a new purpose when the ghost town was donated to help start Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in 1939. Since it was founded nearly 70 years ago, the Boys Ranch has cared for more than 8,000 at-risk children. Cal Farley became known as "America's Greatest Foster Father."

On the site of old Tascosa, the chance to fulfill the American dream has come full circle.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

State to issue road-building bonds

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The Texas Transportation Commission on Aug. 29 met and voted in response to an Aug. 21 letter signed by Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick urging the commission to get rolling on the issuance of highway construction bonds.

The five-member commission, appointed by the governor to oversee the Texas Department of Transportation, voted unanimously to issue \$1.5 billion in highway construction bonds to support 2009 projects that would have been unfunded or underfunded because of a \$1.1 billion shortfall.

Commission Chair Dierdre Delisi said she has instructed TxDOT to identify projects that are ready to move forward and expects TxDOT to present these projects to the commission later this month.

By amending the Texas Constitution, voters gave the state permission to issue short term highway construction bonds when they approved Prop. 12 on Nov. 5, 2007, and Prop. 14 on Sept. 13, 2003.

The state will address long-term transportation funding in the 81st regular session of the Texas Legislature, which convenes Jan. 13, 2009.



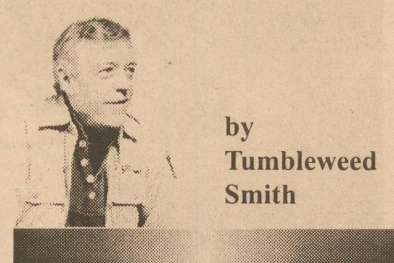
Men Should Stay Out of Women's Purses

There are stressful and traumatic moments in most men's lives. Some of them are caused when they try to find something in their wives' purses. In that situation, a man is like a fish out of water.

Most women's purses have so many pockets, compartments, zippers, fasteners and bags within a bag that it's difficult for even the owner to find anything. Many items in my wife's purse all have the same shape and are roughly the same size. I'm specifically talking about a billfold, checkbook and telephone.

I usually know better than to rummage through my wife's purse, but occasionally I have no other choice. I recently had one of those traumatic, stressful situations involving an exploratory expedition through my wife's new shoulder bag.

We had spent the day on a sailing ship out of Newport, Rhode Island. After the sail, we took the ferry back to our hotel in Providence. There was a small couch at the end of the bed where we watched TV in our few spare moments. We had dinner plans and



by Tumbleweed Smith

Susan decided to leave her bag in the room. As we were leaving the hotel, she stopped at the front desk to inquire about some transportation. It was there she decided she needed her phone and asked me to go get it.

I immediately got nervous and actually started to sweat. I didn't want to do it. But I returned to the room, retrieved her bag from the safe and put my hand inside it to get the phone. Sound simple, right? Forget it. My hands touched every item in her purse except the phone. I went to the couch and emptied the contents. No phone. I reached inside again and felt it. It was in a zippered pocket. I got it!

I loaded everything back into her purse, put it back in the safe and left the room. We had a wonderful time at dinner. When we returned to the room, I thought I'd see what was on TV. I couldn't

find the remote. We looked all over the room, but no remote. We called the front desk and told them the remote was missing; that apparently the maid accidentally took it out with the linens. We told the front desk we didn't need the remote, we just wanted to report it missing so we wouldn't be charged for it.

The next morning we took the shuttle to the airport for the flight home. Susan decided to go get a snack while I stayed with the luggage. She came back with a couple of apples and a surprised look on her face. She told me she had found what we had been looking for and pulled the remote out of her purse.

I knew immediately how it got there. Apparently while I was putting the items back in her purse, I put the remote right in there with them.

We mailed it back to the hotel. When we landed back in Texas, Susan had been carrying my sunglasses in her purse. I asked her to get them out for me. She just handed me her purse. I handed it right back to her. She laughed and fished out my sunglasses.

Hurricane hits, conventions go on

Gov. Perry and President George W. Bush were in Texas Sept. 1 to check on Hurricane Gustav relief operations.

Before Gustav came ashore Sept. 1 as a Category 2 hurricane, it prompted orders resulting in the evacuation of nearly 2 million people from southern Louisiana and coastal counties of Texas near the Louisiana border.

Despite threatening weather, contingencies of politically active Texans traveled to their respective national party conventions.

At the Republican National Convention Sept. 3 in St. Paul, Minn., Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams made the motion to nominate Sen. John McCain as the GOP candidate for president. Lt. Gov. Dewhurst announced Texas' 140 delegate votes for McCain.

The Aug. 27 roll call vote at the Democratic National Convention in Denver stopped before the Texas delegation announced its tally, because Sen. Barack Obama earlier had received enough votes to secure the party's nomination for president.

In other news, two Austin men on Sept. 5 were charged in a Minneapolis federal court for illegal possession of Molotov cocktails. The men allegedly had planned to use the incendiary devices to disrupt the GOP convention in St. Paul.

Repeal of TIF tax takes effect

The Texas Legislature in 2007 passed HB 735 by Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, a law to repeal the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund or "TIF tax" effective Sept. 1, 2008.

The Legislature created the TIF in 1995 to help fund the expansion of broadband services and conquer the so-called "digital divide" that left rural Texas with inadequate service.

Lt. Gov. Dewhurst on Sept. 2 said Texans had paid more than \$1.5 billion in TIF surcharges.

Dewhurst, who pushed for the repeal as president of the Senate, said he wanted to let Texans "keep more of their hard-earned money," and thanks to the repeal, their telephone bills will be impacted this month.

More children get their shots

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Sept. 4 that

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SCISD trustees meet consider staffing, student performance

Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday evening for a brief regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was called to order with board members Kurtis Homer, Jan Wanoreck, Lupe Sanchez, Berta Nicholson, Kirk Jones and Robert Jay present. Superintendent Billy Collins and principals Kara Sue Garlitz and Scott Carman were also on hand. Trustee Leanne Higgins was absent.

Billy Collins notified the board of the most recent student enrollment numbers for all campuses. The first day enrollment numbers where at 614 district-wide. As of August 29 the district is showing a slight increase to a total enrollment of 624.

Collins then added that SCISD has received a superior achievement rating from the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas.

The next item on the agenda was the opening of bids for the high school gym air conditioning units. Collins told the board that requests had been made to push

back the bid opening date a week so that more information could be collected for the contractors. Collins noted that additional data is needed from electric supplier AEP before the bids could be submitted. The board agreed to open the bids on September 17, 2008.

Finance director Ray Ballew then reviewed the district's financial records. He explained the need to earmark some \$300,000.00 as designated funds since much of the money previously designated for construction has not been spent.

Ballew also suggested adding \$257,838.00 to the school's undesignated fund balance.

Billy Collins explained that a spike in student enrollment last year meant additional reimbursement from the state. He said enrollment is closer to predicted levels this year meaning less money from the state. Collins said the surplus from last year will be used to offset the decline this year.

The trustees then went in to an executive session for the evaluation

of teaching assignments and student performance.

Collins explained later that the evaluation was intense and systematic as the board tried to analyze how to make the best use of its personnel and provide the best educational opportunities for the district's students.

Collins also noted that additional math instruction is being implemented in the high school and that students who failed the TAKS math test last year will be required to take two math classes this year.

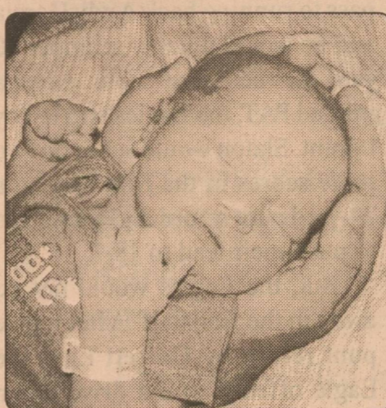
Clearly the changes are intended to address deficiencies noted in the school's most recent accountability rating.

Collins continued by pointing out other options being considered or already being implemented. Included in those are programs targeting the education of economically disadvantaged students. That's the group that triggered the school's low rating this year.

Other issues being considered

by the school board include: truancy among some students; the possibility of requiring summer school for students who fail a portion of the TAKS test; campus discipline management; and increasing motivation for at-risk students.

The next meeting of the SCISD board of trustees is slated for Monday, October 13, 2008, at 6 p.m. in the High School Library.



IT'S A BOY!

Paxton Cross Brown bounced into the world on August 20, 2008 to proud parents, Kyle Brown and Leigh Anne Bollinger of San Angelo. Paxton is also welcomed by his proud Grandma Lisa Brown, Aunt Sami, and Great Grandma Darlene Hardesty of Eldorado. Also welcoming Paxton into the world are his proud Grandparents, Brian and Dana Bollinger and Great Grandma Peggy Bowen of San Angelo. Paxton weighed 8 lbs 3 oz and was 19.75 inches long.

Meals for Friends Menu



- MONDAY SEPT. 15**
King Ranch Chicken, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Carrot Salad, Oatmeal Cookies, Milk
- TUESDAY SEPT. 16**
Roast Beef Sandwich, Baked French Fries, Lettuce Leaf, Tomato Slices, Pea Salad, Peach Halves, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY SEPT. 17**
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Buttered Peas, Spinach, Corn bread, Sunshine Fruit Cup, Milk.
- THURSDAY SEPT. 18**
Chicken Fajita Salad, Cheese, Tomato Wedges & Lettuce, Macaroni Salad, Crackers, Cherry Perfection, Pumpkin Pie, Milk.
- FRIDAY SEPT. 19**
Hamburger on a Bun, Whole Baby Carrots, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Bun, Seafoam Salad, Fresh Grapes, Milk.

Miles Cotton Festival slated this weekend

The 31st annual Miles Cotton Festival will be held September 13. The event is sponsored by the Miles Preservation Authority.

Festivities begin at 6 a.m. with the miles Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast in the Weatherby Hall. Arts and crafts and food booths will open in the city Park at 9 a.m. Brisket, pork ribs and chicken cook-offs begin at 9 a.m. in the MPA Park, followed by a parade through downtown Miles at 10 a.m.

The Miles Senior Citizens will serve a noon meal in the historic 1904 Miles Opera House, followed by bingo in the afternoon. The Miles Public library also will be having a book giveaway on the sidewalk downtown.

Other activities include all day musical entertainment in the city Park, a one-half mile Kid's Fun

run, a Kid's Fair, washer and horseshoe pitching, and the miles cotton Queen contest at 6:30 p.m. in the city Park.

The festival will conclude with a street dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., featuring the music of the Zack Edwards Band and the Doug Moreland Band. Headlining the evening will be country recording artist Aaron Watson. Dance tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the gate.

Friday night activities include bake Off and salsa contests in the Miles Young farmers show Complex

For more information, contact the following : 325-468-0031 (bake off & salsa contests), 325-468-3611 (arts and crafts and food booths), 325-468-3501 (cook-offs) or visit the website: www.milestexas.com

Texas Transportation Commission votes to proceed with \$1.5B bond issuance

The Texas Transportation Commission unanimously signaled its intent to issue \$1.5 billion in Proposition 14 bonds during a special meeting held Aug. 29 in Austin. The debt will support development and construction projects in 2009.

The Commission meeting was held in response to a letter received by Commission Chair Deirdre Delisi the previous week, in which Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick urged the commission to exercise their ability to issue the bonds.

"The funds generated by the sale of these bonds will enable TxDOT to get needed transportation projects back on track," said Delisi. "I have instructed TxDOT staff to begin identifying projects across the state that are ready to immediately move forward and make use of these additional funds. I expect the staff to present these projects to the

Commission in September."

In addition to encouraging the sale of bonds in their letter, the state's leaders identified measures they would address during the 81st Legislative Session in 2009 to address long-term transportation funding. One of the proposals would appropriate money from the state's General Fund for the Proposition 12 bonds approved by Texas voters in 2007.

Texas voters approved Proposition 14 highway bonding authority in 2003. To date, TxDOT has issued \$3.1 billion in Proposition 14 bonds. The Proposition 14 bond program authorizes the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to borrow money on a

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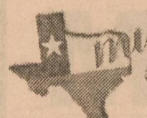
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Halftime lead evaporates as Eagles fall to Slaton

The Eldorado Eagles came out and scored on their first possession of the game. Junior running back Wes Brown got the Eagles on the board early when he found pay dirt from 3 yards out. That was the first of his two scores on the night. Dustin Guana came in to convert his third PAT of the season to give the Warbirds a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

On the ensuing Slaton possession, Tiger quarterback Jace Chancellor would throw a tunnel pass to running back Andy Garcia and he would quickly scamper 70 yard for their first score. After a missed PAT, the Eagles still led by 1 point. Slaton would score on two more scores in the first half on a 79-yard punt return and a long run to push their lead to 18-7.

But, the Eagles would not go away in the first half. After a nice punt return by Garrett Lux, the Eagle offense would drive down the field and senior QB would find his favorite target Dustin Guana for Eldorado's second score of the game. The PAT was blocked and the Tigers still led 18-13.

The Eagle defense tightened up at the end of the second quarter and forced the Tigers to punt again. This time the Warbirds would score on another pass play from Cathey to Senior wide receiver Paul Martinez.

This connection would be the second time in a row Martinez caught a touchdown pass from Cathey, but the first was ruled out of bounds. Martinez would scoot in a bit on the field and run the same play and this time it would count for 6 points. The 2 point conversion was no good, but the Eagles would take a 19-18 lead into half time.

In the second half it would be all Slaton. The Tiger defense



Eagles running back Wes Brown found the endzone twice Saturday night as the Warbirds took on the Slaton Tigers in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium. Despite taking an early lead, the Eagles couldn't close the deal and Slaton came back in the second half to claim a 46-25 win.

forced Eldorado to punt on their first possession of the second half. Slaton would score 28 unanswered points in the half, 20 in the 3rd and 8 in the 4th to put the game away. Wes Brown would find the end zone late in the 4th quarter to make the final score 46-25 in favor of the Tigers.

The Eagles were plagued for the second week by giving up

big plays. The Eagle defense did not look the same as they did in the first week. Granted, this was a much better team. Junior linebacker Ryan Castillo had another big game for the Warbirds and senior linebacker Dustin Ramirez would also have an excellent game with 2 solo tackles, 6 assists, 1 tackle for a loss and one forced fumble.

It appeared to be the little things that made the score look so lopsided.

Head Coach Johnny Burleson said, "I'm sure when we watch the film we'll see several missed blocks and missed tackles. We'll have to fix those things."

Burleson was encouraged at the way the Eagles finished the first half, but they will have to play a full game to win against good teams.

Senior linebacker Rollie Gonzales said, "This one hurts, but we just have to keep getting better and we will get better."

The Eagles will have to get better in a hurry as they face state-ranked Iraan tomorrow night at home. The Braves come into Eagle Stadium with convincing wins over Mason and Ozona.

The high powered Iraan offense has scored 89 points in two games this season. As good as their offense is, their defense has held opponents to 7 points. It will be a tall task for the Eldorado Eagles, but one they will be ready for.

Kick off will be at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night. If you can't make it to the game, listen to the game on KLDE 104.9 FM. The pre-game show starts at 7:00 p.m.

Also, don't miss the Coach Johnny Burleson show every Thursday at 11 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Listen in as Coach Burleson sits down with Randy Mankin and goes over the previous game and the Eagles next opponent.



Eldorado gains 15 yards the hard way as a Slaton Tiger defender hits Miles Mikeska early and draws a pass interference penalty. Mikeska was uninjured despite the vicious hit and continued to play in the contest. He gained 15 yards on the ground and contributed 2 solo tackles and 5 assists on the defensive side of the ball.

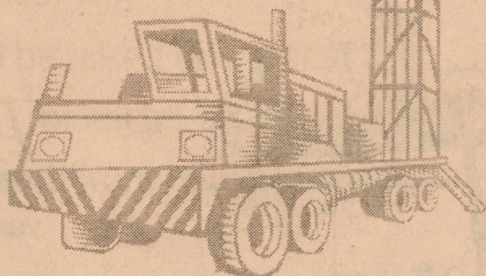
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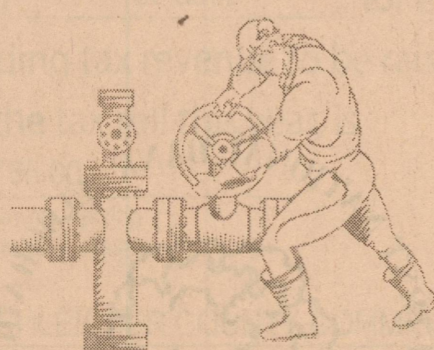
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County eyes swimming pool, golf course projects

The Schleicher County Commissioners meeting began Monday with a public hearing on the county's proposed 2009 budget. Among those present for the hearing were Judge Johnny Griffin, judge-elect Charlie Bradley, commissioners Matt Brown, Johnny Mayo and Lynn Meador. Also present were County Clerk Peggy Williams, Treasurer Karen Henderson, Road Superintendent Clay Burleson and County Attorney Raymond Loomis. Citizens Lara Zamora and Shane West were also on hand for the hearing but did not speak to the budget or proposed tax rate.

County Clerk Peggy Williams read the minutes of the August 25th minutes. The commissioners then met with engineer Tom Brown, representing Naismith Engineering, about building a new swimming pool. Brown suggested the county become their

own general contractor saving up to 30 to 50 percent in building cost. He also suggested a Parks and Wildlife grant plan that would pay half the cost of a new pool. He noted that plans need to be submitted by November 1st. Brown said the pool project could cost as much as \$700,000.00 and that the county would have 25 years to pay the money back. Brown also suggested the county find a committee of interested citizens to help with the plans for the pool.

Another proposed project involved pumping clean treated wastewater from the city sewer plant to the golf course for irrigation. Brown noted that funds would be available for the project at zero-interest. He will return for the commissioners Sept. 22 meeting.

In other business, the commissioners received one bid from Griffin Fuels for unleaded gas in

the amount of \$3.5947 a gallon.

Lara Zamora then met with the court asking for help in securing a grant to pay for child care services. She said there was a great need for this service in the county. Judge Griffin agreed the need was great, but said he was not aware of any grants for child care service.

Commissioner Lynn Meador suggested Ms. Zamora research child care services in other counties and see how they are funded. Griffin directed her to the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

The court received a bill for \$2,200 for the autopsy of William Sunderland Jessop who died at the YFZ ranch in July from an apparent seizure. Judge Jimmy Doyle requested the autopsy.

Judge Griffin also received a letter from Texas Tech Medical School stating they would be no longer provide coroner services.

The commissioners also discussed a recent accident on County Road 300 in which a county employee lost control of a dump truck. The truck overturned and the driver was not injured.

Road Superintendent Clay Burleson told Commissioner Johnny Mayo he had found another International truck to replace the wrecked one, but he was waiting on the insurance adjustment.

The commissioners will meet on again Monday, September 15, at which time they will take up final action on the 2009 proposed budget. Once the budget is adopted the commissioners will take up consideration of the 2009 tax rate. The men have proposed a rate of 65 cents per \$100 valuation.

The proposed budget will include funding for a new road grader, new house at the cemetery, new patrol vehicle for the Sheriff's Department, matching salary for a county trapper, salary increase for golf course employee, paving, new vehicle for county maintenance personnel and an approximate 5 percent increase in salaries for all employees excluding county commissioners.

The total projected budget for the year 2009 will be \$4,354,248.00 an increase of \$439,633.50 from the current budget.

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Carlsbad Cross-Country Meet Results

Varsity Lady Eagles Cross Country Team placed 8th at the Carlsbad Cross Country Meet held Saturday, September 6, 2008. Claudia Pasillas medaled.

There was a total of 151 individual runners. Individual times were: Kaitlyn Bluford - 88th - 19:01.0; Abby Fuentes - 27th - 16:14.2; Claudia Pasillas - 18th - 15:37.7; Brianah Creek - 77th - 18:13.0; Ashby Ragsdale - 98th - 19:35.3; Amanda Garcia - 65th - 17:49.4; Brianda Torres - 86th - 19:00.0.

Varsity Eagles Cross Country Team placed 9th with 138 individual runners. Individual times were: Mason Baker - 34th - 20:51.2; Hunter Alvizo - 52nd - 21:58.1; Morgan Barker - 61st - 22:27.5; Zack Brame - 68th - 23:17.7; Javier Hernandez - 106th - 29:38.2; Jorge Medrano - 75th - 23:55.0; Joseph Rubio - 56th - 22:08.4; Michael Rubio - 74th - 23:52.4.

8th Grade Girls Cross Country Team placed 6th out of 110 runners. Individual times were: Miranda Arispe - 12th - 17:02.7; MaryLou Martinez - 64th - 21:49.7; Nikki Herrera - 26th - 17:45.9; Kasey Gonzalez - 65th - 21:55.6; Robin Hibbs - 92nd - 27:05.5; Jessica Pasillas - 56th - 20:54.3.

7th Grade Girls Cross Country Team placed 9th overall. There was a total of 122 runners. Individual times were: Adriana Rios - 63rd - 23:58.9; Lupe Pasillas - 47th - 20:59.7; Lisa Olivares - 55th - 22:36.2; Ysencia Ramirez - 59th - 23:30.4; Megan Reel - 56th - 22:59.6; Addye Chatham - 45th - 20:48.0; Mikayla Ramon - 81st - 29:56.4.

Middle School Boys Cross Country runners and times: Austin Stapp - 40th - 16:02.9; Juan Guiterrez - 121st - 21:17.6; Domingo Garcia - 85th - 18:11.7; Jose Romo

Lady Eagles senior Claudia Pasillas is shown here competing in the Reagan County C-Country meet.

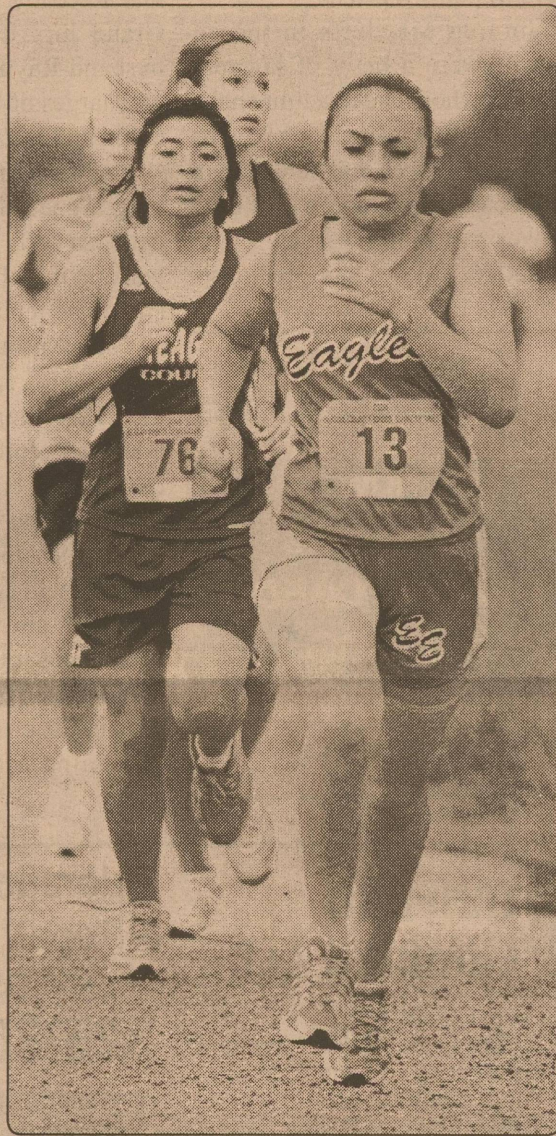


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- 133rd; 22:35.4 - Nicholas Gonzales - 17th - medaled - 14:46.4; Rico Martinez - 79th - 17:59.0; Robert Martinez - 123rd - 21:43.8; Dylan Ramos - 77th - 17:53.6. The team was 9th overall with 195 runners participating.

Results of the Reagan Country Cross Country Meet on Saturday August 30th. The Varsity Boys had 98 runners. Eagles individual times were: Hunter Alvizo

- 76 - 18:10.33; Mason Baker - 36 - 16:19.25; Morgan Barker - 72 - 18:05.40; Zack Brame - 86 - 18:50.60; Jorge Medrano - 88 - 19:13.96; Joseph Rubio - 81 - 18:27.39; Michael Rubio - 89 - 19:15.98. There were 109 girl runners. Lady Eagles times were: Abby Fuentes - 49 - 14:52.14; Claudia Pasillas - 31 - 14:25.19; Ashby Ragsdale - 89 - 16:50.87; Brianda Torres - 70 - 16:01.33.



A PATRIOT DAY PRAYER GATHERING AT SCHLEICHER COUNTY COURTHOUSE LAWN

On September 11, 2008 our nation will pause to remember the greatest "wake-up" call in our generation, the terrorist attacks on 9/11/01. As part of Awakening America, a call is being issued for Christians across the nation to mark this significant day in our history with powerful prayer for America and the lost individuals of this country.

In every one of the 3141 counties in the United States, during the noon lunch hour on September 11, Christians will unite around their county courthouse to cry out to God with focused prayer for their community, their lost friends and family, and for the spiritual condition of our nation.

Schleicher County area churches will participate with prayer at the courthouse lawn from 12-1 on September 11th. Lunch provided.

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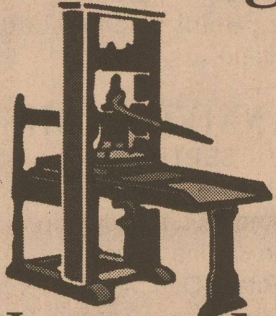
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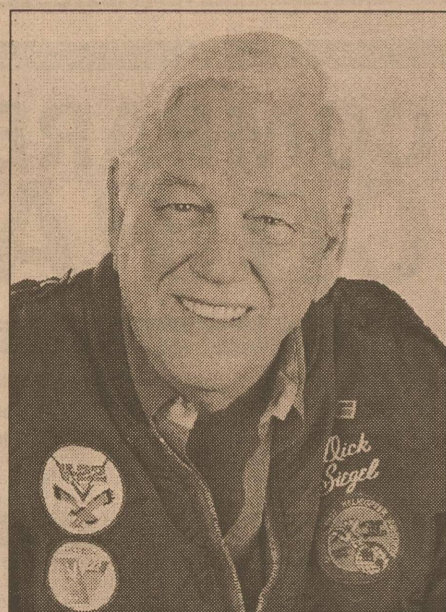
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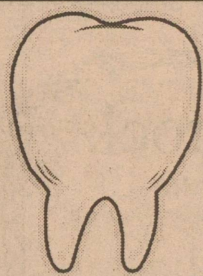
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Thursday September 18
Buttered Toast/ Jelly, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday September 19
Cereal Bar, Choice of Juice, Milk

CAFETERIA LINE
Monday September 15
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Carrot Stix / Broccoli Tops/Dip, Applesauce.
Tuesday September 16
Crispy Beef Tacos / Cheese Cup, Lettuce/Tomato, Mixed Fruit, Sugar Cookies
Wednesday September 17
Chicken Spaghetti/Hot rolls, Tossed Green Salad, Early June Peas, Sliced Peaches
Thursday September 18
Corn Dogs, Tossed Green Salad, Carrot Stix/Dip, Pear Halves
Friday September 19
Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed green Salad/Dressing, Ice Cream Cups

BASKET LINE
Monday September 15
Burritos, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix/Dip, Applesauce.
Tuesday September 16
Chicken Burger/Lettuce, Carrot Stix/Dip, Baked Chips, Sugar Cookies.
Wednesday September 17
Corn Chip Pie/Cheese Cups, Pinto Beans, Broccoli Tops/Dip, Sliced Peaches.
Thursday September 18
Egg Rolls, Steamed Veggie Rice, Crunchy Oriental Cole Slaw, Pear Halves.
Friday September 19
Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Green Salad/Dressing, Ice Cream CupCups.
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Direct & counter-cyclical payment signup underway in new Farm Bill

The Schleicher-Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency wants to inform producers that signup for the 2008 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Farm Program (DCP) has begun and will continue until September 30, 2008. This deadline is the final date to have all required lease statements, owner's signatures and any other required document on file.

USDA computes DCP payments using crop base acres and crop payment yields established for the cropland on each eligible farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2008, eligible

producers may request to receive an advance payment of 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue advance direct payments as soon as practical after enrollment. Final direct payments will be issued after Oct. 1, 2008. Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate).

More information and/or an appointment to sign up can be made by contacting our office in Eldorado at 325-853-3535.

Jeffs' daughter cannot fire attorney

Following a long and contentious hearing, Judge Barbara Walther ruled last week that the 17-year-old daughter of FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs may not fire her court appointed attorney.

Teresa Jeffs has been represented by Natalie Malonis of Flower Mound since shortly after the YFZ Raid last April. And, for most of that time she has been trying to have Malonis replaced.

Joining Ms. Jeffs in the endeavor were a bevy of lawyers, some of whom had to admit on the stand that they were being paid by the FLDS church and had been in close communication with FLDS spokesman Willie Jessop.

Judge Walther had previously

issued a restraining order barring contact between Willie Jessop and Ms. Jeffs after Malonis complained that he was attempting to influence her client.

Ms. Jeffs is at the heart of one of the YFZ criminal cases as one of the alleged child brides, a charge she denies.

The State of Texas, however, hasn't been persuaded by her denial. Recently, a Schleicher County Grand Jury indicted her alleged husband Raymond Merrill Jessop on charges of Sexual Assault of a Child and Bigamy.

For his part, attorney Ken Isenberg argued that the relationship between Jeffs and Malonis is broken and that the ad litem attorney should be replaced.

San Antonio attorney Alan Futrell, who represents Ms. Jeffs in the YFZ criminal probe, offered to take over representation of her in the ongoing custody case, too.

But, Judge Walther did not care for that idea. Instead, she ruled that Malonis will continue to represent Ms. Jeffs and that Futrell would have to consult with Malonis concerning his representation of Ms. Jeffs in the criminal probe.

Joining Malonis' side of the

argument were ad litem attorneys Susan Hays and Mark Ticer who have also represented children from the YFZ Ranch.

At one point, CPS investigator Angie Voss testified that her agency's ongoing investigation has revealed that 48 percent of the men at the YFZ Ranch have participated in underage marriages.

Ms. Jeffs has argued long and loud, both in the news media and on Internet postings, that she is not sexual abuse victim. Because of her public statements and those of her family members, The Success has opted not to withhold Teresa Jeffs name from publication as is normally the case with alleged sexual abuse victims.

51st District Court Report

51st District Court of Schleicher County met Monday, September 8, 2008 with the Honorable Barbara L. Walther presiding. The following judgement was handed down.

Bryant Glenn Irwin of Sonora, received 4 years TDCJ concurrent, restitution of \$103.00 for burglary of a habitation. Charge or evading arrest using vehicle was dropped.

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SAN ANGELO – Gov. Rick Perry today announced a \$945,000 award from the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) to Martifer Energy Systems LLC, which will bring 225 new jobs to San Angelo and a projected \$40 million in capital investment. The Portuguese owned company is locating its wind energy tower manufacturing plant in Texas as a result of the award.

“Texans are proud of our role as the nation’s leading energy producer, including the most wind energy capacity,” said Gov. Perry. “With a population that grows at a rate of roughly 1,000 people per day, and companies expanding or relocating their businesses in Texas, our energy needs will only increase. Energy equipment from companies like Martifer will help us meet the growing demand.”

Martifer Group has approximately 120 companies present in more than 15 countries that are divided into four business areas: metallic construction, energy systems, electricity generation, and agriculture and biofuels.

“Along with other incentives, the Texas Enterprise Fund was a key determinant in our decision to locate this plant in Texas,” said António Pontes, CEO of Martifer Energy Systems. “We look forward to

working in Texas to advance our efforts in becoming a global player in the supply of wind farm turnkey projects.”

In addition to the TEF award, the local incentives included city and county tax abatements, gifted land, site improvements and job creation incentives.

“Martifer’s venture in San Angelo means jobs and the prosperity that comes with full-time employment,” said San Angelo Mayor Joseph W. Lown. “It also means that San Angelo, and all of Texas, is now a global player in the growing wind energy industry. The Martifer venture is a good compliment to our other sources of energy such as oil and gas. Our partnership with Martifer is but the first step in attracting other industries to San Angelo and Texas.”

At Gov. Perry’s request, the legislature created the TEF in 2003 and re-appropriated funding in 2005 and 2007 to help ensure the growth of Texas businesses and create more jobs throughout the state. The fund has since become one of the state’s most competitive tools to recruit and bolster business. To date, the TEF has closed the deal on projects generating more than 51,800 new jobs and \$13.7 billion in capital investment in the state.

Congressman Mike Conaway accepts applications for military academies

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Mike Conaway invites area high school seniors interested in attending one of the United States’ military service academies to apply for nominations through his office. The application period for students who will enter college next year ends October 27, 2008.

Eligible students are high school seniors or older who would be able to enter the Service Acad-

emies in the summer of 2008. To be considered, applicants must be a U. S. Citizen residing in the 11th Congressional District of Texas, must be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 2, 2009, must be unmarried, and cannot be pregnant or have a legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

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point averages, extracurricular activities, leadership potential and motivation.

Interested applicants should contact Congressman Conaway’s Academy Liaison JoAnne Powell at (325) 659-4010. Applications are available through Congressman Conaway’s San Angelo Regional Office located at 33 East Twohig, Suite 307, San Angelo, Texas, 76903.

AG enforces price gouging law against Edinburg motel

EDINBURG – Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today charged an Edinburg motel operator with price gouging. The state’s enforcement action, which stems from the defendant’s conduct while Texans fled Hurricane Dolly last July, names Binning Hospitality, L.L.C., the owner and operator of Comfort Inn in Edinburg at 4001 Clossner (Texas Highway Business 281).

The Attorney General’s investigation revealed that Binning Hospitality and Comfort Inn charged \$149.99 for rooms with two queen beds and one sofa bed. The usual rate for such rooms is \$79.99. According to the state’s investigation, the defendant also excessively raised its rates for one- and two-bed rooms during and after the storm.

Motels and other businesses are prohibited from charging dramatically increased prices once the governor issues a disaster declaration. A gubernatorial disaster declaration triggers price-gouging penalties under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA). These penalties help protect affected Texans by deterring businesses from charging or demanding exorbitant fees for necessities.

The Attorney General enforcement action seeks civil penalties of up to \$20,000 per violation and a penalty of up to \$250,000 if the conduct was designed to harm a person aged 65 and over.

Texans who believe they have been deceived by fraudulent business practices may call the Office of the Attorney General’s toll-free complaint line at (800) 252-8011 or file a complaint online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The SCHLEICHER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT conducted public hearings on 09/04/08 and 09/08/08 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the SCHLEICHER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 20 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year’s tax rate of \$0.2799 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$1,031,212.00.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.2645 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$1,237,149.56.

(insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by the difference between current total value and new property value.)

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.2645 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$1,254,873.54.

(insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by current total value.)

The SCHLEICHER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on 09/22/08 at 400 W. Murchison/P.O. Box V, Eldorado, TX 76936 at 6:00 p.m. (location of meeting, including mailing address) (time of meeting)

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DPS arrests 12 in Rio Grande Valley drug case

A bond hearing was scheduled last Friday in McAllen for 12 men arrested after a DPS Narcotics operation seized more than \$1.3 million dollars worth of marijuana and 12 vehicles, including two 18-wheelers.

The 3,106 pounds of marijuana, packaged in 108 bundles, were

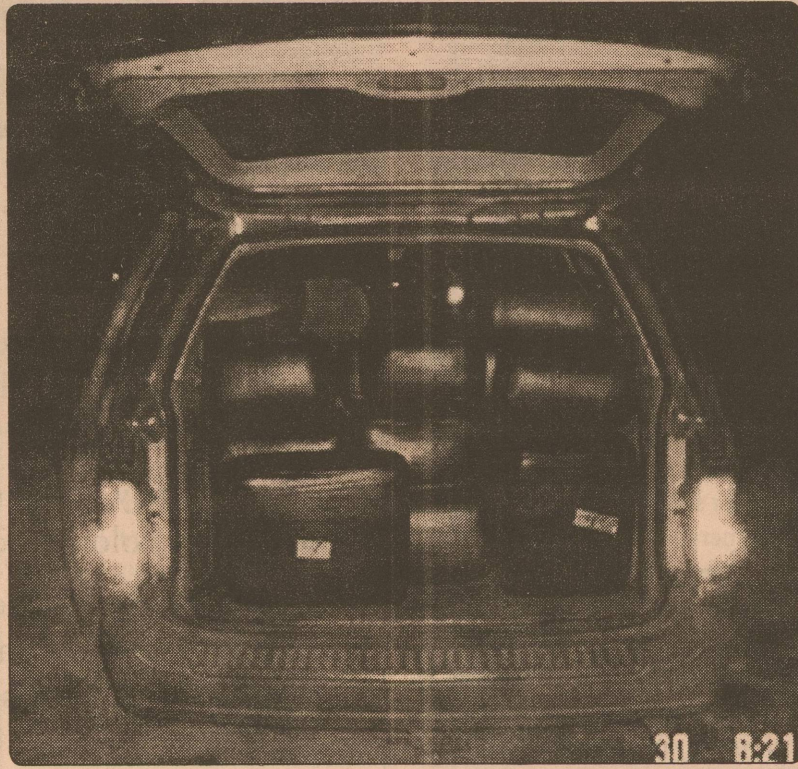
confiscated Saturday in Pharr after a four-day investigation that began when a DPS Narcotics investigator noticed something odd about one of the 18-wheelers. Investigators also seized nine vehicles and a trailer in addition to the 18-wheelers.

Members of the DPS Aircraft Service, Highway Patrol and the Pharr Police Department assisted in raiding the loading site. Narcotics investigators say the marijuana was most likely destined for somewhere in the north-central U.S.

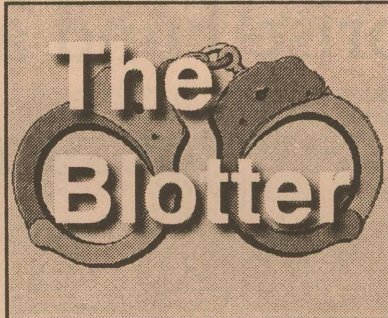
The suspects were released to the U.S. Marshals Service, and the Southern District U.S. Attorney's Office in McAllen accepted federal drug charges on all defendants.

The suspects are from McAllen, San Juan, Mission, Pharr, Memphis, Tenn., and Mexico.

The investigation is still ongoing.



This vehicle contains several bundles of marijuana seized by Texas DPS last week after a 4-day-long drug investigation in the Rio Grande Valley.



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

ARRESTS

September 2 • Garza, Sylvia D. - female age 19. Offense, warrant for harassment. Released on \$1,000 surety bond.

September 4 • Mata, Daniel male - age 25, Offense reckless driving. Released \$1,000. surety bond.

• Romo, Marcelo Iglesias - male age 22. Offense Warrants and Possession of Marijuana. Released on \$1,000 surety bond.

• Nava, Jesus - male age 19. Offense Possession of Marijuana. Released on surety bond.

• Umphres, William Ted - male age 26. Offense warrant / harassment. Released \$1,000. surety bond.

REPORTS

September 3 • 9:24 a.m. Caller reported 10 head of cattle on Macintosh Rd.

• 12:47 p.m. Caller reported loose livestock on Old Sonora Rd. .
September 5 • 4:43 a.m. Caller

reported a drive off from IHOP.

• 9:30 a.m. Caller reported loose livestock. Officer responded.

• 10:10 a.m. Walk in reported ex-spouse had been sending profane text messages to their phone and their child's phone. Officer discussed with complainant the options available.

• 4:49 p.m. Caller reported a person having trouble breathing. EMS 1 and officer dispatched to scene.

• 7:34 p.m. SCMC requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to Shannon Hospital.

• 7:42 p.m. Complainant came to Sheriff's Dept. to report a violation of court order. Complainant was advised that the incident was a civil matter and referred complainant to have child seek legal assistance.

• 9:57 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver on 277 headed toward Eldorado. Officers responded.

September 6 • 9:31 a.m. Caller reported they would be having a control burn.

• 6:55 p.m. Caller requested a welfare check on their child. The missing person had not been seen since 9-2-08 and the parent was concerned. Missing person was entered TCIC in San Angelo. Officer investigated.

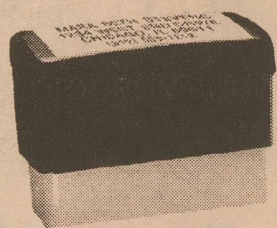
September 7 • 2:50 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

September 8 • 12:21 p.m. Caller reported this week there would be spotlighting at location. All units notified.

• 11:15 p.m. Caller reported someone had gotten paint on a bed in her residence.

September 9 • Caller reported loose livestock. Officer notified.

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The immunization series, for children ages 19 months through 35 months, includes four doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, three doses of polio vaccine, one dose of measles-containing vaccine, three doses of Hib vaccine, three doses of hepatitis B vaccine and one dose of varicella vaccine.

"The progress that Texas has made is the result of aggressive

and sustained efforts of state and local partners along with families," said state health commissioner Dr. David Lakey.

School districts seek tax hikes

More than 100 Texas school districts will be asking voters to approve tax increases this fall, the Austin American-Statesman reported Sept. 3.

That's about one in 10 of Texas' 1,038 independent school districts.

The need for tax increases has been attributed to inflation: nearly everything is costing more and teachers need salary increases to keep from losing ground.

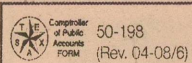
Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Calling Jane Eyre

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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The SCHLEICHER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS conducted public hearings on 09/04/2008 and 09/08/2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the COUNTY OF SCHLEICHER

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 21.2 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.6778 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$4,952,375.00.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.6500 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$6,003,208.00

(insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by the difference between current total value and new property value.)

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.6500 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$6,089,765.00

(insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by current total value.)

The SCHLEICHER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on 09/15/2008 at 9:00 A.M. the Schleicher County Commissioners Courtroom at (location of meeting, including mailing address)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The Schleicher County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2009 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 15, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. in the Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$138,974.00

The total amount of **decrease** over the current year's budget is \$87,413.00.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be two (2) (full-time equivalent).

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is two (2) (full-time equivalent).

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district. If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by appraisal district. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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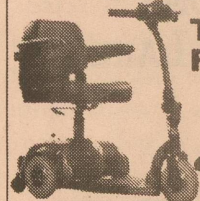
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City council considers travel trailers & utility rates

Doctor Gordy Day, Doctor Jacqueline Jeffrey, physician assistant Bobby Romatowski and Schleicher County Medical Center administrator Sharon Dietz met with Eldorado City Council members Monday evening seeking permission to construct a fenced parking area for travel trailers on hospital property.

The group explained that while on duty they stay in travel trailers that are currently parked on property where the new Wellness Center is to be constructed.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo told the council hospital property is not zoned because it is a taxing entity. The council instructed

the group to present a plat for six spaces, with sewer and water connections marked. Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay requested the plat so the installation of taps could be determined.

The council then voted to approve the proposed amendment #19 to ordinance #104-06 Water Utility Rate and Service Fees increase. The council also approved an increase in landfill tipping fee contracts for Crockett County and Duncan Companies. The council did not increase the current sanitation rates but did increase the following:

Increase water minimum rate from \$10.00 per month for the first 3000 gallons to \$15.00 per month for the first 3000 gallons.

Increase rate for water usage over minimum of 3000 gallons will increase from \$2.50 per thousand gallons to \$3.00 per thousand gallons.

Increase fee for additional pickup of dumpster from \$5.00 per dumpster to \$10.00 per dumpster.

Increase fee for weekdays after-hours service call (non-emergency) from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

Increase of Landfill Disposal Fee from \$20/ton to \$25/ton for all local residential and commercial users.

Implementation of \$25.00 discon-

nect fee on past due utility bills. This fee would be in addition to current \$25.00 reconnect fee for persons desiring restoration of services.

\$25.00 fee per incident for failure to observe Tarp Law at City Landfill.

Current "Stub Fee" would be formally ratified in Utility Ordinance for failure to bring paper Account Stub or provide valid Customer Account Number when paying bill in person, by mail, or in drop box.

Copies of the proposed Amendment were available at the City Hall prior to the meeting and a public notice was published in the Eldorado Success September 4th issue. No citizens were present to object to the increases.

The council then met with Tom Brown an engineer with Naismith Engineering who asked the council if they had any questions about the joint City/County EDAP/Rural Development Project and the required model subdivision rules that have to be implemented before the funds could be administered. The council answered by approving the model subdivision ordinance and passed a resolution authorizing the submission of a financial assistance application/affidavit to the Texas Water Development Board.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay asked for a \$.50 raise for an employee

who completed their probation period. The council approved the raise.

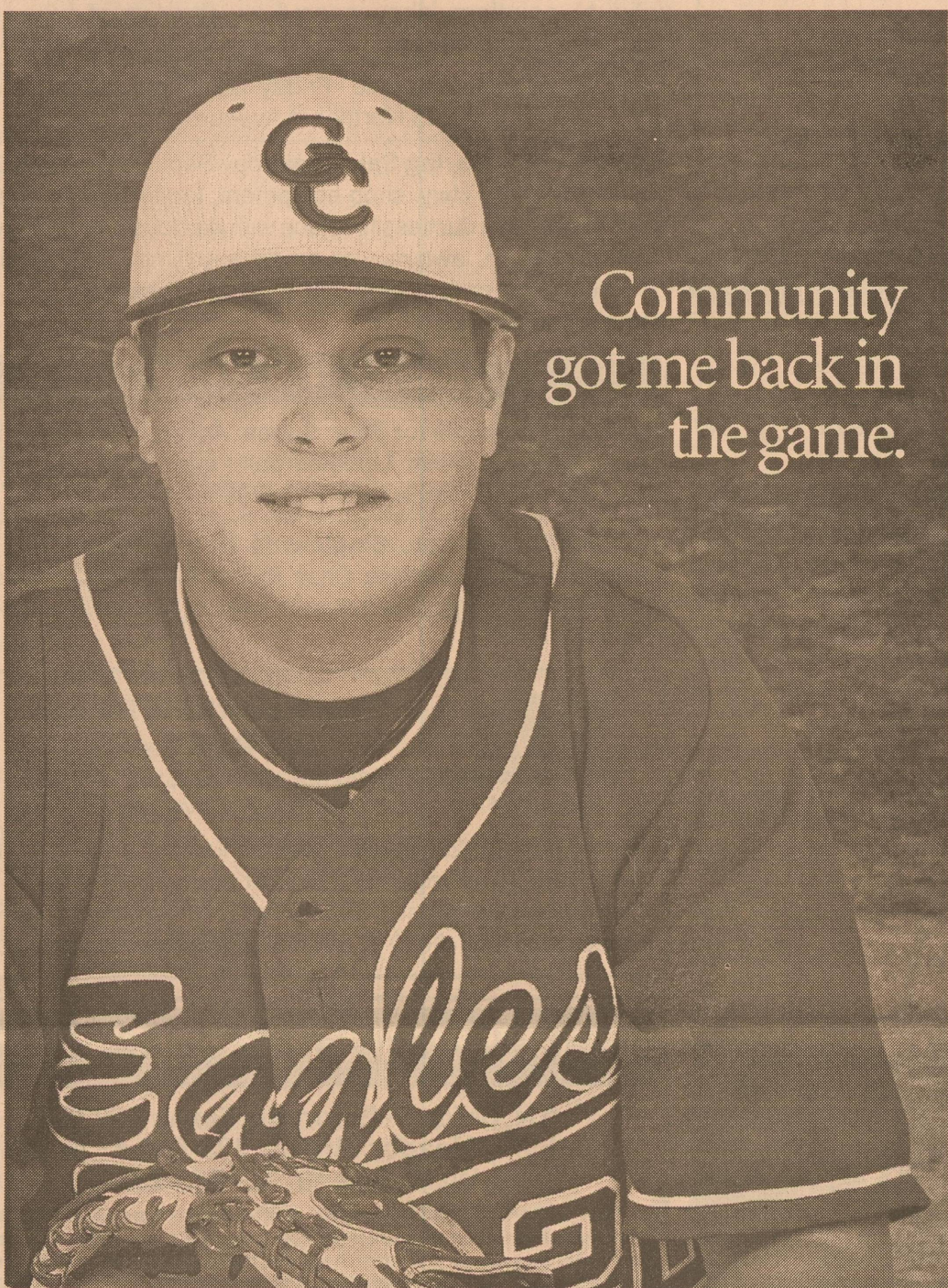
The council then revisited the "grandfathering" of vacation pay for salaried employees Floyd Fay and Carolyn Mayo. The council voted to purchase 160 hours of accrued vacation time from Fay and Mayo using surplus from the 2007-2008 budget during the August 28 special meeting. The council then approved a plan to further reduce the accrued vacation time to date from Fay and Mayo.

The council then voted to approve minutes of the August 11, 19 and 28 meetings.

During these meetings the council voted to purchase health insurance from Blue Cross and Blue Shield, establish a reserve for repairs and purchase fund, granted a 5 percent cost of living raise to all employees, set a tax rate of \$.8257 per \$100 valuation and approved a change order for paving project. They also accepted a \$3,261.12 check from the dissolved Schleicher County Economic Development Corporation. The funds will be used to fund personnel and office for economic development.

Before adjourning, the council reviewed the city's bills and authorized them for payment.

The next meeting of the Eldorado City Council is slated for 5 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2008.



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Online certification a hit with teachers

AUSTIN – The popularity of online teacher certification testing in Texas is exploding with more than 50,000 tests being taken via the Internet in the past year, according to the State Board for Educator Certification.

Texas is leading the nation in moving toward online certification testing, which offers teachers their scores within seven days of taking the exams.

Currently, there are 13 tests available online and in September, seven additional tests will come online. By the 2010-2011 school year, 34 of all 78 certification tests will be available online.

"Texas is definitely on the cutting edge of online certification testing in the U.S.," said Janet Cook of the Educational Testing Service, the state's testing contractor. "Teachers in Texas are just finding it much more convenient."

Online testing has been available in Texas since 2004-2005, when two exams were offered. ETS' five-year contract with the state calls for the addition of seven new test titles each year.

"The whole purpose of this is accessibility for educators," said Karen Loonam, deputy associate commissioner for Certification

and Standards. "It's the method of preference for most teachers. They like the quick scoring turnaround."

The rapid availability of scores is a boost for school districts, too, as they make hiring decisions – especially in high demand subject areas such as science, math, special education and English as a second language. As a rule, districts do not offer hiring contracts to teachers who have not passed certification tests.

Online testing is doubly convenient because teachers can usually take tests at a time of their convenience. Secure online testing sites are located at universities, education service centers, community colleges, and Prometric testing centers.

Test takers have five hours to complete an exam, but the average completion time is between three and four hours. As part of the test-taking process, teachers create a secure account online and they can check for their scores by logging in to the ETS site.

Loonam said she expects that online testing will eventually be the sole method for certification in the future, but she doesn't expect paper tests to disappear anytime

soon. Paper and pencil tests – the same kind that have been offered since certification examinations began in 1986 – are still available at certain times of the year for those who prefer them.

The following is a list of computer-administered tests currently available:

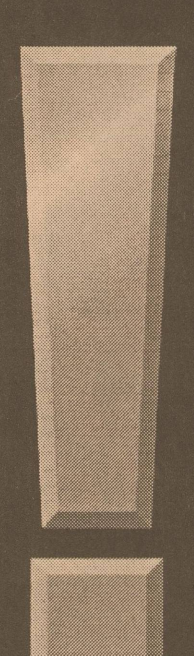
- Bilingual Education Supplemental
- English as a Second Language Supplemental
- Generalist EC*-4 (Early Childhood)
- Generalist 4-8
- History 8-12
- Mathematics 8-12
- Music EC-12
- Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-4
- Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12
- Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities 4-8
- Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities 8-12
- Physical Education EC-12
- Special Education EC-12

The following tests will be available online in September:

- English Language Arts and Reading 4-8
- Health EC-12
- Life Science
- Mathematics 4-8
- Science 4-8
- Science 8-12
- Social Studies 4-8

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