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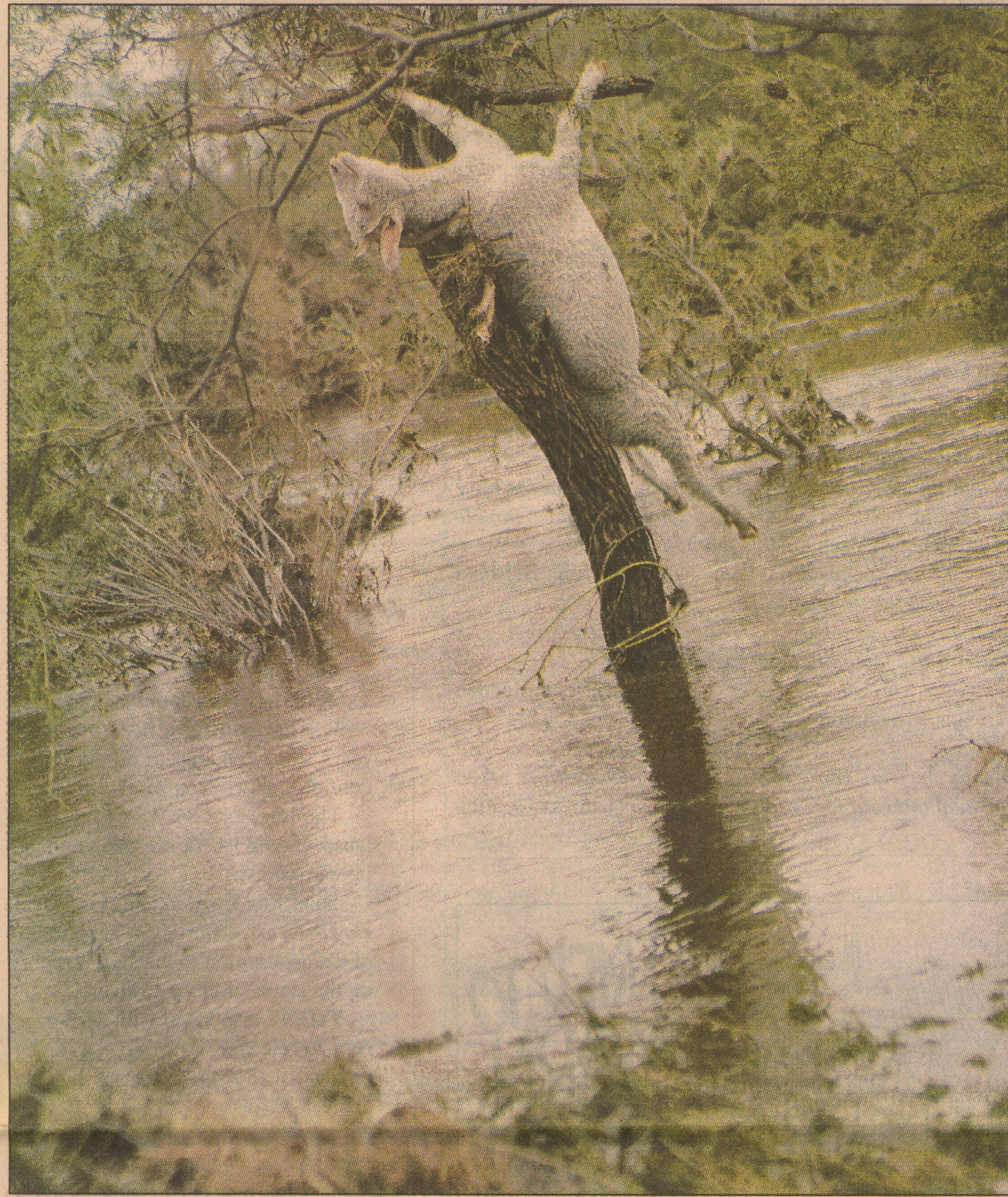


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

This unfortunate goat couldn't escape raging flood waters last Friday evening and became lodged in a tree near where Indian Draw crosses the Old San Angelo Highway.

Heavy rains inundate area

Torrential rains swamped much of Schleicher County on Thursday and Friday of last week. Totals ranging from 8 to 11 inches were reported across the County as Tropical Storm Erin deluged Central and Southwest Texas. The storm, which popped up suddenly in the central Gulf of Mexico, came ashore near Victoria before hooking to the right and slowly churning over much of central and west Texas. The storm eventually made its way to Oklahoma where it continued to rain itself out.

Here in Schleicher County, officials closed roads and monitored low-water crossings as a slow and steady rain brought totals of an inch per hour.

Sheriff David Doran and Emergency Services Coordinator Jerry Jones kept a watchful eye on the storm as it wobbled slowly across the area and appeared at times to stall out. The tropical depression eventually hooked to the right and headed northeast, but a coma-shaped tail continued to dump rain over and area stretching from Comstock, to Eldorado and northward to Wall and Ballinger.

Perhaps the most significant damage was discovered Saturday morning when residents of northern Schleicher County reported the surface had been washed off a highway bridge on County Road 302 (Old San Angelo Highway).

Water had clearly crested the bridge by several feet, leaving dead sheep and goats hanging high in nearby trees. Fortunately, there were no human casualties.

"We really got lucky on this one," Sheriff Doran commented. "We had draws up and running across the county and were fortunate that nobody tried to drive off in one of them."

The storm wasn't completely without incident, however. Frequent lightning strikes last Friday evening fried computers and electrical components at several businesses in downtown Eldorado.

Meanwhile, Mayor John Nikolauk explained this week that the City of Eldorado's landfill was swamped by the rains. The facility is closed as crews work to remove the water.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Large chunks of pavement were washed away from the bridge crossing Indian Draw on County Road 302 (Old San Angelo Highway). The floodwater, which crested several feet above the roadway, had receded by the time this photo was taken Saturday morning. Meanwhile, the bridge across the South Concho Draw, just over a mile south, held up well despite being listed by TXDOT as one of the state's 2,024 structurally deficient bridges. (See story on Page 7)

Former church members may testify in Jeffs trial

Richard Holm and Jethro Barlow, former members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, will be allowed to testify in the upcoming trial against Warren Steed Jeffs, self-proclaimed prophet and leader of the 10,000 member congregation.

Fifth District Judge James L. Shumate ruled Monday that the two men will be allowed to tell their stories during the trial, stories that the prosecution hopes will shed light on the inner-workings of the polygamous sect. Members of the FLDS church consider themselves to be the true followers of Joseph Smith, the founder of the Mormon religion. The broke away from the mainstream Mormon church decades ago when the mother church banned the practice of polygamy.

While Jeffs isn't accused of polygamy, he is charged with using his position as church leader to force an underage girl into a polygamous marriage with her older cousin. The state of Utah also alleges that Jeffs exercised his power as the girl's spiritual leader to compel her to have sexual relations with her new husband, despite the fact that she voiced an unwillingness to do so. For that, the State of Utah has accused Jeffs of committing Rape as an Accomplice.

The testimony of Holm and Barlow is of interest because the men, now excommunicated from the

FLDS once held positions of power and authority inside the secretive FLDS community, a fact that prosecutors hope will give jurors some insight into how the patriarchal society functions.

For his part, Richard Holm was once a successful businessman and loyal FLDS member with two wives. One of his church responsibilities was to provide transportation for former prophet Rulon Jeffs.

However, when the elder prophet died, Holm says, Rulon Jeffs' son, Warren Jeffs, seized power. Holm found himself increasingly on the outside of Jeffs' circle of power culminating with the day he learned he had been kicked out of the church. To make matters worse, Holm says his wives and children were taken away from him and re-assigned to his brother. Holm was also forced to vacate his home which sat on land owned by the United Effort Plan Trust, the one-time financial arm of the FLDS Church.

Jethro Barlow was an accountant who oversaw a some of the financial dealings of the FLDS Church and the UEP Trust. He, too, was excommunicated from the church.

Lawyers representing Warren Jeffs had hoped to prevent Holm and Barlow from testifying, even at a preliminary hearing.

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PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Melt Down at the Red Front

Bags of ice were strewn across the driveway of Red Front Grocery on Thursday, August 16, 2007, after a Ford pickup (background), driven by Erika Iglesias Garcia, swerved between a parked van (left) and the building. Other than slight damage to both vehicles, and a totaled out ice machine, there was little property damage and no injuries. A report taken by Deputy Jason Chatham indicates that Ms. Garcia was pulling into the store parking lot when she pushed the accelerator instead of the brake.

New traffic, criminal laws set to go into effect September 1

Notable traffic and criminal laws that go into effect on September 1 (unless noted otherwise) include the following:

HB 84, known as Katie's Law, requires drivers 85 years of age and above to pass a vision test to have their driver license renewed. Licenses will be valid for two years instead of six. Drivers age 79 and older are not allowed to renew their driver licenses electronically.

HB 586 prohibits a driver who is issued a

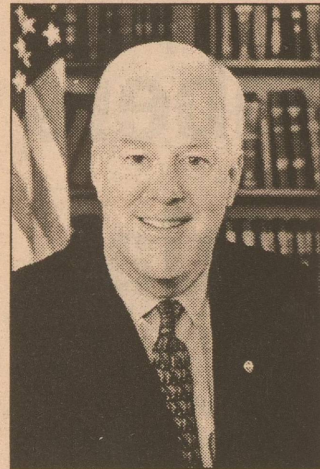
speeding ticket and found guilty of driving at a speed higher than 95 miles per hour from taking a driving safety class to dismiss the ticket.

SB 369 prohibits the use of blurring or reflective matter on a license plate that significantly impairs the readability of the state name and license plate numbers and letters; prohibits the use of material or an apparatus that alters or obscures one-half or more of the state name;

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First responders: The spirit of volunteerism

Texas's earliest settlers appreciated the wide open spaces of our vast landscape, but were quick to band together for the common good when an emergency arose. Nothing brought out that cooperative spirit more rapidly than the specter of fire.



Commentary
by Senator
John Cornyn

In the smallest communities, citizens organized bucket brigades on a moment's notice. In those days, firefighting equipment might consist only of shovels, water containers and anything handy to smother the flames.

In 1845, a fire in San Augustine enveloped several buildings, but the hotel "was saved by the indefatigable exertions of the citizens who covered the roof with carpets and blankets and kept the front deluged with water thrown from windows."

In Houston, during the same era, authorities organized a paid company of firemen. But any major fire brought out an eager corps of civilian volunteers nonetheless.

Today, that spirit of volunteerism still thrives across Texas. Of 1,800 fire departments in the state, some 1,450 are all-volunteer, and another 250 combine paid and volunteer staff. These citizen-run operations cover the vast majority of Texas's 261,797 square miles.

Put another way, two-thirds of the 60,000 firefighters in Texas are men and women willing to volunteer their time and risk the dangers of emergency service to help their neighbors.

Recently, rural firefighters have been busy fighting fast-moving grassfires. Texas State Forester James Hull believes we have just passed the midpoint of a 30-year dry or drought cycle, vastly increasing fire risk across the state, especially in rural areas, where the dry conditions of 2006 were particularly perilous.

With a few other central U.S. states, Texas has had above-average rainfall so far in 2007—reducing fire risk in many areas. But, as residents of East Texas were reminded again this summer, danger is a constant companion for firefighters at all times.

Earlier this month, two volunteer firemen from Noonday, Texas—Captain Kevin Williams and Austin Cheek—made the ultimate sacrifice while battling a house fire in Flint, Texas. Two other volunteers were injured while trying to save their lives.

In June, Nacogdoches Fire Captain Joe Ed Ivy, a career fireman, died in Houston during a high-rise training exercise. Capt. Ivy's brother and cousin also work for the Nacogdoches Fire Department.

While their communities were shocked by these losses, it should be some small comfort to their families that these men died serving others.

In recent years, and especially since Sept. 11, 2001, the federal government has assumed a greater role in local emergency preparedness. Although the danger of terrorism is likely greater in urban areas, we have learned from Katrina and other disasters that after-effects often spill over into suburban and rural areas. Emergency personnel in all regions must be prepared and up to date.

In 2001, Congress created the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program aimed at as-

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Please understand...what you think you heard me say is not at all what I meant

With football season just around the corner, I thought it might be time for a visit to the "I can't believe you just said that" file.

"Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

Redskins QB Joe Theisman

"Well, we've determined that we can't win at home and we can't win on the road. What we need is a neutral site."

John McKay first coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers

"We didn't block real good but we made up for it by not tackling."

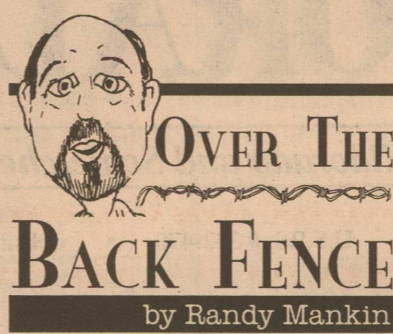
John McKay

"You guys pair up in groups of three the line up in a circle."

Bill Peterson assistant coach Florida State University

"We've got a real tough schedule this year...Penn State, Michigan, Ohio State...and don't ever forget Notre Dame. You know that hunchback they've got is picked to win the Heisman!"

Ray Nitschke
University of Illinois football great and future NFL Hall of Famer



"When I played pro football, I never set out to hurt anyone deliberately - unless it was, you know, important, like a league game or something"

Chicago Bears Hall of Famer Dick Butkus

"Sure, luck means a lot in football. Not having a good quarterback is bad luck."

Miami Dolphins Coach Don Shula

"Football is a game played with arms, legs and shoulders but mostly from the neck up"

Famed Notre Dame Coach Knute Rockne

"An atheist is a guy who watches a Notre Dame - SMU football game and doesn't care who wins"

President Dwight Eisenhower

"The weather is perfect. Too cold for the fans and too cold for

the players. Just right for me.

NFL Hall of Famer Red Grange

"We can't run. We can't pass. We can't stop the run. We can't stop the pass. We can't kick. Other than that, we're just not a very good football team right now."

Coach Bruce Coslet, on the Bengals' 1997 season

"When it's third and ten, you can take the milk drinkers and I'll take the whiskey drinkers every time."

Max McGee, Green Bay Packers receiver

"My knees look like they lost a knife fight with a midget."

KC Chiefs Linebacker and Texas Tech great E.J. Holub commenting on his 12 knee surgeries

"Gentlemen, it is better to have died as a small boy than to fumble this football."

Coach John Heisman

"The road to Easy Street goes through the sewer."

Coach John Madden

"I'm in favor of it."

John McKay when asked about his team's execution

State honors WWII vets with Capitol monument

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Texas veterans of World War II are now honored with a new monument located near the east entrance of the Texas Supreme Court Building in the north-west quadrant of the Capitol grounds. Thousands of people attended the Aug. 15 dedication, the 62nd anniversary of the victory over Japan and the official end of the war.



More than 830,000 Texans served in the armed forces in the war, and 22,000 were killed.

Donations from corporations, associations, foundations and individuals paid for the 17-foot-tall, 22-ton monument.

TxDOT delivers report on bridges

Is a bridge you've been using for years sturdy enough to deserve your confidence? Are you sure?

The Interstate 35-West bridge collapse in Minnesota on Aug. 1 made people wonder.

Soon after the event, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst asked the Texas Department of Transportation to produce a report on the status of Texas bridges.

TxDOT responded with a 92-page report released Aug. 16, saying 4 percent of the state's 50,000 bridges are listed as structurally deficient. However, the first line of the report says "All bridges open to traffic on Texas public roads in the State of Texas are safe."

The report, readily available at www.txdot.gov, includes a list of structurally deficient bridges.

A few points made by TxDOT:

- "Structurally deficient" is a term the Federal Highway Administration uses to classify and prioritize bridges for federal funding.

- Structurally deficient bridges receive priority for limited rehabilitation on replacement funds from the federal government.

- Bridges that are unsafe or present an imminent public danger are closed to traffic.

- Of the state's bridges classified as structurally deficient, 445 are on the state highway system and 1,579 are off-system structures.

- Some 282 bridges classified as structurally deficient are currently under contract to be fixed or replaced.

- Another 1,303 structurally deficient bridges are under development as part of the state transportation plan.

- The remaining 439 structurally deficient bridges are not scheduled for rehabilitation or replacement, and no funding has been identified for them, TxDOT said.

Progress report on schools is in

The Texas Education Agency reports 86 percent of school districts and 79 percent of schools met the state's 2007 standards for "Adequate Yearly Progress."

The state standards tie into the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Public schools and districts tested students in kindergarten through 12th grade. At least 60 percent of the students had to pass the reading/language test and at least 50 percent had to pass the math exam.

Attendance and graduation figures also figured into the calculations. Schools that do not meet the state's Adequate Yearly Progress standards two years in a row are placed in an improvement program.

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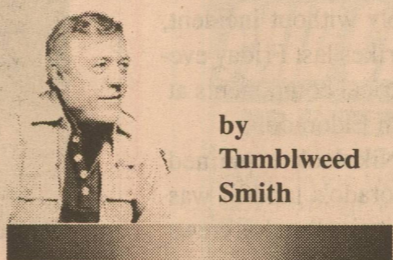
A Weekend in Santa Fe

My friend Bill Murchison called and said he was going to Santa Fe for Bill Worrell's new showing of his 2007 artwork. Looking for any excuse to go to Northern New Mexico, I said we would go, too.

The area around Santa Fe has always fascinated me. There is something about the sky, the old ruins and the mountains that make it a mystical place.

We took highway 3 off Interstate 40 and headed north. It is a small, two-lane road that has steep grades up and down, following the natural features of the valleys and hills. We passed through stretches of pastureland and small towns that had colorful houses with hollyhocks blooming in front of them. We bought peaches, cherries and melons at fruit stands along the way.

We met Bill Murchison at the Holiday Inn. We were pleasantly surprised at our room, which was spacious, well decorated, comfortable and had a wonderful bed. We went downtown and walked around the plaza for an hour or so, then went to the Frank Howell gallery for Worrell's opening. We spent the rest of the evening



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

doing the things I love to do in Santa Fe: visit with friends and go to Vanessie's to hear some good music. I made arrangements to interview Bill Worrell the next morning at his place on Upper Canyon Road. Bill also has a home and studio at New Art, near Mason, Texas.

I've known Worrell for some time. He is one interesting character. He and Murchison took a canoe trip down the lower Pecos river years ago and were forced to take refuge in a cave because of heavy rain. Worrell saw some pictographs on the walls of the cave and his life was forever changed. He spent the next seven years studying pictographs, petroglyphs and rock art all over the world. The result is some striking sculptures of ancient Shaman. His 10-foot sculpture in front of the Frank Howell gallery just off the plaza in Santa Fe is one of the most photographed objects

in the country.

Worrell is always thinking. He keeps a journal with him all the time. If he sees something at a restaurant that intrigues him, he'll get out his pen and write something. Or he might ask for crayons and do a drawing or design. If he stacks all the journals he has kept over the years, the stack would be taller than he is.

Bill Worrell not only sculpts. He also paints. He's also a musician and has 2 CD's of songs he has written and performed, with friends like Brooks & Dunn, Jay Boy Adams, Jessie Colter and Lloyd Maines doing backup. He has lots of famous friends. Some of them, like Robert Redford, visit him at New Art.

Bill must love hands. Both his residences have handprints of some of his special visitors. They are in several colors and are fun to look at. He has his visitors sign their name by their handprint. When we concluded the interview, he asked me to put my handprint on a doorway wall. I was flattered. He painted my palm with orange acrylic then pressed my hand firmly against the wall. I considered it a real privilege to do that.

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OBITUARIES

Durward Edwards

GATESVILLE — Durward Edwards was born Nov. 23, 1921, in the Clyde community of Callahan County, Texas, to Edward Evert Edwards and Grace May Shelton Edwards. He passed from this life into the arms of God on Aug. 17, 2007.

At an early age, his mother and he moved to the Rowden community of Callahan County in Texas to live on the farm of his grandparents, James W. and Rose Walker Shelton. He attended schools in Rowden until age 14, when his mother remarried. They later moved to California, where he received the balance of his education graduating from Patterson High School in Patterson, Calif. He entered the army in 1942, serving in World War II and in Korea.

He received several accommodations while serving our country until his retirement in 1969. He was stationed at Fort Hood a great part of his time in the Army.

He cared for his mother until her death in 1988. They moved from Mineral Wells, Texas, to Gatesville,

Texas, in 1973. He was a shy, unassuming man who asked nothing for himself but to be loved. He leaves to miss him one sister and her family, Carolyn Ankrom of Lampasas; and many cousins, including Ed Shelton of Baird, Texas, Rosemary Martin of Merkel, Texas, Barbara Jackson of Eldorado, Texas, and Sandra Konzak of Baird, who gave him much pleasure by promoting family reunions.

He also leaves good neighbors including Lois Worley and Leon Ashley, who helped him during his illness. Our appreciation for the hospice nurses and Doctor Tim Maynard, who cared for him during his final hours.

By his request, he was cremated and his ashes deposited in the family plot in the Historic Belle Plains Cemetery in Callahan County, Texas. Here he will rest beside his mother, grandparents and other relatives of the Holloway and Shelton descendants. A memorial service will be planned at a future date. For more information, contact Barbara Jackson in Eldorado, Texas.



Jo and John Callison

Callisons mark 60th anniversary

John and Jo Callison will be celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary on August 28th. They were married in 1947 in Grafton, West Virginia. They attended West Virginia University together and then moved to the Four Corners Area where they both taught school on the Navaho Indian Reservation for three years.

They have three children: Susan and J.R. Adams of Enid, Oklahoma; Mike Callison of Mercury, Texas, and Russell Callison of Cape Fair, Missouri. They have three grandchildren: Steven and John Stark of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Chase Callison of Memphis, Tennessee.

Jo retired after teaching thirty years. She taught in Morgantown, West Virginia; Aneth, Utah; Durango, Colorado; Houston, San

Antonio, and Eldorado, Texas.

John served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was awarded six battle stars for major battles in the Pacific.

John was Controller for Reynolds Metals in Durango, Colorado and for Pet Milk in Houston and San Antonio, Texas. They moved to Eldorado in 1974. They built and operated the Eagle Dairy Mart for several years. After retiring from the restaurant business, John was City Manager for Eldorado.

They are members of First Baptist Church where John serves as deacon and Jo teaches Sunday School.

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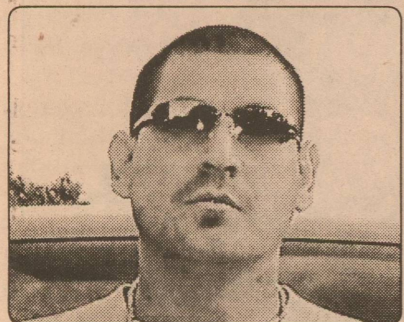
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Jesus Baltazar Arispe



ELDORADO — Jesus Baltazar "Jessie" Arispe, 40, our beloved son, brother and husband, left this world on Friday, Aug 10, 2007.

He is survived by his loving wife Jasmina Arispe, one son Jessie Arispe, Jr., his parents, Baltazar Arispe and Victoria Batrez,

brothers Victor Arispe and Ernesto Arispe, sisters Corina Gonzales, Cynthia Arispe, and Emma Aragon, and a loving grandmother whom he cherished, Maria G. Arispe.

He was preceded in death by his grand-parents Romegio Gauna, Anita Gauna, and Jesus G. Arispe. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel in Eldorado. Burial will follow in Eldorado Cemetery.

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **
 * Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!
 Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.
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BIRTHDAY LIST
AUGUST

23rd Benita Fuentes, Charlotte Crain, B.J. Key, David Lloyd, Stoney Harriman, Gary Thomson Sr., Kasey Lynn Gonzales, Caleigh Bunty, Douglas Ussey

24th Jessica Lozano, Steven Valero, Phillip Edmonson, Beverly Jones, Maria Huichapa, Tara Whitten, W.H. Clifton, Jackson O'Harrow, Larry Smith

25th Marcy Glidden, Casey Kidd, Judy Jones, Bently Kennedy, Chris Phillips, John Isaac Lozano, Mary Hernandez

26th Jewell Millers, Bob Bailey, Monica Nicole Estrada, J. Lynn Barajas, Raul Sanchez, Randy Dehoyos, Ramiro Barajas Sr., Donice Samaniego, Kenny Covarrubiaz, Gregoria Lozano, Scott McCutcheon

27th Tiffany Case, John Edward Meador, Douglas Ward, Jody York, Lupe Fuentes, W. F. Edmiston, MaryLou Covarrubiaz, Roxanne Arispe

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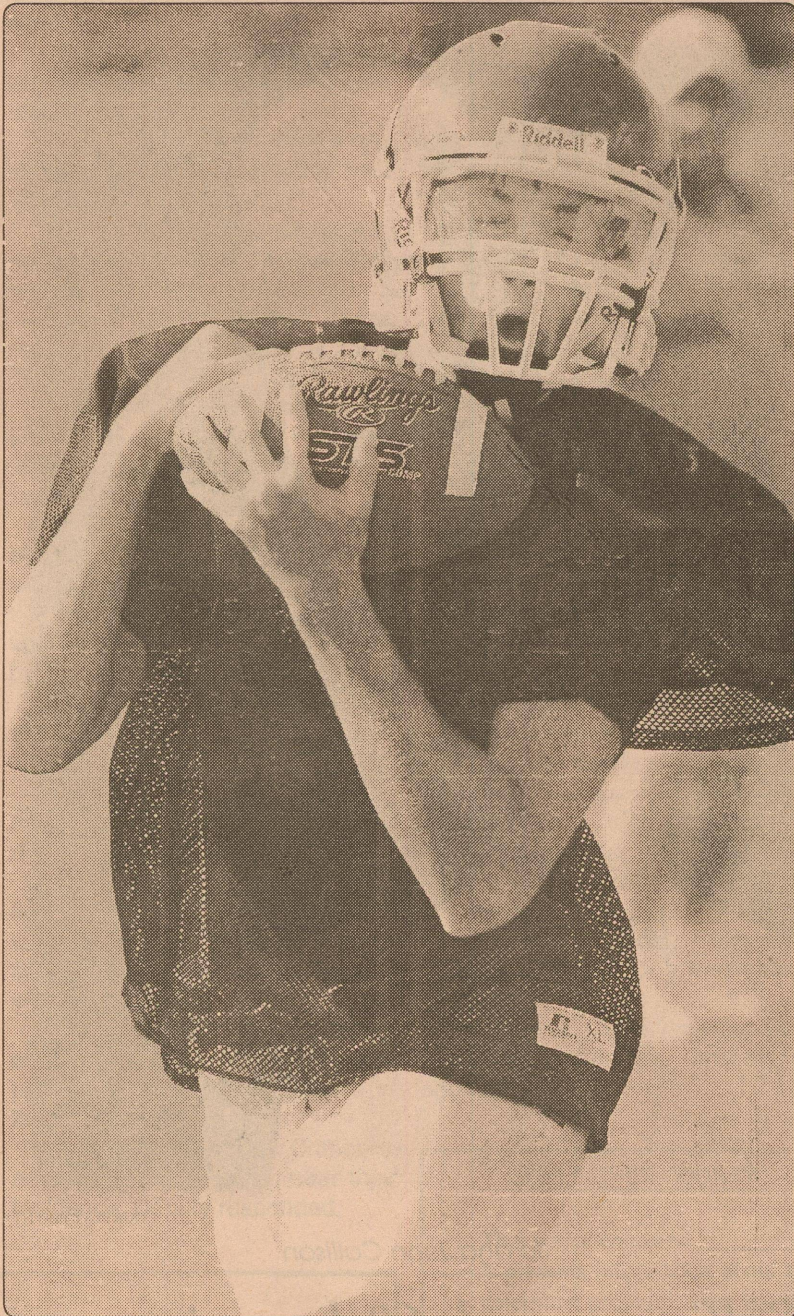


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Eagles receiver Garrett Lux hauled in this pass during practice Tuesday as the Warbirds prepared for their scrimmage with McCamey on Friday.

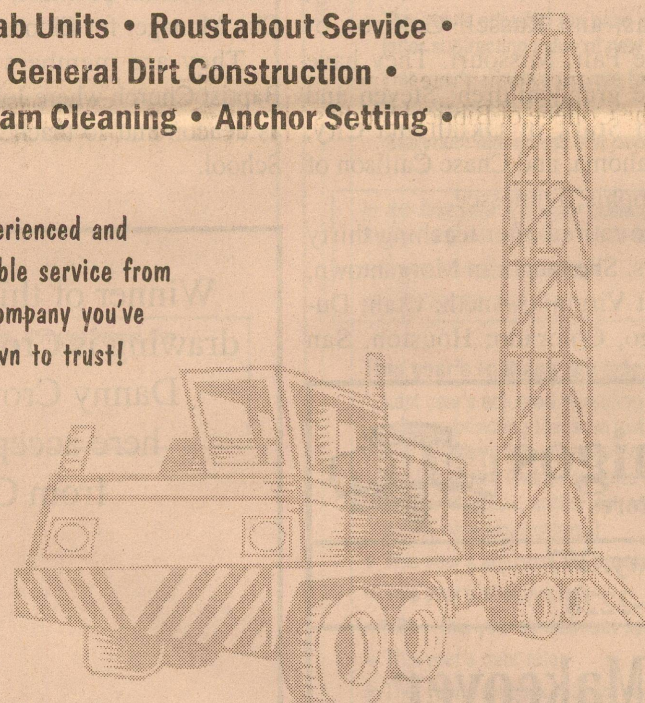
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Warbirds dismantle NC in opening scrimmage

Tropical Depression Erin forced the Eldorado Eagles to fly south Saturday morning as the Warbirds moved their scrimmage against the Nueces Canyon to the Panthers' home field.

In an impressive show of force the Eagles offense scored 6 touchdowns in 45 plays. The defense proved to be stout as well, shutting down the Panthers offense and not allowing a score on the same number of plays.

"The best way I can describe it is the team looked good," Head Coach Johnny Burleson said. "Defensively we looked very quick and we executed on offense."

Heavy rain and flooding kept Eagle quarterback Rance Cathy from making the trip to Nueces

Canyon.

"I wish Rance could have made the trip," Burleson said. "Manny Gonzalez played well at the position though. He did a great job running the offense."

The Warbirds now set their sights on the McCamey Badgers.

"They run more of a spread offense, so we will concentrate on that this week in practice," Burleson said. "They also run a 3-3 stack defense. We will just prepare for that and work on fundamentals."

The team will travel to McCamey on Friday where the JV will start things off at 6 p.m. Varsity action will follow as both teams ready themselves for the start of the 2007 regular season.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN
Eagles defender Jorge Mata wraps his arms around the ball carrier Pedro Garcia during tackle drills as the Eagles went through practice on Tuesday.

Saddle Exhibit at Ft. Concho

The Bob Johnston Saddle Exhibit will remain at Fort Concho National Historic Landmark until Sunday, September 2, at the for's Quartermaster Galleries. Hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sundays, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for this special display that has sixty saddles and dozens of cowboy chaps, spurs, hats, photos, and other artifacts that cover many craftsmen, countries, and styles.

This display was created by Joan Mertz of San Angelo, and it brings together a lifetime of collecting by Bob Johnston of Pueblo, Colorado, a rancher for over fifty years whose work covered Texas,

New Mexico and Colorado. His diverse tastes and eye for beauty in something as basic as the standard cowboy equipment has resulted in a fascinating collection that reflects the style and function of the saddle and related cowboy gear.

The Quartermaster Galleries at Fort Concho are located near the intersection of Henry O. Flipper Street and Burgess Street, reached by South Oakes Street just south of downtown San Angelo. The exhibit is sponsored by the Fort Concho Foundation and Dr. Rex and Vickie Bushong of San Angelo.

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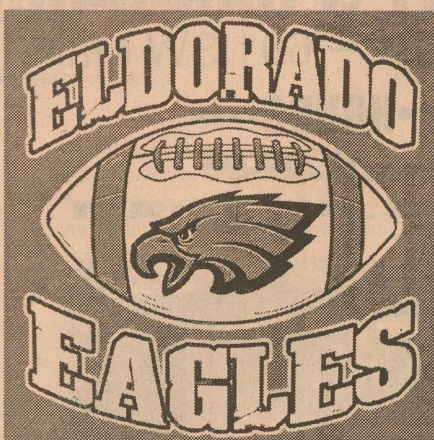
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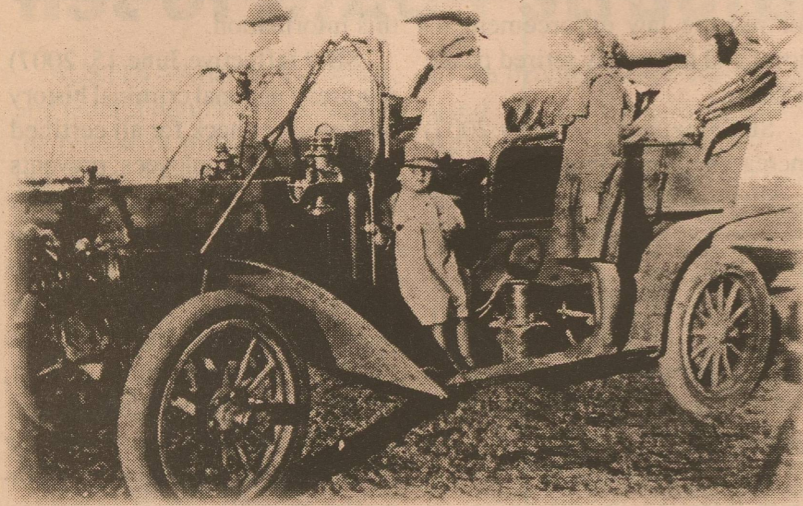


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First Automobile in Schleicher Co.

In 1909, the first automobile came to Schleicher County. A fancy new Buick was the first car to be registered in the small town of Eldorado. W. D. Ake was the proud owner of this convertible. What a sight it was to see a car traveling down the dirt roads along side the horses and buggies.

W.D. Ake lived in Rudd Community in the northeastern part of Schleicher County. He was appointed the first postmaster of Rudd, July 13, 1898, and served the position until September 18, 1914, when his wife Alice Ake was appointed. The post office closed in 1920.

W.D. and Alice Linengood

Ake owned a ranch in Rudd, and built a large three-story home in 1913, sharing it with their daughter, Fannie. The third story of this home was later used by the Ake's as a schoolroom for the grandchildren.

Ake served as the first commissioner of Precinct #3, and served that position until 1920. Elections were held at Rudd for Precinct #3. Ake was also Justice of Peace for Rudd.

The large three story home of the Ake Family has been restored, and is the home of Pierce and Deanna Holt, and their family today.

Evangelist Voddie Baucham due in Eldorado Sept. 15th

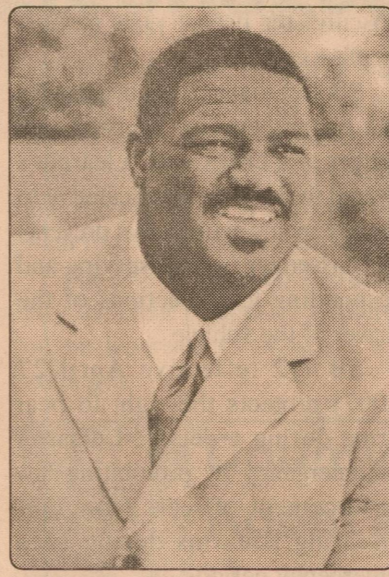
Dr. Voddie Baucham, Jr. has been referred to as an "Evangelist to Intellectuals." He is one of the most sought-after preachers of his generation. His unique blend of sound biblical exposition, theological content, down to earth demeanor and engaging presence make it clear why this man is considered a modern day prophet.

However, that is only part of the story. He is also a pastor, church planter, author, professor, husband, father and...chef. Born in Los Angeles CA. in 1969, Voddie was raised by his single, teenage mother after his father went off to pursue a career in professional football.

Voddie was not raised in a Christian home. In fact, his mother was a practicing Buddhist. It was not until his freshman year in college that he actually heard, understood and responded to the saving message of Jesus Christ. The summer between his sophomore and junior years was very busy. That summer, Voddie preached his first sermon, was licensed in the ministry, and married Bridget. They are parents to four precious children, Jasmine, Trey, Elijah and Asher.

Dr. Baucham's formal theological training began at Houston Baptist University where he earned BA's in Christianity and Sociology.

From there he went on to earn degrees from Southwestern and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminaries, respectively, and has done additional post-graduate study at the University of Oxford, England. His academic disciplines include evangelism/missions and apologetics. He has served as an adjunct professor at a number of colleges and seminaries, including the College of Biblical Studies (Houston), and Union University



COURTESY PHOTO Dr. Voddie Baucham

(Jackson, TN). What is not as well known, however, is Dr. Baucham's commitment to the local church. Far from a roving itinerant, he has served on numerous church staffs over the past 17 years. In fact, he spent 16 of the last 17 years in a local church, 9 years as a pastor of missions, 4 years as a teaching pastor and currently serves as pastor of preaching at Grace Family Baptist Church in Spring, TX.

The Ever Loving Truth Conference will be held Sept. 15th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Eldorado High School Auditorium

Tickets may be purchased ahead of time to reserve a seat. Tickets are normally \$25 but through generous donations we have lowered the price to \$5 per person. Call 853-2662 for more information or come by the FBC office to purchase a ticket or contact anyone with the Ministerial Alliance to purchase a ticket.

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Officials discuss vetoed funding

The Senate Higher Education Subcommittee met Aug. 14 to address Gov. Rick Perry's veto of \$154 million in community college funding.

Subcommittee chair Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst spoke positively about prospects that funding would be restored.

Details on how to restore the funding are still to be negotiated, Zaffirini said.

Organ registry site goes online
The Department of State Health

Services announced the online availability of the Glenda Dawson Donate Life - Texas Donor Registry.

People may register as organ, tissue and eye donors via www.DonateLifeTexas.org. The site also provides information about organ donation.

The donor program pays tribute to the late State Rep. Glenda Dawson of Pearland, a donor recipient who raised public awareness about the organ donor registry in Texas.

Dawson was elected to House District 29 in 2003 and was re-elected in 2005. She died in 2006.

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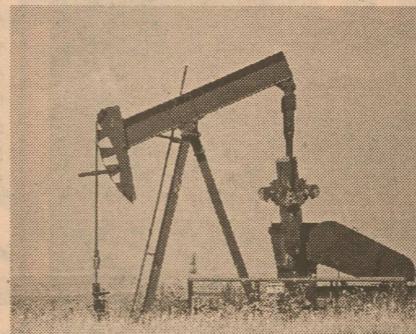
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Hopefully I taught her, the right things along the way
 To help her make the right decisions, each and every day

The most important thing, that she should know
 That if things don't work out, she always has a place to go

Though she no longer lives here, this will always be her home
 the warm and kindest place, a heart has ever known

A place where the welcome mat, is always put out
 A place that she can run to, when she's filled with doubt

It's so very hard to let her go, but I know that I must
 I have so much faith in her, and a world of trust

I know she's smart enough, to make it on her own
 It's hard to admit, my little girl has finally grown

I hope she knows in her heart, just how much I care
 Because everytime she needed me, I always tried to be there

I hope she knows if life gets tough, and she should need a friend
 That she can always count on me, until the very end

It's never very easy, watching someone you love leave
 I know that I must be strong, but silently I'll grieve

Someone who's been around, morning, noon and night
 No longer having her here, just will not seem right

But she knows I love her, with all of my heart
 And it's that love, that will never let us part.

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New traffic, criminal laws set to go into effect September 1

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SB 153 makes it an offense for the accompanying licensed passenger of a driver with a learner's permit to sleep, be intoxicated or to engage in any activity that prevents the passenger from observing and responding to the actions of the driver of the vehicle.

SB 112 (effective April 27, 2007) protects the right to bear arms during a declared disaster or emergency by prohibiting law enforcement officers from confiscating firearms during such emergency periods.

HB 8, known as Jessica's Law, imposes a 25-year minimum sentence for sexually violent offenses against children under 14 years of age; eliminates eligibility for parole for certain sex offenders; makes a second conviction of a sexually violent offense against a child under 14 years of age a capital felony; mandates global positioning system (GPS) monitoring for offenders committed under the sexually violent predator statutes; extends the statute of limitations for sexually violent offenses against children under the age of 14 to 20 years past the victims' 18th birthday; and clarifies that harboring a sex offender in violation of registration is an offense punishable by up to a third degree felony.

SB 6 increases the penalty for sexually explicit online communication with a minor who is 14 to 16 years old from a state jail felony to a third degree felony and increases the penalty for online sexual solicitation of a minor who is 14 to 16 years old from a third degree felony to a second degree felony.

HB 3849, effective June 15, 2007, creates new vehicle registration requirements for all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and a penalty if an ATV is driven on public property while the driver and passengers are not wearing required safety apparel.

SB 1315 requires DPS to develop an alert system for missing senior citizens similar to the

current Amber Alert Program for abducted children.

HB 323 requires all new buses purchased by a school district on or after September 1, 2010 to be equipped with lap/shoulder seatbelts. All buses contracted for use by a school district on or after September 1, 2014 must be equipped with lap/shoulder seatbelts. (The bill's provisions will not take effect unless the legislature appropriates the necessary funds to school districts to cover the expenses of such changes.)

HB 1815 excludes from unlawful carrying of a weapon a person who is carrying a handgun, illegal knife, or club on the person's own premises or premises under their control or inside of or directly en route to a motor vehicle that is owned by the person or is under their control. The bill makes it an offense to carry a handgun in a motor vehicle that is owned by the person or under the person's control if the handgun is in plain view or the person is engaged in certain criminal activity, is prohibited from possessing a firearm, or is a member of a criminal street gang.

HB 3190 prohibits persons who have committed offenses such as vehicular manslaughter, driving under the influence, and leaving the scene of an accident from operating a school bus for 10 years after the offense; requires school bus operators to wear seat belts if the operator's seat is equipped with such restraints; prohibits the operation of a school bus if the number of persons inside the bus exceeds the manufacturer's design capacity for the vehicle or if the bus' door is open; authorizes a school bus operator to prohibit a passenger from standing or sitting on the floor of a bus or anywhere that is not a seat; requires a school bus evacuation training program and requires a school district to train all of its students and teaching staff in the process of emergency school bus evacuation at least twice a year.

SB 1287 requires certain establishments that sell alcohol to post specific notification regarding the offense of human trafficking in both English and Spanish along with the number to the national human trafficking hotline.

HB 3613 creates a statewide

standard for peace officer identification cards, including ID cards for reserve law enforcement officers and honorably retired peace officers.

SB 331 (effective May 14, 2007) increases the maximum length for saddle-mount commercial vehicle transporter combinations from 75 to 97 feet.

SB 378, known as the "Castle Doctrine," removes the requirement that persons attempt to retreat before using deadly force to defend themselves.

HB 2112 prohibits a person from intentionally exhibiting, using or threatening to exhibit or use a firearm while on public or private school property (including in a school parking lot), or while on a school bus being used to transport children to or from school-sponsored activities.

SB 332 authorizes the state to prohibit a motor carrier from operating in intrastate commerce if the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has prohibited the carrier from operating in interstate commerce because it is deemed unfit or unsafe.

SB 387 redefines "loose material" in Transportation Code Chapter 725 by adding the term "refuse," which is defined as "trash, rubbish, garbage, or any other discarded material." It also deletes existing statutory language that exempts a vehicle operated at a speed less than 30 miles an hour from application of this chapter.

SB 545, HB 1638 and HB 2077 added more than 40 municipal police departments to those police agencies eligible to have DPS train their peace officers to become certified to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

HB 1766 makes a state jail felony of the theft of wiring or cable that consists of at least 50 percent aluminum, bronze, or copper metals and that has a value of less than \$20,000.

SB 244 authorizes a district or appellate court to seal an affidavit when there is compelling state interest for doing so, such as to prevent destruction of or tampering with evidence in a criminal investigation.

HB 991 (effective May 23, 2007) makes confidential DPS records about who holds a concealed

handgun in Texas. Criminal justice agency officials still have to access this information.

SB 9 (effective June 15, 2007) requires a national criminal history background check for all certified public school employees; prevents individuals from employment with a school district if they have been convicted of a Title 5 Penal Code felony offense; or a sex offense when the victim of the crime was a child, a primary school student, or secondary school student; and creates a clearinghouse at DPS for criminal history background information on public school employees so this information can be shared between school districts.

HB 233 provides a concealed handgun license fee waiver for active duty military members and honorably discharged veterans within one year of their discharge from the military service

HB 1241 requires any private security business to maintain criminal histories of its security personnel on file at the business and to make them available for inspection by DPS.

HB 1355, known as Lillian's Law, requires all dog owners to properly secure their dogs on their property. The law provides that a dog owner can be held criminally responsible if the dog causes serious bodily injury or death at a location other than the owner's property in an unprovoked attack during which the owner by criminal negligence failed to secure the dog. It exempts many dog professionals (including peace officers) who deal with dogs on a regular basis from the bill.

HB 1839 requires concealed handgun license (CHL) holders to take a continuing education course to renew their CHL every 10 years instead of every five years.

SB 502 increases the minimum liability coverage amounts for automobile insurance. The first increase applies to motor vehicle liability insurance policies issued or renewed after January 1, 2008. A second, larger increase in motor vehicle liability insurance coverage takes effect on January 1, 2011.

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ACROSS

1. "Rise and ___!"
 6. Fade away
 10. Dr. Pavlov
 14. Like an icecap
 15. Genesis son
 16. Terra cotta piece
 17. Gridiron elite
 19. Mark for life
 20. John, formerly of "ET"
 21. Wall Street order
 22. ___ Rizzo ('69 Hoffman role)
 23. Start of a classic Christmas poem
 25. It takes two
 27. Hot dog topper, perhaps
 31. ___-Kettering Institute
 33. A Beatle bride
 34. Take third place
 35. "Unagi," at sushi bars
 36. Hopi Indian doll
 40. ___ No Hooks"
 41. H.S. math subject
 43. Colling creature
 44. Stein filler
 46. Spanish dish made with saffron
 50. B&B visitor
 51. "Dragonwyck"

author Seton
 52. Clock climber of rhyme
 54. Ararat lander
 55. Ingredient in 44-Across making
 59. Slices of history
 60. Fair exchange
 63. Stallion's mate
 64. Bring to ruin
 65. X-rated
 66. Discontinued GM

line
 67. Org.
 68. Positive thinker
 Norman Vincent

DOWN

1. Set-to
 2. Pocket problem
 3. Sorry situations
 4. Petroleum distillate used in solvents
 5. Make a goof

6. Dance named for an African people
 7. Aid in wrongdoing
 8. PBS-funding org.
 9. "Slippery" tree
 10. "Jumping Jack Flash, ___"
 11. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" author
 12. [sigh]
 13. Notorious

"fiddler"
 18. October birthstone
 22. GOP org.
 24. Subtle signal
 25. Actress Collette
 26. Bard's "in a little while"
 27. Flag carriers
 28. "George M!" subject
 29. Durante's protuberance
 30. Fancy pitcher
 31. Dreamcast maker
 32. Wolf's look
 37. Rudiments
 38. Crotchety sort
 39. Comrade in arms
 42. Chilled desserts
 45. Apple pie order
 47. Snore symbol
 48. Ford's bestowal on Nixon
 49. Peeling spuds, maybe
 52. Post-it message
 53. Like much testimony
 54. Gives a boost to
 56. Blue-green shade
 57. Break in the action
 58. Handy bag
 60. Sine ___non
 61. Young ___(tykes)
 62. Eminem's genre

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Schleicher County bridge among TxDOT list of 2,204 structurally deficient bridges

AUSTIN – After review of state and federal regulations governing the release of infrastructure data, the Texas Department of Transportation released a list of the state's 2,204 structurally deficient bridges this week, including a bridge on Schleicher County Road 302 across the South Concho Draw, approximately 7.7 miles north of the road's intersection with U.S. 277.

Interestingly, the questionable bridge held up well during last week's torrential rains, however another bridge, just north of it, across Indian Draw, did not fare as well. (See photo on Page 1)

TxDOT's decision was reached after examining rules that strictly limit the release of bridge information collected for federal reports and additional homeland security constraints on the publication of data regarding the state's critical infrastructure.

TxDOT's records indicate that 4 percent of the state's bridges are listed as structurally deficient. The Bureau of Transportation Statistics reports that in 2006, 12 percent of the nation's bridges were identified as structurally deficient. TxDOT's aggressive program to inspect all 50,000 of the state's bridges and rehabilitate and replace bridges that require improvement is producing results. In 2002, Texas was home to 2,928 structurally deficient bridges. The current figure is a 31 percent reduction in structurally deficient bridges.

The term "structurally deficient" is a technical term that has recently been used in news accounts and public discussions to describe a bridge that is unsafe or presents an imminent danger

to the driving public. It is a term used by the Federal Highway Administration to classify and prioritize bridges for federal funding. Structurally deficient bridges receive priority for limited rehabilitation on replacement funds from the federal government. Bridges that are unsafe or present an imminent public danger are closed to traffic.

Of the state's bridges classified as "structurally deficient," 445 are on the state highway system and 1,579 are off-system structures. 282 bridges classified as structurally deficient are currently under contract to be rehabilitated or replaced. Another 1,303 bridges classified as structurally deficient are under development as part of the state's Unified Transportation Plan. The state's remaining 439 bridges classified as structurally deficient are not currently scheduled for rehabilitation or replacement, and no funding has been identified for them.

Improving safety is TxDOT's

most important goal and is a sacred obligation to the state's driving public. TxDOT will continue to monitor the state's bridges through its aggressive bridge inspection program. In addition to enhancing safety, TxDOT is committed to reducing congestion and expanding economic opportunity, improving air quality and increasing the value of the state's transportation assets.

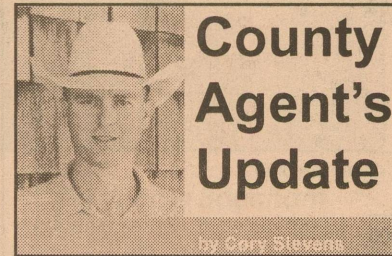
The challenge for Texas is that as the state's transportation system ages, demand is increasing. TxDOT is committed to maintaining the safety of the state's roads and bridges, but as the department has said before, it will not be easy.

Recognizing this goal, TxDOT staff reported in June that more than \$6 billion would need to be transferred from new construction to routine maintenance to ensure the safety and quality of the state's highway system over the next five years.

The situation points to the need for balancing two important goals: maintaining the existing highway

system and reducing traffic congestion. Finding just the right balance is tough. Texans deserve both a well-maintained highway system and the ability to get where they want to go in a timely manner.

The list of the state's structurally deficient bridges is available on the department's website: www.txdot.gov



County Agent's Update

by Cory Stevens

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The bags will need to be picked up this week if possible.

The Balance is due upon delivery.
Joella Parker

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Eldorado for Fiscal Year beginning 9/1/07 and ending 8/31/08. **Hearing is set for Thursday, August 30, 2007, at 6:00 PM at the City Hall, 6 S. Cottonwood St.**

Said proposed budget reflects \$1,545,366 budgeted for the Utility/Sanitation/Street Funds and \$409,710 for the General Fund.

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

FINAL CHANCE YMCA FOOTBALL

Registration

3rd to 6th Grade

6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 28, 2007

Elementary Gym

SCHLEICHER CO. HOSPITAL DISTRICT **Property Tax Rates in** SCHLEICHER CO. HOSPITAL DISTRICT

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for SCHLEICHER CO. HOSPITAL DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	980,222.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$	0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$	980,222.00
Last year's tax base	\$	330,702,044.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$	0.29640 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	980,040.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	364,073,961.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	0.26910 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	0.00000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$	0.00000 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$	980,404.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	364,073,961.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	0.26910 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$	0.29060 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	0.00000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$	0.29060 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	0.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	0.00000 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$	0.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	0.00000 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If SCHLEICHER CO. HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.2964 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2006 taxes by \$ 11,475.00

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND	\$510,011.00

Schedule B - 2007 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to Be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<i>(expand as needed)</i>				
Total required for 2007 debt service			\$ 510,011.00	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0.00	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$ 0.00	
- Excess collections last year			\$ 0.00	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2007			\$ 510,011.00	
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only <u>97.0</u> % of its taxes in 2007			\$ 15,774.00	
= Total Debt Levy			\$ 525,785.00	

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE or THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Name of person preparing this notice JEANNE J. SNELSON

Title TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

Date prepared 8/16/2007

Former FLDS members will be allowed testify in Jeffs trial

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But Judge Shumate heard the men's testimony Monday, August 21, then ruled that he will allow them to testify when Jeffs goes to trial early next month. The judge did restrict the men to testifying what they know about Jeffs and his operation of the FLDS Church. He will not allow comparisons to the way Jeffs' father, Rulon Jeffs, operated when he was prophet.

At Monday's hearing Holm and Barlow described how Warren Jeffs dictated every facet of his followers lives, even when and why they could have sex.

Holm told the court that Jeffs prohibited sexual relations except for the purpose of having children. Barlow added that sex between a husband and wife was prohibited if she was pregnant, nursing, or if the husband had "lost his priesthood," meaning that the man had fallen from favor with Jeffs or his lieutenants.

Jeffs follower sentenced

Dale Barlow, 48, was sentenced Friday in Arizona on a charge of Conspiracy to Commit Sexual Conduct with a Minor, in connection with his marriage to the youngest

of his three plural wives. Superior Court Judge Steve Conn handed down a 45 day jail sentence and gave Barlow until Oct. 22nd to surrender to authorities. He must also register as a sex offender until a three-year probation period is complete. Barlow was also ordered to pay some \$3,800.00 in court costs.

Barlow's conviction comes days ahead of the trial of FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs, who also stands accused in Arizona of Conspiracy to Commit Sexual Conduct with a Minor. It was Jeffs who allegedly presented Barlow with his newest bride.

First Responders, the spirit of volunteerism

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sisting rural emergency organizations to maintain readiness. These grants help firefighters and other first responders obtain equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed for fires and related hazards.

Over the past six years, the program has made 1,437 grants to Texas, totaling \$123.6 million. These funds have helped most state fire departments keep up with potential problems that seem to multiply with increased population, weather cycles, human mistakes, and both domestic and interna-

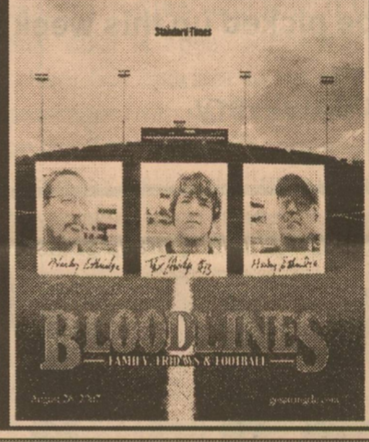
tional threats. A byproduct of 9-11 has been increased appreciation for the role that first responders—police, fire and emergency personnel—take on the front lines. They are often the pillars of our communities, and they earn our respect and gratitude every day. It is well deserved.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and

Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Air-land subcommittee. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge. For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column.

Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, August 27**
Ham w/Pineapple Rings, Corn, macaroni & Cheese, Dinner Roll, Peaches, Lemon Bar, Milk
- Tuesday, August 28**
BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Corn Bread, Apricot/Banana Medley, Milk
- Wednesday, August 29**
Roast Beef w/Brown Gravy, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Sliced Strawberries, Milk
- Thursday, August 30**
Frito Pie, Spinach, Wheat Bread, Toss Salad w/Dressing, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk
- Friday, August 31**
Tuna Stuffed Tomato, Vegetable Beef Soup, Wheat Bread, Fresh Fruit Cup, German Chocolate Cake, Milk



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

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

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

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

gibility and verification of data. The school officials may verify applications at any time during the school year.

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

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE". An adult household member must sign the application.

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

decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Food Service Director Ima Bruce, P.O. Box W, Eldorado, Texas 76936 or Phone 853- 3172 EXT. 526.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income of information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decrease in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if household's income falls at or below the level shown below.

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SCHLEICHER CO ISD

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Estimado Padre de Familia/Encargado:

Children need healthy meals to learn. SCHLEICHER CO ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$0.50 lunch costs \$1.50. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is \$0.25 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

Los niños necesitan comida nutritiva para aprender. SCHLEICHER CO ISD ofrece comidas nutritivas todos los días escolares. El desayuno cuesta \$.50 y el almuerzo \$1.50. Sus niños podrían calificar para comidas gratis o a precio reducido. El precio reducido es de \$.025 para el desayuno y \$0.40 para el almuerzo (comida).

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Ima Bruce 325-853-3172 ext. 526.

1. ¿Necesito llenar una solicitud por cada niño? No. Llame la solicitud para comidas gratuitas o a precio bajo para todos sus hijos. Use una sola solicitud para todos sus hijos que asisten a la escuela. No podremos aprobar una solicitud que esté incompleta, así que asegúrese de llenar toda la información que se le pide. Devuelva la solicitud llena a: IMA BRUCE 325-853-3172-EXT 526.

2. Who can get free meals? Children in households getting Food Stamps or TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.

2. ¿Quién puede recibir comidas gratuitas? Los niños que reciben estampillas de comida o TANF en sus casas y la mayoría de los niños bajo adopción temporal pueden recibir desayuno y almuerzo (comida) gratuito sin importar sus ingresos. También, sus hijos pueden recibir comidas gratis si los ingresos de su casa están dentro de los límites de gratuitos de la Tabla Federal de ingresos.

3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Yes, if you have not been notified of free status under these categories, please call Maureen Hodges: 325-853-2514, ext. 326, to see if your child(ren) qualify.

3. ¿Los niños sin hogar, niños que han abandonado su hogar y niños emigrantes pueden recibir comidas gratuitas? Sí. Si usted no ha sido notificado del estado gratuito bajo estas categorías, favor de llamar Maureen Hodges 325/853/3172 ext 326 school para saber si sus hijo(s) califican.

4. Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart, included in this application packet.

4. ¿Quién puede recibir comidas a precio bajo? Sus hijos pueden recibir comidas de precio bajo si los ingresos de su familia están dentro de los límites de la Tabla Federal de ingresos, incluida en esta solicitud.

5. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals? In most cases no, however read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 853-3172 ext. 526 if you have questions.

5. ¿Debo llenar una solicitud si recibo una carta de la escuela este año diciendo que mis hijos están aprobados para recibir comidas a precio bajo? En la mayoría de los casos no, no importa cómo lea la carta que recibió, siga las instrucciones cuidadosamente. Llame a la escuela al 853-3172 ext. 526 regnta.

6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.

6. Yo recibo WIC. ¿Pueden mis hijos recibir comidas gratis? Los niños de las familias que reciben WIC pueden calificar para recibir comidas gratis o a precio bajo. Llame la solicitud, por favor.

7. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

7. ¿Será verificada la información que yo dé? Sí, tal vez le pidamos que envíe un comprobante escrito.

8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, TANF or other benefits.

8. Si no califico ahora ¿puedo llenar una solicitud más adelante? Sí. Usted puede llenar una solicitud en cualquier momento durante el año escolar si el tamaño de su familia aumenta, sus ingresos disminuyen o si comienza a recibir estampillas de comida, TANF u otros beneficios.

9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Ima Bruce 325-853-3172, ext. 526.

9. ¿Qué pasa si no estoy de acuerdo con la decisión de la escuela sobre mi solicitud? Usted debe hablar con las autoridades de la escuela. También puede pedir una audiencia llamando por teléfono o por escrito: Ima Bruce 325-853-3172, ext. 526.

10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

10. ¿Puedo llenar una solicitud si alguien en mi casa no es ciudadano americano? Sí. Usted o sus hijos no tienen que ser ciudadanos americanos para calificar para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio bajo.

11. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include yourself and all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends). Y

11. ¿A quién debo incluir como miembros de la familia? Usted debe incluirse a sí mismo y a las personas que viven en su casa, sean parientes o no (como hijos, abuelos, otros parientes y amigos).

12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you do not normally get overtime pay, do not include it as income.

12. ¿Qué pasa si mis ingresos no siempre son los mismos? Haga una lista de las cantidades que recibe normalmente. Por ejemplo, si usted generalmente recibe \$1000 al mes, pero perdió no hizo algún trabajo y sólo gana \$900, escriba que usted gana \$1000 mensualmente. Si normalmente recibe pago por tiempo extra, incluya esa cantidad como ingreso. Si usted normalmente no trabaja tiempo extra, no lo incluya/declare como ingreso.

13. We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

13. Nosotros estamos en el servicio militar, ¿debemos incluir nuestro subsidio para vivienda como parte de nuestro ingreso? Si su casa es parte de la Iniciativa de Privatización de Viviendas para Militares, no incluya su subsidio de vivienda como parte de su ingreso. Otros suplementos deben ser incluidos como parte de su ingreso.

If you have other questions or need help, call 325/ 853/ 3172 ext 526. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono 325/ 853/ 3172 ext. 526. Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 325/ 853/ 3172 ext. 526

Sincerely, Ima Bruce Food Service Director

Cafe Eagle News Welcome Back

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Hope everyone is ready for a new school year. School lunches will still be \$1.50 and .50 for Middle/High School Breakfast.

Breakfast will be **FREE FOR ALL ELEMENTARY**. Please check with Mrs. Edmonson for your schedule and time.

Parents: Please try and come before or after breakfast (7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.) to pay for lunches, that is a really busy time. Please feel free to come by early if you need to, I'm here by 6:30 a.m.

I'm looking forward to seeing all my students and plan for a great school year!

Ima Bruce
325-853-3172, Ext. 526

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Federal Income Chart for School Year 2007-08

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	18,889	1,575	364
2	25,327	2,111	488
3	31,765	2,648	611
4	38,203	3,184	735
5	44,641	3,721	853
6	51,079	4,257	983
7	57,517	4,794	1,107
8	63,955	5,330	1,230
For each add'l member add	6,438	537	124

PUBLIC NOTICE Free and Reduced-Priced Meals NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2007-08

SCHLEICHER CO ISD

District/Charter School

Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child.)

Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D. or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Eligibility Group # for Food Stamp or TANF (if any)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

If you listed an Eligibility Group # for Food Stamp/TANF, skip to Part 4.

Part 2. Foster Child

If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check box and list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ _____ Skip to Part 4.

Part 3. Household Members and Gross Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.)

1. Name (List everyone in household.)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T), Monthly (M).	3. Check if NO income.
Example: Smith, Jane B.	Earnings from work before deductions: \$200/E Welfare, child support, alimony: \$50/M	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>
4.		<input type="checkbox"/>
5.		<input type="checkbox"/>
6.		<input type="checkbox"/>
7.		<input type="checkbox"/>
8.		<input type="checkbox"/>
9.		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 4. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign.)

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the "Instructions for Applying" page.)

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: _____ Date: _____
Social Security Number: _____ I do not have a Social Security Number.

Printed Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Do not fill out this part. For school use only.

Varying individual income frequencies must be converted to annual or monthly amounts and combined to determine household income. Use annual or monthly, not both, when converting multiple frequencies.
Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33, Every 2 Weeks x 2.15, Twice A Month x 2

Household Income: _____ Household Size: _____ FS/TANF: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____
Eligibility: Free: _____ Reduced: _____ Denied: _____ Reason: _____
Temporary: Free: _____ Time Period: _____ (expires after _____ days)
Reviewing Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Follow-up Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Outlaw haven to ghost town, how Tascosa flourished & faded

LUBBOCK — In late 1880s and early 1900s, Tascosa, Texas, was a boom town dominated by big cattle ranchers and bigger-than-life outlaws. Today, one has to look hard to find any trace of the cow town.

But its history is alive and well in a new book "Tascosa Its Life and Gaudy Times" by Frederick

Nolan. In the book, published by Texas Tech University Press, Nolan turns his exhaustive historical research into a readable story of one of the most colorful and violent towns of the Old West.

"Tascosa in its own way is the perfect paradigm of the Old West, yet only one book, published in 1946, has been written about it,"

said Nolan, an authority on Billy the Kid and the American West. "It sprang up out of the prairie about 1876 and disappeared around 1915. I wanted to give the people who lived and fought and died there the love song nobody had ever written for them. It's a fabulous story, and I'm proud to have had the chance to tell it."

Nolan traces the history of Tascosa, which was located just northwest of present-day Amarillo, from its rise in the vast, virtually uninhabited Texas Panhandle, to sleepy cow town, to booming cowboy capital of the Texas Panhandle, to ghost town.

The stories of Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett are here, as is the war between the big cattle companies and the rustlers. There are dozens of pictures of key players and locations, including from the author's collection, a copy of what is believed to be the only authentic picture of Billy the Kid. The book closes with the death of Elizabeth "Frenchy" McCormick, legendary saloon-girl and the last resident of Tascosa in 1941.

It is Billy the Kid's connection to Tascosa that first drew Nolan to the project. Nolan, born and raised in England, became enamored of the outlaw as a kid reading Walter Noble Burns' "Saga of Billy the Kid."

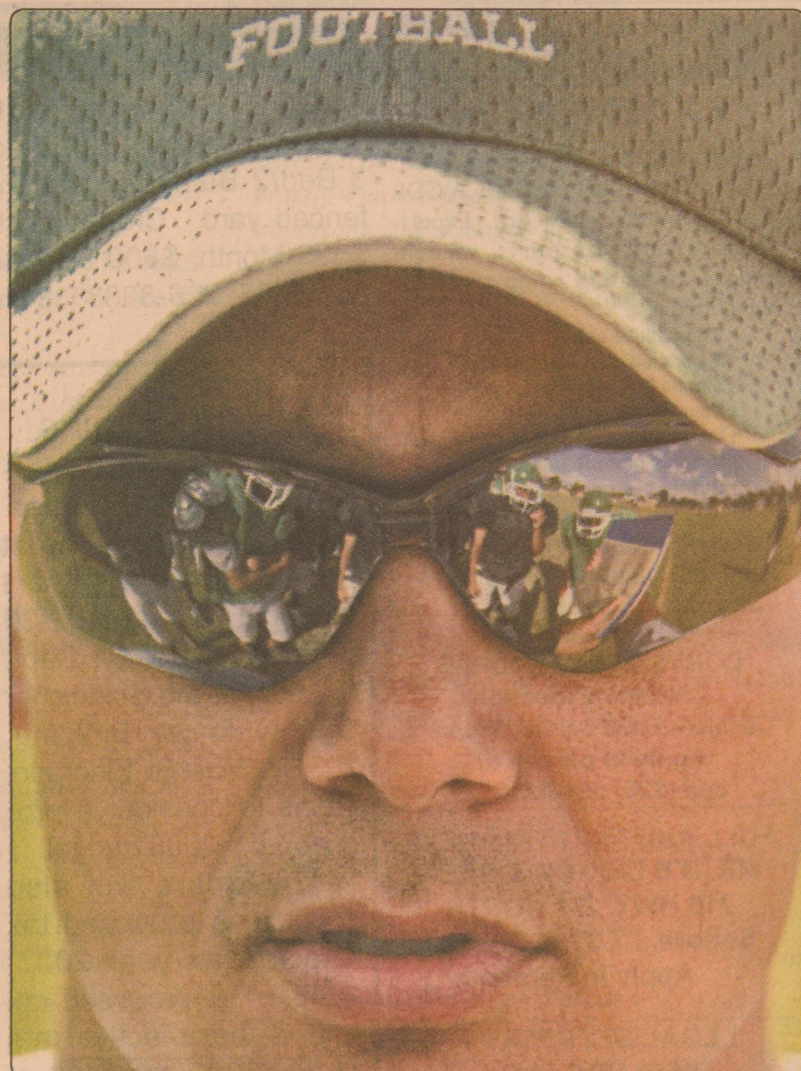
In his mid-20s he discovered in the archives of the British Foreign Office a substantial file of original correspondence between the British and American governments regarding the murder of John H. Tunstall. Tunstall was a British citizen who found his way to Lincoln, New Mexico, in the 1800s. He hired Billy the Kid to help him settle a vicious business war with a rival. That discovery produced the

book "The Life and Death of John Henry Tunstall." Nolan later went on to write "The Lincoln County War: A Documentary History," followed by "Bad Blood: The Life and Times of the Horrell Brothers," "The West of Billy the Kid," and an annotated edition of "Pat F. Garrett's The Authentic Life of Billy the Kid."

Nolan's research into the life and gaudy times of Tascosa is documented in more than 50 pages of notes and bibliography. But the author's aim was more than strict recitation.

"I decided to experiment with telling the story in a narrative - biography manner, something I thought would be new to this kind of storytelling," Nolan said. "The hardest part of my research, and the fun part, was finding out where the people who lived in Tascosa came from and what happened to them after the Tascosa years."

For more information on the book, visit the Texas Tech University Press Web page <http://www.ttu.edu/BookPages/0896726045.html>.



Eye for details

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Coach Rene Valeriano went over a list of plays Tuesday afternoon with Eagles players as the squad prepared to face McCamey in the second scrimmage of the season. The Warbirds excelled in last Saturday's scrimmage with Nueces Canyon, despite the fact that the contest was moved to the Panther's home field because of heavy rains in Eldorado.

USDA offers \$21.9 million in high energy cost grants

WASHINGTON D.C. — Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns this week announced the availability of \$21.9 million to help rural communities cope with extremely high energy costs. Communities have until October 1 to apply for grants under this program.

"These grants will help rural residents and businesses upgrade energy infrastructure and make other energy efficiency improvements," Johanns said. "The rising cost of energy can challenge economic growth and opportunity. These grants are another example of how USDA works to help rural communities overcome economic obstacles and create opportunity."

Funds may be used to acquire, construct, extend, upgrade or otherwise improve energy generation, transmission or distribution facilities serving communities in which the average residential cost for home energy exceeds 275 percent of the national average.

Grants are available to individuals, businesses, non-profit entities, states, local governments and federally recognized Indian tribes. Grants may not be used to pay utility bills or to purchase fuel. Also, grant funds may not be used for the sole benefit of the applicant.

Applications for grants must be postmarked by October 1. The grant announcement and application guide for this grant program can be found at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/electric> and at <http://Grants.gov> under Code of Domestic Federal Assistance (CDFA) Number 10.859.

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