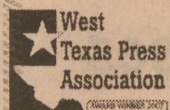


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AZ drops sex charges against former FLDS police officer

Alleged victim implicated in blackmail plot

Rodney Holm's bigamy conviction in 2003 sent shockwaves through the fundamentalist Mormon communities of Hildale, Utah and Colorado City, Arizona.

Now comes word that charges against him have been dropped in a similar Arizona case. In that case Holm was accused of conspiracy to commit sexual conduct with a minor. The charge stemmed from his polygamous marriage to an underage girl.

Holm, now 40, was a police officer in the twin towns that straddle the Utah/Arizona line. Back in 2002 his polygamous marriage to his wife's younger sister was nothing new in the two communities. What was new, however, was the vigor with which the State of Utah pursued the case against Holm. His subsequent conviction set in motion a chain of events that led to the establishment of polygamous settlements in Colorado, South Dakota, and here in Schleicher County Texas where the YFZ Ranch blossomed from barren ranchland to become the second largest town in Schleicher County.

Holm's conviction also triggered another series of events... events that led to the prosecution of several members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Eventually, the expanding legal problems drew in the church's leader, Warren Jeffs, forcing him to go into hiding. Jeffs was

eventually named to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List before his capture last year near Las Vegas, Nevada.

With Jeffs trial on charges of Rape as an Accomplice looming before him in the coming days, the dismissal of Holm's most recent charges on Monday appears as a rare bit of good news for the embattled FLDS community.

Mohave County Arizona Attorney Matt Smith reportedly reached a deal with Holm after it was learned that his accuser and former "child bride" Ruth Stubbs had taken part in a scheme to extract money from the leadership of the FLDS church in return for her not testifying against Holm.

Stubbs was reportedly going to share the proceeds with her brother. A letter connecting her to the plot was intercepted and is believed to have been destroyed by her brother, but only after it came to the attention of defense attorneys and prosecutors.

Stubbs apparently won't face prosecution on a blackmail charge because the member of the FLDS church leadership who received the letter did not cooperate with federal authorities prior to the letter being destroyed.

It is unknown if Stubbs was scheduled to testify against Warren Jeffs in his upcoming trial.

Jury selection in Jeffs' trial is slated to get underway on Monday, September 10, 2007.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

A pair of Eldorado volunteer firefighters were silhouetted by flames Monday night as they prepared to attack a house fire at the Jack Harris residence on McIntosh Road. Mr. Harris was reportedly frying potatoes when the grease caught fire, burning his arm as the flames spread into the kitchen. Firefighters responded and quickly doused the flames. It is unknown at press time exactly how extensive the fire damage was to the home. Mr. Harris was treated at the scene by EMS volunteers before being transported to Schleicher County Medical Center.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Pre-school teacher Claudia Droll and Aide Solia Rojas assisted children with their breakfast trays Monday in the school cafeteria as the youngsters showed up for their first day of school.

No Bull! Courthouse lawn off limits to all but non-profit use

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, August 27 and voted 2-1 to restrict the use of the Courthouse Lawn to non-profit organizations, only. Commissioners Matt Brown and Kirk Griffin voted in favor of the measure while Commissioner Lynn Meador voted in opposition while saying that he thought the matter should be explored further. Commissioner Johnny Mayo was absent.

Judge Johnny Griffin explained that the issue came up when members of the local Masonic Lodge took offense to booth fees charged by Jim Runge at

his Running of the Bull festival.

Judge Griffin explained that lodge member Brian Edmiston had contacted him about addressing the court concerning Runge's festivals and his opinion that Runge should be charged for the use of the property and electricity. Edmiston did not appear, however.

Judge Griffin explained various lodge members were offended by a story Mr. Runge ran in the July 26th edition of The Eldorado Success. It referred to "outlaw vendors" who set up booths outside the festival grounds.

Several lodge members report-

edly believed Runge's comments were pointed at them since their organization sold barbecue from lodge property, across the street from the Running of the Bull festival.

Discussion also centered on damaged sprinkler heads on the courthouse lawn.

The men ultimately decided to limit all use of the courthouse lawn to non-profit organizations, effectively prohibiting its use during Mr. Runge's Running of the Bull and Elgoatrod festivals. The decision does not apply

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Eldorado gets its first commercial radio station

KLDE-FM due on the air next week

Eldorado's first and only radio station goes on the air in early September. KLDE will be broadcasting at 104.9 on the FM dial according to station spokesman Randy Mankin.

While the station's programming format remains a closely-guarded secret, it was announced last week that KLDE will be broadcasting Eldorado Eagles football games live beginning with the Eldorado-Mason game on Friday, September 7th.

KLDE will also broadcast the Eagles road games enabling local fans to keep up with all the action even when they can't make it to the out-of-town games.

"We're encouraging Eldorado fans to continue coming out to support the Eagles," Mankin stated. "But, bring a portable radio with you to the games and tune in to hear the games broadcast

live."

Mason Vaughan will be the voice of the Eagles this year as he calls the play-by-play. Several "color commentators" have been lined up to provide on-air details of the action.

"We hope to be able to broadcast Eagles basketball as the teams move into their district seasons," Mankin added.

As for the station's broadcast format, Mankin would only say, "Tune in and hear for yourself. I think you'll like it."

KLDE will be broadcasting with twice the power as Eldorado's nearest FM radio station which will give the station excellent coverage throughout the Edward's Plateau and beyond. Promotional literature issued by the station indicates KLDE's FM signal is expected to reach Sonora, Ozona, Barnhart, Mertzon, Christoval and San Angelo.

DPS warns Drink, Drive, Go to Jail

Texans planning to celebrate the last three-day weekend of the summer should know that the Texas Highway Patrol will be out in force looking for people who are driving while intoxicated. During the Labor Day weekend (Aug. 31 to Sept. 3), all available state troopers will be out on Texas roadways in support of the "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." program.

"We are serious about enforcing this law," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. "Too many innocent people are killed every year in this state when drivers choose to consume alcohol and then operate a motor vehicle. We intend to do our part to find those intoxicated drivers and get them off the road."

It is illegal in Texas to operate a motor vehicle with a breath alcohol content of 0.08 or above. During the Labor Day weekend in 2006, DPS troopers arrested

887 people across the state for driving while intoxicated.

The punishment for a DWI conviction:

First offense: Fine not to exceed \$2,000 and/or a jail term of 72 hours to 180 days; participation in an alcohol education and treatment program even if probation is granted; license suspension from three months to 1 year.

Second Offense: Fine up to \$4,000 and/or jail term of 30 days to one year; mandatory 72 hours in jail even if probation is granted; license suspension from six months to two years.

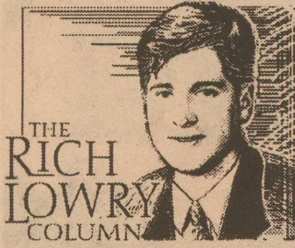
Third Offense: Fine not to exceed \$10,000; prison term of two years to 10 years; mandatory jail term of 10 days even if probation is granted; license suspension from six months to two years.

Intoxication manslaughter: Fine up to \$10,000, prison term of two to 20

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The Revenge of the Tribes

In September 1898, an outnumbered British-led army battled the forces of a Muslim fanatic in Omdurman, Sudan. The Brits unleashed machine-gun fire and artillery on the primitive warriors and suffered a loss of 48 dead and 434 wounded, while killing 9,700, wounding 13,000 and capturing 5,000 of the enemy. Winston Churchill, who was present, called it "the most signal triumph ever gained by the arms of science over barbarians." The British ruled Sudan for another five decades.



In October 1993, badly outnumbered American troops battled the forces of a Somali clan leader in Mogadishu. We unleashed machine-gun fire and helicopter gunships on the primitive warriors and suffered 18 fatalities and 73 wounded to as many 5,500 Somali killed and wounded. It was a fight nearly as lopsided as the Battle of Omdurman, but the U.S. was out of Somalia within a year.

Since the 1990s, we have witnessed the revenge of the tribes. For hundreds of years, the result -- with some spectacular exceptions -- of a clash between modern and primitive armies was a bloodbath and disorienting humiliation for the primitive forces. Now, tribes, clans and primitives of all sorts represent one of the most intractable problems in the war on terror.

In western Pakistan, Gaza, Southern and eastern Afghanistan, Somalia and western Iraq, it has been ungoverned spaces that have created the environment in which terrorists can thrive. Our problem in the war on terror is less the absence of democracy than the absence of strong states. Tribes are inherently difficult to govern because they, as James Kurth writes in *The American Interest*, "do not see themselves as citizens who enjoy equal rights within one homogeneous nation," but as "at most a collection of nations in a nation, but not of it."

This is why even the mind-bogglingly brutal Saddam Hussein had trouble handling the tribes of Iraq. The extraordinary progress we have seen in Iraq in the past six months has less to do with winning new converts to our ideological vision of liberal democracy, and more with how we have -- through inspired and very practical work at the local level -- turned the tribes in our favor. We have greased palms, stroked egos and benefited from the excesses of an al-Qaida so savage and dark that it represents a threat even to the not particularly gentle or enlightened way of life of the tribes.

President Bush doesn't appear to have entirely absorbed this. He still insists that Muslims desire freedom as much as Methodists do. This may well be true of Muslims who are as deracinated as most Methodists are -- living in societies that have dissolved traditional ties of clan and sect to make possible the individualism upon which modern liberal democracies are built. Most Muslims in the Middle East don't live in such societies, of course, and creating them would represent a radical social revolution almost as threatening to tribal sheiks as the vision of al-Qaida.

What we are instead witnessing in Iraq is a necessary American accommodation to people for whom blood and soil mean much more than constitutional rights or democratic procedure. Is that ideal? No, but consider it part of the revenge of the tribes.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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Beware of Women who Eat Steak



Communists used to say they were going to bury us.

It seems they are -- only now they're acting like capitalists and burying us with imports.

The latest scare from China: poison pajamas!

Could they make up anything more likely to scare people, especially parents, who in America are required by law to be scared all the time?

It's true. The only safe thing coming from China is fortune cookies.

Sorry, Don, they actually found formaldehyde in Chinese fortune cookies.

What? I love fortune cookies! I've probably eaten enough fortune cookies to qualify for a discount on embalming!

This does bring up, however, a serious problem I have with fortune cookies -- the fortunes. They need serious work.

Maybe I expect too much. I keep hoping for something like, "Next Tuesday, all the world will acknowledge your wisdom and talent and lavish you with praise and money, as Salma Hayek declares her undying love for you."

And then it's supposed to happen.

But usually it's more along

these lines: "Happy the day you know not tomorrow."

As if maybe the formaldehyde was starting to get to them.

But while it might not be completely satisfying, it would be nice to get a straightforward fortune that could actually come true: "He who eats too many fortune cookies likely to get formaldehyde poisoning."

Or, "Beware, your pajamas are out to kill you."

Now that would be helpful to know.

And now for further word on the food front: Women are finding that the way to a man's heart is through their own stomach.

According to a New York Times article, women are now ordering steak and hamburgers in restaurants as a way to impress men.

I can't make this stuff up, which I will bolster with a real quote from restaurateur Michael Stillman, "I've been shocked at the number of women actually ordering steak."

You hear that, he's shocked! Women are actually going around and ordering steak -- in public! Young, innocent men on their own

in the Big City need to be careful.

The article included an actual personal profile (which I am also not making up) designed to lure a man: "I love architecture, The New Yorker, dogs ... steak for two and the Sunday puzzle."

She was seeking, she said, "A smart, funny, kind man who owns a suit ... and loves red wine and big steak."

We got it, lady, you like steak. The idea apparently is to show men they're low maintenance, basically a cave woman -- which is what most men want to go along with their beer and their 84-inch flat-screen TV.

Once men fall for this, of course, it's time to start picking out the china patterns and window treatments.

So the next time you're checking the personals and the woman says she likes nothing more than a thick, juicy steak, ask yourself: What's she planning to have for dinner, a meaty rib-eye or you?

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Hurricane Dean crews stand down after storm passes

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN -- Gov. Rick Perry on Aug. 21 ordered the withdrawal of disaster response personnel and equipment deployed to South Texas in anticipation of Hurricane Dean.

Perry issued the order after the hurricane began tracking on a westerly path away from Texas.



The hurricane earlier struck Jamaica and the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico, and appeared to be headed toward the Texas-Mexico border region.

Personnel, search-and-rescue teams, buses, aircraft and refuelers were staged in the Rio Grande Valley and San Antonio to support community efforts to prepare for bad weather.

"Luckily, our state was spared and it is time for the dedicated men and women who answered the call of duty to return home," Perry said.

College Ready Texas hits road

What does it mean for a student to be "college ready?" Basically, it has to do with ensuring that high school curriculum matches college entrance standards.

Members of the Commission for a College Ready Texas have been on the road to get more input on exactly what it means.

Austin attorney Sandy Kress chairs the commission. Other members are Robert Scott, acting state commissioner of education, and Raymond Paredes of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

House Bill 1, in effect since 2006, requires teams of educators to define college readiness and the State Board of Education adjust high school curricula and develop online instructional resources for students and professional development for educators.

So far, the commission has gathered public testimony in Austin, Houston, Arlington and Midland. In September, they'll have meetings in Harlingen and San Antonio.

State considers electronic signs

The Texas Transportation Commission is contemplating passage a regulation that would allow electronic billboards visible to passing motorists.

If the commission grants preliminary approval, a 90-day public comment period will follow before final approval.

Opponents say the changing messages can distract drivers. Supporters say it's not that big of a deal if messages don't flash or crawl. Home rule municipalities would still have the final say-so in their jurisdictions.

Sales tax holiday helps shoppers

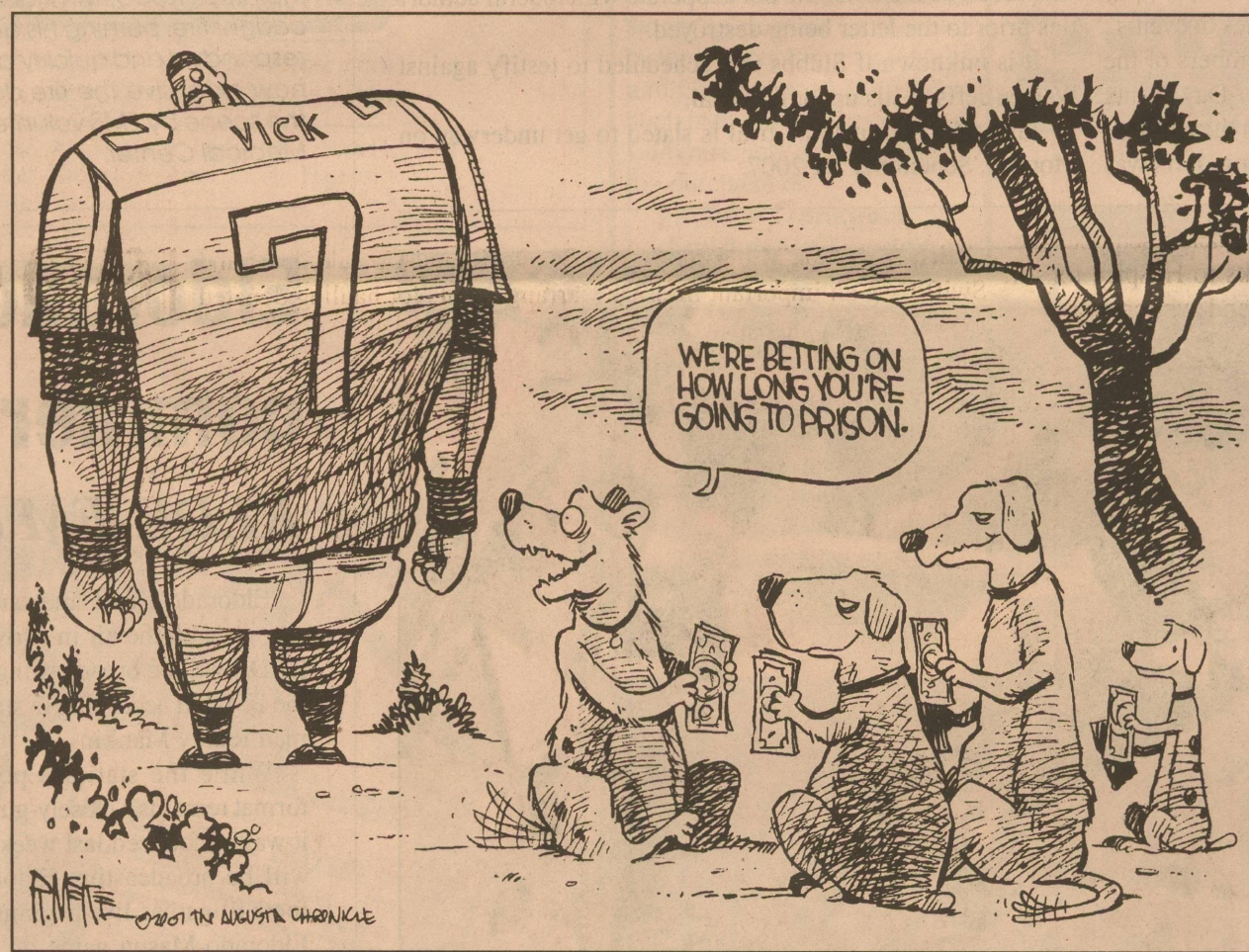
Shoppers saved about \$52 million in state and local sales taxes during the Aug. 17-19 annual sales tax holiday.

Combs and Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston, the primary author of the sales tax holiday law, have said they would like to increase the maximum price for tax-exempt items from \$100 to \$150.

The officials hope to add another dimension to the tax holiday by including items such as pencils, pens, crayons and paper to the list.

Perry is asked to end shipments

Citizens and more than two dozen state legislators asked Gov. Perry to use his authority to stop further shipments of toxic waste to a Port Arthur incinerator.



A Visit to Gator Country

I met Big Al the other day. He's the biggest alligator in Texas (13 feet 4 inches long and weighs 1,000 pounds). He's between 70 and 75 years old. When I was introduced to him, he was with his girlfriend Allie, who's just 9 feet. They've been together a long time. Must be true alligator love. They were both keeping cool among the lily pads in a pool at Gator Country, one of the most unusual places to visit in Texas. You can see alligators up close and personal, even feed and hold live alligators. It's located between Winnie and Beaumont on Interstate 10. Gary Saurage is one of the owners.



by Tumbleweed Smith

"We've been around the country looking at other parks and discovered there's not another place in the country that offers the chance to have close interaction with alligators that we have," says Gary. "We make it safe for people to handle these gators."

Construction on the park started in 2005 and it opened in April of last year. Gary says they've been going strong since it opened. 27,000 people have visited the park. I asked him where he got the

150 or so alligators on the place.

"We get them from all over: Taylor's Bayou, High Island, we've had them come in as far away as Tyler, Texas. We usually catch them ourselves. You know, people get alligators in their swimming pools and we go get them. Anytime we can get our hands on a gator, we bring them here."

I was there during the summer nesting season. There were alligator nests all over the place. When the eggs hatch, the population will increase to around 250 gators.

Gary hunted alligators for years, and was an alligator hunting guide, but the more he learned about them, the more respect he had for them. He says the best time to see the alligators is during the summer because they're real aggressive feeders then.

"We get out there and do

shows with the gators. They'll be all around us, chomping at us. People love to take pictures of us feeding the big gators. They love weenies. We go through about 300 pounds of them every week. And if you'll notice, our alligators are fat. We also alligator wrestle. We grab them by their jaw, bring them up and turn them over. We get school buses here full of kids on a field trip. When they get off that bus, they're running and screaming and are just so excited. When you let them hold one of those 2 or 3 feet alligators, their faces are just full of fascination. They really get a kick out of watching our shows. We've got a heavy wire over this big pond with all the alligators in it and we have a guy that glides across the pond dragging one foot in the water. We call it Redneck Seaworld. It's kinda dangerous."

Admission to Gator Country is \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids and seniors. Shows are at noon, 2 and 4 PM. Besides alligators, the park has an assortment of turtles and crocodiles.

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Debbie Flores Piña



Debbie Flores Piña, beloved sister, aunt, and cousin, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 26, 2007 after a short battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her infant son, Justin Ryan, her parents, Domingo & Delia Piña, and her grandparents, Longino & Golla Piña, and Esteban & Maria Flores.

Debbie was raised in Eldorado, TX, but moved to San Angelo upon her high school graduation. She spent her career in the medical field, acquiring her LVN license from Howard College School of Nursing in 1992. The last nine years, she spent in Odessa, TX in order to be closer to her nephews. She worked at Seabury Nursing

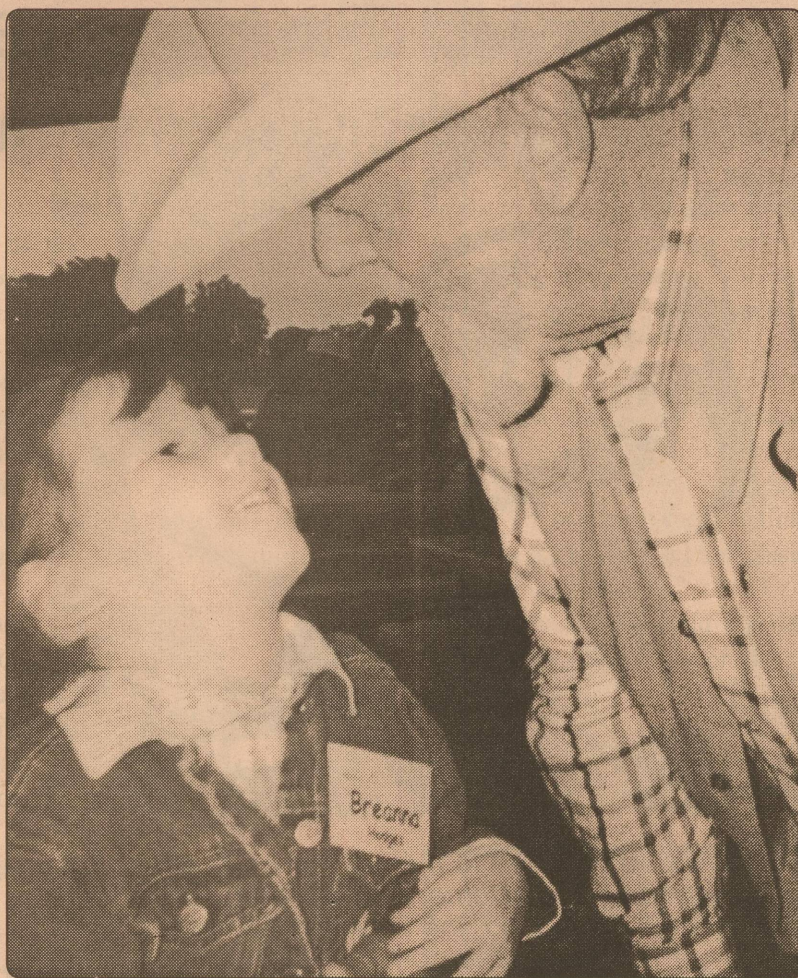
Home. Debbie was a calm, quiet, compassionate person with a love of animals. She also enjoyed having fun and going out with her friends. She enjoyed cooking/baking for others and we will surely miss her snickerdoodles and pecan tarts. She also enjoyed crocheting and sewing in her spare time – always making matching costumes for her and her dogs. Debbie was an avid reader, constantly sharing/exchanging books with her friends.

These last few years, Debbie did what she always wanted to do and that was work/train her female Bouvier dog, Callie, in agility and pet therapy. Debbie also became involved in the Bouvier Rescue League where she acquired her beloved Cooper. Her other dog was Bandit, a blue heeler. Her dog family will surely miss their mama.

Debbie leaves behind her brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Deborah Piña, and her three nephews, Jordan, Jacob, and Joshua Piña from Odessa, TX; her aunts and uncles, Manuel and Elena Piña from Eldorado, TX, Cristella Bautistas, Steve & Lupe Flores, Ezequiel & Odilia Duran, all from Houston, and numerous cousins.

By her request, she will be cremated and a memorial service will take place 2:00 pm Saturday, September 1, 2007 at Acres West Funeral Chapel, 8115 W. University in Odessa.

Debbie requested donations be made to National Cancer Society, Home Hospice of Odessa, or the American Bouvier Rescue League. Special thanks to Hospice for all of their help and support.



WTRC patient Breanna Hodges says "Howdy" to Country-Western recording artist Red Stegall

Area livestock sales slated to benefit Round-up for Rehab

"Wow" days are different for everyone. A "wow" day for West Texas ranchers may be the day a gentle rain falls or a newborn calf is born. For Rehab Center pediatric patient Breanna, they are days where she reaches a new stage of development and triumphs over cerebral palsy. Her most recent "wow" day was when she graduated from a rolling walker to tri-canes which has increased her mobility – and that's important to this active five-year-old who enters kindergarten this fall.

Local Round-Up for Rehab chairmen Ronnie Mittel and Jerry Swift have an important message to Schleicher County area ranchers which is simple but sincere: Let's roll up our sleeves and help Rehab help Breanna and 21,000 other Rehab children and adults have more "wow" days this year.

Fall sales of particular interest to Concho Valley ranchers are the cattle sale September 27 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and the sheep/goat sale October 29 at Junction Stockyards.

WTRC President Woody Gilliland extends a special invitation to everyone in the ag industry to attend one of the sales, donate cash or animals to the project, or notify Rehab of an intent to have an auction house cut a check to WTRC for animals sold later in the year. "For Breanna and the hundreds of other children and adults we serve regardless of financial status, I thank everyone for supporting this critical fundraising program," said Gilliland.

Corporate underwriters for this year's Round-Up for Rehab include Area Farm Credit Associations, Group IV Member-Owned Electric Cooperatives, Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc., Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife, Town & Country Food Stores and Wran-

gler. Sponsor for the Rehab chuck wagon is Heartland Alliance of America/Farm & Ranch Healthcare. Providing additional support are A-B Distributing, Airtricity, First Ag Credit, Lone Star Beef, Mueller Metals, and Walco International. Honorary Round-Up chairman for the third consecutive year is legendary cowboy singer/poet Red Steagall and the four general chairmen are Jody Frey of San Angelo, Bob Helmers of Christoval and Mike Alexander and Randy Carson, both of Abilene.

Information about the Rehab Center, Round-Up sale dates and arrangements for hauling donated animals is available through local chairmen or WTRC-San Angelo at 223-6300.

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30th Lucille McWhorter, Debbie Pina, Chance Tinney, Gary Warnock, Larry Sanchez, Justin Estrada, Alisha Wink

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

SEPTEMBER

1st Ronnie Sauer, Rene Dominguez, Devon Droll

2nd Aberdeen Jescke, Chloe AMrtinez, Lavonne Espinosa, Carolyn Mayo, Franky Estrada, Oscar Rios Sr., Jesus Guadarrama

3rd Austin K. Figueroa, Charlene Sudduth, Byron Guterrez, Mack Holley, Connie Martinez, Shawn Hamilton, Tommy Pippen, Steve Whitten

4th Molly Helen Simmonds, Ben Mittel, Yadira Iglesias, Sandra Clark, Magdalena Martinez, Issac Martinez

5th Fermin Grimaldo, Alvin Estep, Juan Perez, Devon Droll, Jonathan Jurado, Rennond Kuykendall

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AUGUST

31st Caroline & Kenneth Hight, Billy & Leanne Higgins, Robert & Candy Davis

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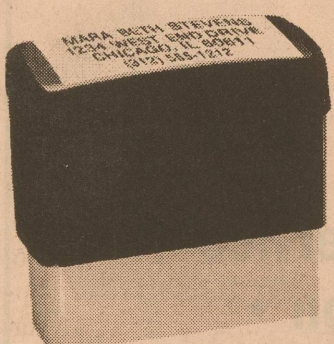
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County Agent's Update
by Cory Stevens

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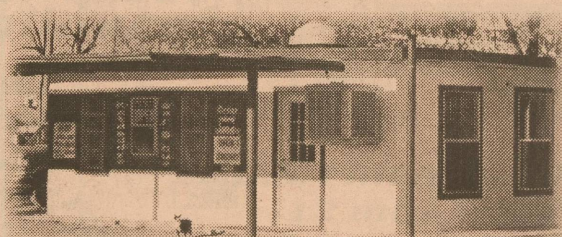
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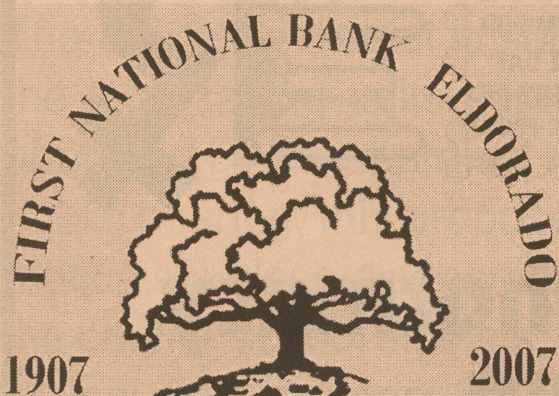
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NOTICE

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: *

* Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!

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Eagles defenders swarmed to the ball last Friday evening as the Warbirds took on McCamey in a preseason scrimmage on the Badgers' home field. The Eagles squad showed great improvement, especially when considering the Badgers made it to the 1A State Final Game last year. The Eagles have a bye this week but will host the Mason Punchers next week in the first game of the season.

School Lunch Menu
 Milk & Bread Offered Menus Subject To Change
 ½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each BREAKFAST MENU
Monday, September 3
 NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, September 4
 Waffle Stix/Syrup, Peaches, Choice Of Juice, Milk
Wednesday, September 5
 Buttered Toast/Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, September 6
 Pig-n-a-Blanket, Applesauce, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday, September 7
 Cheese Toast, Choice of Cereal/Choice of Juice, Milk
BASKET LINE
Monday, September 3
 NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, September 4
 Chicken Burger, Baked Chips, Burger Salad, Pineapple Tidbits
Wednesday, September 5
 SoftTacos/ Refried Beans, Lettuce/ Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix/Dip, Brownies
Thursday, September 6
 Pep. Hot Pockets, Pork-n-Beans, Tossed Salad, Rosie Applesauce
Friday, September 7
 Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Sandwich Salad, Ice Cream Cups
CAFETERIA LINE
Monday, September 3
 NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, September 4
 Cowboy Beans/Corn, Pineapple Tidbits
Wednesday, September 5
 Fish Strips/Tartar Sauce, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Brownies
Thursday, September 6
 Chicken Fajita/Flour Tortilla, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Rosie Applesauce
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 Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Baked chips, Sandwich Salad, Ice Cream Cups

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Eagles show well in scrimmage with state-ranked McCamey

The Eldorado Eagles traveled to McCamey Friday to scrimmage the Badgers in both teams second scrimmage of the season.

McCamey is coming off a successful season a year ago — a season that ended with a loss in the state title game. The Badgers showed the Eagles considerably more speed than the Eagles saw last week against Nueces Canyon.

"We're very happy with how the team looked Friday," assistant coach Stu Carter said. "The kids went out there and got after them. We gave up a few big plays, but we escaped injury free against a very good McCamey team."

The Eagles failed to score during the scrimmage, but managed

to move the ball on the Badger's defense.

"We had a few drives going for us," Carter said. "Both of our quarterbacks executed well."

The Eagles have a bye week before starting the season off against the Mason Punchers here at home. The Punchers will be running the same spread type offense that McCamey utilizes.

"This will be there first season running that type of offense," Carter said. "A lot of teams are going to it these days. It seems to be popular."

Eldorado will finish off it's pre-district schedule with a game in Junction and homecoming against Harper.

FNB hosts \$100,000 Hole-in-One Shootout

First National Bank of Eldorado is celebrating its 100th year in Eldorado by hosting a \$100,000.00 Hole-in-One Shootout at the Eldorado Golf Course on Saturday, September 8, 2007.

All proceeds will benefit the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department.

Qualifying will begin at 8:00 a.m. Each participant will pay \$5 to play all five of the course's par 3 holes.

Participants may play as many

rounds as they wish for \$5 per round.

The two players who qualify as closest to the pin will be in the \$100,000 Shootout at 3:00 p.m.

There will be a total of ten shots with which the finalists will attempt to win the \$100,000.00 cash prize.

The event was originally scheduled for Saturday, August 18th, but was postponed due to heavy rains.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information is encouraged to contact Mason Vaughan at First National Bank of Eldorado. The phone number is 325-853-2561. His email address is mvaughan@fnbeldorado.com.

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Eldorado Varsity Football Schedule

September 7	Mason	7:30	Home
September 14	Junction	7:30	There
September 21	Harper **	7:30	Home
September 28	Christoval*	7:30	There
October 5	Bronte*	7:30	Home
October 12	Sterling City*	7:30	There
October 19	Menard *	7:30	There
October 26	Irion County*	7:30	Home
November 2	Forsan**	7:30	There
November 9	Miles***	7:30	Home

* District Game ** Homecoming *** Parent Night

Eldorado JV Football Schedule

September 6	Mason	6:30 pm	There
September 13	Junction	6:30 pm	Home
September 20	Harper	6:30 pm	There
September 27	Christoval	7:00 pm	Home
October 4	Bronte	7:00 pm	There
October 11	Sterling City	7:00 pm	Home
October 18	Menard	7:00 pm	Home
October 25	Irion County	7:00 pm	There
November 1	Forsan	7:00 pm	Home
November 8	Miles	7:00 pm	There

Eldorado Junior High Schedule

September 13	Junction	5:00 pm	Home
September 20	Harper	5:00 pm	There
September 27	Christoval	5:00 pm	Home
October 4	Bronte	5:30 pm	There
October 11	Sterling City	5:30 pm	Home
October 18	Menard	5:30 pm	Home
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State executes death row inmate

Johnny Ray Conner was executed at Huntsville Aug. 22 for the 1998 robbery and murder of

convenience store clerk Kathyanna Nguyen in Houston.

Conner was the 400th Texas death row inmate to be executed since 1982, when the state resumed capital punishment.

Florida man given death sentence

John Couey, the Florida man convicted in the 2005 rape-murder of nine-year-old Jessica Lunsford, was sentenced to death by a Florida court Aug. 24.

The case prompted 31 states, including Texas, to enact some form of Jessica's Law to help protect children from sexual predators.

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Sheep proved to be valuable to Schleicher County

When C.C. Doty brought the first herd of sheep to Schleicher County in 1882 the cattle ranchers were very disturbed. The cattlemen thought the sheep would damage the range to the extent that it would be unsuitable for grazing cattle. This was proved to be untrue, and the wool and mohair industry became one of the county's most important assets.

Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

In the early days, sheep were kept in a herd on the open range until the first frost of every year, and then they were herded to Pecos country hills to feed on sotol (a yucca like desert plant) for the winter. A sheep outfit consisted of a chuck wagon with a cook, herders and a sheep rustler who watched over the herds. He also picked the campsite for the herd, and kept watch over the sheep at night for predators such

as coyotes. The herds were brought back to Schleicher County open range about March at lambing time. After the lambs were marked, the sheep were sheared, and the wool was shipped to San Angelo in freight wagons. This process changed after web fencing was built around the ranches.

The price of wool in 1920 was 72 cents a pound. In 1923 the price had dropped to 55 cents due to the

starting of the great depression. In 1929 the price had dropped to 19 cents a pound, and lambs sold for 2 to 3 cents a pound. A lot of animals were killed during this time, and people were starving.

After WWII, the country experienced an era of economic growth, and our country was on the way to recovery.

One other event in history caused the price of wool to drop. It was in 1950 when synthetics were popular, and range conservation began. Other wise the wool and mohair industry has been a good business for Schleicher County ranchers.

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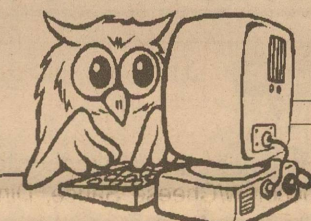
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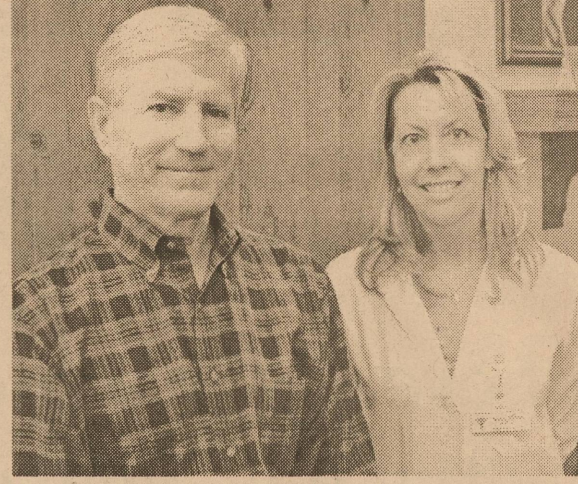
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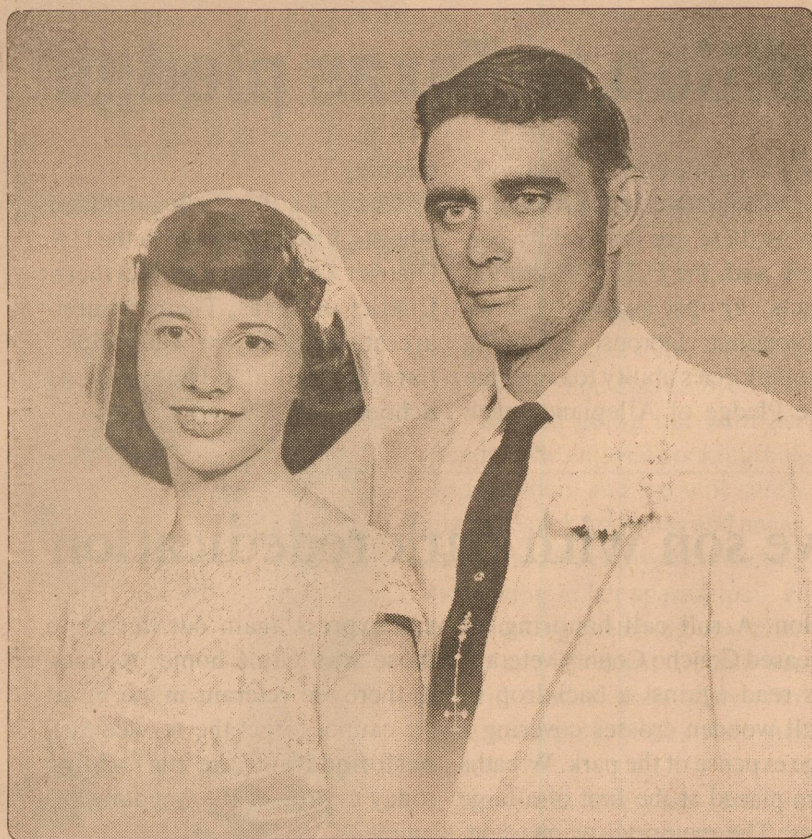
ACROSS
1. Hatfields, to McCoys
5. Positive aspect
9. Eliot Ness, e.g.
13. Thomas ___ Edison
14. Food that's "slung"
15. Oscar winner Witherspoon
16. Line to the heart
17. Twistable cookie
18. Give the O.K. to
19. Chuck Berry's genre
22. Frequently, in verse
23. All you own
24. Captured on a VCR
26. Nile snakes
29. Pay with plastic
32. Dryly witty
36. Mayberry mop-pet
38. Big bash
39. Roman twins of legend
42. A. ___ apple
43. Pre-Easter time
44. Really steamed
45. Navy's goat or Army's mule
47. Menthol cigarette brand
49. Hammerhead, for one
51. Printers' proofs
56. Architect I.M. ___
58. Go into hysterics
61. Be nuts about
63. I, on a frat sweater
64. Help in a heist
65. ___ and dined
66. Catch a glimpse of
67. Pub projectile
68. Hatchling's abode
69. "___ James!"
70. "Beetle Bailey" pooch
DOWN
1. Packers star Brett
2. Bread spreads
3. Boot out
4. Decaf brand
5. Calls up
6. Fat in a can
7. Computer tech's caller
8. Pull the trigger
9. ___ Aviv
10. Soap opera, e.g.
11. Beginning on
12. Politico Gingrich
15. Jackie's "The Honeymooners" role
20. In the least
21. Spiked, like punch
25. Itching to go
27. Sit for a portrait
28. Give a tanning to
30. Excess supply
31. Life of Riley
32. Perfume measure
33. Civil rights activist Parks
34. Things left out
35. "Let's do ___"
37. Fascinated by
40. UV part
41. Really steamed
46. Propelled a she...
48. Like Liberace's outfits
50. Potato-filled goodie
52. Madrid museum
53. Morocco's capital
54. In plain view
55. Brief tussle
56. En passant capture
57. Carmela player
59. "___ the mornin'!"
60. Neutrino's place
62. Part of AARP: Abbr.

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Hospital district trustees propose 4 percent tax hike

Schleicher County Hospital District trustees met Monday evening, August 27 and voted to propose a tax rate of 27.99 cents per \$100 valuation. That's 1.65 cents lower than last year, but still considered a 4 percent tax increase due to increased property values in the county.

Among the items in the proposed budget that require the tax

increase was the recent increase in the minimum wage, as well as the need to set aside money to pay for installing a sprinkler system in the nursing home.

Trustees Randy Mankin, George Arispe, Andy Anderson and Jim Martin voted in favor of proposing the 27.99 cent rate while trustee T.J. Martinez voted against. Trustees Ricky Fuessel and Susie Richters were absent.

The district will hold a series of public hearings on the proposed tax rate, as well as the 2007-08 budget before meeting on September 24th to officially vote on the measures.

DPS...

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years, license suspension from six months to two years.

DPS also is a participant in Operation CARE—Combined Accident Reduction Effort—a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities on major interstate highways during holiday weekends.

In addition to intoxicated drivers, troopers will be looking for speeders and those who are not wearing seatbelts as required by law.

Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, September 3**
CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
- Tuesday, September 4**
Oven Fried Chicken Breast, Whipped Potatoes, Seasoned Mixed Greens, Cornbread, Cubes Cantelope, Milk Gelatin Parfait
- Wednesday, September 5**
Hot Dogs w/Chili, Cheese, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Bun, Pineapple Waldorf, Brownie, Milk
- Thursday, September 6**
Chicken Strips, Baked Potato, Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler
- Friday, September 7**
Soft Taco/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Corn w/Sweet Peppers, Flour Tortilla, Milk, Chopped Lettuce & Tomato, Mixed Fresh Fruit w/ Cantaloupe

Commissioners rule out use of courthouse lawn

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to paved areas of the courthouse parking lot. Neither was there any talk of fees of deposits.

In other business, the court voted to advertise for bids for diesel fuel, unleaded gasoline and demolition and removal of the old hog barn located at the Schleicher County Civic Center.

The commissioners then voted to increase the amount the county pays into its retirement fund to 8.39 percent.

The court then met with Sheriff David Doran who presented his budget requests for 2007-2008.

The commissioners asked a few questions about a new police cruiser Doran was requesting. The sheriff explained that this year the department needed a new car, instead of a pickup, because of the high speeds patrol officers can encounter.

Sheriff Doran also included an explanation for the department's new unmarked Ford Expedition. He noted that the unit is being used for drug interdiction and traffic patrol. The state requires a uniformed officer in the unmarked unit and the commissioners court approval. The commissioners had no opposition to the use of the vehicle in this manner.

The court then approved the 2008 Sheriff's fees for Schleicher County. County Clerk Peggy Williams told the court the fees have not increased, but the court has to approve the fees every year. The fees then are published by the state in every county so clerks can charge the proper fee.

The commissioners briefly discussed the Schleicher County School lands lease in Gaines County. The court instructed Judge Griffin to tell the current lessee the court is contemplating selling the property without the minerals and wind rights. No other action

was taken.

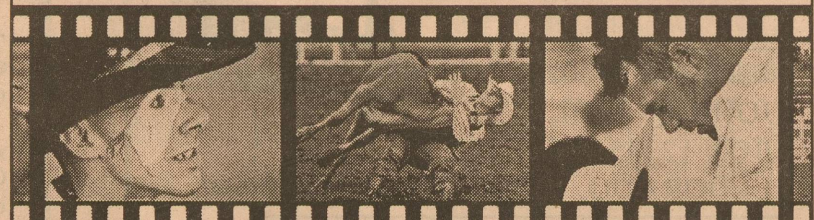
County Agent Cory Stevens approached the court about co-purchasing a new computer for the Extension office. The extension agency would pay half of the cost. The court approved this expenditure and the purchase of a new computer for the Senior Citizen Meal Coordinator.

The court then instructed County Agent Cory Steven to stake out the pad for the new concession stand at the Rodeo Arena so the foundation could be poured and plumbing installed before the end of the year.

The meeting continued well into the afternoon as the commissioners went into a workshop to iron out details of the 2007-08 budget.

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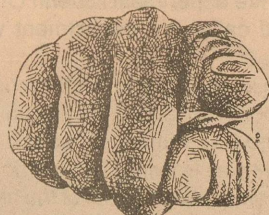
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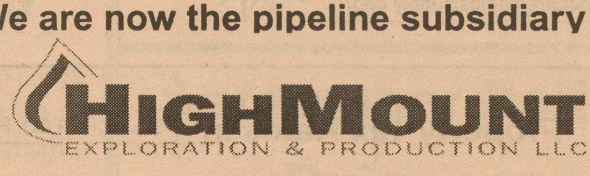
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The Schleicher County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2008 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Friday, September 4, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. in the Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$226,387.00.
- The total amount on increase over the current year's budget is \$97,634.00.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be two (2) (full-time equivalent).
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is two (2) (full-time equivalent).

The appraisal district is support solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district. If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by appraisal district. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Federal court upholds addition to Texas pledge

DALLAS – Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott prevailed Tuesday, August 27, 2007 in federal court, where a North Texas couple tried to prevent schoolchildren from reciting the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. A federal district judge ruled against David Wallace Croft and his wife, Shannon, who sought a preliminary injunction because the Texas Legislature recently added the words “one state under God” to the state Pledge. Solicitor General Ted Cruz argued on the state’s behalf.

“With today’s ruling, a federal judge denied the plaintiffs’ attempt to prevent Texas schoolchildren from pledging their allegiance to ‘one state under God’ – just as they pledge to ‘one nation under God,’” Attorney General Abbott said. “The United States Supreme

Court has repeatedly held patriotic acknowledgments of the Almighty such as these are completely consistent with the U.S. Constitution. Texans can rest assured that we will continue vigorously defending their children’s ability to recite the state Pledge of Allegiance each

morning.” The plaintiffs, both professed atheists, filed the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Their children are students in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District.

Eden honors native son with park rededication

A special event in Eden on September 8, 2007 is scheduled to rededicate the park that honors the man for whom it was named. A sign proclaiming the name of the park is long over due. Eden Heritage Preservation Association is sponsoring a project to correct that oversight.

On Memorial Day, 1970, Eden’s Earl Rudder Memorial Day Committee held dedicatory services of Earl Rudder Memorial Park and the plaque honoring the late Gen. Rudder, a native of Eden.

It was truly an auspicious oc-

casation. A roll call honoring all deceased Concho County veterans was read against a backdrop of small wooden crosses covering a large expanse of the park. Wreaths were placed at the foot of a large cross. The memorial plaque honoring Eden’s own General Earl Rudder was dedicated and unveiled. The principal address was given by Alvin R. Luedecke, acting president of the Texas A&M University System and Clyde H. Wells, president of its Board of Directors dedicated the marker.

On September the 8, 2007, we shall memorialize those who died in the service of their country

and express again our thanks to those who came home. As long as there are veterans in our midst we cannot forget the service they performed and are performing today to protect the freedoms we enjoy.

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The Blotter

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 22 • Flores, Richard Jr., male age 21, offense Possession of Prohibited Weapon. Released on Bond.
August 25 • Melton, Barbara F.

female age 55, offense Driving While License Invalid (1st Offense). Released on Bond.

August 26 • Rodriguez, Emanuel, male age 18, offense Disorderly Conduct; Resisting Arrest and Criminal Mischief. Released on Bond.

INCIDENTS

August 23 • 8:35 p.m. National Parks and Wildlife notified dispatcher they would be spotlighting deer on FM 2596.

• 8:40 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver on North Street to Murchison, but lost vehicle in town. Officer notified.

• 10:34 p.m. 911 Caller requested an officer on Mary Street. Officer responded.

August 24 • 1:14 a.m. Caller reported loud music coming from home on Mary Street. Officer responded.

• 10:49 a.m. Caller reported a fence was pushed at Pave Paws causing damage to a lock. Officer responded and replaced property.

• 11:36 a.m. Complainant requested a Criminal Trespass. Officer responded.

• 5:09 p.m. Caller requested officer’s assistance for a above ground gas tank leak. Officer notified.

• 8:43 p.m. Caller requested a civil standby.

August 26 • Caller reported a medical emergency at residence. EMS 2 and deputy responded.

• 1:26 p.m. Complainant on Dixie reported a hit and run at their residence sometime during the night. Subject requested an officer for a report.

• 1:51 p.m. Caller advised husband was parked in front of their residence. Caller stated they had a active protective order filed. Officer responded and husband had left residence.

• 6:25 p.m. Caller requested an officer at their residence on Cottonwood in reference to stolen money and other items. Officer responded.

• 9:04 p.m. Complainant reported violence at residence. Officers responded. Caller stated “If someone doesn’t get here quick, I’ll whip him again.”

August 27 • 12:13 a.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer, about trouble with daughter. Officer responded.

• 8:25 a.m. Controlled burn reported on CR 431. All deputies notified and Fire Department.

• 3:24 p.m. 911 Caller requested to speak with an officer.

• 4:23 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

• 5:24 p.m. Caller reported a grass fire on FM 2129. Fire caused by defective machinery near a construction site. Fire department responded.

• 8:02 p.m. Parks and Wildlife will be spotlighting deer on Old Ft. McKavett Road.

• 8:54 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo hospital.

• 10:50 p.m. Caller reported flames from a neighbors residence and requested fire department. Sheriff Office informed caller fire department was en route.

• 10:52 p.m. Caller for Outreach Program reported a house fire on McIntosh Road. Fire Department paged out.

• 10:58 p.m. Previous caller reported flames coming out the roof of the neighbors residence and asked again for the Fire Department. Fire Chief arrived at scene about the same time as the call.

• 11:21 p.m. Unknown caller. Attempt to establish contact had no success.

• 3:55 p.m. Caller on Hwy. 190 reported bees attacking some of their workers and killed one goat. Fire Department notified.

SCHLEICHER CO. HOSPITAL DISTRICT **Property Tax Rates in** SCHLEICHER CO. HOSPITAL DISTRICT

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for SCHLEICHER CO. HOSPITAL DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year’s tax rate:

Last year’s operating taxes	\$	980,222.00
Last year’s debt taxes	\$	0.00
Last year’s total taxes	\$	980,222.00
Last year’s tax base	\$	330,702,044.00
Last year’s total tax rate	\$	0.29640 /\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted tax-s (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	980,040.00
+ This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	364,073,961.00
= This year’s effective tax rate	\$	0.26910 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	0.00000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$	0.00000 /\$100

This year’s rollback tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$	980,404.00
+ This year’s adjusted tax base	\$	364,073,961.00
= This year’s effective operating rate	\$	0.26910 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate	\$	0.29060 /\$100
+ This year’s debt rate	\$	0.00000 /\$100
= This year’s total rollback rate	\$	0.29060 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	0.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	0.00000 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$	0.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	0.00000 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If SCHLEICHER CO. HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.2964 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2006 taxes by \$ 11,475.00

Schedule A – Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND	\$510,011.00

Schedule B – 2007 Debt Service

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

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to Be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<i>(expand as needed)</i>				
Total required for 2007 debt service		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
- Excess collections last year		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2007		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 97.0 % of its taxes in 2007		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
+ Total Debt Levy		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates’ calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE or THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

Name of person preparing this notice JEANNE J. SNEILON
Title TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

Date prepared 8/16/2007

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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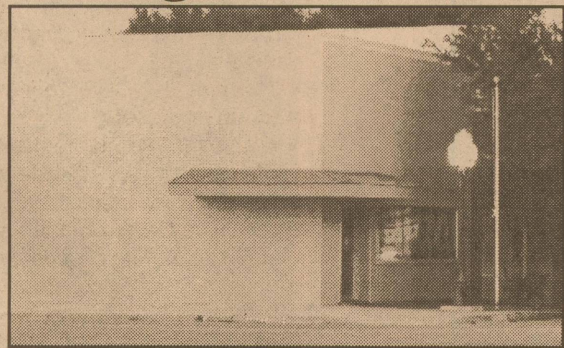
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County & District Clerk
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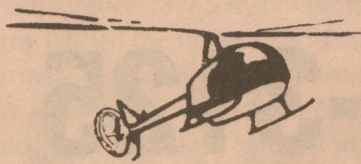
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Houston Livestock Show boosts scholarship offerings

HOUSTON — Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials announced today that all of the Show's four-year college scholarships will increase from \$12,000 to \$15,000 each, a 25 percent increase. The increase takes effect with the scholarships to be awarded in 2008, and brings the Show's total yearly commitment to the youth of Texas to nearly \$16 million.

"Texas students who are about to enter their senior year of high school are getting a great opportunity," said Skip Wagner, president of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. "Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarships always have been highly sought after by the state's best students. We're proud to be able to increase our help for the top Texas students as they and their families deal with the increasing cost of a college education."

In 2008, the Show will award

534, \$15,000, four-year scholarships to deserving high school seniors to attend a Texas college or university. With this increase, more than \$8 million will be awarded to Texas youth through the Show's scholarship program.

"This increase comes on the heels of a very successful 75th anniversary Show," added Wagner. "We celebrated this milestone in a big way, honoring almost 19,000 Show volunteers who brought the Show to what it is today. This scholarship increase is a tribute to the time and talent that volunteers provide to the Show each and every year."

Annually, the Show's scholarship program awards scholarships for Houston-area high school

students (Metropolitan and Opportunity), and scholarships for students across Texas (including 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Area Go Texan and School Art).

The scholarship program is just a part of the Show's annual commitment to the youth of Texas. In addition to the scholarship increase, the Show has committed an additional \$500,000 toward Rodeo Institute for Teacher Excellence — a program that trains teachers with specialized reading and classroom skills for students in pre-kindergarten classes through third grade — bringing the annual commitment to \$1.5 million. The Show has committed an additional \$100,000 for wildlife and range management educational programs. Other youth

commitments include more than \$5 million awarded to livestock show participants through premiums, junior auctions, calf scramble and judging contests.

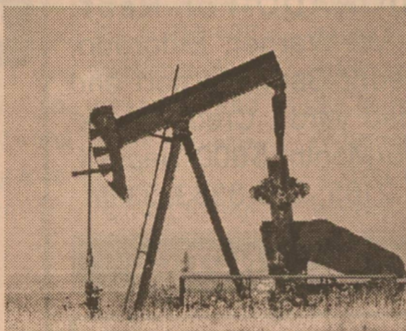
For more information on the Show, its scholarship program and other educational commitments, visit www.rodeohouston.com. Since the Show began in 1932, more than \$220 million has been committed to the youth of Texas.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a 501(c)(3) charity that benefits youth, supports education, and facilitates better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation.

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DSHS recommends Mosquito precautions

With heavy rains and recent flooding in parts of Texas, the Texas Department of State Health Services () recommends that people take precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

Standing water is a breeding place for illness-causing mosquitoes.

DSHS offers these recommen-

dations:

- Protect yourself with an appropriate insect repellent. Use insect repellents that contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Place insect repellent at the front and back doors of your home and apply before going outside.

- Mosquito-proof your home. Make sure door seals are secure and window screens are intact.

Limit the amount of time you spend outdoors from dusk to dawn. These are times when the mosquitoes likely to carry infections are

most active.

- Drain standing water from around your home. Empty cans, buckets, tires, rain gutters and flower pot bases regularly. Change the water in pet bowls, bird baths and wading pools several times a week.

Mosquito-borne illnesses include West Nile, St. Louis encephalitis, eastern equine encephalitis, western equine encephalitis and dengue fever. For more information visit the DSHS Web site, www.dshs.state.tx.us.

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