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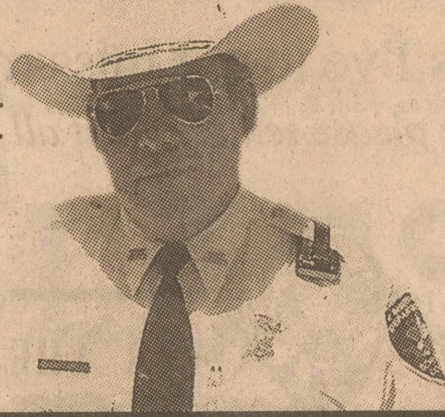
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Recycle here — The recycling trailer is maintained for public use adjacent to Eldorado City Hall. Please sort clear & colored glass, plastic, aluminum and other types of metal cans.

F.Y.I.

For Your Information

Hurricane Bret's Local Impact

When Hurricane Bret slammed into South Texas this week it directly affected several families with Schleicher County family ties.

The Jay Behrens family moved with from Eldorado to Bishop, Texas earlier this year. While Jay Behrens, who is employed by Duke Energy, rode out the storm in South Texas, Rebecca Behrens brought their children home to Eldorado. The family reports that their home was not damaged by the hurricane, the eye of which passed thirty miles to the south.

Meanwhile, Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook's father T.H. Snider of Sivoli reported receiving in excess of 25 inches of rain from the storm. Tivoli is approximately 60 miles northeast of Corpus Christi.

—★★★★—

College No Place For Slackers

Beginning with the fall class of 1999, students at state colleges and universities will be able to take only 45 hours more than required to complete a degree program, before being charged a higher rate of tuition. The new law is aimed at students who linger in college without earning a degree

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On This Date

In 1346 the English longbow made its debut as a tactical weapon and turned the tide at the Battle of Crecy where Edward III's small army defeated a much larger French force under Philip VI. In 1791 John Fitch received a U.S. patent for the steamboat. In 1883 a volcano on the island of Krakatoa in Indonesia began erupting. In three days time, an estimated 36,000 people were killed by the blast. In 1920 the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is adopted, granting women the right to vote.

Birthdays of note include: 1838 assassin John Wilkes Booth; 1906 polio researcher Albert Sabin; 1921 Washington Post editor Ben Bradley; 1922 broadcast journalist Irving R. Levine; 1960 musician and bandleader Branford Marsalis; 1980 actor Macaulay Culkin.

—★★★★—

On Average

On average, more people are killed by donkeys each year than are killed in plane crashes.

On average, right handed people live nine years longer than left handed people do.

Community recycling trailer... it's working better than ever

by Nancy Lester

Thanks to the cooperation of City Hall, the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department, the County Extension Office, Carrie Hill-Keep Texas Beautiful Chairman and many interested citizens the Recycling Trailer is now taking aluminum cans, metal cans, colored glass and clear glass.

New signs are being made by the Sheriff's Department to go on the trailer. We are asking that you please rinse your cans or jars before you bring them to the trailer if at all possible. It makes them a

lot nicer to handle. Please put your items in the correct bins. The trailer is not a "trash receptacle!" The glass must be separated before we can take it to San Angelo and the inmates at the jail will be helping with this effort.

We are working hard to make our community the best it can be and appreciate everyone's interest. We are currently in need of groups to help with cleaning the highways. If you are interested in helping, please call Carrie Hill. Thanks for your help in keeping Texas beautiful.

Water, waste not...want not

by Cindy Cawley

Plateau UWCS D
With only 1% of the earth's water usable, it is extremely important to use water without waste. In fact, the Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District has a rule which addresses waste. Waste is defined as excessive withdrawal from the aquifer which could cause intrusion of less potable water, escape of groundwater to a reservoir not containing groundwater, producing groundwater to a reservoir not containing groundwater, pollution or harmful alteration of the character of groundwater or willfully or negligently causing suffering or permitting groundwater to escape into any river, creek, watercourse, depression, lake, reservoir, drain, sewer, street, highway, road, road ditch or onto any land or any other

person than the owner of such well.

The inefficient use of water may also be considered waste. The District promotes the wise use of water through outdoor conservation practices. Our lawns take a lot of water during these hot summer days of August. Water lawns early or late in the day with large water droplet sprinklers. Use soaker hoses and mulch around trees, shrubbery and flower beds. Leave lawns at least two inches high when mowing. Repair leaky faucets. Rubber washers may need to be replaced. Other water saving tips include using a bucket of soapy water for washing cars, trucks and boats and sweeping sidewalks instead of hosing them. Many gallons of water per day can be conserved through changing every day habits.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Every drop counts — Lawn sprinklers, set on a timer to operate during early morning, late afternoon, or even at night, can substantially reduce water usage.

Hospital adopts budget, sets 44.23¢ tax rate

Trustees give nod to \$214,000 asbestos abatement project

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of directors voted Monday evening, August 23rd to adopt a \$2,353,069.00 budget for the year 2000. That amount will exceed the district's projected income by \$726,544.00. To make up the difference, the board approved a 44.23¢ tax rate, up 3.76¢ from last year.

Board president Ricky Fuessel noted that the tax hike was the first in several years for the hospital district. "We've held the line on taxes as long as we could, but this year, it just couldn't be helped."

In fact, before this year's increase, the district's tax levy had declined each year since 1992 when the hospital received

\$922,242.00 in tax revenue. That year, the tax rate stood at 49.67¢ per \$100 valuation.

It was explained that the downturn in price of oil and natural gas during 1998 triggered this year's tax hike. Over the period of a year, taxable value in the hospital district fell by more than \$15 million.

Ray Ballew, chief appraiser of the Schleicher County Tax Appraisal District told the board that oil and gas prices had recovered in recent months. He told the group that the hospital district's tax base should rebound next year when taxable values will be based on the average price of oil and gas in 1999.

According to Ballew, the average home in Schleicher County, valued at approximately \$20,000.00, will be taxed an addi-

tional \$7.52, while a homeowner with a \$50,000.00 home will see an increase of \$18.80 in hospital district taxes.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with board members Ricky Fuessel, Delia Pina, Randy Mankin, Tom Enochs, Brian Edmiston and Lanis Mikeska in attendance. Trustee Judy Christian was absent.

The meeting began with the board entering into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters and contract negotiations. Joining the group behind closed doors was Linda Knightstep, representing Shannon Hospital and attorney James Kosub. The board took no action on either of the items when it emerged into open session.

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Kosub: Schleicher Co. Day will move to June next year

The Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce announced this week that next year's Schleicher County Day celebration will be held in June. James Kosub, president of the Chamber noted the change had been in the works for several months. Kosub said that while no firm date has been established, the chamber is committed to a weekend in June.

Kosub also indicated that a committee has been in contact with representatives of the Schleicher County Rodeo Association and the Mias Amigas Club to explore the possibility holding all three events on the same weekend.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Controlled burn — Volunteer firefighter Felipe Pina helped Lalo Belman ignite a controlled burn Tuesday night on a vacant lot adjacent to the Fire Hall. Several fire trucks were on hand to monitor the burn. They area was soaked down afterward.

Commissioners weigh options for 2000 budget

Schleicher County Commissioners spent the day Monday searching for ways to maintain county services with a tax base that has declined more than 9 percent since last year. There were no easy answers.

Present for the meeting were Judge Johnny Griffin, Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark and Steve Minor. Commissioner Ross Whitten was absent.

During the meeting, the men met with representatives of the Schleicher County Volunteer EMS, including Bobby Andrews, president of the service and paramedic Tim Vasquez, concerning the EMS budget for the upcoming year. After reviewing the ambulance service's proposed budget the men agreed to continue funding the EMS \$5,000 per month from the Health Services Sales Tax. It was noted that if revenue from the sales tax exceeded that amount, the commissioners would consider increasing funding to the EMS, provided other financial concerns didn't interfere.

During the afternoon's budget workshop the men tentatively agreed to a budget of \$1,968,133.00. That's well below last year's budget total of \$2,121,716.00, however, even

with the spending cuts, a tax increase is likely.

Employee pay raises were among many items discussed during the session, as was the possibility of obtaining a new patrol vehicle for the Sheriff's Department with grant monies. After the workshop concluded, Judge Griffin said he would continue to work on the budget and intended to present it for the commissioners approval in September at which time a tax rate will also be set.

"Right now, I can't see the rate going any higher than 81.51¢," Griffin said.

If that is the rate which the com-

missioners adopt, it will represent an increase of 6.09¢ per \$100 valuation.

Griffin noted that while this year's budget has been difficult, next year's should be better. "Oil prices have bounced back," Griffin stated.

When asked about the issue of pay raises Griffin said he hoped to find money in the budget to fund raises for employees and elected officials. However, Griffin noted that he and County Attorney Marian Overstreet had recently received pay increases from the State of Texas. "The legislature provided the money to increase the

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Of all the things I've lost, I miss my mind the most
Now, will someone please tell me what all these keys were for?

OVER THE BACK FENCE
by Randy Mankin

In January of this year, I lost a set of keys. During the weeks that followed, I searched through coat pockets and dug in our clothes hamper. I even overturned my recliner, hoping that the elusive key ring had slipped beyond the cushions and lodged in the chair's mechanism. The keys were nowhere to be found.

At one point, I determined the keys must have been somewhere in the kitchen. So, I cleared the top of the microwave oven (that's were odds & ends seem to collect in our house) and I moved the refrigerator away from the wall to search behind it. No luck there, either.

Early on, I had assembled a set from Kathy's key chain but had rejected the idea of having it duplicated, since I was certain the keys would turn up. But, as the months passed, the realization slowly sank in that I would most likely never see the keys again.

And, having to share keys was really annoying. Every time I needed the house key, Kathy had it. And, there was only one key to my pickup. So, I finally determined last week that I would have a second set of keys made. That way, I could return Kathy's keys to her and we would be whole again.

But, before I went to the trouble, the missing keys turned up.

Usually, things don't work that way in my life. In fact, a more likely scenario would have been for me spend time and dollars duplicating Kathy's keys, only to find the missing keys the next day, if not sooner.

Actually, It was Kathy

who found the wayward keys. She had been working in the yard Saturday and went into the garage to get a wheelbarrow. There they were.

Don't ask me why the keys were in a wheelbarrow. I can't even tell you why they were in the garage. I'm just glad to have them back.

That evening I looked through the keys and realized that I couldn't remember what many of them fit.

Oh, sure, most of them were easy...my pickup, Kathy's car, the house, the office and the post office box. A few others, like the key to my guitar case and the key to a toolbox required a little more thought.

I finally recognized a key to the church and a key to a storage shed. And, I think one of the keys probably fits a locking gas tank cap which was on a car I owned back in the '70s.

Still, there are other keys which I cannot identify and I'm hesitant to take these off the ring lest I find myself in need of them some day.

I suppose I could remove the excess keys and place them on their own ring. That way, if I ever need them, I'll have them. That is...if I can actually find them when the time comes.

Bush appoints new education commissioner

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush reviewed 11 candidates for state commissioner of education and last week appointed James E. Nelson of Odessa to the post.

Nelson, a 49-year-old lawyer who has no experience as a public school teacher, will replace Commissioner Mike Moses on Sept. 3.

Nelson has served as a trustee of Ector County (Odessa) Independent School District, including two terms as president, and currently is chairman of the State Board for Educator Certification, the agency that licenses teachers. He also has served as president of the Texas Association of School Boards. In

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

At a Capitol news conference, Bush referred to Nelson as an "educational entrepreneur."

"I wanted somebody who understands that when we find success, we praise it, and when we find failure, we are willing to challenge the status quo. I believe Jim is that person," Bush said.

Nelson's annual salary as commissioner will be \$164,748. His appointment will expire in January 2003.

Benchmark Rate Hearing Set

Texas Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor will decide whether to increase the benchmark

rate for auto insurance after a Sept. 8 public hearing in Austin.

Texas insurance companies cite growing costs of vehicle repairs in asking for an 11.4 percent increase in standard rates for insurance.

Among those companies asking for a benchmark increase are Farmers and State Farm, the two largest auto insurers in Texas.

But the state's consumer advocate, the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, says the rates should decrease by 4.8 percent because profits are up and insurance losses are down. The Dallas Morning News reported last week.

The benchmark represents a premium under which companies are supposed to be able to earn a reasonable profit. Regulated companies can charge up to 30 percent above or below the benchmark rate.

On the other hand, county mutual auto insurers, which don't turn away drivers with less than perfect driving records, operate independently of the benchmark rate.

Jonathan Klein, a spokesman for Progressive Insurance, a county mutual, said his company has no plans to increase rates.

Accountability Ratings Released

New ratings through the Texas Education Agency's school accountability system are available online at www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/99/index.html.

The 1999 accountability ratings are based on dropout rates, student passing rates in the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills and attendance figures.

Data tables show information used to determine the ratings for any campus or district.

Searchers simply "click" on campus, district or state data tables to get the information. Information on charter schools also can be accessed.

Judge Rules for Early Voting

U.S. District Judge David Hittner of Houston has thrown out a lawsuit challenging the right of Texans to vote early in federal elections. Texas Secretary of State Elton Bomer, the state's chief elections officer, praised the judge's decision.

"Early voting in Texas generally accounts for about 30 percent of the ballots cast on a general election day.

"More important, early voting provides Texans a convenient means of letting their voices be heard. I am happy the court agreed early voting in Texas enhances our right to vote," Bomer said.

Other Highlights

• More than 1.7 million Texans are expected to be on the Medicaid rolls in the fiscal year that begins Sept. 1, according to the state budget. The program will cost \$19 billion over two years, including more than \$7 billion in state funds. Created in 1965, Medicaid pays medical bills for low-income, older, and disabled people with no other access to health care.

• Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) system time will roll over at midnight on Aug. 21-22, 132 days before the year 2000, according to a U.S. Coast Guard news release. Many GPS receivers will claim it is Jan. 6, 1980. Some manufacturers of GPS equipment have solved the problem and some have not. Users are encouraged to contact their receiver manufacturer.

• Hunting and fishing licenses for 1999-2000 went on sale statewide Aug. 11. If approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission this month, waterfowl hunters will get a 107-day season and 20-bird daily bag limit for light geese and a 74-day season and six-bird daily bag limit for ducks across most of the state.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The Heart Of Texas Is For Sale

A roadside park marking the geographic center of Texas is located on Highway 377 twenty-two miles north of Brady, the county seat of McCulloch county. Chuck Dodds of Brownwood has bought an acre and a half adjacent to the park and is selling it by the square inch.

"The price is 69.95," says Chuck. "For that, they get a special warranty deed, four color, suitable for framing. It is a legitimate, bona fide deed you get for the property. You will be the owner of that square inch of land in the heart of Texas."

People buying the land will pay no taxes. That's all taken care of in the purchase price. Since there are nearly nine and a half million square inches of land in an acre and a half, Chuck says the venture might get into the Guinness Book of World Records for the most owners of a single piece of property. If all the square inches sell, it would mean an income of 665 million dollars.

"That's more money than anybody needs," says Chuck, "so we plan to do a lot of good things."

Chuck has also bought 200 acres of land surrounding the roadside park. "We own all the land around the park except the highway." He's thinking of building a golf course, motel, shopping center and an amphitheater where a "Heart of Texas" outdoor drama could be staged.

He expects to make a number of sales over the internet. His website is www.heartoftexas.org. Audio information about the land will be in six languages. People involved in internet marketing tell Chuck the land will sell in twelve

months. McCulloch county officials are excited about the prospects of Chuck's zany idea. "We're negotiating a five dollar minimum for each sale," says Chuck. "If they all sell, McCulloch county will make 45 million dollars."

The roadside park was built in 1956 and is designated by the Department of Transportation as the "Heart of Texas" park. The geographic center marker is on the highway. The nearby land is just a pasture now, where deer and cattle graze contentedly among the cedar and brush.

"We anticipate the Japanese will be big buyers," says Chuck. "We plan to sell some of the tiny lots in Germany, where people love Texas. Once the foreigners buy some property here, when they come to the US, where will they come? To see their property, of course. There's only one heart of Texas."

Chuck is excited about his idea. He has had it for several years. Finally, a friend encouraged him to do it now. Chuck was surprised to find the land around the roadside park for sale. He quit his job as an insurance adjuster to devote full time to his new enterprise. He can hardly sleep for thinking about all the possibilities. He says everybody he talks to is excited about the idea and he has sold several of the lots already. "There's no end to what you can do. It's scary. Most of our dreams are buried in the cemetery with the people who have them. This one apparently is not going to the grave."

HOMETOWN CROSSWORD

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9 Encourage	64 One-half printer's measure	25 Permanent ink
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18 Horselaugh	69 Diamond implement	32 Not them
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21 Burgundy wine	73 Sudden recurrence of a disease	35 Nickname for Johnnie Luedecke
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OBITUARIES

Dorothy "Babe" M. Clark

ELDORADO — Dorothy "Babe" M. Clark, 68, of Bonanza, Ore., died Sunday, Aug. 15, 1999, in Bonanza.

A private burial was held in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 22, 1931, in Seattle. She had lived Bonanza coming from St. Maries, Idaho.

Survivors include a son, Daniel Wennberg of Elmo, Wash.; four daughters, Janette Guffie of Bonanza, Diana Smith of Christoval, Amber Hamilton of Grayland, Wash., and Melody Lane Wennberg of Arizona; a brother, Daniel Clark of Winlock, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Carl Leon Patton II

HIGHLANDS - Carl Leon Patton II, age 57, of Bayton, Texas, passed away Saturday, August 14, 1999 in a local hospice center.

Patton was born May 8, 1942, in Highlands and lived there all of his life. He was a mechanical craftsman at Exxon and retired from there in 1997 after 25 years of service. He was also a member of the NHRA and a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his father, Carl Leon Patton, Sr., and son, Carl Robinson Patton.

He is survived by his mother Corrine and Granvil Hext of Eldo-

rado; his wife Wanda Patton; sons and daughter-in-law Daryl and Tina Patton of Highlands; and Coby Patton of of Baytown; daughters and sons-in-law, Stacy and David Cobb of Highlands, Velvet and David Jensen of Old River, Suzonne and Kent Harrison of Baytown and Lisha Williams of Baytown, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at Sterling White Chapel with the Rev. Mike Flowers officiating.

Burial followed at White Cemetery.



photo by Randy Mankin

Happy Baptists — Members of Eldorado's four Baptist congregations met in First Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall Sunday night for the annual Eldorado Baptist Barbecue. Churches represented were First Baptist Church, Community Baptist Church, Primera Baptist Church and St. Luke's Baptist Church. Each congregation provided musical entertainment following the meal.

"Moms in Touch" prayer groups organized locally

Moms in Touch Prayer Groups are a non-denominational group of women-mothers, grandmothers or anyone who is willing to pray for a specific child and school - including those students attending college.

Eldorado has several organized groups praying at different meeting times and places.

They are: Tuesday mornings 6:00 AM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Group Leader: Thelma Bosman (work) 853-2538 or (home) 853-3642

Tuesday mornings 10:00 AM at 2 E. Fields (the pink house) Jerri Holley's home. Group leader: Carrie Hill 853-3278.

Wednesday mornings 9:30 AM at First Baptist Church preschool bldg. (next of Super S) Group leader: Nancy MacDonald 853-3237.

Tentative group: Tuesday after-

noons 4:00 PM at Agape Assembly of God Church. Group leader Judith Samaniego 853-2760.

If you would like to be part of a Moms In Touch prayer group or start a group that works with your schedule please contact Liz Anderson at 853-2406 for further information.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, August 30

Fried Chicken, w/Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Wheat Roll, Tapioca Pudding, Milk

Tuesday, August 31

Frito Pie w/Cheese, Spinach, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Wheat Bread, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 1

Ham w/Pineapple Ring, Wax Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Dinner Rolls, Lemon Bars, Milk

Thursday, Sept. 2

Chopped Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Zucchini Squash w/Tomatoes, Dinner Rolls, Apple Crisp, Milk

Friday, Sept. 3

Barbecue Chicken, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Sliced Strawberries, Angel Food Cake, Milk

Parent/Teacher conferences slated

The parents and/or guardians of Eldorado High School students are cordially invited to attend the Annual Parent/Teacher Conference meeting.

E.H.S. will be hosting the event at the High School on Monday, August 30, 1999, from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and again on Tuesday, August 31, 1999, from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. or 12:00 noon until 2:30 p.m. Please come to the High School Office to sign in and pick up your child's schedule. The times are provided to offer more

flexibility with your work schedule.

On Monday evening all Freshmen Parents are invited to come to an orientation beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

If you have questions about this event please call 853-2549 ext. 321, 322 or 326. We look forward to seeing you.

Fellowship Bible Study will resume

The Fellowship Bible Study will resume its weekly meetings on September 9 at 9:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. The study will begin with the book of I Kings. All are welcome.

Correction

A story about the SCISD board of trustees in the August 29th edition of the Success, incorrectly stated that the school will be paying a higher premium for employee health benefits this year. In fact, the school's premium is \$190 per employee, exactly the same as last year. Benefits under the plan were reduced, however. Employees wishing to maintain the same benefits as last year will be required to pay \$40 per month extra for the coverage.

The Success regrets the error and any misunderstanding it may have caused.



courtesy photo

Conley Jo-Teel Niblett

It's A Girl

There is a new Eagle Fan in town and her name is Conley Jo-Teel Niblett.

Conley was born on August 1, 1999 at 12:01 A.M., weighing 8 pounds and 2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches in length.

Proud parents are Ashley and Edie Niblett of Eldorado. Also, waiting to spoil their baby sister are older sisters Taylor, Lynley, Kadie and brother Colby.

Grandparents are Charlie and Cathy Niblett of Eldorado and Jimmy Teel of Water Valley.

THANK YOU

The Schleicher County Rodeo Association extends its thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Eldorado Open Rodeo. Special thanks goes to: Wendi Daniels; Mondee Whitten; Clay Bursleson & the Schleicher County Road Crew; the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department; the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department; the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce; Glynn Hutto; the Eldorado Success; and the SCRA member's wives who manned the concession stand.

Our sincere appreciation is also offered to the following individuals and businesses who sponsored events and/or buckles: Phil McCormick; Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative; First National Bank of Eldorado; Niblett's Oilfield Service; Germania Insurance - Sherry Lux; Eldorado Animal Clinic; Johnny & Claire Powell; John Rae Powell, Johnny Mayo, Divide Enterprises; Crowder Services; Danny Farmer's Car Clinic; John Ed Meador Construction; Ronnie & Maggie Middleton.

Also, we wish to thank the many, many advertisers in this year's rodeo program and everyone else who worked to make the 30th annual Eldorado Open Rodeo a huge success.

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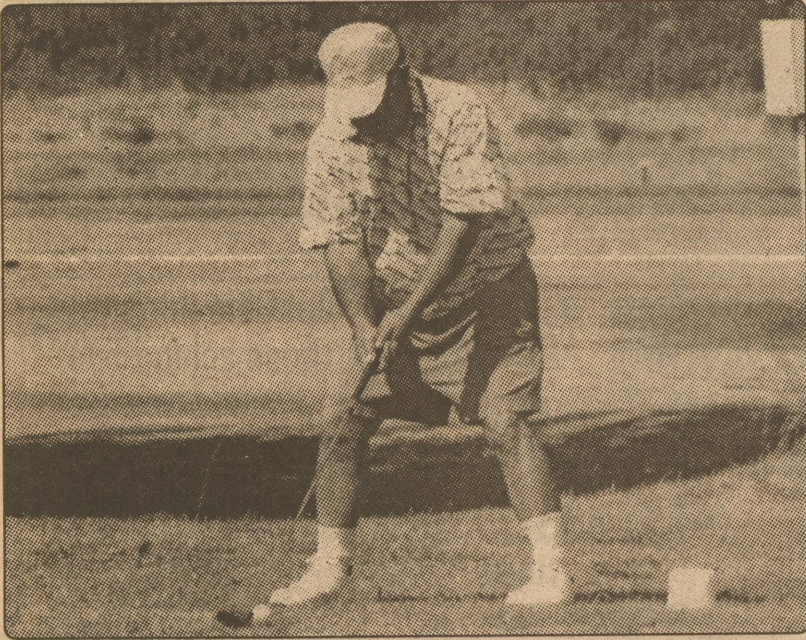
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Fore — Bob Lester was among the golfers competing in the annual Hext Memorial Golf Tournament at the Eldorado Golf Club last weekend.

Hext Memorial golf tournament held last weekend

by Mabel Freitag

The annual Hext Memorial Golf Tournament was played this past week-end, August 21st and 22nd. We had a great turn-out with 53 -2 man teams.

So happy to have Harold and Jack Skaggs join us. They are the grandsons of Jack and Ernestine Hext. Harold lives in Austin and Jack resides in Dallas.

Championship Flight: 1st Place-Score 113, Causey and Harvey; 2nd Place-Score 114, Doan and Doan; 3rd Place-Score 116, McCravey and Whitten; 4th Place-Score 116, Gray and Bailey. Score card play-off for 3rd and 4th places.

First Flight: 1st Place-Score 121, Reeves and Hinojosa; 2nd Place-Score 122, Jost and Jost; 3rd Place-Score 123, Olson and Polhemus; 4th Place-Score 124, Bland and Wallace; 5th Place-Score 124, Hunley and Phillips; 6th Place-Score 124, Pridemore and Pridemore. Score card play-off for 4th, 5th and 6th places.

Second Flight: 1st Place-Score 125, Warnock and Doyle; 2nd Place-Score 126, Mitchell and Brown, 3rd Place-Score 127, Snelson and Snelson, 4th Place-Score 127, Torres and Guitierrez; 5th Place-Score 127, Richters and Buchanan. Score Card play-off for 3rd, 4th, and 5th place.

Third Flight: 1st Place-Score 130, Griffin and Nance; 2nd Place-Score 130, Bailey and Abbott; 3rd Place-Score 131, Medarick and Griffin; 4th Place-Score 133, Jones and Jones; 5th Place-Score 133, Callison and Nance. Score card play-off for 1st and 2nd and 4th and 5th places.

Tees and balls markers were donated by Cy Griffin Insurance. Golf towels were donated by David Hill, AFLAC.

Prizes won were:
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Closest to pin #9 (Morgan/Rathbone) won 2 dozen golf balls donated by AFLAC.

Other Prizes won:
Closest to pin #1 (Bud Bailey) wedge
2nd Closest to in #10 (Ryan Reynolds) wedge
Longest putt #3 (John Cartwright) wedge
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1999 Eldorado Eagles Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Place
9/3	8:00 p.m.	Bangs	There
9/10	8:00 p.m.	Menard	Here
9/17	8:00 p.m.	Iraan	Here
9/24	8:00 p.m.	Rocksprings	There
10/1	8:00 p.m.	Reagan County	There
10/8	8:00 p.m.	Wall	Here
10/15	8:00 p.m.	Junction	Here
10/22	8:00 p.m.	Ozona	There
10/29	8:00 p.m.	Forsan	Here
11/5	8:00 p.m.	Sonora	There

...see J.V. and Middle School football schedules on Page 8



Hut one hut two — Quarterback Joey Bullard called signals from the shotgun formation during scrimmage action against Sterling City last week. The Eagles host Llano in a scrimmage here tonight.

Kick, Punt & Pass contest is scheduled for Sept 11th

The annual Kick, Punt & Pass competition will be held in Eagle Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Slated to begin at 9:00 a.m. the event will feature youngsters

competing in four age divisions: 0-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Anyone wishing to participate who hasn't already filled out a registration form should report to the field early.

Also, Bill Hodges, who coordinates the event each year, encourages anyone wishing to help as an official or judge to come to the stadium. "We can use the help," Hodges said. "Let's make this a great event for all our kids!"

Season tickets on sale at EHS

Eldorado Eagle Football Season tickets remain on sale in the Eldorado High School office. The tickets may be purchased between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m.

Reserved season tickets this year are \$5.00 per game (\$25.00). There are five home games: September 10, 1999 Menard (Homecoming); September 17, 1999, Iraan; October 8, 1999, Wall; Oc-

tober 15, 1999, Junction; October 29, 1999, Forsan.

General Admission this year will be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.

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Thursday, September 2nd
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Thursday, September 2nd
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Friday, September 3rd
Applesauce, Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal
Fast Food Line
Monday, August 30th
No School, Waiver Day
Tuesday, August 31st
No School, Teacher Work Day
Wednesday, September 1st
Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Rice Krispie Treats.
Thursday, September 2nd
Fish Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce/Tartar Sauce, Jello/Topping
Friday, September 3rd
Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Orange Halves

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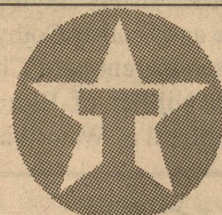
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New criminal and traffic laws take effect on September 1st

Several criminal and driving-related laws will be among a long list of new laws taking effect in Texas on September 1st of this year. Notable driving-related legislation includes:

- Large trucks (including 18-wheelers), assorted vehicles pulling trailers and school activity buses will now be able to drive the same speed limit as cars on interstates and highways numbered by the federal and state government — a maximum speed limit of 70 mph day/65 mph night on those roadways. The truck speed limit will remain the same (maximum 60 mph day/55 mph night) on farm-to-market (FM) roads and ranch-to-market (RM) roads.

- School buses without commercial vehicle inspection stickers will now have a maximum speed limit of 50 mph. The prior law allowed school buses to travel 55 mph on interstates. School buses with commercial vehicle inspection stickers will now be allowed to travel 60 mph on interstates and state numbered highways.

- The speed limit on beaches has been lowered to 15 mph.

- Although legislation to raise the driving age had been introduced during the session, nothing

passed. The standard legal driving age in Texas remains 16.

- The current seat belt law has been broadened to cover all children in a vehicle, no matter where they are seated. That means that all children under 15 must be properly restrained...period. The new law also now requires seat belt usage for children under 15 years of age in one-ton pick-ups. (Please note that children under two years of age must still be seated in an approved car seat.) One other change clarifies that safety belt means a lap belt and a shoulder strap, if the vehicle is so equipped.

- The DWI threshold will drop from 0.10 to 0.08 blood alcohol content. This change in the law also will affect the Administrative License Revocation program, which allows for the civil suspension of driver licenses for those who register a .08 or above, as well as those who refuse a breath test.

- Vehicle inspection fees will increase on Sept. 1, 1999.

Safety only inspection \$12.50; Motorcycles \$12.50; mopeds \$5.75; new car initial inspection \$21.75; emission only inspection \$13.00; safety and emissions inspection \$25.50.

- Starting Jan. 1, 2000, all gas

caps will be pressure-tested during vehicle inspections to make sure caps are not leaking gas fumes into the atmosphere.

- Beginning Sept. 1, new driver licenses, identification cards and renewals will have a writeable surface on the back, so license holders will have the option to fill in a contact number to call in an emergency if law enforcement agencies need to contact next-of-kin. License and I.D. holders already are able to write in where an emergency directive to physician is filed and any allergic reactions to drugs the license holder may have.

Among the new criminal laws taking effect on Sept. 1 are:

- Sex-offender registration information available to the public used to include only an offender's name and street name. It will now include the offender's numeric address and photograph.

- The penalty for failing to comply with sex offender registration requirements was strengthened from what had been a state jail felony across the board for all offenders. After Sept. 1, the punishment for failure to comply with registration will depend on the seriousness of the specific crime for which the sex offender was convicted. For example, if an offender has a single conviction for a serious felony offense that requires lifetime registration and annual verification with local law enforcement, that offender could be charged with a 3rd degree felony for failure to comply with registration. If an offender has more than one conviction for a serious felony offense that requires lifetime registration and annual verification with local law enforcement once every 90 days, that offender would be charged with a 2nd degree felony for failure to comply with registration.

- Collection of DNA identification has been expanded to include all offenders who are required to register as sex offenders, and all offenders convicted of aggravated assault, homicide and burglary of a habitation. Offenders incarcerated or convicted in Texas of sex-related offenses have been required since 1996 to give blood samples for DNA profiling and inclusion in the state's CODIS database. (Combined DNA Index System.) CODIS is a DNA profile repository that law enforcement investigators throughout Texas and the nation use to help solve sex crimes, which often are committed by repeat offenders. The CODIS database has reportedly helped Texas law enforcement officers crack six unsolved sexual assaults since June 1998.

- A Sex Offender Compliance Unit will be added to the DPS Special Crimes Service to investigate and apprehend sexually violent offenders. The Special Crimes Service already has a fugitive apprehension unit that targets violent re-

offenders.

- The Special Crimes Service also will electronically monitor certain sex offenders (those subject to civil commitment) who are deemed likely to re-offend and are believed unlikely to respond to traditional mental illness treatment aimed at keeping them from committing additional sex crimes.

- Failure to stop or to report aggravated sexual assault of a child will be a Class A misdemeanor.

- Fence-cutting will be a state-jail felony. (Previously, it was a misdemeanor for minor damage.)

- Operating an amusement ride while intoxicated will carry the same punishment as driving while intoxicated. The blood-alcohol concentration also will be 0.08.

- The unlawful transport of persons (smuggling undocumented workers for hire) will be a state jail felony.

- Identity theft (the fraudulent use or possession of identification, someone's name or date of birth), will be a state jail felony.

- The use of so-called "date-rape" drugs such as rohypnol and GHB to commit a rape will enhance the crime to first-degree felony aggravated sexual assault.

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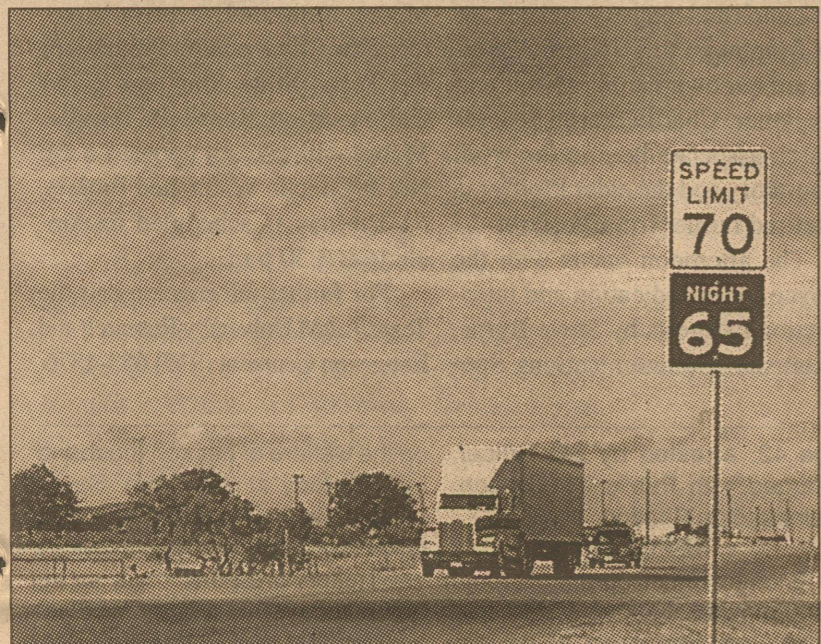


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New speed limit for trucks — Beginning Sept. 1 the speed limit for trucks on highways in Texas will increase to 70 mph in day and 65 mph at night...the same as it currently is for passenger cars.

Firefighters called back to the scene of last week's grass fire

Firefighters from Eldorado, Ozona, Barnhart and Mertzson were called back to the scene of last week's mammoth grass fire Monday afternoon after a prescribed burn on the Mertz 09 Ranch got out of hand.

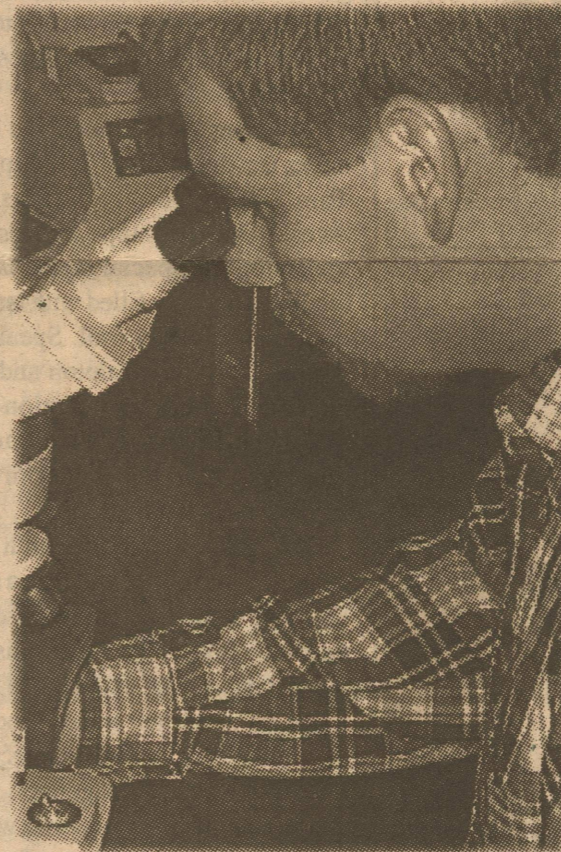
According to firefighters at the scene, the blaze jumped a fire break which had been cut around the prescribed area and moved onto the Woodward Ranch approx. 20 miles west-northwest of Eldorado where a half-section, or 320 acres, was blackened by the fire.

That brings to 13,000 acres the amount of rangeland affected by

the fire. It is also estimated that more than 25 miles of fence was lost to the recent blaze.

The charred area in western Schleicher County is clearly visible on satellite images. The GOES-8 satellite, a geostationary satellite 23,000 miles above Earth's surface, shows the area as a blackened swath stretching from the southeast to northwest, lying roughly parallel and just north of U.S. Highway 190. To view the satellite image access NASA's global climate center website at: <http://www.ghec.msfc.nasa.gov/GOES/goes8onus.html>.

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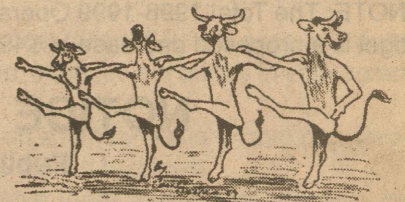
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Mittel and Moore chair local Cattlemen's Round-Up for Rehab

Schleicher County ranchers Ronnie Mittel and Mike Moore are among 150 volunteers throughout Texas who will carry on the tradition of "helping Rehab help others" by serving as local chairmen for West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 40th Annual Cattlemen's Round-Up for Rehab.

Regional chairmen of this year's program are Carter Behrens of San Angelo and Mike Alexander of Abilene and honorary chairman is Rex Allen.

Since 1960, Round-Up has provided friends in the agricultural industry an opportunity to lend their support to WTRC and to date has brought in over \$8,050,000 to

Rehab which annually serves more than 17,000 children and adults with disabilities.

Ways in which ranchers and agriculture-related businesses can participate in CRR include:

- Donating livestock - cattle, sheep, goats or horses - to be sold at one of Rehab's seven special auctions during September and October.
- Sending a cash donation to Rehab if this is not a good time of year to cut out livestock for an auction.
- Attending one of the special sales and joining the bidding on livestock or novelty items.
- Notifying a CRR chairman right now of an intent to have your auction house cut a check to Re-

hab for the proceeds of one or more animals to be sold later in the year.

This year's CRR program has already received a significant boost from four great friends of Rehab. Twin Mountain Fence Company has joined Wrangler, Federal Land Bank Association and First Texas Ag Credit as Round-Up sponsors. Together these businesses have contributed a total of \$20,000 to the 1999 Round-Up to ensure its success.

WTRC President Jim Pethis expressed his appreciation for these gifts and hope that everyone in the livestock industry will help build on the momentum by being a part of the Rehab tradition of the

Cattlemen's Round-Up.

1999 Round-Up will begin with a cattle auction Thursday, September 16 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo. Other sales and their dates include: a cattle sale September 28 at Abilene Auction; and specialty sales October 6, Coleman; October 8, Dublin; October 13, Stephenville; and October 28, Ranger. A special sale for sheep and goats is scheduled for October 25 at the Junction Stockyards.

For more information about this important Rehab fund-raising program, please contact the local CRR volunteers or WTRC at 915-223-6300 in San Angelo or 915-793-3507 in Abilene.

26th Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day slated September 2nd

Time draws near for the 26th Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day set for September 2 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center here. The Center is located north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87. Registration runs from 9:00-9:30 a.m. Morning field tours begin at 9:30 a.m.

The event focuses on current matters affecting West Texas agriculture. This year's program is no exception. A potpourri of ranch-related topics ranging from dual purpose sheep to the North Concho Watershed Project are slated for the program.

This year's field day is being dedicated to the memory of Royce Jones who worked closely with the Center through his position as the agricultural writer for the San Angelo Standard-Times. Royce passed away last year on September 3 following a sudden illness at 26 years of age.

Morning tours kickoff the day under the direction of Jeff Ripley, Tom Green County Extension Agent. The tour stops include an update on the special raised lamb feeding floor now filled with lambs on a fiber quality trial. Speakers will be Drs. Chris Lupton and Ed Huston, Experiment Station researchers, San Angelo; and James Jennings, an Angelo State University graduate student.

Dr. Dan Waldron, research geneticist, San Angelo, will man a second tour stop. He plans to discuss trade-offs in selections emphasis for meat and wool production. He will touch on important issues producers should consider when selecting breeding stock for genetic improvements during this time when relative economic values of meat

and wool are changing.

"Dual Purpose Sheep and Hot Carcass Grading" are the topics to be covered by Dr. Frank Craddock, Dr. Shawn Ramsey and Kraig Peel. Craddock is the San Angelo-based Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist, Ramsey is an Assistant Professor of Animal Science at Texas A&M University, College Station, and Peel is a Texas A&M University graduate student also at College Station.

A fourth stop will deal with the status of an outbreak of vaccine resistant soremouth that cropped up in several goat flocks earlier this year. Drs. Andres de la Concha and Butch Taylor, San Angelo-based Experiment Station researcher and Sonora Experiment Station Superintendent respectively, are to explain the situation as it now stands and give an update on its effect on

the vaccine production at the Sonora Station.

An overview of the status of nature tourism to enhance ranch income will be given by Tamara Trail, Extension Associate for Conservation, San Angelo. She will offer some food-for-thought to those considering this particular revenue avenue. She will also point out several key factors people should consider before tackling this endeavor.

Lunch and industry updates are set from noon to 1:15 p.m. Caterers are our own Faron Pfeiffer and his father, Charlie. Faron is a research associate here in the wool laboratory and the elder Pfeiffer is a retired farmer from Veribest.

The afternoon opens with the Royce Jones dedication and introduction of guests by Steve Byrns, Extension Communications Spe-

cialist at San Angelo. Dr. Carl Menzies, San Angelo Experiment Station Resident Director Emeritus, will serve as the afternoons master of ceremonies. Dr. Butch Taylor will open the afternoon presentation with "Animal Selection Based on Dietary Preference." He is followed by Kenneth Dierschke, a Wall cotton farmer, Dierschke will speak on Senate Bill 1: Regional Planning Group Efforts. The day's final speaker is James Moore, Assistant Executive Director of the Conservation Program of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board at Temple. Moore will give an update on the North Concho Watershed Project.

The day is scheduled to conclude at 3:30 p.m.

For further information call the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at (915) 653-4576.



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

ARRESTS

8/18/99 Sanchez, Mario, male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge with Failure To Appear, Driving While License Suspended, Capias.

8/18/99 Garcia, Edward Ray, male age 30, Motion To Revoke, Deferred Adjudication, Burglary of Habitation.

8/20/99 Thompson, Debra McCall, male age 41, hold for Irion County, charge District Court Indictment, Arson. Released on Irion County, \$5,000 PR Bond.

8/20/99 Morehouse, William Scott, male age 46, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Criminal Trespass.

8/20/99 Gonzales, Auden J., male age 20, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Injury To A Child.

8/22/99 Zapata, Miguel Ibarra, male age 35, hold for Irion Co., charged with Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense).

8/23/99 Saldivar, Mario, male

age 42, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

REPORTS

8/18/99 Officer dispatched to dumpground. Officer stated that there were tire marks at the entrance and a sign was knocked down. Officer located possible suspects at cemetery.

Complainant reported fire was spotted on Hwy. 190 West. Fire Department was dispatched.

8/19/99 Complainant reported she and her husband have been having a disagreement all day. Husband had been drinking and had just left in the car. Officer responded to call.

Complainant advised her estranged husband had somehow gotten a key to her apartment. Complainant stated a friend walked her into her apartment and as she was checking behind the door and in the closets he jumped out of a closet and started choking her. She broke away and her estranged husband began fighting with her friend as she ran out to call the Sheriff's Office. Officer responded to call.

8/20/99 SC Officer on patrol observed an individual at a residence who had a Criminal Trespass Notification. One male was arrested.

Complainant reported a minor accident at the Post Office. Officer responded.

Complainant advised there was a fight in progress on East Street. Complainant advised these were male subjects with sticks and bats. All SC Officers responded.

8/21/99 Complainant called Sheriff's Dept. and told the dispatcher to get an officer to check

on the welfare of her son (husband had custody at this time). Same complainant stated that she had talked to Child Protective Services and that they said to send an officer. Officer was contacted. Officer advised that Child Protective Services needed to check on the welfare or advise this department to send an officer. This has been an on-going problem. Complainant's mother then called the Sheriff's Dept. and stated that if anything happened to the child she would file charges against the county.

Complainant advised she needed an officer to respond to her residence. Complainant said her husband was trying to hurt her. Officers responded. Complainant advised she thought her husband had left and had been drinking. After giving a description of vehicle, she asked the Sheriff's Office to disregard call. Responding units made contact with complainant and advised everything was OK.

8/22/99 Complainant stated that they were missing a red longhorn bull with the 008 brand on its side.

Complainant stated that they had hit a deer 18 miles North on Hwy 277. SO issued a blue form to fill out and send off.

8/23/99 About 3:30 A.M. a male subject came to the Sheriff's Office to speak to an officer. Dispatcher advised officer on duty who responded to SO. Dispatcher and officer detected a strong odor which they believed to be alcohol, at which time officer placed male subject in custody for Public Intoxication. Subject was booked at 3:50 AM.

Complainant notified Sheriff's Dept. that a controlled burn had gotten out of control just off of 190 West, FM 1928, CR 425. All Fire Department Units available responded.

8/24/99 Criminal Mischief - Complainant reported that an unknown subject had passed through a lease off Hwy 915 and put silicone in all 3 locks on the chain.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

SCHLEICHER COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 1999-2000 BUDGET

SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD-Board of Trustees
August 30, 1999
Called Meeting

The Board of Trustees for the Schleicher County Independent School District approved a PROPOSED BUDGET for the 1999-2000 School Year with the following parameters:

- The final approved 1999-2000 Operating Budget will be fully funded without the use of the District's existing fund balance.
- The necessary tax rate to fund the local share will not exceed \$1.36 per \$100 in taxable values.
- NOTE: The overall 1998 Tax Rate of \$1.4979 per \$100 taxable values
- All increases in projected state funding will be dedicated to reducing the necessary local effort by that dollar amount.
- The Total 1999-2000 Operating Budget (including all programs) will be for \$5,827,000.
- NOTE: The Total 1998-1999 Operating Budget was \$6,325,437. The Proposed 1999-2000 Budget is a proposed decrease of \$498,437.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Announcements

Purpose: 1999-2000 Budget Hearing
Adopt 1999-2000 Budget
Date: Monday, August 30, 1999
Location: SCISD Multipurpose Room
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting: Adopt 1999 M&O Tax Rate
Location: SCISD Multipurpose Room
Time: 6:00 P.M.

It is the intent of the Schleicher County Independent School District Board of Trustees to seek comments from the public and to provide information regarding the listed 1999-2000 Operating Budget.

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I am so blessed to live in Eldorado. During his long illness and the death of my son, Carl Patton II, there was an outpouring of prayers, love, support, cards, and food. "Words" cannot express our heartfelt "THANKS". I love all of you.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District will conduct a budget hearing for FY00 at 1:30 P.M. on September 2, 1999 at the Water District Office, Schleicher County Annex Building, 201 S. Main St., Eldorado.

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District will hold a meeting immediately following the budget hearing on September 2, 1999 at the Water District Office, Schleicher County Annex Building, 201 S. Main St. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2000. The proposed tax rate is 0.0548 per \$100 of value.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Eldorado for Fiscal Year beginning 9/1/99 and ending 8/31/00. Hearing is set for August 30, 1999, at 5:30 PM at the City Hall.

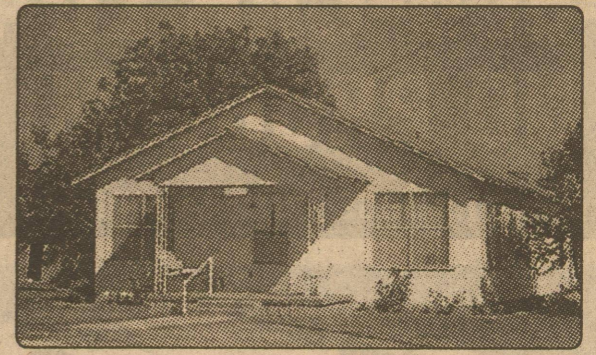
Said proposed budget reflects \$994,810 budgeted for the Utility/Sanitation/Street Funds and \$418,874 for the General Fund.

Interested citizens are encouraged to give oral or written comment or ask questions at said hearing. A copy of the proposed budget and work figures are available for public review between the hours of 8AM and 5PM weekdays. Carolyn Mayo, City Secretary 34b

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- and
- One (1) Transport Load of Diesel Fuel

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Peggy Williams
County & District Clerk
P.O. Drawer 580
Eldorado, Texas 76936
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SONORA- Multi-Family Garage Sale: Sat. Aug. 28 only; 1006 S. Concho; 8AM-?; Saddle, furniture, baby items & more.

SONORA- Garage Sale: Fri., Aug. 27 & Sat. Aug. 28 9:00AM-6:00PM Corner of 520 E. 2nd and Murphy.

OZONA-Garage Sale: Queen-size bed, antique dressers, beauty shop caddy, microwave, television, dishes, clothes, Christmas decorations. Aug. 27; Friday, Sr. Citizens Apartments #1.

OZONA-Carport Sale-Saturday, Aug. 28; 502 Ave. H; 8AM-?; Exercise bike, yard tools, lots of boys', men's and ladies clothes and a lot of misc. stuff.

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5:00 PM
MONDAY

SCHLEICHER COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Notice: Senior Crimestoppers

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Incident:

The backyard of a home at 106 Honeysuckle, owned by the hospital district, was vandalized sometime between Aug. 4th and 5th. Five or six lattice panels were torn down and damaged. Found beside the house was a young girl's clothing.

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Hospital District trustees adopt \$2,353,069.00 budget

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After adopting the budget and setting a tax rate, the board then took up discussion of an asbestos abatement project, slated to begin soon in the hospital. Architect Paul Rhineland of Austin and asbestos consultant Henry King of Lubbock presented the board with a list of projected costs for the project, totaling \$214,992.00.

King noted most of the work had been awarded to contractors in

a competitive bid process. However, in other areas, where no bids were received, he had estimated the costs based on his past experience.

Answering a question about a start date for the project, Rhineland told the board that approval from Texas Department of Health regulators in Austin was the only holdup. He said that once the job is approved and the necessary paperwork is completed, the

project could begin "very soon." In other business the board received bids for textile and laundry services for the coming year. After comparing bids from Thorp's Laundry in Sonora and Tartan Services in San Angelo, the board voted unanimously to award the bid to Thorp's.

Discussion then turned to rates charged in the nursing home. Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook advised the board that the district's current rate schedule is appreciably lower than nursing homes in neighboring communities and well below the amount Medicaid will pay. The board directed Fagan-Cook to prepare a proposed rate schedule for consideration at the group's next meeting.

The trustees then reviewed and approved minutes from their previous meeting. They also reviewed the district's financial reports and authorized payment of the monthly bills.

Fagan-Cook then advised the group of her efforts toward establishing a wellness clinic in the hos-

pital. She also distributed information to the board concerning two pieces of legislation deemed crucial to rural hospitals: 1) the Promoting Health in Rural Areas Act of 1999 (U.S. Senate Bill 980); and 2) the Triple-A-Rural Health Improvement Act of 1999 (U.S. House Resolution 1344).

Before adjourning the board approved medical staff privileges for Dr. Jim Bob Brame and Dr. Marcus Sims. Dr. Brame was then appointed as the hospital's Chief of Staff. Dr. Sims was appointed as the Medical Director for the nursing home.

Commissioners struggle with FY 2000 budget

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salaries of county judges and attorneys," Griffin said. "The best part of that is that it's funded with state money." Griffin went on to add that those two offices probably would not receive an additional pay hike from the county, if pay raises are included in the budget.

Earlier in the meeting, the commissioners called for bids for unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel to be opened at a special meeting on Sept. 7th. They also authorized Fire Chief Jerry Jones to have the fire department's radio console in the Sheriff's Office repaired. Jones met with the men and told them that the unit had been malfunctioning and is in need of repair.

Next, the men authorized County Clerk Peggy Williams to increase certain records management, law library and civil guardianship fees, as prescribed by recent legislation from the State. It was explained that the records management fee, assessed in criminal cases, will increase from \$10 to \$20. The law library fund fee, assessed in civil cases, goes up from \$20 to \$35 and a new fee for mental and guardianship cases was set at \$40.

1999 Eldorado Eagles Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Place
9/2	6:30 p.m.	Bangs	Here
9/9	6:30 p.m.	Menard	There
9/16	6:30 p.m.	Iraan	There
9/23	7:00 p.m.	Rocksprings	Here
9/30	6:30 p.m.	Reagan County	Here
10/7	6:30 p.m.	Wall	There
10/14	6:30 p.m.	Junction	There
10/21	6:30 p.m.	Ozona	Here
10/30	1:00 p.m.	Forsan	There
11/4	6:30 p.m.	Sonora	Here

1999 Eldorado Eagles 8th Grade Football Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Place
9/9	6:30 p.m.	Menard	Here
9/16	6:30 p.m.	Iraan	Here
9/23	5:30 p.m.	Rocksprings	Here
9/30	6:30 p.m.	Reagan County	There
10/7	6:30 p.m.	Wall	Here
10/14	6:30 p.m.	Junction	Here
10/21	6:30 p.m.	Ozona	There
10/30	11:30 a.m.	Forsan	There
11/4	6:30 p.m.	Sonora	There

1999 Eldorado Eagles 7th Grade Football Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Place
9/9	5:00 p.m.	Menard	Here
9/16	5:00 p.m.	Iraan	Here
9/23	—	NO GAME	—
9/30	5:00 p.m.	Reagan County	There
10/7	5:00 p.m.	Wall	Here
10/14	5:00 p.m.	Junction	Here
10/21	5:00 p.m.	Ozona	There
10/30	10:30 a.m.	Forsan	There
11/4	5:30 p.m.	Sonora	There

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Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson

Full-Time Moms Must Stay Active in Outside World

QUESTION: I'm a full-time mother with three children in the preschool years. I love them like crazy but am exhausted from just trying to keep up with them. I also feel emotionally isolated by being here in the house every day of the week. What do you suggest for mothers like me?

DR. DOBSON: I talk to many women like you who feel that they're on the edge of burnout. If they have to do one more load of laundry or tie one more shoe, they feel like they will explode. In today's mobile, highly energized society, young mothers are much more isolated than in years past. Many of them hardly know the women next door, and their sisters and mothers may live a thousand miles away.

That's why it is so important for those with small children to stay in touch with the outside world. Though it may seem safer and less taxing to remain cloistered within the four walls of a home, it is a mistake to do so. Loneliness does bad things to the mind. Furthermore, there are many ways to network with other women today, including church activities, Bible study groups, and supportive programs such as "Moms in Touch" and "Mothers of Preschoolers."

Husbands of stay-at-home mothers need to recognize the importance of their support, too. It is a wise man who plans a romantic date at least once a week and offers to take care of the children so Mom can get a much-needed break.

busy household. It can be avoided in families that recognize its symptoms and take steps to head it off.

QUESTION: Explain in greater detail the role of power in the life of a teen-ager.

DR. DOBSON: Let's begin with a definition. Power is the ability to control others, to control our circumstances and, especially, to control ourselves. The lust for it lies deep within the human spirit. We all want to be the boss, and that impulse begins very early in life. Studies show that 1-day-old infants actually "reach" for control of the adults around them. Even at that tender age, they behave in ways designed to get their guardians to meet their needs.

The desire for power is evident when a toddler runs from his mother in a supermarket, or when a 10-year-old refuses to do his or her homework, or when a husband and wife fight over money. We see it when an elderly woman refuses to move to a nursing home. The common thread between these and a thousand other examples is the passion to run our own lives — and everything else, if given the chance. People vary in the intensity of this urge, but it seems to motivate all of us to one degree or another.

Now, what about your sons and daughters? Have you wondered why they come home from school in such a terrible mood? Have you asked them why they are so jumpy and irritable through the evening? Perhaps they are unable to describe their feelings to you, but they may have engaged in a form of combat all day. Even if they haven't had to fight with their fists, it is likely that

they are embroiled in a highly competitive, openly hostile environment where emotional danger lurks on every side.

Am I overstating the case? Yes, for the kid who is coping well. But for the powerless young man or woman, I haven't begun to tell their stories.

That's why they are nervous wrecks on the first day of school, or before the team plays its initial game, or any other time when their power base is on the line. The raw nerve, you see, is not really dominance, but self-worth. One's sense of value is dependent on peer acceptance at that age, and that is why the group holds such enormous influence over the individual. If he or she is mocked, disrespected, ridiculed and excluded — in other words, if that individual is stripped of power — he or she feels it deeply.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

By James C. Doyle, Schleicher County Justice Of The Peace

Q. Can I have my prescriptions filled in Mexico and be legal in Texas?

A. Yes, as long as you possess a prescription from a doctor that is registered by the DEA and DPS to prescribe drugs in Texas.

Q. Can I buy more pills that my prescriptions says, since I have to travel a long way to get to Mexico and still be legal?

A. If you are stopped for some reason by the DPS or some other officer and they find you have more pills your prescription calls for, you could be arrested and booked into jail for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Q. When I go to the Dentist in Mexico and he prescribes drugs for pain, will the drug be illegal in Texas?

A. Mexico Doctors or Dentists must be registered by the DEA and DPS to dispense drugs in Texas or those drugs would be illegal for you to possess.

Q. Why would the US Customs Officers let you go by if something was illegal to have?

A. US Customs Officers just enforce Federal Law and a large portion of drug laws are Texas Law so if you declare a controlled substance under a Mexican prescription and are allowed to enter into the United States this doesn't mean the prescription is legal in Texas.

STATEMENT OF FACT:
 Think about the trouble you can get into by purchasing cheaper drugs and if some of those drugs are not legal and you get arrested for possession of a control substance. If you are put in jail, then you will have to make bond to get out and you will be tried in County Court or District Court and if you are a school teacher or a state employee or even some major company will discharge a person for drug offences.

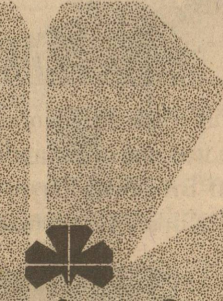
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