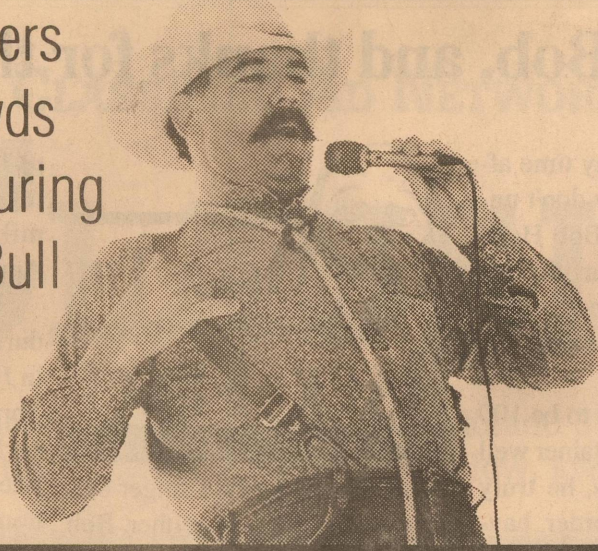


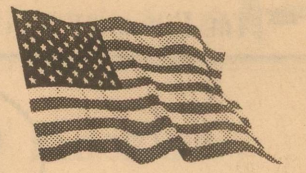
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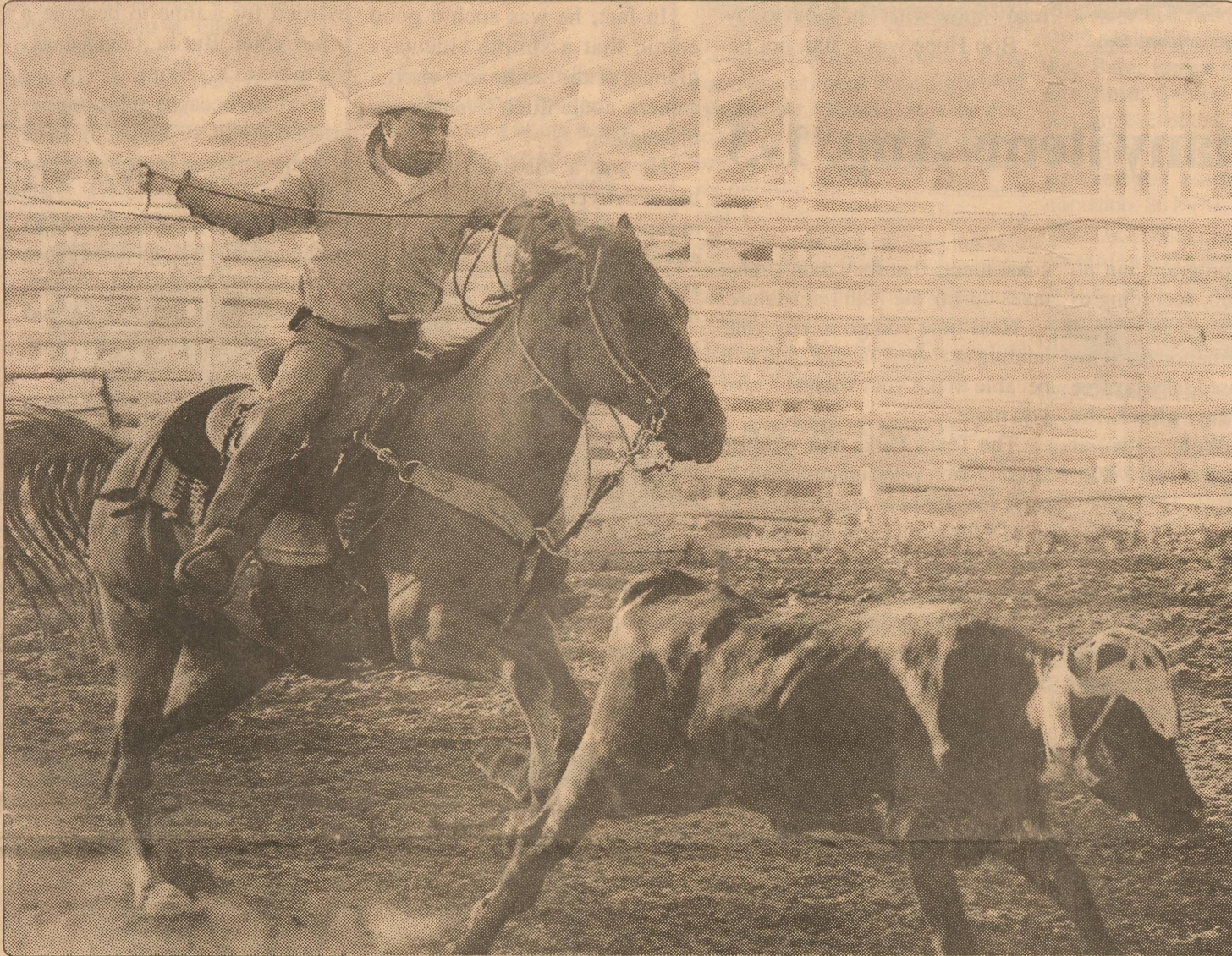
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**I'll head him, you heel him** — Leo Rodriguez of Eldorado was one half of the team that won the Team Roping buckles at last year's Eldorado Open Rodeo. He and partner Doyle Weitz will be competing in the finals of the Tri-County Team Roping during the Saturday evening performance of this year's Eldorado Open Rodeo.

## Audit reveals improving financial position at SCMC

Auditor Larry Anderson advised the Schleicher County Medical Center board of trustees Monday night that the district's financial position has improved dramatically over the past year. As Anderson went over the district's financial records for fiscal year 2001, he credited much of the improvement to a reduction in the hospital's accounts receivable.

Anderson noted that the district's cash position is better by some

\$681,000.00 in just one year. He pointed to beefed up collection procedures and the transition of the hospital's clinic to Rural Health Clinic status as major contributing factors.

Only 15.5 percent of the district's \$4.6 million operating budget is derived from taxes, Anderson said. He added that the hospital's 8 percent bad debt ratio is well within expectations for a public sector hospital.

The improvement at SCMC con-

trasts sharply with the plight faced by other area facilities. Hospitals in Menard and Ozona have already closed and the Concho County Hospital District board discussed closing the Eden hospital as recently as last week.

Hospital Consultant Andy Freeman was on hand for the meeting and advised the trustees that SCMC's willingness to invest in equipment upgrades is beginning to bear fruit. He noted that much of the revenue outlined in the audit report was generated in the lab and x-ray departments, precisely where the trustees have invested heavily in recent years.

Board President Randy Mankin replied to Freeman's observation, "It's been pretty well proven that a rural hospital can't save its way to prosperity. Those that have tried it have all gone broke," Mankin said.

Interestingly, moments after reviewing and approving the audit report for 2002, the trustees moved on to review the financial picture for the midway point in 2003 before taking up preliminary budget discussions for fiscal year 2004. Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor noted that the district's finances have held up fairly well since the departure of Dr. Patrick Taylor. She pointed out that money spent to pay Taylor in lieu of a 60-day notice caused a spike in June's expenditure. Still, the hospital ended the first six months of 2003 with \$139,811.00 more than it began the year with.

"We're going to see some drop off,"

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## Saddle up, it's Rodeo time!

*Sonny Burgess to perform at dance following Saturday night performance*

The 34th Annual Eldorado Open Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday evenings at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena, just south of town. This year's event will feature a new stock promoter, Cadillac Rodeo Company of Lindale, Texas, and will be sanctioned by the Cowboy Professional Rodeo Association. The show will get underway at precisely 7:45 p.m. each night.

Despite being a pro rodeo, the open aspect of the traditional rodeo will be honored and local talent will be participating during each of the main performances.

While there will be plenty of conventional rodeo action, a couple of special events will be of particular interest to local rodeo fans. First, the final round of the Tri-County team roping circuit will be held during the rodeo. Secondly, local youths will compete in the Mutton Bustin' competition, always a crowd favorite.

Team ropers from across the area competed in preliminary rounds held in Eldorado, Sonora and Ozona. The top contestants will be move on to the final round on Saturday night.

Youngsters wishing to compete in the Mutton Bustin' event are asked to sign up at the main entrance. Ten names will be drawn each night to compete.

Cadillac Rodeo Company will not only be bringing some top notch professional rodeo talent to town, they will also be bringing some intimidating

rough stock. Bar Stool, a bull unriden in 21 tries this season, will be waiting in the bucking chute. Dark Side, a bull ridden only once this year will also be featured in the show. Meanwhile, Bo Diddly, the 2002 CPRA Bucking Horse of the Year, will be defending

As always, the Eldorado Open Rodeo is sponsored by the Schleicher County Rodeo Association. SCRA members have made a lot of changes in the rodeo this year, bringing in a new stock producer and converting it's open rodeo format to a professional rodeo, while keeping the show open to local participants.

Contestants will compete for prize money as well as points on the CPRA circuit. The prize money will include \$2,000 in added money with a \$50 bonus being awarded each night for the top score in Saddle Bronc and Bareback Riding. At press time, Cadillac Rodeo Company reported 300 entrants for this weekend's show.

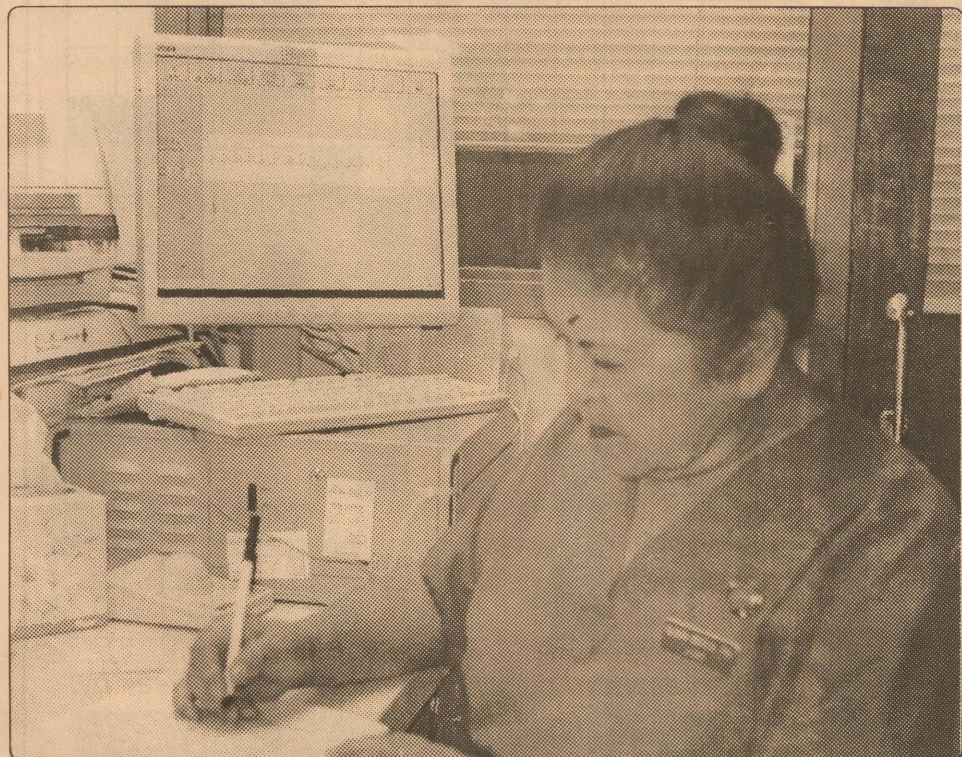
Speaking of shows, rodeo goers are in for a treat this year. Following the Saturday evening performance, a Rodeo Dance on the adjacent slab will feature Music City Records recording artist Sonny Burgess. The best known of Burgess' many records is the dance hall anthem "When in Texas."

Tickets for the rodeo are \$8 in advance and at the gate. Advance tickets

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**When in Texas, do as the Texans do** — Recording artist Sonny Burgess will be performing Saturday night at the Rodeo Dance following the final performance of the Eldorado Open Rodeo. The dance will be held on the slab, adjacent to the rodeo arena.



**Another upgrade of equipment** — Registered Nurse Olivia Batla completes paperwork at the hospital nursing station while a new telemetry monitor (computer screen in background) keeps tabs on patient vital signs. The telemetry equipment was installed last week. Hospital officials say the equipment will allow nurses to continuously monitor several patients at once.

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## County holds firm on deal for crushed rock from CSA

Schleicher County Commissioners want to buy crushed rock for the county road department, and they want to purchase it from a pit owned by local rancher Mike Moore. CSA, a San Angelo company that crushes rock has offered to sell the material for \$3 per cubic yard, some 75 cents per yard cheaper, provided it is taken from a pit on the Linthicum Ranch. It was noted during Monday's meeting of the commissioners that CSA's affiliate company, Reece Albert Construction will be working on State FM 915 in the coming months and they plan to crush rock for the project in the Linthicum pit.

The Commissioners weren't con-

vinced, however, especially since material they may purchase from the Moore pit could remain there indefinitely. There would be a 4-year limit at the Linthicum pit, after which time the county would be forced to haul the remaining crushed rock to another storage site. The men emphasized the point by voting on the record to purchase the crushed rock only from the Moore pit.

The meeting was the regular bi-monthly session of the Commissioners Court. It was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin. Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown were in attendance.

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## Consumers pay no sales tax on many items Aug. 1-3

AUSTIN - Getting ready for your annual tax-free shopping?

The state's fifth annual sales tax holiday starts Aug. 1 and continues until Aug. 3. During that time, Texans will be able to buy certain items without having to pay state or local sales tax.

The tax holiday was originally intended to help children and their parents but extends to all consumers. Exempt are most types of clothing and footwear costing less than \$100. Eligible items range from school and work uniforms to tennis shoes to underwear.

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

The state comptroller's office says that since the program began in 1999 it has saved Texans (and visitors from Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico who happen to hear about the program and decide to visit the state specifically to buy some tax-free items) about \$150 million. That includes some \$118 million in potential state tax revenue and \$31 million in local taxes.

City governments can choose

to opt out of the program, but no city has since 2000, according to the comptroller.

For more information on items that can be purchased sales tax free during the holiday, check the comptroller's Web site at [www.cpa.state.tx.us](http://www.cpa.state.tx.us) or call 1-800-252-5555.

#### TAKS on track....

With so much public focus on the special session, it didn't get a whole lot of attention, but an effort to hold this coming school year's Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills passing standards for middle and high school students at last year's level was defeated by the State Board of Education earlier this month.

The board voted 8-6 to go ahead with a planned increase in the passing standards set last November for the 2003-04 school year.

For 10th-graders, that means they will have to get 29 of 56 math answers right. Last year's minimum was 25 of 56. (Many parents may have trouble answering why their child got a passing score even though they got only 50 percent of the answers correct.)

If you also wonder how many students across the state passed the test last school year, the answer is 52 percent of 10th-graders and 49 percent of 11th-graders.

#### Time to get that hunting license...

Next time they run for office, legislators will be able to tell their

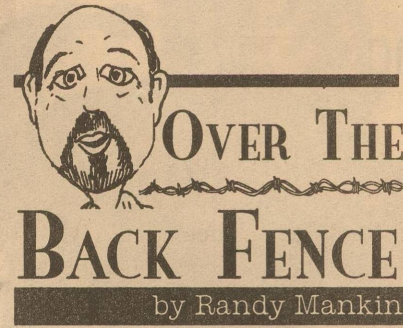
## Farewell Bob, and thanks for the memories

If you were born any time after 1975, you probably don't understand how or why Bob Hope became such a big star. So, it's only natural for you to be puzzled by all the hoopla following his death.

First of all, he lived to be 100 and was an active entertainer well into his 90s. Secondly, he truly was a star of the first order, having worked his way to the top, first in Vaudeville, and then in every other medium, including radio, movies and television. Thirdly, he understood that, because of his star status, he should comport himself with a certain amount of decorum.

So, if you were born before 1975, please, disregard the remainder of this column. You already know what I'm about to say.

Bob Hope was a star, not be-



cause he was a gifted singer or a great actor... he was neither. Bob Hope was a star because he was a nice guy and we all wanted a nice guy like him to live the life we couldn't.

He wasn't full of himself and he didn't pretend to be something he was not. He was merely a comic who knew how to get a laugh without being dirty. I'd like to see someone try that in this day and time.

In fact, he was such a good comic that a simple sideways glance at the audience, or the camera, could illicit five minutes of laughter.

He was a wisecracker, capable of delivering an hour of jokes in rapid fire fashion, and he was equally comfortable sharing a sentimental moment with an audience. He could be touching without being maudlin.

Bob Hope was born in England. Arriving in America at age three, he became a naturalized citizen as a young man. "I may not have been born here," he was fond of saying, "but I got here as quickly as I could."

That young boy from Britain grew up to be a flag-waving American patriot. Too young to serve in World War I and too old to serve in World War II, he made

up for what he saw as a shortcoming in his citizenship by traveling millions of miles to entertain American troops overseas.

The first of his USO trips was during WWII. The last one was in 1991, during the first Gulf War. Through the intervening year he performed for GIs on every continent except Antarctica. I have no doubt that he would have gone there, too, if so much as one U.S. serviceman or woman was sent there in defense of the nation.

Bob Hope was a devoted family man. He married his wife Dolores 69 years ago. When was the last time you heard of a Hollywood marriage lasting that long?

Bob Hope was a friend to eleven U.S. presidents. Having grown up in poverty in Cleveland, Ohio, he tried for a time to become a prizefighter. But he found dancing more to his liking.

Perhaps because of his impoverished youth, or maybe in spite of it, he parlayed his income into a fortune.

His secret? "Never invest in anything that they can make more of tomorrow," he told once reporter. That ruled out stocks and bonds, and just about every other investment except real estate.

At the time of his death, Bob Hope owned large parcels of Southern California, including most of Palm Springs.

He told a newspaper reporter in one of the last interviews he gave, "If I had it all to do over again, I wouldn't have the time."

A comic to the last. Thanks, for the memories, Bob. Thank you, so much!



## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### What I did at my high school reunion

All the guys named Richard were now called Dick. All Bobbys were Bob. All Williams were Bill. All Tommys were Tom. All Fredgies were Fred. All Donalds were Don. Some of the people I wouldn't be caught dead with in high school are now my newest best friends.

I attended a reunion of my class at Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth. Some members of the class hadn't changed much. Some of the others I didn't even recognize. Thank goodness for name tags.

Our class has become closer and friendlier since graduation. We have two dinners a year in different cities plus full scale reunions every five years. This year's event was a doozy. About 150 people showed up. Not bad for a class that had 242 graduates. The list of dead classmates has 46 names.

During the past year, class members were sent emails containing forms to fill out, telling about their lives and the lives of their spouses and children. We were asked to make any comments about how things had changed since we were in high school.

At registration we were all given loose leaf notebooks full of information about the reunion itself, biographies of fellow students, special memories, facts, songs and yells of AHHS and a complete listing of everybody in the class with current addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. We had a website that listed names of people who would be at the reunion. One of my good best high

school friends who lives in Las Vegas, Nevada couldn't be there, but a letter from him was delivered to me at the reunion. I couldn't believe he sounded so old. His letter was full of stuff like "if you ever get to Vegas (better hurry with our age) please look us up." It went on to list all his ailments. Sorry, Gabby.

The class has done well. There is a handful of doctors, lawyers and accountants and a whole bunch of engineers and people with their own businesses. I interviewed only one of my classmates for my radio program: a folk singer and storyteller who sells legal insurance for most of her income.

One guy (who wasn't at the reunion) wrote speeches for Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton and lived at the Playboy mansion while helping Hugh Hefner write a book. Several classmates have lived in foreign countries or at least traveled there.

The reunion was fun! We hardly spoke of old times, though. We were interested in getting up to speed on what everybody was doing or had done. There were no stars, no cliques. Everybody was glad to get together.

During the weekend we had Mexican Food at Joe T. Garcia's, free time to explore Ft Worth attractions and a lazy afternoon at a class member's lake home. After a barbeque meal, a few of us took a leisurely boat ride around Eagle Mountain Lake at sunset.

We left looking forward to the next reunion in five years.

constituents that they didn't raise taxes during the 78th Legislature.

Next time you go to buy your hunting or fishing license, you will be able to tell your friends it cost you more.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission voted unanimously to raise fees for boat registration (\$5 to \$15 for two years) and hunting and fishing licenses. Resident hunting and fishing licenses will go from \$19 to \$23, with the Super Combo license increasing from \$49 to \$59.

Fees haven't increased in seven years, and the hike will generate an additional \$10.2 million a year for the department.

#### A taste of honey...

Texas is the seventh largest honey-producing state in the nation (North Dakota is number one when it comes to honey), and these days, it's a sweet business to be in.

According to statistics compiled by the comptroller, Texas beekeepers produced...well, the bees produced...7.6 million pounds of honey last year.

That was down by 100,000 pounds compared with the year before, but the value of that honey jumped from \$5 million in 2001 to \$8.3 million last year. That's 66 percent, an increase worth buzzing about.

No one seems to know why honey suddenly got more pricey, but Texas beekeepers are not quibbling over the matter. Prices also were up nationwide.

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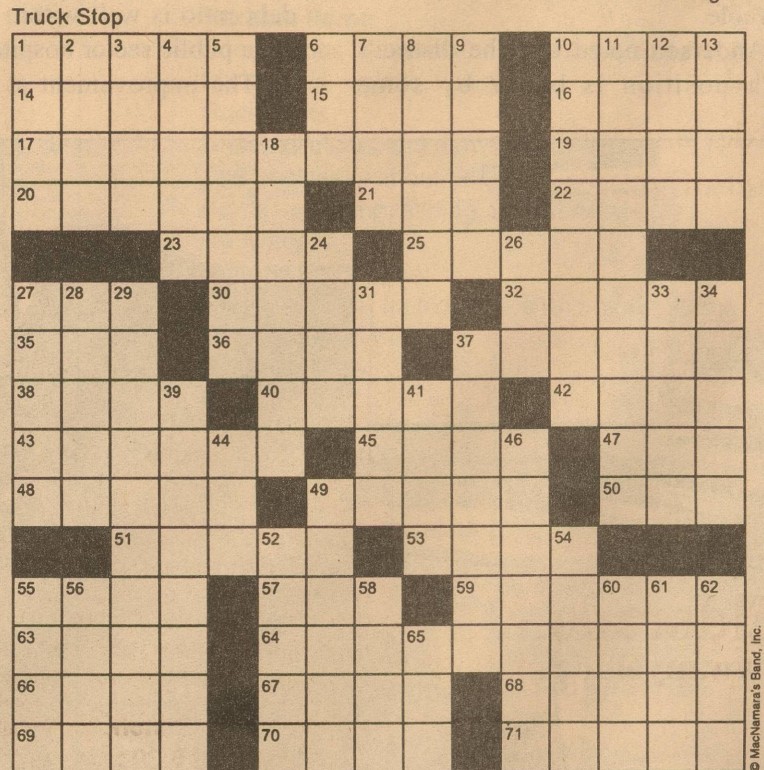
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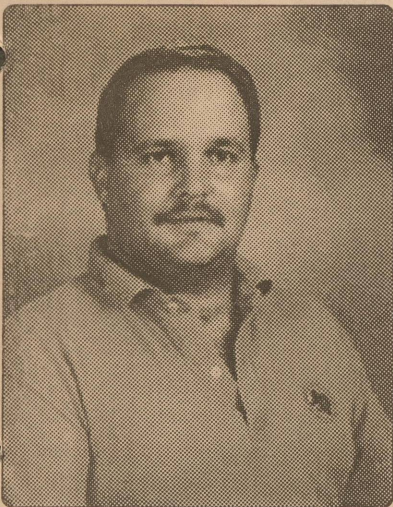
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# OBITUARIES

## John Ray Barker



SAN ANGELO — John Ray Barker passed away from this life in an automobile accident that occurred near Waco early Sunday morning.

John Ray was born on June 19, 1969, to Sherwood and Ann Ballew Barker in San Angelo. He attended schools — kindergarten through twelfth grade — in San Angelo. He graduated from Central High School in 1987 and from Texas A&M in 1991 with a degree in education.

He had taught agriculture in Aldine, and special education in San Angelo, Christoval, Columbus and Rockdale. He had coached football and power lifting in all these places. He was working toward administrative certification and had accepted a job as assistant principal at West High School in West, Texas.

He was raised in First Presbyterian Church, where he was an active member of the Youth Group, and organized the first softball team they ever had. Besides his

dedication to the education of youth, John Ray had a way of doing things for others in a quiet manner. One of the most enjoyable times of his life was when he was a volunteer in the Fort Concho infantry while he was in high school.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sherwood Barker, in 1998; his grandparents, Elizabeth and Lyonelle Ballew of Eldorado, and J.D. and Ethel Barker of Angleton; and an uncle, Charles Ray Barker of Cleveland, Texas.

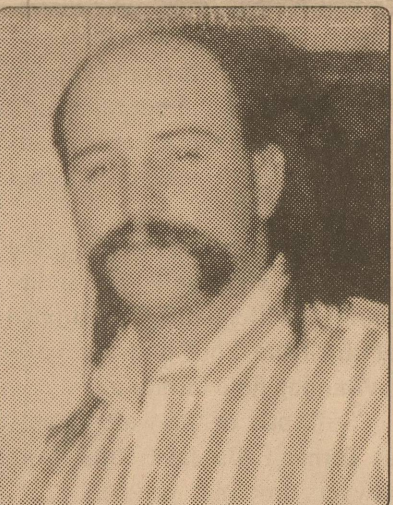
He is survived by his mother, Ann Barker and a sister, Jamie Barker, both of San Angelo; uncles and aunts, Ray and Debbie Ballew of Eldorado, Sherlene and Bobby Cram of Texas City and Claire Barker of Cleveland; cousins, Amanda, Angela, Thomas and Michael Ballew, of Eldorado, Terry Thacker of Galveston, and Gordon and Regina Oliphant of Texas City; and many friends throughout the state.

Funeral service were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with internment to followed in Schleicher County Cemetery, the Rev. Grosse Mohler will officiate.

Pallbearers were Allen Hamblen, Paul Michaeliewicz, Thomas Ballew, Charlie Bradley, Rex McPherson, Cy Griffin, Rob Wills and Rick Mohler.

The family requests that memorials be given to Meals for the Elderly, Schleicher County Museum in Eldorado, the American Cancer Society or to a charity of your choice.

## John B. Taylor



BOWIE — John B. Taylor, 43, of Eldorado passed away Friday, July 25, 2003 in Midland. He was a 15 year resident of Bowie and a longtime resident of Eldorado.

He was born Dec. 7, 1959 in Amarillo and worked in the oil-field as a roughneck.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 30, 2003 at Tage

Cemetery in Bowie with the Rev. Dick Hennings, of First Baptist Church officiating.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.C. and Loelett Taylor.

Survivors include two sons, J.C. Taylor of Phoenix, AZ, and Byron Aycock of Eldorado; three daughters, Valorie Taylor of San Angelo, Jessie Taylor and Chastity Willis of Eldorado; six grandchildren, Shastina Taylor of Grand Junction, CO, J.C. Taylor, III and Rudy Taylor of Phoenix, AZ, Viviana Ortiz, Hunter Ynostrosa and Cheyenne Taylor, all of San Angelo; three sisters, Jackie Duncan of Bakersfield, CA; Annette Taylor of Lawton, OK, Carroll Fuentes of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.



**One stitch at a time** — Janet Marlow is one of the newest quilters in the quilting club that meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Schleicher County Museum. She is shown here working on a quilt belonging to Penny Bland.

## A stitch in time helps keep S.C. Museum doors open

Just over three years ago, twenty local quilters met for the first time at the Schleicher County Museum to begin a new quilting club. That was in April of 2000. Since that time the group has met on Tuesdays and Thursdays, worked on numerous quilts and added new members.

The first quilt the group worked began with a whole-cloth top, belonging to the late Clara Mae Donaldson. It was the first quilt they completed...the first of many.

Today, many of the club's founders still meet for their twice weekly quilting sessions. While there, between the hours of 1:30 and 4:30 p.m., the members also volunteer their time to staff the museum, helping hold down costs.

Norma Lynn Mund, May Runge Kisko, Peggy Grelle, Dorothy Harris, Flora Hubble, Vernel McCalla, Princess Gruben, Barbara Jackson and Ann Barker were among the group's first members and they are still stitching today. They have been joined by Sylvia Griffin and most recently, Janet Marlow, owner of Shaw's Motel. Janet, a retired teacher, came

to the club about a year ago, along with her friend Sue Whitman of Mertzon. She says that quilting gives her a chance to visit with friends and share stories of her teaching career and of her many travels.

Anyone interested in joining the quilting club need only report to the Museum any Tuesday or Thursday afternoon. The group always welcomes new members.

The quilts that are made by the group are sold in the community with all the proceeds going to defray operating costs at the Museum.

Among the group's founding members were Mary McGinnes, Clara Mae Donaldson, Peggy Grelle, Norma Lynn Mund, Ann Barker, Eloise Day, May Runge Kisko, Wanda Edmiston, Dorothy Clark, Bessie Causey, Dorothy Harris, Charlotte Wilha, Flora Hubble, Agnes Lozano, Louella Sauer, Princess Gruben, Charlene Edmiston, Janet Felter, Vernel McCalla, and Barbara Jackson.

## Eldorado Forecast

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Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, Macaroni Salad, Cubes Canteloupe, Milk

**Wednesday, August 6**  
Beef & Noodles w/ Gravy, Peas, Dinner Roll, Toss Salad w/ 3 Tomato Slices, Banana Pudding, Milk

**Thursday, August 7**  
Chicken Fajita w/ Onion & Green Pepper, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans & Cheese, Flour Tortilla, Lettuce and Tomato, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

**Friday, August 8**  
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# Turner Falls, Oklahoma's oldest park

by Mark Campbell  
 We willingly went into Oklahoma! Not too far, of course. Just far enough to reach Turner Falls Park.

Recently, several people asked if we had been there yet. We had, but it was years ago and we simply drove through. This time, we traipsed through most of the park. And that place is something else!

**Getting there**  
 Turner Falls is a park run not by the National Park Service, or by the state of Oklahoma or even by Murray County. It's run by a city, nearby Davis which is about 50 miles from the Texas side of the Red River. (Which, surprisingly, had more water in it than usual, we noticed as we left the great Lone Star State).

It's an easy place to get to - the exit to the park is right off Interstate 35 at Exit 51.

You drive a smidgen to the west and come upon a really nice lookout at a rustic store where you can buy junk food and cheapo souvenirs. (My favorite was on a Koozie: "My wife said I didn't listen to her or something like that.")

A couple of dramatic turns drop down through the Arbuckle Mountains toward the park entrance. Naturally, they are hardly mountains to anyone who has been to

Big Bend or the Guadalupe in Texas. Of course, Coloradans say the same thing about our "mountains."

You glimpse the park with its meandering creek as you wind down toward the entrance, finally making one last sharp turn that takes you to the pay booth.

**Getting in**  
 Rates for Turner Falls are jacked up for the busy season, the summer. To enter, it's \$7 for those 13-and-up, \$6 for ages 6-12, and \$2 for children 3-5. If you plan on camping, those rates rise to \$9, \$7, and \$3, respectively. Senior citizens get a buck off but the exact age when one is a senior citizen is uncertain.

Winter rates are substantially reduced.

When you pay up - tax isn't included, by the way; we paid over \$15 for two - you are given a colored wristband. Campers have a different colored band from day users. The proper day band is noted past the booth so trying to make your own and sneaking in probably won't work.

One thing you notice right off is that Turner Falls is a throwback to the 60's. This is the place Baby Boomers were brought to decades back by their parents; now they can bring their own kids and those offspring will experience the same



**Splish splash** - The 77-foot waterfall is the highest in Oklahoma; you can always investigate a cave if you get bored swimming.

kind of vacation BBs did in, say, 1962.

Turner Falls is the oldest park in Oklahoma and has been expanded to about 1,500 acres. It has tons of camping sites and "the gem of the Arbuckles" is certainly unique. Even before you pay to enter you see the "Blue Hole" - a wide spot in the stream deep enough for diving boards, a big slide, and lots of people.

Driving in, you pass right through a low spot where the water crosses the road and flows into the Blue Hole. Tire funk flows right into the Hole. Just how sanitary Turner Falls is could certainly be debated. It's also a place that could be renamed "Lawsuit Waiting to Happen Park." This place is shockingly retro.

**Geological poop**

Several springs converge along the way to create Honey Creek which is the water source that eventually makes it to a 77-foot drop-off called Turner Falls. The most popular pool is created below the falls. Honey Creek finally makes it to the Washita River which you'll travel over if you venture to the town of Davis.

The clear creek flows over limestone and at times is just a few inches deep. In other places, it's several feet deep with water that is almost downright cold. Many of these rocks are slippery and despite the occasional "Swim at Your Own Risk" sign, people are constantly falling down on the unforgiving rock. It's amazing no one has sued. (Maybe they have and are offered a special colored wristband giving them permanent entry. It is Oklahoma.)

The same holds true for the cliffs and caves in the area. There are no barriers of any kind to keep someone from walking right up to the edge of a 50-foot drop. It's possible many have fallen off; I cautiously peered over one precipice, expecting to see a pile of human skeletons in the creek bed below. I did not; they must've been swept downstream and over the falls, perhaps stacked helter-skelter underwater in the deeper water there.

It's stunning, and freakishly refreshing, how this park is so safety unconscious. In today's era that's so politically correct that labels warn that a child's Superman cape won't really allow him to fly, you can scamper all over numerous rocky formations at Turner Falls with abandon. (However, a real Superman cape would come in handy.) Including right at the falls where wet visitors climb around the area as water is flow-



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# "Bull" runs wild in Eldorado

When Jim Runge first proposed a "Running of the Bull" festival in Eldorado, most folks had visions of young bulls charging through the town. Little did they realize that hundreds of people would flock to the courthouse square in Eldorado to see what Runge's version of "Running of the Bull" was all about.

What they found was a tongue-in-cheek spoof of the San Fermin Festival in Pamplona, Spain. No one was in danger of being gored by a bull, although there was a risk that the whole thing would prove to be too much fun.

Estimates of the size of the crowd ranged from 1,800 to 3,000 for the two-day event. Forty plus vendors on the courthouse square offered every sort of arts and crafts, food items and other activities. Most of the vendors reported that sales were brisk, with the food vendors doing the best of all.

Meanwhile, on stage, aptly named the Bully Pulpit, a variety of bull was spread around during several sessions of liars contests, poetry recitals, joke telling and extemporaneous speaking. One contestant, Pam Gaddis of Alpine, even presented a mime version of her tall tale.

With no shortage of windbags descending on Eldorado to claim the prize of biggest liar, if fell to a handful of locals to uphold Eldorado's honor. Mayor John Nikolauk gave it his best shot, but fell short and Vickie Williams even took to the stage in hopes of claiming the crown. But, when the smoke settled and the bull subsided, Charlie Bradley of Eldorado emerged victorious. He explained later that his "Biggest Lie" was actually a true story, a fact that seemed to fit in pretty well with the whole theme of Running of the Bull.

Judges, seated in a tent labeled "Ranking of the Bull" held up score cards after each participant finished their act. Perfect scores of ten were signified by holding up small squares of sheet metal, or tin.

One of the biggest hits of the festival were the "Hoof 'n Heifers" dance group from San Angelo and Sonora. Dressed in "udderly" outlandish costumes the ladies performed a number of "mooving" dance routines for the appreciative crowd. The "Heifers" won the Most Valuable Performer trophy from among all of the acts on Saturday.

Another popular attraction was a bank of long walkway sprayed with a light water mist from overhead emitters. Anyone finding the temperature too warm only had to move to the walkway for a few moments in order to quickly cool down.

Another big hit were some of the food items. Steak Sandwiches and Gorditas were supplemented by fruit cups, baked goods and ice cream. The banana split in a cup was a particular favorite.

As the day wore on, awards were presented to various acts. Meanwhile, a car show was going on just a few feet away on the courthouse parking lot, a car show was being held. Jerry Jones of Quanah, TX won Best of Show on Sunday with beautifully restored antique Chevy, complete with a teardrop trailer. Other notable entries included a 1950 4-door Mercury convertible belonging to Marco Gomez of Big Lake, a 1952 Chevy Suburban owned by James Chansley of Round Rock, and a 1937 Ford pickup belonging to

Dwight Jackson of San Angelo.

Cowboy Poet Dennis Gaines of Kerrville wowed the crowd on Sunday with a series of poems and stories. One, about a ranch hand learning to palpate a cow had everyone in stitches. A line about roping steers with bungee cords also had the audience laughing to the point of tears. For his efforts, Gaines received the Most Valuable Performer Award on Sunday.

That trophy, and all the others were hand made by Jim Runge. Each of the trophies consisted of a red, white and blue base plate in the shape of the State of Texas, topped with an appropriate piece of dried mesquite stump, or other equally desirable material.

Passersby couldn't help but notice a booth set very near the stage where children were lined up to for invisible face painting. Pam Gaddis of Alpine delicately applied the "invisible" paint to each of the children, taking extra time to clean up the paint that would occasionally drip from her brush. Of course, the service was free of charge and it was difficult to tell who had the most fun, the children or Gaddis.

Several local organizations took advantage of the festival to hold fund raisers. The EHS Booster Club had a booth. So did the Eldorado Game Dinner Association. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts each had activity booths and at least one church group raised money by selling food.

"All in all I'd say it was a successful festival," stated Jim Runge after the fact. "I'd guess the crowd was about 50-60 percent from out of town. I was glad to see how many locals came out. Everyone seemed to really be enjoying themselves."

Other award winners included: Sam Cruse of Christoval, Runner Up in the Biggest Lie category; Steve Smith of Carrizo Springs, Runner Up in Cowboy Poetry; Les Royal of Hico, 1st Place in Tongue Twistin'; Pam Gaddis of Alpine,



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**King of the hill** — Eldorado's own Charlie Bradley won the top prize for "Biggest Lie" during the Running of the Bull festival last Saturday. Bradley later claimed the story he told was true, but many suspected he was only warming up for next year's contest.

1st Place in Mime Bull and 1st Place in Extemporaneous speaking.

Annie Arispe won the \$50 prize, contributed by the Eldorado Success, in the Count the Bull's Contest. Her guess of 134 came nearest the actual total of Running of the Bull sings that Jim Runge has erected. When asked exactly how many signs he placed around the area, Runge would only smile and say that the number is classified.

Eldorado's own Claude Spencer received a special award as the first, and still only, person to see a real live Tagoo Bird. His discovery was the motivating factor in another of Jim Runge's events, the creation and dedication of a Tagoo Bird Sanctuary in Eldorado.

Another of Runge's creations, the Elgoatarod Festival, a spoof of the Alaska Iditarod Dog Sled Race, was held here in February.

All of Runge's events are organized under the auspices of the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee (EOBOC), yet another of Runge's creations. He claims to be serious about attracting the International Olympic Games to Eldorado and even holds out hope that the Summer and Winter games can both be brought here. "What I'm trying to do here with these festivals is to prove to the IOC that we can handle something as large as the Olympics," Runge says.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**On the hoof** — The "Hoof 'n Heifers," a dance team from San Angelo and Sonora (plus one from Austin) entertained the crowd at Running of the Bull festival last Saturday and Sunday. Here they are shown performing their Hawaiian routine on Sunday.

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# Notice

## ATTENTION ALL BAND STUDENTS

Band instrument check out will be from 9AM-12 Noon at the band hall today Thursday, July 31.

Band rehearsal will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 31.

## MEMBERS, MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### AUGUST 2003

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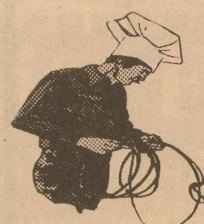
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## Hospital financial picture keeps getting better

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Randy Mankin noted, "But with Dr. Lucas and Dr. Perez coming on board in August, the cost of covering the ER will go down...and that's a good thing."

Prior to appointing a budget committee, Mankin asked for direction from the board. The trustees seemed to all agree that they wanted to purchase a portable x-ray machine and provide some

money for the upgrade of heating and air conditioning units.

The board also briefly discussed the possibility of building a new hospital and clinic and converting the existing building into a long term care and assisted living facility. Andy Freeman explained that funding is available through the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for the construction of hospitals and

clinics, while there doesn't seem to be any funding sources for long term care facilities.

The trustees also discussed the possibility of forming a nonprofit foundation to act as a fund raising arm of the hospital district. Freeman told the trustees of another hospital that his firm works with that started a foundation in 1992. Since that time, Freeman said, the foundation has raised more than \$3 million for the facility.

It was agreed that the idea of a foundation was worth considering and that more information would be sought.

In other business, the trustees listened as Nursing Home Director of Nursing Anita Jones presented the Quality Assurance Report for her facility. They also reviewed and gave approval to contracts with Dr. Jim Lucas and Dr. Lillian Perez.

The board also reviewed changes to the district's Indigent Care Policy. They also approved a number of other policies and procedures manuals.

Before adjourning, the board voted to reappoint Registered Pharmacist Shannan Wideman and Licensed Mental Social Worker Ollie McCown to Medical Staff. They also asked for a clarification of the way district's retirement fund is distributed among employees each year. A report on that subject will be heard at the board's next meeting on Monday, August 25, 2003.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Hay, that's on fire — Eldorado Volunteer Firefighters responded July 27 to this fire on the Six Mile Ranch near Ft. McKavett. When firefighters arrived, they found 300 large round bales of hay on fire. The firemen quickly brought the blaze under control.

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## Eldorado Open Rodeo slated for weekend

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may be purchased from members of the Eldorado Young Riders, including Holly Ford, Colten Daniels, Tres & Justin Whitten, and Corey Williams. Tickets for the dance are \$10.

Other activities scheduled in conjunction with this year's rodeo include a round of Cowboy Golf (not a tournament), scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Eldorado Golf Course. A washer pitching tournament will begin at 12:00 noon on Saturday beneath the ro-

deo grandstands. Also, a cookoff will begin at noon on Saturday with judging slated for 3:00 p.m. Contestants in this year's cookoff will be allowed to prepare any dish they want to enter.

An inflatable slide and pony rides will be available for the youngsters and a mechanical bull will be in action for those buckaroos who aren't quite ready to climb atop the real thing. Other vendors will be on hand selling everything from glow sticks to jewelry.

The rodeo, and the dance, are

being promoted around the area. A live radio remote broadcast by KKC radio 103.1 in San Angelo will begin around 4:00 p.m. from Petals and Potpourri. The radio show will feature Rodeo Clown and Barrell Man Dennis Taylor in hopes of attracting a bigger crowd from San Angelo for the rodeo and dance.

For more information about this weekend's rodeo, contact SCRA President Troy Daniels at 853-2202 or the CPRA office at 936-395-2772.

## Welfare Board to host Girls for Courage Day

A special day for girls going into grades 7-12 will be hosted by two local student groups and members of the Schleicher County Welfare Board. Involved in the planning for this workshop are students from the Middle School's Do Something Council and the High School's STAR (Students Taking Action for Respect) group. Both groups are basing their presentation on things they learned this

summer at two leadership conferences. In addition, several guest speakers, local as well as from out of town, will round out the day.

The day is filled with many fun activities and much information. All activities center around building the girl's courage to stand up for themselves, to hear about effects of alcohol on the brain, to learn some steps of practical self-defense, to deal with bullying, sexual harassment, or dating violence, to understand true friendship, to develop the courage to follow's one' dreams, and to conquer emo-

tional stress.

This is a first-time event for Eldorado and the three groups involved in the planning are very excited about this project, especially since a tasty lunch is to be furnished by Martha's Angels!

The event will take place at the Memorial Building, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11. For more information, please contact Ilse Williams, 853-2460, Katrina Gonzales 853-2467 or Pam White 853-2658. Preregistration (per phone) is encouraged.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

### Kudos for Jim Runge and Running of the Bull

Dear Editor:

I attended an event held here in Eldorado on Saturday and Sunday called Running of the Bull. Now I will be the first to admit that I wasn't keen on the idea of bulls running down Main Street being chased by citizens and outsiders wielding spears.

Yes, that is what I had envisioned until I was informed by my most intelligent spouse that it was not that kind of event at all, but more like "bull talking sessions." Well, I was still skeptical about the entire event.

I headed out Saturday to help sell tickets for the Game Association not knowing that I was headed for an unforgettable day.

I want to commend Jim Runge for a job well done. Having to organize and pull off such an event takes lots of hard work and I could not believe what he had done, on his own!

If you did not make it to the Running of the Bull, boy did you miss out! This was so well organized, what an unbelievable day. I could hardly wait for Sunday's events which were just as entertaining.

The story telling, Hoof n' Heifers, car show, Cowboy poets, vending booths, food booths (Banana Spits in a cup! Wonderful!) I could go on and on.

This was one of the best events I have ever attended and it was right here in Eldorado, Texas. It was so highly advertised that one gentleman from Carrizo Springs, coming to Eldorado for business on Monday, came a day early to witness the events and ended up entertaining the crowd with some of his cowboy poetry.

I had the pleasure of visiting with people from all over the state who saw the event advertised and came down for the day just to get out of the big cities they live in.

I would like to say that it would be an honor to pitch in and help anyone pulling off an event like this one. Lots of hard work went into the fun this past weekend and we owe a big THANK YOU to Jim Runge for all that he does.

Thank you, Jim for all the hard work you put in. I, for one, hope you keep it up!

Connie Andrews



# There's nothing modern at Turner Falls Park

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deep hole in our part of the creek; it was clear enough to see your feet.

Fish darted about, mainly minnows and bream. (Trout are sometimes stocked, supposedly.) Where the water flowed well, the aquatic plant life was kept at bay. But in slow moving, deeper parts of the creek — mostly found in the secluded Wagon Road area at the rear of the park — the green plants had choked out the water surface and covered the entire area. You couldn't get in here to swim and wouldn't want to.

## Exploring

At the back of the park, a hiking trail took us past some camping sites that no one bothers to visit in the summer. The water access was nil because of the plant growth. Out of scores of sites, we saw just two occupied. We startled a doe and two fawns getting a drink at the end of the trail; they crashed through the water — which was flowing again near a small falls — and disappeared in the thick, wooded terrain on the other side.

One cool feature of the park was closed, the castle. An eccentric doctor built the castle — now best seen from the overlook outside the park — in the 1800s. But damage/graffiti by visitors caused the area to be closed, so the multi-stepped trip up to see the unique building created from the local rock in the area won't happen soon. It could be reopened later, we were told.

But you can still access the natural caves. One looks down on the big falls and can be entered in two different places. A sign points to a parking area near two caves. However the walking directions to the actual entrances are not too clear. Just root around (but don't fall off a cliff.) It's not too far.

Most interesting is Crystal Cave. It's apparently so named for all the broken bottles inside the cave. But that's beside the point.

The cave is reached on a well-tended path off the falls swimming area. The trail dead ends at a small stream. Cross that and begin a rather steep climb over uneven, slick-through-years-of-use rocks up the side of a mountain. In the afternoon sun, it was approximately 300 degrees here. Eventually you'll reach the cave entrance...well, you'll see it, anyway.

A rope hangs out of a hole in the side of a cliff. You need to have some upper body strength (or have someone already up in the cave) to pull yourself up that rope. It gives a bit, perilously hanging you over unforgiving rocks 20 feet below. (Pray that the rope is well tied.)

Provided you successfully enter the cave, you'll see a quickly recessing stretch, one that many visitors have written their names on. There's some trash in there, some cigarette butts — apparently, everyone in Oklahoma smokes — and, most importantly for arachnophobics, *thousands* of Daddy Longlegs. These spiders pulsate on the ceiling of the cave and, as it shrinks, you can't help but get a

few on you.

While duckwalking into the back of the cave, my trusty Tilley hat scraped the ceiling and I was instantly covered with the scurrying critters as they rained down. Pretty creepy, but I didn't freak out. Much.

## Other park stuff

Horseflies wore me out at Turner Falls. They swoop on swimmers as soon as they exit the water and their bite hurts. There were also leeches in the water, but they're tiny things and no problem.

Aside from the campsites (which are first come, first served — no reservations) and teepees, there are numerous cabins to rent and screened-in shelters (\$20 nightly) that are covered with lattice for some privacy.

RV hook-ups are \$10 per night (plus the camping fee).

You are warned to not climb the cliffs, but there's no way for officials to monitor visitor activities, especially deep in the park.

Lots of groups visit, many comprised of mostly kids. A Sherman

church group was there when we visited. Groups of 20 or more get special rates.

Bathhouses are available. They're not exactly state-of-the-art (maybe they were in the 50s). However you won't care after a long day at Turner Falls. When you consider hundreds of people and animals have been lounging in water that you've been cavorting in all day, well, a cleansing shower is a wonderful thing.

One problem with the park is the high amount of litter around. (Despite the plea on the entry brochure: "Please do not litter!" Maybe Okies are taking that literally and just avoiding the metric system because Turner Falls was just too trashy.) Keep an eye out for broken glass on all that rock.

The other thing about the park...hmmm, how to put this delicately...Turner Falls doesn't exactly attract the Rockefellers of the world. If your idea of a vacation is an all-inclusive resort among the social elite, then, boy, you've picked the wrong place.

Turner Falls Park is the common man's retreat. That's part of its charm. It's retro. It's how many of us grew up vacationing. It's just good fun!



Watch your step — Not much is frowned on at Turner Falls Park, not even scaling (or attempting to) small waterfalls is not frowned upon at Turner Falls Park.

## High School Registration

August 6th schedule:

Seniors: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Juniors: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

August 7th schedule:

Soph. 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Freshmen 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Senior Pictures are scheduled for August 13 from 9 to 2. You should be receiving information from Blunck Studios.

## Middle School Registration

Middle School students will pick up their schedules on Wednesday August 6 at the following times:

8:00 a.m. 5th grade  
9:00 a.m. 6th grade  
10:00 a.m. 7th grade  
11:00 a.m. 8th grade

Students new to Eldorado are asked to stop by the middle school office before August 6 and fill out a pre-registration packet.

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## Schleicher County Commissioners meeting held Monday

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In other business, Judge Griffin advised the court that he is still waiting to hear from Southwest Texas Electric Coop regarding the installation of new electrical wiring and plugs around the courthouse square and the landscaped islands. A request was received by the court recently from the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce that the electrical service be upgraded in order to accommodate Christmas lighting.

Next, Eldorado Fire Chief Jerry Jones updated the commissioners on steps that are being taken to insure that more than \$80,000.00 in grant funds from the Homeland Security Dept. will be received here. At Jones' request, Judge Griffin signed paperwork indicates that the county will abide by the rules of a program under which the County and the City of Eldorado will receive money to upgrade radio equipment. A condition of the grant is for the money to be spent on making the communication equipment owned by the two entities "interoperable." The aim of the grant is eventually connect all law enforcement officers, fire dept. officers and city personnel via their own radio system.

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On another subject, the Fire Chief told the Commissions that his department has applied for a grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Jones said that the \$67,000.00 grant has been approved and that his department plans to spend the money on equipment to use in refilling air packs. Jones also updated the men on a recent fire at the Six Mile Ranch near Ft. McKavett. He noted that three hundred large, round bales of hay had caught fire. Firefighters responded and brought the fire under control, Jones said.

Next, the Commissioners authorized \$2,500.00 bonds for Deputies Kevin Herbert, Jason Chatham and David Olivan at a cost to the county of \$150.

Commissioner Matt Brown then updated the court on work at the Civic Center complex. During the discussion, the Commissioners voted to remove a small yellow barn and a hog barn that are near the Civic Center project. Also in relation to the Civic Center, Judge Griffin explained that WTU will be installing new underground electrical lines, increasing the service panel from 500 to 1,000 amps.

A call for bids on the paving of Eldorado Cemetery and Mary Street was reissued since no bids were received. The court will receive bids on Monday, August 11, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

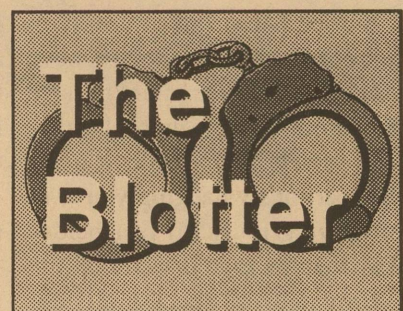
In other business, Tax Appraiser Scott Sutton presented the Certified Tax Roll to Judge Johnny Griffin. At that time, Judge Griffin asked the Commissioners if they had any special budget requests for the 2004 budget. The men then mentioned several items on their wish list for the 2004 Budget dis-

cussion.

At that point, Commissioner Bill Clark asked for a \$100 a month raise for non elected employees. Commissioner Matt Brown asked that the county consider hiring a maintenance employee for all county facilities. Also, mentioned was funding for the Community Resource Center, and, Road Superintendent Clay

Burleson requested seal coating for Rabbit Road and the Old San Angelo Highway. Burlson also asked for a new maintainer and water truck.

Before the men adjourned, County Clerk Peggy Williams submitted an income report in the amount of \$4,465.60 in funds collected from fees in her office for the month of June.



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

#### ARRESTS

**July 21 • Powell, Rand Lereshe**, male age 39, offense Theft of Service. Released on PR Bond.

**July 23 • Olivarez, Effie Jean**, female age 45, offense Theft of Service. Released on PR Bond.

**July 24 • Laraz, Angel Aldopho**, male age 22, offense Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

**July 25 • Cribbs, Jodie Shay**, male age 22, offense Theft of Service. Released on PR Bond.

**July 28 • Rodriguez, Rogelio Jr.**, male age 19, served 15 days and released.

**July 28 • Richard, Derrick**, male age 27, offense Failure To Appear/ Driving While License Suspended.

**July 28 • Estep, Victoria J.**, female age 18, offense Traffic Violations. Released time served.

#### INCIDENT REPORTS

**July 22 • 12:00 p.m.** City Hall employee requested an officer to City Hall for a disturbance. Two officers responded. 4:45 p.m. Complainant reported three billy goats out on Highway 190 West. Officer responded.

**July 23 • 2:27 p.m.** Subject reported a grass fire on Hwy. 190 East and Toe Nail Trail. Officer and Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department responded.

• 4:44 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle swerving, and tail gating and trying to pass other vehicles on the right hand side on Hwy. 277 South. Officer responded and found everything OK.

**July 24 • 12:50 a.m.** Unknown complainant at Eldorado Place Apartments reported a fight in the parking. Three officers responded.

**July 25 • 3:56 a.m.** Male subject reported mother was having trouble breathing. EMS responded.

• 4:55 a.m. Subject reported that their mother had fallen and requested an ambulance.

• 4:20 p.m. Complainant requested an officer for an vehicle accident report. According to accident report a 15 year old male driver and parent, were traveling East bound on FM Road 2129 in a 1997 white Ford F150 towing a livestock trailer. Driver lost control and turned both vehicles around in the opposite direction. Both truck and trailer turned on their left side and came to a stop on the side of the highway. No injuries.

**July 26 • Complainant** requested an ambulance for a basic transfer for a female in labor. EMS responded.

• 2:50 p.m. Complainant on South Divide stated that someone had taken a lawn mower tire from their business. Tire valued at \$50.

• 4:48 p.m. Complainant reported someone had taken their sons bikes and then returned them later on. Complainant wanted to put this on record just in case it happens again.

• 11:16 p.m. Complainant on West Avenue reported a disturbance. Two officers responded.

• **July 27 • 7:49 a.m.** Complainant requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS responded.

• 5:26 p.m. Complainant reported a bales of hay on fire 23 miles East on Hwy. 190. Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department and Fort McKavett Volunteer Fire Department responded.

• 10:47 a.m. Hospital advised Sheriff Office they would be having a fire drill.

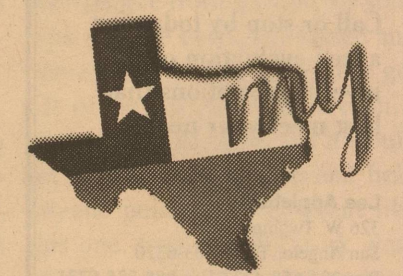
• 8:48 a.m. Complainant called the Sheriff Office to report a calf caught on a fence.

**July 29 • 6:20 p.m.** Complainant requested an officer to check and talk to parents of kids running around in the street. Officer responded.

• 5:18 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle traveling at an excessive rate of speed. Officer responded and found vehicle obeying the speed limit.

• 8:07 p.m. Dispatcher received three 911 hang up calls from one address on West Street. Officer responded and found kids playing with phone.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED  
**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

#### PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

#### PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

#### PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

#### PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

#### PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

#### PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

#### PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

#### PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

#### PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

#### PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

#### PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

#### PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

#### PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

#### PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

#### PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

#### PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

#### PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

#### PROPOSITION 18 (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

#### PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

#### PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

#### PROPOSITION 21 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

#### PROPOSITION 22 (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicativos sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitucion que apareceran en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.



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For Sale: 1994 Isuzu Rodeo LS 4D - Great condition, power everything, CD player, (new tires, < 400 miles) \$3,700 Call 853-3273 or 277-4571. 2930.30b

FOR SALE: 1979 2 Door Buick; Copper/Beige Vinyl Top. 99K. Call 853-2909. 30-31p

For Sale: Large round bales in the field. \$40.00 Contact John Kotsch. 325-853-2756.30b

For Sale-1996 Olds Ciera 7 passenger wagon. Excellent condition. 30 MPG. \$3,000.00. Call 853-1125. 30b

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### Real Estate

ELDORADO-House for sale: Large lots, 4 bedroom and 2 bath. Excellent for large family. 510 North Main. Please call and make offer. 979-690-0541. 33 eow.p

ELDORADO- For Sale: Commercial Property/nice building, great location. Call 325-853-2261 or 325-650-0506. 30B

ELDORADO- For Sale- 3 bdrm, 2 bath home on 10 acres - fenced landscaped yard, carport, barn, pens, storage buildings, pecan and fruit tree orchard w/ sprinkler system, cleared field, stock tank and water well. Call 325-853-1400.27-31P

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ELDORADO- New On The Market- 3/BR, 2/BA Brick Home. Large shop; sprinkler system, pecan trees, large fenced yard. 406 N. West Street. \$75,000.00. Call 450-3205.30f/bn.

For Sale: Large Lot at 104 Honeysuckle St., Eldorado. Excellent building site. Established Liveoak, Ted Oak and Pecan trees. Asking \$6000.00 serious offers considered. Call Rick Sterling 853-2932 or 224-3629.30-33p

### GARAGE SALES, YARD SALES & BAKE SALES

ELDORADO-3 FAMILY CARPORT SALE- 704 Lee Ave. (Epolo Herrera Residence.) Thursday, July 31; from 3PM till dark. PLEASE NO SALES BEFORE 3 PM; Queen size mattress set, entertainment center, couch and love seat, weight bench/weights and much more. 30-31p

ELDORADO-YARD SALE: Saturday, Aug. 2, starting at 7:30 a.m. 817 N. Divide. Twin bed, small chest of drawers, 10 speed bicycle, clothes and misc.

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### Card of Thanks

Just a short note to thank all the participants for helping make the parade a success on July 26, 2003, Running of the Bull! Annie Arispe  
 Parade Coordinator

### TRANZON HANLEY

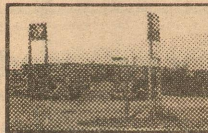
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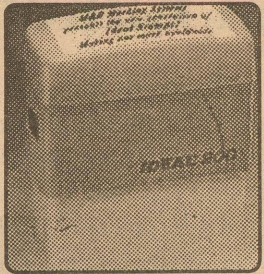
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- ★ HOMES/LOTS: NEW LISTING-205 Dixie 3BR/2BA, Frame Home, Carpet, Evap. A/C, Panel Heat, Fenced Yard. Additional lot included. In good condition. \$35,000.
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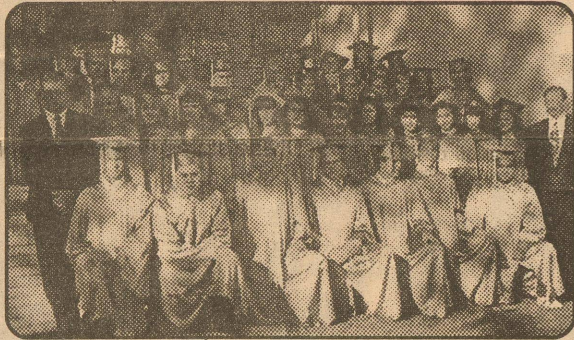


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### Welcome to the Class of 1993



Family, Teachers and Friends of the Class of 1993 are invited to a get-together at the County Park on August 2, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. (Bring a picnic lunch.)

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids, addressed to the Schleicher County Commissioners' Court will be received by the County Clerk, until 10:00 a.m. August 11, 2003, when such bids will be opened in the Commissioner's Courtroom for:

1. Paving of the Eldorado Cemetery
2. Paving of 2,618 feet of Mary Street

(bid specifications to be pickup at the Clerk's Office)

The Commissioners Court has the right to accept or reject any and all bids submitted.

Peggy Williams  
 County & District Clerk  
 P.O. Drawer 580  
 Eldorado, Texas 76936  
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### Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Jerry Felver. When the Spotlight camera caught up with Jerry he was taking a break in the Bullpen at the Running of the Bull and enjoying a cool moment under one of the "mistress" he helped build for the occasion.

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**4th** Pepper Nix, Steve Sykes  
**5th** Maria F. Zuniga, Felipe Pina, Debbie Fritz, Traci Paxton Ross, Chase Thackerson  
**6th** Mike Belman III, Mike Marsh, Austin Nixon, Ann Sears

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**Eden honors 4-star General Eaker**

Eden, Texas will be honoring a favorite son and four-star General Ira C. Eaker (1866-1987) on Saturday, August 9, 2003.

The day's events begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Eden Fire Hall, a half-block east of the town square, with a program emceed by retired Air Force Col. Joe Bob Green. Key-note address will be given by Lt. Col. John Blumentritt, currently stationed at San Antonio, a recipient of the Ira C. Eaker Outstanding Airmanship Award in 1995 for making a daring rescue off the coast of Iceland. Goodfellow Air Force Base is providing a Color

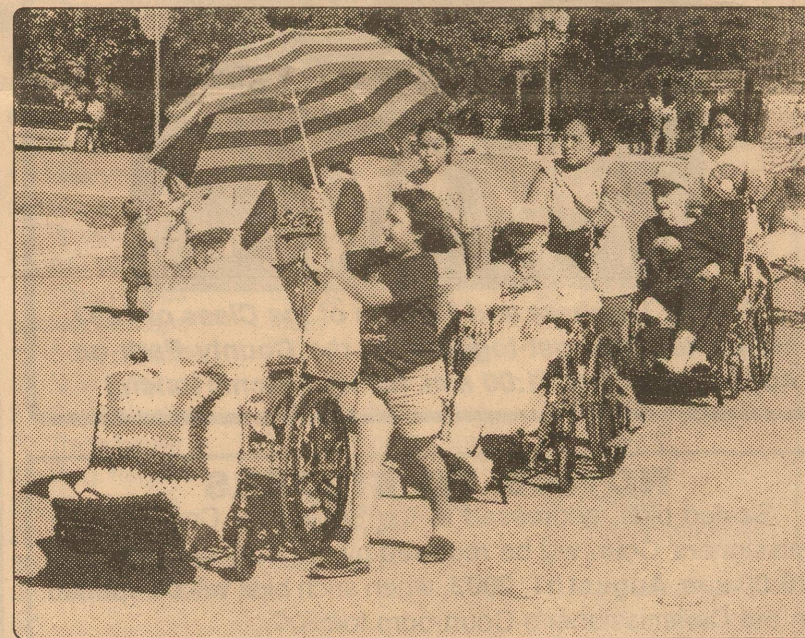
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A state historical marker commemorating General Eaker's achievements will be unveiled on the town square at the conclusion of the program. General Eaker, after enlisting in the Army during World War I, transferred to the Air Force where he pioneered in-flight refueling and experimented with new ideas that greatly increased the capabilities of aerial warfare.

During World War II, he organized the 8th Bomber Command in England and proved the feasi-

bility of daylight bombing. In 1943, he commanded all United States Army Air Forces in the United Kingdom and later commanded the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces—the largest air command in the world.

Eden Volunteer Fire Department will serve a barbecue sandwich lunch plate (\$5) and the museum, which fronts on the town square, will be open all day. Special exhibits about Eaker's life in Eden and in the military will be on display.



**Shade for the parade** — Nursing home residents took part in the opening parade before the beginning of the first-ever Running of the Bull festival last weekend. The young lady pictured with the umbrella chose to help an elderly patient instead of simply sitting back and watching the parade pass by.

**Schleicher Country Independent School District**  
**Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs**

Schleicher County Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Industrial Technology, Office Management, Home Economics, Agriculture, Marketing and Health Occupations. Admission to these programs is based on student's training objectives, aptitude, interest, need, physical and mental competence, and other qualifications essential to successful employment.

It is the policy of the Schleicher County Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Schleicher County Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Schleicher County Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator, Tim Seymore, at the Schleicher County ISD Administration Office Building, 205 Field Avenue, Eldorado, TX 76936, and 325-853-2514, ext. 322.

**Schleicher County Independent School District**  
**Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs**

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Schleicher County ofrece programas de educacion vocacional: Industria Tecnologia, Oficina, Economia Domestica, Agricultura, Educacion de Analisis, De Mercados y Salud. La admision a estos programas se basa en los objetivos de entrenamientos de los estudiantes, sus aptitudes, intereses, necesidades, capacidades, fisicas y mentales y otras calificaciones esenciales para desempeñar sus empleos con éxito.

Es norma de El Distrito Escolar de Schleicher County no discriminar por motivos de raza color, origen nacional, sexo, o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o activades vocacionales, tal como lo requirerán el Titulo VI de la Ley de Deprechos Civiles de 1964, segun enmienda; el Titulo IX de las Emmiendas en la Educacion, de 1972, y la Seccion 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitacion de 1973, segun enmienda.

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El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Schleicher County tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad in el uso de la ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, Tim Seymore, Coordinador del Titulo IX, y Seccion 504, en las oficinas Administrativas del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Schleicher County, 205 Field Avenue, Eldorado, Texas 76936, 325-853-2514, ext. 322.

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*AMERICAN WEDDING dts (R).....	2:00 4:30
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*TERMINATOR 3 dts (R).....	1:50 4:15
BRUCE ALMIGHTY (PG-13).....	2:15 4:35

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 \$3.00 Matinees before 6:00 p.m.  
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\*No Passes or Discounts

**TEXAS SALES TAX HOLIDAY**  
**AUGUST 1 - 3, 2003**

- Tax-Free Items**
- Baby clothes
  - Belts (with attached buckles)
  - Boots - cowboy, hiking
  - Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
  - Coats and wraps
  - Diapers - adult and baby
  - Dresses
  - Gloves (generally)
  - Gym suits and uniforms
  - Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts
  - Jackets
  - Jeans
  - Jerseys - baseball and football
  - Jogging apparel
  - Neckwear and ties
  - Pajamas
  - Pants and trousers
  - Raincoats and ponchos
  - Robes
  - Shirts
  - Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking
  - Socks (including athletic)
  - Shorts
  - Suits, slacks and jackets
  - Sweatshirts
  - Sweat suits
  - Sweaters
  - Underwear
  - Work clothes and uniforms

- Taxable Items**
- Accessories (generally) - barrettes, elastic pony tail holders, wallets, watches
  - Backpacks
  - Baseball cleats and pants
  - Belt buckles (without belt)
  - Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders
  - Buttons and zippers
  - Cloth and lace, knitting yarns and other fabrics
  - Dry cleaning services
  - Footbal pants
  - Golf gloves
  - Handbags and purses
  - Handkerchiefs
  - Hard hats
  - Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports
  - Ice skates
  - Jewelry
  - Laundering services
  - Leather goods - except belts and wearing apparel
  - Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder
  - Personal flotation devices
  - Rented clothing - uniforms, formal wear, costumes
  - Roller blades and skates
  - Safety clothing, glasses
  - Shoes - bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf
  - Wallets
  - Watches