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Jeffs hit with eight more indictments

A pair of Arizona grand juries have handed up eight more criminal indictments against Warren Jeffs, the jailed leader of FLDS Church. Jeffs is already facing life in prison in Utah on two charges of Rape as an Accomplice.

A pair of Arizona grand juries recently indicted Jeffs on eight additional counts. Included among the new charges are four counts of sexual conduct with a minor and four counts of incest. Both charges are felonies under Arizona law.

The indictments were handed up by two separate grand juries on May 10th and June 21st of this year. Charges were withheld from the public until they were released last week by Mohave County, Arizona prosecutor Matthew Smith.

Jeffs was reportedly served with the new indictments in his jail cell in the Purgatory Correctional Facility in Hurricane, Utah.

The first indictment charges Jeffs with two counts of sexual conduct with a minor and two counts of incest for his alleged role in arranging a marriage between a man in his early 50s and the man's 17-year-old female relative.

Identical charges were filed by another grand jury in connection with the marriage of another man to a young female relative.

Jeffs was arrested on August 28, 2006 during a traffic stop near Las Vegas on Interstate Highway 15. He was considered a fugitive from justice since 2005, when Arizona authorities charged him with two felonies for allegedly arranging a marriage between a 16-year-old girl and a 28-year-old man.

Jeffs had been wanted on felony charges in Utah and Arizona but, as he continued to elude authorities, he was indicted in Federal Court in Utah and Arizona on charges of Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution. The FBI then named him to their Ten Most Wanted List.

Authorities in Arizona say they are content to wait for the Utah charges to proceed, especially with Jeffs facing the possibility of life in prison on the Utah charge of Rape as an Accomplice. However, Mohave County Attorney Matt Smith is reported as saying, "We certainly can't sit back and anticipate he's going to be brought to justice in Utah or by the Feds. But beyond that, anytime we're aware of felony charges we're going to file them, whether it's Warren Jeffs or someone you've never heard of."



Trish and Steve Rowe are settling in after moving to Eldorado from Robert Lee.

Pastor Rowe to lead local Methodist church

First United Methodist Church of Eldorado would like to introduce you to Pastor Steven Rowe and his wife Trish. Steve was appointed to serve FUMC beginning in June of this year. Prior to this Steve had been serving another United Methodist Church in West Texas for the last five years and has a wide range of experiences to share with the people of Eldorado. He was born in San Antonio and raised on the Gulf Coast for 42 years, and they have two grown daughters (No grandkids yet). He and Trish are looking forward to many years of service in Eldorado and look forward to getting to know the people of this community.



Claudia Alta "Lady Bird" Taylor Johnson with Susan Buchholz

Remembering Lady Bird

by Susan Buchholz

When the hearse brought Lyndon's body home, after lying in state at the Capitol, the everyday folk of the hill country lined Hwy. 290 from Oakhill to Stonewall.

They stood hat-in-hand to stand up for Lady Bird Johnson. Each heart wanted her to see the love and respect felt.

Years earlier I was living in Houston. An older black woman, Bertha, was my helper around the house. Once in awhile we would lunch together, and Bertha would tell me about growing up in East Texas. Seems her father worked for a man known as "Mr. Taylor." His main job having been training and caring for a large pack of hounds.

One day Mr. Taylor arrived in a wagon to fetch home some dogs. High on the wagon seat his daughter, Miss Claudia, sat beside him. She called out to Bertha "Here, I have a picnic! Won't you come share?" Bertha said that until that moment she had never seen white bread. Miss Claudia, who later grew up to become Claudia Alta "Lady Bird" Taylor Johnson, was remembered by Bertha with every future sandwich.

I enjoyed retelling the story to the original Miss Claudia when the years slid by and our paths eventually crossed.

When my art studio was in Dripping Springs, Texas I became friends with Mr. Bradley Davis, a hill country naturalist. In younger days he had taught the scouts at Philmont, and scores of

campers at Friday Mountain. He was a treasure trove of knowledge. Mr. Davis stopped in the studio one day to announce an unprecedented stand of Blue-Bells in a nearby hidden spot. We promptly related the find to Lady Bird.

Very soon, she appeared one afternoon and asked to be taken to view the Blue-Bells. Her old brown Chrysler was filled with boxes of peaches. The peaches were escorted by her secret service agents in their gray Crown Victoria. It was sweltering and the agents had on suits. We made a small caravan with Mr. Davis directing Mrs. Johnson, both of them enveloped in peach aroma. I must admit the large meadow was breathtaking; awash in the lavender blue nodding heads of Blue-Bells. Quietly talking, Mr. Davis led Lady Bird among the blossoms for about an hour. I waited with the secret service and gawked at the array of firearms in the Ford's open trunk.

At Stonewall, seated in rockers on the front porch, sipping iced-tea. Lady Bird got a mischievous twinkle in her eye. "The tour bus will be coming up the ranch road in a bit." She remarked. "Sometimes when the tour bus comes I walk out onto the lawn and wave. The bus occupants just go wild!"

Later that same day she took my ten year old son down to a barn. Inside was a car the Italian government had presented to LBJ as a presidential gift. (They read him so well.) Manufactured by Fiat, all it took was one putt about

the lake and it was a big hit!

Here for your consideration are a few of Lady Bird's favorite recipes.

LBJ Ranch Peach Cobbler

4 cups peaches, peeled and sliced; 3/4 cup sugar; 1 tablespoon butter; 1 teaspoon cinnamon; Extra butter sugar and cinnamon

Stir first four ingredients together and heat. Do NOT boil. Pour into an 8X8 inch pan. Dot with more butter. Cover with top crust. Sprinkle cinnamon and sugar on top and bake for 30 minutes at 400 degrees. Serves 6.

Top Crust: 3 cups flour; 1/4 cup sugar; 1 teaspoon salt; 1 cup Crisco; 1 egg plus enough water to total 1/2 cup.

Mix the flour, sugar and salt together. Add the Crisco and blend until in crumbs. Add the egg and water mixture and gather into a ball. Roll out for top crust. Remainder of dough will keep well refrigerated.

Lady Bird's Peach Ice Cream

1 quart of cream; 1 pint of milk; 3 eggs; 1 cup of sugar; 1/2 gallon of soft peaches, peeled mashed and well sweetened.

Make a boiled custard with cream, milk, eggs and sugar. When cool add the peaches. This makes one-gallon of ice cream which is most delicious.

Now we must say good-bye to a true Texas woman. In reality she was our finest peach.

SCISD trustees consider student drug testing

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees wasted no time Monday night swearing in newly appointed board member Kirk Jones, who filled the vacancy left by the resignation of Jo Helen Kotsch.

Discussion then turned to two items that could seriously impact the future of Schleicher County ISD, a facilities study by architect Larry Harvey and the possibility of enacting a drug testing plan for all students who participate in extracurricular activities.

Harvey was on hand to discuss a proposed facility study. He briefly reviewed problems he had identified during a walk through of school buildings including possible fire code violations, water drainage issues and generally aging buildings. Harvey went on to identify a number of school districts he currently works for including Sonora and Rocksprings. He also provided local trustees with a copy of a facility review his company completed for Grape Creek ISD.

Ultimately, the trustees voted to authorize Harvey to prepare a formal proposal.

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John and Bethany Moody

The Moodys to appear in concert at Community Baptist

The Moodys are one of the most fun filled and ministry focused families in the gospel music industry today. Hailing from Texas they have taken their style of gospel music from coast to coast and border to border for over fourteen years. This family focused ministry has a style that some would say is a mixture of both southern and country gospel while delivering their own personality that will send you away having been both blessed and entertained.

Touring for an average of 200 dates a year, The Moodys spend a great deal of their time sharing the love of a wonderful Savior as well as their tremendous appreciation for the ones who daily give us the freedoms that we all so richly enjoy — our dedicated men and women in uniform. You don't want to miss the opportunity to experience this talented and dedicated family.

Texas has long been known for its many sons and daughter who have made their mark in gospel music. Once you experience The Moodys you will agree that God has sent one more gift from Deep In The Heart Of Texas!

The Moodys will be at Community Baptist Church, 12 E. Warner, Sunday, July 22 during the morning service beginning at 11:00 a.m. So come and join us for a time of praise and fun.

Running of the BULL Parade Information

Everyone is invited to participate in the Running of the BULL parade on Saturday, July 28. The parade will form at the tennis courts by the school and depart at 9:30 AM.

The parade will then go to the Mertzon Highway, and turn left to go to the courthouse. In front of the courthouse on the Menard highway, the nursing home residents' wheelchair brigade will turn left to go into the festival grounds. The bulk of the parade will then turn right to go down Main Street, make

a U turn at Rosa's Casita and return to the square on Main Street.

There is no entry fee and an Eldorado T-shirt will be awarded to the entry best exemplifying the BULL theme. FMI contact Jim Runge @ 853-3678 or eoboc@hotmail.com.

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Tipping Toward Catastrophe

In the 16th and 17th centuries, the West was convulsed by religious wars that, in the words of historian Paul Johnson, "were without redeeming features and were destructive of the Christian faith itself, as well as human life and material civilization." In the Middle East, it often seems to be 1618, the beginning of the Thirty Years' War that laid waste to Germany in a senseless sectarian war.

No historical analogy is perfect, and the Middle East has its oasis of relative calm and good government. But the accent is on feral violence: Hamas and Fatah throwing one another from buildings in Gaza; Sunni and Shia turning one another's mosques to rubble in Iraq; Syria attempting to bring down the government of Lebanon, assassinated politician by assassinated politician; pregnant Palestinian mothers undertaking suicide-bombing missions against Israel.

There is plenty of power politics here -- with Iran behind much of the mayhem -- and distinct causes for each conflict, but there is also an underlying civilizational sickness. Resenting the way the West eclipsed the Muslim world centuries ago, ashamed by Israel's overwhelming military strength and hating America as the apex of Western might, the Middle East resorts to various radicalisms as a salve to these historic humiliations. They are a twisted appeal to wounded pride and a call to renewed greatness through the rejection of modernity.

Historian Theodore Von Laue argued that the ascendancy of the West in the 20th century subjected non-Westerners to "the psychological misery of knowingly belonging to a 'backward' society." Many non-Western countries adapted, reconciling modernity to their particular cultural contexts. But the Middle East tended to import the failed Western ideologies of socialism and fascism, and watched itself fall further back.

As writer Ralph Peters explains, in such circumstances, "people look for somebody to blame, and they default to blood and belief, ethnicity and religion -- fundamentalist religion."

The best argument against the Iraq War is that our staying there is like being in the middle of Gaza, refereeing fanatical factions. The Iraq War looks, at this juncture, like a last-ditch effort to keep the Arabs from rejecting what Fouad Ajami calls "the foreigner's gift," the chance for a fresh start brought with the toppling of Saddam Hussein by force of American arms.

It is tempting to wash our hands of the entire region, but unrealistic. The poison of the Middle East is exportable, through al-Qaida terrorists and, one day soon, perhaps through nuclear-tipped Iranian missiles. We have to work with those relatively decent leaders -- Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank, Fouad Siniora in Lebanon, Nouri al-Maliki in Iraq -- who are attempting to hold back the tide of madness and blood. The region needn't tip inevitably into catastrophe, even if that's where it seems determined to send itself.

Samuel Johnson famously said that nothing concentrates the mind like the prospect of a hanging. Is that true of a self-hanging? If it isn't, decent voices in the Middle East might soon, like Henry James on the outbreak of World War I, have cause to lament "the funeral spell of our murdered civilization."

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Thank you, but I prefer Javelinas

The folks who live in other parts of the country, even fellow Texans who reside in the eastern reaches of our fair state, think that those of us who make our home in West Texas are crazy.

The list of reasons is as varied as it is long. It's either too hot, or too cold -- too wet or too dry. And, it's always too windy.

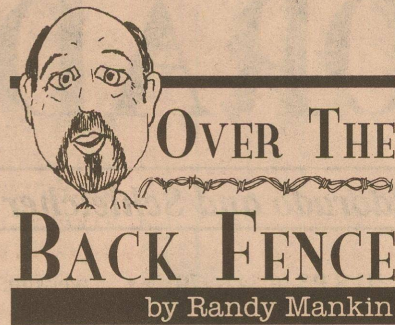
Then there are all of those miles between towns. Too many of them, we are told.

And, there are too many hazards, natural and otherwise. If it's not the Barbed Wire that sticks you, then it's a Mesquite torn, or one of the nine zillion varieties of Cacti known to populate this part of the state.

Rattlesnakes, Coral Snakes, Copperheads and Cotton Mouths are just a few of the creatures you need to check for before crawling into a sleeping bag. There are also Scorpions, Tarantulas, Black Widow Spiders, Brown Recluse Spiders, Wasps (Red and Black), Yellowjackets and Africanized Bees.

And, for the uninitiated, there's nothing quite like heeding nature's call by retreating behind a giant Mesquite tree, only to find yourself squatting on a Bull Nettle.

Red Ants, and their diminutive steroid addicted cousin, the Fire Ant, can't hold a candle to Bull Nettle when it comes to stinging



power.

But I digress. There are Javelinas, and Feral Hogs, Skunks and Buzzards.

Anyone who thinks a Buzzard isn't dangerous has never had one crash through his windshield. Turkeys are much the same. They seem to be attracted by the sound of steel belts humming on the asphalt.

Coyotes and Mountain Lions, Bobcats and Badgers. Each of them is eager to stake out its territory and none of them is all that scared of humans.

There really seems to be no shortage of reasons why the faint of heart tend to shy away from our beautiful part of the state.

Dust Storms are often cited, so are Tornadoes. But, let's not forget Grass Burrs, Goat Heads, Catclaw Bushes, and Cockle Burrs.

Then there are the Poncho and Lefty of the insect kingdom...Mosquitoes and Chiggers.

So it was last week that I learned

that an Alligator had been apprehended in Big Lake.

Wait a minute, you ask, did I really mean an Alligator!?

Yes, an Alligator! Then, a few minutes later as I was talking to Russel Skiles, my friend who runs the newspaper in Lamesa, I learned that they, too, recently discovered a Gator in their community.

Hold on now! Living in West Texas is hard enough, but at least we never had to worry about Alligators. What's next, Sharks?

Seriously, I think the powers that be will deal with the wayward gators. But, who's to say there won't be more?

Could it be that all this talk about Global Warming has turned out to be true? Has the biosphere really gone berserk? What's to prevent our water troughs from being clogged with Piranha, and Anaconda from gobbling up all the White Tail?

Maybe, just maybe we should call Al Gore to come to West Texas and study this whole thing. Perhaps he could tell us what's going on.

Failing that, we could at least have some fun watching him navigate through the Prickly Pear while swatting Mosquitoes and clawing at those pesky Chiggers.

Here Al, try this. No kidding, it's good for Chigger bites. We call it Bull Nettle.

Lady Bird Johnson is laid to rest

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Lady Bird Johnson, 94, died of natural causes July 11 at her home in West Lake Hills with her daughters Lynda Johnson Robb and Luci Baines Johnson and her grandchildren at her side.

On July 12, Gov. Rick Perry ordered flags to half-staff in Mrs. Johnson's honor.

Mrs. Johnson's body lay in repose July 13 to 14 at the LBJ Library and Museum on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. More than 11,000 people filed past her casket in the library's great hall.

About 1,800 people attended a private memorial service at Riverbend Church on July 14.

Among the many dignitaries in attendance at the memorial service were First Lady Laura Bush, President Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Clinton, President and Mrs. George H.W. Bush, Nancy Reagan, President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter, Gov. and Mrs. Perry, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Susan Ford Bales, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg and Maria Shriver.

On July 15, crowds of people lined Congress Avenue between the Capitol and Town Lake to pay last respects as the funeral motorcade proceeded south, then west, en route to Johnson City.

In the early afternoon of the 15th, Mrs. Johnson was buried alongside her husband in the Johnson family cemetery in Stonewall, about 70 miles west of Austin. The cemetery is part of the LBJ National Historical Park.

Born Claudia Alta Taylor in Karnack, a small town in East Texas in 1912, Mrs. Johnson is remembered as the trusted adviser and devoted wife of the 36th president of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson.

President Johnson died at age 64 on Jan. 22, 1973, four years after leaving office. Mrs. Johnson outlived her husband by more than 34 years.

During her more than five years as first lady, Mrs. Johnson became recognized as the prime mover behind the Highway Beautification Act of 1965 and conservation measures. But her zeal to improve America also bore fruit in the creation of Head Start and other federal programs benefiting Americans to this day. Her work to bring attention to poverty and unmet health and education needs in rural and urban America helped President Johnson forward his agenda in the "War on Poverty."

After President Johnson's term of office ended in January 1969, the Johnsons returned to Texas, and Mrs. Johnson set to work on beautifying state highways with wildflowers and other native plants.

Mrs. Johnson and her friend, actress Helen Hayes, worked together to found the National Wildflower Research Center in 1982. Mrs. Johnson downplayed her own efforts, but the complex and sprawling grounds in South Austin were renamed the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center because others wanted to honor her work in promoting, building, maintaining and improving the institution over many years.

Mrs. Johnson's work to build and improve Austin's Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail also is noteworthy.

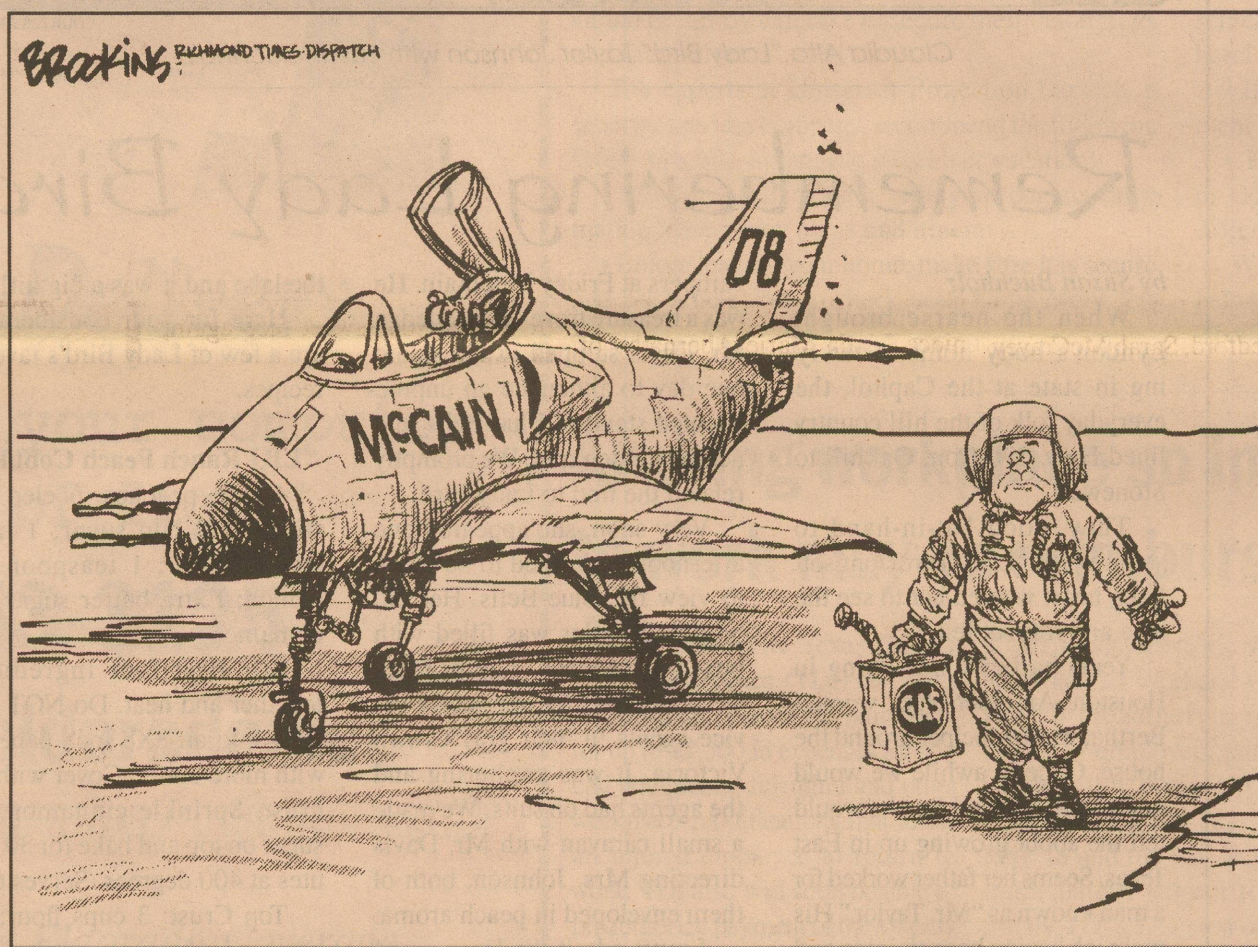
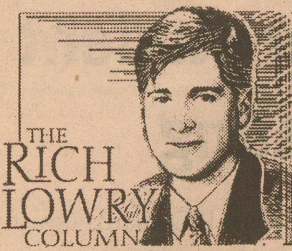
Mrs. Johnson suffered a stroke in 2002, compromising her vision and ability to speak, but she remained active until relatively recently.

Former chief justice Hill dies

Another native of East Texas, Kilgore-born John L. Hill Jr., died July 9. He was 83.

Gov. Perry ordered flags to half staff in Hill's honor.

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Getting Around in Las Vegas

We hadn't been in Vegas for a couple of years. Earlier this month I mentioned we went there to see my college roommate make his debut at a comedy club. When we landed at the airport after a two-hour flight, we took a shuttle to our hotel. It cost 11 dollars for a couple, the same as cab fare.

The monorail is a good way to get around in the entertainment capital of the world. You can get two rides for 9 bucks. A slower, less glamorous way to go from one place to another is by double decker bus. It's also cheaper. For \$5 you can get an all day pass and ride as much as you want to. If you prefer, you can take a single ride for \$2. The bus goes from one end of Las Vegas Boulevard to the other, from the strip to downtown. The bus is fun. You see all types of people enjoying themselves. One bus driver we had was named Al. He sang and made jokes all the time we were on his bus, which he named Al's Double Decker With Cheese. When we passed the fancy water and dancing fountains at the Bellagio, Al announced they had changed the name to Al's catfish



by Tumbleweed Smith

pond.

At night the bus is really fun if you ride on the top deck and get the front seat. It's like seeing the lights of Vegas from a picture window.

We could not believe all the changes that had been made since we were there last. New hotels stood on the sites of old ones, which had been torn down to keep the glitter glowing. Las Vegas seems to get things done in a hurry. During sunset at the Wynn, while enjoying the lake and a drink, we watched workmen building a high rise a couple of blocks away. They worked all night. Even the workmen don't sleep in Vegas. No wonder they get a lot done in a short amount of time. Las Vegas has nearly 150,000 hotel rooms. The hotels are huge and guests usually have to stand in line to register.

We spent most of our time on the strip going to our favorite places (Paris, New York, Venetian, Wynn). We took a bus downtown and didn't spend a lot of time there. The first stop downtown a man was taking a leak on the sidewalk.

All of our trips to Vegas have been to see entertainers or shows. The night after we say my college roommate we went to Spamalot, the Monty Python spoof of Camelot. I've never seen such elaborate scenery and scene changes. The digital world is alive and well in theater.

John O'Hurley (Seinfeld, Dancing with the Stars, Family Feud) played the part of King Arthur. Funny man. Like most entertainers, he has a solid background of accomplishment. He has starred on Broadway, written a best-selling book and composed a piano piece that reached the Billboard charts. After the performance, we had dinner at a restaurant across from the theater. John O'Hurley was there, dining with his family. When we told him we enjoyed the show, he said, "You were a wonderful audience."

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Agnes W. Munn

SAN ANGELO — Agnes W. Munn, 97, went to be with her Lord and Savior at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 14, 2007, at her residence.

Funeral service was Tuesday, July 17, in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel with interment in Eldorado Cemetery.

She was born to Mr. Archie Taylor Wright and Mabel Foley Wright of Eldorado, Texas, Dec. 8, 1909, at home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Wright; sisters Eula "Sue" Barber, Mabel "Sug" Montgomery; brother A.T. Wright Jr.; and husbands Lt. Col. Jake Crosby, H.W. Pontius and Carl G. Munn.

Aggie was an honor graduate from Eldorado High School, graduating as salutatorian of her senior class of 1933. She held many class honors including secretarial club, Spanish club, and editor of the school paper and was always a ready volunteer to help others in their time of need.

Aggie was married and widowed three times. She spent her life devoted to God, family, friends, teaching and ranching. She started teaching after attending McMurry University in Abilene upon returning to Eldorado as an English teacher at the elementary school. She taught Sunday school throughout her life. Aggie was a devout Methodist her entire life, serving her Lord, church and community well. She was a member of Water Valley United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of San Angelo, where she served as secretary, treasurer, president and ran the nursery and Sunday school in both locations.

Aggie was a pioneering woman as a successful rancher, a world traveler, a noted businesswoman — belonging to the Professional Women's Club — and an early environmentalist, never letting anything go to waste and recycling. She was deeply loyal, ferociously independent and always aspired to more. Her strength will continue to inspire us all!

Aggie loved playing bridge as a member of the San Angelo Bridge Club alongside her sisters and so many dear friends, many of whom also shared her passion for dancing in the Elks Club, Shriners dances and Mis Amigas. She was also a very gifted poet. Her words of inspiration were uplifting and could easily move you to tears at the thought of her warmth and caring.

Aggie always made sure nobody was left out. She would drive any distance to get the elderly otherwise confined to their homes to join her and her friends for Tuesday card games in Water Valley or her bridge tournaments for the San Angelo Bridge Club. Aggie was full of love that never ended. Her generosity, vitality, beautiful smile, infectious laugh, quick wit and sense of style will be greatly missed.

While she never had any children of her own, she had four very special children, all of whom she introduced to God: nephew Chris Doose, great-nephew Christopher Doose, great-niece Nicole Wilson and great-great-niece Cara Wilson, who never failed to put a smile on Aunt Aggie's face! Aggie, Nicole and Cara resided together for the past three years.

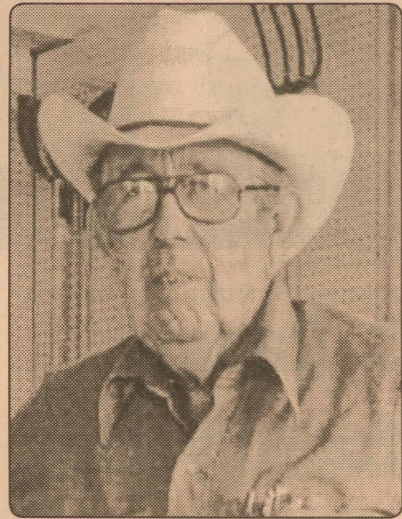
We love you dearly! We will continue to pray for your safe trip and arrival home to Heaven.

Aggie leaves behind nephew Chris Doose of San Angelo; great-

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nieces and great-nephews Christopher Doose of Florida, Nicole Wilson, husband Trey and daughter Cara Wilson, Scott Barber and son Luke, all of San Angelo, Von Furlong of San Angelo, sons Matthew Escue, also of San Angelo and Josh Escue and wife Michelle of Austin. Aggie also leaves behind so many very close and special friends who will miss her greatly.

Love you mucho, until we meet again!



Billy McCravey

ELDORADO — The hard-working, fun-loving fisherman Billy McCravey died on Thursday, July 12, 2007, in Eldorado, Texas. Born in Schleicher County on Nov. 17, 1921, William E. McCravey lived most of his life as an Eldorado resident.

Billy is survived by a loving wife of 60 years, Sarah Alice McCravey. Together they raised four outgoing children, Michael Edward McCravey and wife Glenda, William Chris McCravey, Margaret Maureen Hodges and husband Bill, and Jeanne Jonell Snelson and husband Steve. Daddy Bill had nine grandchildren, Michele Jones and husband Bedford, Sarah McCravey, Cody McCravey and wife Heather, Makenzie Fryar and husband Mark, Kayla McCravey, Hillary Hodges, Ross Hodges and fiancé Whitney Robertson, Casey Snelson and wife Erika, and Blake Hamm and husband Jody. Daddy Bill also had six adorable great-grandchildren, Carli, Cailyn, Hanna, Kyson, Trayton and Henry.

He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Chris Edmiston McCravey.

Billy grew up in the Bailey Ranch Community and graduated from Eldorado High School. He began a career working as a ranch hand and in 1942 entered into the Air Force to honorably serve our country during World War II. In his role as an airplane mechanic, he spent most of his time in England, where he worked on B-17 and B-24 bombers. Upon returning from the service, Billy and Sarah moved to Lubbock to attend Texas Tech University. After the birth of their first child, Billy and Sarah moved back to Eldorado, where he began his lifelong career at the Eldorado Wool Company and Feed Store. Feed Store Billy was always looking for a good conversation

and never had a problem lending an ear to local farmers and ranchers.

One of Billy's great passions was loading up the chuck box and trot lines and heading for Lake Amistad. He organized the Annual Farmer's Fishing trip. He also enjoyed following all nine of his grandchildren to each sporting event they participated in.

The McCravey family sends a special thank you to Jonet Powel, Anita Jones and the employees of Schleicher County Nursing Home for their constant care and friendship over the past four years.

Graveside service was held Saturday, July 14, in Eldorado, Texas. Memorials may be sent to the West Texas Boys Ranch or the charity of your choice.



Ervey F. Hill, Jr

ELDORADO — Ervey "Angel" F. Hill Jr., 34, passed away on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at his residence in San Angelo. Ervey Jr. was born July 20, 1972, in Ulysses, Kan.

Survivors include his mother, Rosa Fuentes of Eldorado; sister Laura F. Hill of San Diego, Calif.; niece Linda Marie Abernathy of San Diego, Calif.; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and "family" from Cedar Crest Apartments.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 16, at Templo Getsemani in Eldorado with burial in Eldorado Cemetery.

Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, July 23**
Meatloaf w/Tomato Gravy, Blackeyed Peas, Honey Glazed Carrots, Corn Bread, Melon Salad, Milk
- Tuesday, July 24**
Polynesian Chicken Salad, Sweet Peas, Wheat Bread, Golden Salad, Vanilla Pudding and Milk
- Wednesday, July 25**
Steak Fingers w/Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler and Milk
- Thursday, July 26**
Oven Baked Pork Chops, Zucchini/Yellow Squash Medley, Corn w/Red Peppers, Wheat Rolls, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Parfait and Milk
- Friday, July 27**
Fried Catfish, w/Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Okra and Tomato Gumbo, Dinner Rolls, Apple Crisp and Milk



Reta Conaster Villanueva

ELDORADO — Our beloved mother, Reta Conaster Villanueva, left to be with her Lord Jesus Christ July 11, 2007. Funeral services were held Saturday July 14 at First Baptist Church in Eldorado.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Loretta Jewel Johnson. She is survived by her one and only true love, Manuel Ramon Villanueva, her devoted children, Velma Villanueva of Lubbock, Manuel, Jr. and Cathy Villanueva of Fairmont, California, Alfonso and Bertha Villanueva, Isabella Villanueva, Amalio and Lisa Villanueva all of Eldorado, two sisters, Judy Dodgen and Yvonne Green, three brothers, James, Jerry and Earnest Conaster, 20 precious grandchildren who were her little angels and numerous nieces and nephews.

It would be impossible to name all those she touched with her angelic smile, kind words, and her love and faith in God. She will be greatly missed. And it was by these words she lived in faith, Psalms 23:4, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me, Your rod to protect, Your staff to guide, they comfort me."

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **
* Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!

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Members of Eldorado Boy Scout Troop 18 enjoyed this year's summer camp, held June 24-25 at Camp Sol Mayer. The week proved to be a challenging but overall excellent experience for the boys. They included: (Front L-R) Robert Chavez, Will Barker, Hagen Porras, Ethan Hulsey (Back L-R) Adult Leader Jerry Barker, Ruben Vasquez, Diego Sanchez, Ryan Espinosa, Mogan Barker, Austin Stapp and Adult Leader Patrick Johnson.



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1st annual S.C. Ranch Rodeo slated for July 21st

The First Annual Schleicher County Ranch Rodeo will be held at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena Saturday evening, July 21 at 6:00 p.m. There will be twenty teams consisting of 4 contestants. The events will be double mugging, trailer loading, doctoring and ranch sorting.



COURTESY PHOTO

Tom Gray of Eldorado scored a 140-yard Hole-In-One at the local golf course on Wednesday, July 11th, with an 8 iron on the #5 hole. The ace was witnessed by Roy Guerrero, Chris McCravey, and Branda Gray.

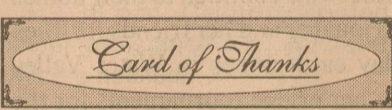
Golf Club News

The Eldorado Golf Club will be sponsoring a Night Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 21, starting with registration at 6:30 p.m. and teeing off at 7 p.m. We will be playing 9 holes before dark, then play nine holes after dark with lighted balls! Extra meals will be available for \$5.00 each if you want to bring your family. The annual Hext Memorial Tournament will be held August 11 & 12 and the Eddie Mae Kinser four lady tournament will be on August 25.

Walkers/Runners Wanted!

Registration has begun for the Run for Wellness scheduled for July 28th at 8:00 AM in front of the high school gym. Entry fee is \$10 and includes a t-shirt. Walkers/Runners may choose the 1 mile fun run or the 5K race. Snacks and water will be provided. Awards will be given to the top female and male runners of the 5K. Age division medals will be given to the top 2 in the 5K. Everyone 10 and under will receive a ribbon. There will be an award ceremony prior to the parade. An award will be given for anyone who walks/runs in the "Bull" attire. All proceeds will benefit the Schleicher County Wellness Center. FMI: run4wellness@hotmail.com or register online with www.active.com

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Eldorado Boy Scouts would like to thank the following groups and individuals for their generous contributions to the Eldorado Boy Scout Program which makes Summer Camp and other worthwhile local scout experiences possible: Lynn Meador, The X Bar Ranch, Niblett's Oil Field Service, Crowder Oil Field Services, Eldorado Lions Club, Pearl Vinlove, The First National Bank of Eldorado, Eldorado American Legion Post and Schleicher County Rodeo Association.

Thank You THANK YOU Thank You THANK YOU
 Dollar General of Eldorado would like to thank their Eldorado Patrons for their generous donations in memory of our two employee who were found murdered during a apparent robbery at the Dollar General in Killeen, Texas.
 Shelia Reed, 40 and Gricelda P. Ramos, 28 both of Killeen where both fatally shot during the early morning hours of July 4, 2007. Both where working single mothers.
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 Following the Roping at 5 PM we will have our First Ranch Rodeo. FMI Call.

Aerobics Class Kick-off

The Schleicher County Wellness Center is kicking-off their aerobics class! As part of the planning and development of programs, Stormi Sessom and Alyssa Cooper will be offering classes regularly in Eldorado.

There will be greater than 10 regular classes each month and the classes will be for everybody. All shapes and sizes are welcome and each instructor will be able to offer modifications for those in need.

Stormi's Classes will be every Tuesday at 3:00 pm and every Friday at noon. There will also

consistently be a Sunday class at 2:30 pm. Alyssa will be offering classes the first Saturday of every month at 9:00 am. Cost will be \$50 a month. If you are not able to attend on a regular basis, there will be an option to pay for each class attended.

Everyone is welcome! The Wellness Center wants to always promote a healthy lifestyle and a positive promotion of the health and wellness of our community. For further information please contact Rebecca Sullivan MSN, RN, FNP at the clinic at 853-3137.



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Jon Calcote displays the three plaques he won Saturday at the 19th annual Mustang Round-up and Classic Car Show in San Angelo. His 1967 Shelby Mustang claimed First in Class in the Shelby division while also winning the People's Choice and Best of Show awards.

Changes announced in August Sales Tax Holiday

Second opportunity for Tax-Free shopping coming next year

(AUSTIN) — Comptroller Susan Combs announced that the date for the annual sales tax holiday has changed from the first weekend of August to the third weekend of August. Combs also said backpacks, a standard item on many kids' school supply lists, can now be purchased tax free during the sales tax holiday.

"From now on, the sales tax holiday will occur on the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August," Combs said. "This year, the date is Aug. 17-19."

Since many school districts are now starting their school year later, the 80th Legislature changed the date of the sales tax holiday to move it closer to the first day of school.

During the sales tax holiday, children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 — and now backpacks that cost less than \$100 — are exempt from state and local sales taxes.

"The Legislature responded to parents' requests to add backpacks to the list of tax-exempt items," Combs said. "Backpacks can be expensive, especially for parents who have to buy them for several

children. A tax break helps."

Combs also announced that, starting in May 2008, energy-efficient appliances will be exempt from sales tax during the three-day Memorial Day weekend. Certain appliances with a federal Energy Star rating will be tax-free, including washing machines, dishwashers, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, programmable thermostats and incandescent fluorescent light bulbs. Air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less and refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less can also be purchased tax free.

"Texas consumers will save about \$8 for every \$100 they spend on qualifying appliances," Combs said. "Even more importantly, they will reap savings on their utility bills by purchasing energy-efficient appliances, and the demand for electricity will be reduced."

The Comptroller predicts families will save about \$52.1 million in sales taxes during the August sales tax holiday.

More information about the August sales tax holiday for clothing and shoes can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us.

Calcote sweeps awards at Mustang Round-Up

Saturday July 14, the 2007 19th annual Mustang Round-Up and Classic Car Show was held at Jim Bass Ford Motor Co in San Angelo.

Featured in the show were about eighty Mustangs and other classic cars. Each group was separated into a class, and a plaque was given to the "first of class" car from each group. The cars ranged from the 1964 1/2 Mustang to the 2007 GT Mustang.

Among the Classic division there was a two tone blue 1959

Ford; a black 1957 Ford Thunderbird convertible; several classic trucks, Chevrolet and Fords. Most of the entries were Mustang's.

Jon Calcote from Eldorado entered his lime gold 1967 Shelby GT 500, and won the top awards. He received three plaques including First in Class for the Shelby's, Peoples Choice, and Best of Show.

Entry fee of \$20 per car, and other concessions associated with the show were donated to the Concho Valley Home for Girls.

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Although it is often recommended that people learn to recognize the poison ivy plant ("Leaves of three, leave them be"), in practice, this is hard to do, since poison ivy and its relatives are often mixed in with other vegetation and not noticed until after the rash has begun. Keeping the skin covered in situations when exposure is hard to avoid is the best way to prevent the problem. More than half the population can react to the poison ivy resin if they are exposed to it.

Once it begins, the rash will usually clear on its own by 14-21 days. Treatment is directed at controlling the itching. Oral antihistamines (like Benadryl) may help the itch somewhat, but often do no more than make people drowsy. Cortisone creams, whether over-the-counter or by prescription, are only helpful if applied right away, before blisters appear, or much later, when the blisters have dried up. Compresses with cool water or Burow's solution (available without prescription) can help dry blisters faster.



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David Everette Steen

David Everette Steen, 67, passed away suddenly on Saturday July 7, 2007 in Radium Springs, New Mexico. David was born on October 30, 1939 to Mary and Lawrence Steen. He grew up in Eldorado, Texas. David received his bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University and a master's degree in economics from the University of Mexico in Mexico City, Mr. Steen was an Independent investor that traveled and lived in many interesting places. David touched many lives with his loving spirit and charitable nature. Memorial Services will be held on Thursday July 19, 2007 10 a.m., at the First Methodist Church in Eldorado. The service will be led by Pastor Steve Rowe. All family and friends are invited to attend.



PHOTO COURTESY SCHLEICHER CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The 1907 First National Bank building as it appeared in its heyday. The building still stands, directly across the street from the current bank building where it is used for community functions. The old bank building is currently owned by Bill McCutcheon.

State to help counties pay for May 12 election

AUSTIN, TX – Secretary of State Phil Wilson notified Texas counties Monday that his office will be allocating state funds to help defray the cost of the May 12, 2007 Constitutional Amendment Election. The 80th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 556 which authorizes the Texas Secretary of State to provide a partial reimbursement of election expenditures to Texas counties.

"These onetime funds will help counties cover costs associated with a statewide election that counties did not budget for," stated Wilson. "I am pleased that the legislature felt it was appropriate to lessen the financial burden this election placed on our county officials."

House Bill 556 gives the Secretary of State authority to administer and distribute state funds to reimburse political subdivisions for expenses incurred in conducting a statewide special election. The legislature budgeted \$5 million to the Secretary of State which will be distributed based upon the number of registered voters in each county.

Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

The Old Bank Building

One hundred years ago, 1907, this renaissance revival style rock building was erected to house the first bank in the small town of Eldorado. Native lime stone rock, that was cut locally, was used in the construction of the structure. The building featured dentils and parapets terminated with stone spheres. It was the latest style for 1907. The bank was named The First National Bank of Eldorado. By 1942, the bank had outgrown the small old building and erected a modern new structure to house the business. It was on the corner of Main St. and Gillis St. Pat Finley bought the old bank building and opened his famous Pool Hall and Domino Parlor. Men of Eldorado considered this place a haven to get together and play dominos, shoot pool and shoot the bull! Very few women entered this establishment, not that they ever wanted to. Some time later, after the pool hall closed, Isabella Isaacs McCutcheon bought the old building to restore in memory of her late father, John F. Isaacs, who was one of the early day directors of The First National Bank. Isabella completed enough restoration on the structure to qualify for an official State Historical Marker. The Historical Society completed all the papers and requirements for the marker, and received the beautiful plaque. It is mounted on the front of the old building. Isabella's son Bill McCutcheon, now owns the structure and he said, "We plan to make a lot more improvements on the building in the next few years." The Historical Society is very pleased to have one of the oldest and most important, as well as beautiful buildings restored for all the citizens to enjoy.

Capital Highlights...

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Hill was the only Texan to have served in all of these state offices: as secretary of state, attorney general and chief justice of the supreme court. After graduating from the University of Texas law school in 1947, Hill became a masterful lawyer, winning high-profile cases. He worked in Harris County on John Connally's 1964 gubernatorial campaign. Hill served as secretary of state from 1966-68 under Gov. Connally. He was elected attorney general in 1972 and served in that role until 1979. Hill ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1978, losing to Bill Clements. Hill was elected chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court in 1984 and resigned in 1988. In 1997, then-Gov. George W. Bush appointed Hill to a post on the Texas Lottery Commission.

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Card of Thanks

Primera Iglesia Bautista of Eldorado would like to thank the following businesses for their donations and participation in our co-ed softball round robin fund raiser this past Saturday. A Big Thank You goes to Creek Construction, Niblett Oil, Crowder Construction, Mittel Insurance, D&J Insurance, First National Bank, West Texas Feed and Mercantile, John Ed Meador Construction, B.J. Auto and Wrecker Service. Also thank you to the teams of Ricky Huichapa, Sammy Estrada, Albert Torres, A. Fidel Herrera and Demetrio Belman. It was a great success and all proceeds went toward our building fund. We could not have done it without you! Also to everyone who helped in anyway, thank you, for your support. God Bless You All

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Usurer's offerings
6. Large earring
10. E-garbage
14. Facing the hurler
15. Jessica of TV's "Dark Angel"
16. "Would ___ to you?"
17. Tuscany city
18. "New Look" designer
19. Bit of verbal fanfare
20. Return to square one
22. Baseball's Musial
23. Ancient alphabetic character
24. Set straight
26. Get a move on
30. Jellyfish attack
31. Trod the boards
32. ___ away (drew back)
34. Chem room
37. Dr. Seuss's "If ___ the Zoo"
38. 18 holes, typically
39. Plexiglas sheet
40. Cariou of stage
41. Gets frothy
42. Dreadlocked one
43. Go limp
45. Knowledgeable
46. State with authority
48. Burn cause
50. After the buzzer
51. Bic product
56. "How sweet ___!"
57. Inner: Prefix
58. 1860s war side
60. Awful-tasting
61. Peacock tail features
62. Old TV sidekick
63. Fish caught in pots
64. Bloody, so to speak
65. Villainous look
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2. Mayberry tippler
3. Assist in wrongdoing
4. Granny
5. Had the lead role
6. Spotted
7. Place for a pimiento
8. Conical reed
9. Repeated unthinkingly
10. Joins the jam session
11. Window material
12. Quinn of "Benny & Joon"
13. Stood for
21. Winery vessel
25. Purge
26. It may be "golf ball-sized"
27. Plot unit
28. Negotiations hangup
29. Royal flush part
30. Confession recitals
32. Daytime TV offering
33. Play a kazoo
35. Initial stake
36. Wampum unit
38. Float ingredient
39. Hole goal
41. Part of FWIW
42. Astronauts' vision problems
44. Big name in candy
45. Bigwig, for short
46. Still in the game
47. Abstract composer Erik
48. Catkin-bearing tree
49. Unworthy of a cigar?
52. "Dragonwyck" author Seton
53. Privy to
54. Punching-in time, for many
55. Handy bag
59. "Neither fish ___ fowl"

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School board considers drug testing students

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including and estimate for what complete facility review will cost, if and when the board agrees to go through with it.

In other business, the trustees met with representatives of Southwest Consortium of San Angelo concerning the possibility of adopting a drug testing plan for SCISD students.

Superintendent Billy Collins explained that a number of area school have already adopted drug testing procedures for their students, but only for those who participate in extracurricular activities. He said the law prohibits excluding children from school but that it is entirely legal to exclude them from participating in extracurricular activities such as athletics, band or UIL academic competition.

The board had a number of questions about the cost of the program and the possibility of disrupting classroom activity. It was explained that an initial drug screening of the school's eligible

students — those participating in extracurricular activities — would cost \$13 per test. Follow up tests conducted randomly would cost the district \$14 each.

Following a lengthy question and answer session, the board opted to take no action at this time. However, Superintendent Billy Collins indicated he would try to prepare a drug policy for the board to consider and adopt before enacting a drug testing program.

In other business, the board approved the district's financial reports. Then reviewed and approved the minutes of their most recent meeting on June 11, 2007.

The board the approved a Student Code of Conduct Handbook and approved bids for commodities taken for the school cafeteria. They also approved an increase in pay for substitute teachers and aides, bringing the district's compensation policy in line with the new minimum wage law that goes into effect on July 24, 2007.

Currently, degreed substitutes receive \$50 per day while non-

degreed substitutes are paid \$45 per day.

The new rate will pay a certified substitute \$75 per day and a non-certified substitute \$60 per day.

Policy Update 80 had its first reading, but the trustees took no action.

The board then turned its attention to the upcoming 2007 TASB Delegate Assembly in Dallas on Sept. 26, 2007. The trustees appointed Kurtis Homer and Jan Wanoreck to serve as the district's delegate and alternate, respectively.

Before adjourning, the board approved the purchase of property and casualty insurance through the Texas School Cooperative at \$27,000 per year.

The trustees then went into a closed-door executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and real property.

They emerged into open session and voted to hire three teachers, Niles Smith as a secondary math teacher, Amy Hernandez as an

elementary teacher, and Nicole Martinez as an art teacher.

Among those present for Monday night's meeting were Trustees Jan Wanoreck, Berta Nicholson, Kurtis Homer, Kirk Jones and Robert Jay. Trustees Lupe Sanchez and Leanne Higgins were absent. Others in attendance included Superintendent Billy Collins, High School Principal Scotty Carman, Middle School Principal Kara Garlitz, Elementary Principal Maela Edmonson, Finance Director Ray Ballew, Maintenance Supervisor Oscar Martinez and Administration Secretary Sandra Robledo.

The next meeting of the SCISD board of trustees is slated for Monday, August 20, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.



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Fire Chief Jerry Jones responded to a "Bee Call" last Saturday at the home of Lewis Foley on East Hill Street in Eldorado. Chief Jones notes receiving an increased number of Bee Calls as recent rains have diminished.

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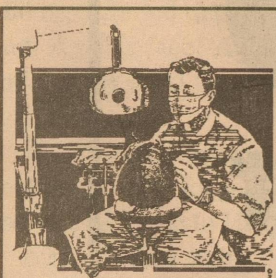
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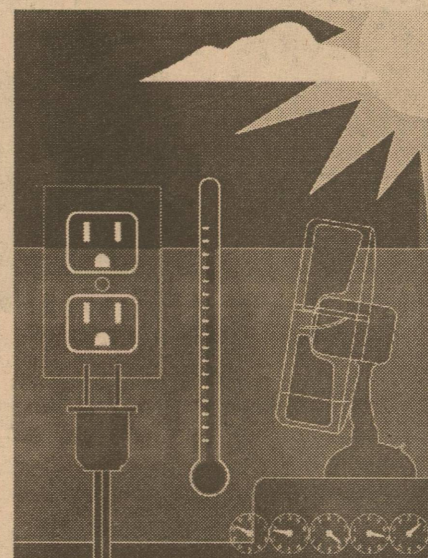
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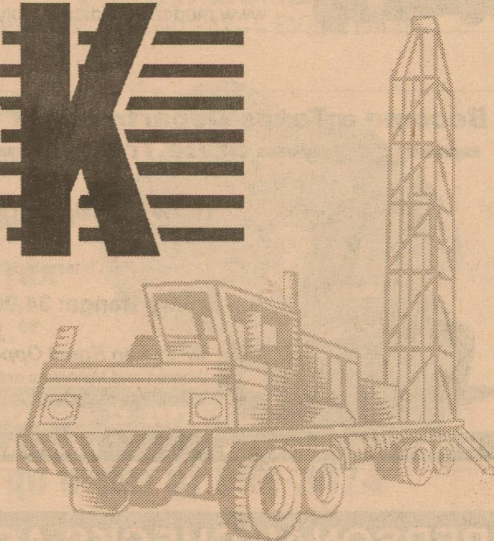
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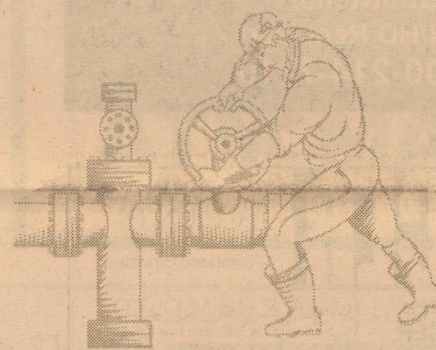
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Comptroller reports sales tax rebates to city/county

AUSTIN —Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced this week that the state collected \$1.63 billion in sales tax revenue in June, up 9.3 percent compared to June 2006.

Combs sent July sales tax allocations totaling \$446.4 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 8.3 percent compared to July 2006.

Included in that amount was \$13,778.93 sent to the City of Eldorado. That's up some 224 percent over last July's allocation of \$4,244.17. The city's year-to-date allocation is up by 65.37 percent from \$52,703.38 last year to \$87,158.60 this year.

Meanwhile, Schleicher County's rebate declined slightly, down

by a half-percentage point from \$17,715.18 last July to \$17,625.32 this month. The county's year-to-date allocation was up some 8 percent, however, from \$112,089.84 last year to \$121,420.66 this year.

The county's Health Services Sales Tax, which helps fund the local ambulance service, reported numbers identical to the county's base sales tax allocation.

"Sales tax collections continue to grow at a steady pace," Combs said. "Growth in the construction, oil and gas, and retail sectors are helping the current strength of the Texas economy."

Combs sent July sales tax allocations of \$304 million to Texas cities, up 9.5 percent compared to July 2006. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are up 7.3 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$27.4 million, up 7.4 percent compared to last July. So far this year, sales tax allocations to counties are up 8.1 percent compared to 2006.

Combs sent \$14.7 million to 121 special purpose taxing districts, up 19.8 percent compared to last July. Ten local transit systems received \$100 million in sales tax allocations, up 3.4 percent compared to a year ago.

State sales tax collections in June and local sales tax allocations in July represent sales that occurred in May and were reported to the Comptroller in June.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Aug. 10

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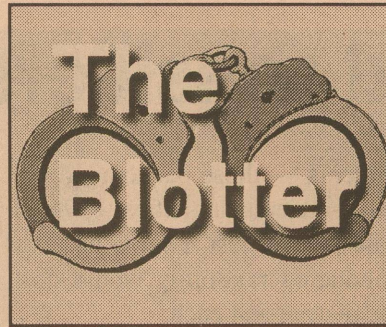
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The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks,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

ARRESTS

July 12 • Reyes, Little Joe, male age 25, offense Driving While License Invalid. Released on \$1,000 PR Bond.

• Corona, Mary, female age 50, offense Public Intoxication. Released time served.

July 13 • Kuykendall, Danny L. male age 30, offense Driving While License Invalid. Released on \$1,000 PR Bond.

July 14 • Fernandez, Rachel, female age 40, offense Disorderly Conduct. Released time served.

• Holsey, Valerie, female age 23, offense Disorderly Conduct. Released time served.

• Arispe, Joe, male age 29, offense Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest.

INCIDENTS

July 10 • 10:35 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS paged out.

July 11 • 12:25 a.m. Subject called wanting to speak to an officer. Officer notified.

• 11:43 a.m. Caller reported that AirMed-1 would be landing. Units notified.

• 4:41 p.m. Caller notified that a vehicle was parked near a busy roadway. Attempts to locate the owner were unsuccessful. Inquiries to San Angelo PD failed to find an owner, whose last address was in San Angelo. Wrecker was dispatched.

• 8:32 p.m. Caller identified abandoned vehicle on 277 North as belonging to them. Caller was informed that the vehicle was towed as it presented a hazard to traffic. The person was informed that the vehicle could be picked up at the impound yard the next morning after 8 a.m.

July 12 • 11:16 a.m. Complainant reported criminal mischief. Officer responded.

• 1:12 p.m. Subject walked in requesting a criminal trespass notification for local business. Officer responded. • 3:38 p.m. Complainant requested an officer for a civil standby. Officer responded.

• 9:04 p.m. Caller reported a controlled burn on Highway 190 West approximately six miles out.

July 13 • 4:47 a.m. Caller reported a stranded motorist outside of Eldorado near county line.

• 5:18 p.m. Caller reported a possible fire near the Sutton

County line. Fire department notified.

July 14 • 2:54 a.m. Caller reported a disturbance at local apartments. Driver in a white company truck. Reported they possibly had weapons on them.

• 7:01 a.m. Caller reported a panic alarm going off on Bluebonnet Drive. Owner of the home was called and notified that every thing was fine. Alarm was set off on accident.

• 12:53 p.m. Caller reported attack from bees while mowing the yard. Subject requested assistance with bees. Units notified.

• 1:24 p.m. Complainant reported reckless driving on 277 south northbound. Officer notified.

• 8:10 p.m. Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded and spoke with a female subject upon his arrival.

The female subject disclosed that she had burned two pairs of pants belonging to a male subject. The officer spoke with the male subject who stated that the pants in fact belonged to his place of employment. The male subject stated he wished only to retrieve his remaining clothes from the residence which would be done through a third party in the interest of avoiding a domestic confrontation.

• 11:26 p.m. Caller reported a stranded motorist on Hwy. 277 north.

• 11:36 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy. 277 north. Driver was in a black pickup with large rims. Officer notified.

• 11:40 p.m. Caller reported loud music from neighbor's house.

July 15 • 2:13 a.m. Caller informed SO of a motor vehicle accident on Sherwood Way and Southwest Blvd in San Angelo. SO tried to relay info to SAPD but was unable to make contact through their phone menu. Schleicher SO contacted Tom Green County SO and relayed the message in that manner.

• 1:39 p.m. Caller reported a brown goat in front of the animal hospital.

• 2:11 p.m. Complainant requested two criminal trespass warrants be placed on a female subject.

• 2:25 p.m. Caller reported a goat on highway 277 south near the civic center. Officer notified.

• 8:29 p.m. Complainant reported bees attacking livestock in pens behind their house. Requested assistance with bees. Units notified.

• 11:18 p.m. Complainant reported a red crew pickup with several kids leaving a local store drinking beer. Officer notified.

July 16 • 12:05 a.m. Caller reported an electric transformer arcing. AEP notified.

• 12:09 a.m. Complainant reported fireworks going off. Deputy responded.

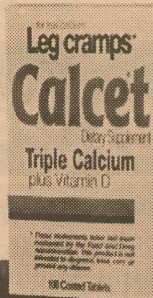
• 9:15 a.m. Caller requested an ambulance to her residence. Husband fell from his horse and was on the ground. Units notified.

• 2:43 p.m. Caller reported he would be doing a control burn. VFD notified.

• 9:38 p.m. Caller requested officer assistance with husband. Officers notified.

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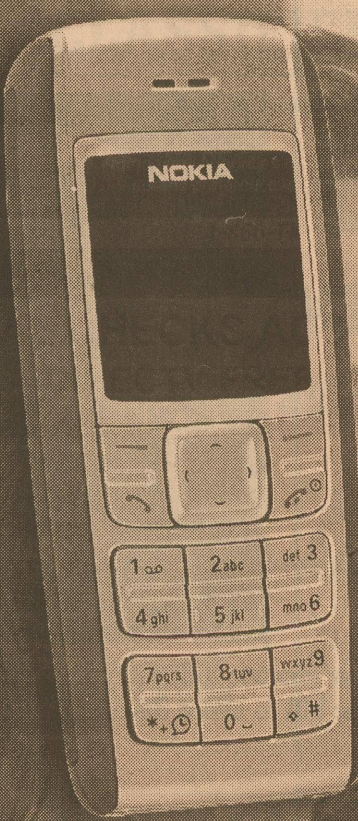


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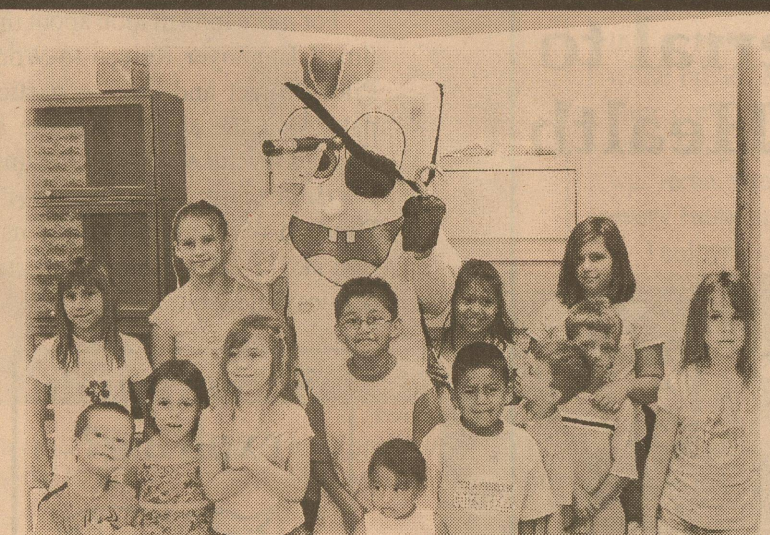
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Emergency Medical Technician Tammy Fish leaned down to comfort Adrian Tovar, Jr. age 4, as she and fellow EMT T.J. Rodriguez gently moved him to an ambulance for transfer to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated and released. The four-year old was injured Tuesday in an auto accident on U.S. 190, some 20 miles East of Eldorado. The boy's father, Adrian Tovar, Sr., reportedly lost control of his 2005 Nissan after hitting a buzzard. The vehicle left the roadway and overturned. The driver was reportedly wearing a his seatbelt and the youngster was secured in a car seat at the time of the wreck.

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Stay safe when traveling on vacation

(SPM Wire) A vacation should be a time for family fun and new experiences, and taking some basic safety precautions can help make your next trip a successful one.

Over two million people will travel domestically this year, with the majority of leisure travel occurring in the summer months.

When choosing the perfect vacation and planning family activities, it is important to incorporate some basic safety measures. From securing your home to boarding the plane and checking-in to the hotel, there are a few simple actions every individual or family can take to secure their belongings and themselves.

The experts at Universal Protection Service, a security services company, recommend the following safety tips when planning a summer vacation:

- Provide family/friends with your contact information, emergency plans and itinerary.
- Before leaving your home, make sure it is secure and ask a neighbor to check your home every few days and collect your mail.

• Create a wallet-sized card that includes the medical information of each traveler.

• When making hotel reservations, request a room near the elevator, since this area is typically the safest.

• Identify the fire safety information and evacuation routes when arriving at your hotel room.

• If using a taxi, obtain a list of licensed companies from the airport or hotel and never get into an unmarked cab.

• Stay with your luggage at all times and maintain a clear view of your belongings during airport screening processes, while on the plane and at the hotel check-in.

• If traveling abroad, check with the U.S. Department of State for travel warnings.

• Know how to contact the local U.S. Embassy or Consulate and keep this information in several different places.

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Altering workplace so injured may return to work may be reimbursable to employers

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) can reimburse small, non-public employers for up to \$2,500 in expenses for special equipment, furniture and other workplace modifications that allow an injured employee to return to work. TDI also will soon be able to preauthorize payment of the employers' expenses under recent changes affecting the Small Employer Return-to-Work Pilot Project.

House Bill (HB) 886 by Rep. Helen Giddings was passed by the

80th Legislature to allow the Commissioner of Workers' Compensation to preauthorize reimbursements to employers participating in the pilot project. Gov. Rick Perry signed the legislation on May 18 and the law was effective immediately, subject to rulemaking by TDI's Division of Workers' Compensation. Rules to allow preauthorization of employer expenses are currently being drafted.

Eligible employers can submit a workplace modification proposal

to TDI for preauthorization, or they can perform the modifications and seek reimbursement approval afterwards. By approving the preauthorization proposal, TDI can guarantee reimbursement of the expenses if the modifications are completed as described.

Employers with 2 to 50 employees are eligible to participate. Eligible expenses include those for physical modification of the work environment such as installation of special equipment, devices, furniture or tools or other related costs that would facilitate the injured employee's return to productive work.

For more information about the Small Employer Return-to-Work Pilot Project and how to participate, visit the agency website at <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/mr/rtw/index.html>. Or call TDI's Division of Workers' Compensation at 512-804-5000; e-mail rtw.services@tdi.state.tx.us.

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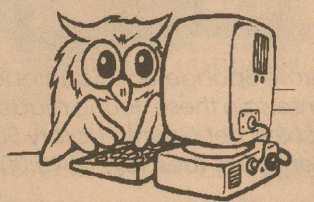


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