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County sets F.Y. 2006 . tax rate at 72.71 cents

Schleicher County commissioner met Monday, September 26, 2005, and adopted a tax rate of 72.71 cents per \$100 valuation. The rate is nearly a half-cent lower than last year's rate, but because of the significant increase in appraised values in the county, and since the rate will net the county more tax revenue than last year, the rate was considered to be a tax increase, prompting a series of public notices and special meetings before the men could vote.

The tax rate will bring in some \$1.91 million, enough to service roughly half of the county's \$2.86 million budget for 2006.

Commissioners Johnny Mayo and Matt Brown voted in favor of the rate. Commissioners Bill Clark and Kirk Griffin were absent.

Increases in the county's oil and gas roll, coupled with property revaluations pushed the overall property tax roll up by some \$32.6 million.

Included in the 72.71 cent tax rate is 57.85 cents for the county's General Fund and 13.14 cents for the Road and Bridge Fund. 1.62 cents will go to fund the county's Interest and Sinking Fund, with which the county will pay for the bond issued for Civic Center improvements.

Also present for Monday's meeting was Judge Johnny Griffin, County Clerk Peggy Williams and Road Superintendent Clay Burleson. Fire Chief Jerry Jones met with the group briefly to discuss the bids he gathered for a new chassis for a water truck. Most of the bids where in excess of \$40,000.00. Judge Johnny Griffin told the court if the truck's price tax is more than \$25,000 the county would have to advertise for bids. He suggested that the money could be transferred to the fire department and let them purchase the truck as a way of avoiding the bidding process. It is likely, however, that the bidding laws will still apply, since the fire department is a public entity.

In the meantime, Jones said he would continue to look for a lower price.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court is slated for Monday, Oct. 10, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. on the first floor of the county courthouse.

Schleicher County officers recovered this stolen 1999 Honda Civic early Sunday morning after Mike Calcotte reported finding it abandoned some 22 miles east of Eldorado on U.S. 190. The car is owned by Marilyn Lupe of Kingswood, TX and was reported stolen by her son in Arlington on Saturday. Chief Deputy George Arispe reports the vehicle's radio and instrument panel had been removed. He also found an unused "anti-theft" bar laying in the car's back seat. Arispe said the device might have prevented the theft if it had been locked on the steering wheel. COURTESY PHOTO

Hospital board holds regular monthly meeting

by Whitney Lloyd

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met in regular session Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the hospital board room. The meeting began with a public hearing in order to receive comments on the district's proposed tax rate increase, but there were no members of the general public on hand to address the issue.

Trustees present included Randy Mankin, J.D. Doyle, Jim Martin, Susie Richters and Dr. Jim Brame. Rick Fuessel joined the meeting already in session. Hospital Administrator, Sharon Dietz and assistant administrator, Beverly Minor were also present.

Among other business, the minutes from the August 22, September 1 and September 12, 2005 meetings were reviewed and approved by the board members.

Sharon Dietz then delivered her Administrator's report and updated the trustees on the various departments of the facility. According to Dietz, a flu clinic will be held at the hospital October 10 and 11 but will be restricted to individuals who are considered high risk. High risk patients include those with chronic illness, as well as the very young and individuals above the age of 50.

County residents who don't fall within the high risk category will have the opportunity to get the flu vaccine at the annual Health Fair, slated this year for November 17. It was noted that many people will have the choice of a flu shot or nasal mist but those in the high risk category may only receive

Ms. Dietz also informed the board that Ed Garrison, the hospital's new lab manager, is currently enrolled in classes that will allow him to assist with x-rays.

The board then reviewed and ap-

proved the hospital's financial reports and voted to write-off \$24,497.16 in bad debt. Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor informed the board that the hospital lost \$29,995.00 in August prompting the board to again discuss the leasing option that would allow them to divide the management of the hospital from the nursing home, a move that is intended to help stop the flow of red ink.

Ms. Minor then informed the board that an additional person has qualified for treatment under the hospital's indigent care program. She noted that the facility has spent a total of \$2,152.45 in indigent care so far this year.

The trustees approved the indigent care report then reviewed and approved the district's investment report. They also authorized the purchase of a \$40,000 certificate of deposit at First National Bank of Eldorado. The money came from another CD that matured recently.

Next, the board reviewed and approved contracts with Children's Health Insurance Program of Texas (CHIPs), laboratory technical consultant, Mary McDermott, Schleicher County ISD Health Occupations and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Discussions then turned to several of the hospital's policy and procedure manuals. Trustees discussed converting all manuals to a digital PDF format for storage on the Internet. That would ensure the safety of the documents in case of a fire or disaster. Board member J.D. Doyle recommended the procedure and said the hospital's photo copier was perfect for converting documents to PDF format.

The hospital board's next regularly scheduled meeting is slated for Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, in the hospital board room.

Conaway names nomination board for military academy candidates

Today, Congressman Mike Conaway announced the members of his Military Services' Academies Board to aid in selecting candidates for entry into the Military Academies. Conaway's nominees will be identified this Fall for entry into the Academies in 2006 with the respective Academies' classes of 2010.

"I am very proud of this prestigious Board of former military and current business leaders who served our ate their volunteering for my Academies' Nomination Board," said Conaway. "They insure that the 11th District will nominate the best and brightest of our young men and women to enter the various Service Academies."

The seven members of the Board consist of:

USAF/RET of Pontonoc. Col. Erler is a master navigator and master maintenance officer with a distinguished and varied career over his 30 years of service.

lez, USAF/RET of Mason. Lt. Gonzalez served over 22 years with the Air Force and served for 9 years in the Pen-

WASHINGTON, D.C. - tagon on both the Air Staff and Joint Staff.

Major Jon M. Herron, USAF Reserve of San Angelo. Major Herron was an aircrew member for the U.S. Customs Service with over 10,000 flying hours.

Brig. General (Dr.) Dan Locker, USAF/RET of Brownwood. General Locker had a distinguished 30 year career in Air Force medicine servicing as Commander of several medical groups across the nation.

Colonel Charles E. Powell, country so well. I appreci- USAF/RET of San Angelo. Col. Powell is a 1954 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and was an Air Force Command Pilot with over 7000 flying hours in numerous types of aircraft.

Lt. General James Terry Scott, US Army/RET of Coleman. General Scott had a distinguished 32 year career Colonel Russell G. Erler, in the U.S. Army with decorations including five awards for valor and two awards of the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

Hugh A. (Andy) Shaffer, US Army/RET of Midland. Lt. Colonel Julia Gonza- Mr. Shaffer is a 1968 graduate of West Point and served over 13 years on active duty in the U.S. Army with an admirable combat record in

Aspiring candidates are advised to insure their candidates files are completed and up-to-date at both the respective Military Academies and with the Congressman's Regional Office in San Angelo.

Candidate application files must be completed and in the Congressional Office by October 26, 2005. for more information regarding application requests for nomination, contact the San Angelo office at (325) 659-4010.

Water district sets tax rate

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply district board of directors met on Thursday, September 22 and voted to reduce the tax rate for 2006 by nearly 25 percent - from .04568 per \$100 valuation down to .03458 - a consequence due primarily to an increase in the tax base. Directors in attendance were De Lux, Lynn building, next to the library.

Griffin, Pat Jackson, and Ronnie Sauer. Also present was Plateau UWC&SD manager, Jon Cartwright.

In other business the board approved the budget, set at \$101,528.

The public is reminded that the district is available for water testing. The office is located in the County Annex



in the appropriate month. Thank you! In County \$21.83; Out of County

\$27.41 Out of State \$32.73. PO Box 1115, Eldorado, TX 76936.

Freedom's Fair-**Weather Friends**

by Sheldon Richman

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, some members of Congress are talking about passing a national law against price gouging. One problem should stand in their way: there is no objective definition of "gouging." Whatever the law says will therefore be arbitrary and unfair.

The 20 states that forbid gouging limit price increases after an emergency to 10-25 percent. Did the legislators consult some occult power?

When politicians get suspicious because the law of supply and demand works as the textbooks predict, we may wonder whether they are pandering for votes. Do they really believe they know what the price of gasoline should be?



Commentary by Sheldon Richman

At any given time, supply and demand, as perceived by sellers and buyers, determine the prices of gasoline and other goods. Under the threat of Hurricane Katrina, the supply of gasoline suddenly dropped (or was expected to) and the demand suddenly increased (or was expected to). Anyone who knows anything about economics knows that the price could go

in only one direction: up.

The question is, Who should determine how high prices go, the politicians or the millions of participants in the marketplace? If the politicians do it, we can expect consequences even they might dislike.

In a world of scarcity each good must have some price. Of course, everybody would like all prices to be lower, except for the price he charges for his goods or labor. The price system works to balance supply and demand, ensuring that no buyers or sellers are frustrated in their attempts to obtain or sell the product. When the gasoline supply suddenly shrinks and demand stays the same or increases, the only way for the market to clear is for the price to rise. When politicians interfere, the smaller supply disappears quickly, leaving some people with none at all. While regulators can control the money price, they cannot control the real cost of buying gas. Time spent waiting in line or looking for an open gas station are part of the cost, but that time will increase whenever the money price is held below the market price. Anguish over whether gas will be available when needed is also part of the cost, but that will also increase.

Thus, despite even good intentions, harmful unintended consequences must follow from price

Free pricing, on the other hand, also has unintended consequences — beneficial ones. Higher prices attract additional supplies of gasoline (unless environmental rules interfere), as sellers cash in on new profit opportunities. As supply increases, prices come back down. At the same time, higher prices prompt buyers to economize more severely by prioritizing their needs. This ensures that there is more gas to go around. Both effects hasten the return of normal conditions.

The envious may despise people's earning profits during disasters, but the benefits of the market process cannot be denied. Further, laws that prevent extraordinary profits during disasters discourage entrepreneurs from preparing for supply interruptions.

We can see the benefits of free pricing in the most extreme example. As people jammed the interstate to get out of Houston when Hurricane Rita approached, officials complained of gouging. Nevertheless, only rising prices could ensure that the maximum number of motorists would obtain gasoline. Is it better to have some gasoline at \$5 a gallon or none at \$3?

There's a moral dimension to this issue as well. Gasoline is owned by individuals. Are they to lose their right to set the terms of sale because of a hurricane? If rights can be washed away by the weather, all freedom is in peril.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va., author of Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State, and editor of The Freeman magazine.



Finally, a real job for Geraldo!

Have you ever noticed that the Feds can track a cow born three years ago in Canada right to the very stall where she sleeps in Washington state, but they can't seem to keep up with 11 million illegal aliens wandering loose in this country. Could it be that we should require everyone entering the U.S. to bring a cow with them?

Or, how about the Ten Commandments? We're told that we can no longer display them in our public buildings and courthouses. Maybe its because phrases like Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not commit adultery, and Thou shalt not bear false witness, make the people who work in such places uncomfortable. You know... people like politicians, lawyers and judges.

Then there's the battle over writing a new constitution for Iraq. The Sunnis want it one way, the Shiites want it another. Neither of them agree with the other on

anything. We won the war, right? And they lost the war, right? So why don't we make the decisions about the new constitution? We could give them ours. It was written by some pretty smart guys and we



are the odds on anything they agree on lasting that long?

says the same thing, "It sounded

network of microphones across the country to listen for trains? A super computer could compare the readings with the national railroad

Of course, most people don't pay attention to public warning ignores.

Comedian George Carlin had the following observation about our criminal justice system, particularly as it relates to Martha

she's behind bars. O.J. Simpson and Kobe Bryant are still walking around; Osama Bin Laden too, but they take the one woman in America willing to cook, clean, and work in the yard, and haul her butt off to jail."

Have you ever noticed that zoo keepers work really hard to keep their animals happy. For example, everyone knows how sensitive cats are. So it probably wouldn't be smart to put the lions too close to the Laughing Hyenas or the Mockingbirds.

Have you ever notice how much trouble state and federal agencies have in coping with disasters? It seems to take days, if not weeks, to get relief to the victims of natural disasters like Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Geraldo Rivera, on the other hand, has not trouble at all. Many times he is interviewing those same people, live and on TV, before the wind can die down?

Doesn't it stand to reason then that we would be better off if we put Geraldo in charge of FEMA?

If Fox News is going to spend all that money to get him there first, we might as well get some work out of him while he's there.

"Boy, I feel a lot safer now that

State, Sept. 19-23. Rita struck Saturday morning, Sept. 24, making landfall at Sabine Pass near the Louisiana border. The storm's HIGHLIGHTS 100-mph winds and torrential

rains ripped buildings, downed powerlines and flooded homes and other property.

Category 3

Hurricane Rita

Louisiana border

AUSTIN — Up to 3 million people

fled from coastal areas as Hurricane

Rita lumbered steadily through the

Gulf of Mexico toward the Lone Star

slams Texas-

Some storm damage estimates reached \$20 billion. Hardest hit were Jefferson, Orange, Jasper and Newton counties, but damage assessments are still in progress.

In advance of the storm, Gov. Rick Perry recalled the Texas National Guard and other state emergency teams deployed out of state in response to Hurricane Katrina, which struck Aug. 29.

Coastal county dwellers and Galveston Islanders in particular packed up and headed inland after Perry called for voluntary evacuation on Sept. 21.

On Sept. 22, President George W Bush declared a state of emergency for all of Texas, and mandatory evacuation orders were issued.

Evacuees joined snail-like highway processions toward the interior of Texas and beyond.

Relief agencies converted school gymnasiums into shelters. Officials canceled, postponed or rescheduled high school football games and community activities.

Stores sold out of bottled water; hotels and motels filled up; and inland kin and friends took in their coastal kin and friends.

Attorney General Greg Abbott said his attorneys and investigators stood ready to lower the boom on unscrupulous businesses, con artists and bogus charity workers who exploit victims and others.

Lawmakers to leave or shuffle

Certain members of the Texas Legislature have signified their intent not to run for re-election in 2006.

Those include Reps. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston, Suzanna Hupp, R-Lampasas, Bob Griggs, R-North Richland Hills, Terry Keel, R-Austin, Joe Nixon, R-Houston, Richard Raymond, D-Laredo, and Jim Solis, D-Harlingen.

Three members of the Texas Sena also will not return after their present terms expire. Those include Sens. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, and John Lindsay, R-Houston.

Raymond has announced that he will challenge Henry Cuellar, an incumbent Democrat, for U.S. Congressional District 28.

Hamric and Nixon expect to compete in the GOP primary for Lindsay's Senate seat; Keel plans to run for a seat on the state's 3rd Court of Appeals; and Staples is running for commissioner of agriculture.

Sharp to head tax reform panel

Gov. Perry announced his intention to appoint a bipartisan panel to pick apart the state's tax system and find areas that could benefit from reform

Perry, a Republican, asked former state comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat, to chair the panel. Sharp accepted. The panel will travel around the state to collect input from a broad spectrum of Texans.

School funding ruling anticipated

The Texas Supreme Court had not ruled as of Sept. 23 on the state's appeal of a lawsuit by more than 3(1) school districts that claim the state's way of funding public education is

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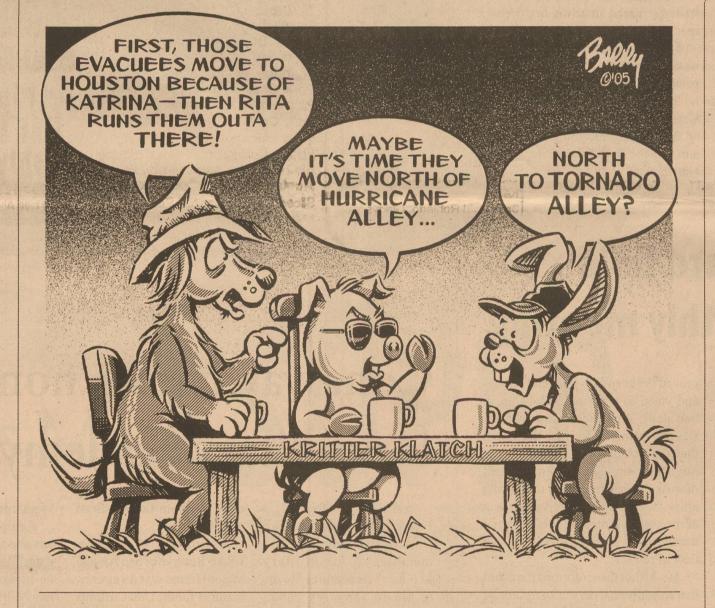


Have you ever noticed that everyone who survives a tornado just like a freight train." Why then don't we set up a

map and broadcast a warning.

sirens. They're sort of like those annoying car alarms that everyone

Stewart:



Remembering Big John

Big John died the other day. He was buried in his overalls.

John Price was the proprietor of Big John's Feedlot, a barbeque place in Big Spring. If there ever was a typical barbeque place, it's Big John's. It has a screened in back porch area that has just been The main dining area has tables and chairs that don't match, a barber chair, a broken juke box, a wood burning stove, all kinds of memorabilia on the walls, some of them plaques Big John earned for his gaming ability in Nevada and Louisiana. He always took a couple of weeks off to go play the slots and do yard work and gardening.

John was unassuming and always the same. He greeted his customers warmly and visited with them when they paid out at the cash register. Denise, the waitress and lately the barbeque cook, seldom wrote down an order. So many customers ordered the same thing every time she simply asked them if they wanted the usual. Big



designated the smoking section. John's operates on the honor sys- and father-in-law ate lunch at the cash register, you tell what you ceiling of the room where you pay out is covered with business cards. Newspaper write-ups of customers' accomplishments are posted on the walls. Some people write comments about this or that and stick them on any available space.

> Big John's has beef, pork, turkey, beans, potato salad, pecan pie to most everybody who eats there, out "Order Up!" all barbeque is measured by the taste of meat at Big John's.

who are passing through Big Spring

on a regular basis make it a point to stop there. Once a couple of big cars pulled into the parking lot and guys in suits got out. It happened to be the governor of Texas and his entourage, all hungry for some of Big John's barbeque. For a decade or more, my wife

tem. Customers never get a bill. At Big John's every Friday we were in town. It was a ritual, almost a had to eat and are charged accord- ceremony, to watch my father in ingly. To get to the cash register, you law and Big John joke at the cash walk through the kitchen area. The register. The drawer was usually open and my father-in-law went to the drawer and acted like he was going to start taking out the dollar bills. Customers waiting to pay out had to be patient while Big John and my father-in-law had their weekly visit.

When a plate of food is ready to be delivered to a customer, Janie or and banana pudding. No frills. But whoever prepares the food, yells

Big John's remains open. Denise bought the place. I, along His place is a landmark. People with all of Big John's fans, wish

OBITUARIES

David Mills Powell Jr.

ELDORADO — David Mills Eldorado High School in 1952, Ruidoso, N.M. he graduated from Texas Tech Army and served during the Rae Powell. Korean War. He came home to ranch in 1959. His plans to settle at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005, down were interrupted when the in the Eldorado Cemetery. late President Kennedy recalled all reserves in 1961.

David returned home in 1963 wowell Jr. was born in Fort and pursued his interest in farm-Worth, Texas, on Aug. 15, 1934, ing, ranching, racehorses and "the the youngest child born to the oil patch." His dream was fulfilled late Elizabeth Rae Powell. Fol- when his filly "Accusatory" ran lowing his graduation from in the All-American Futurity in

David will be dearly missed University in 1957. He was by his sisters, Judy Graham and drafted into the United States Jean Ray; and his brother, John

Graveside services were held

The family requests memorials be made to hospice.

Women's conference goes LIVE

the event are: Cynthia Hyatt of resource table. Menard, Pearlene Nolan of Snyder, Crystal Lyons of Mason, and Paula Spiritual Edition are \$20 and McGee of Wichita Falls. Each of should be purchased in advance. these servant-hearted ladies brings Seating is limited and will be on their unique gifts, background and a first come basis, so please regisministry experience to offering ter as early as possible by calling spiritual insight and encourage- Jane Rushing at 325-387-3625 or ment for women today. The de- Lighthouse Community Church at lightful talents of Terry Mills and 325-387-9100. Plan to attend, invite Mary Parmer, both of San Angelo a friend and enjoy a day of fellowwill partner to create a captivating ship, encouragement, music, laugh-

The third annual Women's Con- the first session will begin at 9:30, ference, sponsored by Lighthouse followed by lunch at 11:30. Session Community Church of Sonora, 2 begins at 1:00 pm with the final will be held Sat., October 22nd. In session starting at 5:00pm. One the past, the conference has been of the highlights of the last two held via live telecast, but the 2005 conferences has been the outpourprogram features a new format. ing of chivalry showered on the An exciting line up of dynamic attendees by the volunteer team. speakers and performers are sched- Additionally, drawings are held for uled for this year's "live" confer- numerous prizes, a free book table ence entitled: Extreme Makeover, is available, and San Angelo Bible Spiritual Edition. Speakers for Book Store will be on hand with a

Tickets for Extreme Makeover, ter, spiritual growth and perhaps Registration is at 9:00 am and even TLC - Total Life Change.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

13 in the club room at 7:00 p.m. made at that time. The meeting was called to order nine members present.

roe Dacy for having a BBQ and swimming party on August 24 lies enjoyed a great time. Everyone consumer - identity theft. expressed great gratitude to Mongetting to be there to enjoy it.

The minutes of the last meeting submitted by Secretary Dorothy Jackson. All members are remind-Dacy. Treasurer's report was given ed to bring their local dues. by Barbara Jackson. She reported that both scholarship checks had been awarded to our recipients.

The next order of business was the fall festival being sponsored by the school. We agreed to do the fishing pond if it was not taken by someone else. Glenda will check with Maela Edmonson

BIRTHDAY LIST

30th Bobby Cortez, Jack

Williams, Sherri Freeman,

Christina Rojas, Pansie Jay,

Rabbit Sudduth, Maria Luisa

Martinez, Jalen Garza, Shae

Glenda Harris, Barney McAlpine,

Gonzales, Christina R. Rameriz,

1st Andie Sterling, Jose Angel

Esparza, John Kotsch, Terry

Green, Raymond Spears, Sr.,

Pedro Estrada Jr., Sherry

Gibson, Donna Suter, Angela

3rd David Robledo, Gladys Hart, Lincoln Delavechia, Elena Aguilar, Madolyn Mertz, Brianna

Peizel, Lois Burleson

Estrada

Cheri Sproul

Gamez, Elena Aguilar, Marcus Hinojosa, Martin Ortiz, Jr., Alan

4th Cariline Faia, John Paul

5th Paige Boysaw, Ronnie

Paxton, Jeff Parker, Claudia

Cardenas, Atun Gower, Maria Hernandez, Pedro Estrada, Chad

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Hernandez, Kora Factor, Erika

Fuentes, Samantha Brown, Vicky

2nd Buff Whitten, Juanita Arispe,

September

Jero Fuentes

Evan Joiner

October

Beta Sigma Phi met for the first at the elementary and find out all meeting of 2005-06 on September the details. Final decisions will be

We also discussed having a by President Glenda Harris with raffle in December as a ways and means project. Glenda and Barbara The first order of business was will check different items that we to recognize Dorothy and Mon- may sell chances on. They will report back at the next meeting.

The program was given by to welcome everyone back to the Dorothy Dacy on a subject that was sorority. Members and their famibecome a very big problem was the

The sunshine gift was won by roe for cooking the meat and not Geneva Wade and refreshments were served by Dorothy Dacy.

The next meeting will be Sepin May were read and approved as tember 27 at the home of Barbara



Monday, October 3

Meatballs & Spaghetti w/ Tomato, Seasoned Spinach, French Bread, Toss Salad, Banana w/ Pudding, Milk

Tuesday, October 4

Roast Pork, French Cut Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Stewed Prunes, Milk

Wednesday, October 5

Turkey Tetrazzini, Broccoli, Toss Salad, Dinner Roll, Raspberry Pears, Milk

Thursday, October 6

Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Coleslaw, Fruit Cocktail,

Friday, October 7

BBQ Chicken Breast, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Corn Bread, Sliced Tomato, Canned Peaches,



Not quite over the Hill! Remember when you had all that hair?

Happy 30th Birthday!

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Capital Highlights

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2 unconstitutional.

ing found in favor of the plaintiffs. division. When the state Legislature failed o solve school funding and the re- Big Tex expects big draw at Fair lated issue of property tax reform, the state appealed. Oral arguments will open Sept. 30 at historic Fair were heard July 6.

Anti-violence grants awarded

lent crimes against women and to until 10 p.m. daily. render services to victims.

programs across Texas under the on Oct. 8.

STOP Violence Against Women Act and will be distributed by A year ago, a lower court rul- the governor's criminal justice

The 2005 State Fair of Texas Park in Dallas.

More than 3 million people are expected to attend the extrava-Gov. Perry announced \$6.8 ganza that will continue through million in grants to combat vio- Oct. 23. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m.

Kickoff for the Texas-OU foot-The grants will go to 100 ball game is scheduled for noon

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it," said Head Coach Johnny Bur- comeback hopes. leson after the Eagles came from the Grape Creek Eagles.

Huichapa," Burleson said.

Hernandez finished the night Creek a 6-0 lead. with 15 tackles, 5 unassisted and well as 7 solo. Three of his tackles the night. were for a loss.

School Lunch Menu!



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BREAKFAST MENU Monday, October 3

No School !!! Tuesday, October 4 Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Peaches,

Wednesday, October 5 Cheese Toast, Mixed Fruit, Choice

Thursday, October 6

Waffle Stixs, Syrup, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk Friday, October 7

Buttered Toast, Jelly, Choice of Cereals, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE Monday, October 3

No School !!!

Tuesday, October 4 Pizza, Tossed Salad, Veggie Stix's, Dip, Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, October 5 Taco Rolls, Waffle Fries, Fresh

Broccoli w/Ranch Dip, Apple

Thursday, October 6

Chicken Strips, Half Baked Potatoes, Pear Halves, Tossed Salad, Rice Krispie Treats Friday, October 7

Hamburger or Cheese Burger, Baked Chips Burger Salad Pickle Orange Halves

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, October 3 No School !!!

Tuesday, October 4

Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Peas & Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Hot Rolls Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, October 5

Chicken Fajita, Flour Tortilla, Refried I Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Apple Halves

Thursday, October 6

Burrito, Potato Salad, Carrot Stixs, Dip, Rice Krispie Treats

left to play.

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Friday, October 7 Hamburger or Cheese Burger,

French Fries, Burger Salad, Pickles, Orange Halves

"It was the defense that won and put an end to Grape Creek's

Grape Creek drew first blood behind to clench a 12-6 win over in the contest when Frankie Rios returned and Eldorado punt 62 "Our defense played very well yards to set up the score. Then, all night. I especially liked the with 2:23 remaining in the openplay of Nester Hernandez and Luis ing quarter, Pete Solis put the ball in from 10 yards out give Grape

That would be the high-water 10 assisted, an interception and mark for Grape Creek's offensive a forced and a recovered fumble. output as Eldorado's defensive Huichapa also played well all night unit took over and shut the vis putting up 7 assisted tackles as tor's down for the remainder of

Eldorado's offense didn't get Hernandez's interception going good until the second half sealed the game for the Warbirds after the defense held Grape Creek as he picked off a last ditch pass on their opening drive and forced a punt. Four plays and 40 yards later Neil Higgins hauled in a 16yard pass from David Hernandez with 8:45 left to play in the 3rd stanza. The Warbirds' extra-point attempt failed and the score stood knotted at 6.

"Our offense played when it was needed," said Burleson. "We had the big plays that it would take to win the game."

Neil Higgins was the offensive standout catching two passes for without some drama. Grape Creek's 35 yards and a touchdown.

nandez both ground out 64 yards Then, just as it appeared the visi- Cathey's face mask as he took him the night with the game deciding 4th down to take over the ball, alty moved Eldorado even closer to



Eldorado defenders swarmed to the ball last Friday night as the Eldorado Eagles defeated the Grape Creek Eagles 12-6 in the opening round of District 2-2A play.

touchdown late in the game.

defense stiffened as Eldorado was Ryan Cathy and Nester Her- driving with time winding down. Creek defender snagged Russell

a roughing the passer penalty The winning TD didn't come breathed new life into Eldorado's

A couple of plays later, a Grape with their legs and Cathy ended tors had stopped the Warbirds on to the ground. The resulting penpay dirt. Then with 43 ticks left on the game clock, Cathey sprinted to the right and crossed the goal line from 3 yards out to give the Eagles a 12-6 lead.

Eldorado's 2-point conversion attempt failed but the lead would be enough for the Warbirds as once again Eldorado's swarming defense took control.

With time running out Nester Hernandez stepped in front of a desperation pass by Grape Creek's quarterback Sterling Beeson and hauled in the interception to end any hopes the visitors had of a comeback.

"I just can't say enough about our defense," Coach Burleson said after the game. "They (Grape Creek) had a 1st and Goal on the three at one point and we shut them down on four plays. That is just great," Burleson added.

The win moves the Eagles season mark to 2-2 and 1-0 in district play.

The Eagles will travel to Sonora for their first shot against one of Russel Cathey out ran a Grape Creek defender last Friday the district's remaining two undeevening as the Eldorado Eagles mounted their game winning feated teams. drive late in the 4th quarter. Eldorado defeated Grape Creek

"They are good. There is no doubt about that," said Burleson when asked about the Broncos and their play on the field. "They showed up in Big Lake and did what they pleased with the Owls."

Burleson went on to stress that the Warbirds must control the ball the whole game and not let the Broncos set the pace. "We have added a few new

plays on offense," said Burleson. "and we just have to keep them guessing with our defense."

The Eagles/Broncos match up is slated for 7:30 p.m. this Friday at Bronco Stadium in Sonora.

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12-6 after Cathey ran the ball in from 3 yards out with 43 seconds

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Note: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

American Cancer Society offers screening information and support

Month, and the American Cancer the appropriate action in fighting Society is increasing awareness of breast cancer. the importance of early detection. As the second leading cause of with breast cancer the American lives in Texas this year. Many to Recovery, Road to Recovery, of the lives lost to breast cancer Coping with Breast Cancer supcould be as high as 97 %.

The American Cancer Society Network at www.cancer.org. recommends the following screention of breast cancer:

older; Breast Self Examination tion, advocacy, and service. (BSE) is an option for women breast change promptly to health 2345 or visit www.cancer.org. care providers

Women at increased risk should talk with their doctors about the benefits and limitations of starting mammography screening earlier, having additional tests or having more frequent exams.

Maintaining a healthy body weight, staying physically active and limiting alcohol consumption may lower the risk of breast cancer.

Through clinical breast exams a physician can sometimes identify a problem that a woman may have overlooked. Though most breast lumps are not cancerous, only a physician can make a diagnosis. The Texas Department of State Health Services Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening program offers free mammograms, breast examinations, and Pap tests to women who qualify. In addition,

Medicare helps pay the cost of a

mammogram for women age 40 or

older with Medicare Part B. On October 11, a wreath ceremony will take place in Austin to kick off National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, recognize breast cancer survivors and honor those who have lost their lives to the disease. First Lady Anita Perry,

> Eldorado scholars and Eagles athlestes get good press at THE SUCCESS It's the best source around

AUSTIN — October is Na- along with breast cancer survivors tional Breast Cancer Awareness will speak urging women to take

For those who are diagnosed cancer death in women, breast can- Cancer Society offers Patient cer will claim an estimated 2,460 Service programs such as: Reach could be prevented through early port group, Dialogue support detection. When breast cancer is group and Look Good, Feel Better detected early the survival rate as well as online support and resources through Cancer Survivor's

The American Cancer Society ing guidelines for the early detec- is the nationwide communitybased voluntary health organi-Yearly mammograms begin- zation dedicated to eliminating ning at age 40; Clinical Breast cancer as a major health problem Exams about every 3 years for by preventing cancer, saving lives, women in their 20s and 30s and and diminishing suffering from every year for women 40 and cancer, through research, educa-

For more information 24 hours a starting in their 20s; Report any day, 7 days a week, call 1-800-ACS-



Sophomore Misti Daniels, member 2005 Flag Corps was performing with the Mighty Eagle Band last Friday night home game against Grape Creek. The flag corps has new black uniforms and black flags this season.



The Piña family would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our family, friends and the community for all their hard work and support for our Little Princess. We couldn't have done it without you! God Bless You All.

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Mandy Brister, Area 2 Vice President, has been selected as a vot-

ing delegate for the state of Texas. McKenzie Watkins, District President will be attending as advancement in her FFA career.

Many and McKenzie, with the help of friends, family, Sonora FFA and Sonora ISD, will be conducting a fundraising activity to help offset the cost of attending (travel, motel, meals, etc). On September 30, they will be selling Stagecoach Barbeque plates in the High School commons from 5:00 p.m. until kickoff of the Eldorado football game. Tickets for this events will be available in advance or at the door.

To show your support, or for more information about the barbeque, contact Mandy at 206-1912, McKenzie at 387-5092, or Michael Kissire at Sonora High School at 387-6533.

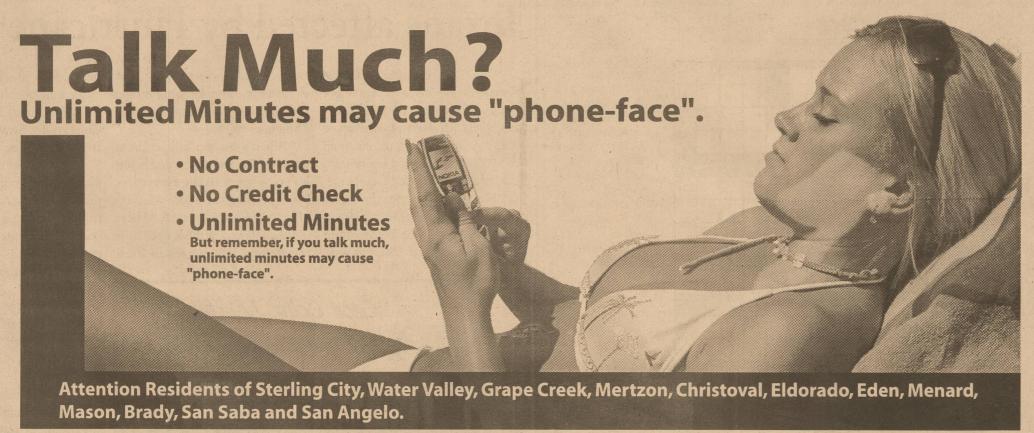
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AG Greg Abbott warns against exploiting **Hurricane Rita victims during recovery efforts**

Investigators worked through weekend to avert exploitation of evacuees; will aggressively pursue price gouging, other unlawful acts targeting affected Texans

AUSTIN - Texas Attorney ricane Rita. General Greg Abbott warned

"In the coming days millions

coastal areas in the wake of Hur- tremendous ordeal," Attorney ney General's Web site at www. General Abbott said. "Unfortu- oag.state.tx.us. nately, price gouging and various engage in these activities."

> rental car, \$250 nightly motel stays, abbott@oag.state.tx.us. \$30 for a case of bottled water, and

> \$5 and \$15 a gallon. advertised at \$29.99. According 65 years of age or older. to the consumer, a follow-up call who had been charged exorbitant ripoffs:

Attorney General Abbott urged contractors about the continued threat of price will go back to their homes and Texans to continue filing comgouging as his office received their lives. As they do so, I will plaints of price gouging. Consum- cheap work hundreds of reports over the week- not tolerate unscrupulous busi- ers can call the Consumer Protecend about businesses that tried to nesses and con men who prey upon tion Hotline at (800) 252-8011 or to get an estimate of any damage exploit displaced Texans who fled those who have already faced a file their complaints on the Attor-

> Abbott urged consumers to be types of scams often arise amid as specific as possible when filing natural disasters, and my office complaints, providing information will aggressively pursue those who such as the business name, address or specific location, contact infor- in writing More than 500 complaints al- mation, and the price the business leging price gouging have been advertises and actually charges filed with the Attorney General for a particular item. Consumsince Wednesday, when the bulk ers are also encouraged to retain of the evacuation began from the receipts and even take photos of Texas Gulf Coast region. Consum- the advertised prices, if possible. ers have been reporting inflated Digital photos can be e-mailed prices such as \$199 per day for a to the Attorney General at greg.

Attorney General investigators \$20 for a dozen eggs. The Office continue to follow up on comof the Attorney General is also plaints, contacting businesses to investigating dozens of reports of confirm whether price gouging has gasoline allegedly priced between occurred. Businesses that gouge could face civil penalties of up to One consumer reported a price-\$20,000 per violation of the Texas gouging incident to the Attorney Deceptive Trade Practices Act, General's hotline when a motel and an additional amount of up to wanted to charge \$90 for a room \$250,000 for gouging consumers

Furthermore, in the aftermath of by Attorney General investigators a storm, consumers facing cleanup to confirm the allegation resulted and repair should be careful when in management immediately hon- selecting a building contractor. Atoring the advertised price and torney General Abbott offered the issuing refunds to other guests following recommendations to avoid • Deal only with licensed, bonded

· Be wary of "specials" and extra-

 Contact your insurance adjuster and cost of repair

• Do not be rushed into signing contracts and never pay up-front for promised work

· Avoid door-to-door solicitors for damage repair work

• Get the terms of warranty work

· Contact friends or relatives for references

Consumers should be wary of anyone who offers unsolicited services, especially if they ask for personal information, as that could be a warning sign of possible identity theft. Consumers should not sign any documents with blank spaces to be filled out later.

In addition, Abbott noted that while disasters prompt an outpouring of generosity, they also bring scam artists and thieves who try to take advantage of that kindness. Texans wishing to give to hurricane relief should give only to charities they are already familiar with and know are legitimate. Reputable organizations do not directly solicit donations from individual consumers by telephone, e-mail or door-todoor visits. Citizens should not use links they find in unsolicited e-mails to access the Web sites of charitable organizations.

ANNOUNCING THE ARRIVAL OF OUR NEW HEMATOLOGY ANALYZER



The laboratory staff at SCMC show off their latest piece of new equipmnet, a Hematology Analyzer (background). Staff members include: (L to R) Ed Garrison Lab Supervisor; Carlos Martinez, trainer from Beckman Coulter; Polly Herring, lab consultant; Helen Brame, Lab NCT, Radiology Supervisor and Ramon Adame Lab & X Ray NCT.

network, informally)

35. Caruso was one

37. The __ Island

30. Clued in

32. Moth-eaten

33. Not so risky

34. Draw out

guesstimate

42. Early rocket

47. "You betcha!"

49. Krispy Kreme

51. Bagpipe sound

53. First name in

54. Mandolin's kin

55. Regarding, in

57. Starchy veggies

56. Abreast of

58. One of the

61. Radar gun

64. Carrier to

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Prescribed Burns--Range, Wildlife, & Fisheries Management (RWFM 4301) is one of the courses offered during WinterSession. Students will learn about fire, safety, equipment, crews, laws and regulations, as well as fire effects, fire behavior, fire techniques and prescriptions, and planning a burn. Hands-on experience will be part of the course. The RWFM at Texas Tech has a strong history of exper- Lopez at (325) 446-2301.

tise in prescribed burns beginning with Professor Henry Wright.

Keith Blair is the instructor. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Range Management, 1986, and a Master of Science in Range Science, 1991, from Texas Tech University. Blair is a former Regional Fire Ecologist for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and also served as a Regional Resource Specialist for Texas Parks and Wildlife. Since 2001, Blair and his wife, Amy, have owned and operated Red Buffalo, LLC in Mason. The business specializes in prescribed burning and training, as well as cedar clearing and vegetation surveys.

For information, contact Grant Hall or Karen

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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"Baywatch"

counterpart

65. Grid great Graham blockage

69. Greeley's direction 11. Atlas stat

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8. Like neon

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others 19. Georgia politico 20. Something to accomplish by Friday, say

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socks 61. Virgo/Libra border, e.g. 62. Frosty coating

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21. Early TV sidekick 41. In-flight DOWN 22. Source of lead 1. Hang back 25. Poe house 26. Dred Scott, e.g. my back yard!" 29. The (British

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Strayhorn announces tax relief for * Texans affected by Hurricane Rita

AUSTIN—Comptroller Carole Comptroller Strayhorn said. "Now nesses back in order." taxpayers affected by Hurricane filing tax returns. Rita may request extensions of up due in September and October.

Keeton Strayhorn as of September is the time to be focusing on get-

"When a disaster impacts hard- from sales taxes: to 90 days to file state tax returns working Texans' lives and livelihoods, I want to do everything storm-damaged, nonresidential "First and foremost, anyone I can to help the folks who are property, including office buildin the potential path of Hurri- affected," Strayhorn said. "These ings and stores (labor charges cane Rita should be preparing to individuals and families need time evacuate inland out of harm's way," to get their lives, homes and busi- repair bill, Texas does not impose

In addition to extending tax-21, 2005 announced that Texas ting to safety, not worrying about filing deadlines, Texas law allows Comptroller Strayhorn to exempt

> The cost of labor to repair must be separately stated on the sales tax on labor for residential repairs);

Services used to restore stormdamaged property, including dry cleaning of clothing and draperies, rug and carpet cleaning and appliance repairs.

"I strongly encourage business owners and homeowners to take advantage of the tax extensions and exemptions that are available to them," Strayhorn said.

For more information or to request a tax filing extension, call the Comptroller's toll-free tax assistance line in Austin at (800) 252-5555.



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In order to provide the most extensive, valuable information possible to every caller, 2-1-1 Texas continues to expand its resource database of government agencies, food pantries, career services, after-school programs, counseling services and many other nonprofit resources in each of these counties. 2-1-1 Texas will not displace these agencies as sources of support and assistance for local residents. 2-1-1 will make sure that those in need get information about where to go in their community to get help.

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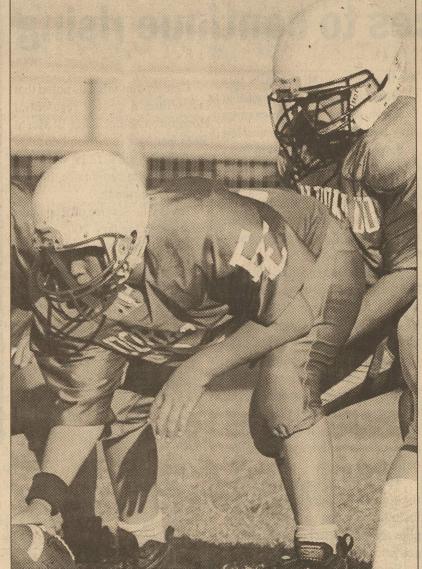
> Is 2-1-1 Texas a crisis hotline? 2-1-1 Texas is not a crisis line.

Will 2-1-1 Texas provide financial assistance?

2-1-1 Texas is a telephone infor-Our local 2-1-1 service is part mation and referral line. We don't of a statewide network implement- provide financial assistance; howed in fall 2003. Currently, the free ever, we can direct you to agencies 2-1-1 dialing code is operational in in the community that may be able to provide assistance.

We receive calls regarding (Dallas and Fort Worth regions), education; employment; counsel-Panhandle (Amarillo), Bryan/ ing; support groups; recreation; College Station, Tip of Texas community groups; services for (Weslaco), Texoma (Sherman), children, youth, families and older

2-1-1 Texas is a program of the by Coach Larry Mitchell Region (Sulphur Springs), North Texas Health and Human Services West Central Texas (Abilene), local information and referral agen-Golden Crescent (Victoria), East cies If you would like additional 22, 2005, in Eagle Stadium. The the game. Texas (Tyler), Concho Valley (San information about 2-1-1 Texas, you team won it's first game of the year Angelo), Deep East Texas (Jasper), may also access information from in a defense battle. South Texas (Laredo), Middle Rio the statewide 2-1-1 Texas Web site Grande (Carrizo Springs), Rio www.hhsc.state.tx.us/tirn/tirn- scored the games only touchdown Grande (El Paso), and South Plains home.htm and the national 2-1-1 Web site www.211.org



Center Colten Daniels waits for the signal to snap the ball to quarterback Jaymie O'Harrow. The 7th Grade Eagles won 6-0 against the Grape Creek Eagles Thursday, September 22.

7th Grade Eagles post 6-0 win

The 7th Grade Eagles won a

Eldorado's Miles Mikeska Thursday, September 29th. on a run behind good blocks by Colton Daniels and Stephen

Fortenberry.

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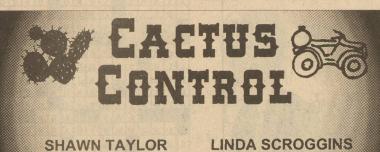
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AUSTIN - Texas Railroad to 305 Bcf for August 2004. This for higher natural gas bills this Commissioners Elizabeth Ames drop in working gas storage has Jones, Michael L. Williams and occurred despite slightly higher Victor Carrillo were told Tuesday annual production for the past that include insulating, sealing by members of the Texas Energy year. Texas' total annual natural Reliability Council that natural gas gas production for the 12-month supplies for the winter in Texas period ending June 2005 is 5,998 are adequate in spite of hurricane Bcf compared to 5,942 Bcf for the

"Texas produces more than 30 equate, the market is indicating warmth. percent of the total U.S. natural that prices will be much higher, gas production, and the state's gas so Texans need to be prepared for "It is important to note that natuproduction remains strong and higher natural gas bills," noted ral gas utilities are not allowed should remain stable based on the Commissioner Williams. "Prepato profit off the commodity of increasing number of active rigs rations such as proper insulation natural gas. Instead, utilities pass and well completions in Texas," and weatherization will ease the the commodity cost onto customsaid Elizabeth Ames Jones, chair- impact on everyone's pocket- ers when the price rises or falls.

the RRC Gas Services Division gas prices will increase anywhere And ultimately, the RRC does indicates Texas' monthly working from 39 percent to 95 percent, and gas storage is 267 billion cubic feet could go as high as \$15 per thou- natural gas prices."

winter, consumers are urged to practice conservation measures and weather-stripping windows and doors; adding insulation to attics; making sure duct work is properly insulated and sealed; and keeping blinds and draperies open "While supplies will be ad- on sunny days to let in the sun's

Commissioner Carrillo said, Utilities are only allowed to profit Analysts are predicting natural off transporting gas to customers. not have the authority to regulate

The Commissioners had asked the council to cover several issues, including winter natural gas supplies and the impact of high natural gas prices on consumers.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration has forecasted that natural gas prices could increase by more than 70 percent over last winter. In addition, the average Henry Hub natural gas price from the 2004-2005 winter season was \$6.19 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) as reported by

Gas Daily. Gas Daily's Sept. 8 forecast for the upcoming winter season is estimating an average natural gas price of \$12.03 per Mcf

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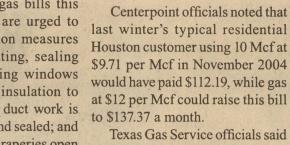
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Texas Gas Service also reported that El Paso's January 2005 average residential bill was \$79.65, but this could jump to \$150.81 with gas at \$12 per Mcf.

Atmos Energy officials reported that it is forecasting natural gas costs to increase by 44 percent for its customers in its Mid-Tex service area and by 39 percent for customers in Atmos' West Texas service area.



Freshman Marc Garcia, trumpeter, is a member of Eldorado Mighty Eagle Band. The band was performing during half-time during Friday night home game against Grape Creek. Eldorado beat Grape Creek 12-6.

Local 5-Day Forecast Several of the state's largest natural gas distributions systems MVC. 9/30 1 (0)//1 10/2 1(0)/3including Centerpoint Energy and Texas Gas Service reported that they purchase their gas from large aggregators rather than from individual wells for increased service 88/65 91/62 87/59 87/59 87/59 and reliability. Sunshine. Sunny. Mix of sun More sun Slight Highs in the than clouds Highs in the and clouds chance of a

or a 95 percent increase.

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

September 24 • Rojas, Alvaro III, male age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Public Intoxication and Disorderly Conduct.

INCIDENTS

September 21 • 7:32 p.m. Complainant reported receiving harassing phone calls. Officer

September 22 • 1:12 a.m.

Complainant reported a controlled fire on south Hwy 277. Officers report. Officer responded. 8:55 p.m. Complainant re-

quested an ambulance for an elderly male who had fallen. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

· 10:01 p.m. Complainant reported a lost wallet. Officer was notified.

September 23 • 4:43 p.m. Complainant reported that a blue and white truck threw rocks all over the highway and it cracked her windshield. Complainant tried to flag over the driver but he refused to stop. Officer responded.

· 8:55 p.m. Complainant reported some suspicious kids near ed a drunk driver on highway 277 her vehicles. Officer responded.

fer from the nursing home to Shan- notified. non ER. EMS 2 responded.

ported a lost black and white collie. Officers notified.

• 11:12 p.m. Complainant reported a lost wallet/coin purse.

September 24 • 1:20 a.m. Complainant reported what ap- left 22 miles east of Eldorado. The peared to be tar paper for roofing scattered on north 277. TXDOT responded.

 1:29 a.m. Complainant reported Bees at two locations on Brooks and South 277. EVFD was reported a fight in progress on notified

 1:53 a.m. Complainant with emergency information requested officers assistance in reaching subject. Officer responded.

· 2:12 a.m. Complainant requested EVFD to dispose of bees off by accident. at four to five locations on ranch. EVFD was notified.

· 3:24 a.m. Complainant reported she was recently involved in a car accident at the school and

· 5:06 a.m. Complainant re- were notified. ported a reckless driver in a white truck. Officer responded

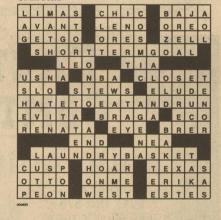
there was a disturbance at the

Eldorado Place Apartments.

EVFD responded. 4:05 p.m. 911 call received bad connection. from residence requesting EMS for

chest pains. Officer responded.

Solution to puzzle on Page 6



· 6:17 a.m. Complainant reportheaded to Sutton County. Officer • 9:35 p.m. Requested a trans- responded and Sutton County was

· 8:03 p.m. Complainant re-• 10:10 p.m. Complainant re- ported an abandoned vehicle on highway 190 East. Officer responded vehicle was stolen out of Arlington, Texas Arlington PD were notified as was the owner. Vehicle was towed in, it had been instrument panel and CD player were removed an the steering was broke, all four tires and wheels appeared to be in good condition.

• 10:03 a.m., Complainant Laredo Street, two male subjects one believed to be intoxicated. Officers responded

· 10:46 p.m. Burglary alarm went off on highway 190 east. Owner stated that she had set it

· 11:30 a.m. Complainant reported a fight in progress at the Eldorado Place Apartments. Officer responded.

September 26 • 4:05 a.m. requested an officer to make a Controlled burn was reported on highway 277 south. All officers

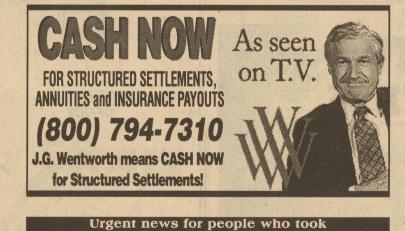
 4:29 a.m. Call came primarily on 911 and caller was • 1:08 p.m. Subject advised disconnected. Cell call number was recorded on screen. Caller reported stranded motorist on September 25 • 1:26 p.m. FM 2129 between 109 and 110. Complainant reported a grass fire. Officer was notified and unable to obtain vehicle description due to

> • 8:34 a.m. Complainant called and requested assistance with rattlesnake on back porch. Officer

• 10:04 a.m. Pit bull was at back door not allowing residents to enter or exit house. Complainant requested to have dog removed. Officer responded and euthanized

September 27 • 5:21 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for ACLS transfer to community. EMS responded.

• 5:39 a.m. Complainant reported someone is trying to take some of the company's equipment on highway 277. Officer responded.



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Dealing with Fall Armyworms, it's that time of year again

the development of the population this fall tion has already started in our area. and the mild temperatures the area is ex-

periencing. All species of armyworm surthis time of year including the true army-reality, the adults are capable of laying a and fall. Populations appear to be worse instars and typically the life cycle from vival increases with good moisture condi- worm, Pseudaletia unipuncta (Haworth), large number of eggs and by the time the in the fall because adult moths will move egg to adult takes 28 days. The life cycle tions. Weather conditions and availability the yellow-striped armyworm, Prodenia larvae or "caterpillars" are easily seen the into an area with storm fronts that trigger can be extended if cooler temperatures of a food source have been almost ideal ornithogalli Guenne, and the beet ar- damage has been done. this fall. The Corpus Christi area started myworm, Spodoptera exigua (Hubner). central Texas. Once armyworms arrive armyworm, Spodoptera frugiperda (J.B. adults migrate northward each year as and having a noticeable whitish spot near and can have shades of brown, green or

experiencing armyworm problems in June However, the most common and devastat- cold temperatures and typically overwin- grayish white and the front pair dark gray, to the first hard freeze. Fall armyworm and that started the migration north into ing in pastures and small grains is the fall ters in the southern regions of Texas. The mottled with lighter and darker splotches larvae range from ¼ to 1 ½ inches long

The continuous presence of army- two to three generations are possible in Smith). This insect can seemingly build temperatures increase in the spring. The the extreme tip. The female moth lays her worms really is not surprising considering our area. The start of the second genera- up to large numbers overnight causing fall armyworm probably has three to five eggs in masses, usually containing appastures, small grains and even home generations in the southern Rolling Plains proximately 150 eggs, and the female can A number of armyworms can be seen lawns to disappear in a short time. In depending on temperatures in the spring lay up to 1000 eggs. The larvae have five the fall rains. The adult moth is 1 ½ inches occur and can last up to 42 days. Fall The fall armyworm cannot survive across the wings with the hind wings armyworms continue to be a threat up black. They can be distinguished from other armyworms because of a prominent white, inverted Y-shaped line on the front of the head

Damage done by fall armyworms usually consists of foliage feeding. The small larvae will chew the green layer from the leaves and leave a clearing or "window pane" effect. The first three instars do relatively very little feeding while the last two instars consume 85 percent of the total foliage consumed by the caterpillars. This is the reason it is important to find the infestations before the larvae or caterpillars become too large. Small larvae are easier to control and most of the damage can be prevented if the infestation is caught early. Individual fields should be scouted carefully because the moths will not lay their eggs consistently across the area. Many times a pasture or small grain field will be infested and the field across the road will not have any larvae

Decisions concerning treatment on small grain pastures are much easier to make than on improved pastures. When small grains are in the seedling stage, three larvae per square foot or 1 to two larvae per linear foot can devastate a stand. Once small grains begin to tiller, the thresholds can increase to 3 to 5 larvae per square foot or two to three per linear foot. Once the small grains reach 4 to 5 inches in height, small grains can tolerate high numbers (7 to 8 per square foot). At that time, producers have more time to make a decision and should wait as long as possible before treating a field. The goal in a small grain pasture is to establish a stand.

The decision on improved pasture is more difficult for a number of reasons. First, the economics of spraying improved pasture is different than spraying small grains. The grass has started to slow its growth and the yield of the final cutting is usually much reduced from an earlier cutting. The 2005 season has been average to above average for rainfall so hay is somewhat available and producers need to realize that treatment for armyworms will cost between \$10 to \$15 per acre. This cost must be measured against the ability to purchase hay. Second, the insecticide choices on pastures are limited to carbaryl (Sevin® 80 S, Sevin® XLR, etc.) and malathion. Be aware of harvesting and grazing limitations on the label. The final decision must be the producers but all costs should be factored before treating improved pastures.

Fall armyworms are easily controlled if producers monitor their fields closely. The key is proper identification and finding the infestation before the larvae become too large.

The information in this article was provided by Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist stationed in San Angelo.



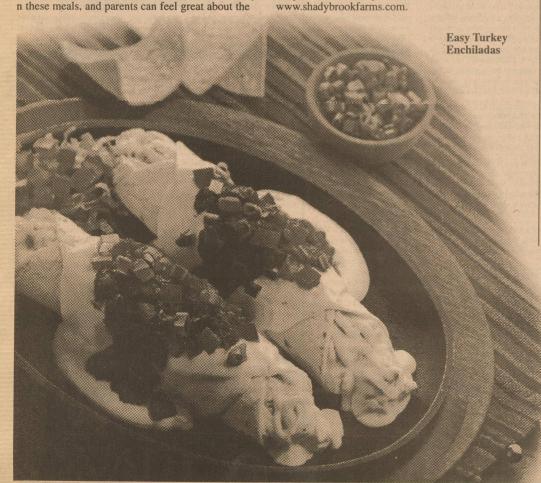
AMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

s autumn settles in, more families enjoy meals at home — nearly 80 percent are prepared there as opposed to eaten in restaurants. But with on-the-go kids in school and extracurricular activities, here's less time available for busy parents to cook. Factor in the desire to provide appealing meals that ire also healthy, and it's no wonder why many busy parents struggle for evening meal solutions. But moms and dads can excitedly proclaim "din-

ner's almost ready" by adding turkey to their menu. "The reality is that busy families can have it all hey can serve simple suppers that are easy to prepare, and they can ensure great-tasting, nutritious neals by simply adding turkey to those favorite lishes that parents already routinely cook," said ennifer Bushman, author of several Kitchen Coach ookbooks including Weeknight Cooking and Weekand Cooking. "Everyone will love the taste of turkey nutritious, high-protein benefits turkey offers the

A variety of simple-to-prepare meals — many of them regular family favorites — are every bit as tasty and provide a healthy choice when made with turkey Try sloppy joes using ground turkey for a saucy and satisfying, yet protein-packed, family pleaser. Experience a zesty taste of the Southwest with easy turkey enchiladas. And break out of the ordinary routine with Italian turkey sausage and pasta - a quick, onedish wonder that is sure to tantalize the taste buds.

Another way to add a touch of "super" to a best-loved dish is to create fabulous lasagna with ground turkey or Italian turkey sausage (sweet or hot). Turkey is also a prime-time performer when used in spaghetti with ground turkey meat sauce. Sign up for a "Turkey Recipe of the Month' e-mail newsletter and find hundreds more turkey recipes at www.honeysucklewhite.com or www.shadybrookfarms.com.



Superfood. Super easy.

raturally protein-packed, turkey is a lower fat, healthier choice than many other meal options. In fact, turkey is the only meat named a "superfood" by Steven Pratt, MD, a food and health expert and co-author of Superfoods Rx: Fourteen Foods That Will Change Your Life In his book, Dr. Pratt states that turkey is "a perfect example of a twentyfirst century 'healthy' protein source ... and provides multiple nutrients which help build a strong immune system."

For on-the-go parents, it's easy to incorporate "superfoods" into simple-yet-super meals. Find delectable recipes that combine turkey with more of Dr. Pratt's superfoods, including spinach, tomatoes, beans, walnuts, oats and yogurt, at www.honeysucklewhite.com and www.shadybrookfarms.com.

Turkey Sloppy Joes

Prep Time: 10 minutes / Total Time: 30 minutes

- 1 package Honeysuckle White or **Shady Brook Farms Ground Turkey** tablespoons vegetable oil medium onion, chopped
- medium green bell pepper, seeded and chopped 1-1/2 cup (12 ounces) chili sauce
- tablespoons Worcestershire sauce 6 (4-inch) hamburger buns
- Green leaf lettuce, optional 1 medium tomato, optional

Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over mediumhigh heat. Cook onion and bell pepper until softened, about 5 minutes. Add turkey; crumble and cook until no longer pink, about 5 minutes; drain. Stir in chili sauce and Worcestershire sauce. Cook, covered, over low heat for 10 minutes. Divide mixture evenly over bottom of buns. Layer on lettuce and tomato, if desired. Top with remaining buns.

Easy Turkey Enchiladas

Servings: 5 Prep Time: 10 minutes / Total Time: 50 minutes

- 1 package Honeysuckle White or **Shady Brook Farms Turkey Breast** Cutlets, cut into 1-inch pieces
- tablespoon olive oil
- cup light sour cream cup light ranch dressing
- 10 (8-inch) flour tortillas cup (8 ounces) shredded Monterey
- Jack cheese 2 cups bottled salsa

medium tomatoes, seeded and diced 2 green onions, chopped (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease 9 x 11-inch baking pan. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook turkey, stirring constantly until no longer pink, about 10 minutes. In small bowl, mix sour cream and ranch dressing. In another small bowl, combine 1 cur sour cream mixture and turkey. Divide turkey mixture, cheese and salsa evenly over tortillas. Roll up and place seam-side down in prepared pan. Bake, uncovered, 25 to 30 minutes. Top with tomato, green onion and any remaining salsa and/or sour cream mixture.

Italian Turkey Sausage With Pasta

Prep Time: 10 minutes / Total Time: 35 minutes

- 1 package Honeysuckle White or Shady Brook Farms Hot or Sweet Italian Turkey Sausage
- 2 tablespoons olive oil 1 medium onion, chopped 2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) whole peeled tomatoes with juice,
- broken up 1 package (16 ounce) penne, rotelle or fusilli pasta, cooked according to package directions
- 1 cup (8 ounces) Mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

Slice open package with sharp knife; remove sausage casings. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook onion until softened, about 5 minutes. Add sausage and tomato; crumble sausage. Cook, stirring constantly until sauce is thickened, about 20 minutes. In large bowl, mix cooked pasta with meat sauce. Top pasta with cheese and serve.

Weekly Scripture

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe mu ordinances.

Ezekiel 36:26-27