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## Series of accidents keep authorities busy

An Amarillo man was transported to Shannon Medical Center Friday evening after his 2003 Toyota Camry overturned during a heavy rainstorm 14 miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277.

Jase Brown, 21, managed to crawl out of the mangled vehicle before emergency personnel arrived. Deputy Kevin Herbert notes that the car overturned at least three times before coming to rest on the west side of the roadway.

Deputy Herbert explains that Brown was traveling northbound during a torrential rain. He reportedly attempted to pass another vehicle when his own car hydroplaned and he lost control. The car rolled three times and crashed into a tree.

The wreck was reported by 9-1-1 call at 6:06 p.m. and Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and EMS Service personnel were dispatched to the scene.

Brown was treated at the scene then transported to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

The accident investigated at the scene by Deputy Herbert and Deputy John Conner. The case remains open.

### WHO LET THE COWS OUT?

Schleicher County Deputy George Arispe responded about 10:30 Sunday morning to a loose livestock call only to find that four head of cattle had fallen out of the back of a livestock trailer as it was being pulled down the road. The driver apparently didn't realize that he had lost the three cows and a calf as he continued driving toward Menard.

Arispe notes that the three cows were alive, but badly injured when he arrived. He found the first one laying in the middle of U.S. 190 about

five miles east of Eldorado. Two other cows and the calf were found even farther east.

Arispe said he put down the three cows and called for Menard County to try and intercept the pickup and trailer before more cattle were lost. The driver was turned around by a Menard County officer and he returned to retrieve his calf, which had been temporarily moved to a nearby pasture. Arispe said he didn't even get the man's name.

"He didn't know it happened," the deputy added. "The middle gate was closed on the trailer and there were still several head of cattle in the front."

### CAR HITS HOUSE?

A 2008 white GMC pickup truck slammed into the front of a mobile home located near the intersection of Wheat and Denny Streets at 1:38 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Pedro Garcia-Sanchez, 20, of Eldorado was arrested at the scene and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was booked into the Schleicher County jail. He was later released on a \$1,000 surety bond.

The home's occupant, Jesse Jenkins, was reportedly at home and asleep at the time of the accident.

Deputy Jason Chatham, who investigated the accident along with Deputy John Conner, explained that there were no injuries reported in the accident and that much of the damage to the exterior of the mobile home is hidden by a tree. However, he explains that the collision did a great deal of damage inside the mobile home.

Damage to the home and its contents is estimated at \$20,000. The front end of the GMC pickup was also damaged in the incident.



Jase Brown, 21, of Amarillo was taken to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo by EMS ambulance after he lost control of the 2003 Toyota he was driving. Brown reportedly hydroplaned during a heavy rain storm while trying to pass another car. His car rolled three times before hitting a tree and coming to rest on the west side of the road, some 14 miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277. Deputy Kevin Herbert and Deputy John Conner investigated the accident.

PHOTOS BY KATHY MANKIN



This 2008 GMC pickup crashed into a mobile home early Sunday morning at the intersection of Wheat Avenue and Denny Street. The driver, Pedro Garcia-Sanchez, 20, of Eldorado, was arrested and charged with DWI. No injuries were reported.

## Commissioners buy new fire truck, lift county-wide burn ban

The Schleicher County Commissioners approved an 81.018 cent tax rate per \$100 valuation during their meeting Monday morning. The tax funds a \$3,801,886 budget that includes a \$100 per month salary increase for all elected officials. The commissioners held two public hearings to give the public a chance to voice any concerns regarding the tax increase. The only citizen to attend either the hearings was former County Judge Johnny Griffin, who attended the September 10th public hearing.

It was noted that the need to raise

taxes came primarily from a decline in oil and gas values. Overall, the county's property values declined by some \$128 million.

In an attempt to balance the budget, the commissioners cut over \$500,000 from last year's budget in order to trim an additional 7 cents from this year's tax rate.

During comments from the public, the court spoke to Fire Chief Jerry Jones who recommended lifting the county-wide burn ban. The commissioners agreed and voted to lift the ban

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## Homecoming parade slated tonight

Eldorado's Homecoming Parade will be held Thursday evening at 7:45 followed by a pep rally to be held at the west side of Schleicher County Courthouse. Football players and cheerleaders will be introduced with the burning of the double E finalizing the evening.

Cars, trucks, bicycles and floats are encouraged to participate.

There will be prizes for the top three parade entries.

The parade route will begin on West Warner near the tennis courts. Participant are encouraged to gather for the parade at 7:30. The parade route will proceed South on West St. then East on Hwy 915 toward the red light. Crossing the highway the parade will proceed left on Cottonwood, travel north around the courthouse and ending on the west side of the court house parking lot. The community is encouraged to show their Eagle Pride.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

### Homecoming Royalty

The 2009 EHS Homecoming Queen will be crowned Friday night during the Eldorado/Marfa football game. This year's homecoming court consists of (Front L-R) Senior Queen Candidates Emily Espinosa, Krista Galindo, and Adrianna Hernandez; (Back L-R) Duchesses Sophomores Sierra Arispe and Abby Fuentes, Junior Ashley Paulson and Freshman Miranda Arispe.

# Recon teams working in border region to inhibit burglaries, smuggling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Sept. 10 announced teams of Texas Rangers and Texas National Guard counter-drug forces have been assigned to help other law enforcement entities to address burglaries of rural homes, ranches and hunting camps in the Texas-Mexico border region.

The specific number, composition and location of these "Ranger Recon Teams" will not be disclosed in order to maintain operational security. Their task is to identify high-intensity smuggling routes in remote areas and conduct operations to reduce border-related crime in these corridors, the governor's office stated.

Perry also announced the award of \$2 million in state criminal justice funds to the Border Sheriff's Coalition for continued use of video surveillance technology along the border. And,

Perry reiterated his call for federal approval of an additional 1,000 National Guard troops for border duty.

### List of Perry's challengers grows

Identifying themselves as candidates to be the state's chief executive in 2011-15 are incumbent Gov. Perry and fellow Republicans, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Wharton nurse/rancher Debra Medina, and secessionist Larry Kilgore of Mansfield.

Democrats who have declared candidacy or possible candidacy for governor include: oil attorney and former ambassador Tom Schieffer of Fort Worth, former Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, Smith County rancher Hank Gilbert, San Antonio public school teacher Felix Alvarado, entertainer Kinky Friedman of Ker-ville, hair care millionaire Farouk

Shami of Houston, and Mark Thompson of Dallas.

Houston Libertarian Joe Daiell has indicated he will run.

### Missions Park on quarters in 2019

San Antonio Missions State Park has been chosen to represent Texas in the next series of state themed quarter-dollar U.S. coins, the governor's office said Sept. 9.

The façade of Mission Espada has been recommended to represent the park on quarters that will be circulated beginning in 2019, according to the United States Mint.

### Senator won't seek reelection

State Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, announced Sept. 10 he will not be a candidate for the Texas

Senate in the November 2010 election.

Ogden has represented State Senate District 5 since 1997, serving the past six years as Senate Finance chair. He also served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives.

Ogden's term will end when his successor is sworn in on the first day of the 2011 regular session of the Texas Legislature.

### Coastal improvements in works

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson announced what his office called "the biggest coastal protection effort in Texas history" on Sept. 14 in Galveston at the seawall, one year after the recovery efforts from Hurricane Ike began.

The \$25 million, two-year state federal plan has in store coastline improvements ranging from South Padre

Island to Sabine Pass.

In other news, on Sept. 3, Patterson declared South Padre Island beaches the most accessible in Texas and presented the Town of South Padre Island with four new "Mobi-chair" surf-ready wheelchairs.

Amphibious wheelchairs like the ones awarded to South Padre Island eventually will be distributed "to all of the top tourist beaches in Texas, thanks to money made available by the Texas General Land



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling

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## Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

It was beloved comedian Bill Cosby who made the following sage observation: "I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

Before the 1800s, lobster was not considered to be the delicacy it is today. In fact, the crustacean was so ill-regarded as a food source that only the very poor -- such as widows, orphans and servants -- ate them.

Famed 19th-century Russian composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky wasn't just a musical genius. With the ability to fluently speak Russian, French and German by the time he was 6 years old, he evidently had a gift for languages, too.

At 50 feet in diameter, the world's largest clock is the Colgate Clock. If you want to see it in person, you'll have to travel to Jersey City, N.J., to do so.

Besides having successful careers in film, what do Steven Spielberg, Tom Cruise, Sela Ward and Lucy Liu have in common? All of them had an engineer for a father. TV stars Mila Kunis and Ray Romano did, too, as did singer Mariah Carey.

When the popular word game Scrabble was first put on the market in 1938, the game's creator, Alfred Mosher Butts, received only 5 cents for each game that was sold.

When he was in college, comedian and TV host David Letterman was fired from his job as a disc jockey.

Considering the franchise's longevity, you might be surprised to learn that the original "Star Trek" series never did better than 52nd place in the ratings during its relatively brief three-year stint on TV in the late 1960s.

Thought for the Day: "The nice thing about being a celebrity is that when you bore people, they think it's their fault." -- Henry Kissinger

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## top ten

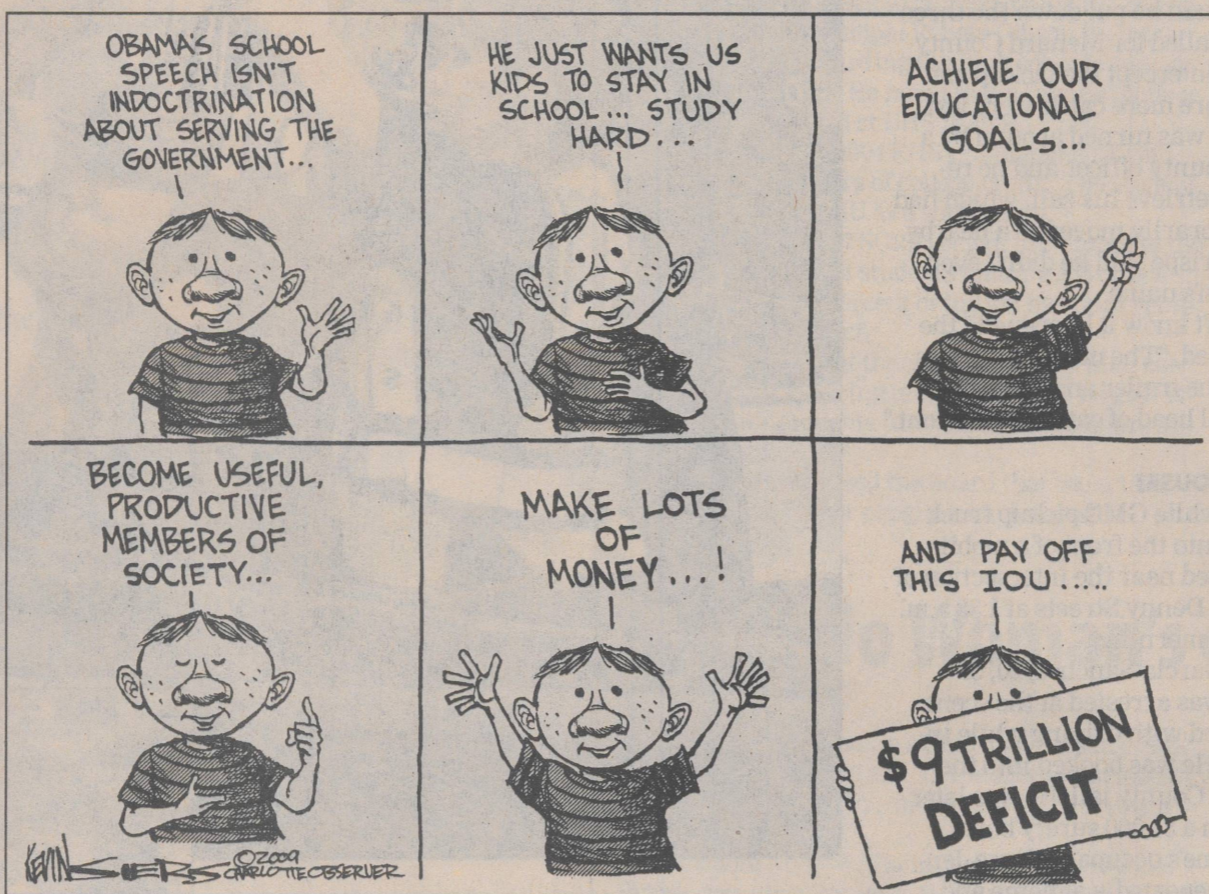
### COLLEGE MASCOTS

1. Eagles
2. Tigers
3. Bulldogs
4. Panthers
5. Knights
6. Lions
7. Bears
8. Hawks
9. (tie)
10. Cougars, Pioneers, Warriors

Source: "Mascots" by Dr. Roy Yarbrough



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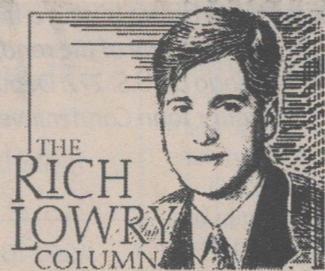
## What Would Bush Do?

If he wants to prevail in Afghanistan, Barack Obama needs a George W. Bush moment. He'll have to ignore the polls, brush aside doubters in his own party and reinforce a failing war effort.

Bush did all that, and more, when he ordered the surge in Iraq in January 2007. He also had to buck his own military brass and almost the entirety of a foreign-policy establishment that considered the feckless recommendations of the Baker-Hamilton commission holy writ. He operated from a position of political weakness so debilitating, Lyndon Johnson might have identified with it in his final days.

Compared with those headwinds, Obama is experiencing a late-summer breeze on Afghanistan. He's a new president in whom the American public hasn't yet lost faith, even if he's faded from his post-election heights. In a CBS poll, only 48 percent approve of Obama's handling of Afghanistan. That's nothing like the collective "enough" the public had exclaimed about the Iraq War prior to the surge.

But Obama will need three especially Bushian qualities if he is to spare his country a humiliating retreat or an underresourced, inconclusive slog in Afghanistan: sincerity, perseverance and courage.



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Bush risked his presidency on Iraq because of his heartfelt belief in its strategic importance. Obama sounds just as categorical about Afghanistan. If he believes it, he'll make the tough calls. If not, he'll be prone to Rumsfeldian half-measures that will ensure all our sacrifices are made on behalf of failure.

We'd be in even worse shape if Obama hadn't already sent 21,000 additional troops earlier this year. The buzz among coalition commanders on the ground was that August would be a trying month -- casualties would spike, and Americans back home would sour. So it has come to pass. If Obama approves another request for additional forces from Gen. Stanley McChrystal, it will mean even more casualties, as -- for at least a period of time -- the Taliban look as strong as ever.

Bush had to endure a similarly treacherous lag between our troops fighting their way to outposts among the population in Iraq,

and the results in enhanced security. Obama, too, will have to ignore his most fervent supporters, who fear he'll wreck his presidency in the Hindu Kush, and stomach poll numbers that will get worse.

If we withdrew, the Taliban would take over swaths of the country and would likely host al-Qaida again. Pakistan would feel pressure to return to embracing the Taliban fully as its proxy in a war that would become a free-for-all for Afghanistan's neighbors. This would strengthen the hand of extremists within Pakistan at the same time our credibility would have sustained a devastating blow.

The war is far from lost. Kabul is relatively safe, certainly compared with the hellish extremity of Baghdad in 2006. The areas that are in the worst shape in the South are those in which we have had the fewest forces. The population doesn't want a reprise of Taliban rule. If we could recover in an Iraq that had descended to Dante's seventh circle, Afghanistan is salvageable with enough resources and time.

As he contemplates his next move, Obama should ask an unexpected question: "What would Bush do?"

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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### CAPITOL SOUTH by William Warren



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## Treasures of Bosque County

I was in Bosque County in May and got to travel along the small winding roads up and down the hills and valleys full of wildflowers and the new green of early spring. Something in the atmosphere seems to embrace you, give you a hug.



by Tumbleweed Smith

Rolling Along  
The Bosque County Museum in Clifton had invited me down to entertain at its annual meeting. I arrived a day early to meet some people, do some interviews and explore the area. It should have seemed familiar to me, since I grew up in Waco just down the road about 40 miles.

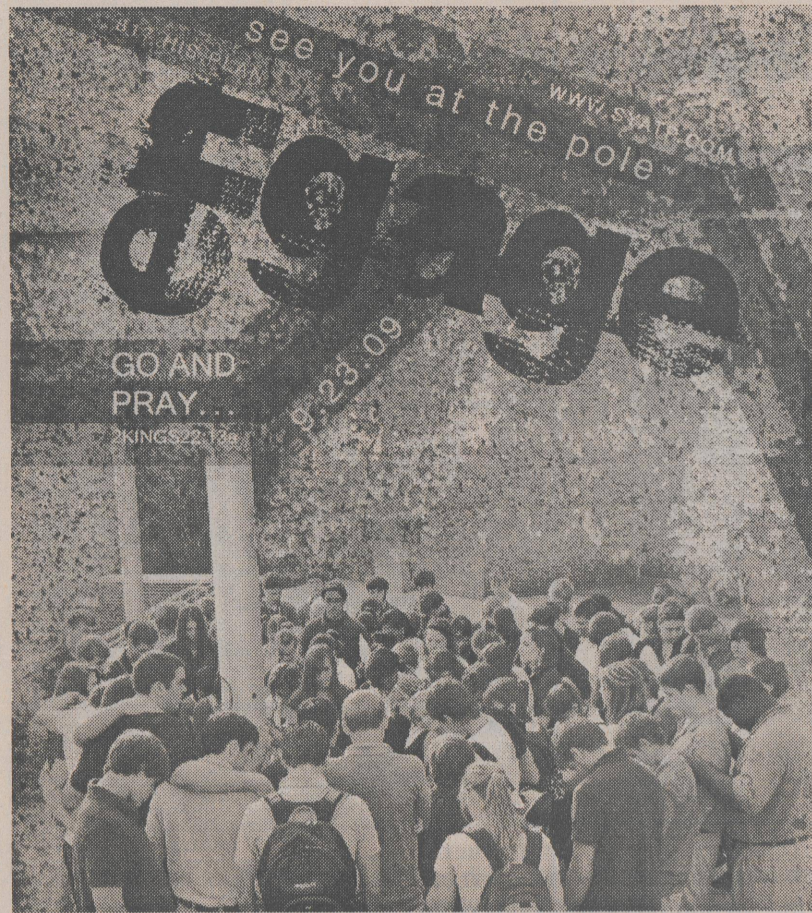
Clifton is a city that personifies something I've always thought about Central Texas: it's where you discover the truly refined ladies and gentlemen of the Lone Star State. The people I met in Clifton are sophisticated, educated, well traveled and have a deep appreciation for being able to live where they do. They were most anxious to show me their town and the countryside around it.

The hills around Clifton offer magnificent views of the limestone bluffs and waterways in the county. Cedar and live oak trees decorate the yards and pastures. I was privileged to see some magnificent homes built to take advantage of the panoramic vistas. I stood on a hill at one place and looked out at Lake Whitney. The scene reminded me of Hawaii.

Both the Brazos and Bosque rivers flow through the county. We stayed in a home on the Bosque and got to see some of the birds and wildlife that thrive there. We put feed out for birds and a flock of male cardinals swooped across the river in a flash of red. Flat-topped hills in the northwestern part of the county have names like Bee Mountain, Sugar Loaf Mountain and Johnson Peak. The highest elevation in the county is 1,200 feet.

The county had some permanent residents by the mid 1800's. Some of the early settlers were from England and established a colony called Kent. Norwegian immigrants were numerous and said the area reminded them of Norway. They established the community of Norse, which has an annual smorgasbord in November. The county promotes its Norwegian heritage. The King of Norway even paid a visit years ago. The state legislature named Clifton the Norwegian capital of Texas.

Culturally, Clifton is ahead of most communities with a population of less than four thousand. It has the impressive museum, which features a burial site dating back 12,000 years and the largest display of Norwegian artifacts in the southwest. The city also has a fully staffed art complex featuring a permanent photography exhibit, an art gallery, and a performing arts group. It used to be called the Bosque Conservatory of Fine Arts but has lately changed its name to simply THE BOSQUE ARTS CENTER. Some folks thought the previous name was a little too high-fallutin'. It recently had a two million dollar renovation. Clifton has been named one of the 100 best art towns in America. Some extremely well known artists live in the area. If you're looking for charm, beauty and friendly people, visit Bosque County.



## 'See You At The Pole' slated Wednesday morning

A handful of Christian students started the See You at the Pole event in Burseson after having been to a Disciple Now weekend. In the last nineteen years it has grown by word of mouth, announcements at youth rallies and churches, as well as the internet to the point it now occurs internationally. This year the SYATP has a them of: ENGAGE: Go and Pray. This event is about kids putting aside all of the labels and groups for one day to simply ENGAGE with God in prayer and connect with fellow Christians in unity, around the flag pole at the beginning of the school year, so you can stand strong together throughout the year.

Eldorado is going to have a city wide interdenominational

Pre-SYATP youth rally on Sunday evening starting at 5 pm until 8:30 pm, at Magnum Guide Service 2 miles north on HWY 277. For transportation to Magnum's meet at the courthouse by 4:15 pm. See You At The Pole is an annual gathering of Christian students of all ages at a flagpole. Here in Eldorado the meeting place is the flag pole at the football stadium at 7:15 am. This event on Sunday evening will prepare youth for the SYATP on Wednesday morning at 7:15 am. For more information please contact: Sylas or Shea Politte @ 325-212-9609, or 325-374-5362; Don or Kathy Inman @ 325-226-5858, or 325-226-5859; Jim or Melony Roche @ 325-853-1555; Mary Elena Escobar @ 325-650-3945; Dora Trevino @ 325-206-2223.

## Conaway pushes Defund ACORN Act in U.S. House

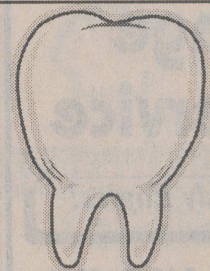
WASHINGTON—Congressman Mike Conaway (R-TX-11) on Tuesday of this week cosponsored the Defund ACORN Act, a piece of legislation that would terminate all federal funding to ACORN and all of its affiliates after potentially criminal information has surfaced about the organization. House Republicans sent a letter to President Obama encouraging him to cut all federal funding of ACORN. "It has become evident that ACORN has been using taxpayer dollars to run potential criminal businesses and

unethical activities out of their offices. We simply cannot allow one more penny of hard-working American money to go towards funding this corrupt organization. It is my fervent hope that the President will terminate ACORN's funding and that ties between ACORN and the federal government are cut for good. If not, we have a bill ready to take straight to the House Floor." The United States Senate passed their version of the bill on Tuesday with an overwhelming vote of 83-7.

## Hunter education course offered to local residents

An online, or home study Hunter Education Class is slated to get underway on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the Schleicher County Annex office, located at 211 Southwest Main Street in Eldorado. Every hunter, including out-of-state hunters, born on or after September 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. The minimum age for certification is 9 years of age. Those interested in hunting in Texas who are under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Age 9 through 16 must successfully complete a hunter education course and must be accompanied by a person who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education or is exempt (born before Sept. 2, 1971.) Anyone over 17 born after September

2, 1971 must successfully complete a hunter education course of purchase a Hunter Education Deferral. Hunter Education Deferral (cost: \$10) allows a person 17 years of age or older who has not completed a hunter education program to defer completion for up to one year. A deferral may only be obtained once and is only valid until the end of the current license year. A person who has been convicted or has received deferred adjudication for violation of the mandatory hunter education requirement is prohibited from applying for a deferral. Take the course by August 31 of the current license year and receive a \$5 discount. The one-time Hunter Education Deferral is available at license vendors and went into effect September 1, 2004. For more information contact Susan Lloyd at 325-277-8751.



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## Pesticide training and testing slated Sept. 25

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**County Agent's Update**  
by Cory Bundick

will be here to teach about laws and regulations. He will also administer the test following the class portion. If you are interested in taking this class, books are available at the Extension Office for \$30. Please call the office to pre-register at 853-2132.

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- TUESDAY September 22nd**  
Hot Dogs with Chili, Cheese, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Bun, Pineapple Waldorf, Brownie, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY September 23rd**  
Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Baked Potato, Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk.
- THURSDAY September 24th**  
Soft Taco / Cheese, Pinto Beans, Corn w/ Sweet Peppers, Flour Tortilla, Chopped Lettuce and Tomato, Mixed Fresh Fruit w/ Cantaloup, Milk.
- FRIDAY September 25th**  
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: \* Moderate \*\* Challenging \*\*\* Hoo Boy!  
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# Injuries, turnovers plague Eagles in 45-7 loss to Iraan

by Syllas Politte

There are moments in sports that you just have to forget. For the Eldorado Eagles, one of those moments is last Friday night. The Eagles went into Iraan to take on the 0-2 Braves in a non-district game.

On paper the two teams appear to be evenly matched. Both have good size. Both have good speed. And, both are looking to win their districts and make the playoffs.

However, when it came down to actually playing the game Eldorado never got things going. The Eagles had 8 turnovers (4 fumbles and 4 interceptions), they allowed 450 yards of offense and gave up 45 points.

Penalties, sacks and injuries seemed to plague Eldorado as game progressed. Senior QB Garrett Lux came out in street clothes to start the second half after sustaining a contusion to his thigh.

Iraan scored early and often on the night. The Braves put up 18 points in the first quarter, seven each in the second and third and 13 in the final frame.

The Eagles only score of the night came in the 3rd on a 45 yard touchdown pass from Dustin Ramos to Josh Jurecek.

The final 45-7 score is something Eldorado wants to put far behind them as they move forward with the season.

"That game was embarrassing and we have to move on and get ready for Marfa," junior wide receiver and linebacker

Miles Mikeska said.

Senior running back Wes Brown broke the 100 yard rushing mark for the first time this season. It took Brown a few games last year to crack the century mark, but when he did he rolled off seven straight 100 yard games. Most of his yards against Iraan came on a busted play when he was forced to free-lance and scamper 90 yards. It was all for naught, however, as the Eagles fumbled the scoring opportunity away just before the half.

"These things happen sometimes," head coach Alan Cherry said. "We need to forget about it and get ready for the next game."

Mikeska led the defense with 19 tackles on the night. Jurecek and Ben Wipff had 12 and 10 tackles respectively.

The Eagles will welcome the Marfa Shorthorns to Eldorado for Homecoming 2009. This is also the Warbirds first home game of the season.

Marfa is 1-2 on the year coming off their first win of the season last week against Carrizozo, NM. The Shorthorns are led by Senior QB/DB Trey Daugherty.

Eldorado will look to tune things up against Marfa as they head into district play next



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Josh Jurecek scored on this catch of a 45 yard pass from Dustin Ramos in the 3rd quarter of last Friday night's game in Iraan. It was the Eagles only score of the night as they fell 45-7 to the Braves in non-district play. The Warbirds will host the Marfa Shorthorns here this Friday in Eldorado's homecoming game.

week. The Eagles will have to find a way to score more points and slow down opposing offenses.

Kick off for the Homecoming game will be at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to come

out and support the Eagles. As always, KLDE 104.9 FM will be broadcasting live starting at 7:15 p.m. with Mason Vaughan, Kerry Joy and Syllas Politte bringing you the play-by-play call of all the action.

# Eagles JV team defeats Braves JV 16-6

Eldorado's JV football team defeated Iraan's JV team last Thursday by a score of 16-6.

Special teams began the scoring for Eldorado when Ivan Cardenas blocked a punt for a safety, giving the Eagles a 2-0 lead.

Iraan came back in the 2nd quarter, after a fake punt resulted in a long run and a halfback pass caught the Eagles off guard. The Braves scored a touchdown just before the half, but failed to convert on the 2-point conversion.

Eldorado answered in the third quarter when Rico Martinez found the end zone. The extra-point try failed and Eldorado led 8-6.

Martinez found the end zone again in the 4th quarter and the Eagles added the 2 point conversion on a faked extra-point try to make the final score 16-6 in favor of Eldorado.

Coach Jhett Norman noted that his team got off to a slow start but picked up their intensity on offense in the second half, twice driving the ball over 70 yards for a score. "The offensive line did a great job of opening up some holes," the coach said after



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Rico Martinez had a good night for the Eagles, scoring two TDs to lead the Jr. Varsity to a 16-6 win over Iraan's JV last Thursday night.

the game.

Quarterback Allen Espinosa went down with a broken collar bone late in the first half and Blaine Mitchell did a good job filling in at the QB position.

"Defensively we played well all night," Coach Norman explained.

"Iraan's only score came off a couple of trick plays before the half. They never threatened to score again."

The Eagles JV has an open date this week but will travel to San Angelo next week to play the TLC Academy.

# Middle School Eagles fall 6-8 to Iraan squad

The Eldorado Middle School Eagles played host last week to Iraan in the season opener for both teams. The contest began with both teams exchanging series twice before ending the first quarter.

The second quarter saw Eldorado forced deep into their end of the field and where they would subsequently turn the ball over on downs to Iraan. Iraan took advantage and scored on a sweep play to the left side and converted the two point conversion run. Iraan would keep an 8-0 lead going into the halftime intermission.

Eldorado placed points on the board in the third quarter when Bailey Espinosa used the quarterback sneak to get the ball into the end zone. Eldorado used a combination of Justin Estrada and Jackson O'Harrow to setup the touchdown behind the blocking of the offensive line. Eldorado's attempt to tie the game at 8 each failed. The Eagles

continued to battle into the final stanza trailing by two points.

Bobby Martinez helped the defense when he intercepted a pass with just under 5:00 minutes to play in the contest. Eldorado mounted a march down the field, but with 3:30 in the game on Iraan's 30 yard line they fumbled the ball. The Iraan squad pounded out three more first downs to quash any hopes of a comeback for the young Eagle team.

Coach Jesse Rubio said he was very proud of the effort and

determination in the young Eagle team. Next action will see the middle school squad Eagles facing the TLC Academy squad in San Angelo on Thursday, Sept. 17th at 5pm.

The TLC Academy has a field just west of Loop 206 on Melrose Avenue. Travelling from Eldorado stay on the Loop 306 going west till you hit Arden Road (FM 853). You will take the turn-around under the overpass and head back south. Turn right on Melrose Avenue at the TLC school sign.

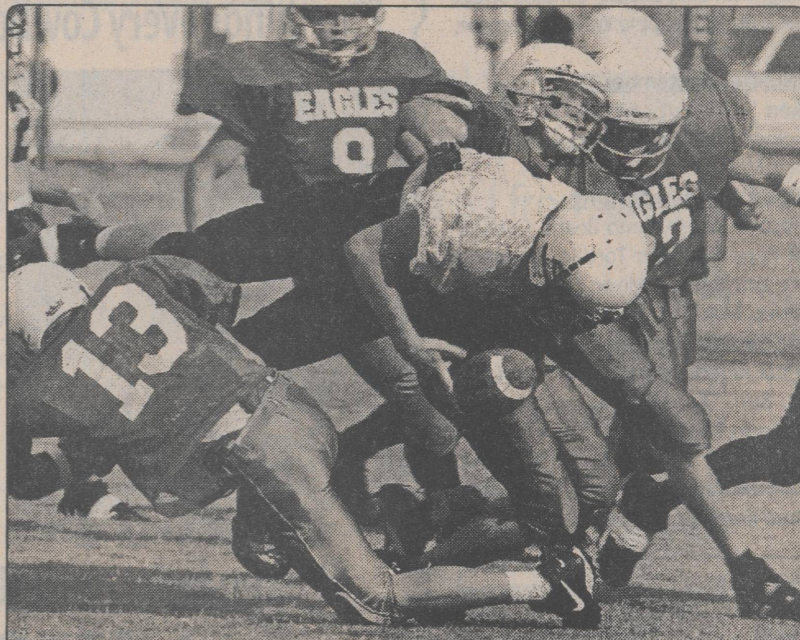


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Eagles defenders upend an Iraan runner during Middle School action here last Thursday. The young Eagles would lose 6-8 in a hard fought contest.

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**Monday September 21, 2009**  
 Blueberry Muffin, Choice of Cereal  
 Choice of Juice, Milk

**Tuesday September 22nd**  
 Biscuits/Sausage, Jelly, Choice of Juice,  
 Milk

**Wednesday September 23rd**  
 Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal  
 Choice of Juice, Milk

**Thursday September 24th**  
 French Toast/Syrup, Peach Halves  
 Choice of Juice, Milk

**Friday September 25th**  
 Buttered Toast/ Jelly, Choice of Cereals,  
 Choice of Juice, Milk

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**Monday September 21, 2009**  
 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread  
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 Dressing, Sliced Pineapple.

**Tuesday September 22nd**  
 Taco Rolls, Sweet Corn, Carrot Stix/Dip  
 Chocolate Chip Cookies.

**Wednesday September 23rd**  
 Stacked Enchiladas, Spanish Rice  
 Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pear Halves

**Thursday September 24th**  
 Steak Fingers/Gravy, Sweet Corn, Carrot  
 Stix/Dip, Sliced Peaches.

**Friday September 25th**  
 Hamburger/Chips, Lettuce / Tomato,  
 Hamburger Pickles, Ice Cream Cups.

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**Tuesday September 22nd**  
 Steak Burgers, Baked Chips, Lettuce /  
 Tomato, Chocolate Chip Cookies.

**Wednesday September 23rd**  
 Taco Salad / Dressing, Gr. Beef/Beans/  
 Cheese Cup, Tostada chips, Pear Halves.

**Thursday September 24th**  
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Magnum Guide Service hosted 14 kids from Eldorado High School for a lunchtime "Beast Feast." The kids enjoyed Gembok Oryx hamburgers, assorted chips, Melony's special chocolate cake, and Shea's homemade chocolate chip cookies. (Front L-R) Marcus Medrano, Krista Galindo, Brianah Creek, Sierra Arispe, Maddie Bilbrey. (Middle L-R) Rudy Sanchez, Dylan Dombroski, Baily Minor, Kairos McCollum., Pollie Guerrero. (Back L-R) Francisco Mendez, Marty Powell, Josh Jurecek.

**2009 ASU Stampede C-Country**

The Eldorado Middle School and Varsity runners participated in San Angelo 2009 ASU Stampede Cross Country Meet Saturday, September 12, 2009. The course was muddy and slick with a steady mist or rain falling through out the meet.

Varsity Girls Results: (2 Mile Course-159 runners) 67. Abby Fuentes-17:01.00; 104. Laura Garcia - 17:57.00; 121. Jessica Pasiillas - 18:41.00; 137. Allyson Jarrett - 19:31.00; 146. Mary Lou Martinez- 20:03.00; 150. Ashley Paulson- 20:33.00.

Varsity Boys Results: (110 Runners-3 Mile Course) 47. Jorge Medrano - 23:29.00; 49. Joseph Rubio - 23:31.00; 68. Zack Brame - 24:28.00; 74. Michael Rubio - 24:50.00; 83. Aaron Parsley - 25:37.00; 84.

Morgan Barker - 25:37.00; 85. Will Barker - 25:49.00; 86. Ruben Vasquez - 25:50.00; 100. Shriver, Brian - 26:42.00; 106. Franciso Mendez - 27:33.00; 119. Javier Hernandez, 32:47.00;

Junior High Girls Results: (2400 Meter Course-156 runners) 35. Valeria Ortiz - 12:53.00; 112. Lupe Pasiillas - 14:41.00; 117. Lisa Olivares - 14:45.00; 134. Megan Reel - 15:19.00; 142. Brittney McCulluch, 17:00.00; 143. Whitney Perez - 17:09.00; 150. Ysenia Ramirez -18:07.00; 151. Madison Albin -18:07.00

Junior High Boys Results (2400 Meter Course-143 runners) 77. Juan Aranda - 12:47.00; 84. Dalton Buckholtz - 12:54.00; 102. Adrian Martinez - 13:32.00; 130. Garet Swinford - 14:52.00; 141. Roger Gehrels - 16:57.00; 42. Jacob Mettler - 16:57.00

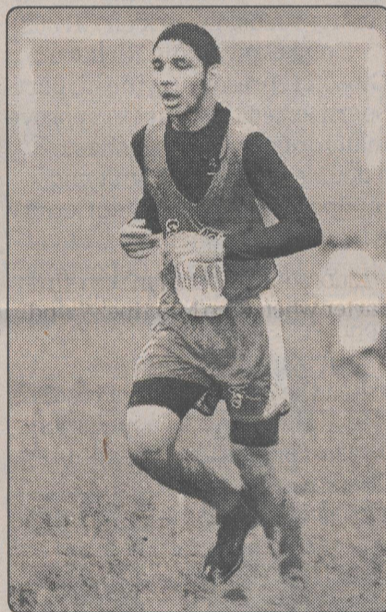


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN  
EHS C-Country runner Jorge Medrano braved a muddy course placing 47th with a time of 23:29.00 in the 2009 ASU Stampede Cross Country Meet on Saturday, September 12 behind Colts Stadium in San Angelo.

**BIRTHDAY LIST**

- SEPTEMBER**  
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**18th** Petra Chavez, Kirk Curtis, Adrian Arispe, Remy Angel, Casey Fields, Josh Burleson, Kaytlin Holsey, Sienna J. Tatum, Wayne McGinnes  
**19th** Scott Sutton, Genaro Martinez, Jozee Lloyd, Linda Conner, Tyler Wilson, Chad Bishop, Kimberly Clark  
**20th** Odette Barrientos, Teyvn Thomas, Miguel Lozano, Shawn Goodrum, Don Richters, Susie McAlpine, Dean Williams, Krista Belk, Wyatt Mertz, Heidi Adame, Lucas Santellano  
**21st** Walter Powell III, Joe Dombroski, Danny Curtis, Rosa Irene Robles, Sidney Covarrubiaz, Karina Duran  
**22nd** Tinker Wipff, David Doran, Shelly Speck, Tammy Gardner, Jennifer Nixon, Betty Wheeler, Betty Rose Galvan, Jesus DeLuna III  
**23rd** Vernia Joyce Green, Stacie Olivan, Cathy Niblett, Tina Gazaway, Clayton Sauer, Stacie Saldivar, Taylor Niblett, Melanie Corbell, Skeeter Roubison, Eileen Keefer, Becca Arispe

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## A.G. recovers \$55 million, resolves Medicaid fraud case Settlement with Pfizer just part of \$1 billion multi-state agreement

AUSTIN – Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, a coalition of state attorneys general and the U.S. Department of Justice resolved last week a lengthy civil Medicaid fraud investigation into Pfizer, Inc. As a result, more than \$1 billion has been recovered for state Medicaid programs and several federal programs. Texas' Medicaid program will recover \$55 million in a state-federal government share.

According to investigators, Pfizer deceptively marketed its antipsychotic drug Geodon, its arthritis pain medication Bextra, which is no longer on the market, and 11 other pharmaceutical products.

The multi-state and federal investigation revealed that Pfizer unlawfully promoted atypical antipsychotic Geodon for use by Medicaid-eligible

children to treat numerous conditions, including attention deficit disorder and anxiety. However, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not approved Geodon for children. State and federal law prohibits its pharmaceutical manufacturers from marketing their drugs for such "off-label" uses. While physicians may, at their discretion, prescribe drugs for off-label uses, it is unlawful for drug manufacturers to promote drugs' uses which have not been approved by the FDA.

The states' enforcement effort revealed that Pfizer provided unlawful financial incentives for physicians who wrote off-label prescriptions. Because of Pfizer's promotional program, Medicaid paid for prescriptions many physicians would not otherwise have written for their patients. As a result, the taxpayer-

funded program incurred unnecessary costs.

In a separate settlement, Attorney General Abbott and 42 other attorneys general reached a \$33 million dollar agreement with Pfizer. The additional settlement resolves an inquiry into the defendant's deceptive marketing of Geodon to health care providers. The agreement prevents Pfizer from making any false, misleading or deceptive claims regarding Geodon; promoting Geodon for uses not approved by the FDA; or otherwise promoting Geodon in an unlawful manner. Pfizer must also post online a list of health care providers that received payments from Pfizer.

Last January, Attorney General Abbott reached a \$30 million civil Medicaid fraud settlement with Eli Lilly & Co., which unlawfully marketed the

atypical antipsychotic Zyprexa. Last year, the Attorney General also recovered \$15.7 million from Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. for its illegal marketing of several drugs, including the atypical antipsychotic, Abilify.

A National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units team conducted the investigation and settlement negotiations with Pfizer on behalf of the states. That team included representatives from Texas, Arkansas, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Oregon and Virginia.

The latest agreement reflects a continuing crackdown on waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicaid system. To obtain more information about the Attorney General's efforts to fight Medicaid fraud, access the agency's Web site at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov

## Commissioners meet, purchase new fire truck

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 effective Monday, September 14. County Judge Charlie Bradley then advised the commissioners that the county has been added to the State of Texas' Emergency Declaration list due to recent wildfires.

Discussion then turned to the need for a new fire truck to replace the city's old pumper truck. Chief Jones was joined by Oscar Martinez and Joey Jones in presenting a proposal to the commissioners for the purchase of a new truck that would retire three of the fire departments aging units, including the old city's pumper, foam truck and rescue truck.

The proposal included purchasing the \$163,523 2009 Freightliner Rescue vehicle, with the fire department putting down \$20,000 and borrowing the balance from First National Bank. Jones asked that the county add another \$20,000 to the down payment and commit \$25,000 a year for 5 years from the Schleicher County Health Services Fund.

The commissioners agreed and voted to contribute \$20,000 toward the down payment and commit \$25,000 per year for the next five years from the Health Services Fund which is derived from a half cent sales tax.

The fire department representatives agreed that they will try to sell the older vehicles.

The county awarded the two advertised bid items. Shane West was highest bidder on the 1955 SA 200 Lincoln Welder at \$555.55 and Julian Fuentes and Jovita Martinez won the bid on the 1998 Ford F-150 1/2 ton pickup at \$2,000.

Road Superintendent Mark Graves then updated the commissioners road conditions and repairs. He said that county crews will be blading CR 300 soon will be dismantling the old county roadside park on CR 302.

Doug Garvin and Richard Gibson representing the airport board asked the court to approve matching funds to purchase a double-walled fuel tank and pumps for the Schleicher County Airport. The matching grant is offered by the Texas Department of Transportation. The court approved.

Gibson and Garvin also asked the court to sign a resolution authorizing an application for Go Texan Rural Community Bootstrap Bucks Program grant. The Eldorado Game Association is seeking funds for TV advertising for their game dinner in November.

Among other business the commissioners:

- Adopted rules for Radio Controlled Aircraft at the Schleicher County Airport.
- Approved paying a hauler to dispose the tires at the county barn.
- Learned that the county failed to receive the Texas Trail Grant.
- Approved \$250 yearly dues to the Texas Wind Energy Clearinghouse.
- Approved a new feeding facility policy for 4-H and FAA

members using the Schleicher County animal barn.

• Approved a contract for juvenile detention services with Tom Green County.

• Adopted a Texas County & District Retirement System plan for the year 2010.

• Tabled discussion on City request to use an airport vehicle and the interlocal agreement with City of Eldorado.

• Received and approved a single sealed bid for a transport load of unleaded fuel in the

amount of \$2.0785 per gallon.

Judge Charlie Bradley presided over Monday's meeting with commissioners Matt Brown, Lynn Meador, Kirk Griffin and Johnny Mayo in attendance. Also present was County Clerk Peggy Williams and Treasurer Karen Henderson.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court is slated for 9 a.m. Monday, September 28, 2009 in the first floor meeting room of the county courthouse.

## Capital Highlights . . .

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Office," Patterson said.

### \$1 billion reached in victims' fund

Crime victims and their families have received \$1 billion in financial assistance since the Texas Compensation to Victims of Crime Fund was created in 1979, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced Sept. 3.

Fees, court costs and restitution paid by those convicted of a felony or misdemeanor in a state, county or municipal court build the fund.

When eligible victims and their families have exhausted all other means of financial support, the fund helps offset the expenses that stem from violent crime.

### Time is ripe for flu vaccinations

The state health department is encouraging citizens to

get their seasonal flu vaccination now, in shot or nasal spray form.

Department of State Health Services Commissioner Dr. David Lakey said a separate 2009 H1N1 "swine" flu vaccine is expected to be available in mid-October.

Meanwhile, to fight the spread of flu, it's critical to: (1) wash hands frequently with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer; (2) cover coughs and sneezes; and (3) stay home if you're sick. Visit www.TexasFlu.org for more information.

### DPS publicizes seat belt reminder

All occupants of a passenger vehicle, no matter their age or where they are sitting in the vehicle, must be secured by a safety belt under a new law that took effect Sept. 1, the Texas Department of Public Safety reminded Texans on Sept. 8.

**Weekly Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

1. Styptic stuff
5. Some bunts, for short
9. Angelic strings
14. iPod model
15. Sea (Amu Darya's outlet)
16. Disney's mermaid
17. Peruvian of old
18. Infamous "fiddler"
19. Like winter winds
20. Malodorous plant
23. Bothers incessantly
24. Go to the mat, in dialect
28. Hit head-on
30. Scottish port town
31. King in 1922news
32. Bulgaria's capital
36. Gumbo veggie
38. RPM-measuring gauge
39. 1968 Rock Hudson movie
42. Keeping one's cool
43. "Miracle" team of 1969
44. Jimmy of the Daily Planet
45. Right-angle bend
46. Impresario Hurok
47. One of Dumbo's "wings"
49. Vintner Paul
51. Sporty Fords, for short
56. Comerica Park replaced it
60. Of the Vatican
63. Assign a PG to, say
64. Inner: Prefix
65. In flames
66. Nest eggs, for short
67. Golden—(senior)
68. Knight's mount
69. Coworker of
- 44-Across
70. Get out scored

**DOWN**

1. Absinthe flavoring
2. Sri
3. Full-length, as a movie
4. Responses to bad puns
5. Holy places
6. Plane measure
7. Pasta or potatoes, to a marathoner
8. Oscar Madison, e.g.
9. Plane's home
10. Sign of spring
11. Storied Van Winkle
12. Get-up-and-go
13. Full of guile
21. Measure of gold purity
22. Indo\_ languages
25. Wild guesses
26. "Filthy" money
27. Hawke of Hollywood
29. "Vacancy" sign displayer
30. Cropped up
32. Command to an attack dog
33. Florida citrus city
34. Chops down
35. Ideology suffix
37. Hobby store buy
38. K\_ (big name in records)
40. In the thick of
41. Anthony Quinn's Greek
46. In need of laundering
48. Declare under oath
50. Glassy-eyed look
52. Worthy aim
53. Musical Starr
54. Weekend ranchers
55. Chocolatey campfire treat
57. Estrada of "CHIPS"
58. Like proverbial hen's teeth
59. Spider-Man creator Lee
60. Faux\_ (blunder)
61. Toward the stern
62. Missile from Moe

**Strippers**

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# CCC's architectural legacy in Texas state parks

AUSTIN — An ambitious new Web site called The Look of Nature: Designing Texas State Parks in the Great Depression explores the architectural heritage of the Civilian Conservation Corps still visible in state parks. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Web design firm Terra Incognita created the site, funded in part by a National Endowment for the Arts grant.

The CCC was a depression-era federal program that put unemployed young men to work on public works projects across the country. President Franklin Roosevelt created the program in 1933, and it employed 2.5 million 17-to-25-year-old men and World War I veterans on nearly 3,000 camps across the country. Workers were paid \$30 per month — \$25 was sent directly to their families. As the economy began to rebound and World War II shifted national priorities, the program was ended during the summer of 1942. Between 1933 and 1942, some 50,000 CCC workers in Texas laid the groundwork for more than 50 parks across the state, 29 of which are operated by TPWD today.

"I encourage people to take time to look through The Look of Nature as they might an interactive museum," said Angela Reed, a TPWD historian who worked on the Web site. "While entertaining for the casual viewer, the site is also a practical tool for visitors to learn more about parks they might consider visiting."

Generous donors gave the ambitious project a big boost. From Dallas, the Hillcrest Foundation, founded by Mrs. W.W. Caruth, Sr. and the Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable and Educational Trust provided funds for both the Web site and a traveling exhibit about CCC architecture. The project also won a prestigious design grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in national competition for funding.

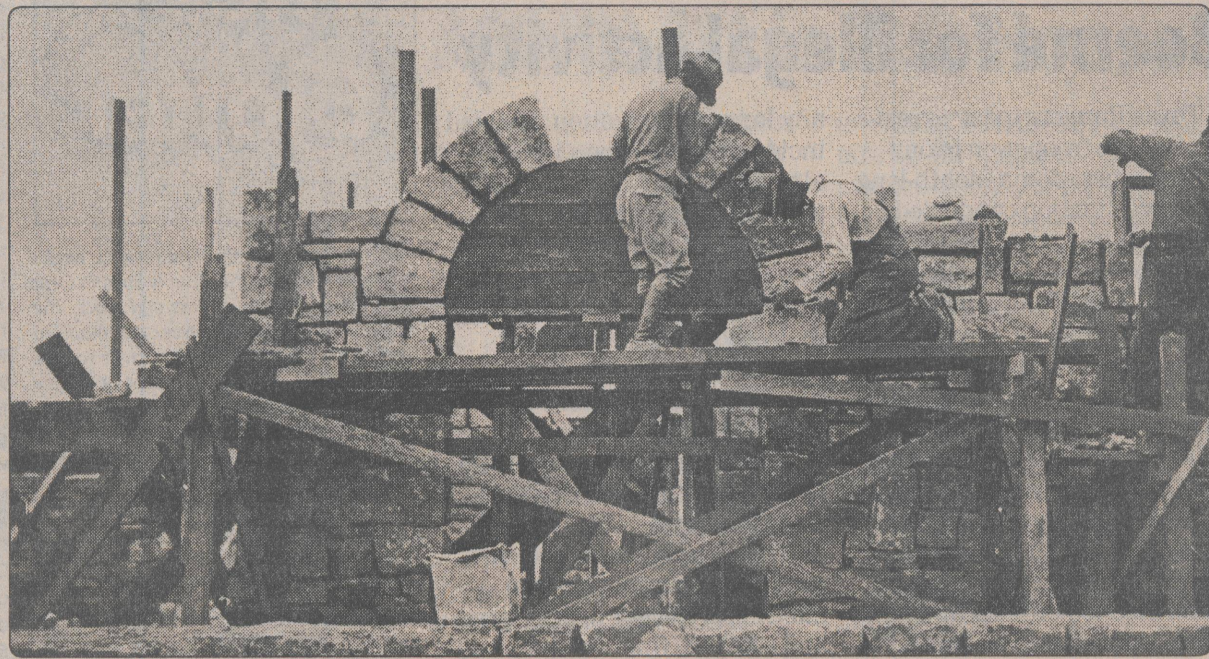


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STONE ARCH CONSTRUCTION, ABILENE STATE PARK, C. 1933-1934 - Members of CCC Company 1823(V) are constructing an arched opening at the concession building. A wooden form supports the heavy stones during assembly and ensures the curvature remains exact. At the right, a worker positions and measures a window frame around which enrollees will set the stones.

This Web site contains historical information for all 29 CCC-built state parks in Texas operated by TPWD. Visitors can view archival CCC photos, vintage postcards, photographs of CCC artifacts, architectural drawings, and oral history videos. The site is divided into three sections: the Interactive Program, Park Profiles and Archives.

Clicking on the Interactive Program brings up four short documentary video chapters that contain 1930s film footage and photos of the CCC in Texas, as well as interviews about the CCC. The first and second videos, CCC and Texas State Parks and Camp Life, focus on how and why the CCC got started, and what daily life was like in the Corps. The third and fourth videos, Designing the Parks and The Legacy of the CCC, discuss the architectural design and construction of CCC buildings and features, as well as the urgency of preserving them for future generations.

Clicking on the Park Profiles link allows visitors to view the CCC history of a specific park and see which park buildings were constructed by the CCC,

which companies were assigned there, and their dates of service.

The Archives link brings up a menu of more than 500 records collected for the Web site, including historic photographs of CCC workers, original objects that CCC enrollees used, architectural drawings and oral histories. You can narrow your search of visual records using a keyword or by searching by park name, date, or CCC company number. "It's fun to explore," said Cynthia Brandimarte, the Web site's Project Director. "You will find yourself returning to the Web site many times and then wanting to head out to visit one of the beautiful CCC parks."

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ADOBE BRICK MAKING, BALMORHEA STATE PARK, 1934-1936 - The combination building, caretaker's residence, pump house, and motor court all relied on adobe brick. The men had to mix, form, stack, dry, and lay the bricks. In this photograph, the CCC enrollees have just removed forms and are preparing to stack the bricks for drying. M. B. Gibson, employed by the National Park Service and experienced in adobe construction, was in charge of these efforts and reported that the crews set a record by making 12,290 bricks in forty days. When he pitted two crews against each other in a contest, they churned out a combined total of 3,100 in three days.

## Voter registration deadline is October 5th

AUSTIN — Secretary of State Hope Andrade is reminding Texans that the deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 3 Constitutional Amendment election is Monday, Oct. 5.

"The deadline is approaching, but there is still time to register if you have not already done so," said Andrade. "It only takes a few minutes to fill out a voter registration application — or to update information if you have moved — to be eligible to cast a ballot in November."

Voters will decide on eleven proposed amendments put forth by the 81st Legislature.

Texans can review ballot language, explanatory statements regarding each proposed amendment and a sample ballot for the Nov. 3 election at the

Secretary of State's Web site: [www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us).

Individuals who have yet to register may obtain an application from many county offices, post offices and libraries or may download an application from the VOTEXAS Website: [www.votexas.org](http://www.votexas.org). A person may also check their registration status on the Web site or by calling the Secretary of State's voter hotline at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

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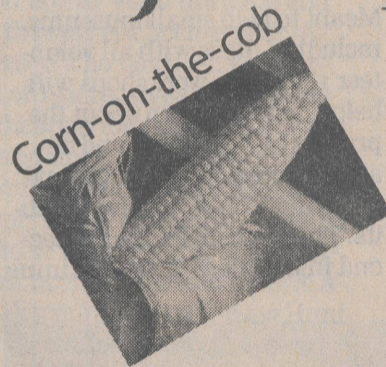


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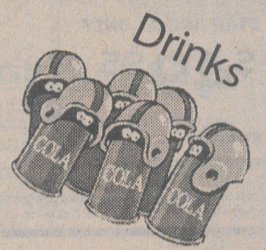
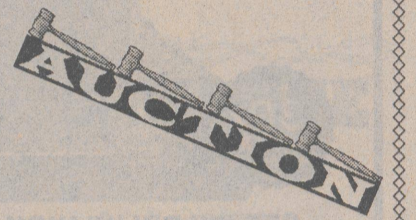
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election November 3, 2009

#### PROPOSITION 1

HJR 132 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow a municipality or a county to issue bonds and notes to finance the purchase of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installations. The buffer areas would be used to prevent encroachment or to construct roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation. The municipality or county may pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues for repayment of the bonds or notes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

#### PROPOSITION 2

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for the taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the property may have a higher value if it were used for other purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."

#### PROPOSITION 3

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to require the legislature to provide for the administration and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."

#### PROPOSITION 4

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to establish the national research university fund to provide a source of funding that will enable emerging research universities in this state to develop into major research universities. The amendment would require the legislature to dedicate state revenue to the fund and to transfer the balance of the existing higher education fund to the national research university fund. This amendment would further require the legislature to establish the criteria by which a state university may become eligible to receive and use distributions from the fund.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."

#### PROPOSITION 5

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow for a single appraisal review board for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated reviews of tax appraisals.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."

#### PROPOSITION 6

HJR 116 would amend the constitu-

tion to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds, subject to certain constitutional limits, for the purpose of selling land and providing home or land mortgage loans to veterans of the state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."

#### PROPOSITION 7

HJR 127 would amend the constitution to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."

#### PROPOSITION 8

HJR 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state."

#### PROPOSITION 9

HJR 102 would define what is a state-owned public beach. The public, individually and collectively, would have an unrestricted right to use and a right of ingress to and egress from a public beach. The amendment would authorize the legislature to enact laws to protect these rights.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use

the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."

#### PROPOSITION 10

HJR 85 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide that members of the governing board of an emergency services district may serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that elected members of the governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."

#### PROPOSITION 11

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to provide that the taking of private property for public use ("eminent domain") is authorized only if it is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, its political subdivisions, the public at large, or by entities granted the power of eminent domain, or for the removal of urban blight. The amendment would prohibit the taking of private property for transfer to a private entity for the purpose of economic development or to increase tax revenues. The amendment would also limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain in the future unless it is approved by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large, or entities granted the power of eminent domain under law or for the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property, but not for certain economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes, and to limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."

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## DPS arrests trooper in Boerne for illegal activity

Texas Rangers today arrested a Boerne trooper on felony drug charges after a month-long joint investigation conducted by the Rangers, the DPS Criminal Investigation Division and the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

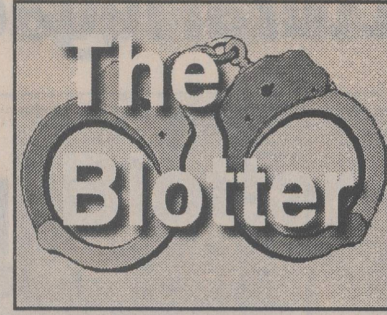
Highway Patrol Trooper Jeffrey Jerman, 33, is charged with delivery of a controlled substance (steroids). He has worked for DPS for nine years.

"The Department of Public Safety is made up of thousands of hard-working and honest commissioned officers and non-commissioned professionals," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Unfortunately, as with

any large organization, isolated incidents occur when individuals violate their oath of office and run afoul of the law. The Department continues to maintain the highest standards of conduct, and criminal activity by those who violate the trust of the Department and the citizens of Texas will not be tolerated."

Jerman has been suspended by DPS and the joint investigation is ongoing.

The charge is a second-degree felony punishable by a maximum 20-year prison term and a \$10,000 fine. Jerman was taken to the Kendall County jail and his bond was set at \$15,000.



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 may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**ARRESTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 9** • Smith, Krista Kaye, female age 34. Offense DWI 1st. Released 09/10/09 on \$1,000 surety bond.  
**SEPTEMBER 13** • Garcia-Sanchez, Pedro L. male age 20. Offense DWI 1st. Released 09/13/09 \$1,000 surety bond.

**INCIDENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 8 - 9:06 PM** • Complainant requested an officers assistance in a civil disturbance concerning someone trying to leave residence with child while being under influence of alcohol. Officer responded. Subject left without child voluntarily.  
**SEPTEMBER 9 - 5:55 PM** • Complainant reported a reckless driver on 190 W. headed west. New gray Ford F 250 with dealers tags. Three young subjects throwing beer cans out window, passing cars recklessly trying to hit other cars. Officer responded.

**6:51 PM** • 911 call to report a reckless driver on 277 N by Hackberry Draw crossing yellow line repeatedly. Officer responded. Tom Green County S.O. had subject pulled over, awaiting Schleicher County S.O. to arrive.  
**9:00 PM** • Complainant reported a motorist needed assistance on side of the road with hood up. They were located 4 miles out of town on 277 N.

**SEPTEMBER 10 - 5:55 AM** • Sonora PD noticed an open door at announcers booth in rodeo arena. Officer responded, everything OK.  
**7:49 PM** • Caller reported hitting a gas meter at local restaurant. Officers responded. City informed, S.O. received another 911 call concerning the same incident.

**7:54 PM** • Additional 911 call came in concerning accident at local restaurant. City informed, officer responded.  
**8:00 PM** • Caller reported as a member of the Texas Parks and Wildlife would be spotlighting south of 190 West.  
**9:52 PM** • 911 Caller reported a fight tak-

ing place in Sutton Co. and requesting S.O. in Sutton Co. number.

**SEPTEMBER 11 - 1:57 AM** • Officer needed assistance with traffic stop. Officer responded, while in route was told to disregard.

**4:38 AM** • Alarm company reported alarm going off. Key holder could not remember password. Officer responded and confirmed with alarm company that person was known employee. All OK.

**5:52 PM** • 911 call reported a one vehicle roll over on HWY 277 North near the county line. Officers, EVFD, & EMS responded.  
**5:54 PM** • 911 call reported a one vehicle roll over on HWY 277 North near Co. line. Emergency Crews responded.

**7:15 PM** • Complainant reported neighbors dog had destroyed many of caller's plants. Complainant was told officers were working an accident and would respond as soon as possible.

**9:05 PM** • Caller reported a large truck high centered on W. Murchison and Divide. Officers responded, wrecker called out of San Angelo. TX. Dot notified of sign down.

**SEPTEMBER 12 - 1:40 PM** • Caller reported red pickup going through his yard running over his planters. Caller advised S.O. the truck was traveling on the wrong side of the road.

**5:38 PM** • Complainant reported a black car on the side of the road that might need some assistance. Officer responded.

**SEPTEMBER 13 - 1:07 AM** • 911 call requesting a basic transfer to Shannon medical center. Ambulance paged out.

**1:59 AM** • 911 caller reported a possible drunk driver going home.  
**8:09 AM** • Caller reported a cow in the middle of the highway. The cow appeared to be hurt.

**10:11 AM** • Caller reported a calf in highway.

**1:51 PM** • Caller reported assault occurring at civic center at 12:30 earlier in the morning.

**6:20 PM** • Caller reported a suspicious hitch hiker on the south end of town near the city limit. Officer notified.

**6:26 PM** • Caller reported a man bumping money from other people at convenience store. Officer responded.

**10:37 PM** • Complainant reported a person with a boom box singing loudly and out of tune on the street. Officer responded and matter resolved.

**11:57 PM** • 911 called and hung up. Determined it might be weather related. Officer checked all and everything was OK.

**SEPTEMBER 14 - 10:26 AM** • Caller requested to speak to an officer about a theft. Rolls of wire reported taken.  
**9:53 PM** • Complainant reported persons at local business drinking and playing loud music. Officers responded.

**SEPTEMBER 15 - 10:35 AM** • 911 call made from wireless number. Officer responded and all OK.

## Museum workshops to take place across the state

AUSTIN — In September and October, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) will be sponsoring eight workshops throughout the state targeting small museums. Led by Toxey/McMillan Design Associates of San Antonio, the workshops will focus on how to design exhibits from idea to installation. Meant to help small museums, including those with all volunteer staffs, the workshops will help attendees learn about the process of developing and designing creative, dynamic and meaningful interpretive exhibits. The workshops are the second installment in the Training

for Texas Museums initiative, which is coordinated in partnership with the Texas Association of Museums and supported in part by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Cost is \$25.

In addition to the workshops, Sept. 1 marks the beginning of the application process from small history museums for the 2010 History Museum Grants program. Awards of up to \$1,000 are available for collections-related preservation and conservation services, supplies and equipment. The deadline to apply for a grant is Oct. 19.

To register for the workshops visit [www.texasmuseums.org](http://www.texasmuseums.org). For more information about the workshops and the 2010 History Museum Grants program contact the THC's Museum Services staff at 512.463.5853 or visit [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us).

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## Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The \_\_\_\_\_ Schleicher County Hospital District conducted public hearings on 09/03/09 and 09/10/09 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the \_\_\_\_\_ Schleicher County Hospital District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.96 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of .2645 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$1,237,149.00.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .3885 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$1,348,648.00.  
(insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by the difference between current total value and new property value.)

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(insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by current total value.)

The \_\_\_\_\_ Schleicher County Hospital District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 24, 2009 at 400 W. Murchison / P.O. Box V, Eldorado, TX at 6:00 pm.  
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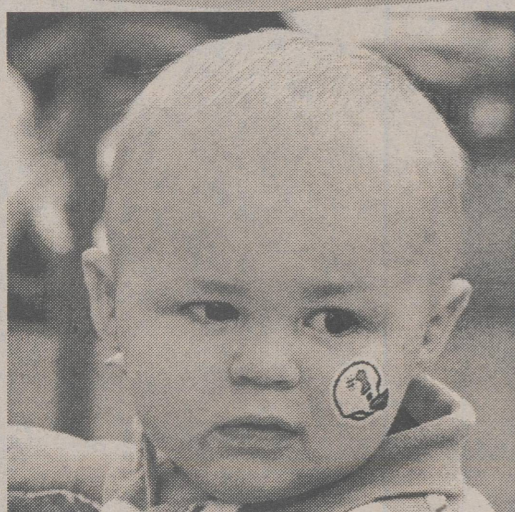
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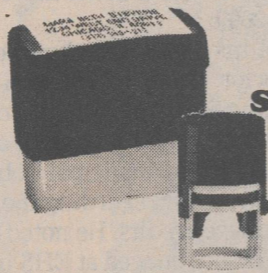


Charlie Mac and his grandma Peggy Williams were supporting the Eagles at the JV Game at Eagle Stadium last Thursday evening. Charlie Mac is the one year old son of Cy and Kim Griffin.

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The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District Board of Directors will hold a hearing at noon on Monday, Sept. 28th, 2009 at the Schleicher County Annex, 203 SW Main St., Eldorado, Texas to consider a proposed FY 2010 budget. The Board will also consider a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009-2010. The proposed tax rate is \$.03500 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would **increase** total water district taxes by 71.5 per cent.

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Appraisal District Budget

The Schleicher County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, 9-28-09 at 8:00 A.M.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ 163,910.00
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 24,936.00
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	2 <i>(full-time equivalent)</i>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	2 <i>(full-time equivalent)</i>

The appraisal district is supported 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 the 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.

## School board denies parent's appeal

The Schleicher County ISD Board of Trustees met for over an hour in executive session with Mary Lou Covarrubiaz, Mary Grimaldo and Floyd Fay. High School Principal Robert Gibson was called in to the executives session also.

According to the agenda, Ms. Covarrubiaz had filed an appeal of a decision Superintendent Billy Collins had made. She had previously complained about the school's drug testing policy which had been denied by both the campus principal and Superintendent Collins.

Returning to open session, board trustee Berta Nicholson made a motion that Ms. Covarrubiaz's appeal of Collins' decision be denied. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board president Kurtis Homer then stated that the board found that the evidence supported the administration's decision concerning Ms. Covarrubiaz's complaint.

Among other business, the trustees received several information items including an update on enrollment. Mr. Collins advised that there were 633 students enrolled at the three campuses on September 3, 2009.

Collins also noted that the district received a "Superior" achievement with the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. Collins noted that a public hearing would need to be concerning the rating.

High School principal Robert Gibson then presented a report regarding the high school's concurrent college credits. He noted that a "virtual college" was first introduced at EHS in 1998.

In the spring of 2004 EHS graduated its first student with 30 hours of college credit. The student was able to enter ASU as a sophomore.

In the fall of 2007 SCISD began to reimburse the dual credit tuition of students making a C or better. Since then, 99 percent of tuition has been reimbursed by the district.

Gibson noted that there are presently nine college level courses being taught at EHS. The goal is for this year's students to obtain over 170 hours of college credit.

Gibson also advised the board that the school has introduced other programs to interested

students including Culinary Certification, Floral Design, Interior Landscape and dual credit in Wind Turbine Technology.

High School Math teacher Tammy Dombroski, along with students Holly Romero and Robin Hibbs explained to the board how they approach learning complicated math problems posed by the TAKS test.

High School English Teacher Jennifer Lilly, students Abby Ussery, Yadira Zambrano and Lauren Rubio also gave a presentation concerning several English projects that are helping to prepare them for TAKS and/or SAT testing.

The board then approved two student transfers from Menard.

At the conclusion the board approved a fee of some \$70,000 to join the Menard Special Education Coop and officially hire assistant band director Chris Johnson. They also reviewed and approved the district's financial reports.

Board president Kurtis Homer presided over Monday night's meeting with trustees Berta Nicholson, Leanne Higgins, Kriss Griffin, Lupe Sanchez, Kirk Jones and Robert Jay in attendance.

The board's next meeting is slated for Monday, October 12, 2009.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN  
Holly Romero and Robbin Hibbs explained how to calculate a Quadratic Linear Parent Function to the SCISD board of trustees Monday evening.

## Eldorado Woman's club starts new year

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, September 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Methodist fellowship hall. Theme for the meeting was "Starting a New Year."

President Myrt Williams welcomed everyone. Prayer was given by Jerre Holley and Penny Blank led us in our pledges.

A wonderful brunch was hosted by members of the hospitality committee and members serving were Karen Stover, Jerre Holley, Jill Preston and Trish Rowe. The food was delicious and everyone present thanks them for everything.

After brunch the meeting was called to order by President Myrt Williams. Prayer was given by Jerre Holley. The pledges were led by Penny Bland and roll call was answered by telling about what each member did during summer vacation time.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Special executive minutes concerning the amendments to our constitution article number 7 was presented to club member for vote and approval by Mary Roden and seconded by Susan Lively. A unanimous approval by all was made.

New business opened with a statement that a woman's club account at The First National Bank

needed an authorized signer at this time. A motion was made by Mary Roden to have Myrt Williams as an authorized signer for our current club year as Nelva is unable to do so. A second to the motion was made by Cathy Niblett. The motion was approved by voice vote by the members.

Cathy Niblett's program was a review of our upcoming programs for the New Club Year. A motion was made that our October and January meetings might be switched with everything the same except the date changes. The members present voted approval. We thank Cathy for an informative program.

Other business was the financial committee is to present ideas for fund raising projects for the friends as new prospective members to be invited to our next meeting.

A special prayer was given for Nelva and Jimmy Martin and Bob and Penny Bland.

The meeting was adjourned with members reciting the Club Collect.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the Methodist fellowship hall. Theme for the meeting will be "visit the local Wellness Center".

At present Nelva Martin is in room 450, Shannon Hospital.

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