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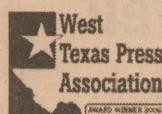
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## City Council bans future water wells inside city limits

The City of Eldorado Council met Monday evening, August 14, 2006, and among several items of business, voted to prohibit the drilling of private water wells within the corporate limits of the town.

Duwain Sauer appeared before the council to argue against adopting ordinance 105-06. He emphasized private property rights and said he was opposed to the city taking action to prohibit private water wells.

The council ultimately voted in favor of the ordinance, however, and exercised the right given it by the State of Texas to protect its position as the sole water supplier in the city limits.

The issue came up when a property owner in the Sunrise Addition, formerly known as the Western Trailer Park, inquired about drilling a private water well.

It should be noted that the council's action in no way affects existing private water wells which meet or exceed standards set by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The vote took place during a specially called meeting of the council which was convened by Mayor John Nikolauk. Council members present for the meeting included Bill McCutcheon, Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans, Richard Mendez, Dr. Pat Johnson and Dorothy Dacy.

Also in attendance were City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay.

Among other action the council voted to advertise for bids for a financial institution to act as depository for the city's operating and investment funds. Presently First National Bank of Eldorado acts as the city's depository. State law requires the city to periodically take bids from institution's interested in serving as depository.

The council next met with Bobby Zesch, an insurance broker from San Angelo concerning group health insurance for city employees. Zesch offered several health insurance proposals for the council's consideration and the council also considered the possibility of setting up health savings accounts. Ultimately, however, the council decided to stay with Star Mark, the same insurance provider they currently have. The preferred provider plan will cost the city approximately \$7,200 more than last year or \$437.43 per employee. The city provides group health insurance for its employees only. Family members can be added to the plan, but only at the employee's expense.

The council then went into a budget workshop and looked over each section of the utility and general fund budgets. Council member Bill McCutcheon asked City Secretary Carolyn Mayo to add \$1,500.00 more in the general fund for an increase in the Keep Eldorado Beautiful fund and light pollution devices for city street lighting.

The council gave tentative approval to a 5 percent increase in salaries with the amount of individual raises to be allocated later.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

## No Pain, No Gain

Eagles player Wes Brown concentrated on reaching the finish line Tuesday afternoon as he and his teammates ran wind sprints at the conclusion of workout. The Eagles will see their first action Saturday in Nueces Canyon where they will scrimmage the Panthers to kick off the 2006 season.

## County to provide insurance coverage for Woolen Mill

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, August 14, 2006 with representatives of the Eldorado Woolen Mill board of directors. Judy Christian, Vicky Williams and Shirley Joiner asked the commissioners to consider furnishing liability insurance for the mill.

County Judge Johnny Griffin advised the commissioners that the county could add the mill to its liability policy provided the building is valued under \$100,000 and belongs to a non-profit organization. Judy Christian informed the court that the Woolen Mill board is again actively promoting the mill and pointed to the need for liability coverage in case a tourist is injured in the facility.

With that the commissioners voted to provide liability insurance for the mill.

Among other business the commissioners voted to call for bids for a transport load of unleaded gasoline. They also approved the minutes of the previous meeting on July 24, 2006 and authorized the payment of the county's monthly bills.

The court then took up discussion of maintenance at Centennial Park. The park lies just west of the school practice field and borders FM 915 and North Street. It was noted that the Jim Brame family donated the property as a park provided it was maintained by the county.

Judge Griffin explained that several mesquite

trees were recently killed at the park and there was a disagreement with the former owners about landscaping and maintenance. After reviewing the deed, which was on file in the Clerk's office, the commissioners decided to abandon the property, allowing ownership to revert back to the Brame family.

The commissioners then opened three sealed bids for fencing at the airport and Civic Center. The lowest bid, in the amount of \$.93 per foot, was submitted by Twin Mountain Fencing of San Angelo. The men voted to accept Twin Mountain's bid.

The court voted to adopt the 2007 Sheriff's and Constables Fees schedule, approve a contract between with the Attorney General's Child Support Division, and approved an increase in pay for election judges and clerks. The increase boosts the pay of election workers from \$7 to \$10 per hour.

The court also approved County Clerks Peggy Williams selection of election judges and clerks for the November 7th, 2006 Election.

The commissioners then voted to repair the air conditioner unit in the Memorial Building Corral Room.

County Treasurer Karen Henderson advised that she intends to use funds from this year's budget to purchase a new computer program, printer,

ink and paper to be used for payroll. Price tag for the purchase was \$2,830.00. Ms. Henderson also presented several budget transfers to be approved by the court.

Josie Knight stopped by the court to voice a citizens compliant about treatment she received at the Community Resource Center after which Judge Griffin advised that he would look into the situation and take appropriate action.

The commissioners then took up discussion of "vicious" dogs on county property. It was noted that members of the court had received complaints from several citizens regarding vicious dogs. After a brief discussion the commissioners asked County Attorney Raymond Loomis to research the law regarding vicious dogs and advise them about their options for banning the dogs from county property. They also asked for Loomis' input on enforcement. Among the county property in question are the Civic Center, the softball and baseball parks, county park, golf course and the courthouse square.

Among those present for Monday's meeting were commissioners Johnny Mayo, Matt Brown and Kirk Griffin.

Commissioner Bill Clark was absent. Also on hand were road superintendent Clay

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## Judge okays home ownership for ex-FLDS members

### Ruling could dismantle UEP

Utah District Judge Denise P. Lindberg ruled Monday that residents of the border towns of Hildale, UT and Colorado City, AZ may be able to purchase the homes that many of them have lived in for decades.

The reforms come just over a year after Lindberg ordered that the leaders of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints be removed as trustees of the United Effort Plan Trust, the financial arm of the polygamous Mormon sect that controls most of the property in the twin cities. Most estimates of the UEP's current value place it well in excess of \$100 million.

The FLDS Church is led by fugitive prophet Warren Jeffs, a man who is wanted in both Utah and Arizona and whose name was recently added to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List. Jeffs and his lieutenants allegedly used their dominion over the UEP Trust to bully former church members who Jeffs considered to no longer be worthy of membership in his church. Many times the errant followers, most of whom were men, were kicked out of the church with little if any forewarning. In many cases the men's multiple wives would be reassigned to other men along with their children. The men were then evicted from their homes, which were owned by the UEP Trust.

It was just such abuses that led Judge Lindberg last year to appoint Salt Lake City accountant Bruce Wisan to act as Special Fiduciary of the trust and to take over its day-to-day operations.

Wisan's attorneys prepared a proposed restructuring plan that will, for the first time, allow current and former church members the opportunity to own their homes inside C-City/Hildale. It was that restructuring plan that Judge Lindberg enacted on Monday.

While the details still remain to be worked out, the overall result of Wisan's reforms call for a court-appointed board of trustees and the establishment of multiple options for home ownership. Among those options is the outright granting of deeds to the formation of family trusts or "sub-unit trusts" that grant ownership to a family, but limit what the family can do with the property.

Wisan's attorney Jeff Shields stated Monday there is a concern that those in C-City/Hildale who are still loyal to Jeffs would simply take ownership of their home, then turn it back over to Jeffs.

Judge Lindberg expressed concern that those who remain loyal to Jeffs and faithful members of the FLDS church were not involved in the efforts to reform the UEP Trust. She then directed that minor changes be made to the restructuring plan before she will sign it.

Wisan notes that his office has had numerous inquiries from disenfranchised FLDS members who were forced from their homes.

The dismantling of the UEP Trust is only the latest domino to fall in the ongoing saga of Warren Jeffs and his FLDS church. State and federal authorities continue to ratchet up the pressure on Jeffs who hasn't been seen publicly for nearly two years. While some FLDS observers believe he is holed up here in Schleicher County, Texas at the YFZ Ranch, others doubt he would be hiding in such an obvious spot.

Jeffs followers purchased property near Eldorado in late 2003. At that time they told local residents that the 1,691 acre ranch was intended as a corporate hunting retreat. But that story proved to be a lie and soon the sprawling YFZ Ranch, became home to dozens, if not hundreds of FLDS construction crews. Now a massive white limestone temple and dozens of huge residential buildings stand in what has become the second town in Schleicher County.

### FBI targets another fundamentalist Mormon

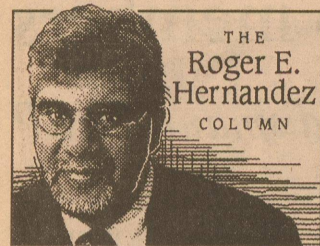
Just three months after Warren Jeffs was named to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List, yet another fundamentalist Mormon has attracted the agency's attention. Jacqueline Tarsa LeBaron, a member of the infamous LeBaron clan, was named this month to the FBI Most Wanted List

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# Raul Castro Is No Fidel

A television station had just broken the news that Fidel Castro was in surgery and had temporarily given up power to his brother Raul. There's no doubt this is serious. Fidel Castro is not one to relinquish power lightly, even for a few minutes. He refused general anesthesia when he had a knee operation after his fall two years ago, the better to stay awake so he could tell his surgeons how to do a better job.

Fidel, you see, knows more about everything than anyone, from how to operate on a knee to how to interpret metaphorical allegory in modernista poetry of the late 19th century.



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In particular, he knows more than anyone about how to use charisma and sheer force of will to crush democracy for nearly half a century while earning the adulation of sycophants from Nikita Khrushchev to Naomi Campbell. No one is more of an expert than Fidel Castro in bending an entire nation to his personal whim.

Certainly not his little brother. And that is important, because whatever is actually happening in Havana, you can be sure there has been a giant leap forward toward the moment when Fidel is either dead or too sick to govern -- which means one day closer to the day Raul (barring an unexpected deterioration in the health of his own 75-year-old body) becomes the permanent leader of Cuba.

Will anything change then? In the first years after the revolution, the younger Castro had the reputation of being the more orthodox, by-the-book communist as well as the Bad Cop who directly managed repression -- the political prisons, the firing squads -- on the orders of Fidel. He executed his brother's commands, so to speak.

Lately, defecting military officers have been saying that while Raul has remained the hands-on guy in charge of day-to-day operations, he has become more pragmatic, at least as far as economic policy. There has been talk of his wanting to move Cuba toward China's model of Market-Leninism -- a one-party dictatorship that reaps riches from a relatively freer economy.

Some Cuba experts say that even if Raul wants that, he can't go there. Raul has in nearly 50 years given no sign that he has his brother's forceful character, the one element Fidel used to personally rise above every law with no check on his unlimited power.

"Raul is not Fidel," says Remberto Perez of the Cuban American National Foundation. "Even if he wants, he won't be able to continue the dictatorship of Fidel Castro."

The question is when events will begin to spin out of Raul's control. Outsiders can help by supporting dissidents and -- particularly difficult for older, hard-line exiles -- staying in contact with figures in the Castro government whose hands are clean of blood and who somewhere in their consciousness realize that a system in which individuals are not allowed to criticize the government or even open a little corner bodega is unfit for modern life.

It won't be the immediate transformation so many Cubans of my dad's generation have lived for all these years. But as soon as Raul Castro takes permanent power, the transformation begins, whether he likes it or not.

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# Stress...what stress?

I have an idea for a T-shirt that I think would be popular, at least among newspaper editors. It would feature a picture of an old-time TV doctor like Dr. Kildare or Ben Casey with the caption, "The good news is you don't have stress. What you suffer from is chronic deadlines."

Or how about one with Spock from Star Trek... "Captain, your stress is an illogical response to a situation that neither of us can change."

I know I could come up with a couple of dozen more, if I only had time. There's that deadline thing again.

Actually, I don't recall anyone suffering from stress until a few years ago. Maybe that's because life used to be simpler, and was lived at a much slower pace. Once upon a time, a person could hang a 'Gone Fishing' sign on the door, grab a cane pole, a can of worms and head for a creek bank. Not so anymore.

Now we have instant everything and we're connected to the world 24-7 with cell phones, satellite TVs and PDAs. There's even OnStar the global tracking system that comes installed on lots of new cars. That way you can never get lost. Neither can you hide from your stress.

Here's another T-shirt idea. Deputy Barney Fife's picture with the caption, "No, I don't have



OVER THE  
BACK FENCE  
by Randy Mankin

stress, but the Doc Bradley says I'm a carrier."

Or how about a picture of frazzled Roseanne Barr with the caption, "Some days I'm just a waste of good makeup."

These days people have anxiety attacks. That sounds sort of tame compared to a good old-fashioned nervous breakdown. And, as I type this, with the clock ticking ever nearer the deadline, I must admit that a wee bit of anxiety is setting in.

Here's another T-shirt idea... a cartoon of harried newspaper editor with the caption, "Stress is when I wake up screaming at my desk."

Tick...tick...tick.

People can find all kinds of things to blame for their stress. There's the neighbor's barking dog, the kids down the street with their boom boxes, the red light that won't change fast enough and the slow poke who's out for leisurely drive just as you're trying to get to work. One of my pet peeves is the parent

who decides to spell their kid's names in such a way as to make it impossible for anyone to get it right. Then they complain long and loud when it shows up in print.

Instead of smiling and saying, "Okay, we'll reprint it," I want to toss pitch them a quarter and shout, "Buy a vowel!"

I have a friend who says that stress is inherited...you get it from your kids.

That may be so, but I keep looking at that clock and there's not an unruly kid, nor a boom box, nor a red light, nor a Sunday driver in sight. Just tick...tick...tick.

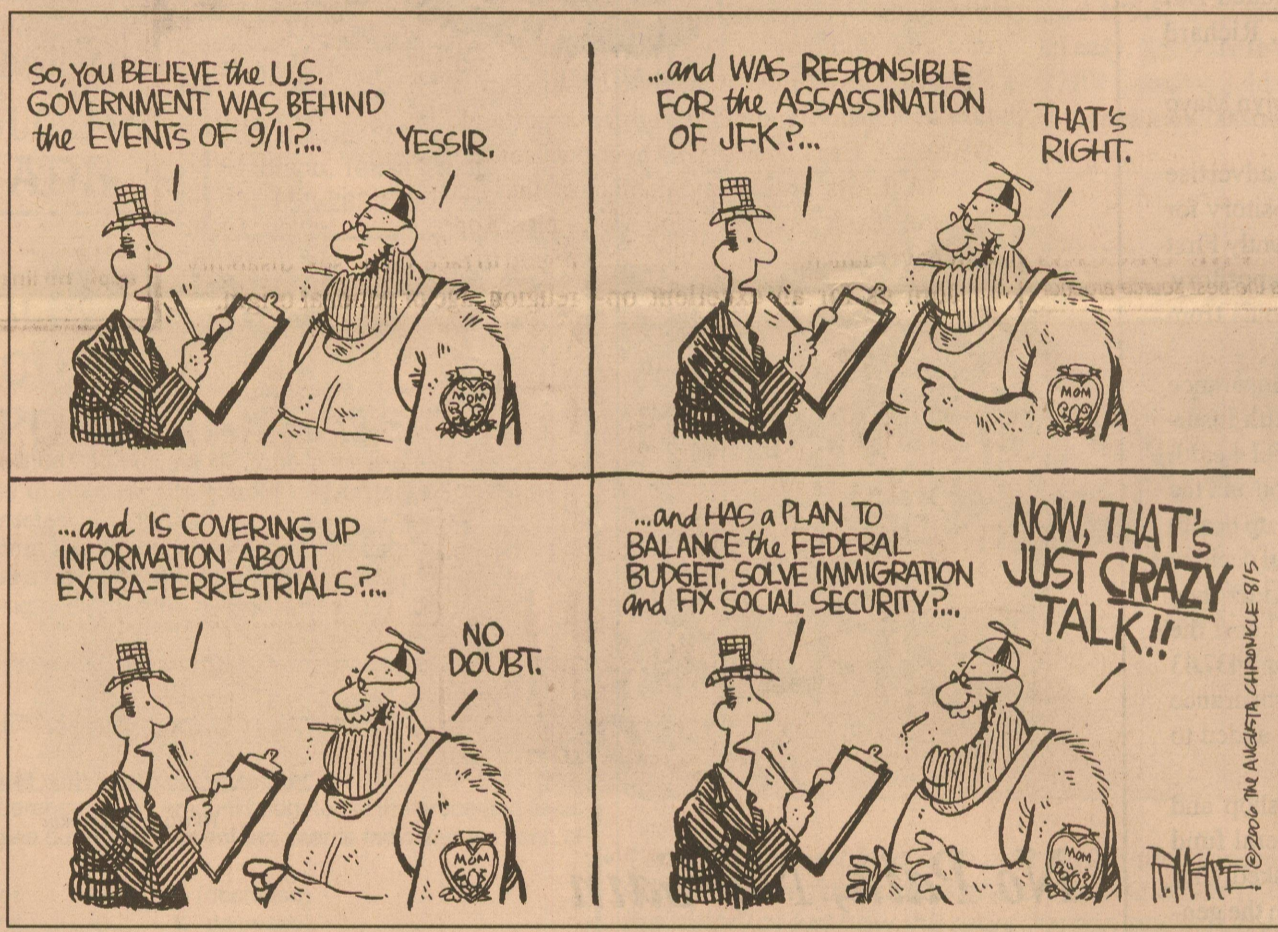
That brings to mind another T-shirt. A cartoon of a bedraggled shopkeeper...a clock shop keeper, coming to work with a newspaper folded under his arm. The headline reads, "Daylight Saving Time, set clocks forward today."

Okay, that one probably needs some work. And, if the shopkeeper had started a day or two earlier he could have probably saved himself a lot of stress.

Which brings the story around full circle. Maybe, just maybe, if I would try to write these things a little earlier in the week I wouldn't be sitting here with a caffeine buzz and a truckload of self-inflicted stress.

But then again, where's the fun in that?

Tick...tick...tick.



# The similarities between travel and travail

You need to have all the levity you can when you travel. My two sons were spending some quality time in Las Vegas recently and when they went to a restaurant for dinner, the hostess approached their table and said, "Enjoy, your waiter will be right with you." Kevin, my oldest, looked at his brother BZ and said, "Hmmm, 'Enjoy' is a funny name for a waiter. BZ replied, "I thought 'Right With You' was a funny name. They laughed for ten minutes. I do have clever sons.

A professor friend of mine used to joke about the word travel coming from the word travail. I laughed when he said it, but I've found out it makes sense.

There are so many things that can go wrong. Perhaps the most anxiety comes on the way to the airport at the start of the journey. You hope the plane is on time. You hope you can make your connecting flights. You hope your carry on luggage will fit in the overhead bin. (I heard the other day there are two types of luggage: lost and carry-on.) We always carry-on. Once I had a bag lost coming back from South Africa. Instead of go-



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ing to Midland, Texas it went to London, England. That big store somewhere up north that sells items from lost luggage indicates a lot of people don't re-connect with their luggage.

Another worry is your reservation at a hotel. Once we had made reservations online for a room in San Francisco and when we got to the hotel, there was no record of our reservation. On the other hand, I phoned a motel in Crockett the other day and tried to reserve a room for two nights. They told me they had no rooms. I contacted the same motel on the Internet and got a room for two nights.

On a trip, you hope you have the right clothes. You hope all the activities you've planned work out OK. Travelers have plenty to worry about.

I did some research on the word travel and discovered that

Frommer's travel guide says travel comes from the French word travail, meaning hardship. I did some further research and found that Frommer (whose book, Europe on \$5 a Day got me all over Europe when I was a soldier) was pretty close. Random House says the modern French meaning of travail is 'work' and goes on to say that way back in the 13th century, when English borrowed the word from French, it could mean either 'work' or 'torture'.

Travel goes all the way back to Vulgar Latin trepaliare meaning a three-pointed stake. By the end of the 12th century, the Old French word travailler also referred to childbirth. In the 13th century, English borrowed the word, giving us the Middle English form travaillen, meaning 'toil' or 'trouble'. Early in the 14th century the meaning shifted to the modern sense 'to travel'. The semantic connection was clear to medieval travelers who sometimes walked to their destination and slept on the ground. Travel for them was a lot of work, although different from being tormented with a three-staked torture device.

# Wait for debate a bit late: gubernatorial slugfest well under way

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN -- Candidates for governor agreed to meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 in Dallas for an hour-long, televised debate.

As if they were the only ones in the race, incumbent Gov. Rick Perry and outgoing Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn continued their almost-daily Punch and Judy show.

But other high-profile contenders skipped waiting for the cruelest month to roll around before laying into Strayhorn in particular about matters such as ethics and campaign finance.

Kinky Friedman's campaign drew a bead on state comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's campaign in particular.

Friedman's campaign asked Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle to investigate Strayhorn after the Rick Perry and Strayhorn camps accused each other of using state government employees to do campaign-related work.

Friedman campaign director Dean Barkley said, "We urge the district attorney's office to investigate her actions and determine whether the Comptroller violated Texas law."

The Chris Bell campaign also took aim at Strayhorn, using campaign finance records filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

According to her campaign literature, Strayhorn has vowed to end "secret, foreign toll roads," although Zachry Construction is a partner with the Spanish firm CINTRA in the multi-billion dollar Trans-Texas Corridor toll road project.

The Bell campaign cited Strayhorn's stand and suggested she return \$29,500 donated to her campaign by members of the Zachry family of San Antonio.

## Quest for ballot change rebuffed

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia put a stop further appeal by the Republican Party of Texas to remove Tom DeLay's name from the November ballot.

The Texas Democratic Party sued to keep DeLay on the ballot and won in an Austin federal district court and at the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

DeLay, former representative of Congressional District 22, said he plans to keep trying to get his name taken off the ballot.

Meanwhile, the mayor of Sugar Land, a Republican, has declared himself a write-in candidate for DeLay's old seat.

The Democratic party's choice for the seat vacated by DeLay June 9 is former U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson.

Why should voters outside of CD-22 give a hoot about who wins? To some, the result may be interpreted as an affirmation or erosion of the GOP because of DeLay's national profile and the district's status as a Republican stronghold.

DeLay's daughter Dani Ferro sent out a statement from her father, saying he would "take the actions necessary to remove [his] name from the Texas ballot." Signaling more to come, DeLay encouraged Texas Republicans "to take any and all actions necessary to give Texas voters an up or down choice this fall between two major-party candidates."

## Utility rate discount on horizon

Gov. Perry told the Public Utilities Commission to put the restoration of a program that helps low-income Texans

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September 15	Juntion	7:30 Here
September 22	Harper	7:30 There
September 29	Christoval*	7:30 Here
October 6	Bronte*	7:30 There
October 13	Sterling City*	7:30 Here
October 20	Menard *	7:30 Here
October 27	Irion County*	7:30 There
November 3	Forsan**	7:30 Here
November 10	Miles*	7:30 There

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September 21	Harper	6:30 pm Here
September 28	Christoval	6:30 pm There
October 5	Bronte	6:30 pm Here
October 12	Sterling City	6:30 pm There
October 19	Menard	6:30 pm There
October 26	Irion County	6:30 pm Here
November 2	Forsan	6:30 pm There
November 9	Miles	6:30 pm Here

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Kathy Mankin (center) of Eldorado received the 4H Silver Clover Award last Thursday evening during the District 7 recognition banquet held at Zentner's Steak House in San Angelo. Here she poses with Buff Whitten (L) and Eddie Albin (R) representing Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, one of the banquet sponsors.

## Kathy Mankin receives 4H Silver Clover award

by Corey Stevens  
County Agent - AG/NR

Last Thursday night August 10, 4H volunteers were honored from all over West Texas at the 2006 Silver Clover Recognition Banquet. The banquet was held at Zentner's Steak House in San Angelo. The meal was provided by the Electric Cooperatives in the area, with Southwest Texas Electric Coop. being a major contributor. Eddie Albin and Buff Whitten were in

attendance representing Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative.

Schleicher County honored Kathy Mankin. Kathy has spent countless hours over the years covering 4H activities. Kathy is always willing to print anything we send her in the paper. Over the years she has taken hundreds of pictures of 4Hers at different events. We really appreciate all that Kathy has done for Schleicher County 4H.

## Sheep and Goat Validation

by Corey Stevens  
County Agent - AG/NR

Please contact the extension office at 853-2132 with any sheep and goat validation tag orders. I must turn them in by August 21st.

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- Mineral Management Basics/Accounting and Production Verification.

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## DAVID VAN OS to visit Eldorado

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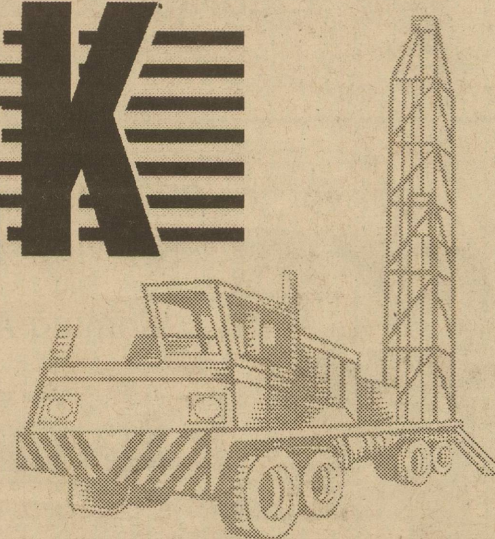
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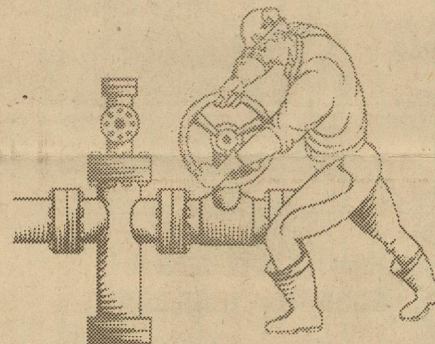
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### Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, August 21**  
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Roast Beef Sandwich, Baked French Fries, Lettuce Leaf, Tomato Slices, Pea Salad, Peach Halves, Milk
- Wednesday, August 23**  
Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Buttered Peas, Spinach, Cornbread, Sunshine Fruit Cup, Milk
- Thursday, August 24**  
Chicken Fajita Salad, Cheese, Tomato Wedges & Lettuce, Macaroni Salad, Crackers, Cherry Perfection, Pumpkin Pie, Milk
- Friday, August 25**  
Hamburger on a Bun, Whole Baby Carrots, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Bun, Seafoam Salad, Fresh Grapes, Milk

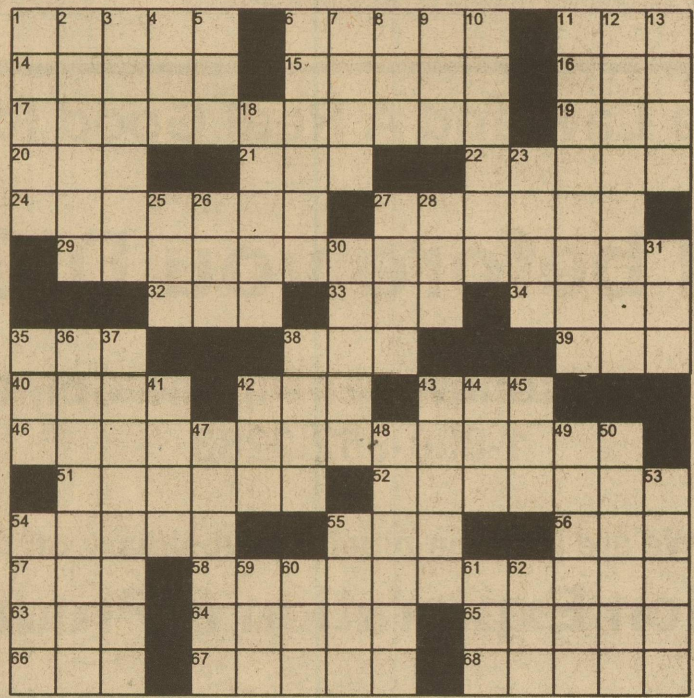
## Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- "Rise and \_\_\_"
  - Dinner-table faux pas
  - Winery vessel
  - Wicker worker
  - Last Oldsmobile ever made
  - Santa \_\_, Calif.
  - A fire drill prepares for it
  - Prefix with dent or angle
  - Luau fare
  - Bullring cry
  - Middle Ages invader
  - Spanish painter born in Crete
  - Become disillusioned with
  - Inflate profits, perhaps
  - Dunderhead
  - Brick carrier
  - "In-the-headlights" critter
  - Docs' org.
  - Morning drops
  - Orthodontist's deg.
  - Auctioneer's cry
  - Musical talent
  - Roadie's load

- Controversial U.S.
- WWII-era relocation center
- A hairline may do it
- Plains Indian
- Element with the symbol B
- "How \_\_\_ doing?"
- Chaney, Sr. or Jr.
- St. crosser
- Sip very slowly
- Store-bought hair
- Cyberspace
- memoranda
- "Aw shucks!"
- China's \_\_\_tse
- Lion-colored
- "Peter Pan" heroine
- Rifleman's aim improver
- Politico Stassen
- Rainbow color
- Born, in bios
- Boot one
- Waco university
- Gen. Robert \_\_\_
- Superman foe \_\_\_ Luthor
- Demier \_\_\_ (latest fashion)
- Spa soaker
- Sporting body art
- Not among the top contenders
- Hair removal brand
- Crazy sorts
- Yankee slugger, in headlines
- "His Master's

- DOWN**
- Erte's art
  - Pull the plug on
  - Skylit courtyards
  - Pop record label
  - Mushy food
  - Milk curdler
  - To be specific
  - Speak evil of
  - Called up
  - Not flat or sharp
  - Cry out loud
  - Z \_\_\_ "zebra"
  - Thuman of "The Avengers"
  - Like sashimi
  - The \_\_\_ (Wall Street index)
  - Baseball scoreboard letters

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**Eldorado SWCD to hold meeting on Environmental Quality Incentives Program**

The Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District will hold a Program Development Group Meeting, concerning the 2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program, on Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the Civic Center in Eldorado. A Local Work Group meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

This purpose of the meeting is to get input from farmers, ranchers and other conservation minded individuals and agencies concerning natural resource priorities within Schleicher County. The group will also provide input on how they would like to see federal cost-share dollars spent within the County. Cost-share practices as well as cost-share rates will also be discussed.

This Program Development Group will provide information to the Local Conservation Work Group for consideration. The Local Work Group consists of the Soil and Water Conservation District Directors, FSA County Committeemen, County Extension Agent, Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The input provided to the Local Work Group is valuable in determining the type of conservation program to be carried out in 2007.

This past year, over 24 cost-share contracts were approved for approximately \$377,000. Almost all high priority applications were approved for funding in Schleicher County. The last 3 years, brush management, in particular pricklypear control, was designated as the high priority practice within the County. Last year, control of pricklypear, mesquite and juniper control was designated high priority. It will be up to the work groups to determine which resource concern(s) they would like to address and which practices to use to address those concerns. All farmers, ranchers and other agriculture, wildlife related entities are encourage to attend. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

The District would like to see a good turnout in order to better assist the Natural Resources Conservation develop the 2007 EQIP program around priority County concerns.

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**FBI targets yet another Mormon fundamentalist**

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for August.

Jacqueline LeBaron is the daughter of Ervil LeBaron, the man who led the polygamous Mormon sect known as the Church of the Lamb of God. In 1977 Ervil LeBaron was accused and convicted of ordering the death Rulon Allred, the leader of a rival sect known as the Apostolic Brethren. He died in prison of a heart attack in 1981.

Shortly after Ervil LeBaron's death, word circulated that he had prepared a "hit list." Eventually, a series of murders and suspicious deaths would involve as many as 30 of Ervil LeBaron's followers. Jacqueline LeBaron is accused of plotting four of the killings.

On June 27, 1988, four killings were carried out simultaneously in Houston and Irving, Texas. Five members of the LeBaron clan were eventually arrested and charged with a long list of crimes related

to the killings. Only Jacqueline LeBaron avoided capture. All five of here alleged accomplices were convicted.

Jacqueline LeBaron's trail went cold and the case lay dormant for years. Recently however, federal authorities say they received new information and LeBaron's case springboarded to the top of the Most Wanted List.

At the time of her disappearance Jacqueline LeBaron was reported to be 5-foot-11 and 135 lbs with brown hair and green eyes. She is known to wear disguises and has as many as 15 aliases. She should be considered armed and dangerous.

While there is no known connection between Jacqueline LeBaron and Warren Jeffs. Many current and former members of the FLDS church have close relatives and associates within the LeBaron colony in Mexico.

**Capital Highlights...**

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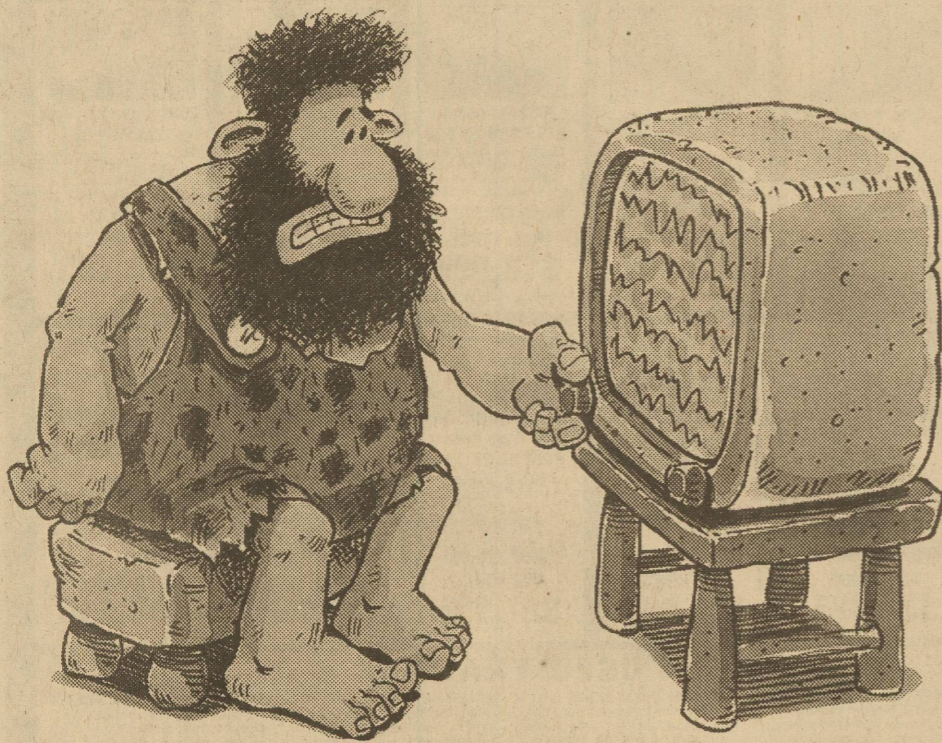
the state for costs in renovating his luxury flat in the state Capitol, according to his aides.

Private donations will make up the more than \$50,000 in state money that went into the project.

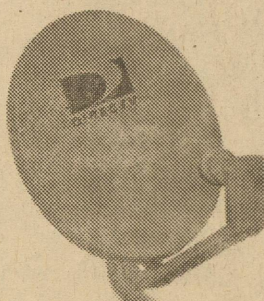
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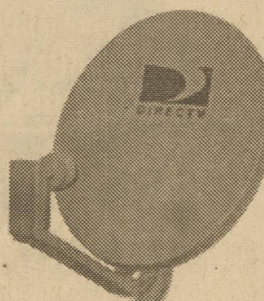


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# Eyeballing wayward Stonehenges & Alamo

by Mark K. Campbell

Some places visited in 2006 got edited out – unfairly, really – from Summer Series stories.

So, here are four places that made an impression and deserve a bit of ink.

(And two more were omitted here: the Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo and Buescher State Park. The latter was completely abandoned – of humans and park workers – one hot summer's day. The drive between Buescher and Bastrop State Park on Park Road 1C – through the "Lost Pines" – is terrific for cars or bikes and is filled with wildlife.)

But here are four worthy of noting.

## Devil's Sinkhole SNA

Before motoring here, we tried to stop at Kickapoo Cavern State Park; then we could view two bat flights consecutively.

But, Kickapoo was locked up tight; we didn't get in.

Fortunately, we arrived at downtown Rocksprings just in time to board the Bat Bus. For \$12 a head, you get toted out to the Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area for a major bat flight.

Along the way, volunteers tell you the tale of how Rocksprings was once devastated by a tornado, with church bells blown into the desert.

You must take the bus to the Sinkhole; the access point from the highway is unmarked and moseys through private property before reaching state land.

Along the way, curious exotic animals bound about. Another volunteer-offered fact: Local ranchers are abandoning their generations-old practice of ranching and instead raising exotics for hunters to shoot.

The Sinkhole recently received a chunk of money when a Toyota commercial was filmed there. The cash was used to build a platform that extends over the hole.

And it's deep: After a 140-foot vertical drop – watch a white basketball disappear when lowered down – the main cavern is circular and as deep as 400 feet.

That's where millions of bats, mostly Brazilian free-tails, live. And they begin pouring out – sometimes near dark, but we enjoyed the good fortune of an early exit – winging southeast to go feast on tons of bugs nightly.

It can smell a little funky – winging whips up guano odors – but the platform offers a great spot for up-close viewing.

You can sit on nearby benches away from the main flight if you are leery of a bat flying into your hair – which we were told almost never happens. Right then one ricocheted off a lady's head.

Most spiral out, flying one direction, southeast; those that exit the opposite way are a different species.

## Big Thicket

Hurricane Rita ravaged more than just coastal areas.

Much of the Big Thicket – a gigantic, protected preserve where three major ecosystems converge: eastern hardwood forests, Gulf coastal plains, and midwest prairies – got drilled by Rita.

Thousands of trees were uprooted and they've been left where they fell for the most part. A very steamy hike along the 1.7 miles of the Kirby Nature Trail System was educational.

Trees were ripped up literally by the roots, toppled over and taking smaller growths with them.

The massive root systems were mostly untouched. The only trees cut were to clear the trail.

Once, a shady tree canopy sheltered Kirby walkers. Today, the sun burns through gaping open holes, making the hike a hot one.

We spied small frogs and spiders galore. Birds flitted around and turtles floated in the primordial waters – all streams and standing waters were grody – next to ancient bald cypresses.

Sane people wanting to stay in air-conditioned vehicles can take air tours of the preserve. And canoers know the Big Thicket offers exceptional opportunities.

The Preserve Visitors Center withstood Rita's attack. In fact, it was used as a command post for many days.

The Big Thicket is monstrous, cut up into nine land areas and six waterways; the first national park preserve ever created (in 1974); it covers over 97,000 acres.

## Alamo Village

Way out in the middle of nowhere – almost to Mexico and off the "green" (vegetative) Hill Country portion of the Texas map – is the town of Brackettville.

And, unless you haven't been paying attention (which is impossible since the signs are every 10 feet on every roadway down there), you know you're near Alamo Village.

We were ready to ridicule this wayward outpost, but it ended up being surprisingly fun.

You pay \$9.75 a head and drive a couple of miles along the dirt road of a working ranch.

You see the fake Alamo first but drive past 300 yards past it to the Village.

The entire town is a movie

set and plenty of films have been made there, the most famous being Bandolero! and, of course, John Wayne's Alamo in 1959.

Old West characters sing songs and tell tales and spout cowboy poetry in a saloon – where you can buy something to drink and eat but there's no air-conditioning – then there's a comic shootout staged on main street.

A couple of kids were among the 20 of us there on the scorching day. I wondered if the 10-year-old boys would think this cowboy stuff was dumb. But they were enthralled, clapping and laughing and reveling in the bona fide "Texas" experience.

I walked down the dusty frontier dirt street – okay, toward the bathrooms that were all the way at the end of the Village – and, under the broiling sun, a super hot wind gusted from Mexico. You could

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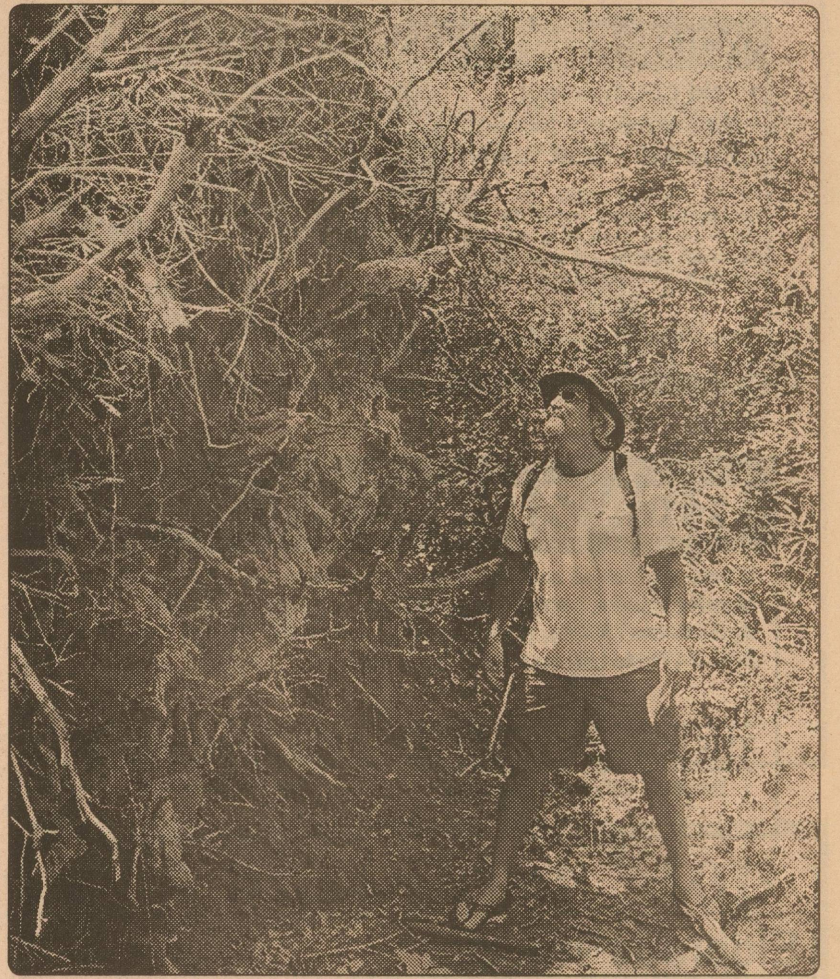
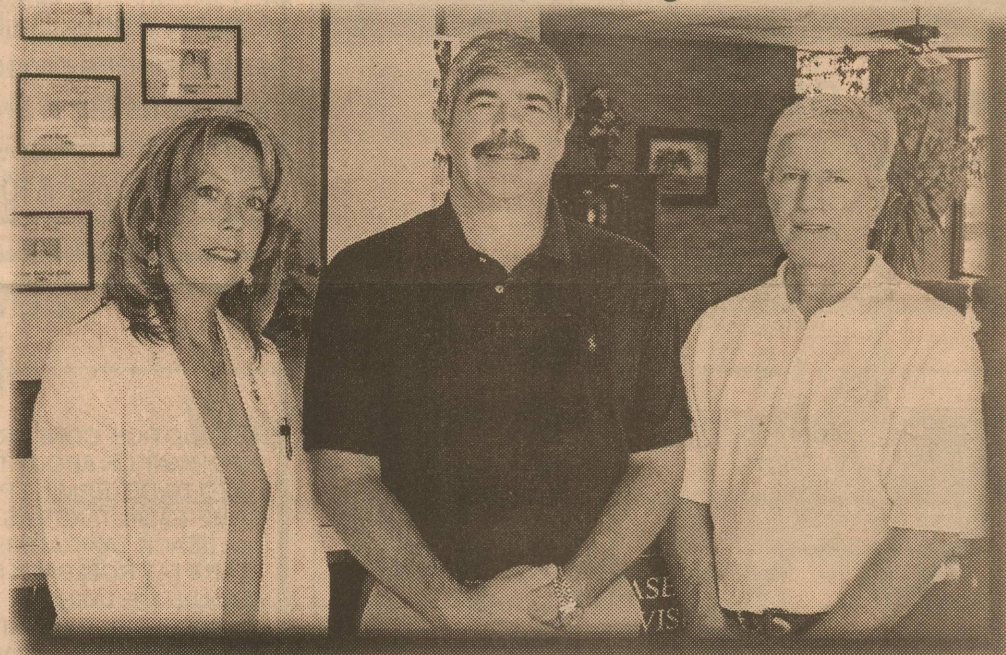


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This is just one of thousands of uprooted trees in the Big Thicket, victims of Hurricane Rita.

## Family Health Core

Remember if you need our services we are here for you:



Schleicher County Family Clinic  
Monday – Friday 8a-12n/1p-5p  
Rebecca Sullivan, MSN, RN, FNP  
Patrick Johnson, MD and W. Gordy Day, MD

400 West Murchison ~ Eldorado, Texas 76936  
Hospital 325.853.2507 ~ Family Clinic 325.853.3137



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The bats – most of them Brazilian free-tails – come zipping out of the Devil's Sinkhole just before dark, searching for bugs. Bats eat tons of them as they wing always southeast, feasting until near dawn.

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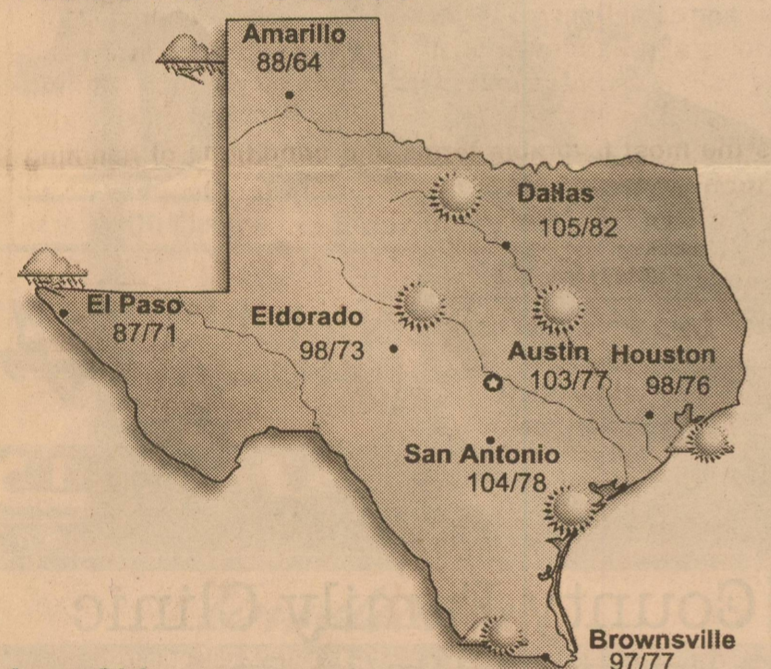
**Eldorado Weather**

**Local 5-Day Forecast**

Fri 8/18	Sat 8/19	Sun 8/20	Mon 8/21	Tue 8/22
<b>98/73</b>	<b>98/72</b>	<b>90/69</b>	<b>89/69</b>	<b>91/69</b>
Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM

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**Texas At A Glance**



**Area Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	100	76	sunny	Kingsville	99	76	mst sunny
Amarillo	88	64	t-storm	Livingston	99	72	sunny
Austin	103	77	sunny	Longview	100	75	sunny
Beaumont	95	75	sunny	Lubbock	92	68	t-storm
Brownsville	97	77	mst sunny	Lufkin	100	73	mst sunny
Brownwood	105	77	sunny	Midland	95	72	t-storm
Corpus Christi	97	79	mst sunny	Raymondville	99	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	104	77	sunny	Rosenberg	98	75	mst sunny
Dallas	105	82	sunny	San Antonio	104	78	sunny
Del Rio	101	79	sunny	San Marcos	104	77	sunny
El Paso	87	71	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	102	78	sunny
Fort Stockton	95	72	t-storm	Sweetwater	98	72	mst sunny
Gainesville	104	79	sunny	Tyler	101	74	sunny
Greenville	103	77	sunny	Weatherford	104	78	sunny
Houston	98	76	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	106	79	sunny

**National Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	71	pt sunny	Minneapolis	74	68	t-storm
Boston	77	64	sunny	New York	84	70	sunny
Chicago	83	68	pt sunny	Phoenix	104	83	mst sunny
Dallas	105	82	sunny	San Francisco	71	56	mst sunny
Denver	88	63	t-storm	Seattle	79	59	mst sunny
Houston	98	76	mst sunny	St. Louis	91	72	pt sunny
Los Angeles	79	63	mst sunny	Washington, DC	89	71	mst sunny
Miami	88	81	t-storm				

**Moon Phases**



**UV Index**

Fri 8/18	Sat 8/19	Sun 8/20	Mon 8/21	Tue 8/22
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection.

**SCISD trustees meet, propose \$1.37 tax rate**

The SCISD set a proposed tax rate Monday night of \$1.37 per \$100 valuation. That's down from \$1.50 last year and is thanks in part to House Bill 1 which trades state dollars 2 for 1 for local tax revenue and is seen as a way of leveling the playing field between property rich schools and the remainder of the district's in the state.

The trustees are slated to meet August 28, 2006 to officially adopt a budget and set a tax rate.

Among other business Finance Director Ray Ballew reviewed the school's financial reports, which were approved by the board. The trustees also approved the 2006 tax roll which came in at \$307,660,854. That represents an increase of \$50 million over last year and is primarily due to increased oil and gas values. Some of the increase, however, is attributable to the massive construction projects at the YFZ Ranch.

The trustees next approved a 3-year purchase plan for Worker's Compensation from Claims Administrative Services, Inc. at a cost of \$9,356 the first year.

They then approved the recommended food vendors and contracted with Schleicher County for use of an electronic voting

machine for \$300.00 a year. State and Federal travel reimbursement schedules of 44.5 cents for mile were adopted for use of private vehicles and 12.5 cents for use of school vehicles.

Two families who moved away asked that their children be allowed to continue school here without the having to pay the customary transfer fee. The board agreed to the request. Also, a At the request of Superintendent Billy Collins, the trustees voted to designate \$400,000 of the school's fund balance for capital improvements.

The trustees then voted to accept the gracious donation of a Kawasaki Mule ATV and trailer from David Creek. Funds to build a shed to house the ATV and trailer were included in the donation.

The board took a break for dinner before moving on to a budget planning session.

Trustees present for the meeting included Jo Helen Kotsch, Berta Nicholson, Kurtis Homer, Leanne Higgins, Jan Wanoreck, Robert Jay and Lupe Sanchez.

Principals Bob Wanoreck, Kara Garlitz and Maela Edmonson were also present as was maintenance supervisor John Kotsch and finance director Ray Ballew.

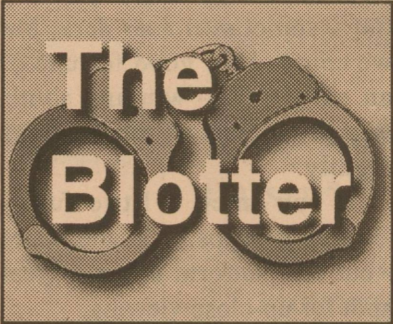
**County Commissioners...**

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Burleson, County Attorney Raymond Loomis and Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle. County Clerk Peggy Williams was present at the beginning of the meeting to present her agenda items.

The commissioners ended the business portion of their meeting before lunch but returned to

send the afternoon going over the proposed 2007 budget as all department heads submitted their proposed budgets. The commissioners are considering budget items which include air conditioning for Sheriff Department and Memorial Building, salaries, paving, and new vehicle requests for the Sheriff Department and Road Department.



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**

**August 9** • Halfmann, Clayton Robert, male 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI.

• Harvell, Carrie Crumb, female age 49, arresting officer SC deputy, offense FTA-DWLI. Released on \$2,000 PR Bond.

**August 10** • Martinez, Jose Daniel, male age 20, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLS. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

**August 11** • Estep, Denisa Marie, female age 24, arresting officer SC deputy, Serving 3 days.

**August 12** • McClinton, Lilia, female age 25, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Warrant.

**August 13** • Valdez, Hector, male age 32, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Assault / DWLI Enhanced.

**INCIDENTS**

**August 8** • 5:02 p.m. Subject requested to speak with officer. Officer responded.

• 7:12 p.m. Subject requested criminal trespass to be dropped. Officer notified.

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District will hold a budget hearing at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2006 at the Schleicher County Annex Building, 210 S. Main St., Eldorado, TX to consider a proposed FY 07 budget. The Board will also consider a proposed tax rate for tax year 2006-2007. The proposed tax rate is the effective rate of \$0.03458 per \$100 of value.

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**2006 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN CITY OF ELDORADO**

THIS NOTICE CONCERNS 2006 PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE CITY OF ELDORADO. IT PRESENTS INFORMATION ABOUT THREE TAX RATES. LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE IS THE ACTUAL RATE THE TAXING UNIT USED TO DETERMINE PROPERTY TAXES LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE RATE WOULD IMPOSE THE SAME TOTAL TAXES AS LAST YEAR IF YOU COMPARE PROPERTIES TAXED IN BOTH YEARS. THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE IS THE HIGHEST TAX RATE THE TAXING UNIT CAN SET BEFORE TAXPAYER'S CAN START TAX ROLLBACK PROCEDURES. IN EACH CASE THESE RATES ARE FOUND BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES BY THE TAX BASE (THE TOTAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY) WITH ADJUSTMENTS AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, THE RATES ARE GIVEN PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE.

Category	Amount
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S OPERATING TAX	\$129,129.00
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$ 78,950.00
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$208,080.00
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$24,442,662.00
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	<b>\$0.85130/\$100</b>
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY)	\$173,736.00
+ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE (AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY)	\$21,724,650
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	<b>\$0.79970/\$100</b>
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED OPERATING TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY AND ADJUSTING FOR TRANSFERRED FUNCTION, TAX INCREMENT FINANCING, STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE, AND /OR ENHANCED INDIGENT HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES)	\$ 107,817.00
+ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$21,724,650.00
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE OPERATING RATE	\$0.49620/\$100
X 1.08 = THIS YEAR'S MAXIMUM OPERATING RATE	\$0.53580/\$100
+ THIS YEAR'S DEBT RATE	\$0.36490/\$100
= THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE	<b>\$0.90070/\$100</b>

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**

If the City of Eldorado adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.7997 per \$100 of value, the total levy for the City of Eldorado would decrease compared to the 2005 taxes by \$415.00.

**Schedule A**

**Unencumbered Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$ 6,116.00
Interest & Sinking Fund	-0-

**Schedule B**

**2006 Debt Service**

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$49,155.00	\$27,581.00	\$-0-	\$ 76,736.00
<b>Total required for 2006 debt service</b>			<b>\$76,736.00</b>	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$-0-	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$-0-	
- Excess collections last year			\$-0-	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2006			<b>\$76,736.00</b>	
<b>Amount added in anticipation that the unit will</b>				
+ collect only 96% of its taxes in 2006			\$ 3,198.00	
= Total Debt Levy			<b>\$77,449.22</b>	

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at The Schleicher County Appraisal District or The City Hall. Name of person preparing this notice Scott Sutton, Title Chief Appraiser. Date prepared 8-15-06.

• 9:12 p.m. Complainant reported a male subject stealing items from their neighbors property. Officer responded.

• 9:17 p.m. Complainant reported criminal mischief. Officer responded.

**August 9** • 8:50 p.m. Caller reported a black male possibly carrying drugs, traveling in a black Mercury Mystique with paint transfer from a collision on the front end of the vehicle. Officer and Quanah SO were notified.

• 8:54 p.m. Complainant reported a skunk in his yard. Officer and the City were notified.

**August 10** • 6:02 p.m. Complainant advised a blue freight liner car hauler was traveling through Christoval toward Schleicher County with the ramp down so that it was dragging on the asphalt. Officer responded.

• 6:52 p.m. Complainant reported male subject entering into construction yard where equipment is stored after business hours multiple times.

• 10:04 p.m. Officer reported oil spill. TXDOT was notified.

**August 11** • 5:46 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a subject with a broken arm. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 8:07 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.

**August 12** • 5:01 p.m. Mertzson County advised a fire on Poor Boy Lane off of 915.

• 5:15 p.m. Complainant reported a fire on CR. 316. Officer and EVFD responded.

• 11:32 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

**August 13** • 2:33 p.m. Complainant reported a possible accident about 24 miles south of San Angelo on 277 south. Officer responded.

• 6:02 p.m. Caller reported a loose goat behind above location. Officer was dispatched.

• 7:27 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer dispatched.

**August 14** • 12:20 p.m. Subject reported criminal trespassing. Officer responded.

• 6:17 p.m. Complainant called concerned about his children. He received a phone call from his son who was saying that his mother was drunk and spanking them. Officer responded. Deputy responded and found complainant on the phone with his wife calling her names but children were OK.

• 8:58 p.m. Complainant reported a gas leak at her home. Contacted city hall.

**August 15** • 12:29 p.m. Hospital requested EMS for ACLS transfer. EMS responded.

• 2:04 p.m. Complainant reported a male subject digging through the dumpsters. Officer responded.

**Second Hand Rose Consignment**

NOW ACCEPTING FALL & BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING. PLEASE CALL AHEAD BEFORE BRINGING ANY ITEMS IN

Hwy 277 South  
Open 10-6 pm  
Mon-Sat. 853-3736

Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

2	7	1	3	6	4	8	5	9
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Solution to puzzle on Page 5

Hospital Crew

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**San Angelo** - Very Nice Doublewide on 10 acres; Wall ISD. \$128,000. FMI call Toni at JVL Real Estate 325-656-0019 or 325-486-1100. 33fn

**Eldorado - 605 N. Street** - Immaculate 3BD, 2BA home 2400 sq. ft. with large work shop. \$120,000. FMI call Toni at JVL Real Estate 325-656-0019 or 325-486-1100. 26fn

**Eldorado** - Restaurant newly remodeled, new appliances, furnished has great potential for more information call Janice at D&D 450-5477. 22fn

**Eldorado** - 3BD, 1B, on large lot motivated seller. \$38,000. FMI call Janice at D&D 450-5477. 22fn

**Ft. McKavett:** River Get Away 1.15 acres, Amazing Cabin with tons of storage with sleeping room for 6 or more. \$85,000.00. FMI call Toni Martin at JVL Real Estate 325-656-0019 or 325-486-1100. 31fn

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Lynn Meador, Broker 325-650-6324  
Jo Ward, Agent/ 325-853-2339

**ALL PROPERTIES FOR SALE IN ELDORADO, TX - NO RENTAL LISTING AVAILABLE**

• **107 E. Brooks:** 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, manufactured single wide, Town & Country in good condition, new carpet / flooring, plenty of storage, shop / storage bldgs, fruit trees, 3 lots. \$29,900.

• **508 North Street:** Extra nice 4-bedroom 2-bath manufactured home. Large living area with fireplace, formal dining area, lots of storage, built-ins in kitchen, central heat and air. Must see! \$69,500.

• **N. Divide:** 4BD, 3BA with CH/CA, Large living area, carport, Remodeled. \$65,000.

• **607 Hall St.:** Excellent condition 3BR/2Bath, Mfg. Double wide on corner lot. Central Heat/AC, fireplace, covered porch. 2 car carport, plenty of storage, metal privacy fence. **Price Reduced \$65,000.00.**

• **727 Lee St.:** Single-Wide, 2BR-2Bath, fireplace, metal roof, carport, large corner lot. \$20,000.

• **508 E. Warner:** Very nice 2001 model Solitaire, double-wide, 3BR-2BA, CH/CA, carpet, fenced yard, covered carport, patio, underpinning, storage. Very good condition. **Reduced \$58,000.**

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Apply In Person 5/9fn

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**Gas Prices Going Up? FT - CNA's Needed at Schleicher County Nursing Home is taking applications for Full CNA's with Sign-On Bonus of \$150.00 after 6 months another \$100.00 after 12 mos. Day Care - Insurance - Vacation - Gas Mileage Reimbursement. For more information please contact Anita or Sarah at 325-853-3026. EOE tfn**

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### Preferred Hospital Leasing

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Eldorado, Texas

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**The Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency is accepting applications for a Temporary Program Technician. This position will be for 6 months helping with assigned duties. An application can be picked up at the Schleicher FSA Office at 519 South Divide, Eldorado or phoning 325-853-3535. Applications must reach the office by August 24, 2006. Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County FSA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. 32-33b**

### Garage & Yard Sales

**Christoval - City Wide Garage Sale** Sponsored by the Christoval Volunteer Fire Dept.; Sat., August 26, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. - ?????? FMI call Jerry Montalvo at 450-0603. 33b

**Eldorado - 6 Family Garage Sale;** Sat., August 19 at Forlano Chiropractic & Choice Home Care from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 33b

**Eldorado - Garage Sale;** Sat., August 19th at South Divide the **Old Granny Nette Cafe** from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Odds & Ins, Some Plants and Baby Items. 33p

**FURNITURE MARKDOWNS THROUGHOUT STORE.** Youth bed, refrigerator w/ice maker, oriental nested tables (4), antique oak rocker w/cane seat, 2 brass floor lamps, 3 pc sofa/chairs with hideabed, antique sewing/dressing table, oak desk, book shelves, seat ,Guthy-Rinker fitness machine, Mahogany or Walnut Dining Tables with 6 chairs and dry sink, 2 baby strollers, bicycles, 2 tall wooden traditional bar stools, baby beds, coffee tables Lots more. Please call ahead before bringing in clothing or furniture. **All must be in good condition. SECOND HAND ROSE 853-3736.**

### NOTICE FOR BIDS

### INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR OPERATING FUND DEPOSITORY OF THE CITY OF ELDORADO, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Eldorado, Texas, will receive bids for depository of the City's Operating and Investment Funds for the period commencing on the 1st day of September, 2006, through the 31st day of August, 2008. Any banking organization qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas to act as depository of Municipal Funds which desires to act as such depository for the City of Eldorado shall submit written application thereof, on the forms supplied by the City, sealed and marked on the outside "APPLICATION FOR DEPOSITORY FUNDS, DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 6:00 PM ON MONDAY: SEPTEMBER 11, 2006". Such application shall be received in the office of the City Secretary, Eldorado City Hall, 6 S. Cottonwood St., Eldorado, Texas, no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, September 11, 2006. Pending any clarifications, the City Council shall review and take action on bids submitted at the City Council Meeting and shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions of handling of such funds and shall have the right to reject any or all applications.

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## Eldorado Spotlight



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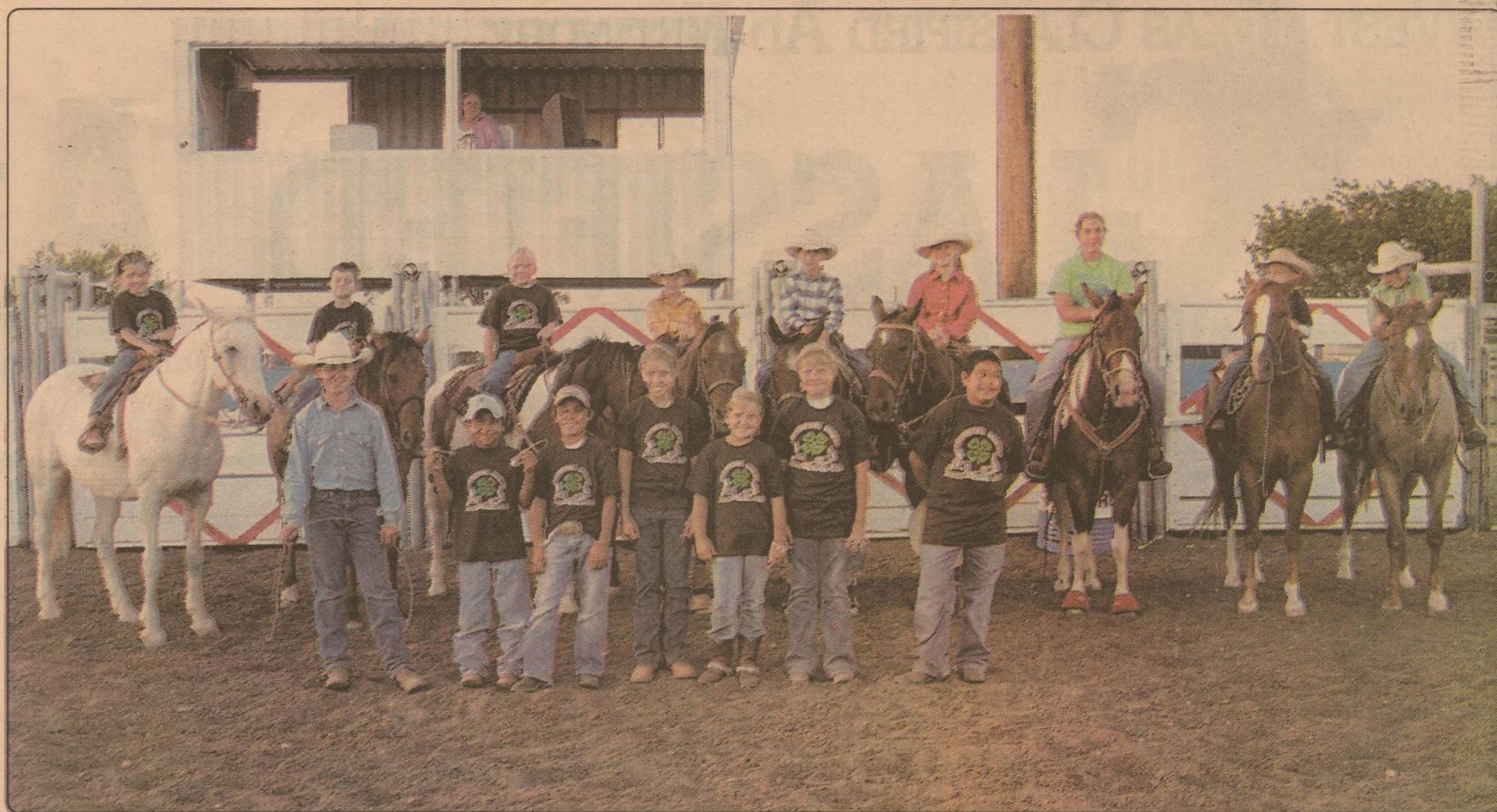
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2006 Schleicher County 4-H Horse Club: Front (L-R) Robert Buchholz, Edward Sanchez, Jacob Sanchez, Ivie Mynatt, McKenzie McAngus, Sunni Kate McCormick, Christian Sanchez; Back (L-R): Cody Meador, Jack Griffin, Megan Powell, Franklin Buchholz, Dalton Buchholz, Carl Griffin, Holly Ford, Will Mynatt and Davis Hutto. (See related story on Page 3)

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids, addressed to the Schleicher County Commissioner's Court will be received by the County Clerk, until 10:00 a.m., August 28, 2006, when such bids will be opened in the Commissioner's Courtroom for the purchase of:

**One Transport Load of Un-leaded Fuel**  
**Price shall include all taxes applicable**

The Commissioner's Court has the right to accept or reject any and all bids submitted. Peggy Williams County & District Clerk P.O. Drawer 580 Eldorado, Texas 76936 325-853-2833

**Alamo & Stonehenge...**

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not have asked for a more Old West moment. I smiled – and ate some dust.

There's a John Wayne museum in the Village and several buildings to investigate – including the jail cell (which you can enter) that housed Dean Martin in Bandolero!

Up at the fake Alamo, we were the only ones there. The reproduction is not just a facade. It's a building that you can also crawl

around in and behind.

Alamo Village is a freakish throwback to the way "theme parks" used to be. It was cool.

**Stonehenge**

Just past Hunt, Texas, a couple of guys constructed a two-thirds size replica of Stonehenge, that mysterious rock formation in England. It's right off the roadway and an easy, flat walk to the middle of a Hill Country field.

There's no reason to reproduce

Stonehenge in a Texas pasture, but that's what makes it so unique.

There's not much to do there, just wander around. You can fake a sacrifice on the altar in the middle or walk out to the looming idols and mock them.

There's little protection from the elements. If it's windy or hot or cold, you'll feel it; the towering limestone rises nearby offer no protection. So, you get out, look at it, wander around it, then go get a hamburger in Hunt.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Schleicher County ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 P.M. August 28, 2006 in the High School Library, Eldorado, Texas 76936. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited. The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.37000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.00000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

**Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget**

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

Maintenance and operations	13.14065% increase or	-0-	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000% increase or	-0-	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	13.14065 increase or	-0-	% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$566,897,437.00	\$612,616,844.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 7,959,575.00	\$ 10,153,440.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$260,652,669.00	\$307,660,854.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 7,959,575.00	\$ 10,090,198.00

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 0 \* Outstanding principal.  
Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1,50000	\$0.00000*	\$1,50000	\$ 6,961.00	\$1,764.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1,33010	0.00000	\$1,33010	\$ 7,114.00	\$1,719.00
Proposed Rate	\$1,37000	\$0.00000	\$1,37000	\$7,327.00	\$1,834.00

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 30,049.00	\$33,000.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 18,234.00	\$ 19,157.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.37
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 273.51	\$ 262.45
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (11.06)

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

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.37. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.37.

**Fund Balances**

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,042,337.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-



PHOTO BY PAULA CAMPBELL

It's almost impossible to drive past this 2/3-size Stonehenge once you see it from the nearby highway. Aside from the fake stones, the artists built a pair of looming idols in the same field. A placard tells the history of just how this reproduction ended up in a Hill Country pasture.

**San Angelo Colts Baseball.....**

**Eldorado, Sonora & Ozona Community Night**

**August 21, 2006 at Foster Field**

**7:05 p.m.**

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