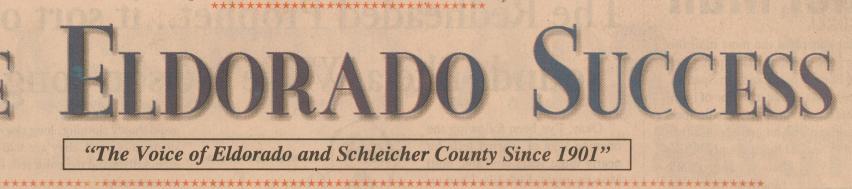
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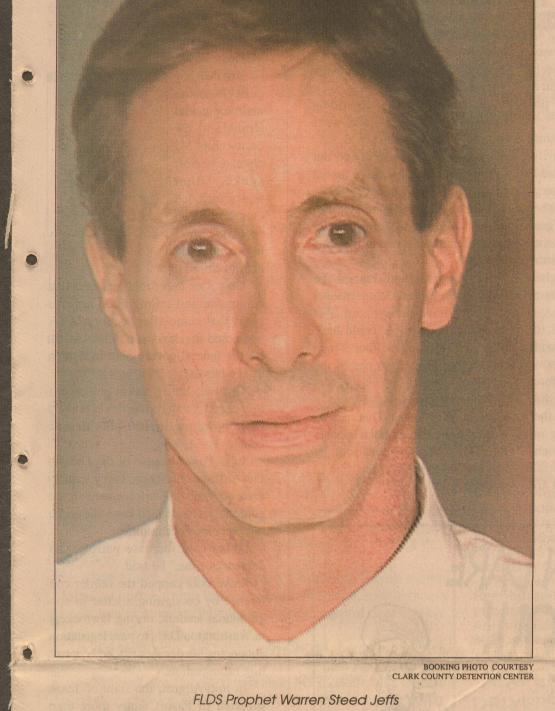


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# Warren Jeffs arrested in NV

Warren Jeffs, the fugitive leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is a fugitive no longer. He was arrested Monday evening near Las Vegas, NV after a routine traffic stop on Interstate 15.

Jeffs, wearing typical tourist garb (Tshirt, shorts and tennis shoes) was riding as a passenger in a red 2007 Cadillac Escalade driven by his brother, Isaac Jeffs. One of Jeffs' polygamous wives, Naomi Jessop Jeffs, was also a passenger in the car.

Nevada Department of Public Safety trooper Eddie Dutchover reportedly pulled the Escalade over shortly before 9:00 p.m. Nevada time because its license plate, a dealer tag from Colorado, was not legible. At that time, Isaac Jeffs handed the trooper a Utah driver's license and a vehicle registration in another name.

Warren Jeffs reportedly offered a contact lens receipt from Florida in the name of John Findley as his identification. All that was more than enough to trigger Trooper Dutchover's law enforcement instincts. He called for backup and asked for permission to search the Cadillac.

What the officers found, including unopened letters addressed to President Warren Jeffs, convinced them that they not only had a person of interest in custody, but that they were face-to-face with one of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted

#### Fugitives

FBI agents were summoned from Las Vegas. Upon further questioning at the scene Jeffs admitted to his identity. He would not elaborate, however, on his previous whereabouts, saying only that he is a victim of religious persecution.

Jeffs, his brother Isaac, and wife Naomi, were taken into custody and transported to Las Vegas for questioning. Isaac Jeffs and Naomi Jessop Jeffs were later released.

Interestingly, Naomi Jessop Jeffs is the daughter of Merril Jessop, the current overseer at the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado.

Warren Jeffs underwent several hours of interrogation before being booked into the Clark County Detention Center. At the same time, the contents of the 2007 Cadillac Escalade were being inventoried. Police found more than \$67,000 in cash, a large quantity of prepaid gift cards, 14 cellular telephones, mobile radios and police scanners, laptop computers with global positioning sensors, a quantity of knives, three female wigs, and a duffle bag of unopened mail, some of it addressed to President Warren Jeffs.

At press time, Jeffs remains in the **Clark County Detention Center awaiting** a preliminary extradition hearing. He is currently wanted in Utah on felony charges of Rape as an Accomplice and **Conspiracy to Commit Sexual Conduct** with a Child. The charges stem from his involvement in arranging, ordering and

performing marriages between his older male followers and underaged girls.

Jeffs is wanted in Arizona on similar charges. It remains to be seen if he will fight extradition to either of the states, or will waive extradition and head back home to stand trial.

There is much speculation about the possibility of Jeffs being released on bond by Utah and/or Arizona. Authorities there say Jeffs is a flight risk, as proven by the length of time he remained at large. They are prepared to argue that Jeffs should be held without bail pending trial.

Still, the issue of bail remains in the hands of the courts. In and of themselves. the state charges against Jeffs, are not serious enough to automatically disqualify him for bail.

State authorities in Utah and Arizona have hinted that other charges may be filed against Jeffs once they have him in custody. There is also a great deal of speculation that additional federal charges may be filed under organized crime statutes.

Jeffs first rose to prominence when he succeeded his father as President of the FLDS Church. The church's adherence to fundamental Mormonism, particularly the practice of polygamy or plural marriage, have placed it at odds with state and federal law for a number of years. Warren Jeffs forced those long simmering problems to the surface when he began assigning under aged girls as SEE JEFFS ON PAGE 3

School board adopts 6.26 million budget

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday and adopted a 2006-2007 budget and tax rate.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. with all members of the board present.

A public hearing to receive comments on the 2006-2007 budget and tax rate was on the agenda, but no members of the public were present to comment.

The board moved straight into discussion about the budget. Finance Director Ray Ballew outlined the new budget for the board.

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The trustees voted to adopt a \$6,261,736.00 budget for the 2006-2007 school year.

The next item on the agenda was the 2006-2007 proposed tax rate of \$1.37.

The tax rate passed unanimously.

Before entering into their executive session, the board approved the budget amendments and teacher salary schedule.

The executive session lasted from 6:47 p.m. and was recessed at 7:39 p.m.

No action was taken upon return to regular session.

# **Head-on collision** kills two SA women

Two San Angelo women were killed Sunday in a violent head-on collision 4 miles south of Eldorado on U.S. 277. Melanie Cox, 64, and her sister, Charlotte Reynolds, 70, died at the scene. Cox's husband, Leslie Alan Cox, 64, was freed from the twisted wreckage of the 2003 Oldsmobile Silhouette van he was driving by emergency personnel from Eldorado and Sonora. He was taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center. He was later transferred to a San Angelo hospital.

Antonio Esparza, 57, of Eldorado, was the lone occupant in the second vehicle, a 1995 Lincoln Continental. He, too, was pulled from the mangled remnants of his car by emergency personnel using the Jaws of Life. Esparza was taken by ambulance to Hudspeth Hospital in Sonora. He was later transported by aircraft to Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

DPS Trooper Norbert Ortiz investigated the accident. He reports that the Oldsmobile van was headed southbound with a caravan of vehicles headed to a church function in Sonora.

Esparza was traveling northbound when he reportedly fell asleep and veered into the path of the oncoming van.

Apparently neither driver had time to react to the impending collision since no skid marks were noted at the scene. Ortiz said both vehicles where traveling at relatively equal speeds when the impact occurred. The vehicles came to rest facing in the opposite directions they had been traveling.

Units of the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department and Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the wreck. So was an ambulance from Schleicher County EMS. However, since the ambulance service's backup unit was out of the county on a basic transfer, two additional ambulances were called from Sonora. Also responding to the scene was Dr. Gordy Day from Schleicher County Medical Center as well as three DPS troopers and three officers from Sutton County.

The two women were pronounced dead at the scene by Schleicher County Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle.

**Emergency** workers hurried Sunday to free survivors trapped after a head-on collision four miles south of Eldorado on U.S. 277. Two women died in the 2003 Oldsmobile van (above) driven by Leslie Alan Cox of San Angelo. He survived, as did Antonio Esparza of Eldorado, the driver of the 1995 Lincoln Continental (at right).

PHOTOS BY KATHY MANKIN



## **Reader Mail**

The column that generated the most mail this year was about the little brouhaha last spring over The Star-Spangled Banner being sung in Spanish.

In the piece, I pointed out that at a time of immigrant-bashing, it was counterproductive to perform the U.S. national anthem in a language other than English; I also said it "should be sung only in Eng-

lish at every public



function." But to balance things off, I said there was no reason for the America-is-fallingapart hand-wringing that followed the release of the Spanish

recording. Foreignlanguage versions had been done before, I noted, citing versions in German, Polish, French and Yiddish. The republic survived.

Mr. Moderation, I thought. Still, if I learned anything in my years of doing this work, it's that the readers most likely to write are those who find what they want to find in a column, even if it's not there. So I braced for a flood of mail like this:

"The images that sprang into my mind with the idea of the National Anthem in Spanish was a man coming into my home, sitting in my chair, changing my TV to Telemundo, my radio to KBNA, and announcing to my wife that the lasagna we were having will now be changed to menudo and burritos."

Ah, yes, that profoundly all-American dish called lasagna, in direct contrast to the traitorously un-American burritos those illegals eat. But I digress. My point is that, surprisingly, mail ran 2-1 agreeing with what I wrote.

Said one Korean War vet: "One of the best things of our country is the Freedom of Expression. I think that writing and singing our National Anthem in Spanish cannot be curtailed. I marched to the music and lyrics of our National Anthem in English at Fort Meade, Maryland. I loved it. While I prefer to hear our National Anthem in English, I agree with you that hearing it in Spanish is not going to destroy our country. It is too strong to be affected by it."

Said a first-generation American, "I agree with your opinion column of May 7. As a point of interest, I have heard my father sing The Star-Spangled Banner in Scots Gaelic, his first language. It is my understanding there are a couple of Gaelic versions."

Overall, however, language is runner-up to immigration in this year's contest for the Topic That Infuriates the Most Readers Award.

One man who apparently never heard of the St. Patrick's Day march or Columbus Day or of the Steuben Day Parade wrote to insist that in the

## The Redheaded Prophet...it sort of sounds like a Willie Nelson song

Okay, I've been following the ongoing saga of Warren Jeffs for nearly three years now and, until Monday night, I felt like I had understanding of how crafty the man can be. But, the ease with which he was captured has left me with more questions than answers.

Maybe you understand it, but I sure don't.

Warren Jeffs is wanted by the law in two states and by the FBI in all the others. He's on the lam and laying low in hopes of avoiding arrest...all of this so he can maintain his grip on one of the most secretive religious sects in the country.

To that end, Jeffs hops in a flashy red Cadillac Escalade Monday evening and goes tooling down Interstate 15 near Sin City.

Then there's the fact that the not-so-stealthy-Cadillac (Did I mention it was bright red?) was sporting barely legible dealer plates, and you get what the police like to call "probable cause."

I know I must be missing something. Warren Jeffs is said to be one of the smartest men on the planet. And..he was chosen by God to lead the Lost Tribes of Israel who now reside in a place called Short Creek to a promised land called Zion near Eldorado.



Bear in mind that Jeffs was traveling with enough high-tech electronic equipment to outfit a commando squad, especially police scanners.

Then there were the body guards. You know, the twenty or so heavily armed goons who were supposed to accompany Warren Jeffs everywhere he went. Where were the body guards? Even if all that geewhiz gadgets in his car failed at the same time, one of the body guards could have flashed their headlights or otherwise alerted him to the State Trooper ahead.

Warren Jeffs is supposed to be a prophet for crying out loud. That means he's supposed to know what's going to happen even before it happens. How in the world did he let himself get caught out in the open? And why was he riding in such a flashy vehicle? (I did mention that it was bright red, right?)

Jeffs followers are taught to

avoid showy clothing...long sleeved shirts only. And, they are told to especially avoid the color red. I'm not sure why.

Some of Jeffs' ex-followers claim that red is the color of Jesus' robes and therefore no man is worthy to wear the color. Others say that red is a sign of Satan. Either way they are taught to stay away from it. No red socks, no red ties, no red shirts...and especially no red cars.

So here's Warren Jeffs, riding in a red Cadillac Escalade, wearing shorts and a T-shirt, with fifty or sixty grand in cash laying out in the open. He's got more than a dozen cellular telephones gathered around him and for good measure he has three wigs laying nearby. Did I mention that one of the wigs was red?

Maybe if he had donned the red wig the Nevada State Trooper wouldn't have recognized him so easily. Perhaps he would have mistaken Jeffs for a 6-foot 3-inch transvestite headed for one of the shows on the Strip.

They say that what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. That may be true for transvestites, but it appears the elusive Mr. Jeffs will soon be leaving Vegas heading for Utah or Arizona.



## **Security issues** get top billing at border conference

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Texas hosted the 24th annual Border Governors Conference, Aug. 24-25.

Officials from the Lone Star State, New Mexico, Arizona and California met at the state Capitol with governors and officials from the northernmost Mexican states.

Border security was the main topic, and Homeland Security chief Michael Chertoff spoke. Other topics included commerce and security. Meetings were held



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behind closed doors.

Gov. Rick Perry told reporters that commerce and immigration are concerns that come after security in his book, and that he doesn't plan to wait for the federal government to tighten up the border.

Outside, immigration policy protesters and counterprotesters expressed their opinions in 100-plus degree heat.

In El Paso a couple of days before the Austin conference, Perry said increased joint law enforcement in the borderlands has helped lower the crime rate in some communities.

"When you increase patrols, you decrease crime," he said.

Governors capped the border conference by co-signing a letter to congressional leaders, urging lawmakers in Washington D.C., to pass legislation enhancing border security and controlling immigration.

In mid-August, the state of Texas supplied El Paso County more than \$2 million to work with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to disrupt organized criminal groups involved in violent crime, gangs, human trafficking, money laundering and

good old days immigrants had "No need to march through the streets demanding that others accept the Germans, the French, the Irish."

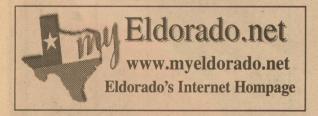
The most insightfully astute observations came from a reader in Texas:

"Illegal immigration is certainly a problem for our great country," she wrote. "But of all the opinions I read, including President Bush, senators, etc., you make more sense about it than anyone else. Keep up the good work."

Gotta love your readers!

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## The narrow, winding roads of the Big Island

We'll go back to the Big Island of Hawaii. We did a lot in the week we were there, but there are so many more things we want to see and do. Like malasadas. Portugese donuts. We never had any. They are hot items on the BI. When we went to a bakery to get some, they were sold out.

I also want to spend more time at Polulu, one of the most scenic spots. I want to perhaps stay at Waimea, voted one of the top places to live in the US. I want to visit the seahorse farm between Kona's airport and harbor.

We had visited Oahu and Kawai before and fell in love with both of those islands, but the Big Island seems to be more diverse. The beautiful flowers and trees are there for sure. At intersections of main streets in Kona, acres of pink and white bougainvillea drape the hillsides.

We visited coffee and macadamia plantations; saw bananas, papayas and mangos ripening on trees. We saw fan palms and coconut palms. Coconuts fall from trees without much notice and some people get hurt every year when a coconut bonks them on



their heads.

We went to the Sheraton nearly every night to watch the Manta Rays feed on plankton. The hotel has a big overlook and shines bright li hts into the water so visitors can see the huge sea creatures maneuver along the rocky shoreline. They have a wingspan of 16 feet and their movements are mesmerizing.

We drove along the island's perimeter, stopping occasionally to visit a waterfall, intriguing valley, or botanical garden. Most roads are only two lanes and if you can drive 40 MPH you're doing well. We watched Pilot Whales accompany us when we took a boat ride in the Pacific. We watched giant sea turtles come ashore to lay eggs. We lunched at a beachside restaurant and saw people of all ages play in the surf with boogie boards. We stood at high overlooks and looked

down at places where the water meets the land. The Pacific water is warm and near the shore it displays at least half a dozen colors, from deep blue to a light turquoise.

We went to the place where the Hawaiian Islands were first formed by tons of lava shot into the air from a volcano. We walked through clouds of steam coming from deep inside the earth. We had a picnic while watching boiling lava hit the sea.

Perhaps our greatest adventure was watching a sunset from the top of Mauna Kea, the tallest volcano on the island (elevation 13,792 feet). From sea floor to summit it towers more than 5.6 miles. The summit is covered with observatories, which attract astronomers from all over the world. Big Island residents ski and snow board on the summit in the winter when it is covered with snow. We wore heavy parkas and big gloves when we were there in late July. The temperature was 32 degrees, quite different from the 100-degree weather along the coast.

The Big Island is 120 miles North to South, 100 miles East to West.

#### drug trafficking.

More park funding, chairman says Texas law devotes \$32 million a year from the state sporting goods tax to maintain the state parks system. But the parks are only getting a fraction of the revenue.

Result: the parks aren't doing so well. In fact, there's a whole lot of crumbling going on. It's no wonder, with some 10 million people visiting each year.

On Aug. 24 the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission met with its 17member Parks & Wildlife Advisory Committee.

Former state Sen. John Montford, chairman of the committee, suggested using the entire state sporting goods sales tax for parks to increase funding by about \$85 million per year, with the Legislature's approval.

"Virtually every major Texas newspaper in recent months has devoted either editorial or column space to supporting our state parks. The time for action is now," Montford said.

#### Whooping cough initiative begins

The Texas Department of State Health Services launched a whooping cough education campaign Aug. 21.

The agency is spreading the word about new vaccines that can protect people ages 10 to 64 against whooping () cough, or pertussis.

Last year the health agency reported more than 2,000 whooping cough cases with nine deaths. Eight of those who died were infants.

Symptoms include runny nose, sneezing and a cough similar to a cold, severe coughing fits and coughing spells lasting more than six weeks.

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2003 when they purchased 1,691 acres of land now known as the retreat. But media scrutiny forced some of Jeffs lieutenants to come forward in early 2004 to admit Instead, the men claimed the YFZ Ranch would be a church retreat.

Since that time, a town has sprung up on the property and a massive white limestone temple has been erected there. Estimates as to the current population at the YFZ Ranch range from 70 to 300. Ranch officials won't comment.

Sheriff David Doran, who has worked to maintain communications with Jeffs followers at the YFZ Ranch, was apparently instrumental in the final days of the Jeffs manhunt. He and Texas Ranger Brooks Long traveled to Colorado three weeks ago to interview a confidential source. It was then that they learned that Warren Jeffs brother Isaac Jeffs was the man in charge of transporting the FLDS prophet from place to place.

That information proved to be correct Monday and Doran says he feels more than a bit vindicated, especially after taking heat from Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard several months ago.

"It was easy for them to point fingers and say that we weren't doing anything here in Texas," Doran says. "It's just that we weren't playing the thing out in the media the way the politicians in Arizona and Utah are accustomed to doing."

"I know it was a routine traffic stop, and I'm glad they got him, Jessop Jeffs, had been detained

"You could tell the news hit Demanding strict obedience, hard," Doran said. "It's going to Jeffs began excommunicating take awhile for it to all sink in." Doran notes that he later advised reassigning their wives and chil- Merril Jessop when his daughter dren to other men, sometimes to was released by Nevada authori-

What does the arrest of War-Jeffs' followers showed up here ren Jeffs mean for Eldorado and in Schleicher County, Texas in Schleicher County? Only time will tell, Doran says.

It is unclear if Jeffs will con- to have a great year in 4H. YFZ Ranch. At first, the land was tinue to lead the FLDS Church said to be intended as a hunting while he is behind bars, or if one of his top followers will step up to take control. Until the leadership issue is addressed, the future of that the cover story was just that. the YFZ Ranch will remain an open question.

## Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, September 4 **CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY Tuesday, September 5** Oven Fried Chicken Breast, Whipped Potatoes, Seasoned Mixed Greens, Cornbread, Cornbread, Cubed Cantaloupe, Gelatin Parfait, Milk Wednesday, September 6 Hot Dogs w/ Chili, Cheese Candied Sweet Potatoes, Bun, Pineapple Waldorf, Brownie, Milk Thursday, September 7 Chicken Strips, Baked Potatoes, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk Friday, September 8 Soft Taco, Cheese, Pinto Beans,

Corn w/ Sweet Peppers, Flour Tortilla, Chopped Lettuce & Tomato, Mixed Fresh Fruit w/ Cantaloupe, Milk



#### The Schleicher County 4H held its kickoff this past Thursday at the swimming pool. We signed up 117 kids. Many of these kids will be new to the 4H club.

There was great interest shown in a few new catego-

ries that we are offering, especially shooting sports. All and all the event was a great success, and we hope

## Capital Highlights...

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financial gap on the horizon.

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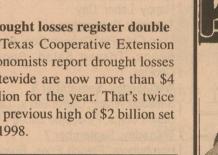
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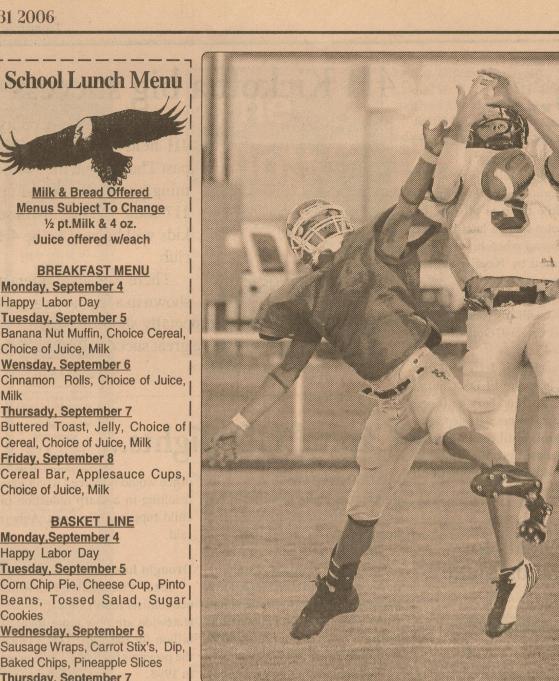
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**BASKET LINE** 

Eagles defensive back David Hernandez went high in the air last Friday to break up this pass to a McCamey player during the scrimmage held here in Eagle Stadium. The Warbirds draw a bye this week as most other schools in West Texas open their varsity football season. Eldorado will begin its season next week in Mason. The Eagles home opener will be on Sept. 15 against Gidget Tate. Junction.

#### **Eldorado JV Football Schedule**

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September 14	Junction	6:30 pm	There
September 21	Harper	6:30 pm	Here
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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
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November 9	Miles	6:30 pm	Here

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## **Results of Eddie Mae Kinser golf** tourney listed

The Eddie Mae Kinser Four Lady Select Shot Tournament was held Saturday, Aug. 26th at the Eldorado Golf Club.

Results were: Championship Flight—1st place team was Erika Snelson of Eldorado, Doris Motl, Karla Adams, and Amy Young of San Angelo with a score of 54.

2nd place team was : Gidget Tate, Vicki Trujillo, Terry Wiggins, and Leah Ripple of San Angelo with a score of 59.

3rd place was won by Melissa O'Harrow of Eldorado, Wanda Neville of Sonora, Debbie Young, and Lana Mott of San Angelo with a score of 59.

The President's Flight was won by Susie Richters, Marilyn Whitten, Edie Niblett, and Chris McCravey of Eldorado with a score of 62.

2nd place was the team of Sandy Turner, Bettie James, Diane Phillips, and Laura Jones of Big Lake with a score of 63.

3rd place went to Emma Lara, Veronica Valdez, Mary Guerro, and Neve Gonzales of Menard with a 63.

Longest drive was won by

Closest to the pins were won by: Marilyn Whitten, Edie Niblett, Amy Young, and Bettie James.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the tournament a success.

## **BIRTHDAY LIST**

AUGUST

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31st Pat Ragsdale, Dora Bosmans, Meagan Kae Espinosa, Morgaon Rae Espinosa, Melvin Conner Sr. Mary Hoffman, Mark Bybee, Cindy Bybee, Robert O'Keefe SEPTEMBER

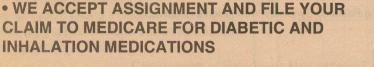
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## STANFORD PLUMBING **City of Eldorado adopts 79.97¢ tax rate**

The Eldorado City Council met Angelo. Monday, August 28, 2006 for a Pat Johnson and Richard Mendez by utility fees. in attendance. Also on hand were was absent.

The council adopted a \$1.9 lights. public hearing on their proposed million budget before voting for budget. The meeting was called to \$0.7997 tax rate per \$100 evaluaorder by Mayor John Nikolauk with tion. The tax will raise \$207,665.63 council members Bill McCutcheon, in revenue for the city. The re-Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans, Dr. mainder of the budget is funded

In other business, City Sec-Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay retary Carolyn Mayo reported and City Secretary Carolyn Mayo. that the council city currently Council member Dorothy Dacy leases 112 city street lights from and that 32 of them are broken. Members of the public pres- Council member Bill McCutchent for the meeting included eon asked Ms. Mayo to contact

Jerri Whitten, Fire Chief Jerry AEP and ask how much it would Jones and Michael Taylor of San be to install light pollution guards

photographs or draw simple dia-

ments about responsibility or blame

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That prompted a question from budget. audience member Jerri Whitten light hoods.

McCutcheon explained that he asked for funds for the light hoods to curb light pollution as a way of helping the astronomers who trash truck which has been on order attend a Star Party held each year for some time. at the X Bar Ranch. He noted that city funds are being matched by chose to hold off on approval of the Star Party club members and that the light hoods will cost ap- the new budget. proximately \$17 each.

Ms. Whitten then asked why an extra \$1,000 was included in the budget for the Eldorado Pride Committee.

McCutcheon advised that he requested the additional fund because several members of the committee asked for more funds for upkeep of several locations around town. Ms. Whitten told the council she would be back next year at budget time to ask for more funding for the library.

Mr. Michael Taylor of San Angelo briefly spoke to the council about some fencing and utility isthe accident with other drivers, wit- sues in the Sunrise addition. The council agreed to have the property Don't accept offers to settle on in questioned surveyed.

> Fire Chief Jerry Jones was also present to inquire about the Fire Department budget requests.

as they replaced the broken street Carolyn Mayo advised that his requests were included in the

Utility Superintendant Floyd concerning the necessity for the Fay reported the old tin shop building was coming down and the new building materials should be arriving before Friday. Fay had no report on the arrival of the new

> Before adjourning the council pay raises which were included in

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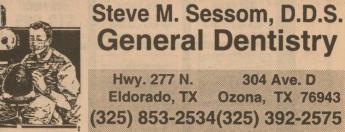
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Review your insurance filing procedures; store a copy in your glove compartment.

Notify your insurance company quickly even if you're far from home and didn't cause the accident. Ask your agent how to proceed. Be familiar with your insurance company's policy regarding qualified repair shops.

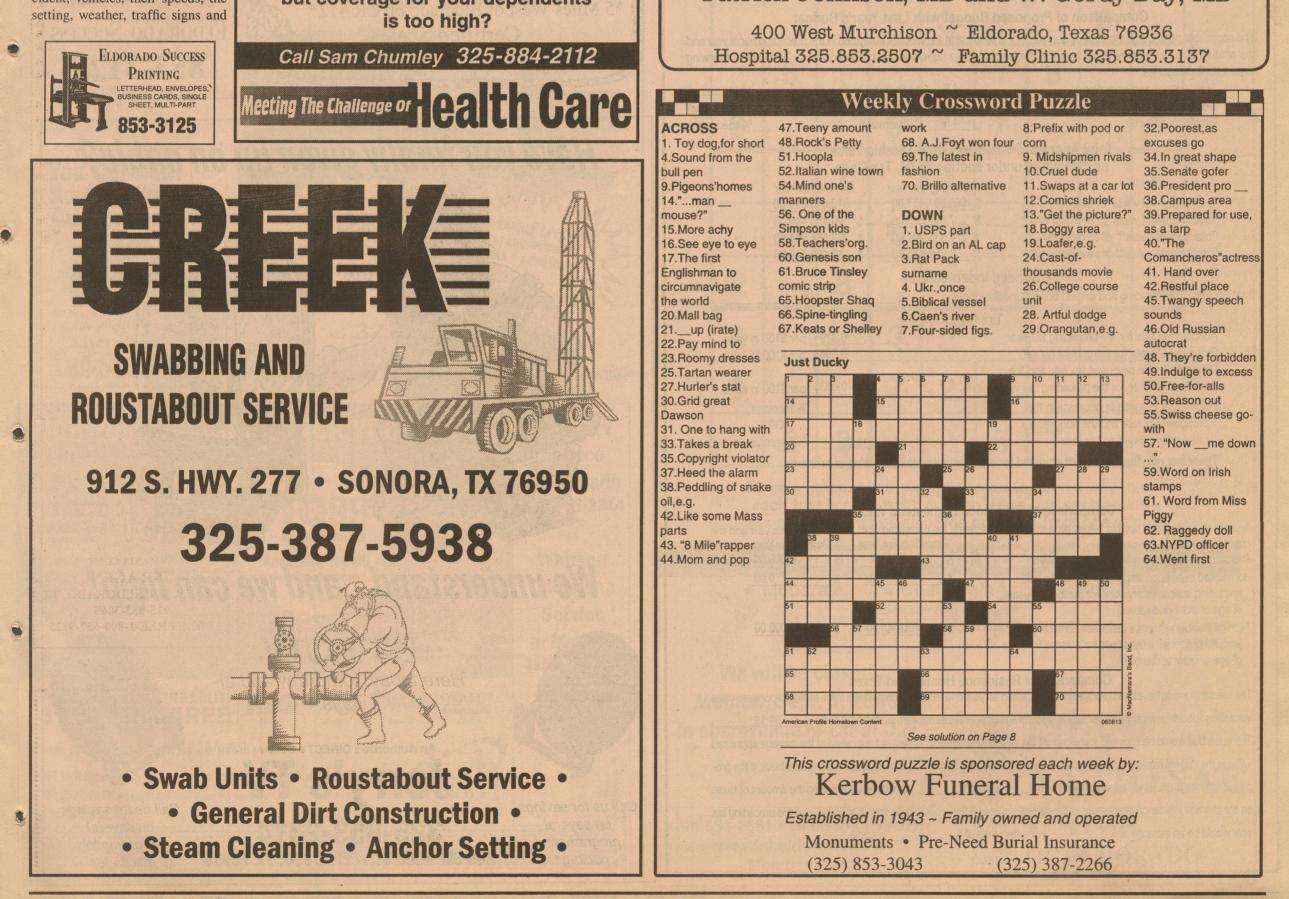
Get the name of the other driver, his address, phone numbers; license plate; insurance company name and policy number and the telephone number of his insurance agent. Obtain names and addresses of passengers and witnesses.

Make notes describing the accident, vehicles, their speeds, the

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## **Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase**

Schleicher County Hospital District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax The revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by \_\_\_\_\_3% \_\_\_ percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Sept. 8th and 11th at 12:00 Noon in the Hospital District Board Room

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Randy Mankin, Rick Fuessel, Jim Martin, Dr. Jim Brame, Susie Richters and J.D. Doyle AGAINST: None PRESENT and not voting: None **ABSENT:** None



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

ARRESTS

AUGUST 24 • Watanava, Jesus Martinez, male age 50, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI.

AUGUST 24 • Bivins, Marsha Pierce, female age 38, officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant.

AUGUST 24 • Duran, Simon Pedro, male age 19, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Warrant. INCIDENTS

plainant reported property damage to his fence line. Officer EMS was paged out. responded.

• 4:55 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to Community Hospital in San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.

• 7:09 p.m. Complainant called to say the fire had restarted behind her house. EVFD was notified. • 8:25 p.m. Complainant re- tion. Officer responded.

ported loud music at her neighbors

house. Officer responded. • 9:13 p.m. ACLS unit dis-

ported a control burn out at the vised approx. location was county

above location. EVFD and officer line north. Officer responded. responded.

burn at location. EVFD and officer was paged. responded.

ported a grass fire on her property. on highway 277 excessive speed. EVFD was paged.

• 1:29 p.m. Sutton County advised a female driver traveling from ported a grass fire approx. 4 miles San Angelo to Sonora carrying stolen property. Subject traveling in beige F-150 with sidesteps. Officer was notified.

• 1:43 p.m. Tom Green County notified our agency of a possible wreckless driver. Subject was to quested an ambulance. EMS 1 be traveling in a car-hauler 18 responded. wheel truck. Officer was notified.

• 6:00 p.m. Complainant report- bulance. EMS 1 responded. ed a fire at end of Powell off Myer Road near the Sutton / Schleicher female subject had assaulted her County Line. Officer responded.

requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

AUGUST 24 • 12:19 p.m. Hos- Community Hospital. AUGUST 22 • 11:00 a.m. Com- pital requested basic ambulance transfer to Community Hospital. major accident approximately 3

check at the above location. Of- EVFD and EMS 2 responded. ficer responded.

ed a diabetic having complications. responded. Officer and EMS responded.

• 10:08 p.m. Security company advised an alarm activated at loca-AUGUST 25 • 11:13 a.m. Re-

quested an ambulance.

• 5:41 p.m. Caller reported a patched for transfer to Shannon. possible drunk driver traveling AUGUST 23 • 7:57 a.m. Re- south on highway 277. Caller ad-

• 5:45 p.m. Hospital requested • 7:59 a.m. Reported a control ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS

• 7:27 p.m. Caller reported a • 11:03 a.m. Complainant re- grey Dodge pickup traveling south Officer was dispatched.

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• 10:58 p.m. Complainant rewest on 915. Officer and EVFD responded.

AUGUST 26 • 2:36 p.m. Complainant reported losing a new black cell phone. Officers notified.

AUGUST 27 • 2:41 p.m. Re-

· 2:41 p.m. Requested an am-

• 2:56 p.m. Subject reported and taken her car without permis-• 9:40 p.m. The complainant sion. Officer responded.

• 3:59 p.m. EMS paged for basic transfer from Schleicher County to

• 4:35 p.m. Caller reported miles south of Eldorado with two • 2:24 p.m. Requested a welfare fatalities and one injured. Officers

• 10:09 p.m. Security advised • 6:33 p.m. Complainant report- alarm sounding at school. Officer,

> AUGUST 28 • 10:39 a.m. Complainant reported a truck stuck in the mud behind the civic center. Officer was notified.

> > **Printing**

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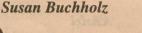
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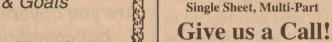
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#### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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Maintenance and operations	4.9	_% (increase)	or	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.0	_% (increase)	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	4.9	_% (increase)	or	% (decrease)

#### **Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value** as calculated under section 26.04. Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year	in the
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	\$ 274,936,297.00	\$ 322,554,954.00	
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 7,959,575.00	\$ 10,153,440.00	
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Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness

#### **Tax Rates**

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Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.3299_	per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$0.2964	per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the		
adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.0335	per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the	the Color States of	% Increase
proposed tax rate and the adopted tax		OR
rate for the preceding tax year	10.15	% Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

#### **Comparison of Residence Homestead Values**

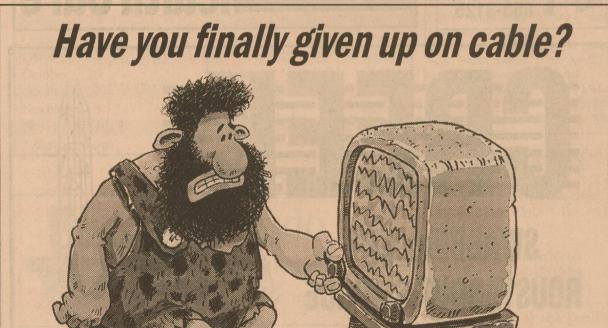
Average appraised and taxable values on residence hon	nestea				
current tax year.		Prec	ceding Tax Year	Cu	rrent Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value		\$	30,049.00	\$	33,000.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)		\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)		\$	30,049.00	\$	33,000.00
Comparison of Resid	lenc	e Hom	nestead Taxes		

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value
(excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$99.13
The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised
value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the pro-
posed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ The difference between the amount of taxes
on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax
year would be an increase of \$ or a decrease of \$ in taxes.
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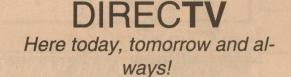
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Ft. McKavett: River Get Away 1.15 acres, Amazing Cabin with tons of storage with sleeping room for 6 or more. \$85,000.00. FMI call Toni Martin at JVL Real Estate 325-656-0019 or 325-486-1100. 31tfn

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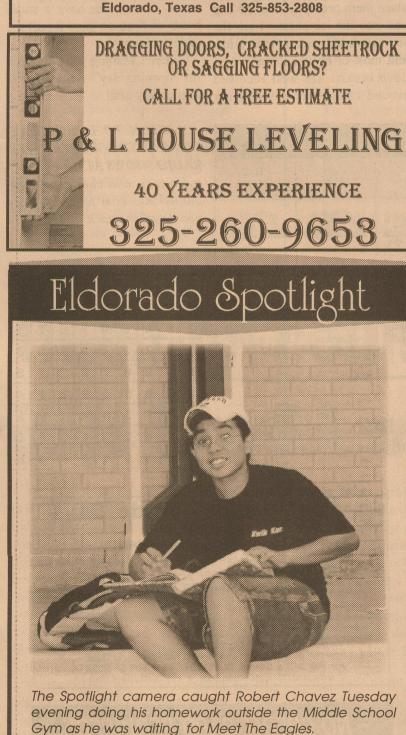
#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### Notice of Budget Hearing

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District will hold a hearing at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006 at the Schleicher County Annez Building, 203 SW Main St., Eldorado, Texas 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.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** SCHLEICHER COUNTY **TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

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by Luke Clayton

Even though the afternoon temperature might still be pushing triple digits, hunting season begins anew on Sept 1. "Opening day" of dove season is a celebration of sorts for Texas hunters; a time to get afield and made new friends and rekindle old friendships. While bagging a limit of doves is high on our list of "to do's", just "being there" with family and friends and celebrating the hunt is what keeps us returning to the dove fields on opening day each year. Hopefully, you can still find the time to shoot a few clay targets before the season clay targets thrown with an expensive hand thrower before your hunt will work wonder on your percentages. A trip to a sporting clays range or a round or two of skeet or trap is even better.

I wear light camo clothing when dove hunting, usually with a light pattern that blends well

Solution to puzzle on Page 5



## LUKE **CLAYTON'S** OUTDOORS

### Dove season opens tomorrow cooked over a bed of mesquite

with cut over grain fields and dead vegetation as is common in late summer. Dove have well defined flight paths and learning where to set up to intercept birds is the name opens. Practice with case or two of the game for a successful dove shoot. I like to spend a little time looking over a field I plan to hunt and pattern the birds. Once I note the route they are using from roost trees to feed and water, I try to set up in a location that puts me with shotgun range. It's often necessary to adjust positions a time or two to find the best location. The point of trees lines is often a good place to set up, as is the edge of ponds during the last hour of the afternoon hunt. Dove usually fly to a particular area of a pond to drink. place them promptly into the bag treats, I vowed to have a small shoreline where the birds can get grit for their craw; the clean banks

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Dove, just like any game bird, waterfowl or big game animal, must be handled properly in the field in order to taste good on the table. Through the years, I have had folks tell me they just don't like the "gamey" taste of doves and other game birds. These same folks are very apt to carry a downed bird around in their game bag in 95 degree temperature for hours before "breasting" it out and putting it on ice. I always carry a cooler with my water cold and I throw in a though and brushed on Karo Syrup couple of empty one-gallon freezer as the doves grilled. After enjoying bags. When doves are harvested, I more than my share of these tasty

is done. The moment the hunt is over, I breast out my doves, using melted water from the cooler to wash them. I then place the dove breasts in a freezer bag about half full of soy sauce and Coke Cola, a 50-50 mixture; here they remain until it's time to fire up the grill in the evening.

Eagles JV player Gabriel

touchdown during last Friday's scrimmage with

the McCamey Badgers

here in Eagle Stadium.

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Gomez runs in for a

It's tough to beat fresh doves coals. Placing a sliver of jalapeno pepper on the dove breast, wrapping the breast/jalapeno with good smoked bacon and grilling is standard procedure for Texas dove hunters. Last August, I hunted white wings down in Mexico at Rancho Caracol. On one morning shoot, the combined number of birds harvested was well over five hundred and every one of them was properly taken care of in the field an expertly prepared that evening. The Mexican cooks prepared the doves just as we do plenty of ice with me when dove here in Texas; with jalapeno and hunting. This cooler serves to keep bacon. They went a step farther

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This spot will be void of grass and into the ice chest. I am the bottle of Karo on hand for all my and brush and usually has a clean self appointed cook on most hunts dove cookouts! and most of my meals of grilled dove breasts are well received ful "opening day". Remember to also afford them more protection around camp after the shooting keep safety first!

Here's wishing you a success-

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