

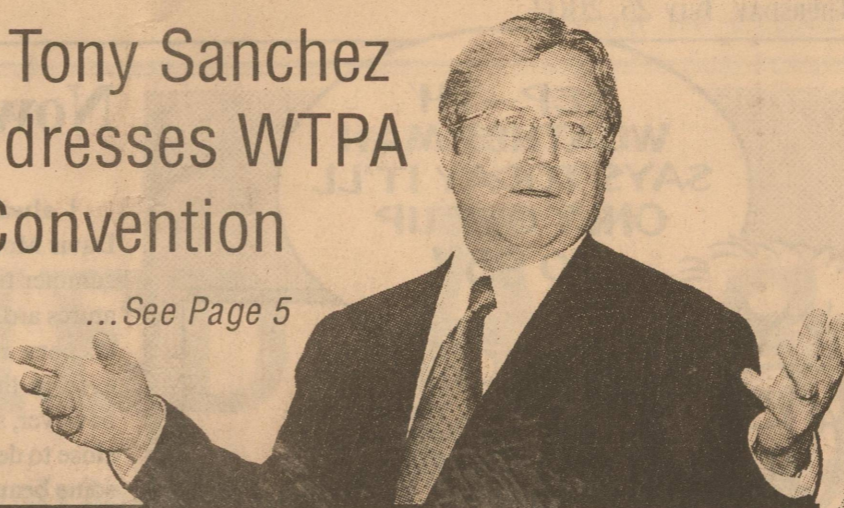
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## County Commissioners meet, consider Civic Center design

Architect, Henry Schmidt presented Schleicher County Commissioners Monday with a composite picture of an expanded and renovated Civic Center, along with blue prints for the court to study and change as necessary. Schmidt estimated the total cost of expanding the existing Ag Barn and upgrading the remainder of the facility for use as a Civic Center would be \$282,968.00.

The project, as proposed by Schmidt, would involve enlarging the structure that was built just over a year ago by the school after the old Ag Barn was destroyed in a wind storm. The school subsequently traded the facility to the county in return for a baseball field on McWhorter Avenue.

Schmidt also included an alternate plan that did not call for adding on to the present building. A move that would save the county about \$93,000.00, but one that would drastically reduce the size of the Civic Center.

Schmidt said that neither of his plans included the cost of upgrading the facility's septic system.

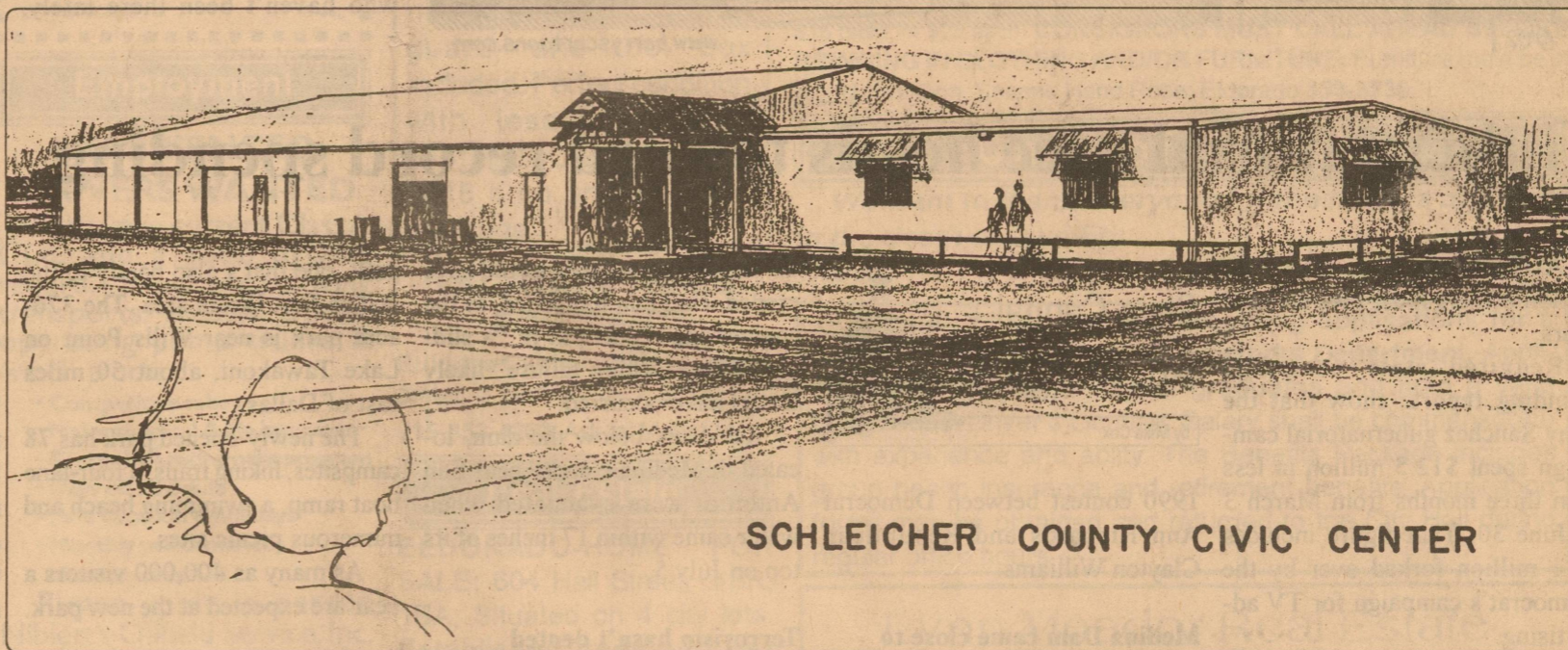
Schmidt then presented the

commissioners with a bill for \$4,000.00 for preparing the drawings.

What followed was a brief discussion of how to fund the project, along with others, including a construction of a separate animal barn. One option involved raising property taxes to fund the project outright while another involved calling a bond election so that the project could be financed over several years.

The meeting was the second monthly session for the commissioners and was called to order by County Judge Johnny Griffin. Among other items discussed, Judge Griffin noted that recent rains had prompted grass and weeds to take over the cemetery. He said that with only one employee taking care of mowing and weeding at the cemetery it would take him awhile to get the situation under control. Griffin noted that some county inmates had also been assisting with mowing and weedeating chores.

Judge Griffin then asked that two commissioners plan to attend the meeting of the West Texas



SCHLEICHER COUNTY CIVIC CENTER

Rural County Association on July 24 in San Angelo. The WTRCA is a group of counties that pool their liability and workers' compensation insurance in an effort to hold costs down. Lately, however, the pool has experienced a shortfall, attributable mainly to Crockett County's decision to withdraw from the pool.

Judge Griffin said that the move left the remaining counties with the job of paying for workers' compensation claims, including some that belong to Crockett County. It was noted that Schleicher County's yearly premium is supposed to be \$58,000.00. However, recently the county contributed an additional \$22,451.00 in an effort to keep the pool solvent. It was agreed that commissioners Ross Whitten and Bill Clark would make the trip to San Angelo on Wednesday to attend the meeting at the Cactus Hotel.

Jack Dean, utility superintendent for the City of Eldorado, then dropped off a price list for items that would be needed if the county decides to connect the new restroom facility at the baseball park to the city's sewer system. Dean estimated the cost to be about \$2,050.00 providing the existing septic tank could be used as a lift

station. He noted that a pump would need to be installed as well as a line to connect to the city's sewer main. The court looked over the numbers but took no action on the matter.

Next, the commissioners approved hiring Ilse Williams as a grant writer. Williams will be paid

\$1,000.00 in hopes of obtaining a grant through the Myrtle Williams Foundation and/or the San Angelo Health Foundation, for the purpose of replacing the Community Resource Center. Part of the wish list includes building a kitchen large enough to take over the Meals Program currently being run

by the Sheriff's Department. It was noted that the deadlines for the two grants are in September and December, respectively.

Commissioner Ross Whitten asked the other commissioners if they were willing to commit up to \$50,000.00 per year to keep such

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Blueprints — Schleicher County Commissioners Johnny Mayo and Bill Clark looked over plans Monday for expanding and remodeling the current Ag Barn. The commissioners hope that the facility can be renovated for use as a Civic Center.

## Sales Tax Holiday slated Aug. 2-4

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced last week that the annual Sales Tax Holiday is coming up August 2-4.

"Start making your shopping list for school clothes for the kids and new clothes for mom and dad," Comptroller Rylander said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday, most clothes and shoes priced under \$100 are exempt from state and

local sales taxes."

Rylander estimates Texans will save \$42 million in sales tax during the three-day Sales Tax Holiday, including \$33.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.8 million in local sales taxes.

"I believe Texans will once again take full advantage of this well-deserved tax break to make their dollars go farther as they shop for a new school year," Rylander

said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday, shoppers save about \$8 for every \$100 they spend on qualifying clothing and footwear."

The savings from Texas' three Sales Tax Holidays thus far total approximately \$108.2 million, including an estimated \$85.3 million in state sales tax and an estimated \$22.9 million in local sales taxes.

"That's \$108 million that Texas

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## Congressional candidates report contributions

Congressman Charlie Stenholm (D) of Stamford and his Republican challenger Rob Beckham of Abilene filed campaign finance reports recently with the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C.

According to his report, Stenholm's campaign has raised \$931,679.34 so far this campaign season. Of that amount, Stenholm

has \$749,609.44 remaining on hand and available for the push toward the general election in November.

Beckham's campaign reports having raised \$272,383.63, with \$257,755.84 of that remaining in the bank.

According to a statement from Beckham's campaign, his fund raising effort has set a new mark

for a Republican challenger in the 17th Congressional District. Rudy Izzard of San Angelo raised \$234,066.32 in his race to unseat Stenholm in 1998.

Beckham reports that almost 90 percent of his funds were raised from within the 17th District. More than 90 percent of Stenholm's funds were raised outside of Texas.

## City gets good news about sewer plant

After months of battling problems at its wastewater treatment plant, the City of Eldorado may finally have found a solution. City Administrator Randy Mankin explained to the city council Monday evening that two applications of a chemical algacide had dramatically reduced algae growth in the wastewater plant. Mankin said that the treatment, coupled with a recently installed aerator, and a curtain across one of the plant's ponds, were working together to stem the growth of algae in the facility.

The immediate result has been a reduction in the total suspended solids (TSS) and biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) in samples taken at the plant. Enough reduction, in fact, for the plant to be in compliance with state guidelines.

"We saw an almost immediate response to the treatment," Mankin told the council. "So much so

that the plant has been in compliance for the past two weeks."

Steve Dennis, an engineer with the firm of Gutierrez, Smouse & Wilmut (GS&W), recommended the course of action. He was present for the meeting and told the council that he was "very encouraged" by the results so far. "We can expect a few ups and downs," Dennis said, "but I think we're on the right track."

The council seemed to agree and moved to rescind a two-year old resolution that gave much of the city's future engineering work to the firm of Hibbs and Todd of Abilene. Once the resolution was rescinded, the council then set about selecting seven engineering firms to consider for the job. Hibbs and Todd was among the seven. So was GS&W.

Requests for proposal will be mailed to each of the seven firms and the council will review those

proposals at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 12, 2002.

In other business the council voted to continue using the accounting firm of Eckert, Ingrum, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston & Barr, L.L.P., to audit the city's books.

The specially called meeting was also notable for the fact that it marked the first time the full council has met, with no absences or open seats. The reason is that newly appointed council member Juaquin Rojas was on hand for his first meeting. Rojas was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the late Sherry Lux, who resigned prior to her death last year.

Other council members in attendance included Mayor John Nikolauk and council members Robert Bybee, Toni Sudduth, Tommy Minor, Dora Bosman and Richard Mendez.

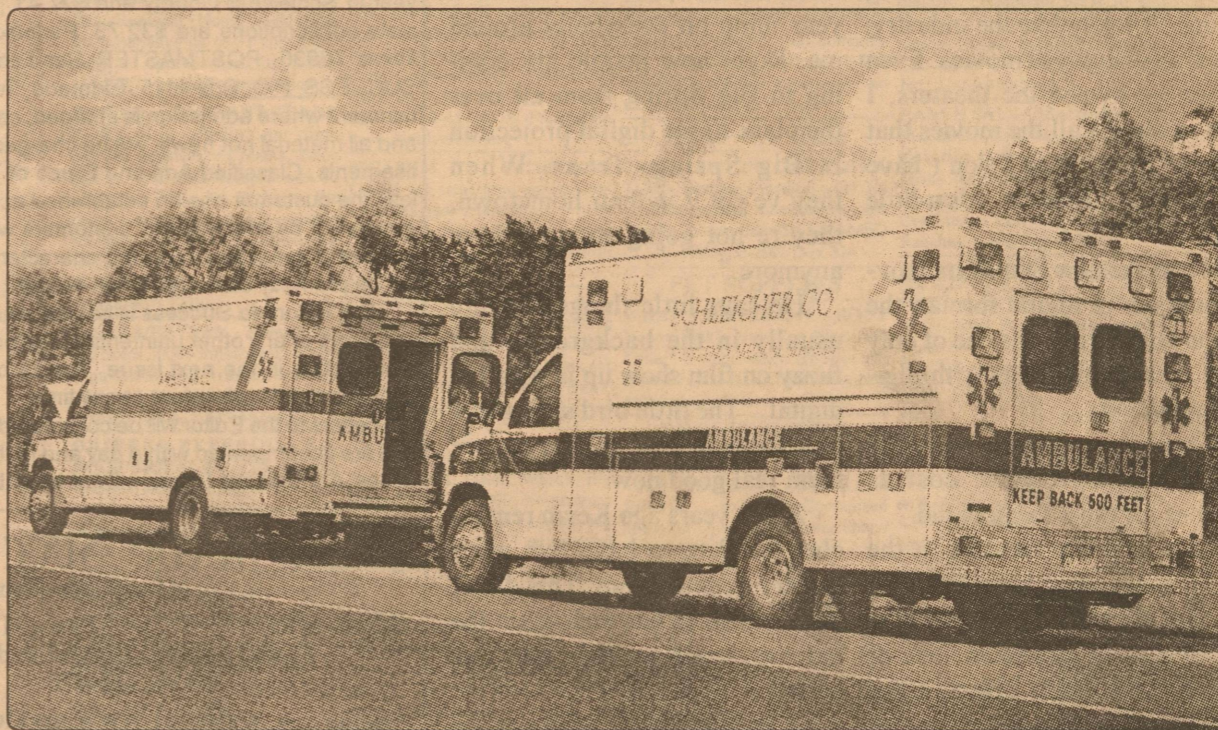
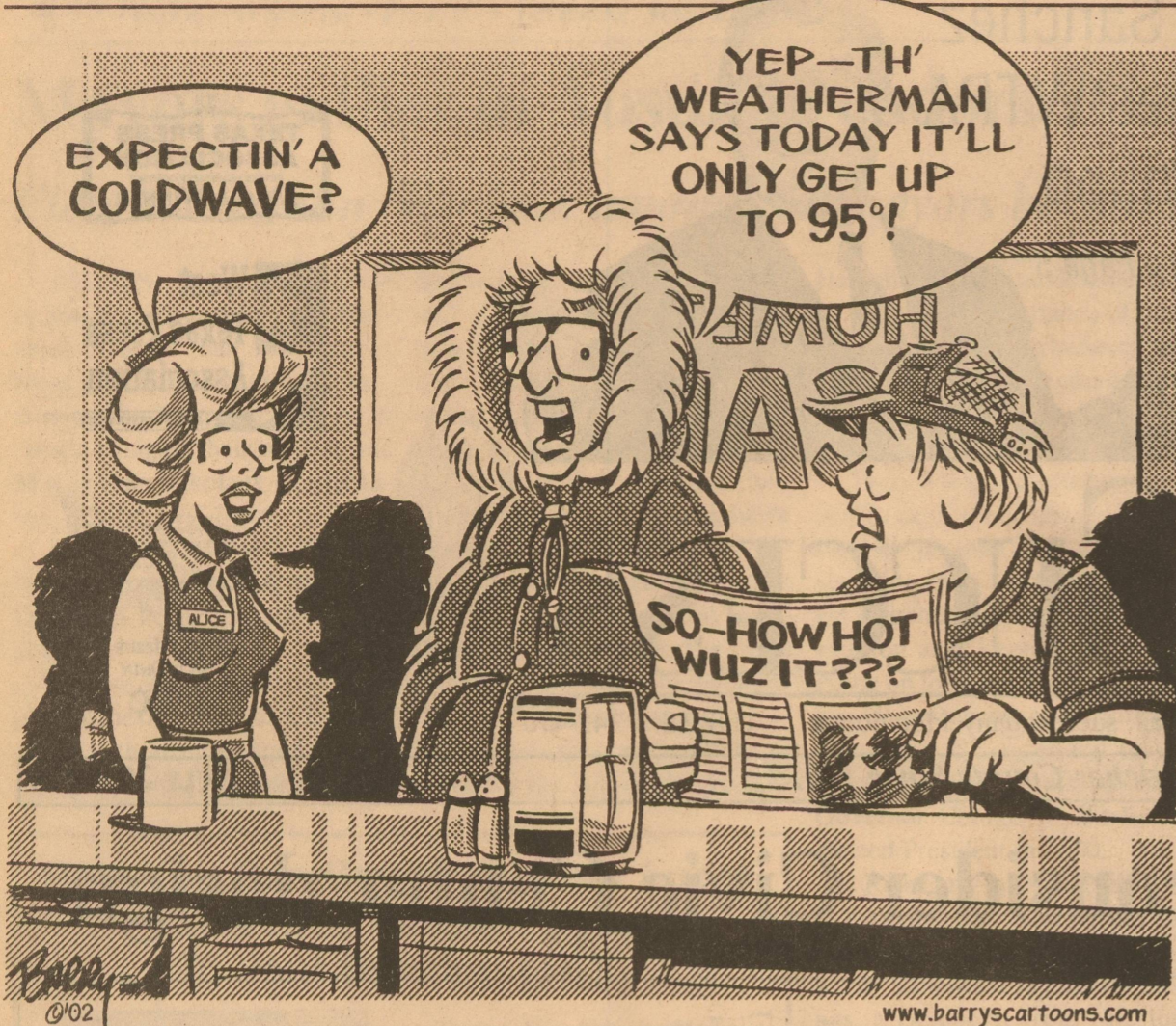


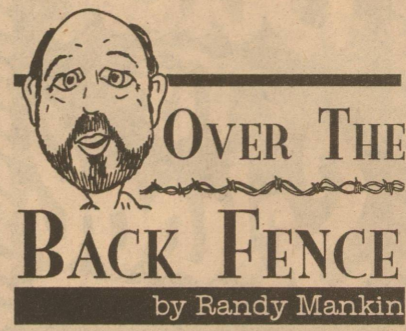
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

A helping hand — The Schleicher Co. EMS came to the aide of their colleagues from Sutton Co. on Tuesday after the Sonora ambulance broke down north of Eldorado. The ambulance was enroute to San Angelo with a patient when the malfunction occurred. The patient was transferred to the Schleicher Co. ambulance and taken on to San Angelo.





## Now is the time to see the Davis Mountains



I always enjoy going to the Davis Mountains, especially in the summer time. The cooler temperatures are a welcome relief, and the scenery is usually spectacular, even in the dry years. This year, however, spectacular doesn't come close to describing the area's awesome beauty.

Kathy and I were there last weekend to attend the annual convention of the West Texas Press Association and, except for Sunday when we left to return home, it rained everyday.

One morning, we drove up to McDonald Observatory, climbing through and above the clouds. The view was breathtaking. The mountain tops were blanketed in lush green vegetation. It truly reminded me of Ireland.

Those who have never been to the observatory, as well as those who haven't been there lately,

personal experience with them.

Kahl was also there to show off the recently completed viewing center, constructed by the Texas Department of Transportation. It was very nice. While some might question the sanity of building a viewing center for lights that most people never see, I reckon it makes as much sense as other projects the state has funded. Besides, the center provides a much safer viewing (or non-viewing if you prefer) place for the hundreds of tourists and true believers who flock to the location each evening.

Bob Dillard, publisher of the Jeff Davis Mountain Dispatch was the host of this year's unconventional convention. I say unconventional since the yearly get-together is usually held in a big hotel in a town like Ft. Worth, Abilene or Lubbock. Bob said he wanted to show off the Trans-Pecos region and his beloved Davis Mountains. Judging by everyone's reaction, his idea was a big hit.

If you haven't seen the Davis Mountains lately, now is the perfect time. Soon enough the heat and lack of rain will burn the green hillsides back to their normal shade of brown.

I spoke with a man who works at the observatory who told me that the real estate agents have been busy showing off the region to folks from Dallas and Houston while it's still green. Those who are duped into buying won't be the first to learn how quickly the climate can change in West Texas.

should make the trip. There's a brand new six million dollar visitor's center sitting near the telescopes. It offers lots of information for the astronomically inclined as well as a eatery and a gift shop.

Friday evening we drove from Ft. Davis to Marfa and had dinner in the historic Paisano Hotel. The majestic old hotel is still as beautiful as it was in 1955 when it was home to the cast of "Giant," the blockbuster movie starring Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor and James Dean.

As part of the convention plans, we were supposed to dine on the hotel's patio but rain forced us inside. Since the WTPA's membership consists of newspapermen and women from across West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, nobody complained about the rain. In fact, I saw more than one walk out onto the patio and stand in the cool drizzle for a few moments.

After the meal we all drove East of town to see the Marfa Mystery Lights. Or, at least, where the lights are supposed to be. Marfa's mayor, Fritz Kahl, blamed the recent rains for the light's no-show that night. Then, he set about telling stories about the lights and his

## Gubernatorial race heads toward record spending

AUSTIN — Texas television station owners must love election years.

Required state campaign spending reports show that the Tony Sanchez gubernatorial campaign spent \$12.5 million in less than three months from March 3 to June 30. That figure includes \$5.1 million forked over by the Democrat's campaign for TV advertising.

Republican incumbent Rick Perry's campaign spent \$4.7 million, including nearly \$2.2 million on air time.

That kind of spending nearly four months before the November election puts the gubernatorial race on the road to record spending, surpassing the \$50 million

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



1990 contest between Democrat Ann Richards and Republican Clayton Williams.

#### Medina Dam came close to failure

The 90-year-old Lake Medina Dam may have come closer to failure than initially believed during the flooding in Central and South Texas earlier this month.

An engineering report released by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission said if water had broken across the 164-foot-high dam, the foundation of

the structure probably would have eroded. Had that happened, as the engineering report put it, "a sliding or overturning failure" likely would have occurred.

Residents below the dam, located in Medina County near San Antonio, were evacuated when water came within 17 inches of its top on July 5.

#### Terrorism hasn't dented summer travel

Despite the events of Sept. 11, travel is expected to be up 2 percent this year compared with last summer.

That's the good news. Bad news for any Texas business person involved in the huge travel industry is that travelers are scheduling shorter trips, spending less and staying closer to home.

These conclusions come from a study by the Travel Industry Association of America that said statistically the average American is planning three trips this summer, the longest being eight nights. The study also found that 76 percent will go in a personal vehicle as opposed to flying.

Maybe the terrorism war has brought us closer together: 37 percent plan to attend a family reunion this summer, compared with 25 percent last year.

#### New park in East Texas

If you're planning one of those reunions, the Texas Parks and Wildlife has a new place to gather and East Texans have a new state

park, one that's also handy to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The 376-acre park is near Wills Point on Lake Tawakoni, about 50 miles east of Dallas.

The newly-opened park has 78 campsites, hiking trails, a four-lane boat ramp, a swimming beach and numerous picnic sites.

As many as 400,000 visitors a year are expected at the new park.

#### Marfa ghost lights now safer to see

The Texas Department of Transportation has opened a new and safer area on U.S. 67/90 for folks interested in viewing the Marfa Lights, a mysterious nightly twinkling in the mountains visible from that point in the roadway. Located eight miles east of Marfa, the new viewing area has a viewing deck (for an elevated view, visitors used to have to climb up on concrete picnic tables), new restrooms and an information center.

Made possible with federal funding obtained by the agency's El Paso District, the viewing area also was expanded from 2 to 8 acres to improve parking and enhance safety.

The only thing the state transportation agency didn't do was explain the mystery of the lights, which no one has yet been able to do.



## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### The Ritz Gets Ritzy

Kevin Ritz moved to Big Spring in 1992 to operate a pizza franchise. Within three months he was in the movie theater business.

"Our last name is Ritz and the Ritz theater here came up for sale. We figured that was a sign and checked into it. We made an offer and it was accepted. We've been in business ever since."

He had never been in the theater business before.

"We hired ex-employees to teach us how to run the equipment. It was kind of different."

Within six years, Kevin bought the other two theaters in Big Spring. "I really like the industry. I've always enjoyed movies. Even before we owned the theaters, I went to almost all the movies that came to town. Now I don't have to pay when I come in. It's a little nicer."

When the new Star Wars movie came out in digital format, the Ritz in Big Spring was one of only three theaters in Texas with digital equipment.

It was an expensive move for Kevin. "One projector cost as much as all three theaters did."

Only fifty-six theaters in the US have the equipment the Ritz has. Kevin chose the Boeing system of digital projection, one of two systems being offered. The movie studio sends out the movie by satellite, Kevin downloads it onto his computer and shows it whenever he wants to.

"I walk into the booth and I've got a little laptop and I press PLAY and BOOM! the movie starts. On a thirty-eight foot screen."

The Ritz now has state of the art speakers. The sound and the images are crystal clear. Kevin sees a great future for the digital format, which will also allow him to show live sporting events. He decided to go into debt for the new equipment, even though he was just a few years away from having all the theaters paid for.

"For it to be successful in a small town in West Texas, I had to be first. I need a three to five year jump on everybody around me. Right now people are coming to Big Spring from all over the place to see digital projection in Big Spring, Texas. When they've got it in their hometown, they're not going to come here anymore."

He says little things that are usually in the background and fuzzy on film show up in detail in digital. "The little bird sitting in a tree, the little flowers. You can see them real good now."

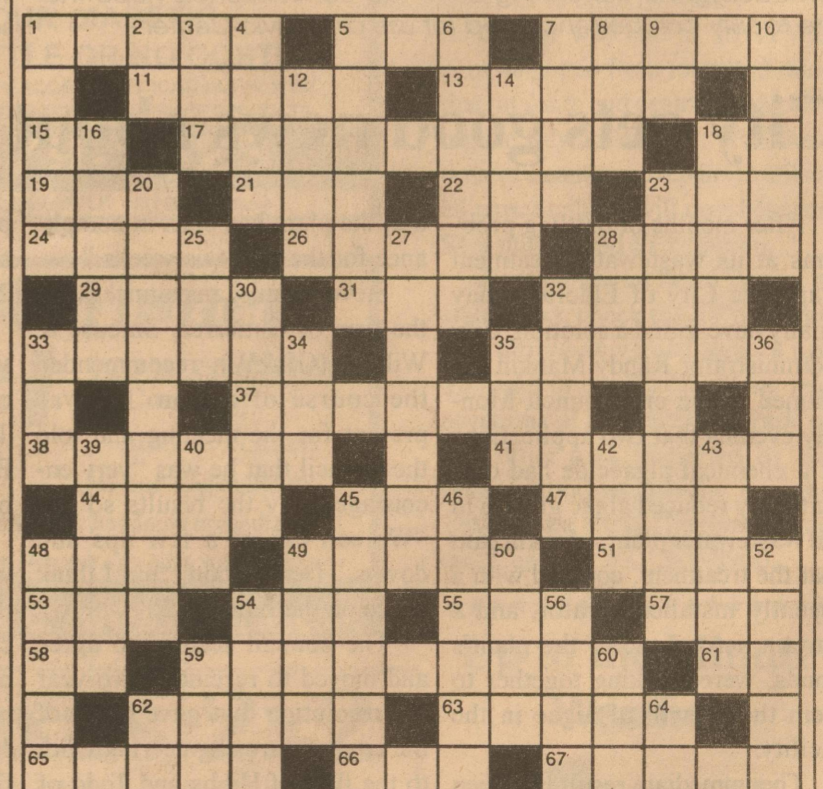
A few years ago Kevin remodeled the Ritz to have two more screens in the balcony. That didn't work out so he has remodeled the balcony again to have just one screen.

"I'm intending to go digital on that as well. If I get that done in time, we'll be the first theater in the world to be totally digital."

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                             | 53 Ecome pale and sickly                     | 18 Size reducer                              |
| 1 Informal term for a state of depression | 54 Range of what one can know or understand  | 20 Deserted town, especially in Western U.S. |
| 5 Grippe nowadays                         | 55 French coin                               | 23 Fall dandelion                            |
| 7 Dishonest                               | 57 Juiceless                                 | 25 Spherical object                          |
| 11 Wigwag                                 | 58 A linear unit (1/6 inch) used in printing | 27 Barbary sheep                             |
| 13 Bequeath                               | 59 Delphinia                                 | 28 Computer operating system                 |
| 15 Exist                                  | 61 Jr.'s dad                                 | 30 Lifeboat crane                            |
| 17 Small letter                           | 62 Syrup tree                                | 32 Beer stored for aging                     |
| 18 Thus                                   | 63 Freshwater carnivorous mammal             | 33 Bowl                                      |
| 19 Cask type container                    | 65 Free loader                               | 34 Acquired                                  |
| 21 Edward's nickname                      | 66 Morse code component                      | 35 Conclusion                                |
| 22 Pitcher's stat                         | 67 Breaks into a computer network            | 36 Fish eggs                                 |
| 23 Beard                                  |  | 39 Girder                                    |
| 24 Resound                                |  | 40 Male child                                |
| 26 Bellows                                |  | 42 Blossom                                   |
| 28 Low heavy horsecart without sides      |  | 43 Saline eye drops                          |
| 29 Unit of firewood                       | <b>DOWN</b>                                  | 45 Squealed like a pig                       |
| 31 Negative votes                         | 1 Mechanical device used to slow a vehicle   | 46 Tyrant or autocrat                        |
| 32 Desire strongly or persistently        | 2 Austin, TX university                      | 48 Inhabit                                   |
| 33 Very talkative person                  | 3 Conger or moray                            | 49 European blackbird                        |
| 35 More facile                            | 4 Espy                                       | 50 Cause to flee                             |
| 37 Annuling                               | 5 Be sustained by                            | 52 Greek harps                               |
| 38 Choice morsel                          | 6 Inflammatory internal lesions              | 54 11th letter of the Hebrew alphabet        |
| 41 Deliberate in public                   | 7 Blood vessel                               | 56 Norse goddess of fate                     |
| 44 Start a computer                       | 8 The day prior                              | 59 Insect resin used in varnish              |
| 45 Peculiar                               | 9 Northeast, to a cartographer               | 60 Ocean                                     |
| 47 Hayseed                                | 10 Bonkers                                   | 62 Master of Arts degree                     |
| 48 Wet with dew                           | 12 Pitcher                                   | 64 Cola brand                                |
| 49 Cheapskate                             | 14 Corn spikes                               |  |
| 51 Twofold                                | 16 Birthplace of Mohammed                    |  |

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# OBITUARIES

## Cramer "Doc" Sofge

ELDORADO — Cramer "Doc" Sofge, 88, of Eden Home in New Braunfels, formerly of Eldorado and Kingsland, passed away Saturday, July 20. He was born July 4, 1914, in Christoval, Texas, to George Washington Sofge and Sara Jane Sofge. He married Mary Doyle on July 8, 1933. She preceded him in death on April 26, 1982.

Mr. Sofge was in the grocery business in Eldorado for over 40 years until his semi-retirement in 1986. After retirement, he moved to Kingsland for a short time before returning to Eldorado.

Survivors include daughters Shirley Jackson of Cibolo, Janis Tadlock and husband, Fred, of Hot Springs Village, Ark., and Linda Lacefield of Canyon Lake; sons, George Sofge and wife, Virginia, of Seguin, and Roger Sofge and wife,

Esther, of Odessa; grandchildren, Ken and Steve Sofge, Sherwin Voss and husband, John, Cindy White and husband, Danny, Trey Jackson and wife, Britta, Becky Lockwood and husband, William, John Sofge, George Worden, David Worden and wife, Amanda, Darren Lacefield, Brinda Salazar and husband, Roy, and La Jeana Moore and husband, Bobby; and great-grandchildren, Justin and Ross Malkowski, Christine Rinehart, Chase Neill, Travis, Andrew and Grant Lockwood, Adam Worden, Nicholas and Amber Worden, Sarah Shuford, Eli Salazar, Kristin, Ryan and Matthew Moore, and Meagan and Ryan Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to your favorite charity.

Graveside services were held Tuesday July 23, in the Eldorado Cemetery.

## Clayton Lee "Hap" McMillan

CHRISTOVAL — Clayton Lee "Hap" McMillan, 86, of Christoval, died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at his residence. Funeral service was Friday, July 19, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Vicky Troy, Pastor of Christoval Methodist Church and the Rev. Buddy Trull officiating. Burial followed in Christoval Cemetery.

Hap was born March 31, 1916, in Tom Green County to Charles S. and Alta Wright McMillan. He attended school in Wall and Christoval, served two years in the Navy during World War II and was a rancher.

Hap received awards for being an outstanding farmer from the Eldorado Divide Soil Conservation District in 1950, Conservationist of the Year in 1974 from the Eldorado Lions Club and Community Builders Award from Christoval Masonic Lodge No. 901 in 1992. He developed and donated Ivy Cemetery to Christoval and donated the land for the new Christoval Church of Christ and the Christoval Community Center. Hap always carried silver dollars,

which he called Christoval Nickels, to be given to children.

Hap was married to Clarice Atkins on Aug. 27, 1936. She preceded him in death on Aug. 6, 1976. On Nov. 27, 1982 he married Bobbie Stultz Guthrie in Christoval. Hap was also preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Milburn S. McMillan; and one sister, Beatrice Summerville.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie S. McMillan of Christoval; niece, Cheryl Specht and husband, Bob; nephew, William C. "Bill" McMillan; great-nieces, Heather Richardson and Bridgett Specht; several cousins; and special friends, Rebeca Kuykendall and Marta Lopez.

Pallbearers were Raymond Galan, H.L. Fuentes, Neil Grant, Gene Jones, Clay Atkins, Bill Rawls, Richard Webb and Brent Hogue. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Ben L. Keyes Bible Class and all hunters on the West and Ivy Ranches. Memorials may be made to Ivy Cemetery, Christoval Methodist Church or Hospice of San Angelo.

## D L Leland

SAN ANGELO — D.L. Leland, 84, passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2002, at his residence. Funeral service was Friday, July 12, at the Robert Massie Riverside Chapel with Chaplain Mike Andress with Hospice of San Angelo officiating. Burial followed at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

D.L. was born July 24, 1917, in Tulsa, Okla., to John Oral and Agnes Leland. D.L. was a retired Navy Lt. Commander. Serving his country from 1939 until 1963 as a Navy pilot, he received two Distinguished Flying Crosses and the Purple Heart in World War II during the Pacific Campaign.

After his career in the Navy, he

went to work as Administrator of the Personnel Flight Division for McDonald Douglas in 1964, in Alamogordo, NM., retiring in 1981.

D.L. married the love of his life, Leona Grooms, on December 6, 1966, in El Paso, Texas. His most enjoyable moments were spent with family and quiet times reading.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. Survivors include his wife, Leona Leland San Angelo; a son, Guy Rogers of San Angelo; a daughter, Gloria Swift and husband, Jerry of Eldorado, Texas; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one nephew; and 2 nieces.



Mindy Haynes and Scott Briley

COURTESY PHOTO

## Haynes/Briley engagement set

Mindy Haynes of Eldorado and Scott Briley of San Angelo will be married August 3, 2002, at First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Haynes of Eldorado. The prospective

bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Briley of San Angelo.

Miss Haynes is a 1997 graduate of Eldorado High School and a graduate of Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and is employed as an teacher by the Ozona School District.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Christoval High School and is currently employed with Cox Communication in San Angelo.

The bride-elect grandparents are Joyce and Ken Jackson of Andrews; Bud and Shirley Haynes of Mertzon; Dewey and Alice Meyers of Odessa and Carolyn Meyers of Odessa.

Her fiancé grandparents are Faith and Sid Corley of San Angelo; Bob Briley, deceased; Bonnie and Donald Elliott; and Koot Dry, deceased.

## It's A Girl!

Darrin and Amy Clinton of Fort Worth announce the birth of their baby girl July 5, 2002. Caelen Paige weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and was 22 inches long.

She has a big brother, Jack Edward, age 4. Grandparents include Jack and Lou Ann Turner of Eldorado and great-grandmother, Ora Deal, of San Angelo.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

**JULY**  
 25th Sharon Fitts, Thomas Martinez, Ima Jean Bruce, Kaleb Murr, Colby Niblett, Penny Bland, Jessica Freeman, Fernando Cardenas, Candace Engdahl  
 26th Johnny Powell, Helen Fay, Susie Richters, Rosa A. Martinez, Bill Samuels,  
 27th Drew Graham, Gina Muela, Rebecca Graham, Dora Lynn Fay, Adam Dominguez, Mark Daniel Garcia, Theresa Beach, Bobby Adame  
 28th Seth Taylor, Charlene Harris, Courtney Sauer, Damien Beach, Tommy Hunley, Mary Jenkins, Charlene Harris, Walter Wagner  
 29th Willene Garlitz, Cliff Schooley, Gera Lemke, Wayne Palmer, Maddie Dean  
 30th Scooter Faull, Sandra Helmers, Vernell McCalla, Virgilio Escobar Sr.  
 31st Mark Daniels, Cristie Jo Belman, Ginger Reynolds, Tamra Burwick, Jerrilyn Ward, Amanda Rene Garcia

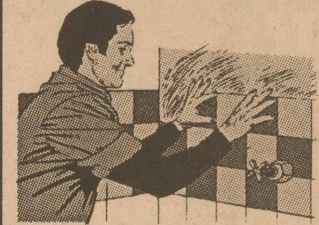
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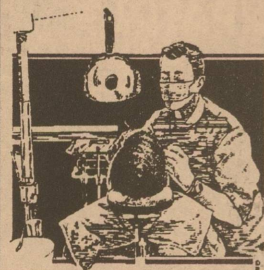
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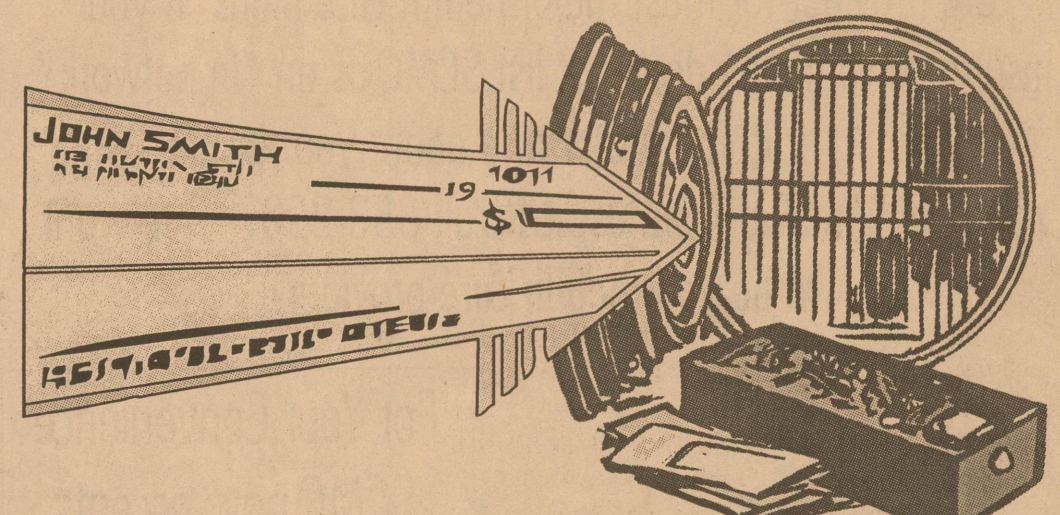
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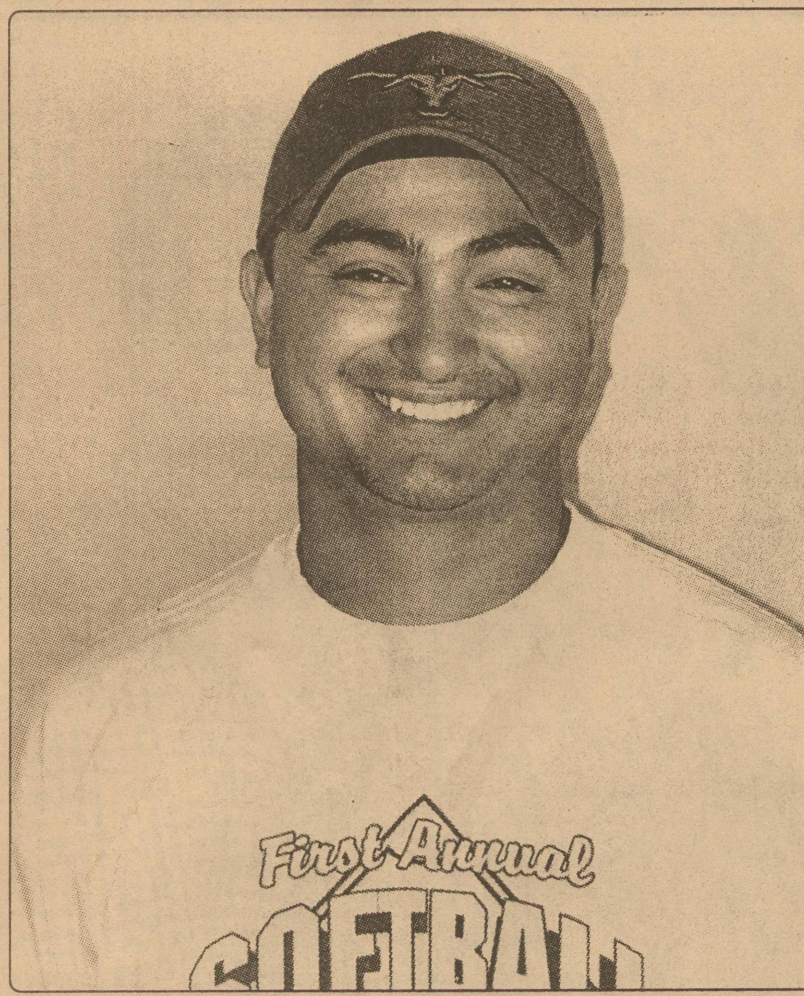


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Coach Jesse Garza

### Garza joins Warbirds staff

Jesse Garza, a native of Ozona, will be joining EHS Coach Gary Grubbs' staff this fall. Garza comes to Eldorado from Rankin where he taught Jr. High Math and Geometry and served as an assistant varsity coach and J.V. defensive coordinator for the Red Devils.

Garza's coaching duties in Eldorado will include coaching the quarterbacks as well as the outside linebackers and secondary. In the classroom, Garza will teach geometry and pre-calculus.

Garza will also coach 8th grade basketball as well as high school girls softball.

Garza and his wife Shelby have two children, a son, Jalen, age 7, and a daughter, Brooke, age 2.

Mrs. Garza will also be employed by the school district, in the distance learning lab.

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**FIFTH GRADE** Notebook (large rings); Notebook paper (wide ruled); Dividers (1) pkg. 8 1/2" X 11"; 2 zipper bags (to fit inside notebook); Pencils - no mechanical ones; Pens - blue or black erasable; Red grading pens or pencils; Eraser; Map Colors; Large box of Kleenex; 3 pocket folders with brads; Markers; Scotch tape; Scissors; 24 count box of crayons; White paper -1 ream (500 sheets) 8 1/2 X 11 \*This ream of paper will be used all year for your child's math papers instead of notebook paper. It may be purchased in reams of 500 sheets at discount stores, grocery stores, or office supply stores.

**SIXTH GRADE** Notebook; Notebook paper - wide rule not college; Pens (blue or black); Red grading pen; # 2 pencils; 4 hi-lighters (I will keep these and hand out as needed); (1) pkg. loose-leaf 8 1/2 X 11 copy paper; (1) 1 inch polybinder; Large box of Kleenex; Box of Crayons or Map Colors; Girls- Elmer's Glue; Boys - Rubber Cement.

**SEVENTH GRADE** Notebook; Notebook paper-wide rule (not college); Pens (blue or black); Red grading pen; # 2 pencils; 4 hi-lighters (I will keep these and hand out as needed); (1) pkg. loose-leaf 8 1/2 X 11 copy paper; (1) 1 inch polybinder; Large box of Kleenex.

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# Sanchez addresses WTPA convention in Ft. Davis

## Success wins two awards in Better Newspaper Contest

The Eldorado Success picked up two awards at the West Texas Press Association's annual convention in Ft. Davis last Saturday. The Success received a 2nd Place award in the Advertising Category and a 3rd Place award in the Special Section category.

Success owners Randy and Kathy Mankin were on hand to receive the honors, along with representatives from more than 120 newspapers across West Texas.

The 3-day long convention began Thursday, July 18, 2002, with a Star Party hosted by McDonald Observatory. Although rains forced the relocation of a dinner from the observatory's patio and into the facility's nearby Fire Hall, the clouds cleared in time for the attendees to view several stars, planets and distant nebula.

The following day, a series of workshops, also held at the obser-

## Workshop set to help parents with free lunch forms

Schleicher County I.S.D. will have a workshop Friday, August 9, 2002 at the School Cafeteria to help Parents fill out Free-Reduced Lunch Applications for the 2002-2003 School Year.

There will be a person available for English Speaking and also for Spanish Speaking to help all parents whom need help filling out a Lunch Application.

The time will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Friday August 9, 2002 at the School Cafeteria.

The Lunch Application Form is different than the one in the years past, so if you need help please come by the School Cafeteria on Friday August 9, 2002 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m.

### Meals for Friends Menu

#### Monday, July 29

Ham with Pineapple Rings, Corn, Macaroni & Cheese, Dinner Roll, Peaches, Lemon Bar, Milk

#### Tuesday, July 30

Bar-B-Que Chicken, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Apricot/Banana Medley, Milk

#### Wednesday, July 31

Roast Beef w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Sliced Strawberries, Angel Food Cake, Milk

#### Thursday, August 1

Soft Taco w/ Cheese, Pinto Beans, Corn w/ Sweet Peppers, Flour Tortilla, Chopped Lettuce & Tomato, Mixed Fresh Fruit w/ Cantaloupe, Milk

#### Friday, August 2

BBQ Pork Ribette, Baked Tater Tots, Lima Beans, Bun, Tossed Salad w/ Dressing, Strawberries, Milk

vatory, were halted briefly so that the assembled newspaper representatives could hear from Tony Sanchez, the Democratic candidate for Texas Governor.

Sanchez told the crowd that his business experience has prepared him for the Governor's job. He said that he understands the issues that concern West Texans and pointed to his roots in Laredo. After concluding his remarks, Sanchez left the room without taking questions, a move that did not please the roomful of journalists.

Joe Nick Patoski, a writer for Texas Monthly magazine was the luncheon speaker for the day. He updated the group on issues relating to water rights and noted that water, and access to it, will be a major concern for Texans, but particularly West Texans, in the coming years. An article by Patoski, titled "Boone Pickens Wants to Sell You His Water" appeared in the August, 2001 issue of Texas Monthly.

That evening, the entire convention moved to the Paisano Hotel in Marfa where, once again, rain forced the festivities to move indoors. Following a Mexican buffet dinner, the attendees were serenaded by the "Soggy Mountain Boys" (Texas Press Association President Bob Buckle, TPA Executive Director Micheal Hodges and Success Publisher Randy Mankin) who performed "Man of Constant Deadlines."

A trip to view the Marfa Lights



**Stumping for votes** — Tony Sanchez, Democratic candidate for Texas Governor, addressed the annual West Texas Press Association convention in Ft. Davis last Friday. Sanchez emphasized his business background and told the group that his small-town roots mean that he will best represent West Texas interests.

followed, led by Marfa mayor Fritz Kahl. Although the rain clouds had moved on by that time, the lights failed to materialize. Kahl attributed their lack of cooperation to the abundant moisture the region has received in recent days.

It wasn't all for naught, however, the conventioners were able to tour the newly constructed viewing facility.

Robert Hart was the featured speaker the following day at Indian Lodge, in Ft. Davis State Park. Hart spent years as photo editor for the Dallas Morning-News before taking over the Belo Communications news websites. He told the group that even Texas largest daily newspapers are being forced to concentrate more and more on local news. He said that readers can find all the national and world news they want on television and that daily newspapers should return to their roots and focus on

local news, much the same as weekly newspapers do in smaller markets.

Eric O'Keefe, a native of Alpine, Texas and editor-in-chief of Cowboys & Indians magazine, then spoke to the group. O'Keefe noted that his publication is aimed at a more upscale audience. He said that market research indicates that his typical subscriber is a 48 year-old professional woman. He said that sales of the magazine can fluctuate greatly, depending on whose picture is on the cover.

A brief business meeting then followed and the group adjourned until the Saturday evening banquet. Following the meal, winners in Better Newspaper Contest were announced.

Success publisher Randy Mankin serves on the WTPA board of directors and will serve as Better Newspaper Contest chairman next year. He just completed a term on the board of directors of the Texas Press Association, a position to which he was reappointed this week by TPA President Bob Buckle.



**Not quite ready for Nashville** — Two youngsters, recruited to hold the lyrics, thought it was all pretty funny last Saturday when the "Soggy Mountain Boys" (L-R) Micheal Hodges, Bob Buckle and Randy Mankin entertained the audience at the West Texas Press Association summer convention with their rendition of "Man of Constant Deadlines."

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# S.C.I.S.D. announces policy for providing free and reduced meals for children

Schleicher County I.S.D. today announced its policy for providing free and reduced meals for children served under the national School Lunch and School breakfast programs. Each school and/or the central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also

be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Application may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used

for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. The school officials may verify applications at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member and the

social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE". An adult household member must sign the application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, The Food service Director will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents

wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to George Blanch, P.O. Box W, Eldorado, Texas 76936 or Phone 915-853-2514.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income of informant must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decrease in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should

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FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	\$11,518	\$16,391	\$960	\$1,366	\$222	\$316
2	15,522	22,089	1,294	1,841	299	425
3	19,526	27,787	1,628	2,316	376	535
4	23,530	33,485	1,961	2,791	453	644
5	27,534	39,183	2,295	3,266	530	754
6	31,538	44,881	2,629	3,741	607	864
7	35,542	50,579	2,962	4,215	684	973
8	39,546	56,277	3,296	4,690	761	1,083
9	43,550	61,975	3,630	5,165	838	1,193
10	47,554	67,673	3,964	5,640	915	1,303
11	51,558	73,371	4,298	6,115	992	1,413
12	55,562	79,069	4,632	6,590	1,069	1,523
For each additional family member add:						
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Free and Reduced-Priced Meals

### NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

### Schleicher County ISD School District/Charter School LETTER TO HOUSEHOLDS (Multi-Child) NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH/BREAKFAST PROGRAM SCHOOL YEAR 2002-03

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Schleicher County ISD school offers a choice of healthy meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for \$1.50 (all grades), breakfast for free, and after school snacks (non-applicable). Children who qualify under U. S. Dept. of Agriculture guidelines may get meals free or at a reduced-price of 40 cents for lunch, free for breakfast and non-applicable for after school snacks. All meals served must meet nutrition standards established by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. If a child has a disability, as determined by a doctor, and the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. Please note, however, that the school is not required to make a substitution for a food allergy, unless it meets the definition of disability. Please call the school for further information; telephone number 915-853-3172 ext. 528.

Your children can get free school meals if you get food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Depending on your income, your children may be eligible for either free or reduced-price meals.

How do I get free or reduced-price school meals for my children? You must complete the Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals Form and return it to the school.

- Households getting food stamps or TANF. You only have to include your children's names and case numbers, and an adult household member must sign the form.
- Households that do not get food stamps or TANF. If you do not have a case number, you must include the names of all household members, the amount of income each person received last month and where the income came from. An adult household member must sign the form and include his or her social security number, or indicate that he or she has no social security number.
- Households with a foster children. You must include the children's names and the amount of "personal use" income the children received last month, and an adult must sign the form.

Will the form be verified? Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send written evidence that shows that your children should get free or reduced-price school meals.

Can I appeal the school's decision? You can talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your form. You also may ask for a fair hearing by calling or writing to:

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Mailing Address: 205 Field Street (P.O. Box W.) Eldorado, Texas 76936

Must I report changes? If your children get free or reduced-price meals because of your income, you must tell us if your household size decreases, or if your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your children get free meals because your household gets food stamps or TANF, you must tell us when you no longer get these benefits.

Will information on my form be kept confidential? We will use the information on your form to decide if your children should get free or reduced-price meals. We may inform officials with other child nutrition, health and education programs of the information on your form to determine benefits for those programs or for funding and/or evaluation purposes.

Can I apply for free and reduced-price meals later? You may apply for free and reduced-price meals at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or TANF, complete another form then.

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Complete, sign and return the form to \_\_\_\_\_ Please read the instructions. If you need help completing this form, call: \_\_\_\_\_

1 (a) CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
SS#/Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ Or Site Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

(b) CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
SS#/Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ Or Site Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

(c) CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
SS#/Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ Or Site Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

(d) CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
SS#/Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ Or Site Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

(e) CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
SS#/Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ Or Site Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

2 Is this a FOSTER CHILD? (See the instructions). If this child is a foster child, list the child's name and the child's monthly personal use income here: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3 Are you getting FOOD STAMPS (or TANF) benefits? If yes, list the case number. DO NOT complete section #4. Go to section #5. If no, list the TANF case number: \_\_\_\_\_

4 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (including foster children) if you did not complete sections #2 or #3. List all household members, including their names and addresses. List all income. Go to section #5.

Name	Current Monthly Income			
	Monthly Earnings from Work (Before Deductions) Job 1	Monthly Welfare, Child Support, Alimony	Monthly Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	Monthly Earnings from Job 2 or Any Other Monthly Income
1.	\$	\$	\$	\$
2.	\$	\$	\$	\$
3.	\$	\$	\$	\$
4.	\$	\$	\$	\$
5.	\$	\$	\$	\$
6.	\$	\$	\$	\$
7.	\$	\$	\$	\$
8.	\$	\$	\$	\$
9.	\$	\$	\$	\$
10.	\$	\$	\$	\$

5 SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTATION: I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that the food stamp or TANF case number is current, correct or that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of Federal funds; that institution officials may verify the information on the Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals and that the deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal laws.

Signature of Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Food Stamp/TANF household categorically eligible free: [ ] Yes [ ] No

Total monthly income: \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: \_\_\_\_\_ NOT Eligible: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Withdrawn: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility Classification: Free \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced-Price \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary: Free \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Determining Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## School trustees take up changes to Student Handbooks

The Schleicher Co. ISD board of trustees met Monday evening, July 22, 2002, and took up discussion of various handbooks, including the Substitute Handbook, Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct Handbook. On hand for the meeting were trustees Jo Helen Kotsch, Eddie Albin, Phil McCormick, and Berta Nicholson. Trustees John Paul Joiner and Kurtis Homer were absent.

Following the approval of the minutes of previous meetings and a review of the district's financial reports, the trustees took up discussion of the handbooks.

It was explained that there were only minor changes to the Substitute Handbook involving changes in dates and administrative personnel.

Changes in the Employee Handbook involved new pay dates as well as the fact that employee health insurance is being provided by the Teachers Retirement Service Active Care.

Numerous changes to the Student Handbook began on the very first page with a change in the name of the Alternative Education Placement Center (AEP Center). That facility will now be called the Disciplinary Alternate Education Placement Center.

Extracurricular activity absences were addressed by changes on page 3 of the Student Handbook. The handbook states that the District shall make no distinction between absences for UIL activities and absences for other extracurricular activities approved by the board. A student shall be allowed up to year ten extracurricular absences not related to post-district competition, five absences for post-district competition prior to state, and two absences for state competition during a school year. The District shall permit an additional five absences for competitions and performances sponsored by UIL or by any other organization approved by the board.

The creation of a new student award was addressed by changes on page 6 of the Student Hand-

book. The Eagle Award will be awarded each year to the high school boy and girl who best represent the school through outstanding extracurricular and academic achievement. Criteria for the award will be posted in the high school principal's office.

New cafeteria meal prices were updated in the handbook. Students lunches are \$1.50, employee lunches will be \$2.00 and guest will be charged \$3.00.

A passage was added to the handbook on page 11 under the heading of Communicable Diseases/Conditions. The section explains Bacterial Meningitis, an inflammation of the covering of the brain and spinal cord.

A section on page 14 prohibits Laser Pointers under the category of Radios, CD Players, and Other Electronic Devices and Games.

A policy concerning exemption from semester exams was addressed in the handbook on page 20. It was explained that certain students may be exempted from semester exams by the high school principal, under grade level appropriate guidelines, as spelled out in the policy.

A section recommending a parent/teacher conference for any stu-

dent who receives a grade of less than 70, was added on page 24 of the handbook.

It was explained that other policies, as outlined on page 24 & 25 of the handbook, involve the retention and promotion policy, the academic achievement/certificates of course work completion and the academic achievement/retention promotion policy, are included in the district's main policy handbook.

A rule allowing students ten days after the beginning of a semester to change their schedule was amended. The new policy allows only five days for such changes, and then only with the approval of the high school principal. Middle school students will continue to have ten days to change their schedule each semester.

The board then moved on to the Student Code of Conduct. The primary changes to this policy involved the student dress and grooming code. (See Dress Code on Page 10.)

In other business, the board voted on a tentative 2002 Tax Rate and budget calendar. They then went into executive session for the discussion of personnel.

The trustees emerged from executive session but took no action on personnel matters. Neither did they choose to appoint someone to fill the vacancy in Single Member District 5, left by the resignation of trustee Sam Whitten, Jr.

Supt. George Blanch then told the board it would take yet another month before the school's latest

redistricting plan would be complete. He advised that when the plan was finalized an interested party might come forward seeking to fill the vacant seat on the board.

Before adjourning, the board heard from Supt. Blanch concerning the Federal Breakfast Program, which required all students to eat breakfast in the school cafeteria. Blanch said that the school had realized an increase of \$19,500.00 in revenue after implementing the program. He further noted that anticipated expenses did not materialize, thereby leaving the district with a net profit from the program.

Board President Jo Helen Kotsch then adjourned the meeting before calling the board back to order in a brief budget workshop.

## Templo Getsemani plans VBS

Templo Getsemani, at 107 E. Murchison, will be holding their annual Vacation Bible School on Tuesday, July 30th through Friday, August 2nd.

The theme for this year is "Who is God?" Classes will be offered for children from kindergarten through sixth grade. The program, beginning at 9:00 A.M. will include worship music, a Bible lesson, reinforcement activities, and crafts. A snack will be provided at noon when the children are released. All are invited. For more information, call 853-3484.

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# Sales Tax Holiday slated August 2-4

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ans have been able to keep in their pockets for their families' priorities," Comptroller Rylander said.

Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free August 2-4 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, slippers, sleepwear and underclothes for the entire family, as long as the items are priced under \$100 each. (See comprehensive list below)

Items that can not be purchased tax-free include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and apparel that are not normally

street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

"I asked the last legislature to expand the Sales Tax Holiday to include backpacks, school supplies, baby car seats, bicycle safety helmets and other safety gear for our most precious resource-our children," Comptroller Rylander said. "I also want to extend the Sales Tax Holiday from three days to five days. Texans don't need a three-day traffic jam. This must be a priority in the next legislative session."

No Texas community has opted out of the Sales Tax Holiday

this year. To opt out, a city, county or other local taxing entity must notify the Comptroller by March 31.

A word of caution, merchants selling items that do not qualify for the exemption may not advertise or promise to pay the sales tax for the customer. Additionally, merchants are prohibited from advertising that, during the holiday, they will not collect sales tax from your customers on items that do not qualify. However, merchants may advertise that tax is included in the sales price of taxable items.

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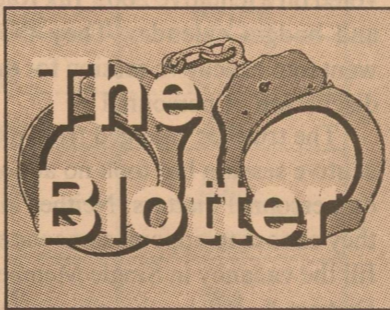
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## THE MIGHTY EAGLE BAND PERCUSSION LINE FOR 2002-2003



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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**
- July 10 • Morales, Manuel DeLeon, male, Schleicher County Judge remanded subject to custody for Motion To Revoke/Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
  - July 16 • Martinez, Osvaldo H. male age 29, arrested by SC Officer, charge Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant.
  - July 19 • Armstrong, Mandi Jo, female age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Harassment. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
  - July 20 • Parras, Cresencio

Noel, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

- Ethridge, Mathew Luke, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces.) Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

- Carman, Damien Gus, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces.) Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

- July 21 • Ayala, John Mathew, male age 23, arrested by SC Officer, charge Motion To Revoke.

- July 22 • Terry, Grey Owen, male age 26, arrested by SC Officer, charge Unauthorized Use of Vehicle. Released on \$1,000 PR Bond.

**REPORTS**

- July 16 • 7:45 p.m. Subject on Wheat Street reported husband was fighting. Four officers responded to residence.

- July 17 • 4:08 p.m. Complainant reported a juvenile starting a fire under a shed at a place of business on S. Divide. Officer responded.

- July 18 • 10:31 a.m. Subject reported cattle out along Hwy. 277 South, mile marker 452. Officer responded.

- 1:27 p.m. Subject requested an officer to come to their place of business and speak with a complainant. Officer responded.

- 7:24 p.m. Complainant stated

that there was a pickup truck pulling a trailer that had rolled over and went into a cotton field. Officer responded.

- July 19 • 10:25 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance and EMS 2 was dispatched. Subject transported to the Emergency Room.

- 10:25 a.m. Subject reported a horse running around the vicinity of the Eldorado Place Apartments.

- No Time. Female subject reported phone harassment. Officer responded.

- 9:19 p.m. Complainant stated that there was a vehicle south bound on Hwy. 277 with its lights off. Officer responded.

- July 20 • 2:35 a.m. Subject reported a fight at an apartment near by. Officers responded.

- 8:28 a.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to a hospital in San Angelo.

- 4:12 p.m. Complainant reported a male subject in a maroon Dodge pickup causing problems at the swimming pool. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

- July 21 • 11:41 a.m. Subject on Old Sonora Road reported loud music behind their residence.

- 5:31 p.m. Subject requested an officer for a Civil Standby. Officer responded.

- 7:52 p.m. Complainant reported seeing a motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed. Complainant also advised that neither subject had a helmet on. Officer responded.

- 9:45 p.m. Complainant advised that neighbors were playing music too loudly. Officer responded. Complainant called another complaint about the neighbors still playing music too loudly. Officer responded again.

- July 22 • 4:45 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 2 responded.

- 9:19 a.m. Subject requested an officer do a welfare check on a male subject. Officer responded.

- July 23 • 1:15 p.m. Complainant advised by recorded phone message that an alarm had gone off at a ranch. Officers responded and found everything OK. 2:43 p.m. Alarm sounded again and officer responded.

- 8:20 p.m. Complainant requested an welfare check on a local resident whose lifeline had gone off. Officer responded and found no one home.

# TEXAS SALES TAX HOLIDAY AUGUST 2 - 4, 2002

(T) Denotes Taxable Items (E) Denotes Tax Exempt Items

(A)	(D)	(N)	(T)
T Accessories (generally)	E Diapers (cloth and disposable)	E Neckwear and ties	T Tap dance
T Barrettes	E Dresses	E Leotards and tights	E Tennis
T Belt buckles (sold separately)	T Dry cleaning services	T Life jackets and vests	T Track and cleats
T Bobby pins	(E)	T Luggage	T Wading/water sport
T Briefcases	T Elbow pads	(O-P)	E Walking
T Elastic ponytail holders	E Employee uniforms (unless rented)	T Overshoes and rubber shoes	T Shoe shines
T Hair bows	(F)	T Pads (football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder)	T Shoe repairs
T Hair clips	T Fabrics, thread, buttons, lace, patterns, knitting yarns	T Paint or dust respirators and incidental supplies	T Shoulder pads (for dresses, jackets, etc.)
T Handbags	T Fins (swim)	E Painter pants	T Shoulder pads (football, hockey, sports)
T Handkerchiefs	T Fishing boots (waders)	E Pajamas	E Shorts
T Headbands	E Fishing caps	E Pajamas	T Shower caps
T Jewelry	E Fishing vests (non-flotation)	E Panty hose	T Skates (ice and roller)
T Key cases	E Football jerseys	T Patterns	T Ski boots (snow)
T Purses	T Football pads	T Personal flotation devices	T Ski suits (snow)
T Wallets	T Football pants	T Pocket squares	T Ski vests (water)
T Watch bands	(G)	T Protective gloves	E Skirts
T Watches	E Gloves (generally)	T Protective masks	E Sleepwear, nightgowns, pajamas
E Adult diapers	T Baseball	T Protective masks	E Slippers
T Alterations	T Batting	T Protective masks	E Slips
E Aprons (household)	T Bicycle	(R)	E Soccer socks
T Aprons (welders)	E Dress (unless rented)	E Raincoats and ponchos	E Socks
E Athletic socks	T Garden	E Rain hats	T Sports helmets
E Athletic supporters	T Golf	E Religious clothing	T Sports pads (football, hockey, soccer, knee, elbow, shoulder)
(B)	T Hockey	T Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes)	E Suits, slacks, and jackets
E Baby bibs	E Leather	T Repair of clothing or footwear	T Sunglasses (except prescription)
E Baby clothes	T Rubber	T Ribbons	E Support hosiery
E Baby diapers (cloth or disposable)	T Surgical	E Robes	E Suspenders
T Backpacks	T Tennis	T Roller blades	T Sweatbands (arm, wrist, head)
E Baseball caps	T Work	T Roller skates	E Sweatshirts
T Baseball cleats	T Goggles	(S)	E Sweat suits
T Baseball gloves	E Golf caps	T Safety clothing (normally worn in hazardous occupations)	E Sweaters
E Baseball jerseys	E Golf dresses	T Safety glasses (except prescription)	T Swimming masks and goggles
T Baseball pants	T Golf purses	T Safety shoes (not adaptable for street wear)	E Swimsuits
T Bathing caps	E Golf skirts	E Safety shoes (adaptable for street wear)	E Swim trunks
E Bathing suits	E Golf shirts	E Scarves	(T)
T Belt buckles	E Golf shoes	E Scout uniforms	E Tennis dresses
E Belts with attached buckles	E Graduation caps and gowns	E Sewing patterns	E Tennis shoes
T Belts for weight lifting	E Gym suits and uniforms	E Shawls and wraps	E Tennis skirts
T Bicycle shoes (cleated)	(H)	T Shin guards and padding	E Ties (neckties - all)
E Blouses	T Hair nets, bows, clips, and barrettes	E Shirts	E Trousers
E Boots (general purpose)	T Handbags and purses	E Shirts (hooded)	E Tuxedo (excluding cufflinks and rentals)
T Climbing	T Handkerchiefs	T Shoe inserts	(U)
E Cowboy	T Hard hats	T Shoelaces	E Umbrellas
T Fishing (waders)	E Hats	(S)	E Underclothes
E Hiking	T Headbands	T Baseball cleats	E Underpants
T Overshoes	T Helmets (bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports)	T Bicycle (cleated)	E Undershirts
T Rubber work boots	T Hockey gloves	E Boat	E Uniforms
T Ski	E Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts	T Blew or spiked	(V-W)
T Waders	E Hosiery, including support hosiery	T Bowling	E Veils
E Bow ties	E Hunting vests	E Cross trainers	E Vests (generally)
E Bowling shirts	(I-J)	T Fishing boots (waders)	T Bulletproof
T Bowling shoes	T Insoles	E Flip-flops (rubber thongs)	E Fishing (non-flotation)
E Bras	E Jackets	T Football	T Flotation
T Buttons and zippers	E Jeans	T Golf	E Hunting
(C)	T Jewelry	T Jazz and dance	T Scuba
E Camp clothes	E Jogging apparel, such as bras, suits, and shorts	E Jellies	T Water-ski
E Caps (baseball, fishing, golf)	(K)	T Overshoes	T Wallets
E Chef uniforms	T Knee pads	E Running (without cleats)	T Watch bands
E Children's novelty costumes	E Knitted caps or hats	E Safety	T Watches
T Chest protectors	(L)	E Sandals	T Water ski vests
E Choir robes	E Lab coats	E Slippers	T Weight lifting belts
E Clerical vestments	T Laundering services	E Sneakers and tennis	T Wet and dry suits
T Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics	T Leather goods, except leather belts and leather wearing apparel	T Soccer (cleated)	E Work clothes
T Clothing repair items, such as thread, buttons, tapes, and iron-on patches		T Spiked or cleated	E Workout clothes
E Coats and wraps			T Wrist bands
T Corsages and boutonnières			
E Costumes (Halloween, Santa Claus, etc., excluding rentals)			
E Coveralls			

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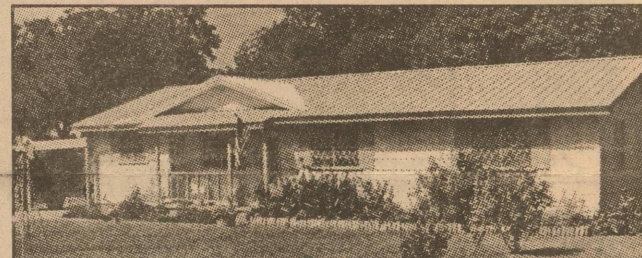
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# Mayors gather in Austin to endorse Governor Perry

## Eldorado's John Nikolauk among 250 mayors backing Perry's campaign

AUSTIN - Governor Rick Perry Monday accepted the endorsement of more than 250 mayors from across the state of Texas. Among the mayors gathering in Austin to signal their support was Mayor John Nikolauk of Eldorado.

Organizers of the event said that the show of support was a testament to Perry's strong leadership.

"These 250 mayors are supporting the only candidate for governor with strong experience, a proven record of leadership, and

detailed plans to make Texas better," Governor Perry said. "Local mayors can help me take my record and vision to every corner of our state and are powerful allies in my campaign."

"As far as I'm concerned Governor Perry is the only candidate qualified to lead Texas at this crucial time in our state's history," said Mayor Nikolauk. "He has a vision for strengthening the Texas economy, upgrading the transportation infrastructure and improving educational opportunities."

Perry, the son of a long-time

Haskell County commissioner said he knows the importance of local control, and has long believed that decisions effecting Texans are best made by the citizens and government closest to them.

Perry was first elected to office as a Democrat, when he ran for and won the position of State Representative from his home district. He switched parties and won reelection as a Republican before going on to be elected as Agriculture Commissioner and Lieutenant Governor. He ascended to the Governor's office after former Governor George W. Bush was elected President in 2000.

"Rick Perry is a true leader. He is experienced. And he has the vision to lead this great state forward," said Mayor Norberto Salinas, a Democrat from Mission. "This bipartisan group of more than 250 mayors is proud to stand by his side in this campaign. Texans couldn't have it any better than they do now, with Rick Perry leading this great state."

Perry's supporters pointed to his experience with state budgets as one reason to return him to the governor's mansion. They cite his record on teacher pay raises and on public school funding. It was

noted that more students are passing the TAAS test and more Texans are attending college than ever before.

Health care was another issue trumpeted by Perry's supporters. They noted that since 1999, Texas has enrolled more than a half-million children in the new Children's Health Insurance Program, and last year the state invested close to \$6 billion in new money to improve health care in Texas.

"For mayors, it is very important that we have a partner in state government who works side-by-side with us to improve our schools, make health care more accessible, and fund needed transportation infrastructure," Mayor Donna Arp of Colleyville said. "Governor Perry is a proven leader. He listens to local leaders, and he believes government functions best when closest to the people."

These mayors represent 112 Texas counties and millions of citizens.

"In this race, Texans have a choice between a proven budget-cutter with detailed plans to make Texas better, and an inexperienced, first-time candidate who issues vague, unfunded plans, and runs away from the press when questioned about them," Perry continued. "Texans want a governor who knows the issues, who isn't afraid to say where he stands on the issues, and who doesn't pass the buck when it's time to take responsibility. I am honored by the endorsement of more than 250 experienced and active community leaders."

Following the campaign rally, Mayor John Nikolauk of Eldorado summed up the sentiments of the 250+ mayors in attendance, "Rick Perry has proven his ability to lead and his ability to make the tough choices necessary to be a strong governor."

"Now is not the time to experiment with leadership," Nikolauk added. "Texas' future is too important for that."

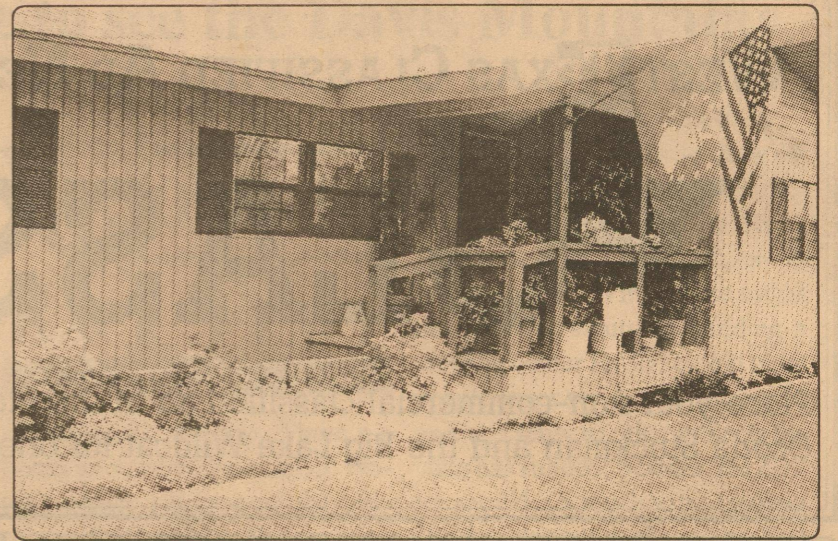


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**Pride Spot** — The residential Pride Spot of the Month for July was presented to Sam and Penny Whitten on N. Divide Street. The Commercial Pride Spot of the Month is Shot's on S. Divide.

## County Commissioners discuss Civic Center, Resource Center

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a facility open. He noted that in past years the commissioners court had promised to discontinue the Resource Center if the state withdrew funding. Through the years several state agencies have left the center. Last month the Texas Department of Health pulled out, taking with it much of the money that went to pay rent for the building. Currently the county is using surplus funds accumulated by the facility to make the rent payment. But, those funds will run out this year, leaving the future of the facility very much in doubt.

After breaking for lunch, the commissioners returned to discuss property belonging to W.F. Edmiston, which has been offered for sale to the county. The property is adjacent to the caliche pit currently being used by the county. That pit is being leased from

Ed Spencer, County Road Supt. Clay Burleson reported that several test holes had been dug and sufficient caliche had been located to warrant purchasing the property, provided a price can be agreed upon.

Next, the court approved County Clerk Peggy Williams' recommendation to increase the charge to the public for the use of the County's Clerks copying machine. Individual copies will now cost 25 cents. A copy for an abstract and will cost 50 cents and legal copies will cost \$1.00.

Before adjourning, the commissioners approved giving the Schleicher County Child Welfare Board the \$500.00 allotted to them in the county budget. And, Commissioner Johnny Mayo advised the court that Danny Crowder has built new flag poles for use at the rodeo arena.

## Garner State Park opens again after flood

CONCAN — Garner State Park, closed for two weeks due to flood damage, began welcoming campers again Thursday. All facilities but the day use area and two campgrounds at the south end of the park are accessible.

TPWD crews have been cleaning up debris and making necessary repairs to electrical and water-wastewater systems resulting from Frio River floodwaters that

caused more than \$1 million in damage to park property. The pavilion, miniature golf course and park grocery store, as well as some 275 campsites and shelters, are open for business as usual, park manager Jim Wilson said.

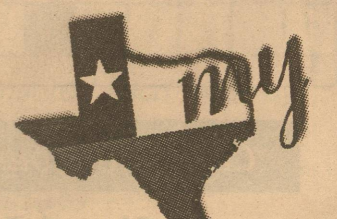
The day use area and the tent sites, screened shelters and cabins in the Oakmont and Pecan Grove camping areas in the old part of Garner State Park down by the river remain closed until further notice. Park roads to access those camping loops are blocked to vehicular traffic.

Camping areas that also opened on July 18 include electric and water sites in the Shady Meadows, River Crossing and Live Oak campgrounds, screened shelters in River Crossing and water-only tent sites in Persimmon Hill and Rio Frio campgrounds. The Cypress Springs Group Dining hall across the river is open as well.

Garner was one of 25 TPWD sites damaged from torrential rains that hit south and central Texas during the July 4th holiday. TPWD estimates cleanup and repairs to affected park facilities will cost between \$4.6 million and \$7.7 million.

For updates on flood impact at state parks, check the TPWD Web site: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>. To make or confirm camping reservations at Garner State Park or any other park impacted by the recent flooding, please call the Texas State Parks Customer Contact Center at 512-389-8900.

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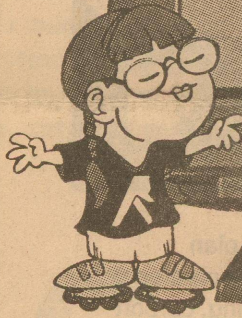
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1. Hair should be kept clean and well groomed. Hair should be of a natural hair color. Boys shall not wear rubber bands, hair bands or any other hair accessories. Boy's hair cannot be below mid-ear on the side, below the eyebrow in front, or lower than the collar of a dress shirt in the back. Students shall not wear distracting hair styles.

2. Students shall be clean-shaven at all times. Mustaches, goatees, or beards are not permitted. Sideburns shall be no longer than the bottom of the earlobe.

3. Boys shall not wear ear jewelry.

4. Tongue, nose, eye, naval, etc. rings (studs) are not permitted by any student on school campus or during school-related activities.

5. Any jewelry or trinket that is noisy and/or permits undue distraction in the school environment shall not be permitted.

6. Shorts are acceptable, but must meet appropriate length, target modesty, and be of a non-revealing fabric/style. No spandex and/or "biker" shorts are

permitted unless worn under skirts or shorts that meet length specifications. Shorts and pants must be hemmed or with a sewn cuff. Dresses and skirts will be governed by the same length standard as shorts to ensure modesty. Clothes with fashionable rips, tears, holes, etc. are unacceptable. Skirts featuring high slashes or slits are not appropriate for school. The length test will be applied to the top of the slash/split.

7. (Fingertip Rule) Shorts and skirts must be longer than the tips of the fingers with the arm extended to the student's side.

8. Exposed tattoos shall be covered.

9 Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times.

10. Students shall not wear oversized clothing including shirts and baggy wide-legged or large outside pocket pants. Pants shall be worn at the waist.

11. Shirts may be worn out unless designed to be worn in.

12. Shirt must cover mid-section. No skin will show at any time. Transparent clothing, halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps and form fitting clothing will not be permitted. Girls- shirts must be 2 1/2 inches wide at the shoulder. Boys- may not wear sleeveless shirts.

13. Hats, caps, or any head wear shall not be worn in the building. Hats or caps may be worn ONLY at athletic events.

14. Sunglasses are not to be worn in school unless medically

prescribed.

15. Appropriate undergarments shall be worn. Any clothing that exposes undergarments or breast cleavage is prohibited.

16. All clothing shall be appropriately buttoned.

17. Clothing, jewelry or items with coloring, designs, symbols, or lettering that would be interpreted as inappropriately suggestive, offensive, vulgar, or that would advertise alcohol, tobacco, drugs, acts of violence, illegal, or prohibited activities are prohibited. No gang apparel will be permitted.

18. Wallet chains are prohibited. No chains will be allowed on school property (ex: wallet, backpack, etc.). Dog chains/collars or bicycle chains worn around the neck or wrist will not be allowed.

19. These rules are in effect during all school hours, at all school-related activities and at any time that a student is on campus. This includes the class periods after athletics.

20. Students found in violation of the school dress code will be asked to correct the violation or to change immediately in order to attend classes. Students may also be sent home. A Dress Code Violation Report will be filed on each incident and will be kept on record in the office. Repeat offenders may be subject to disciplinary action.

21. The principal is the final determinant of what is or is not acceptable school dress.

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