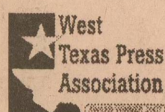


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Warren Jeffs, left, and council react to the verdict against him Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, in St. George, Utah. Jeffs, head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was found guilty on both counts of rape as an accomplice for allegedly coercing the marriage and rape of a 14-year-old follower to her 19-year-old cousin in 2001. Left to right is Jeffs, defense attorneys Richard Wright, Walter F. Bugden and Tara L. Isaacson, as prosecutors Brock Belnap and Ryan Shaum listen while seated.

## Jeffs guilty of two rape charges

*FLDS prophet facing 5 years to life*

A jury on Tuesday convicted FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs on two counts of felony rape as an accomplice after a week-long trial before 5th District Judge James L. Shumate in St. George, Utah.

Jeffs was faced down in open court by 21-year-old Elissa Wall, who testified that Jeffs had used his position of leadership within the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to order her into a marriage when she was only 14-years-old. Her mate, also chosen by Jeffs, was her 19-year-old first cousin, Allen Steed.

The first rape occurred between April 23, 2001 — the day Jeffs conducted Wall's marriage — and May 12, 2001, when the couple traveled to Canada to visit Elissa Wall's sisters.

The second count occurred sometime between May 13, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2003.

Jeffs and his attorneys stood as the verdicts were read. The accused prophet stared straight ahead as he got the news, blinking a couple of times, but otherwise showing no emotion.

For their part, Jeffs' high profile legal team, consisting of Walter Bugden, Tara Isaacson and Richard Wright, struggled to conceal their surprise at the verdict.

Earlier in the day, when an "event" involving a female juror was reported by court officials, Washington County Attorney Brock Belnap suggested to Judge Shumate that a mistrial might be in order. But Walter Bugden argued that an alternate juror should be seated so that jury deliberations could continue.

Neither Judge Shumate nor the court clerk would elaborate on the "event" that prompted the juror's removal.

A courtroom observer told *The Success* Tuesday afternoon that Bugden obviously believed that things were going his way in the jury room and didn't want to retry the case.

The jury ended a long day of deliberations on Monday by notifying the judge that it was close to a verdict on both counts. Everyone went home for the night expecting a verdict would be delivered Tuesday morning. But the unspecified "event" resulted in an alternate juror being summoned to the courthouse and seated in the jury box.

"Of course we're disappointed," Bugden told reporters as he left the courthouse Tuesday after the verdict.

Conversely, County Attorney Brock Belnap and his legal team, consisting of prosecutor Ryan Shaum and assistant attorney general Craig L. Barlow, appeared happy, if somewhat relieved as they exited the building.

Belnap, however, reserved his praise for Elissa Wall, who he called a pioneer. "There always has to be someone willing to go first," Belnap said. He then went on to commend the jurors for arriving at the unanimous decision to convict.

"They applied the facts to the law," Belnap stated.

Judge Shumate did not immediately set a sentencing date as Jeffs waived a 45-day sentencing deadline. His attorneys requested a pre-sentencing report. Judges routinely receive additional information about a convicted defendant from such reports. The lawyers indicated they would also file a sentencing memorandum for the judge's consideration.

Outside the courtroom, lawyer Walter Bugden said he planned to appeal the verdict, but did not say on what grounds.

Also appearing on the courthouse steps was the victim, Elissa Wall.

"When I was young, my mother taught me that evil flourishes when good men do nothing," she said. "This has not been easy for us. The easy thing would have been to do nothing."

Wall maintained that her trial testimony had been completely true. She then directed words of comfort and support to family members, especially her mother and sisters, who remain within the FLDS Church.

"I have very tender feelings for the FLDS people. There is so much good in them," Wall said. "I pray they will find the strength to step back and reexamine what they have been told to believe and follow their hearts."

Wall asserted that the trial had been about her mistreatment as a child and not about religion or any ill feelings she might hold toward Jeffs and the FLDS church.

Wall's testimony was challenged by her former husband, Allen Steed who told the jury that he never pressured his young bride into having sex. To the contrary, Steed alleged that she was the one who initiated their first sexual act.

The soft-spoken Steed gave most of his testimony standing up after the judge admonished him several times to raise his voice. Finally the judge allowed him to stand so that he could better project his voice.

The jurors apparently didn't have any trouble hearing Steed. They just didn't believe him.

After the trial several jurors noted that Wall was 14 at the time she was raped, too young to legally give consent. They also said that Jeffs held great power over the girl and was her only hope of getting out of the marriage.

Throughout the trial Wall's name had been withheld from the media who collectively referred to her as Jane Doe 4. But Wall voluntarily surrendered her anonymity over the weekend, after the case had gone to the jury. She also released a photo of herself, showing exactly how young she appeared at the time she was married to Allen Steed.

Warren Jeffs' attorneys attempted to attack Wall's credibility and her motives

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## County pledges \$71K to Wellness Center

Ilse Williams and Eddie Albin were on hand as the Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday and voted to pledge \$71,600.00 to the Wellness Foundation for the construction and operation of a wellness center in Eldorado.

\$50,000.00 of that amount would be made up of in-kind services such as dirt work during the construction phase of the project. The remaining \$21,600.00 would be paid from the county's Health Services Tax fund in order to pay for part of the center's operational costs once completed.

The commissioners promised the assistance if and when the wellness center becomes a reality. The men also hoped that their show of support would encourage other local taxing entities to also participate.

County Judge Johnny Griffin called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. with commissioners Johnny Mayo, Matt Brown and Lynn Meador present. Kirk Griffin joined soon after.

The court also heard from Ilse Williams as she delivered her annual report on the Eagle Arcade Youth Center. Williams

thanked the commissioners for their support over the past four years. She informed them that a new pool table had recently been added to the center and that all involved looked forward to the next year.

The commissioners then held a required public hearing concerning the 2008 county budget only to have no one from the public show up.

They then voted to approve the 2008 budget and adopted a \$.6778 tax rate to service the budget.

In other business, the commissioners voted to spend approximately \$60,000.00 to repair portions of County Road 300, despite the fact that the item was neither listed on the agenda, nor had it be let out for competitive bids.

Judge Griffin then read the court a letter that was being sent to the Texas Department of Transportation showing the county's appreciation for the turn lane added to US 277 south of Eldorado, making it easier to access the county's facilities in that area.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Emergency personnel freed Pat Sykes last Thursday from the twisted wreckage of her 1995 Buick LeSabre. Ms. Sykes was taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center. She was then transported by AirMed-1 helicopter to a San Angelo hospital. Ms. Sykes, 77, was reportedly traveling northbound on U.S. 277 about a mile north of Eldorado when she slowed to turn left onto the roadway leading to her home. Her car was struck from behind by a 2004 Toyota pickup driven by Walter Wayne Anderson, 41, of Sonora. The collision caused Ms. Sykes' car to clip a southbound 2007 Dodge pickup, driven by James Sutton Page. Anderson was treated at the scene. At press time, Ms. Sykes was said to be recovering at home. The accident was investigated by DPS Troopers Norbert Ortiz and Joe Van Gundy, who witnessed the accident, and narrowly avoided becoming involved in it.

## Questions that must be asked

Republicans were outraged over the full-page ad that the left-wing wackos at MoveOn.org bought in The New York Times, which begins by asking the question "General Petraeus or General Betray Us?" and ends, unsurprisingly, with the conclusion that "General Petraeus is likely to become General Betray Us."

MoveOn is a major source of funds for Democrats, which explains why most Democrats have failed to straightforwardly call the ad what it is: A despicable wartime accusation of treason against a loyal American soldier leading his men in battle.

The attack on Petraeus' honor is so appalling that it distracts from vital questions about the way the war in Iraq is being conducted.

I don't mean by the military. It's the civilian leadership that has brought us into this catastrophe with no easy way out.

And it is up to that civilian leadership, not the military, to fix it.

Petraeus told Congress that most of the military objectives are being met, but according to his own doctrine, that is not nearly enough.

In December, Petraeus and Marine Lt. Gen. James F. Amos co-authored the first counterinsurgency manual the U.S. armed forces had produced in a generation. They wrote:

"Military efforts are necessary and important to counterinsurgency (COIN) efforts, but they are only effective when integrated into a comprehensive strategy employing all instruments of national power ... Political, social, and economic programs are usually more valuable than conventional military operations in addressing the root causes of conflict and undermining an insurgency."

Apply the concept to Iraq, and what went wrong becomes clear. Bush and his advisers believed U.S. military power was so overwhelmingly superior that it alone would have little trouble overthrowing Saddam Hussein and then stabilizing the country.

This is why, in the run-up to invasion, the international community was regarded as nothing more than a pesky fly to be swatted away. It's why the right wing insisted that Abu Ghraib was little more than a fraternity prank gone overboard, instead of a public-relations disaster that grievously harmed America's moral standing.

It is why the military is expected to win a war that even the top commander acknowledges only can be won by "all instruments of national power."

Where are they, those other instruments of national power? Where is the all-out diplomatic effort to at least try to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian dispute, and douse some anti-American fires? What pressure is being brought to bear on Iraqis to stop killing each other? Is Condoleezza Rice still secretary of state? Is anybody in charge?

It might be that things are so far gone, even the most comprehensive of strategies might not be enough to prevent Iraq from descending even deeper into civil war, with young Americans stuck in the middle, dying. Why can't somebody in charge figure out how to wield national power in ways other than militarily?

Answers to that question must be demanded; contemptible accusations from the left need not make decent, moderate Americans shy away from asking them.

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## It has always been about child abuse

Warren Jeffs was convicted Tuesday on two counts of rape as an accomplice, and rightly so.

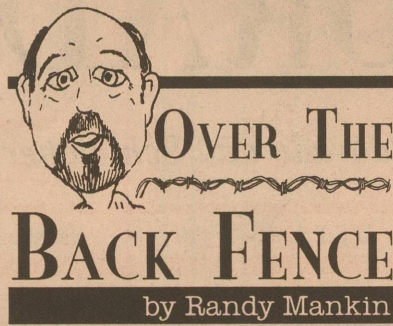
Still, I was surprised when the verdict came down. Convinced that Jeffs' attorneys had sufficiently managed to cloud the issues, I had serious doubts that the eight Utah jurors would be able to differentiate between child abuse and religious persecution.

But the individual jurors, when they were interviewed following the verdict, kept returning to the core issue, the fact that Warren Jeffs' victim was only 14-years-old at the time she was forced into a marriage with her 19-year-old first cousin.

The jurors also pointed to the fact that Jeffs was the only man within the FLDS cult who could have removed young Elissa Wall from that marriage and thereby prevented her from being raped by her husband.

Instead, Jeffs exercised his "priesthood authority" to compel the girl to stay in the marriage and comply with her husband's wishes or risk losing her eternal soul.

Please understand the young girl at the heart of this case is not unlike hundreds or thousands of girls who remain trapped inside the FLDS cult. With little or no exposure to the outside world and a limited education that readied girls to serve their priesthood



husbands, these young women are ill-prepared to stand up for their rights, especially when they've never been told that they even have the right to say no!

Thankfully, Elissa Wall was a different sort of young bride. While she didn't have the backbone to stand up to her abusive husband at first, she eventually reached the point where she could.

Her determination to do what is right, and her willingness to suffer the slings and arrows of public derision, lead directly to Tuesday's verdict.

While the indictment may have been styled the State of Utah vs. Warren Steed Jeffs, it just as well could have said Elissa Wall, victim vs. Warren Steed Jeffs, all powerful prophet.

Jeffs' conviction not only vindicates Elissa Wall, but a legion of other activists and journalists who have worked to shine the light of truth within the FLDS community.

Warren Jeffs is a convicted felon, he now looks forward to

sentencing where he could receive 5 years to life on each of the two counts. Not to mention a bevy of felony charges awaiting him in Arizona, some of those involving incest. Then there's the federal warrant for Felony Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

And, with state and federal investigators continuing to dig, there will probably be other charges brought forward in the future.

Warren Jeffs won't be getting out of jail anytime soon.

His attorneys have expressed concern that the mild-mannered prophet might not fare so well in the general prison population.

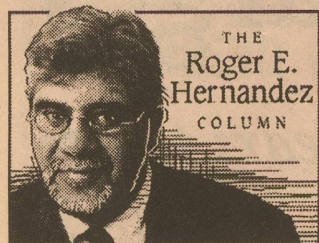
Is that right?

Where was his concern for the dozens, if not hundreds of underage girls he forced into marriages with older men.

Should we be more concerned for how Warren will cope with a huge and somewhat amorous inmate named Bubba than he was for the child brides he ordered into virtual slavery.

Actually, I'm not concerned. Indeed, it's my hope that every-time Warren Jeffs meets Bubba in a prison corridor or shower stall, he thinks of Elissa Wall and the hundreds like her who were abused in the name of his perverted religion.

Warren Jeffs got what he deserved on Tuesday, and Elissa Wall should get all the credit.

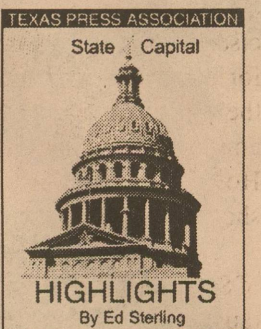


## State publishes new franchise tax rules, seeks feedback

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN Businesses can get a clearer idea of how much franchise tax they are going to pay because of tax law revisions, and the state is welcoming feedback on the new rules.

The rules implementing changes mandated by the state Legislature were published in the Sept. 14 edition of the Texas Register, and a 30-day public comment period started.



The 79th Legislature in 2006 and the 80th Legislature in 2007 devised changes to the franchise tax to help pay for a sweeping property tax cut.

"It is important for all franchise taxpayers, especially those who will be required to report franchise tax for the first time, to review these proposed rules," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

The Legislature revised the franchise tax by changing the tax base and the tax rate and extending coverage to most legal entities. About 200,000 new entities will have to file franchise tax reports in 2008.

The rules are expected to be adopted in December, according to the Comptroller's office.

Taxable entities with total revenue of \$434,782 or less and entities that calculate they owe less than \$1,000 in franchise tax will not be required to pay the tax, but will still have to file a report, Combs said.

### How to pay for it is the question

Texas transportation officials announced plans to form a working group to figure out how to pay for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor road-building project.

Ports-to-Plains is a proposed divided highway running from Laredo through West Texas to Denver, Colo. Designated as a High Priority Corridor by Congress in 1998, planners intend Ports-to-Plains to expand economic opportunity and serve international trade from Mexico to Canada.

Despite the congressional designation, adequate federal funding has not been provided to cover the cost of the project, officials said.

In addition to economic development and job creation, officials said the corridor could provide a way to transfer energy generated by wind turbines in West Texas to other parts of Texas and the Southwest.

### Amnesty program brings in bucks

Comptroller Combs' tax amnesty program, Project Fresh Start, brought in more than \$100 million in unpaid taxes from June 15 through Aug. 16.

The amount included more than \$90 million in state taxes and more than \$10 million owed to local governments, Combs said.

A total of 1,258 businesses reported and paid delinquent taxes. Between 3 percent and 5 percent of those were new taxpayers operating businesses without required tax permits and without paying state taxes.

In exchange for their cooperation and payment, the comptroller waived penalty and interest charges normally added to delinquent taxes.

### Land board rejects all proposals

The School Land Board, chaired by Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, on Sept. 18 rejected all six bids for the purchase of the 9,200-acre Christmas Mountains ranch tract in Big Bend.

Patterson said a mistake in the map of the tract in the original bid specifications was the reason.

The Land Board, which will meet again in November, is expected to

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What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas

## The Story of the Buffalo

Jack and Elizabeth Longbotham of Abilene own a small herd of buffalo on their ranch in Brown County. They sometimes load a bison onto a trailer and take it to western gatherings or schools to help explain the buffalo's history. Jack is a retired educator who served as dean of the Education Department at Hardin Simmons University. Elizabeth is a member of the pioneer Prude family in Fort Davis and taught education at McMurry University.

"A buffalo is unpredictable," says Elizabeth. "They're very smart." Jack says they are strong and unbelievably quick. "Quickness is the most outstanding characteristic about buffalo. They can outrun a horse two to one."

Based on their interest in the buffalo, the Longbothams have collaborated on a series of children's books about the buffalo. Jack did the illustrations for the books.

"Some of our buffalo are actual characters in the books," says Elizabeth. "They have names like Buffalo Bill and Cody. The



by Tumbleweed Smith

books tell about their lives on the plains."

In some of their presentations about the buffalo, they tell how the buffalo nearly became extinct.

"It was the buffalo hunters who were greedy and wanted the hides to send up to New York for the wealthy ladies to have coats made out of them," says Elizabeth. "It was not the Indian who destroyed them."

Jack says at one time the buffalo numbered over sixty million head. "Gradually as they were hunted they became fewer in number and were almost wiped out. In 1900 there were less than 800 buffalo in the United States. Now there are more than 220,000. Most of them are in private herds and state and national parks in

Wyoming, Montana and North

Dakota."

In Texas, the buffalo roamed from Colorado City to Fort Davis and all through the panhandle. The herds were big. "Sometimes the herds would be fifty miles long and fifteen miles wide," says Jack. "That's lots of animals."

The Indians used everything on the buffalo: meat, horns, hide and hoofs. They depended on the buffalo for shelter, blankets, sewing needles, cookware, clothing and nearly everything else. "The buffalo was the Indian's commissary," says Jack. "Indians killed them by running herds off cliffs."

Buffalo hunting took place between 1865 and 1890. The hunters used a Sharp's rifle, which could fire a 50-caliber bullet several hundred yards. Buffalo bones littered the countryside and were sold to make fertilizer. "The bones were sold by the pound," says Jack. "Hunters brought them into wagon areas close to the train yards and loaded up boxcar after boxcar with bones. Later a trainload or two were put together and exported to England to make china dishes."

# OBITUARIES

## Florentina Clarles Juarez

SAN ANGELO — Florentina Charles Juarez, 85, of San Angelo, went to be with our Heavenly Father on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007.

She was born June 4, 1922, in Rowena, Texas, to Epolito and Ofelia Charles. At the age of 3, she moved to San Angelo where she attended San Angelo public schools.

She married in 1937 to Francisco Juarez in San Angelo, Texas, for 60 years, where they started their large family. Florentina was employed by San Angelo Cactus Hotel from 1952 to 1982, where she retired after 30 years.

She was also a devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She taught her family that the most important part of life is respect for one another and close family ties.

Florentina was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. Epolito and Ofelia Charles; her husband, Francisco Juarez; her eldest son, Carlos "Charlie" Juarez; and her sister, Chavella Soto.

She is survived by her sons and spouses, Gilbert and Maria Juarez of San Angelo, Francisco Jr. and Lupe Juarez of Ballinger, Benny and Lori Juarez of Ballinger, and Joe and Elizabeth Perez of San

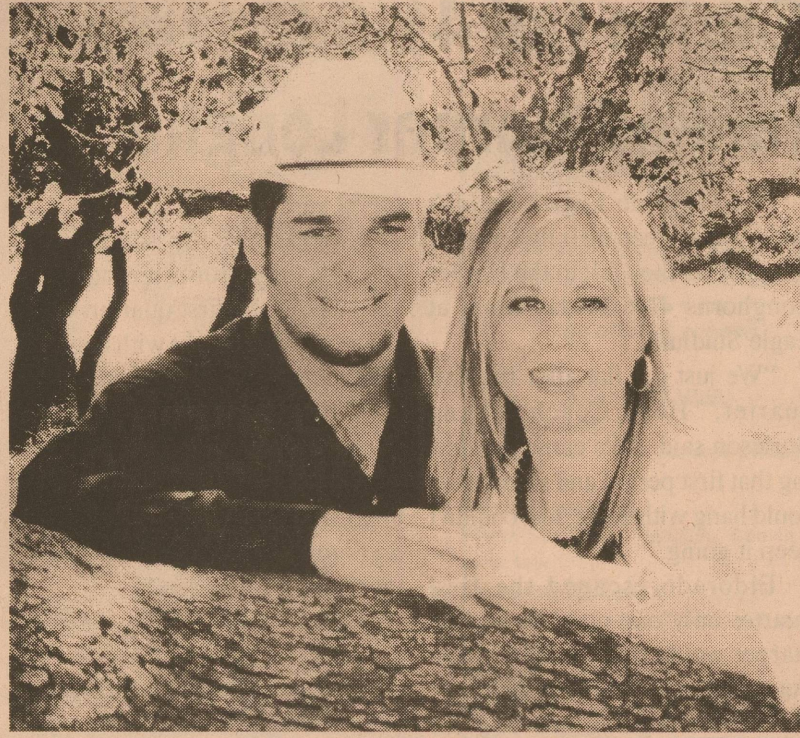
Angelo. She is survived by one brother, Sisto Charles Sr.; sister Jesusita Charles; and daughter-in-law Delma Juarez. She is also survived by her three daughters and spouses, Margaret and Amando Moreno of San Angelo, Mary Lou Samaniego and Felix Barrantes of San Angelo, and Christina Sanchez and Joe Amaya of San Angelo.

Florentina was blessed with a total of 269 grandchildren from San Angelo, Lubbock, Robert Lee, Ballinger, Eldorado and Austin — 41 grandchildren, 139 great-grandchildren and 89 great-great-grandchildren. She will be loved and missed by many.

Pallbearers were grandsons Charlie Juarez Jr., Kiko Juarez Jr., Benny Juarez Jr., Margarito Herrera, Raul Herrera, Adam Sanchez, Lewis Samaniego and Johnny Samaniego.

Honorary pallbearers were grandson Cruz Moreno and great-grandson Cruz Moreno Jr.

Rosary was Tuesday, Sept. 25, in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel. Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, Sept. 26, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Quirino Cornejo as celebrant. Interment followed in Belvedere Memorial Park.



William Alan Dykstra and Sheena Renee Hooker

## Dykstra/Hooker engagement

William Alan Dykstra and Sheena Renee Hooker are pleased to announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding. The couple are planning a December 15, 2007 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Eldorado.

Alan is a 2004 graduate of Eldorado High and currently at-

tending ASU majoring criminal justice. He is the son of Bill and Lori Dykstra of Eldorado. Sheena is a 2003 graduate of Central High School and is currently attending ASU majoring in Business. She is the daughter of Randy and Norma Hooker of San Angelo.

## John Kotsch memorial breakfast

Eldorado Elementary will be hosting the John Kotsch Memorial Breakfast this year on Thursday, October 11.

In honor of a man we admire,

we invite our students to bring a man they admire and attend a special breakfast served at school.

Breakfast consisting of burritos will be served in the Elementary kitchen from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., come and go.

Dad's or Granddads come for fellowship with your elementary child and take this opportunity to see their room.

Please RSVP to the Elementary Office 853-2700, ext. 521.

## Capital Highlights...

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consider bids again. "Moving this land out of government hands is in the best interest of the land and those who want to preserve it," he added.

**Language certifications approved**  
If a Texas public school teacher wants to be state certified to teach a foreign language, the choices are Spanish, French, German or Latin at the secondary school level.

But beginning in October, they can become certified to teach Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Vietnamese in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade classes.

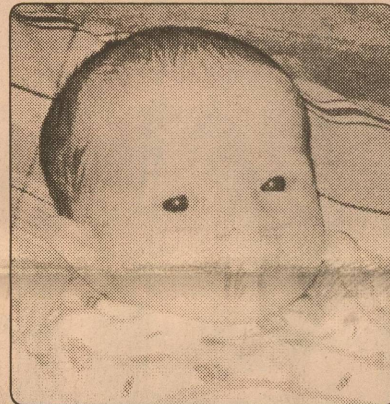
Karen Loonam, director of educator standards at the Texas Education Agency, said "These five new certificates were created to be responsive to the needs of multicultural communities and to prepare students for increasing

globalization of the economy."

**Institute releases traffic report**  
Austin is considered a high-congestion city, traffic-wise, and a new report has numbers (mobility data) to prove it.

Texas Transportation Institute, a division of the Texas A&M University System, published its 2007 Annual Urban Mobility Report for cities across the nation, including Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Dallas/Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, El Paso, Laredo and San Antonio.

To read the report, go to <http://mobility.tamu.edu/ums/>.



## It's A Boy

Jackson Zane Fairchild was born August 30, 2007 at 8:43 p.m. to Michelle and Jack Fairchild at Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital in Kerrville, TX. He weighed 7 lbs. 13oz and was 19 1/2 inches long. He was awake and taking in the world when big brothers, Braden, 11, and Austin, 7, greeted him, along with grandparents, Herman and Deanne Walker of Eldorado. His other grandparents are Arlene and John Pike of Kerrville. His great-grandparents are Granvil and Corrine Hext of Eldorado. He has stolen all of our hearts!!

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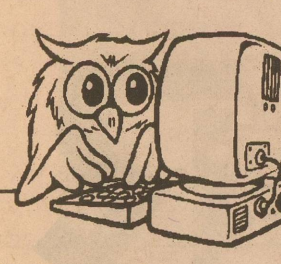
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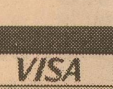

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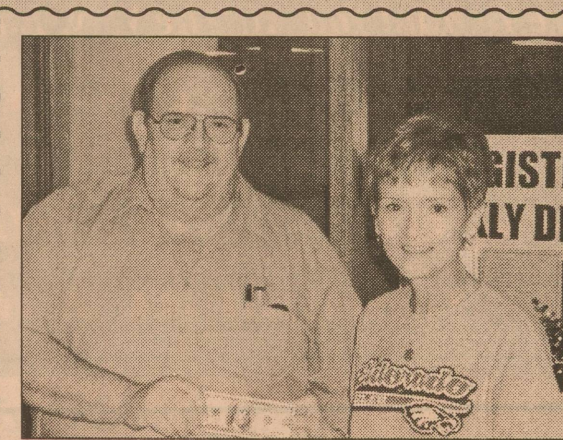
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by Linda Thistle

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## Eagles fall 41-6 to state ranked Harper Longhorns

The Eldorado Eagles couldn't find a way to keep their first quarter grit alive as they fell to the Harper Longhorns 41-6 Friday night at Eagle Stadium.

"We just got flat after the first quarter," Head Coach Johnny Burleson said. "We came out during that first period and showed we could hang with them. Just couldn't keep it going."

Eldorado escaped the first quarter only one point down, but Harper would find its rhythm and put up 34 unanswered points.

"We knew going into the game that they were a great team," Burleson said. "They actually have ran all over other teams this year. We were able to stop their run attack, so they turned to the pass and never looked back."

Harper ended the night with 313 yards on the arm of their quarterback Cutter Bernhard.

Eldorado's quarterback duo couldn't muster a response going 5 of 12 for 66 yards and an interception.

Ivany Sanchez led Eldorado on the ground managing 47 yards on eight attempts.

Leading the Eagles in receiving was Jorge Mata with two catches

for 52 yards. Eldorado's only score came from Manny Gonzalez on a six yard run in the first quarter. Gonzalez ended the night with negative nine yards on eight attempts.

"I'm not going to make excuses or anything like that. The effort was there. We just had some tough breaks," Burleson said. "All we can do is turn our eyes toward Christoval and district play."

Christoval is arguably the team to beat in the district. They started the season off strong going 2-0 against Winters and Rocksprings, but stumbled dramatically against Roscoe losing 63-3.

"They have a pretty good team. They are fast and that Kellen Gierke kid makes plays all over the place," Burleson said.

Gierke has managed 650 yards on the ground with eight touchdowns and 111 yards receiving and another touchdown during Christoval's first three games.

"Our main goal is to take control of the game," Burleson said. "We need to execute flawlessly on offense and control the clock."

The game is slated for 7:30 pm in Christoval and will be broadcast on KLDE 104.9 FM.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Dustin Gauna dragged a defender down the field last Friday night as the Eldorado Eagles hosted the Harper Longhorns for Eldorado's annual Homecoming Game. Harper's hi-octane offense outgunned the Eagles 41-6.

## Jr. High Eagles fall to Harper

The Eldorado Jr. High Eagles traveled to Harper last Thursday, September 20 and fell to the talented Harper squad by final score of 33 - 0. The young Eagle team could never get on track and Harper would score earlier and often enroute to a 14 - 0 halftime lead.

The second half would see the Shorthorns of Harper continuing where they left off and they would amass 19 additional points to close out the game and shutting out the EMS team. The loss on the year pushes the Jr. High Eagles record

to 1 - 1 on the year.

The 7th grade team would have any opportunity to play a quarter with Harper in a scrimmage format. Eldorado would have first attempt on offense and they would take advantage and score on their first play from scrimmage and on two other subsequent possessions while holding the Harper team to a shut out. Congratulations goes out to the 7th graders.

Next action for the jr. high will be Sept. 27th when they play host to visiting Christoval.



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8th grader Abby Fuentes placed 11th with a time of 14:37.1 while 7th grader Avery Nolen placed 3rd with a time of 14:31.5 at the Iron County Cross Country Meet held last Saturday morning in Mertzon.

## Spring Creek Invitational Cross Country Meet Saturday, September 22, 2007

### JR High 7th Grade Boys Placed 2nd

7th Grade Girls: Medaled 3. Avery Nolen; 14:31.5; 15. Miranda Arispe 15:45.1; 27. Nikki Herrera, 16:43.6; 34. Mary Lou Martinez, 17:09.6; 54. Kasey Gonzalez, 19:36.0; 58. Robin Hibbs, 20:06.6; 75. Stacey Valeriano. 3rd Place - Eldorado 7th Girls team scored 90 total points, with 67 runners competing.

7th Grade Boys: Medaled 11. Nicholas Gonzales, 14:43.3; 13. Brian Parsley, 14:53.3; 17. Austin Stapp, 15:16.8; 32. Eric Estrada, 18:47.2; 33. Rico Vasquez, 18:47.5; 37. John Paul Cecilan; 38. Juan Gutierrez; 39. Edward Hernandez; 40. Colten Jackson. 2nd Place - Eldorado 7th Boys Team Scored 57 points. There were eight 7th grade teams entered with 36 runners.

8th Grade Girls: Medaled 11. Abby Fuentes, 14:37.1; 37. Brianda Torres, 16:42.9; 43. Amanda Garcia, 17:08.1; 50. Polly Guerrero, 17:52.0; 55. Sierra Arispe, 18:04.9; 56. Brianah Creek, 18:07.7; 57. Ashby Ragsdale, 18:09.4; 85. Marissa Gonzales; 86. Melissa Gonzales. Eldorado 8th Girls team placed 4th and scored 114 points.

8th Grade Boys: Medaled 2. Robert Chavez, 12:29.7; 14. Evan Joiner, 13:37.1; 12. 14. Evan Joiner, 13:37.1; 42.

Roman Madrano, 15:46.2; 72. Luiz Sanchez. The 8th grade boys did not score as a team but competed against 60 runners.

Middle School Coach Edie Niblett said "I am extremely proud of all our runners, this group works hard together and constantly being supportive of one another to improve on their time and keep getting better !!! They will except nothing less than improving from week to week....NO EXCUSES...GET IT DONE !!!! They will be running in Ozona this Saturday."

Varsity Lady Eagles: 66. Claudia Pasillas; 16:00.7; 71. Deisy Aranda, 16:14.3; 89. Amy Alvizo, 17:01.8; 91. 92. Corie Williams, 17:13.8. 93. Kaitlyn Bluford, 17:17.1; 115. Marci Minor; 116. Lourdes Pasillas.

Varsity Eagles: 4th Place Team Score of 100. 24. Josh Hash, 19:28.7; 30. Dylan Dombroski, 20:14.7; 31. David Ramirez, 20:25.9; 34. Mason Baker, 20:32.5; 41. Hunter Alvizo 20:58.8; 20:45.2; 41. Hunter Alvizo, 20:58.8; 62. Joseph Rubio, 22:45.0; 64. Zack Brame, 23:22.1; 65. Jorge Medrano, 23:27.6; 66. Taylor Jenkins, 23:48.6; 68. Michael Rubio, 23:52.4; 84. Rory Agüero; 84. Rory Agüero; 86. Clark Meyer.

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# New Central Texas Girl Scout Council Formed

*Opportunities expand as Girl Scouts of Central Texas begins serving local girls*

AUSTIN — On Monday, October 1, the Girl Scouts of Central Texas, one of seven high-performing councils in Texas, will officially begin serving nearly 20,000 girls in 46 Central Texas counties. By combining the Bluebonnet, El Camino, Heart of Texas and Lone Star Councils, the new Girl Scouts of Central Texas council optimizes service to girls and improves the volunteer system.

"The formation of the new council creates an environment to prepare girls for leadership in a global society," says Girl Scouts of Central Texas CEO, Etta Moore. "The girls we serve now have more opportunities than ever before to develop into women of courage, confidence and character."

With the physical size of the council expanding, so are program opportunities. Girls who were formerly limited to the curriculum offered in a small geographic region can now attend activities and events across Central Texas; from College Station to San Angelo, Austin to Brownwood. An unprecedented 200 council-sponsored programs are offered to Central Texas Girl Scouts this fall alone.

Among the programs now available to all Central Texas Girl Scouts is the EDGE eXpress, a traveling technology center that will serve Girl Scout technology programs to girls in outlying areas who may not have easy access to the permanent council facilities. The EDGE eXpress is an extension of the EDGE Technology Center, the in-house technology lab at

the Lone Star Program Center in Austin, which offers computer based workshops and day camps to Girl Scouts.

Outdoor program opportunities, including horseback riding, science camps, challenge courses, water activities and much more, will expand and thrive at the council's many Girl Scout camps. Girl Scouts of Central Texas will maintain seven camps, and girls will benefit from improved priority placement at camps outside their former council areas but within the new 46-county jurisdiction.

Additionally, the combining of four councils' resources enables unique Girl Scouting programs to be established, developed and implemented. New this school year, the Girl Scout Home School Network aids home-schooling Girl Scout families through a virtual and emotional support network. Other initiatives strengthened by the realignment include: Enterprising Girl Scouts Beyond Bars, a specialized program that supports daughters of incarcerated women; Destiny Success and Transitions, programs that serve teen girls in residential probation and facilitate their transition back into society; and shelter initiatives that make Girl Scouting available to girls in emergency shelters and settlement homes.

The creation of the Girl Scouts of Central Texas is part of a nationwide movement led by Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) to combine 312 councils into 109 high-performing councils. The

transformation will result in a better integrated, leadership development experience for girls and a nimble state-of-the-art volunteer system.

"Council realignments are part of the GSUSA Core Business Strategy which is vital for the building of a stronger network of councils with the capacity to deliver meaningful leadership experiences to girls," explains Moore. "Girl Scouts of Central Texas is pleased to participate in this national movement and looks forward to reaching out to even more girls with this exciting and new leadership philosophy."

The Girl Scouts of Central Texas headquarters is in north Austin at the Lone Star Program Center. Four additional program centers are located in Brownwood, Killeen, San Angelo and Waco. The council also boasts four residential camps,

three primitive camps and 20 Girl Scout houses.

For information about the Girl Scouts of Central Texas or how you can become involved in Girl Scouting, visit [www.gsctx.org](http://www.gsctx.org).

Girl Scouts of the USA is the pre-eminent organization for and leading authority on girls with 3.7 million girl and adult members. Now in its 95th year, Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. The organization strives to serve girls from every corner of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. For more information on how to join, volunteer, or donate to the Girl Scouts, call (800) GSUSA 4 U [(800) 478-7248] or visit [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org).

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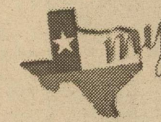
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by Jim Runge

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## Hospital trustees adopt budget, vote funds for Wellness Center

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met Monday, September 24, 2007 and voted to pledge \$40,000 toward the construction of the Schleicher County Wellness Center, provided the Wellness Foundation can obtain the necessary funds, including grants, to complete construction.

Trustees George Arispe, T.J. Rodriguez, Andy Anderson, Susie Richters and Randy Mankin voted in favor of the measure. Trustee Jim Martin voted in opposition saying that he favored appropriating only \$25,000 for the purpose.

Ilse Williams, Eddie Albin, Christy Brown, Christy Meador and Randy Mitchel brought a request for the funding to the hospital trustees. They also provided projections of construction costs and operational costs to assist the

board with its decision.

In other business, the board voted to adopt a \$1.44 million budget. They then voted to set a tax rate of 27.99 cents per \$100 valuation in order to service the budget.

Among other business, the board voted to spend \$300 to assist with the purchase of bicycle helmets in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, EMS and Fire Department as well as the Safe Kids Coalition.

Trustee Ricky Fuessel was absent from the meeting.

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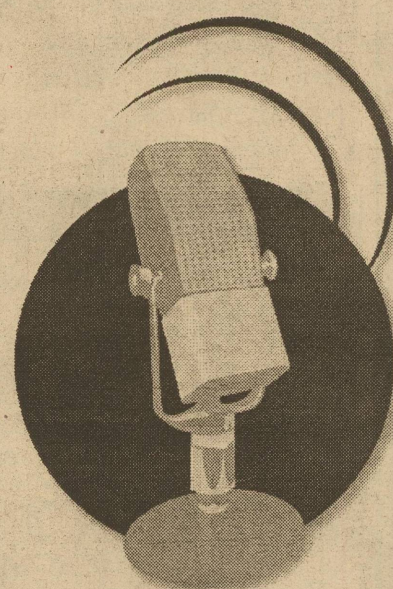
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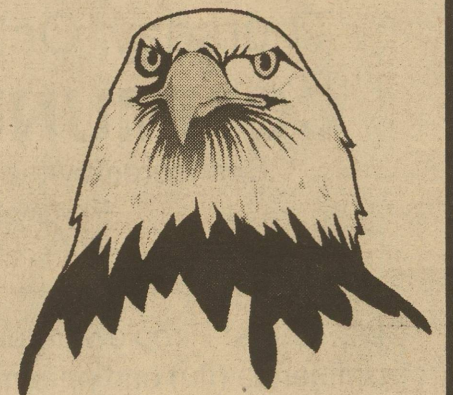
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CDC states: People with diabetes are about three times more likely to die from influenza (flu) and pneumonia than those without diabetes, yet more than half of people with diabetes did not get a flu shot in a recent year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encourages people with diabetes to get a flu shot before the flu season, which generally runs November through March.

"People may be unaware that diabetes can make their immune system more vulnerable to severe complications from flu including death," said Dr. Frank Vinicor, director of the Division of Diabetes Translation at CDC. "A flu shot is an easy, safe, and preventive measure that people with diabetes should take to protect themselves from the risks associated with the flu."

"Flu shots do not contain a live virus so they cannot cause the flu," said Tamara Kicera, deputy chief for program development and evaluation, Adult Vaccine Preventable Diseases Branch of the CDC's National Immunization Program. "Getting a flu shot is essential for people with diabetes. For other people, such as family members of people with diabetes, the shot not only protects them from the flu, it can help them avoid passing the flu along to their loved ones. A flu shot can be a good idea for anyone who wants to reduce their risk of illness, but people with chronic diseases should be sure to ask their doctor about this vaccination."

CDC also recommends that people with diabetes receive a pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine to protect against the most common form of pneumonia because they are at greater risk for several comorbidity factors including heart disease and renal failure. Annually, 10,000 to 30,000 people with diabetes die from complications resulting from flu and pneumonia.

**Medicare will be filed for Medicare beneficiaries.**  
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**Touch of History**  
 by Rene Calcoete

**Home Remedies of Early Days**

Schleicher County pioneer families did not always have a doctor available to treat injury or illness immediately in the early days, especially in children.

Most folks lived in the rural area of the county on ranches or farms. It was a long trip on dirt roads to Eldorado. The roads were usually muddy too, and most kids get sick in the middle of the night.

Doctors made house calls, but it would take time for a doctor to arrive after some one was sent into town after them in horse and buggies.

Folks had to rely on their own medical knowledge, and the medicine that they had at home to treat emergencies or illness. A medical book was a household item in this era.

Listed are a few home remedies from a home medical book called, "A Physician in the House" by J.H. Greer, M.D.

Constipation: Rub the back and loins of the child with goose grease.

Headache: Apply bandage steeped in hot vinegar or salt water to back of head and neck.

Croup: Apply a cloth satu-

**Nursing Home Chit Chat**



by Annie Arispe  
 Nursing Home Activity Director

We were not able to take the residents to the Farmers' Market, so we are going to bring the Farmers' Market to the residents. We are asking anyone that would like to share with us produce from their garden to do so on October 8, 2007. We would appreciate it.

One year the residents were able to go to the Sheriff's Department's garden and picked fruits and veggies. We had them cut veggies and get the smell, the touch and the taste. We also, had residents take turns being blindfolded in front of a larger basket of produce. We let them touch and guess which piece they were touching. We encouraged discussion by his or her favorite, and to share a good memory of autumn with the group.

In many parts, September, can be just as hot as August.

Autumn becomes official on September 23, but we always know it's on the way without looking at the calendar. Nature's signals are everywhere. Those long, hot days we enjoyed all summer are not quite so long and not, as hot as, they were.

**USDA-NRCS now accepting EQIP applications for 2008**

The Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Eldorado is taking Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications through November 16. The EQIP program is a cost-share incentive program available to landowners and operators for the purpose of carrying out conservation practices on their land.

Each county within the State receives a base allocation of federal dollars to implement various high priority conservation practices which address identified resource concerns. Last year there were 27 EQIP contracts approved for cost-share.

This year's County priority concern (Invasive Plants) is the same as last year. Cedar, mesquite and prickly pear are the identified high priority target species. Chemical and/or mechanical control methods can be carried out to obtain your brush management goal. Facilitating practices such as fencing and water development are medium priority.

Schleicher County also receives additional funding through EQIP to provide technical and payment incentive assistance for Special Resource Concern Areas. A significant amount of federal assistance will be available to carry out conservation practices within the Twin Buttes Watershed. Brush control, fencing, livestock pipelines, water storages and wells are just some of the conservation practices that can cost-shared within these special project areas.

Payment rates will be a flat rate cost. The local NRCS employees will review the application and ranking procedure with you and explain the program in more detail.

For more information, you can come by the office at 510 S. Divide in Eldorado or call 325-853-3535, Ext. 3.

**Jeffs found guilty in two rapes**

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during the trial when they informed jurors that she had brought a civil lawsuit against Jeffs and the FLDS church and was seeking a \$1 million settlement.

Terms of the proposed settlement, released by her attorney Greg Hoole, revealed however that the settlement asked for property and a trust fund to benefit others trying to escape from child marriages and/or the polygamous lifestyle espoused by the FLDS church.

Few in Eldorado, Texas had ever heard of Warren Jeffs before the winter of 2003 when his followers purchased a 1,691 acre ranch four miles north-northeast of town. Since that time, the YFZ Ranch has grown into a sprawling FLDS community, complete with multi-level homes, huge shop buildings and warehouses, as well as a massive white limestone temple.

Richard Holm, a one-time faithful member of the FLDS church, visited Eldorado in 2006 to fly over the YFZ Ranch and see it for himself.

Holm was excommunicated from the church by Warren Jeffs who reassigned his wives and children to one of his brothers.

Holm was present Tuesday in the St. George courtroom as Jeffs verdict was read. Following the trial he commented to reporters, "If Warren Jeffs spent one day in jail for all the people he's hurt, he'd spend several dozen years. He's got a trail of blood and bones."

**Weekly Crossword Puzzle**

<b>ACROSS</b>	60. Ed Norton, notably	73. Fender ding	7. Height: Prefix	21. Newsboy's shout
1. Low voice	64. Garlicy sauce	1. Use TNT	8. Reeves of "The Matrix"	22. Language suffix
5. Hit a high	66. Geometry calculation	2. Hanna-Barbera's ___ Doggie	9. Be furious	26. Judge's seat
9. Morley of "60 Minutes"	67. Go out together	3. Play for time	10. The whole shebang	28. Marina del ___, Cal.
14. Minstrel's instrument	68. Pioneer's path	4. Waits on	11. Bush accused	29. Result of a bug bite
15. Wheel holder	69. Subcompact	5. Henry VIII's sixth wife, Catherine ___	12. Falco of "The Sopranos"	30. Like a peacock?
16. Give the slip to	70. "Tell it like ___!"	6. Proctored event	13. Sax player's buy	32. Son of Seth
17. Petri dish gel	71. Discombobulate			33. Do mailroom work
18. Pro ___ (proportionately)	72. Do a KP chore			34. "Rush!" letters
19. Popeye creator ___ Segar				35. Stubborn equine
20. Comstock Lode figure				36. Beatles album of 1969
23. Z, to a Brit				38. Part of SRO
24. Fax precursor				41. Babwa ___ (Gilder Radner role)
25. Words on an expiration notice				42. Crime head
27. Bacon unit				43. In ___ (not yet born)
31. Mingo player on "Daniel Boone"				48. Store, as fodder
34. MDs' org.				49. ___ out (barely manage)
37. Old, but new again				51. Morally degraded
39. iPod model				53. Boggy area
40. MTA driver				55. Do figure eights
44. Jessica of "Dark Angel"				56. Take effect
45. Mr. ___ (Tati role)				57. "___ my case!"
46. FDR successor				58. Spy ___ Hari
47. Reese in Cooperstown				59. ___ one's loins (prepare for action)
50. Units of force				61. Toledo's lake
52. Bosox rivals				62. Artist Magritte
54. Martini & ___ vermouth				63. Cry like a banshee
58. Dept. head				65. Capp's "___ Abner"

Going Underground

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Jim Runge visited Sunday afternoon with Joyce Arnold and Marilyn Jones, representing the Chamber of Commerce in Mason. The women traveled to Eldorado to visit with Runge about ways to promote their town. The three are pictured here touring Runge's Hysterical District, located at the south end of town.

## Comptroller's amnesty program snares more than \$100 million in delinquent taxes

AUSTIN — Comptroller Susan Combs' tax amnesty program, Project Fresh Start, brought in more than \$100 million in unpaid taxes, including more than \$90 million in state taxes and more than \$10 million owed to local governments.

"These successful results far exceed our expectations," Combs said. "The tax amnesty brought in \$47 million in sales tax, \$46 mil-

lion in franchise tax and varying amounts of 19 other taxes."

During the Project Fresh Start amnesty period, June 15 through Aug. 15, a total of 1,258 businesses reported and paid delinquent taxes. About 3 percent to 5 percent were new taxpayers operating businesses without required tax permits and without paying state taxes. In exchange for their cooperation and payment, the Comptroller waived penalty and interest charges normally added to delinquent taxes.

"Now that these businesses have a fresh start, I hope they will continue to be honest, law-abiding taxpayers," Combs said. "The new businesses we have added to the

tax rolls will generate revenues for the state and local governments for many years to come."

Only businesses with tax deficiencies that had not yet been discovered by the Comptroller's office were eligible for the amnesty. Businesses that were being audited and businesses the Comptroller's office had already contacted regarding delinquent taxes were not eligible.

"I want to thank and commend every business owner who did the right thing and came forward to clear up unpaid, underreported and overdue taxes," Combs said. "I am committed to seeing to it that every business meets its obligation to pay its fair share of taxes."

## Eagles JV falls 32-0 to Harper

The Eldorado Eagles JV squad couldn't find their rhythm Thursday losing to Harper 32-0.

Eloy Bustos led the Eagles on the ground with 66 yards, while Miles Mikeska and Rudy Sanchez had 26 yards and 11 yards respectively.

Sanchez led the team with seven yards receiving.

Defensively Anthony Mata shined blocking a field goal attempt and an extra point attempt. Sanchez added to his night with a fumble recovery, and Garrett Lux accounted for an interception.

Harper ended the night with 234 yards of total offense to the Eagles 91.



### New Hours For Football and Hunters

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### School Lunch Menu



Milk & Bread Offered  
Menus Subject To Change  
½ pt. Milk & 4 oz.  
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#### BREAKFAST MENU

**Monday, October 1**  
Cheese Toast, Fresh Banana, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Tuesday, October 2**  
Waffle Stix/Syrup, Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Wednesday, October 3**  
Buttered Toast/Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Thursday, October 4**  
Pig-n-a-Blanket, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Friday, October 5**  
Banana Nut Muffin, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

#### BASKET LINE

**Monday, October 1**  
Corn Dogs, Pork-n-Beans, Cucumber Salad, Strawberry or Peach Cups

**Tuesday, October 2**  
Steak Burgers Baked Chips/Lettuce / Tomato/Sliced Peaches

**Wednesday, October 3**  
Crispy Tacos/ Refried Beans, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix's/ Dip, Brownies

**Thursday, October 4**  
Pep, Hot Pockets, Pork-n-Beans, Tossed Salad, Rosie Applesauce

**Friday, October 5**  
Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Lettuce/Tomato, Apple Halves

#### CAFETERIA LINE

**Monday, October 1**  
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Broccoli and Cheese, Mixed Green Salad

**Tuesday, October 2**  
Cowboy Beans/Corn Bread, Potato Salad, Carrot Stix's/Dip, Pineapple Tidbits

**Wednesday, October 3**  
Fish Strips/Tartar Sauce, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Brownies

**Thursday, October 4**  
Chicken Fajita/Flour Tortilla, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Rosie Applesauce

**Friday, October 5**  
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## High School Parent/Teacher Conference

Eldorado High School will host a two day Parent/Teacher Conference in order to visit with all of the students parents. Times have been chosen in order to allow parents more flexibility to attend this conference around their work schedule.

The conferences are scheduled for:  
Monday, October 1, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, October 8, 2007 from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The designated times for both days were selected so that parents may have some flexibility in their work schedules to meet with the teachers. A private room will be available for those teachers and parents who wish to visit privately.

The high school counselor will be present to answer questions and to make available various materials including information about financial aide for students nearing graduation, various testing options for all students, and graduation requirements and a 4-Year Plans for freshman and sophomores. Spanish translation will be available.

The teachers of Eldorado High school hope each parent of a High School student will take this opportunity to ask questions and get to know who instructs their children.

## State's unemployment rate drops to 4.2 percent

### Employers add another 10,400 jobs

AUSTIN —The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.2 percent in August, down from last month's 4.4 percent, and down significantly from 4.9 percent a year ago. Seasonally adjusted non-agricultural employment in Texas grew by 10,400 jobs, remaining strong, despite the U.S. economy's loss of 4,000 jobs this month. Texas employers have added 229,000 jobs in the past year.

"Our strong Texas economy continues to surpass national trends, with employers adding jobs statewide again this month," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "At 4.2 percent, the Texas unemployment rate continues to hover at 30-year record lows and remains well below the national unemployment rate of 4.6 percent."

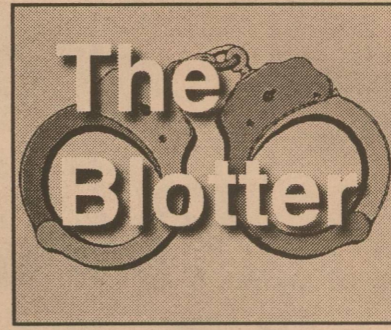
The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.8 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo and Odessa MSAs tied for second at 3.3 percent.

The Service Providing sector showed the largest gains. Professional and Business Services showed significant gains of 5,500 jobs, after a banner July, when the industry added 7,300 positions. This industry now stands at a solid 5.1 percent annual growth rate, bringing 62,100 jobs to the Texas economy over the past 12 months. Government jobs also contributed to the state's economic health, adding 6,800 positions in August.

"Employers are adding jobs in a wide variety of industries and I'm particularly encouraged by the strong showing in the Service Providing sector," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Texas' annual job growth rate now stands at 2.3 percent, well-above the national rate of 1.2 percent."

Leisure and Hospitality added 3,500 jobs, following an increase of 1,300 jobs in July, representing an annual growth rate now at 4.4 percent. Natural Resources and Mining increased by 1,600 jobs this month and added 16,500 jobs over the year showing a strong annual growth rate of 8.8 percent. Education and Health Services created another 1,600 jobs this month, adding to July's tally of 2,800 positions.

"There are 229,000 more jobs in Texas as compared to this time last year," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Our state offers many opportunities to Texans seeking jobs."



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

September 19 • Ramos, Jesus, male age 26, offense Motion To Revoke/Failure To Identify. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

• Mendosa, Amy Jo, female age 33, offense Theft Of Service. \$1,000 Surety Bond.

September 21 • Jones, Brian Gordon, male age 30, Offense Driving While License Invalid. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

#### INCIDENTS

September 18 • 10:10 a.m. Request to speak with officer.

• 8:20 p.m. Complainant reported stolen items residence on S. Main. Subject requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

September 19 • 12:38 a.m. 911 Call. Dispatcher received no answer on call back. False alarm.

September 20 • 8:46 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer to San Angelo.

• 10:40 a.m. Caller requested an office on East Street.

7:00 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver in a silver vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Hwy. 277 north. Deputy notified.

September 21 • 8:12 a.m. Caller reported alarm going off at store.

Officer notified and found everything OK.

• 10:54 a.m. Caller reported a man harassing them by telephone. Officer notified.

• 3:45 p.m. Caller requested to speak directly to a deputy. Deputy responded. Subject told deputy husband being harassed and threaten at job site.

• 9:22 p.m. Deputy reported a backpack near the Gillespe Co. ISD school bus. SC Deputy turned the backpack over to their deputy.

• 10:54 p.m. Caller reported people fighting at convenience store. Three officers responded.

September 22 • 7:57 a.m. Subject reported a break in at their residence on Paseo de Vaca.

• 10:30 a.m. Caller reported a hit and run on South Main. Officer responded.

• 8:30 p.m. Mother called and reported their daughter's car was being tail gated by a white caravan. Officer responded.

September 23 • Caller reported loud music coming from neighbors across the street. Officer notified.

• 4:55 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer at personal residence concerning a domestic disturbance at another residence. Officers notified and unable to locate.

September 24 • 1:44 p.m. Complainant requested an officer at bank. Officer responded and picked up a counterfeit \$20.

• 6:08 p.m. Caller wanted to know where their son was. Sheriff Office advised the caller to speak with the Chief Deputy the next day.

• 6:30 p.m. Caller wanted to know the legal status between their son and themselves. Sheriff Office advised caller to speak with the Chief Deputy and Justice of the Peace in the morning.

• 8:35 p.m. Subject walked into Sheriff Office to reported an assault.

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Ground Beef with Vermicelli, Pinto Beans, Flour Tortilla, Toss Salad, Mixed Fruit Cup, Milk

**Wednesday, October 3**  
Baked Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potato, Dinner Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie, Juice, Milk

**Thursday, October 4**  
Roast Beef, Mashed Potato, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Carrot Stick, Apple Sauce, Milk

**Friday, October 5**  
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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Going Underground

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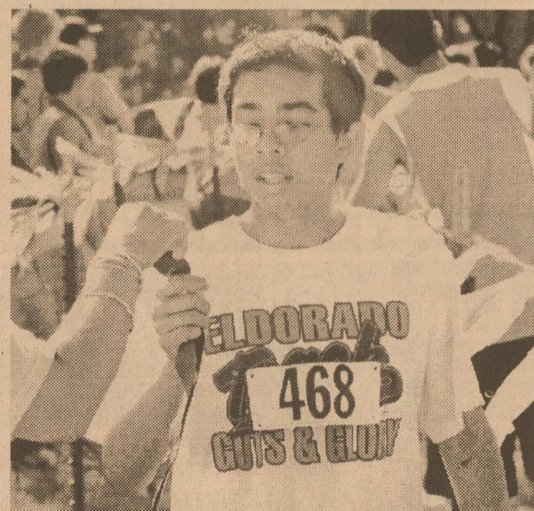
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The 2007 EHS Homecoming Queen and her court posed Friday night following halftime festivities during the Eldorado-Harper football game. The court includes (L-R) Senior candidate Macy Chatham, Freshman Duchess Laura Garcia, Homecoming Queen Amika Gonzalez, Junior Duchess Cassandra Buitron, Sophomore Duchess Adriana Hernandez and Senior Candidate Chelsey Pridemore.

## Eldorado Womens Club holds first meeting of the year

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the Memorial Building Club Room.

Theme for our meeting was "Presentation of Programs" for the second year of our 2007-2008 club year. Fifteen members and three guests Linda Stuts, Trish Rowe and Edna Pina were present. President Jerre Holley opened our meeting with a warm welcome to everyone and that she was looking forward to an exciting new club year.

Opening prayer was given by

Cathy Niblett and was followed with everyone reciting our Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Texas flag. Charlene Edmiston led us in the pledges. We next enjoyed a delicious brunch which was prepared by our hostesses who consisted of members of the Hospitality Committee and several other members. The table appointments featured a red table cloth and red flower arrangement. We thanked each member who made our brunch a great way to begin our first meeting of our new club year.

President Holley next opened our business meeting with a warm

welcome to everyone and saying how much she is looking forward to our coming meeting. Myrt Williams reported the Finance Committee Noweita Briggs and Nelva Martin as co-chair people and Penny Bland, Charlene Edmiston and Shine Spigarelli had discussed ways to finance our new yearly scholarship fund. The Scholarship Committee will present their suggestions at a meeting sometime early in 2008 so the club can have everything ready for our coming new club year.

Secretary Pat Holt next read the minutes of our last meeting and they stood as read. Secretary Holt also read thank you notes from Tiffany Hernandez, our current scholarship recipient, and the other girls who were our guests the meeting the club announced the winner. We thank each girl who participated and gave us a chance to enjoy knowing something about each one. We could select only one girl, but each girl is a great person and we know each will continue in the future to be an outstanding person.

President Holley continued our meeting with requests for new and old business. Mary Roden reported she had kept the club history book and we enjoyed looking at the great job she had done with her pictures and articles of our club activities. President Holley said Roll Call would be answered with each

member telling about a special summer happening. Some of these were special family reunions; a trip to Port Aransas; the birth of a grandchild or a great-grandchild; a child getting married; a special trip down the Devils' River in a kayak which was possible because the rains this year; a trip to Arkansas; trips to a hospital and doctors' appointments; getting to attend a "Sound of Music" production that a grandchild participated in; thankful for glorious summer rain; moving from Robert Lee.

Our program was given by Myrt Williams. She gave run down of our next club year from September, 2007 through May, 2008. We will be looking forward to each program. One will be of special interest to this reporter as she will be talking about Indians and she will be wearing a special Indian Headdress and will be in full Indian attire. Another program will be about Eldorado EMS and another will be a patriotic program that will be about "Hometown Heroes." A history of Schleicher County is also scheduled.

We thank Jerre Holley for doing such a great job in compiling the new filler for our coming club year.

We closed our meeting by reciting the club collect. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building Club Room.

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- Monday, October 1**  
Cheese Toast, Fresh Banana, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, October 2**  
Waffle Stix/Syrup, Peaches, Choice Of Juice, Milk
- Wednesday, October 3**  
Buttered Toast/Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Thursday, October 4**  
Pig-n-a-Blanket, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Friday, October 5**  
Banana Nut Muffin, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

#### BASKET LINE

- Monday, October 1**  
Corn Dogs, Pork-n-Beans, Cucumber Salad, Strawberry or Peach Cups
- Tuesday, October 2**  
Steak Burgers Baked Chips/Lettuce / Tomato Sliced Peaches
- Wednesday, October 3**  
Crispy Tacos/ Refried Beans, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix/Dip, Brownies
- Thursday, October 4**  
Pep. Hot Pockets, Pork-n-Beans, Tossed Salad, Rosie Applesauce
- Friday, October 5**  
Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Lettuce/Tomato, Apple Halves

#### CAFETERIA LINE

- Monday, October 1**  
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Broccoli and Cheese, Mixed Green Salad Strawberry or Peach Cups
- Tuesday, October 2**  
Cowboy Beans/Corn Bread, Potato Salad, Carrot Stix/Dip, Pineapple Tidbits
- Wednesday, October 3**  
Fish Strips/Tartar Sauce, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Brownies
- Thursday, October 4**  
Chicken Fajita/Flour Tortilla, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Rosie Applesauce
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