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## Civic Center project has commissioners seeing "Red"

As if Schleicher County Commissioners needed another headache at the Civic Center, they discovered last week that the outside trim being installed by the contractor was crimson red. The men said they each began receiving calls almost as soon as workers started installing the trim.

Work on the trim was halted as the commissioners met Monday and reviewed the plans, and they weren't happy with what they found. The plans, it seems, specifically call for crimson red trim. The red trim was also depicted on a color drawing provided to the county by Architect Henry Schmidt of San Angelo. Gold awnings were shown on the color drawing, as well.

After discussing the matter, the com-

missioners agreed that, if the cost is not too great, they would prefer to change the color of the trim to green. County Judge Johnny Griffin said he would contact the building contractor, Tony McCrea to determine the cost of switching the trim to Green.

Following the meeting, Judge Griffin told the Success that a protective film that is installed on the trim at the factory had already been stripped away by workers at the jobsite. With the film removed, the trim could not be returned for a refund. The cost of replacing the red trim will be \$3,519.00, the Judge said. Moments before the Success went to press, the Judge phoned to say that the Commissioners had decided to replace the red trim with dark green colored trim.

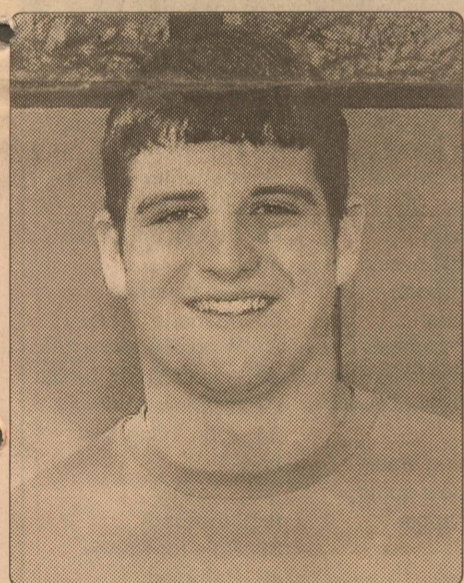
Besides discussing the color of exterior trim, the commissioners also paid a visit to the Civic Center construction site. They found that exterior work on the northern-most section of the building is virtually complete, with most of the structure being completely replaced. Five new double-pane thermal windows are installed, giving the building a new look. Air conditioning ducts have been installed and the structure is awaiting the installation of paneling and a drop ceiling.

The south part of the building, the portion that was originally built by the school a little over a year ago, is also under renovation. The rest rooms, installed by the school, have been stripped out and are being replaced by facilities that will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Also, new air conditioning units have yet to be installed.

While they were out and about, the commissioners paid a visit to the hangar building at the county airport. An office, attached to the hangar, has been outfitted with paneling and electrical outlets, with work being donated by several local pilots. During the inspection, Judge Griffin told the commissioners that the Texas Dept. of Transportation recently inspected the new runway and gave it a clean bill of health. The only request from TxDOT was that the county spray for weeds along the runway.

The men began their semimonthly at the courthouse, hearing a request from

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SUCCESS FILE PHOTO

Will Griffin

## Griffin elected as 4-H District 7 Parliamentarian

Will Griffin, a senior at Eldorado High School, was recently elected as District 7, 4-H Parliamentarian during the District 4-H Camp at the Alto Frio Encampment near Leakey. He was elected by all the 4-Hers from across the district.

Other 4-Hers from Eldorado attending the camp were Neal Higgins, Mark Bybee, Neal Brenner, Logan Jones and Taylor Niblett. Retiring County Extension Agent Nancy Lester accompanied the group.

## Hospital trustees reach settlement with Dr. Sloan

Schleicher County Hospital District trustees met Monday and voted to approve a settlement in the lawsuit brought against the district by Dr. Randall Sloan. Terms of the settlement reveal the district will pay Sloan \$27,750.00, a fraction of what he was seeking. In return, Sloan will drop the lawsuit against the district.

Following the meeting, Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz said the trustees made the decision to settle because it was in the best interest of the hospital district. She noted escalating legal fees and the inability of the two sides to agree

on a jury when the case originally went to trial in April of this year.

"I still feel we could win this case, but at what cost?" asked Board President Randy Mankin following the meeting. "Ultimately, the board decided to settle and move on."

Dr. Randall Sloan sued the hospital district in 2001, alleging that it was in breach of contract when he was dismissed on Dec. 31, 2000. The hospital district trustee have always maintained that they had no contract with Sloan. To date, the hospital district has spent over \$30,000.00 defending the lawsuit.

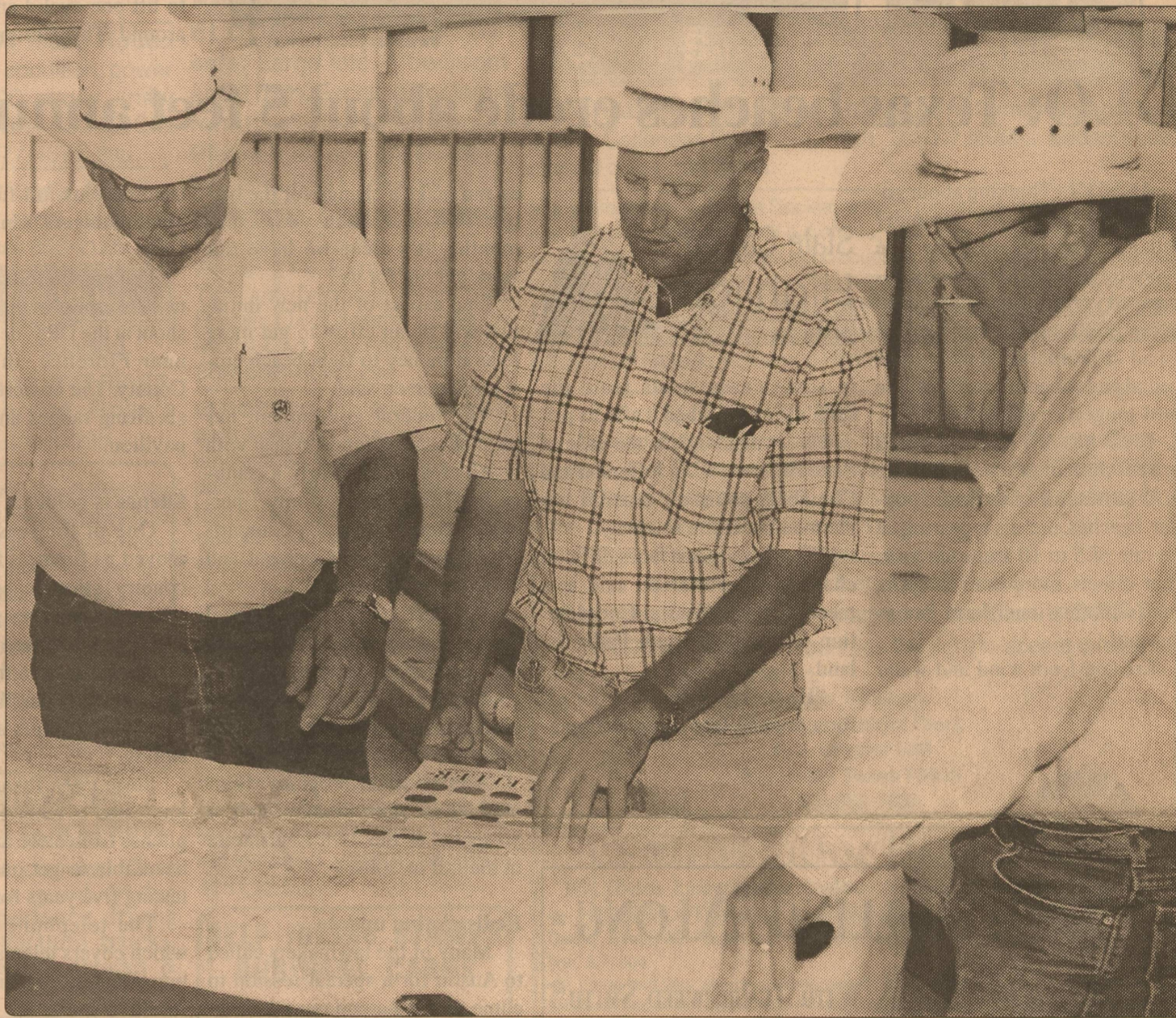


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**Color commentary** — County Commissioners (L-R) Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown reviewed Civic Center plans Monday afternoon and looked over a color chart used for picking metal siding and trim after it was discovered that the building contractor was installing red trim on the facility. The men learned that the plans called for red trim. At press time they are considering changing to green trim.

## Comptroller Strayhorn delivers sales tax rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent \$305.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts last week. July sales tax rebates are up 1.5 percent compared to July 2002. Fiscal year-to-date sales tax allocations are down 1.7 percent compared to the same period last year.

July sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in May and reported to the Comptroller in June.

Strayhorn sent sales tax rebates of \$208.5 million to 1,116 Texas cities, up 2.8 percent compared to July 2002. Sales tax rebates of \$18.7 million went

to 121 Texas counties, up 6 percent compared to one year ago.

In addition, \$8.4 million went to 78 special purpose taxing districts, a 1.9 percent increase compared to last July. Only transit sales tax collections showed a decline. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$70.3 million in sales tax revenue, down 3.3 percent compared to a year ago.

Locally, the sales tax rebates offer a mixed picture for the local economy. Schleicher County's payment was up considerably from one year ago. So was the rebate for the County Health Service-

es Tax. The City of Eldorado's rebate was down, however, due mainly to an overpayment reported in previous months. (See chart below)

For details of July sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html).

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, August 8, 2003, and will be reported the following week in The Success.

July 2003 Sales Tax Rebates						
Local Jurisdiction	July '03	July '02	% Change	2003 YTD	2002 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$ 6,051.50	\$ 6,673.70	9.32% ↓	\$ 44,661.16	\$ 47,122.16	5.22% ↓
Schleicher County	\$ 6,915.48	\$ 4,354.22	58.82% ↑	\$ 54,375.16	\$ 40,187.91	35.30% ↑
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$ 6,781.87	\$ 5,291.47	28.16% ↑	\$ 48,129.97	\$ 40,320.18	19.36% ↑

**First on the scene** — Eldorado's First Responder Program got off the ground quickly last Saturday when Sheriff David Doran was the first to reach the scene of this accident some 2.1 miles West of Eldorado on U.S. 190. Thanks to his recently completed training, the Sheriff was able to begin caring for the car's driver, John Fitz Carpenter, 86, of San Antonio, even before an ambulance reached the scene. Mr. Carpenter was transported to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated and hospitalized.

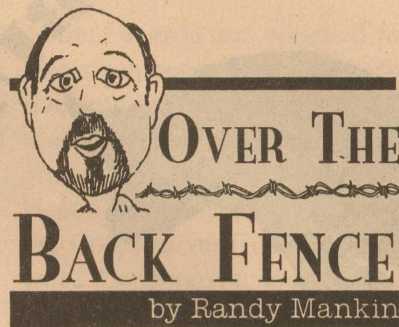


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# Cats, cardboard and paper sacks



If there was ever any doubt as to who is in charge at the Mankin household, let me assure you once and for all it's the cats. Yes, the cats, they are in charge and they know it. As for the humans in the household, we are fortunate that the cats are willing to tolerate us.

*"Do not meddle in the affairs of cats, for they are subtle and will pee on your computer."* — Bruce Graham

We have a large gray and white cat named Button. He reigns supreme, even when he sleeps, which is most of the time. But, one can never be sure when Button is asleep since the slightest noise, or the most minute disturbance in the air around him, will prompt him to lift one eyelid and take a look around. This Button is able to do

without exerting any of his other muscle groups. Those he saves for his most important function in life, chasing our other cat, Pumpkin.

*"Cats are rather delicate creatures and they are subject to a good many ailments, but I never heard of one who suffered from insomnia."* — Joseph Wood Krutch

Actually, Pumpkin belongs to our daughter, Sarah, and he usually lives with her in San Angelo. But, Sarah is in Lubbock this summer, so Pumpkin came to stay with us for a few weeks.

Pumpkin is a mischievous yellow tabby cat. It took him a day or two to accept the fact that Sarah had abandoned him to the care of strangers, but once he did, he settled in to his new role in life...that of antagonizing Button.

*"Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this."* — Anonymous

The other night, Kathy put a brown paper grocery sack in the living room floor. Button immediately took up residence therein and charged out to chase Pumpkin away anytime he wandered too close. This all seemed like great fun to Pumpkin and soon the two

cats were racing around the house. That's when Kathy bought out the second paper sack.

To the human mind, that seemed like a good solution. Each cat would have his own sack...WRONG! As I told you before, Button rules the roost and he wasn't about to sit still while an interloper was elevated to equal status with him in the paper sack department.

So, when Pumpkin went inside the new sack, Button circled from behind and pounced upon it. The attack was so well timed and executed so effectively that it served not only to evict Pumpkin from the bag, but to collapse it and render it useless as a shelter. Button then retreated to his own sack and went to sleep.

*"Some people say that cats are sneaky, evil, and cruel. True, and they have many other fine qualities as well."* — Missy Dizick

At this writing, Button has moved on to new territory. He has found a piece of cardboard that he likes to lay on and spends most of his time there snoozing, albeit with one eye open, and chasing Pumpkin away anytime he ventures too near. For his part, Pumpkin is persistent, making feints toward Button then scurrying off in hopes of luring him away just long enough for Pumpkin to move in on the cardboard. This is immediately followed by Button's patented gray streak pounce and the cycle begins anew.

*"There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats."* — Albert Schweitzer

## GLO: Texas beaches erode about 5 feet annually

AUSTIN - Thinking about going to the beach this summer? Better go while it's still there. The General Land Office recently announced an effort called Coastal Texas 2020, a long-term effort aimed at promoting the environmental and economic health of the third-longest coastline in the U.S.

Texas has 367 miles of beach on the Gulf of Mexico, but the GLO says some of the more popular beaches are disappearing at the rate of 5 to 10 feet each year. That affects more than tourism, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said.

Erosion from wind and water

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



in some cases steals from the state's tax base when it affects privately-owned land. In the case of State Highway 87 in Jefferson and Chambers counties, erosion has claimed the entire roadway.

"The Texas coast faces difficult challenges," Patterson said at a meeting of the Coastal Coordination Council on South Padre Island.

"However, by pooling our efforts, we can face those challenges

and make a change for the better. This will take years, not months. It's clear we have our work cut out for us."

One aspect of the new initiative will be an effort to get more federal money to fight beach erosion, Patterson said.

The federal government has been allocating funds to deal with beach erosion for nearly a century, but Texas receives only 1 percent of that funding. By comparison, Florida gets 32 percent and New Jersey 27 percent.

The first step for the Coastal 20/20 program will be the organization of steering and advisory committees, followed by public hearings along the coast coordinated by the GLO.

A report on the program's findings and recommendations will be presented to the 79th Legislature in the fall of 2004.

#### Redistricting update...

Many of the lawmakers called to Austin for a special session to come up with a congressional redistricting plan probably wish they could head to the beach, especially the Democrats.

The House has approved its redistricting map, but the Senate is still working on its plan.

#### DPS gets more troopers...

Not every state agency lost positions in the budget approved during the regular session. The Department of Public Safety gained 170 additional trooper slots for the coming biennium.

In addition, the agency received funding for 14 administrative jobs created by the 77th Leg-

islature, plus full funding for the Texas Rangers' Unsolved Crime Unit.

During their training, those new troopers will learn how to shoot at the DPS' new firing range near Florence, in Williamson County. The 46-acre complex has six firing ranges and an open-air pavilion.

#### Silence is golden...

One of the reasons the DPS moved its firearms training to the country is that weapons make a lot of noise when they go off.

Telephones are not quite as loud, but nearly a million Texans must not like jangling phones, at least not when it's a telemarketer calling.

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## ROLLING ALONG

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### Eldorado is at it again with Running of the Bull

That crazy guy Jim Runge is putting Eldorado on the map again. This time, it's an event called "Running of the Bull."

No, it's not a copy of the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. Bull in this case is singular. "Eldorado has lots of bull shooters," says Runge, "so we thought we'd have a contest to see who can do it the best."

Obviously, it's a running of the mouths rather a running of the bulls.

The thing has gotten out of hand, as most of Runge's events do. It has come to the attention of people in nearby towns and some that are not so nearby. It seems that every Texas town has some outstanding bull shooters.

More than twenty categories have been established for competition. Some of these are the biggest lie contest, fastest talker, cowboy poetry, punning, personal stories, shaggy dog stories, parodies, rhyming prose, tongue twisters and a special freestyle category.

No entry fee is required and winners will receive special trophies.

It all takes place July 26 and 27 on Eldorado's court house square. The event has a website, [ShootTheBull@hotmail.com](http://ShootTheBull@hotmail.com). The phone number is 325-853-2434. The competition is open to anyone except those from France.

Besides the tall tales, jokes and mangled English (ala Norm Crosby), there will be arts, crafts and food vendors galore. Antique and classic cars will be on display and visitors can enjoy face painting, clowns, carnival games, a giant

inflatable slide and a "Count The Bulls" contest in which contestants try to see how many bulls they can count on promotional signs in the area. One hitch to that: only signs in Schleicher, Sutton, Crockett, Menard and Tom Green Counties can be counted for the contest.

Running of the Bull has attracted some colorful folks. Dennis Gaines of Kerrville says he didn't talk until he was almost six when he said "This hot chocolate is no good." When his mother asked him why he waited so long to talk, he replied, "Up until now, things have been just fine." He was named the Cowboy Storyteller and humorist of the year by the Academy of Western Artists.

Jimmy Girvin of Arlington talks even during domino games and was once run out of town for talking too much. Pam Gaddis of Alpine has the Trans-Pecos Dinosaur Obedience School and is a licensed freckle inspector.

Jim Collins of McKinney was born with a plastic spoon in his mouth and as a child loved to sit in front of a roaring fire. His daddy always got mad because the house had no fireplace.

The Running of the Bull comes on the heels of the Eldorado Elgotarod, an event for goats similar to Alaska's Iditarod. All these events are being presented by the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee (the EOBOC) to shore up their credentials to host a future Olympics in Eldorado.

Attendees to this event should wear tall boots and raise their pants legs.

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## Steffanie Shyanne Freeman Harris

MENA, AR. — Steffanie Shyanne Freeman Harris, infant daughter of Misty Terrell and Shayne Freeman, both of Mena, Arkansas, passed away Sunday, July 6, 2003 in Mena.

She was born May 14, 2003 in Mena. She is survived by her parents, her brother, Chaz Terrell of Mena, her sister, Michelle Harris of San Angelo, maternal grandparents, James and Lillie Harris of Eldorado, paternal grandparents, Ri-

chard and Bonnie Young of Mena, maternal great grandparents, Bobby and Mildred Phillips of Eldorado, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 10, at the Hatfield Assembly of God Church with Brother Matt Wolfskill officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Gilead Cemetery in Rocky, Arkansas, under the direction of the Beasley-Wood Funeral Home.

## Robert Lee Doty

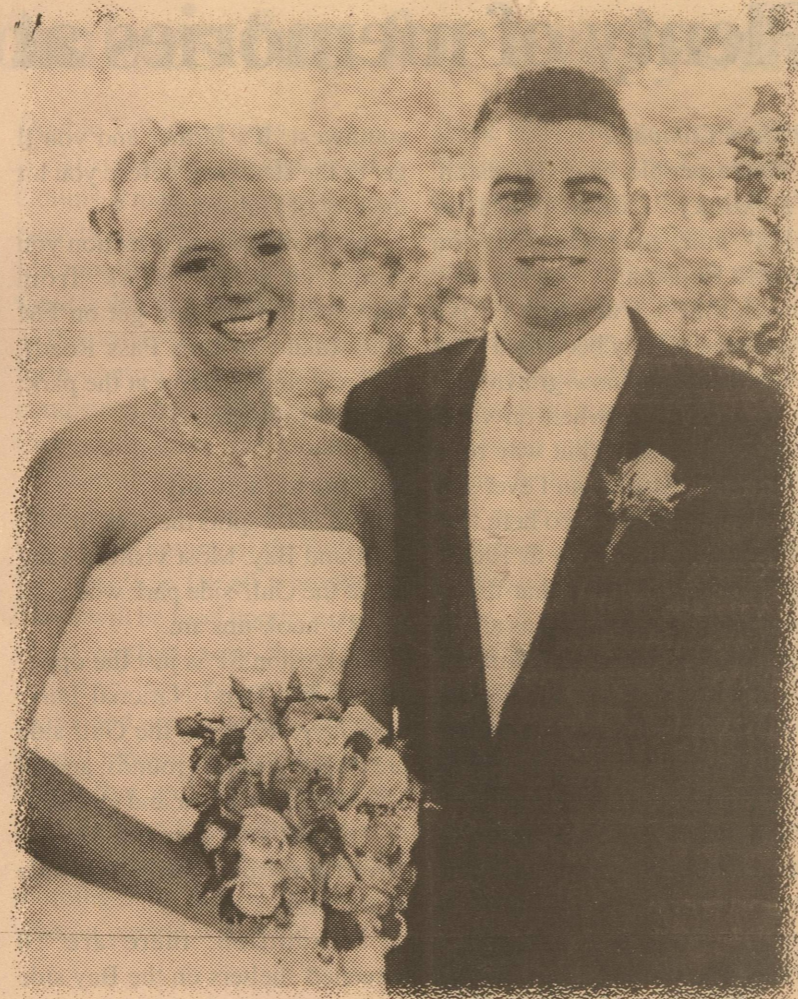
Robert Lee Doty, 54, after a lengthy illness, was taken to be with our Lord on July 5, 2003. He was buried in Azle on July 8, 2003. He was born in San Angelo on Nov. 5, 1948.

He attended San Angelo Lake View High School, Angelo State University and was in the United States Air Force.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Caydon Bradshaw;

granny, Audra Lee; and grandparents, E.M. and Delsie Doty.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Sue Doty; children, Beau Doty and Leigh Doty; grandchildren, Blake Miller and Tyler McCarty; parents, Bette and John Hurley of Robert Lee, and Frank and Doris Doty of Eldorado; sisters, Angela and Vicki Doty; and uncle of Amanda, Bobby, Zachary and Brandon Mancas.



Mr. and Mrs. Lance Wilson Jones

COURTESY PHOTO

## Neff/Jones exchange vows

Miss Ronni Leigh Neff and Mr. Lance Wilson Jones were married Saturday, May 31, 2003 at Reunion Ranch in Georgetown. The bride is the daughter of Ron and Caryl Neff of DeSoto and Anita Neff of Kemp. The groom is the son of Mary Lyn and Roy Jones of Liberty Hill and the grandson of Gene and Vernell McCalla and the late Billie and Jack Jones of Eldorado.

Whit Pennock, family minister at Leander Church of Christ, officiated the outdoor ceremony. A reception followed at Saddle Creek.

Lance graduated from Liberty Hill High School in 1998 and Ronni graduated from Quinlan High School in 1999. They are both graduates of Tarleton State University.

The best man was Levi Jones, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Kelsey Lackey, Matt

Logue and Matt Ramsdell. Matron of honor was Kristy Henry. Bridesmaids were Natalie Garner, Emery Holloway and Brittany Clifton. Ring bearer was Jaron Clifton and flower girl was Leightin Lackey. Ushers were Corey Pankey and Dustin Ragsdale. Music "From This Moment" was performed by Kristy Townsend.

The wedding was preceded on Friday by a rehearsal dinner for family and out-of-town friends hosted by the groom's parents at the Lockett Banquet Building on the square in Georgetown. The Wildfire Restaurant in Georgetown catered the event.

Following a honeymoon in the Bahamas, the couple will make their home in Frisco, Texas. The bride and groom are employed in the Dallas area.

## Eldorado Forecast

Thu 7/17	Fri 7/18	Sat 7/19	Sun 7/20	Mon 7/21
89/66	92/66	92/66	92/65	97/65
Partly cloudy skies. A stray thunderstorm is possible. High 89F.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 60s.

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## Community Baptist VBS slated for July 28 - Aug 1

Expedition leaders shout, "Come join the caravan. Travel to an ancient land!" Treasures of the Nile - On an Expedition to Jesus is an exploration into some of the mysteries of ancient Egypt!

This action-packed, fun-filled journey will take place daily from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., July 28th - Aug. 1st, for kids 5 yrs. - 6th grade right here at Community Baptist church on 12 E Warner Av.

Beginning each day at the Nile River Landing, our Expedition Team will venture forth to unearth the real treasure hidden in awesome Bible stories, which took place in that land.

In every story, kids will discover that God was preparing for the coming of Jesus, the greatest treasure of all. Through hands-on activities (including Chariots of Fun, Pharaoh's Phood Court, the Craft Bazaar and more), they'll uncover great truths about the way God works; He plans! He empowers! He acts! He saves!

Through great music, with fun motions kids will discover "Riches in Jesus. Your kids won't want to miss a minute of the action!"

Secure their positions on the Expedition Team today by picking up a Coloring Contest enrollment sheet at stores around town.

## Stop auto theft with VIN etching at Running of the Bull

The Concho Valley Auto Theft Reduction Program will offer free vehicle VIN etching, along with other programs to promote auto theft awareness. Individuals can also register with the Help End Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.) program.

The event will be held Saturday, July 26, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Schleicher County Courthouse during the Running of the Bull. The Schleicher County Commissioners and Schleicher County Sheriff's Office will sponsor the event. CVATR warns that car thieves target older and newer models of vehicles. However, older models are desirable because they are easier to

break into than newer models. On average, a car is stolen every five minutes in Texas. It only takes an expert auto thief as little as seven seconds and one screwdriver to break into a vehicle and less than a minute to drive away.

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, and contrary to belief of many, many stolen vehicles are several years old. Some vehicles are stolen and stripped for parts. A thief can make two or three times more money by selling a vehicle's parts versus as a whole. Other vehicles are stolen and resold by the thief to another party; either an unwitting buyer or an

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## Meals for Friends Menu



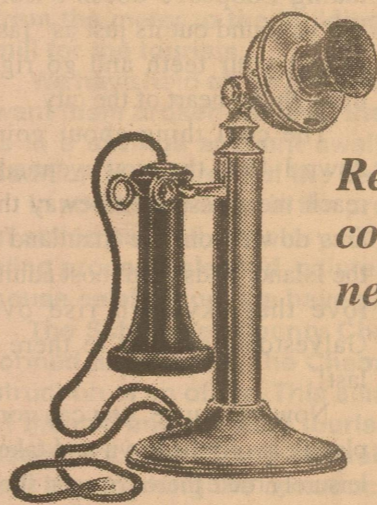
**Monday, July 21**  
Meatloaf w/ Tomato Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Honey Glazed Carrots, Corn Bread, Melon Salad, Milk

**Tuesday 22**  
Polynesian Chicken Salad, Sweet Peas, Wheat Bread, Golden Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

**Wednesday, July 23**  
Steak Fingers w/ Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

**Thursday, July 24**  
Oven Baked Pork Chops, Zucchini/Yellow Squash Medley, Corn w/ Red Peppers, wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Parfait, Milk

**Friday, July 25**  
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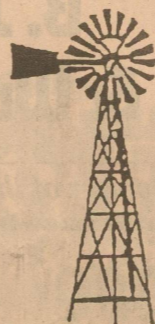
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# Plenty of memories at Galveston State Park



**Solitary figure** — There's hardly anything better than just watching the ocean waves roll in and in. That's exactly what this park visitor was doing from his perch on a boardwalk handrail.

by Mark Campbell

Some people hate Galveston. It's "stinky," "dirty," "has tar balls," and, especially, "is too close to Houston."

All that's true, but I love Galveston. Mainly because it's the place we took our now-grown family to most often when on vacation. Not only that, but way back in 1967, the first ocean I ever saw was the Gulf of Mexico here.

That was way back in 1967 — the Summer of Love that didn't mean all the much to me as an 11-year-old boy wearing a Batman t-shirt. (And not the Michael Keaton or Val Kilmer Batman but Adam West from the TV show. Holy Long Ago!)

Anyway, we arrived very late at night, turning right off I-45 onto 61st Street. My mom and little brother were asleep in the back while I was sitting next to my Dad in the front seat. We topped the rise where 61st Street met Seawall Blvd. There, in the dead of night, the sea glowed.

Wave after wave was illuminated by phosphorous. It warped depth perception and filled my entire vision with an eerie, yet lovely, glowing-in-the-dark, constantly-rolling mass that rose to the stars at times. Wow! This was the ocean?!

Well, it was, but it wasn't. I've never seen the sea that way again after scores of visits since. But that's only one reason why I love Galveston.

### Getting to the state park

Most people head to Galveston by driving straight down I-45. That means going through the dreaded Houston traffic. There's no magic way of dodging this ever-growing mess.

The only time I've ever managed to avoid any long delays (which begins around Conroe) is to pass through Rocket City at an odd hour. We've done best at 12:30 a.m. Trying to skirt the traffic by taking Loop 610 doesn't work. We've found out its just as "fast" to grit your teeth and go right through the heart of the city.

The cool thing about going down I-45 is that you eventually reach the massive causeway that arcs down from the mainland to the Island. Kids (and most adults) love that sky-high rise over Galveston Bay. You're there at last!

Now, of course, you can completely avoid the town and take a leisurely route there. You can shoot the gap (well, it's quite a gap, admittedly) between Austin and Houston and creep up on Galveston from Freeport, from the

southwest. It's farther and you'll get to the state park before you hit the city of Galveston.

No matter which direction you come (it's 10 miles from Galveston), once you get on FM 3005 (aka San Luis Pass Road), you're going to arrive at the park; you can't miss the signs.

### Two parks, actually

FM 3005 splits the park in two, Gulf and Bay. Most visitors hang out at the Gulf-side park where all the RV hook-ups are.

Galveston SP is just the opposite of Big Bend National Park: GSP loves RVs. On the Gulf side are three big campgrounds, and all 150 sites have water and electricity. And that's not counting 20 more "overflow" spots on the Bay side of the park.

In addition, there are 10 screened shelters on the Bay side as well. So that's 180 places to camp.

The 150 on the Gulf side are very popular. We arrived on a Saturday and every spot was claimed already. It's a Mecca for families. Just plug in the RV, put on your swimsuit, amble over to one of the short boardwalks, and the Gulf is suddenly there, rolling toward you, just 60 feet away.

Thirty sites are "premium" (with 50 or 30 amp hook-ups). All have shade shelters, picnic tables, and a cooking grill. Those premium sites are \$20 per day while the others are \$15 — after paying \$3 per head (for those 13 and over) to get in.

Campground I houses the 50 ampers. "Beachfront" sites are \$20; the others are \$15; the same holds true for Campgrounds II and III but at 30 amps.

All the campgrounds are set aside from the day use area a bit. Bike riding is very popular, especially with all the children present.

During birding season (Nov.-Feb.), RVs can hook up monthly for \$350 (premium) and \$325 (regular).

### On the Gulf

Showers. They might not be the best showers you've ever been in but you'll probably think so after spending a day frolicking in the Gulf and you drag your sticky, sweaty, sandy, sunburned self to one of those wonderful public showers. You won't mind using somebody else's barely used soap. There's one shower at each of the three overnight campgrounds.

A day use area is the first thing available after paying your entrance fee. The park store/headquarters is there and offers just

about everything you need, like junk food for the family and birds.

(Speaking of birds, the seagulls are numerous and aggressive here. We've had breakfast sausages snatched right off burning grills by the "rats of the sky." If you start feeding them [and you probably will] be ready for a non-stop screeching assault.)

There are lots of picnic tables near the headquarters. This area really fills with day visitors but everyone must be gone by 10 p.m. Quiet time reins until 6 a.m. amid a million stars.

Now this is the Texas ocean — you aren't going to see your feet in 10 feet of water. The sea is not clear to say the least. But it's salty and has waves and that's enough for most of us. You can still see fish — pretty big ones — shooting through the wave that's about to smack you. You can find lots of shells of various kinds and sometimes sand dollars, if you're lucky. Dolphin fins (they're [probably] not sharks) occasionally slice through the water. And there's no greater fun than taking the kids out on the beach at night, manning a flashlight, shining the beam near them, and screaming "Look out! There's a giant crab right behind you!" Oh, they'll squeal in delight/terror. So will your wife.

### On the bay

This side is much-less visited. Most people venture there for three reasons: the amphitheater, birding, or fishing.

The amphitheater used to conduct a pair of summer musicals each year. One always had a Texas theme. (Often: *Texas!*) Now, though, they have an actual season at the outdoor theater. *America the Beautiful* ends July 21. Two more remain: *George M* (July 24-Aug. 2) and *The Buddy Holly Story* (Aug. 6-16, hopefully without scary Gary Busey!).

It's a great place to see a play and they're well done. But if the wind backs off, beware. The mosquitoes will be on you faster than a seagull on a Cheeto.

All the hiking trails are on the Bay side and all four miles are open to bikes, too. Naturally, they aren't too difficult unless it's hot or the wind has backed off. An interpretive center and trail with a freshwater fishing area is the first thing you come to — unless it's closed like it was when we were there.

Instead, we ventured to the marshes between Jenkins and Butterow Bayous near dusk. There were plenty of birds everywhere and of many colors and sizes. We stumbled on a (human) couple with binoculars perched right in the middle of a boardwalk. They were eyeing a group of big pink

birds that stalked the shallows. Another group (of birds, not humans) perched in a nearby tree.

We walked closer to the bay. But that's when the wind laid and the mosquitoes fell upon us. Fighting, I eventually scraped many mosquito carcasses off my body, but it looked like that scene in *Starship Troopers* where the mechanical bugs poured over the horizon; I was fighting a losing battle.

We sped to the truck but not before pausing at the "observation tower" (a two-story wooden structure that affords a nice view of the bayous and birds therein) to shoot the sunset.

Boats with anglers floated here and there; Galveston Bay is famed for its fishing.

### In town

Galveston has a remarkable history. The hurricane of 1900 killed thousands and almost destroyed the island. At the Strand, majestic houses sit amid shops. And everyone should see Bishop's Palace, an opulent abode. Moody Gardens is great, especially the aquarium, and there're always fishing boats to rent out for bay or deep-sea fishing. Or piers that jut out into the gulf await you and your fishing gear. (If you bring your rod and reel from home, remember to rinse the rig out with freshwater pronto.)

But the great thing about Galveston is that you can stop and swim just about anywhere. That's where it's better than Corpus Christi — you're swimming in the ocean. And the beaches are cleared of seaweed nightly unlike the state park.

An added plus is that all kinds of restaurants are just across Seawall Blvd. We had a Wendy's Frosty in the afternoon then a great supper that night at Casey's which is the "casual" version of world-famous Guido's. Same food, you just don't have to worry so much about constant seat-shifting to accommodate an itchy behind from wearing a wet bathing suit for 12 hours.

In the city or at the state park on a windy day, you'll get some nice waves. It's a good idea to have some kind of floating device. You really can't surf much there (unless a tropical storm is brewing), but the waves can be ridden with floats, boogie boards, or your body. Catching a wave perfectly when body surfing is a trick, but you'll know when you hit it right. To be propelled along so close to the sandy bottom (well, maybe there are a few broken shells down there and perhaps a some jelly fish are about and, it's possible, a scuttling crab) at a surprising speed will keep riders out in the waves for hours.

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# Running of the Bull promises fun for everyone

A weekend of fun and festivities is just around the corner. The first-ever "Running of the Bull" festival will get under way next weekend on the Schleicher County Courthouse Square.

After months of speculation and hundreds, if not thousands, of questions as to what it's all about, the world will finally find out exactly what Jim Runge had in mind when he dreamed up the Running of the Bull.

Timed to roughly coincide with Pamplona, Spain's Running of the Bulls, the two events have nothing in common except for the similarity of their names and a dedication to fun.

And, as word about the Running of the Bull has spread far and wide, the list of contestants has grown proportionally. Already, a world renown Cowboy Poet, Dennis

Gaines, has signed up to participate, so has a group of dancers from Sutton County, the "Hoofin' Heifers."

Other dignitaries include Jimmy Garvin, who claims to have been born in a log cabin that he helped his father build. Jimmy is one of Eldorado's favorite sons, possibly because he left town years ago. He will be competing in the Biggest Lie and Longest Talker Without Stopping categories.

Another entrant will be Pam Gaddis of Alpine. Pam is best known as the owner and operator of the Trans-Pecos Dinosaur Obedience School. She has extensive experience as an organizer of underground submarine races and is a licensed freckle inspector. Pam will compete in the Extemporaneous Speaking, Mime Bull and

Double Talk categories.

Also scheduled to appear is Jim Collins, a man who claims to have been born with a plastic spoon in his mouth. Jim's main claim to fame is that in 1950 he was named as the poster child for the national birth control campaign. Jim will compete in the Cowboy Poetry and Comedy Routine categories.

Okay, maybe some of this is a little tongue-in-cheek, but it's no bull. The Running of the Bull will be a fun time for all who attend. There will be food booths, arts and crafts vendors, a car show, a petting zoo, storytellers of every shape and size, and lots and lots of bull emanating from the Bully Pulpit that will be set up on the North side of the courthouse.

Everything will begin Saturday morning, July 26th, at 10:00 a.m., when a parade will wind its way

along West Warner, from behind the hospital, to the Courthouse Square. Once there, the parade will circle the square so that everyone may see the individual entries. Parade organizer Annie Arispe encourages everyone who wants to participate to meet behind the hospital at 9:30 a.m.

Others interested in participating in the Running of the Bull, as well as those who are interested in setting up a booth, are encouraged to contact Jim Runge at 853-3424 or by Email at ShootTheBull@Hotmail.com. The competition is open to everyone who applies, except for those from France. The French are excluded only because they are so adept at shooting the bull that the judges feel they would have an unfair advantage.



**Now that's no Bull** — Sonora and San Angelo's "Hoofin' Heifers," a clogging group, is scheduled appear next weekend at the first-ever Running of the Bull in Eldorado. The two-day event promises plenty of fun for kids of all ages. And, yes, there will even be a parade!

**"If we didn't have libraries,**  
many people thirsty for knowledge would dehydrate."  
Schleicher County Library is open Mon-Fri. 10:00AM-5:00PM

## SCMC begins outreach program at Sr. Center

Schleicher County has a special offering for our senior community members. With the assistance of the Schleicher County Community Resource Center, Schleicher County Medical Center is offering a weekly Senior Outreach Program. This program is FREE, will be led by a nurse from the hospital, and is for all male and female senior community members.

We will offer weekly screenings of your Blood Pressure, Weight, Medication Review, Question & Answer sessions, and any other concerns that may arise. This will be provided in a private atmosphere on a first come/first serve basis and, as mentioned before, FREE to those participating.

Outcomes will not be measured by participation. True outcomes will be measured by improved health status of the client, maintenance of weight, and detection of dangerous, unregulated blood pressure, changes with level of

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Hospital Director of Nursing

to understand health and outcomes on an individual basis. All information concerning the patient will remain confidential and locked in the hospital facility until the next program date. If at any time a health concern arises from the weekly assessment, one will be encouraged and assisted in making the appropriate follow-up appointment with the respective PCP.

There will be opportunity for more intense education sessions although these sessions will not occur weekly. Education opportunities will be posted in the Success along with any other items of interest.

The date will be every Wednesday from 1000-1130. Remember also that the Thunderbird is available and can be requested by calling 853-2574. If you have any questions please call:

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pain, and monitoring for regular heart rate. Along with these vital sign reviews, an improved understanding of medication regimen and tracked information will be available to give to the Primary Care Provider (PCP) at the next clinic visit.

As we all realize, the term "health" means something different to everybody and it is valuable

## Eldorado musicians attend ASU Band Camp

LiAna Danford and Rhapsody Swyter, two eighth grade members of the Mighty Eagle Band, were among the 500 students, faculty and sponsors from 90-plus schools in Texas and New Mexico to participate in the 29th Annual Angelo State University Band Camp at Angelo State University.

The camp ran throughout the week of July 7th ending with concerts on Saturday, July 12, and provided a week of music, instruction and activities for participants.

Rhapsody and LiAna were among those who participate in the band portion of the instruction. In addition, students had the opportunity to explore other areas of music by taking elective classes in subjects ranging from marching fundamentals to music theory.

The camp faculty consists of ASU music faculty and band directors and specialists from some of the most prominent music programs in Texas.

The guest clinician for this year's camp was Richard Mayne. Dr. Mayne, professor of music and associate director of bands at the University of Northern Colorado, is a clinician noted throughout the country. He conducted the Honors Band.

LiAna and Rhapsody both flautists were among the only 4 eighth graders chosen to play in the Honors Band. The rest of the Honors Band consisted of High School and College Freshmen.

Rhapsody Swyter was placed 1st part -3rd Chair Flute and LiAna Danford was placed 2nd part-1st Chair Flute.

LiAna is the daughter of John and Punkin Danford and Rhapsody Swyter is the daughter of Bruce and Jennie Swyter.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Ready maestro** — LiAna Danford and Rhapsody Swyter took part in the ASU Band Camp last week. They are each in the 8th grade and are members of the Mighty Eagle Band.

### For Women Only!

### Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 P.M.

1. Are you interested in shedding a few pounds? Have you heard about the new Ephedra FREE weight loss supplement? We will be sampling the meal replacement drink and the coffee. These are just two of the five new products we have for weight loss.
2. Would you like to know more about natural hormone replacement therapy?
3. Did you know there's a new breast self-exam pad that can enhance a woman's touch when doing monthly exams?
4. Is the calcium supplement you use now really being absorbed? Bring yours and find out.

The above are a few questions you may have asked yourself. If you would like to find out more, come for a short demonstration on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 P.M.. at Amigo's Dream Restaurant (use side door). For more information call Jo Ward 853-2339, Gloria Kent 853-2344 or 853-2246 or Sharon Sauer 853-3051.

## Old Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation, Inc. Update:

Hallelujah! The new roof is now on the Woolen Mill. We want to thank all those who helped fund this project to preserve our historic building and equipment. A special thanks to Ilse Williams and Stacy Jurecek for writing the grant to the Annenberg Foundation which resulted in \$30,000 that covered the main building for materials, labor, and student involvement. Stacy wrote another grant to the Texas Historical Commission that resulted in the roofing of two annexes to the main building. Herman Walker and Steve Minor were critical and instrumental in the roofing projects, donating many hours of time. They both went above and beyond their duty by replacing all the old plumbing inside the mill. We still have a major leak from the meter to the building that we must fix in order to have a working bathroom at the mill for the tourists.

We have held off on the installation of the memorial bricks and pavers because we did not want them broken while all the other work was being completed. The money for this project is in a savings account awaiting construction bids. The bricks/pavers will be a beautiful addition to the front of the building. If you want to order a brick/paver, now is the time.

In addition, we are in the process of obtaining TVs and VCRs that will show the machinery in action and tell our story. The Eldorado students made the video, documented the remodeling process, cleaned, painted, welded, designed our color brochure and planned the open house celebration. We have plans for more student involvement at the mill.

The Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce and the Old Eldorado Woolen Mill have formed an alliance. The Chamber will be relocating its office to the Woolen Mill upon construction of an office. This alliance will allow the Woolen Mill doors to remain open for tours of the mill and promote tourism. The Chamber has also been chosen as a computer public access location. Stacy Jurecek of Natural Fibers of Texas Inc. has resigned as Lessee of the mill thus making the construction of this office critical for the woolen mill doors to remain open. We are very excited and know the Chamber/ Woolen Mill will be better able to meet the needs of Eldorado through this alliance as tourism dollars bring new money into Eldorado. The woolen mill foundation has some funds, but need several thousand dollars to build this office.

We have been so blessed thus far and ask that you prayerfully consider a donation to contribute to this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 853-3109 or 853-2165.

Judy Christian, Susan Buchholz, Shirley Joiner, Vickie Williams and Gene McCalla, Advisor  
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# Comptroller Strayhorn sets 2003 Sales Tax Holiday

AUSTIN—Shoppers can stock up on clothes and shoes without paying sales tax August 1-3, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced today.

"I love the Sales Tax Holiday. It's the one time where hard-working Texas families get to keep more of their dollars in their pockets for their families' priorities. The fifth annual Sales Tax Holiday will be held the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August," Strayhorn said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday most clothes and shoes priced under \$100 are exempt from state and local sales taxes."

Strayhorn estimates Texans will save \$43.8 million in sales tax, including \$34.6 million in state sales tax and \$9.2 million in local sales taxes.

Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free August 1-3 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes,

sleepwear and underclothes for the entire family, as long as the items are priced under \$100 each.

Strayhorn has repeatedly called on the Legislature to add backpacks, school supplies and safety gear for Texas children to the Tax Exempt list; they have failed to do so.

Items that cannot be purchased tax-free include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes

and sports apparel that are not normally street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

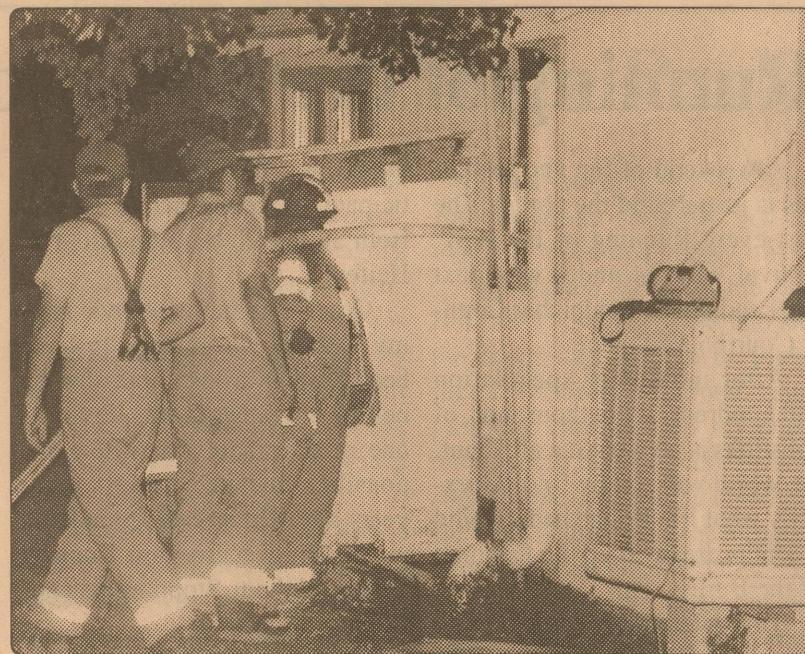
Since the first Sales Tax Holiday in 1999, the annual three-day event has saved Texans an estimated \$150.2 million in sales tax, including \$118.5 million in state sales tax and \$31.7 million in local sales tax.

"During these tough economic

times, I believe Texas families will once again take full advantage of this well-deserved tax break to make their dollars go farther," Strayhorn said.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday, including a list of tax-exempt and non-exempt items, visit the Comptroller's Web site at:

<http://www.window.state.tx.us>



**Cooling down a hot spot**—Eldorado volunteer firefighters doused smoldering walls early Wednesday morning at the Guzman residence at 105 Carson after a water heater caused a fire. A crying baby reportedly alerted residents to the fire. Julian Guzman reportedly used a fire extinguisher to battle the fire until emergency personnel arrived. Fire crews opened the walls in a bathroom to douse hot spots before reporting back to the Fire Hall.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

## Commissioners review Civic Center project

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Chamber of Commerce secretary Vickie Williams. Ms. Williams asked that the county upgrade electrical outlets on the landscaped islands around the courthouse square. The men asked Judge Griffin to check on prices for the outlets, as well as the cost to upgrade electrical breakers in the service box.

At approximately 10:30 a.m.

the commissioners entered into a rare executive session. According to the agenda, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel issues that may result in litigation against the county. The men returned to open session at 10:55 a.m., without taking formal action on the matter.

At that point, Judge Griffin asked the men if they wanted to consider increasing the current road and bridge fee of \$10.00 for vehicles registered in the county. The commissioners have the opportunity to change the fee once each year. But, as in years past, the men expressed no interest in increasing the fee.

Next, the commissioners approved a contract with Texas Tech University Medical Center for autopsy services. The county will pay \$1,200.00 per autopsy, plus additional expenses as they are incurred.

Also during the meeting, Judge Griffin reported to the commissioners about the recent vandalism at the newly remodeled rest rooms at the golf course. He said that someone had broken a water pipe around a commode. The Judge said that he ordered the locks to be changed. Griffin said that when a girls softball coach complained

about not having access to the facilities he asked for a \$300 deposit in return for a key. The discussed other problems at the facility including vandalism and unauthorized use of the baseball facilities since Eldorado Youth Baseball wrapped up its season. They came to no conclusions, however, and did not recommend a course of action.

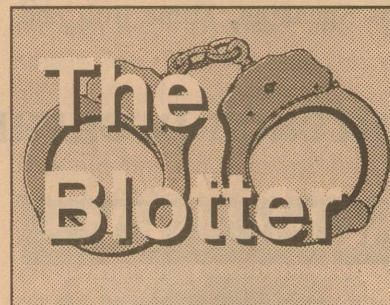
In other business, Judge Griffin explained that Ruben Minor had finished a handicapped accessible ramp in the Memorial Building and that work was still being carried out at the swimming pool. He also mentioned that the water system at the county cemetery is being repaired. The old cement water tanks were replaced by a 10,000 fiberglass tank. The Judge said he hoped the water system would be working by Monday afternoon.

The commissioners court then voted to call for bids for paving at the cemetery as well as along the portion of Mary Street that is outside the City Limits of Eldorado. (See Public Notice on Page 7)

Judge Griffin also noted that he had been told by Chief Tax Appraiser Scott Sutton that taxable property values within the county may decline by as much as \$5 million, due mainly to the downfall of Broadwing Communication, the company that was installing a fiber optic cable across the county.

Also, County Clerk Peggy Williams asked for and received approval of Election Judges and Alternate Judges for the Sept. 13, 2003 Constitutional Amendment Election.

The court also voted to pay a request for indigent care in the amount of \$195.68.



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 9** • Aguilar, Climente, male age 25, offense Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense). Released on \$2,000 PR Bond.

**July 12** • Dominguez, Lisa Ann, female age 22, offense Class A Assault/Family Violence. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

**July 12** • Rocha, Enrique Juan, male age 21, offense Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

### INCIDENT REPORTS

**July 8** • 9:01 p.m. Complainant called in to report skunks at their house on McWhorter St. Officer responded.

**9:20 p.m.** Complainant reported two bulls out in the road on Hwy. 190 E. Officer responded.

**9:47 p.m.** Complainant called to request an officer to their home. Officer responded.

**July 10** • 3:36 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident 11 miles N. Hwy. 277. Officers responded. No Injuries. According to accident report the driver Joe Henry Rodriguez of San Angelo was traveling southbound on U.S. Highway 277 when a black Mitsubishi Eclipse was attempting to pass a white pickup traveling northbound. The driver of the Eclipse drove into the southbound lane into the path of Rodriguez who was driving a 2000 green Buick LeSabre. Mr. Rodriguez stated he drove onto the southbound shoulder to avoid a collision and lost control of the vehicle causing the vehicle to slide off the roadway down an embankment into a fence by a pond

of water.

**July 11** • 12:30 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had slashed their tires at the apartments. Officer responded.

**12:33 p.m.** Complainant requested house watch.

**5:15 p.m.** Complainant reported a burglary alarm going off at Northern Natural Gas. Key holder responded.

**July 12** 12:33 a.m. Complainant called in to report seeing a car at the airport. Officer responded.

**12:58 a.m.** Complainant called in to report a water leak behind the laundromat. City personnel responded.

**1:30 a.m.** Complainant called in to report loud music on Corner of Hall & Bailey St. Officer responded.

**2:57 a.m.** Complainant called to report some disturbance at Apts on Eastfields. Officers responded.

**10:43 a.m.** Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident. According to accident report the accident was on the corner of Divide and Mills. Vehicle #1, a 1999 white Pontiac Grand AM driven by Jena Kay Sadler of San Angelo was traveling southbound on South Divide on the outside lane when the driver proceeded to change lanes to the outside lane and did not observe vehicle #2, hitting vehicle #2 a 1995 white Saturn driven by Daniel Ford Kerr of Big Spring. Driver of Vehicle #1 was cited for unsafe lane change. No injuries.

**11:59 a.m.** Complainant requested to speak with an officer about his wife. Officer responded.

**2:15 p.m.** Complainant reported a vehicle accident 2 miles on Hwy. 190 W. Officers and EMS-1 responded. According to accident report driver John Fitz Carpenter of San Antonio, TX who was driving a 2003 gold Cadillac fell asleep while driving. His vehicle traveled off the roadway down an embankment on the shoulder. Driver overcompensated and steered back onto roadway causing the vehicle to slide sideways back down the embankment striking a tree. Driver was taken Schleicher County Medical Center.

**5:40 p.m.** Complainant reported a burglary alarm going off at Northern Natural Gas Officer responded.

**8:14 p.m.** Complainant reported several cows out on Hwy. 190 W. 45 miles out. Officer responded then contacted Crockett County.

**10:04 p.m.** Complainant called and requested an officer at their home. Officer responded.

**11:03 p.m.** Complainant requested an officer after spouse pulled out a knife on other spouse. Officer responded.

**July 13** • 6:25 p.m. Complainant report he would have a controlled burn N. of Pave Paws.

**July 14** • 2:22 p.m. Complainant called in and requested a officer for a civil standby. Officer responded.

**8:20 p.m.** Complainant reported 15 black cows loose on HWY. 190 W.-Puckett Draw. Crockett County was contacted.

**9:53 p.m.** Complainant requested officer watch home. Items stolen from vehicle recently.

**10:30 p.m.** Complainant requested an officer to stop kids holding a stop sign in front of Texaco on HWY 277 N. Officer responded.

**July 15** • 8:08 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a 76 year old female on Carson St. EMS 2 responded.

**June 30** • 2:35 p.m. Complainant reported possibly losing \$379.00

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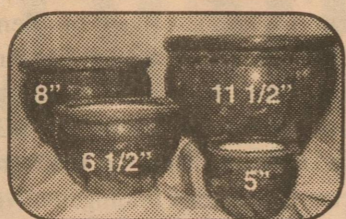
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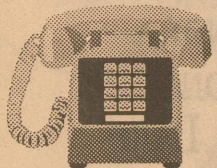
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## School trustees meet, begin to fill vacant positions

The SCISD board of trustees met Monday evening and voted to hire Mrs. Ima Jean Bruce as the school's Food Service Director. Mrs. Bruce has worked for the district a number of years. She takes over from Beverly Massengill, who left to take a similar position in Crane.

The trustees also hired Lavonne Espinosa as a Middle School language art and reading teacher for 5th grade. Ms. Espinosa is a recent graduate of Angelo State University. It was also noted during the meeting that noted that Mrs. Tammy Dombroski, who already teaches in Middle School will be taking over the 7th

and 8th grade math classes.

The meeting was the board's regular monthly session. It was called to order by Board President Jo Helen Kotsch with trustees Kurtis Homer, Lupe Sanchez, John Paul Joiner and Jan Wanoreck present. Trustees Berta Nicholson and Eddie Albin were absent. Also in attendance were Middle School Principal Kara Sue Garlitz, Elementary Principal Bob Wanoreck, Librarian Debbie Griffin and Business Manager Ray Ballew.

Among other business, High School Principal Tim Seymore presented reasons for keeping the district's Distance Learning Lab in operation. He noted the history of the project and listed several arguments for maintaining the program. At that point, Technology Director J.D. Doyle noted that funds have been found through the Education Service Center to help pay for an upgrade to the Distance Learning Lab making SCISD's share of the cost only \$8,000.00, not the \$35,000.00 previously believed.

The trustees then approved a

consent agenda and accepted fee assessment service agreements for five programs through the Education Service Center. These programs include Instructional Services Cooperative, Data Processing Cooperative, Gifted and Talented Cooperative, Instructional Resources and Net XV Telecommunication, all for the 2003-2004 school year.

Supt. Mark Gesch then updated the board on a Texas Education Agency audit of SCISD's State Compensatory Education Annual Report. The TEA found problems in two areas, Gesch said. The first of the two involved an overstatement in an allotment for SCE funds dealing with "at risk" students. The second finding involved two components of the district's Improvement Plan. Those components were 1) a Comprehensive Needs Assessment, and 2) a strategy for test score deficiencies and evaluation criteria in the Middle School. Gesch told the trustees that corrective action is already being taken to address the problems.

Next, the trustees approved the annual Drop Out Record Report.

Supt. Gesch then reported the resignations of Kristi and Dave Lewis who are now employed by Brady I.S.D. He also wanted the board to be aware that Science teacher Amy Rutherford would be requesting use of the maternity leave for the 2003-2004 school year.

Gesch also updated the trustees on construction projects at the school. He said that the high school and auditorium roof project will be complete by the 1st of August. Most of the work is already complete, Gesch said, with air conditioning units and trim being installed. The demolition and restoration of two tennis courts will be starting soon and a new weight room at the football field house is almost complete. Dry wall is being installed in the weight room and the installation of a heating and air conditioning system will soon follow, Gesch said.

The next regular meeting of the SCISD board of trustees is scheduled for August 11, 2003.

## Supermarket Range Ram Sale Canceled

by Scott Edmonson

The Schleicher County Supermarket Range Ram Sale has been canceled this due to the construction taking place at the showbarn. However, there are a couple of producers who still have bucks for sale if you are in need of some this year. We have put together a list of producers for your use and you can obtain one by coming by the Extension office or calling 853-2132. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and we will try to continue with the sale next year and hope to see you there.

## Paisano Baptist General Encampment begins Sunday in Davis Mountains

Paisano Baptist General Encampment, located in the Davis Mountains of West Texas, begins this Sunday, July 20, with the evening meal at 6 p.m. The first Worship Service will be at 8 p.m. in the Tabernacle. The camp concludes with breakfast on Saturday, July 26.

The schedule for the week features Worship each evening, Sunday through Friday, at 8 p.m. The morning programs begin at 8:45 a.m. and run until noon. The morning programs include choices such as: Family Ministry Emphasis, Missionary Time, Town and Church Seminar, Bible Study, and concludes with Worship at 11 a.m.

Afternoons at Paisano are for recreation and relaxation. Children and youth programs are held each morning from 8:45 until noon. Nursery and pre-school child care is also available.

Paisano Baptist General Encampment is a family camp—a camp for all ages. No fees are charged,

however, donations are requested and necessary to operate the camp. Housing needs to be arranged in advance, as the camp does not provide overnight facilities. Most regular attenders and many churches own their own facilities at the camp. Some campers stay in motel facilities in Alpine or Marfa. Meals are provided in the "old-fashioned cook shed."

"The last three years, we have experienced what many have thought to be our best camps in recent years," said Dr. Levi Price, President of the Encampment. "This year, we expect to have a great General Encampment once again."

Highlighting the program will be two Camp Pastors. Phil Lineberger returns this year. Lineberger is the Pastor at Williams Trace Baptist Church in Sugar Land, Texas. He is a past president and vice-president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Rob Boyd will be the other pastor. Boyd served as a Youth Minister

in El Paso, before pastoring churches in Mississippi. Since last year, Boyd has moved his ministry to a suburb of Las Vegas to a new and growing church, Green Valley Baptist Church, in Henderson, Nevada.

The Bible Teacher will be Dr. Randall O'Brien, a native of McComb, Mississippi. Currently, he is the Professor and Chair of the Department of Religion at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Ed Wittner of Waco will serve again as the Worship Leader.

Paisano Baptist Encampment is located between Alpine and Marfa on Highway 90 near Paisano Pass, at an altitude of about 5,000 feet. The high mountain, dry desert air of the Davis Mountains makes this a favorite spot during the summer.

For more information, contact the camp at 432 837-3074, or check out the web page at [www.paisanoencampment.org](http://www.paisanoencampment.org), or just show up. Paisano Baptist General Encampment is held every year on the last full week of July.

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18th Carol Estrada, Linda Thomas, Wade Rinehart, Mike Brenner  
19th B.J. Dacy, Bud Arendt  
20th Keith Nolen, Larry Mitchel, Crystal Vallejo, Juan Jesus Martinez, Harvey Hill Jr., Jeremy Ussery, Sabrina Samuels  
21st Michael Mertz, Jeff Johnson, Bobby Helmers, Clint Sykes, Kara Sue Garlitz, David Nolen, Kenneth Hight, Martin Iglesias Sr.  
22nd Drew V. Bosman, Roy Adame, Alvaro Rojas Jr., Joe Key, Ashley Lozano  
23rd Bertha Luz, Coty Tidwell, Corinna Belman, Pam Engdahl Blakeny

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## VIN etching clinic planned

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individual who will knowingly use the stolen vehicle for their own illegitimate purposes. Vehicles are stolen for joyriding, to commit other crimes, or in conjunction with insurance fraud.

All vehicles have a federally assigned vehicle identification number (VIN). The etching a VIN on all of a vehicle's windows deters thieves because it is more difficult to dispose of property that is identifiable. It is time-consuming and expensive for thieves to replace windows that have been marked with the VIN.

H.E.A.T. is a statewide vehicle registration program that helps identify stolen vehicles. Vehicle owners who normally do not use their cars between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. sign an agreement allowing officers to stop the vehicle and verify ownership if the vehicle is being driven during those hours. The VIN etching and H.E.A.T. registration program is funded through the Texas Auto Prevention Authority. The ATPA has funded law enforcement programs specializing in vehicle theft investigation, recovery, prevention and prosecution since 1991. Currently, ATPA funds 35 grant programs, allowing nearly 200 law enforcement officers throughout Texas to work exclusively on vehicle theft cases. Concho Valley Auto Theft Reduction Program is a public awareness and education grant of ATPA.

## Scripture

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Proverbs 3: 5-6

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\$3.00 Matinees before 6:00 p.m. Friday-Thursday

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• HOW TO DEAL (PG-13)..... 2:20 4:45  
• TERMINATOR 3 pts (R)..... 1:30 4:15  
• TERMINATOR 3 (R)..... 2:15 5:00  
• DADDY DAY CARE (PG-13)..... 2:00 4:30  
• RUGRATS GO WILD pts (PG)..... 1:00 3:15  
• BRUCE ALMIGHTY (PG-13)..... 1:45 4:10

Times good for the week of 7/18 thru 7/24

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•LXG LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN pts (PG-13)..... 7:05 10:00  
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• TERMINATOR 3 (R)..... 7:45 10:15  
• DADDY DAY CARE (PG-13)..... 7:10 9:25  
• RUGRATS GO WILD pts (PG)..... 5:30 7:20 9:15  
• BRUCE ALMIGHTY (PG-13)..... 7:00 9:30

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