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EHS Student Council representative Diego Barrera presented a bouquet of red roses Friday night to 2005 Homecoming Queen Josie Diaz during halftime festivities of the Eldorado/Menard Homecoming game

BJ Services sues local tax district over appraised values

Chief Appraiser Scott Sutton received word last week that BJ Services is protesting its tax appraisal by filing suit in State District Court. Sutton said the district was served with notice of the lawsuit late last week.

Last year BJ Services appraised value stood at \$5.82 million. This year the ap-

praised value increased to \$8.21 million with at least a portion of the increase attributable to new equipment being placed on the tax roll. The district, which collects taxes for Schleicher County as well as the local school, hospital and water districts, has 20 days to respond to the lawsuit, according to Sutton.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Billy Joe Pilkington and Cathy Niblett volunteered their time last week to gather and prepare items donated by local residents intended to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Clothing, non-perishable food stuff and household items were collected at the 1901 Bank Building on Main Street and loaded last Friday on a truck bound for New Orleans.

School board reviews plans for superintendent search

SCISD's hunt for a new superintendent began Monday as school trustees met and approved a tentative timeline for the search process.

The superintendent search will get underway in earnest on Dec. 1, 2005 as prospects are invited to submit their resumes and obtain applications. January 30, 2006 is the deadline for the applications and a month later, February 27, 2006, the finalists for the position will be named.

According to the timeline, the trustees hope to pick a new superintendent by March 20, 2006.

This is not the first time the board has looked for a superintendent to replace George Blanch, who retired from the district, but was called back into service after former superintendent Mark Gesch was placed on paid leave. That was more than a year ago and Blanch has headed the district ever since.

Monday night's meeting was called to order by Board President Jo Helen Kotsch with trustees Berta Nicholson, Leanne Higgins, Kurtis Homer, Lupe Sanchez and Jan Wanoreck in attendance. Trustee Eddie Albin joined the meeting in progress.

The board's first item of business was a public hearing on the Financial Integrity System of Texas (FIRST). Although no community members were present for the hearing, Supt.

Blanch went over the report and outlined where the district stands and noted that the district passed on all 21 indicators and received an overall Superior achievement rating. The indicators are a set of questions that are used to determine the financial security of the district.

Business Manager Ray Ballew then presented the district's financial reports and advised the board that the school's investment and banking accounts are in good shape and that the district's cash-on-hand is higher than the same time last year.

Ray Ballew then informed the board that BJ Services has filed a lawsuit against the Schleicher County Appraisal District over a tax appraisal dispute. If successful, the lawsuit could adversely affect the school's tax levy, as well as that of the county, hospital district and water district.

In another tax related issue, Ballew noted that approximately \$5 million had been added to the district's tax roll, due mainly to mineral interest owners who filed late reports with the Texas Railroad Commission.

The trustees then voted to approve the financial reports then reviewed and approved the minutes of the board's previous meeting.

Next, the discussion turned to the complex issue of selling part of the school's "weighted daily average

attendance" (WADA) to Crockett County Consolidated Common School District. It was explained that the Crockett County school system is a property-rich school that stands to lose money under the "recapture" provisions of the state's Robinhood plan. Purchasing 56 of SCISD's 183 WADA would benefit both districts, first by letting CCCCSO direct where its money goes, and secondly by giving SCISD \$23,039 more than it would have received otherwise.

The only restriction on the money from CCCCSO is that it must be used for the advancement of technology. That didn't deter the local school board members who voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

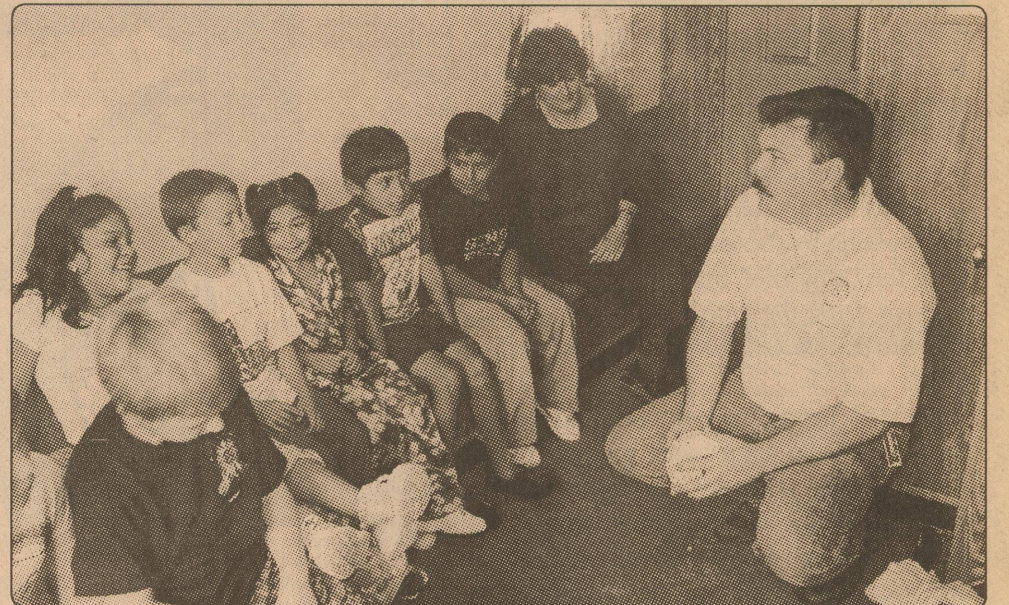
Superintendent Blanch then advised the board that the school's enrollment, which increased somewhat since school began, declined slightly in recent days, dropping to 596 students, with 577 of them being listed as "eligible" under the state's funding plan. The "eligible" designation includes all K-12 students plus those pre-schoolers who qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

Before adjourning the trustees learned that the district met TEA requirements as outlined on the "Adequate Yearly Progress" report.

The next meeting of the SCISD board of trustees is slated for Monday, Oct. 10, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Eldorado Elementary students were joined by Principal Maela Edmonson last week as they watched a demonstration in the mobile Fire House. The program, put on by Will Collier helps to teach children to quickly and safely leave a burning building. The program is sponsored each year by State Fire Marshal's office..

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Salvation Army seeking "Katrina" donations

The local Salvation Army is accepting monetary donations for the hurricane Katrina victims. With financial donations, the Salvation Army can purchase the necessary items that the disaster victims need at that time. It will allow the Salvation Army to assess the unique needs of both individuals and families.

Donations can be made locally by dropping off your check to David Doran at the Sheriff's office or calling Jo Ward at 853-2339 and by mail to P. O. Box 10, Eldorado, Texas 76936. Please make your check payable to The Salvation Army and note for the disaster relief fund. Donations

can also be made by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY. Online donations can be taken at www.salvationarmyusa.org.

Due to the fact there are no facilities to store goods and the response is now a Federal Homeland Security event, individually donated goods would not be able to enter the disaster site without proper authorization from the government. At this time the Salvation Army is currently not seeking in-kind donations from the general public. Large donations in bulk that can be transported from corporations and businesses are needed. Companies can call 1-888-363-2769.

Hospital trustees revisit '05 tax rate

Schleicher County Hospital District trustees met Monday evening, Sept. 12, 2005 and voted to rescind the tax rate they adopted only last week. It was explained during the meeting that new tax laws require the district to run quarter page notices in a newspaper prior to discussing and adopting a tax rate that generates more revenue than the preceding year, even if the overall tax rate is lower than the year before.

Board Vice President Ricky Fuesel chaired the meeting in the absence of Randy Mankin. Trustees present for the meeting included Jim Martin, Susie Richters, Dr. Jim Brame and J.D. Doyle. Also on hand were Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz, Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor and local attorney James Kosub.

A week earlier the trustees had adopted a tax rate of 32.99 cents per \$100 valuation, a rate that was 2.87

cents lower than last year, but one that raised some \$24,000 more revenue because of the district's growing tax roll.

The trustees voted unanimously to rescind the tax rate and schedule two hearings, the first one on at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005 and the second at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, 2005. A vote on the tax rate is scheduled for 12:00 noon on Friday, Sept. 30, 2005.

Judge Roberts and the Living Constitution

by John A. Sparks

The Judiciary Committee hearings for Judge John Roberts provide an arena in which the supporters of the "living Constitution" will clash, however politely, with the advocates of "original intent" sometimes called "originalists." These two conflicting judicial philosophies lurk behind almost every individual question which this nominee and the next will be asked—from abortion to federalism, from religious liberty to interstate commerce.

The standard-bearer for originalist judges is Justice Scalia. When originalists render Constitutional decisions, they seek to discover the original intentions of the framers of the provision in question and then regard themselves as bound by those intentions. They respectfully resist taking the opportunity to substitute their own views for those clearly intended by the original writers. Opposing this interpretative approach are the "living Constitution" proponents who champion the views of the late Justice William Brennan. They object to the stance of the originalists in a variety of ways. However, their most common complaint is that the interpretative approach used by the originalists turns the Constitution into a document embedded in the past—one which is essentially dead. Instead, they say, the Constitution is an organic, living document. Those interpreting it should reshape its content according to current needs.

First, Judge Roberts and the Judiciary Committee members who support him should relentlessly resist allowing the "Brennanites" to claim sole possession of the term "living." They should point out that originalists are not against a changing, "living" Constitution. Originalists do favor a Constitution that is able to be changed but changed by the only means provided by the Founders—constitutional amendment. Lest the Judiciary Committee members conclude that changes by amendment are unlikely or difficult, one need only look at the 20th century. Since 1900, a successful constitutional amendment (there have been twelve) has become law, on average, every eight or nine years! The Constitutional amendment has proven itself to be a readily available channel by which to breathe "life" into the Constitution.

Secondly, Roberts and his supporters should tactfully, but firmly, point out to hostile Senate interrogators what the Brennanites consistently ignore. The real issue is not whether or not the Constitution should ever be changed but rather who should be entitled to do the changing! The living constitution proponents believe that changes to the Constitution should be wrought by judges, that is, persons who are immunized from the electoral process of the people. Those who support this view are often Democrats who are, ironically, favoring intervention by the least democratic branch. They want the "new life" infused into the Constitution to come from the judiciary. Could it be they fear that the people will not support the changes they want?

In striking contrast, the originalists argue that it should not be judges who give the Constitution new meaning and new life. Instead the new life should come, if at all, from the people through the amendment process which requires popularly elected representatives in the federal and state legislatures to approve the constitutional change. It is the originalists who are the true "democrats" and the advocates of an authentic living Constitution consonant with the wishes of the people.

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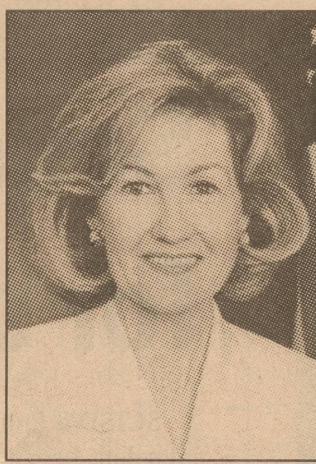
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Texan virtue in response to natural disaster

Texas is a state affected by many natural disasters. We have everything from hurricanes and flash floods to draughts and tornadoes. Natural disasters kill people and destroy property. They also reveal something about who we really are down deep.

Whenever natural disasters are looming, our first effort is do whatever we can to protect the people they threaten. After the event, we try to help those affected recover and move on with their lives. We also want to take a step back and see what we lessons we can learn. We need to examine the event and determine what measures will minimize the harm from similar events in the future.

Texas has been hit by some powerful hurricanes such as Bret in 1999, Alicia in 1983, and Allen in 1980; but the most powerful hurricane to hit the state in the twentieth century was the one that slammed into Galveston in 1900. According to some estimates, that storm had winds of 100 mph that peaked as high as 150 mph.



Commentary
by U.S. Senator
Kay Bailey Hutchison

It killed over 8,000 people, 25 percent of the population, and destroyed more than 3,600 homes on Galveston Island. Some Texans displayed remarkable courage: four men spent hours in a row boat pulling people from debris-filled water saving as many as 200 lives. After the storm, the city built a

six-mile-long seawall that was later extended.

Growing up in Galveston County, I lived through Carla and other hurricanes. I have never forgotten the experience of driving to my parents' house because we had not heard from them. Telephone service was out, so we packed our car with water and other supplies and drove to their home. As we approached, we saw more and more of the hurricane's destruction. Finally, we reached their battered house, and fortunately found them unharmed.

Texas also has had to deal with some devastating tornadoes. Back in 1997, we had a fierce tornado in Jarrell. The funnel cloud was as big as three-quarters of a mile wide and had winds of well over 200 mph. It killed 27 people in a town of just 700, destroyed at least 50 homes, including one entire subdivision. People described cars being flung about in the air. One place the tornado crossed the road it ripped off 500 feet of asphalt. Before dissipating, the

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Texas welcomes thousands in aftermath of hurricane

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Hurricane Katrina ripped into the middle Gulf Coast Aug. 29 and is turning out to be one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history, if not the worst.

In advance of the storm, many people managed to leave the Mississippi delta, low-lying coastal areas and a swath reaching 100 miles inland and traversing three states. But a large number failed to reach safety and were caught when the storm surge and floodwaters crushed dwellings, swamped roads and downed powerlines.

The number of people displaced has been estimated at more than 1 million.

By the afternoon of Sept. 5, the Lone Star State had taken in more than 230,000 survivors from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Emergency shelters in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, a long list of other cities large and small, and private organizations, launched unprecedented efforts to feed, clothe, see to medical needs, house, school and employ evacuees.

Gov. Rick Perry said Texas was nearing shelter capacity and directed emergency management officials to airlift Hurricane Katrina evacuees to other states.

After learning that the federal government expects Texas to absorb costs of Medicaid and other services for evacuees, the governor on Sept. 7 fired off a letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, requesting full reimbursement of those costs. Texas normally pays 39 cents of every Medicaid dollar.

By Sept. 8, the number of evacuees housed at shelters had decreased to fewer than 100,000 from a peak of 139,000 over Labor Day weekend, the governor's office reported.

An early estimate of recovery costs to the stricken area exceeded \$100 billion.

On Sept. 10, Vice President Dick Cheney visited the Austin convention center, one of many sites serving as temporary homes to hurricane survivors.

President Bush proclaimed Sept. 16 a day of remembrance for the victims of the storm.

Governor signs telecom bill

On Sept. 7, Gov. Perry signed telecommunications reform legislation that clears the way for more competition for video, cable and telephone services.

Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Marble Falls, author of Senate Bill 5, said, "This is a huge step forward for the Texas consumer."

The bill's coauthor, Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, added, "This legislation will ensure that Texas is at the forefront of the telecommunications industry, bringing thousands of new jobs and billions of economic investment to our state."

San Antonio-based SBC and New York-based Verizon, two telecom giants that lobbied in favor of the legislation, will be able to obtain state-issued, statewide cable and video franchises instead of requiring franchises from individual municipalities.

The legislation, which took effect as soon as signed, also makes Texas the first state to offer broadband over power lines, the governor's office said.

Other Highlights

• Texans for a Republican Majority, a political action committee backed by U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, was indicted

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Why are we so busy?

Just about everybody I talk to says, "I've been busy," when I ask what they've been doing lately. I mean it's rare when I get any other answer. Everybody's busy.

That worries me. When someone asks me what I've been doing, my standard reply is, "just goofing off, taking it easy, relaxing, having a ball."

The looks I get after my utterance are varied.

Some people just sort of smile, others just nod their head, as if to say, "you're not busy enough." Some people look at me like I'm crazy. Rarely does someone say, "boy I wish I could say that."

I think it's boring to tell people you're busy. Who cares? Is that something rare? To be busy? Are we supposed to be busy all the time? Can't we ever have a day off?

I admire the European attitude toward life and work. Generally, to the European, work is just a part of life, not the whole thing.

A man from Spain told me he could do twelve months' work in eleven months, but not in twelve.



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

When I asked him what he meant, he said he has to have a month off to have new experiences, go to new places, meet new people, spend time with the family and forget about work for a month. He said it gives him a whole new perspective on life. He enjoys the month off to relax, read and rejuvenate.

Being busy is very American, I know. Time is money. Europeans say time is life. To their way of thinking, life comes before money. Only the wealthiest Americans say that money is secondary to enjoyment.

All 9 members of our family had a get-together on South Padre this summer. Our two sons, their wives and children joined us in a corner condo on one of the high rises on the beach. We read, laughed, played on the sand and in the warm gulf

water, laughed, tested our skill at table games, enjoyed delicious food prepared in the condo, laughed, sat on the 8th floor balcony and surveyed the scene, laughed and took naps. The beach was clean and the temperature was just right for enjoying summer by the sea. The previous week a hurricane came ashore, but missed South Padre.

We spent a fun day at Schlitterbahn, one of the most innovative water parks in the country. One reason we enjoyed it so much was the fact that our sons had visited Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels when they were youngsters. One of our 2 two-year-old grandsons loved the water. The other thought he had enough after a few minutes.

We started our annual get-togethers last year when we went to Lake Tahoe. We decided that we were all busy, but needed to take some time off once a year to be together when there wasn't a wedding or funeral or illness or holiday. At South Padre, we were relaxed and rejuvenated. It was a valuable and rewarding use of time.

OBITUARIES

Maria Ninfa Garcia

Maria Ninfa Garcia, born on June 10, 1928, died on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005 at her residence in Eldorado at the age of 77. She is survived by her husband, Jesus Garcia Sr.; sons Victor, Juan and Jesus; daughters Tabitha, Tina Wilson and Romey Pfannenstiel; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded by daughters Yolanda Garcia and Susy Garcia. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial following in the Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Ruth Howell Mebane

Ruth Howell Mebane died peacefully September 1, 2005. She was born to Issac Howell and Roxie Reddell on April 24, 1909. She married Robert Eugene Mebane, who was employed with Shell Oil. Ruth was a school-teacher for many years. She taught in Eldorado, Galena Park and Del Valle. She still had students who admired her and even contacted her when she was in her early 90's. She loved her family and friends and never had a bad word to say about anyone. She looked for the good in everyone and consequently brought out the best in people. She was sharp as a tack even until her last days. She played bridge and loved spectator sports and knew

more about the players and teams than many sports fanatics. She was blessed with a son, Robert E. and wife, Nicki, three grandchildren, Trey Mebane and wife, Erika, and James Mebane and wife, Jessica, and Lowell L. Meeks and wife Brandy, six great-grandchildren, Nova and Neva Mebane, Will, RJ and Wesley Mebane and Madison Meeks. Barbara Fields has also been a very special friend. She is also survived by nieces, Ora B. Burnett and Pat Sparks and husband, Ken, along with other nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at McCurdy Funeral Home in Lockhart on Saturday, September 3, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.



The 2005 EHS Homecoming court posed for photos last Friday during halftime festivities at the Eldorado/Menard football game. Members of the court include (L-R) Senior candidate Lauren Brown, Homecoming Queen Josie Diaz, Senior candidate Micaela Gonzalez, Junior Duchess Tiffany Hernandez, Freshman Duchess Corie Williams and Sophomore Duchess Amika Gonzalez.

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Eldorado Masonic Lodge to host benefit 4th annual golf tournament

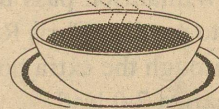
The Eldorado Masonic Lodge #890 will be hosting its 4th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 8th, 2005 at the Eldorado Golf Club. This will be a 2-person select shot format. Cost is \$50.00 per team limited to the first 18 teams and mulligans will be for sale at \$5/each, limit 2. There will be a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start.

There will be lots of prizes including a closest to the pin and longest drive contest. Prizes will be awarded for all placings and no money will be paid back, only prizes.

Proceeds will go to help fund the many activities that are conducted each year by the Masonic Lodge.

For more information or to sign up a team, please call Scott Edmonson at 853-2847 or Bob Blaud at 853-2976.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, September 19
King Ranch Chicken, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Carrot Salad, Oatmeal Cookies, Milk
Tuesday, September 20
Roast Beef Sandwich, Baked French Fries, Lettuce Leaf, Tomato Slices, Pea Salad, Peach Halves, Milk
Wednesday, September 21
Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gray, Buttered Peas, Spinach, Cornbread, Sunshine Fruit Cup, Milk
Thursday, September 22
Chicken Fajita Salad, Cheese, Tomato Wedges & Lettuce, Macaroni Salad, Crackers, Cherry Perfection, Pumpkin Pie, Milk
Friday, September 23
Hamburger on a Bun, Whole Baby Carrots, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Bun, Seafoam Salad, Fresh Grapes, Milk

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by a Travis County grand jury on Sept. 8. TRMPAC was charged with accepting contributions from corporations during the 2002 campaign season, in violation of the Texas elections code.

The Office of the State Auditor released a report saying 62,000 university students who qualified for financial aid did not receive it after tuition rates increased. Those students were enrolled at the Uni-

versity of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University and the University of Houston. The Texas Legislature passed a law deregulating tuition in 2003. Tuition increases of up to 45 percent were reported.

Children at least 5-years-old and 36 inches tall are no longer required to be buckled into child safety seats, according to a new Texas law changing requirements for motor vehicle passengers.

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20th Odette Barrientos, Tevyn Thomas, Miguel Lozano, Shawn Goodrum, Don Richters, Susan McAlpine, Dean Williams, Krista Belk, Abbigal Spradley, Wyatt Mertz, Heidi Adame, Lucas Santellano
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Yellowjackets ruin Eagles homecoming 38-6

When a high school football coach tells you after the third game of the season that his team will be spending their next few workouts focusing on the fundamentals of football, blocking and tackling, it usually means that his team did not have a good outing. Such was the case with Eagles head coach Johnny Burleson after the 38-6 loss to Menard.

"We just didn't play well," Burleson said after the game. "We have a lot of things to work on before opening district in a couple of weeks."

The Eagles held the game close through the opening quarter but the experienced Menard squad slammed the door early on the Eagles as their defense ruled out any chance of a comeback.

The Yellowjackets scored first when Roy Garrett hauled in a Michael Williamson pass took it 27 yards to paydirt. Chris Ramon booted through the extra point to give Menard a 7-0 lead.

The Eagles answered quickly when Russell Cathey pounded the ball in from a yard out. Eldorado's extra-point attempt failed as the Warbirds pulled to within a point of Menard.

That would pretty much be it for the Eagles offense, however, as Menard's defense stymied everything the Warbird's tried to do.

Menard scored again in the 2nd quarter, then once in the 3rd and twice in the 4th on the way to the 38-6 margin.

Russell Cathey was the leading ground gainer for the Eagles, picking up 31 yards on 17 carries. Michael Ballew hauled in a 44-yard pass from quarterback David Hernandez to lead all Eagles receivers.

Defensively, the Warbirds were led on the field by Nester Hernandez who tallied 6 tackles and 6 assists.

The loss moved the Eagles



Eagles defender #6 Jeremy Ussery brought down this Menard runner with a shoestring tackle last Friday night as the Eldorado Eagles took on the Yellowjackets in Eagle Stadium. The visitors won the game 38-6.

season mark to 1-2, but it also cost Eldorado in the injury column with Andy Mejia, Epolo Herrera, Zach Hash, Timmy Maskill and Michael Ballew joining several other Eagles players on the injured list. Coach Burleson said he hopes the extra days his team gets with the bye this week will give his

wounded players time to heal. In the meantime, the remainder of the team will be working on those fundamentals Burleson was quick to mention — blocking and tackling and preparing for the District 2-2A opener when the Grape Creek Eagles come to town next week.

"I'm looking for us to jump back and play well against Grape Creek," Coach Burleson said. "They are big, but not as fast as Menard. We should match up better."

The District 2-2A race will be a tough one. With eight teams in the district, each squad will be forced to play seven district games, with only three teams making the playoffs.

The Grape Creek game is slated for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23rd in Eagle Stadium.



Eagles receiver #10 Michael Ballew battled a Menard defender for this pass shortly during halftime in Eldorado's homecoming game with the Yellowjackets.

School Lunch Menu

Milk & Bread Offered
 Menu Subject To Change
 1/2 pt. Milk & 4 oz.
 Juice offered w/each

BREAKFAST MENU

- Monday, September 19**
 Biscuits, Sausage, Orange Juice, Applesauce, Jelly, Milk
- Tuesday, September 20**
 Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Peaches, Milk
- Wednesday, September 21**
 Sweet Buttered Rice, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Mixed Fruit, Milk
- Thursday, September 22**
 Waffle Sticks, Syrup, Pineapple, Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Friday, September 23**
 Buttered Toast, Jelly, Choice of Cereals, Choice of Juice, Pear Halves, Milk

BASKET LINE

- Monday, September 19**
 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Sandwich Salad, Chips, Pears
- Tuesday, September 20**
 McRib Sandwich, Cheese Toes (ha), Pork-n-Beans, Peaches & Pineapple, Tidbits
- Wednesday, September 21**
 Crisptos, Cheese Sauce, Carrot Stix, Dip, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches
- Thursday, September 22**
 Chef Salad, Crackers, Diced Ham, Cheese, Broccoli Rosy Applesauce
- Friday, September 23**
 Cheese Pizza, Whole Kernel, Corn, Tossed Salad, Ice Cream

CAFETERIA LINE

- Monday, September 19**
 Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Broccoli Tops, Dip, Mandarin Orange, Pineapples
- Tuesday, September 20**
 Cowboy Beans, Whole Kernel, Corn, Tossed Salad, Chocolate Moose, Topping
- Wednesday, September 21**
 Steak Fingers, Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Mixed Fruit
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It's FREE! Kid's Kup at X-Bar Ranch

It is bike racing time at the X-Bar this weekend and time again for the free Kids Kup. The free event will begin at noon through 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17. The Kid's Kup is a free event for children to have their own area for practicing, racing and exploring the joys of mountain

biking and the outdoors. So load up your bikes and come join us for an afternoon of biking fun.

Children from the Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona are encouraged to participate.

Directions: From Eldorado take US 277 south. Three miles south of town turn on to

FM 2129 (west). Do not enter where rock is at first X Bar Ranch entrance, take Live Oak Lodge entrance 5.5 miles further. On I-10, from Sonora take Exit 388 on to FM 1312 West, or from Ozona take Exit 381 on FM 1312, to FM 2129, go +/- 7 miles on FM 2129 to race site.

A prayer of thanksgiving to our Lord & Savior. We would like to say thank you to Dr. Chang, the Shannon Hospital staff, and Dr. Steve Coates for his aggressive treatment and dramatic changes Vickie during her recent illness.

There is no place that we had rather be from than Eldorado. There are so many caring and thoughtful people here. Our family could not have survived without all the love and concern that we felt from everyone. We want to thank each of you for all the many prayers, cards, food, calls, and visits.

Vickie is very glad to be at home now recuperating. Please keep the prayers coming for her to regain her strength. God bless each of you, Dean, Vickie, and Corie B. Williams

Hutchison: Texans are always quick to respond to disasters

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tornado had caused \$20 million in damage. Our countrymen showed us their generosity, sending \$1.3 million and over 400 volunteers from 15 states to help Jarrell recover.

Dealing with these disasters has made Texans both tough and compassionate. Whenever people encounter adversity, they are forced to make a decision about how to respond. So often, Texans have stood tall, displaying virtue in the heat of the moment. When battered by a hurricane, Texans have increased their resolve, battling the elements to survive. When threatened by funnel clouds, they have reacted with bravery and risked their lives to save the lives of others. And after the moment of danger has passed, they have showed kindness and generosity in helping neighbors get back on their feet.

Recently, hurricane Katrina barreled up the Gulf Coast, striking our neighbors, and dealing them a powerful blow. Approximately 80 percent of the city of New Orleans was covered in water, and thousands of people suddenly found themselves homeless and with no one to turn to. In the midst of this great misfortune, my heart was warmed by the many Texans who opened their arms and their homes to their fellow Americans. Public institutions, many churches and charities, and numerous individuals provided food, shelter, and money for those escaping the hurricane's devastation. In one story that was particularly touching, a Texas couple who had just moved into their new home took their old home off the market in order to provide shelter to a family of nine in the months ahead. In another part of Texas, one company offered about 40 vacant apartments in a retirement community, plus food, transportation, and housekeeping for no charge.

Know that when I am working in Washington, you repeatedly make me proud to be from the Lone Star State. I am honored to be your senator. When I am working with other senators, it is not

unusual for me to look over and see a confident gleam in their eyes because they know that, when the chips are down, they have a true friend in Texas.

There are still ways that you can help our neighbors who have been hurt by hurricane Katrina. While all assistance is appreciated, generally donations of money are more helpful than donations of food and clothing. Money can be used to buy exactly what is most urgently needed, including perishable food and medicine. Donations

of money also save the costs of transporting goods to where they are needed most. Some reliable charities include the Salvation Army (www.salvationarmyusa.org/USNSAHome.htm), Church World Service (www.churchworldservice.org/news/katrina/), and the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org/). Donations of time and energy also provide important assistance and give you a meaningful connection to those you are helping. As of this date, three of our major cities are

setting up huge sites for hurricane evacuees. To volunteer, call your local Red Cross office.

Finally, do not forget to be prepared for a natural disaster yourself. Be sure you have survival kits in your home and car, and you refresh them from time to time with new food and batteries. For specific suggestions on what to put in survival kits, go to www.fema.gov/rrr/empreg.shtm. Also, be sure that you follow the directions of local government officials, especially their warnings to evacuate when necessary.

Wildlife health seminar set next Thursday in Sonora

by Scott Edmonson

The Texas Cooperative Extension offices in Sutton, Schleicher and Crockett counties will be hosting a Wildlife Health Seminar on Thursday, September 22, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. til 12:noon at the Sutton County Civic Center. Rafter W Feeds of Sonora is sponsoring this event.

Topics to be discussed include: Surveillance on Animal Disease with Tim Leary of the Texas Animal Health Commission; Im-

pact of Anthrax on Deer Hunting Enterprises with Dr. Jim Cathey, Extension Wildlife Specialist; and Wildlife Damage Management with John Dorsett, Texas Wildlife Management Service.

There will be two (2) CEU's available for those individual with a pesticide applicators license.


If you are interested in attending this program or would like additional information, please call the Sutton County Extension office at 387-3101.



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Fall means it's time again for Cricket control

The following information was provided by Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist stationed in San Angelo.

Cricket outbreaks are one of the most predictable pest events of the year in most areas of Texas. Late summer and fall are when adult crickets become especially abundant around homes and commercial buildings. Although the cricket species associated with outbreaks in Texas have not been well studied, most belong to the Gryllus assimilis complex, and are collectively referred to as black field crickets, or field crickets.

BIOLOGY

Field cricket eggs are laid in the fall, approximately two weeks after females mature and develop wings. Firm, bare soil sites are preferred for egg laying. A single female cricket may lay from 150

400 eggs. Eggs remain in the soil throughout the winter and hatch the following spring.

Cricket nymphs can be identified by the incomplete development of the wings. Immature crickets require approximately three months to complete their development and become adults. Once the cricket reaches the adult stage it is capable of flight and mating. Cricket outbreaks occur when large numbers of nymphs complete their development and embark on nighttime mating flights.

The largest cricket outbreaks seem to occur during years of dry springs and summers. The reason for cricket outbreaks under such conditions is not fully understood; however, less fungal disease among eggs and cricket nymphs may provide a partial explanation. Although crickets can be locally abundant in any year, numbers appear to be highest in August

and September when a summer drought is broken by rainfall and cooler weather.

DAMAGE

Field crickets are primarily outdoor insects, and as such are only accidental indoor invaders. Nevertheless, they can become a considerable household nuisance when abundant. Unlike house crickets (the species commonly sold in stores as pet food), they will not breed or establish permanent indoor infestations. Indoors, crickets may damage clothing, drapes or wall coverings by their feeding activities or by staining with their feces or regurgitations. Although crickets do not normally feed on fabrics, soiled clothing or clothes stained with perspiration may be damaged by crickets.

During severe outbreaks crickets can create an aesthetically unacceptable situation around places of business. Dead crickets quickly pile up, causing odors; and many people are repelled by the sight of large numbers of crickets on walls and sidewalks around offices and stores.

CONTROL

Outdoor lighting is the most important single cause of severe cricket infestations around homes and commercial buildings. Buildings that are brightly lit at night are most likely to attract the largest numbers of crickets during the fall mating season.

Reducing outdoor lights is the first, and most important, step in a cricket control program. Outdoor lights should be turned off as early in the evening as practical, or should be replaced with lamps that are less attractive to insects. Low pressure sodium vapor lamps and yellow incandescent "bug lights" are less attractive to crickets than standard incandescent, fluorescent, mercury vapor or halogen lights. Floodlights that illuminate homes or buildings, and which are not necessary for security purposes, should be turned off; or the lighting schedule should be restricted to a few hours each night.

All potential points of entry for crickets should be caulked or

sealed. Such sites include weep holes, soffits along the eaves of homes, windows, garage doors, etc. Crickets are especially likely to enter cracks and openings around outdoor lights, so check these areas carefully. Steel or brass wool may be stuffed in weep holes as temporary insect barriers, while allowing continued air circulation.

Crickets around building perimeters can be killed with any of several insecticidal baits and sprays. Baits are granular products that include a food that is tasty for crickets. They should be applied to ground covers and other areas where crickets are congregating next to buildings. Baits for crickets include products containing hydramethylnon (Maxforce® and Combat® granular ant and cricket baits), metaldehyde, carbaryl (Green Light Bug & Snail Bait) and trichlorfon (Larva Lure).

Liquid insecticide sprays may be applied to outdoor sites around weep holes, doorways, windows and other cricket entryways. Indoor sprays are not very effective for field crickets and are not recommended. Effective liquid insecticides for homeowners include cyfluthrin (Bayer Advanced®), carbaryl (Sevin®), and permethrin (Spectracide BugSpray® and others). Professionals should choose microencapsulated or wettable powder formulated sprays on brick and concrete areas for longest lasting control.

Cricket control with insecticides should be considered as only a partial solution to cricket problems. Insecticides should be used in combination with reductions in outdoor lighting for best control. When crickets are drawn to lighted buildings at night, they will continue to cause problems, regardless of the amounts of insecticides used. The heaviest cricket mating flights usually last only 1-2 weeks, although crickets will continue to remain active for many weeks, until cold weather arrives.



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PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)
HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)
HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)
HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.
The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)
SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)
SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)
HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)
SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)
SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)
HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.
The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."
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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Go together, colorwise
6. The Crimson Tide, for short
10. Links standard
13. "Am not!" rejoinder
14. Flower part
15. D.C.'s Pennsylvania, for one: Abbr.
16. "The Apprentice" star
18. WWE win
19. Te- (cigar brand)
20. Atkins or South Beach
21. Just got by
23. Jack Dempsey, "The Mauler"
25. Ceremonial staff bearer
26. The Yankees' #7
30. Boston skater
33. TV's " & Clark"
34. Motorists' org.
35. "Fan dancer" Sally
36. Olympic skiing champ Alberto
38. Barbecue rod
39. Egg: Prefix
40. Prefix with marketing
41. Holds a session
42. "Good Will Hunting" actress
46. Nemo creator Jules
47. To no extent
51. Worldwide relief org.
53. "American ___" (Fox TV hit)
54. Post-ER place
55. "King" Cole
56. Henry James heroine
59. Put into service
60. Track shapes
61. "Oliver Twist" villain
62. Alfred E. Neuman's magazine
63. Marshy areas
64. Idyllic settings

DOWN
1. "Call Me ___" (Berlin musical)
2. Coffee allure
3. Mortise mate
4. Civil War initials
5. Doesn't release
6. Ernie's "Sesame Street" pal
7. "The Simpsons" storekeeper
8. Musical based on the songs of Abba
9. Andean wool sources
10. Data storage medium, on old computers
11. Gung-ho
12. Slots city
14. T-bone, e.g.
17. Frisbee, checker, or tiddlywink
22. Cozy room
24. In the center of
25. "Butt out!", initially
27. Fudd of cartoonism
28. Cafe au ___
29. Gobbles down
30. ___ Bones (Sleepy Hollow bully)
31. Sitarist Shankar
32. Like a party crasher
36. Britney Spears, for one
37. "Ye" follower, on shoppe signs
38. Medical fluids
40. Bored by
41. Insurance company pitched by Snoopy
43. Japanese computer giant
44. Auto racer A.J. Foyt won four
45. "Va-va-___!"
48. Lower part of a hull
49. Strand in winter, maybe
50. Lefts and rights
51. E pluribus ___
52. Apollo 13 org.
53. Archipelago units: Abbr.
57. Bond creator Fleming
58. Young fellow

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Sales tax allocations show improving local economy

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced last Friday that the state collected \$1.49 billion in sales tax in August, up 4.4 percent compared to a year ago. And when the state's 2005 fiscal year ended August 31, sales tax collections were 5.8 percent higher than in FY 04, contributing to a \$1.2 billion revenue surplus for fiscal 2005.

Strayhorn delivered \$358 million in September sales tax payments to local governments, a 9.3 percent increase compared to September 2004. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 7.5 percent compared to the same period in 2004. September's sales tax allocations include local sales

taxes collected in July and reported to the Comptroller in August.

Locally, the City of Eldorado showed the most improvement with a 26.96 percent increase in its monthly rebate compared to the same period one year ago.

But Schleicher County's sales tax rebate was up, too, by some 12 percent. So was the rebate the county gets for the Health Services Tax. That was up nearly 12 percent over the same period last year. The Health Services Tax is the tax the county uses to fund the local ambulance service, along with other programs.

Strayhorn sent September sales tax allocations of \$244.6 million

to Texas cities, up 10 percent compared to September 2004. Calendar year-to-date, city sales-tax rebates are running 7.8 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received September sales tax allocations of \$20.6 million, up 6.4 percent compared to a year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 8.6 percent higher than last year.

Another \$10 million went to 99 special purpose taxing districts around the state, an increase of 10.5 percent compared to a year ago. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to special purpose districts are up 12.1 percent compared to 2004. Ten Texas transit systems re-

ceived \$82.7 million in September sales tax payments, up 8.2 percent compared to a year ago. Year-to-date, transit sales tax revenues are up 5.9 percent.

For details of September sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/alocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Oct. 14th and will be reported the following week in The Eldorado Success.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Scott Edmonson (foreground) and Phil Edmiston tended the grill Saturday morning as members of Eldorado's Masonic Lodge #890 cooked more than 300 chickens as a fund-raiser for the lodge's scholarship fund. Each year the lodge presents scholarships to EHS graduating seniors.

September 2005 Sales Tax Rebates

LOCAL JURISDICTION	Sept. '05	Sept. '04	% Change	2005 YTD	2004 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$ 8,890.46	\$7,002.25	26.96%	\$65,496.16	\$73,074.12	-10.37%
Schleicher County	\$10,248.29	\$9,147.21	12.03%	\$91,769.59	\$76,674.10	19.68%
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$10,188.13	\$9,131.26	11.57%	\$89,794.78	\$75,436.88	19.03%

Eagles JV defeats Menard 28-6

Manny Gonzales stripped the ball away from a Menard runner last Thursday evening on the Yellowjacket 35 yard line and carried the ball in for the Eagles first score as the Eldorado Junior Varsity squad went on the defeat the Menard JV by a score of 28-6. Gonzales also carried the ball in on the 2-point conversion for the JV Eagles.

In the second quarter, Dustin Ramirez carried the ball in from 15 yards out to keep the Eagles offensive machine rolling.

It was Pedro Garcia's turn in the 3rd quarter, and he carried the ball across the goal line from 10 yards out to give the JV Warbirds their third TD of the game.

Jesus Vasquez would round out the scoring for the Eagles when he picked off the Menard quarterback and returned the interception 35 yards for the score. He also added the 2-point conversion.

Pedro Garcia also tallied a pick on the defensive side of the ball as the Eagles JV effectively shut down the Yellowjacket's offense all day.

Jr. Warbirds defeat Buffs

Jesus Vasquez scored three times for the Eagles JV in the 26-10 victory of the Forsan JV on Thursday, Sept. 1st.

Vasquez would run the ball in from the 20 yard line in the 2nd quarter to open the scoring for the Eagles. He would find the endzone again in the 3rd, this time from 50 yards out. Then, in Vasquez sprinted in from 15 yards out in the final period to help slam the door shut on the Buffalo JV.

Louie Buitron also got in on the scoring as he sprinted in from 40 yards out in the 4th quarter.

Manny Gonzales and Pedro Garcia each carried the ball in on a 2-point conversions and Garcia tallied an interception as the JV Eagles coasted to a 26-10 victory.

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Eldorado-Divide SWCD to Hold Environmental Quality Incentives Program Meeting

The Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District will hold a Program Development Group Meeting, concerning the 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program, on Tuesday, September 21, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in the Civic Center in Eldorado. A Local Work Group meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

This purpose of the meeting is to get input from farmers, ranchers and other conservation minded individuals and agencies concerning natural resource priorities within Schleicher County. The group will also provide input on how they would like to see federal cost-share dollars spent within the County. Cost-share practices as well as cost-share rates will also be discussed.

This Program Development Group will provide information to the Local Conservation Work Group for consideration. The Local Work Group consists of the Soil and Water Conservation District Directors, FSA County Committeemen, County Extension Agent, Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The input provided to the Local Work-Group is valuable in determining the type of conservation program to be carried out in 2006.

This past year, over 80 cost-share contracts were approved for approximately \$320,000. Almost all high priority applications were approved for funding in Schleicher County. The last 3 years, brush management, in particular pricklypear control, was designated as the high priority practice within the County. It will be up to the work groups to determine which resource concern(s) they would like to address and which practices to use to address those concerns. All farmers, ranchers and other agriculture, wildlife related entities are encourage to attend. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, Schleicher County Hospital District property tax rate was **\$0.3538/\$100**. That rate raised **\$822,752.00**, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS AND INDIGENT HEALTH CARE

This year, Schleicher County Hospital District is proposing a property tax rate of **\$.3299/\$100**. That rate would raise **\$846,869.00**, which is **\$24,644.00** more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on **Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.** at the **Hospital Board Room**. The second hearing will be held on **Monday, September 26, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.** at the **Hospital Board Room**.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures:
The Schleicher County Hospital District spent \$0.00 from September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$0.00.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.



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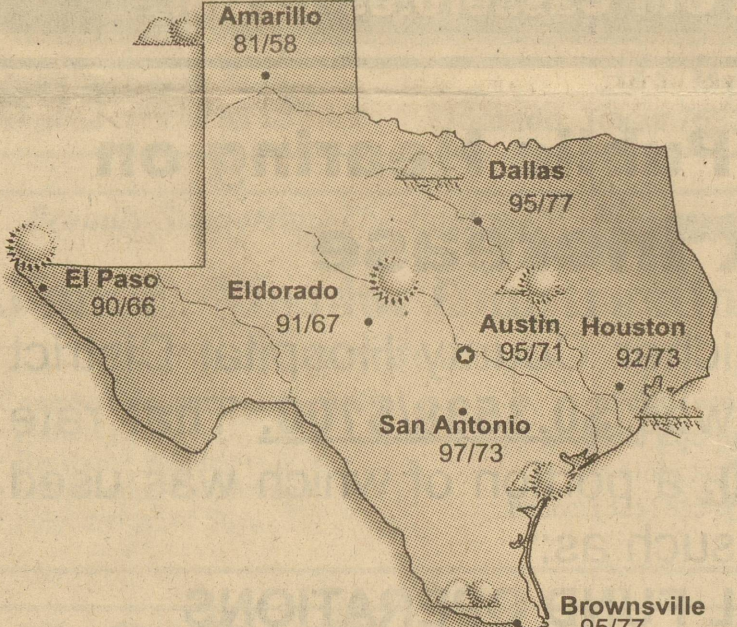
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Eldorado Weather
Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 9/16	Sat 9/17	Sun 9/18	Mon 9/19	Tue 9/20
91/67 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	90/67 Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	89/66 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	88/63 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	86/63 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 7:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 7:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:42 PM

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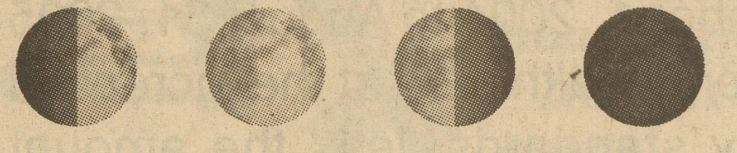
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	69	t-storm	Kingsville	96	74	mst sunny
Amarillo	81	58	pt sunny	Livingston	93	69	pt sunny
Austin	95	71	mst sunny	Longview	94	71	t-storm
Beaumont	92	72	pt sunny	Lubbock	87	64	pt sunny
Brownsville	95	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	94	70	pt sunny
Brownwood	95	69	t-storm	Midland	94	67	sunny
Corpus Christi	93	77	mst sunny	Raymondville	96	75	mst sunny
Corsicana	95	71	t-storm	Rosenberg	92	72	t-storm
Dallas	95	77	t-storm	San Antonio	97	73	mst sunny
Del Rio	99	73	sunny	San Marcos	96	71	mst sunny
El Paso	90	66	sunny	Sulphur Springs	92	71	t-storm
Fort Stockton	96	70	sunny	Sweetwater	91	68	t-storm
Gainesville	90	69	t-storm	Tyler	93	70	t-storm
Greenville	93	69	t-storm	Weatherford	93	69	t-storm
Houston	92	73	t-storm	Wichita Falls	89	68	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	90	69	mst sunny	Minneapolis	76	55	rain
Boston	78	68	rain	New York	83	69	rain
Chicago	77	54	mst sunny	Phoenix	99	74	sunny
Dallas	95	77	t-storm	San Francisco	67	53	mst sunny
Denver	77	49	sunny	Seattle	64	51	rain
Houston	92	73	t-storm	St. Louis	76	57	rain
Los Angeles	75	57	mst sunny	Washington, DC	87	68	rain
Miami	92	78	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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UV Index

Fri 9/16	Sat 9/17	Sun 9/18	Mon 9/19	Tue 9/20
10	10	10	10	9
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. 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
SEPT. 6 • Hawkins, Robert, male age 25, offense Driving While License Invalid. Release on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
SEPT. 8 • Rodriguez, Ruben, male age 34, offense Failure To

Appear-Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
September 10 • Zavala, Jose Luis, male age 36, offense Driving While License Invalid.
SEPT. 10 • Morehouse, Willima Scott, male age 52, offense Public Intoxication.
SEPT. 11 • Esparza, Joe Jr., male age 37, Driving While License Invalid. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

INCIDENTS
SEPT. 7 • 3:54 a.m. Complainant called 911. Subject recently had back surgery and was unable to move. EMS 2 was dispatched along with officer.
 • 5:33 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to a San Angelo hospital. EMS 2 responded.
 • 5:59 p.m. Loud music was reported on SW Main Street. Officer responded.
 • 6:40 p.m. Complainant on Depot St. reported that their blue and silver mongoose bicycle had

been taken. Officers notified.
 • 8:29 p.m. Resident reported kids jumping on their trampoline without their permission. Officer responded.
SEPT. 8 • 1:14 a.m. Clinic requested ACLS transfer from the clinic to San Angelo hospital. EMS 2 responded.
 • 2:27 a.m. Complainant reported finding 8 sheep on this property that did not belong to them.
 • 3:08 a.m. Complainant reported customers emergency service button in vehicle was activated. Officer responded.
 • 7:28 p.m. Subject requested a message be delivered to a female subject. Officer responded.
 • 8:17 p.m. Subject reported children playing in the highway. Hwy. 190 East. Officer responded.
 • 7:16 p.m. Anonymous caller call dispatcher complaining oil field trucks tail gate their vehicle to make them pull over as they drive to work. Complainant stated the drivers of trucks are running 80-90 miles per hour and will not go around them, but expect them

to pull over. Complainant wants Hwy. 277 patrolled. Ozona DPS notified.
SEPT. 9 • 9:50 a.m. Dispatch received a 911 call from CR 302 with no answer. Dispatch tried unsuccessfully to make contact with caller, but would only get a busy signal. Two officers responded and found everything OK.
SEPT. 10 • 8:41 a.m. Caller reported a loose brown horse in the Edgfield subdivision. Officer responded.
 • 9:08 a.m. Caller reported a loose cow on Hwy. 915. Two officers responded.
SEPT. 11 • 1:06 a.m. Complainant reported loud music coming from an apartment on East Street. Officer responded and found radio on but no one at the apartment to turn it off.
SEPT. 12 • 4:00 p.m. Parent and student came to Sheriff Office to complain about harassment incident. The incident occurred at a dance at the school gym Friday night. Parent complaint was male subject should not have been at the dance or on school grounds and there were no chaperones present for child to complain to. Officer referred complaint to school officials.
 • Complainant on McIntosh Road requested an officer to shoot a rattlesnake that was on their back porch. Officer and game warden responded.
September 13 • 6:50 a.m. Complainant accepted a check from a customer and there was a problem with the check. Store trying to locate customer. Officer responded.
 • 8:32 a.m. Complainant reported neighbor has parked their pickup by neighbors bedroom and radio playing music loudly. Officer responded and was unable to locate.
 • Complainant reported a red pickup parked unsafely on Hwy. 277 south passed Schleicher County line. Sutton County Game Warden was unable to investigate at the time. SC Officer responded.
 • Subject reported a stolen or lost cell phone.
 • Trash was reported on Old San Angelo Hwy. Officer responded.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 A Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 19, 2005, regarding proposed Amendment #18 to Utility Ordinance #104-96. The Amendment addresses the following proposed City service rate adjustments:

- Increase water rate from \$2.00 per thousand gallons to \$2.50 per thousand gallons after minimum charge. Minimum will remain at \$10.00 for the first 3000 gallons. (Last changed 9-13-04)
- Increase overhead cost for calculating gas sales price from \$2.25 to \$2.75 per mcf. (Last changed 9-13-04)
- Increase sanitation rates by 7% (Last changed 8/29/1994):
- Residential charge to increase from \$14.00/month to \$15.00/month,
- Basic Commercial to increase from \$27.00/month to \$29.00/month (1 pickup/week),
- All other Commercial rates will reflect approximately a 7% increase.
- Utility Transfer Fee shall increase from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per request.
- Return Check Fee shall increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per check.
- Summer Gas Reconnection Fee shall increase from \$5.00 per meter to \$20.00 per meter.
- New Account Service Connection Fee of \$20.00 shall be charged.

Copies of the proposed Amendment will be available at the City Hall prior to the meeting. Citizens are invited to ask questions and provide either written or oral comment on the above proposed items.

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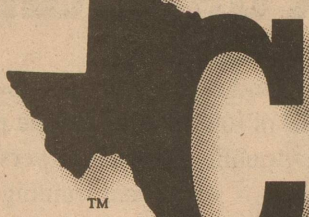
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District will hold a budget hearing at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at the Schleicher County Annex Building, 210 S. Main St., Eldorado, Tx to consider a proposed FY 06 budget. The Board will also consider a proposed tax rate for tax year 2005-2006. The proposed tax rate is the effective rate of \$0.04014 per \$100 of value. 37b

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TWC assists Louisiana evacuees with job search and benefit assistance

AUSTIN — Thousands of evacuees now in Texas due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina are receiving help through job-search services and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) claims filing assistance from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

Job Fairs: Thursday in Dallas an estimated 2100 people, including both Katrina evacuees and area residents, registered for work. With approximately 220 employers participating from Texas and throughout the country, 307 job offers were extended on site, with another 494 offers pending. This

extraordinary 38% report of immediate success is unprecedented for local job fairs. Job fairs are scheduled for Friday, September 9, in San Antonio and Monday, September 12, in Austin. Job seekers are encouraged to use www.WorkInTexas.com, the online job matching resource where more than 116,136 Texas employers currently have 46,112 positions available.

Filing of DUA Claims: TWC has taken the lead by hiring more than 130 emergency temporary staff to process 26,815 DUA claims as of Thursday, September 8, on behalf of the state of Louisiana and by routing calls to other states assisting with the effort. The toll-free number that has been established to apply for DUA claims for dislocated Louisiana workers is 1-800-818-7811.

Job-Search Assistance: Due to an overwhelming response from employers offering jobs to disaster victims, TWC has established a central toll-free number, 1-800-695-6879, to take calls from em-

ployers wishing to hire displaced workers. As of Thursday, 7,169 job orders had been placed on the hot line from 235 employers. All 28 workforce development boards also are receiving job orders directly from employers.

Temporary On-site Workforce Centers: Texas workforce development boards with large numbers of evacuees have established on-site workforce centers at evacuation shelters. They include the Houston Astrodome, Dallas Reunion Center and KellyUSA in San Antonio. Six workforce boards are contributing the use of their mobile workforce centers to further assist with evacuees' needs. In Beaumont, the Southeast Texas Workforce Development Board has hired several evacuees to do data entry at the relief center. TWC has secured generators, extra phone lines, facility services, and temporary services to assist the boards and tele-centers with temporary locations and extended hours of operations.

Dislocated Worker Services:

Realizing the most proactive response is to help evacuees with job-search activities, TWC immediately requested and was granted a \$75 million National Emergency Grant (NEG) from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). The funds will provide assistance to approximately 37,500 individuals who have evacuated to Texas as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Approximately \$23.5 million in grant funds has been released.

The DOL grant will be used to provide:

- temporary jobs providing food, clothing, shelter and humanitarian assistance for victims

- Rapid Response dislocated worker services, which include crisis and financial counseling, assistance filing Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) and Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims, and temporary transition centers in or near the greatest concentration of evacuees

- overall job-search assistance which includes career counseling

and assessment and coordination of job orders from the private- or public sector employers

- vocational training for skills that could be utilized to rebuild areas destroyed by the disaster, as well as training in high-demand and targeted occupations

- work-related support services such as child care, transportation and clothing

- needs-related payments to individuals who do not qualify for DUA or UI, or for those who have exhausted those benefits

TWC is working in concert with Governor Rick Perry, Texas state and local agencies, and other states to provide aid and support to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.

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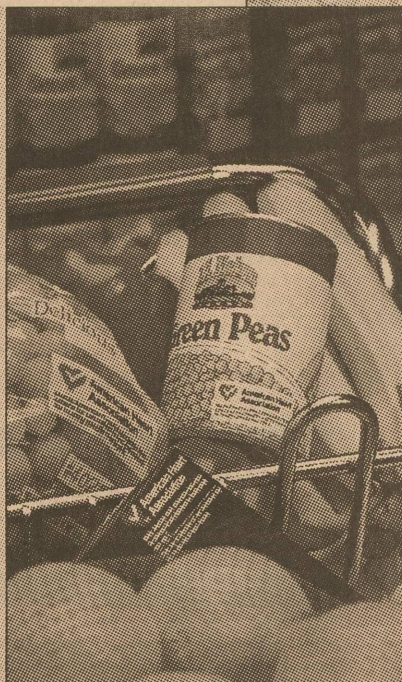
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FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Any journey begins with the first step. So why not take time this September, National Cholesterol Month, to begin your journey toward better health? When you follow tips from the American Heart Association, the path to well-being for you and your family can be easy — and life-saving.

Coronary heart disease is the single largest killer of Americans, so managing cholesterol levels and taking care of your heart can help you lead a longer, healthier life. Who wouldn't be happier about that?

"It's simple to get started on the road to heart health," says Alice Lichtenstein D.Sc., Gershof, Professor of Nutrition, USDA Human Nutrition Research Center, Tufts University and Chair of the American Heart Association Nutrition Committee. "Be aware of your blood cholesterol levels." If you are told lower your "bad" cholesterol, select foods low in saturated and trans fats as well as cholesterol, such as skim milk, lean meats, poultry, fish and plenty of fruits and vegetables. "And," she says, "get up and move! Even small changes can add up to significant benefits."

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No need to be confused at the supermarket when looking for nutritious foods — just look for the one, true heart-check mark created by the American Heart Association's Food Certification Program. It's the familiar red heart with the white check mark. This program of product certification, backed by solid science, has made it foolproof to find heart-healthy foods quickly and reliably. All products bearing this logo meet the association's nutrition criteria per standard serving to be:

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- For meats to be eligible for the heart-check mark, they must meet the USDA standard for "extra lean."

Log on to heartcheckmark.org for more information and to create a grocery list you can print and take with you to the store.

Ham and Broccoli With Rotini

Serves 4 (1 1/2 cups per serving)

Perfect for a rainy night, this one-dish meal is really quick and easy to prepare.

- 4 quarts water
- 6 ounces dried whole-wheat or regular rotini
- 1 1/2 cups small broccoli florets
- 1 large red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1 cup frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed
- 4 slices reduced-fat American cheese
- 3 ounces low-fat, lower-sodium ham, thinly sliced and chopped
- 2 tablespoons fat-free milk
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne

In a stockpot, bring the water to a boil over high heat. Boil the pasta for 7 minutes.

Stir in the broccoli and bell pepper. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes, or until the broccoli is tender-crisp. Drain well in a colander. Return to the pot.

Stir in the remaining ingredients. Spoon the mixture onto plates.

Nutrition Analysis (per serving): 292 Calories, 5.0g Total Fat (2.5g Saturated, 0.5g Polyunsaturated, 0.5g Monounsaturated), 19mg Cholesterol, 587mg Sodium, 48g Carbohydrates (3g Fiber, 7g Sugar), 17g Protein
Dietary Exchanges: 3 starch, 1 vegetable, 1 lean meat

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What Is Cholesterol?

Cholesterol can be both good and bad, so it's critical to learn how it affects your health, what your levels are and how to manage it.

- LDL (low-density lipoprotein) cholesterol is considered "bad" cholesterol, because it can build up as plaque and clog arteries. A level of 130 or less is near optimal for most people; 160 or higher increases the risk of heart disease.
- HDL (high-density lipoprotein) cholesterol is the "good" cholesterol. Medical experts believe it removes excess cholesterol from the arteries. A level of 40 or less increases the risk of heart disease.
- Triglyceride (TG) is a form of fat, and many people with heart disease and high LDL levels have high TG levels, as do diabetics and obese people. Levels of 150 are normal; 200 or more may require treatment.

To control your cholesterol, the American Heart Association recommends you get a cholesterol screening, maintain a healthy weight, be active, follow your healthcare professional's recommendations and eat foods low in saturated fat and trans fat, as well as cholesterol.

Move It!

It's really this easy: Get yourself and your family into the healthy habit of activity. You don't have to call it exercise or working out. Simply look for chances to be more active during the day. Walk the mall before shopping, choose a flight of stairs over an escalator or take 10- to 15-minute walking breaks while watching TV or sitting for some other activity. Use variety to keep your interest up. Walk one day, swim the next, then go for a bike ride on the weekend.

Build a Healthy Diet.

Smart eating can help lower your cholesterol and maintain a healthy blood cholesterol level. So make sure you're selecting the right foods and:

- Watch calorie intake by eating a wide variety of foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol.
- Eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables; more is better. Diets high in fruits and vegetables are associated with decreased risk of cardiovascular disease.

- Eat six or more servings of whole-grain cereals, breads and pasta.
- Eat fish, poultry without skin and leaner cuts of meat instead of fatty ones.
- Eat fat-free or 1% dairy products rather than those from whole milk.

Heart-healthy eating is good for everyone. And creating a balanced, nutritious eating plan is as simple as 1-2-3 with the help of the association's distinctive red heart with the white check mark. First, log on to heartcheckmark.org. There, you'll find a complete list of food items certified to be heart-healthy. Second, create and print your healthy-diet list to take with you to the supermarket. Third, look for the heart-check mark while shopping to easily and reliably find heart-healthy foods in your grocery store.

To learn more about reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke through good nutrition, visit americanheart.org or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 for your free copy of the "Shop Smart with Heart" brochure.

Stargazer
Paul Derrick

Saturn Stirs Up a Beehive

The planet Saturn stirs up a swarm of celestial bees this month as it passes a star cluster called the Beehive. But you've got to be an early bird to see this predawn show.

Rising in the east three hours before the Sun, Saturn is best seen an hour to an hour and a half before sunrise. You'll notice three bright starlike objects 20-25 degrees above the eastern horizon and aligned 20-25 degrees apart. (The width of your fist held at arm's length is 10 degrees.) Saturn, to the left, is slightly lower than the other two which are stars—Procyon in the middle and Sirius, the night sky's brightest star, to the right.

The Beehive, an open star cluster in the constellation Cancer the Crab, also goes by other names: M44, NGC 2632, Praesepe, and the Manger. To naked eyes and under reasonably dark skies it looks like a faint, easily-missed fuzball about the size of a full Moon. However in binoculars (or a telescope at low power) its dazzling swarm of some 200 individual stars pops into view.

As stars go, these are young—a mere 400 million years old—compared to Saturn (and the rest of our solar system) at nearly 5 billion years. At a distance of 515 light years, the Beehive is a nearby cluster, yet vastly further

than Saturn which is 900 million miles away.

Passing to the right of the Beehive, Saturn closes to within a mere 1.2 degrees of the cluster's center Sept. 14—the width of your finger held at arm's length. And since Saturn moves slowly against the background stars it will remain within 2 degrees the rest of the month.

While you're out early, you can also get a preview of what's coming in late fall and early winter. As Earth journeys around the Sun, each season presents a different set of constellations. With fall approaching we are starting to see the fall night sky—those constellations prominent in the evening hours of fall (since most stargazing occurs in the evening).

But as Earth rotates daily on its axis, the constellations slowly move across the night sky so that by morning the sky has changed about a season's worth of constellations. Thus morning viewing gives a preview of the next season's evening night sky. Above Saturn and the Beehive, the winter sky is rising in the east, displaying such winter delights as the Great Winter Arc, Taurus the Bull, the Pleiades cluster and Orion the Hunter. And notice bright Mars high in the south, preparing for its late October drama.

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