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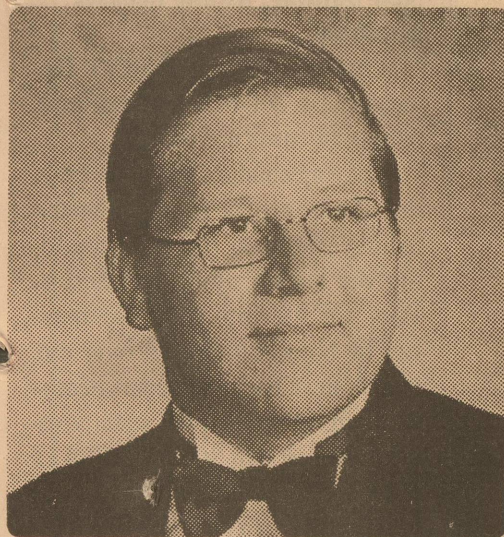
Missing FLDS leader has local cops looking

"Uncle" Fred Jessop, 94, the man once thought to be the heir apparent to former Prophet Rulon Jeffs of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was reported missing by family members last week. The concerned relatives filed the report in person at the Washington County Sheriff's Department in St. George, Utah.

Rumors about Jessop's whereabouts, have run rampant among members of the FLDS twin cities of Colorado City/Hildale. With increasing numbers of former FLDS leaders being stripped of power and/or excommunicated from the church, many in the towns, as well as numbers of anti-polygamy activists, thought Jessop was either dead or being held hostage at the group's new Eldorado, Texas compound by new Prophet Warren Jeffs. Even then, it was nearly eight months before anyone came forward to file a formal missing persons report.

Recently, a letter attributed by some to Fred Jessop, made the rounds in C-City/Hildale, and Eldorado. In the letter, the writer pledged loyalty to Warren Jeffs and urged his followers to do the same. Many doubters, including family members who worry about Fred Jessop believe the letter to be a fake.

Sheriff David Doran of Eldorado explains that he is aware of the speculation connecting Fred Jessop with the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado. He said he and his officers would take the missing persons complaint seriously. "If Fred Jessop is here I want to find him," Doran said.



Josh Trejo

SUCCESS FILE PHOTO

Trejo awarded Spalding Sports Scholarship

Joshua Lewis Trejo, a graduate of Eldorado High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Trejo received a Spalding Sports Worldwide award in the amount of \$1,000.00, payable \$500.00 each semester of the first year. The Spalding Sports award was awarded to 40 students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

This year the TILF awarded 307 new awards and will renew approximately 200 awards for a total of more than 500 scholarships for 2004-05, with an approximate value of \$1,025,000.00. Recipient may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Trejo competed in mathematics and calculator applications at the 2004 UIL Academic Meet and number sense at the 2003 State Meet. He also participated in UIL science and basketball. He served as president of Texas Association of Future Educators and vice-presidents of FFA. He was a member of Students Council and National Honor Society, and was active in the community through his volunteer efforts.

Trejo plans to attend Angelo State University and major in mathematics.

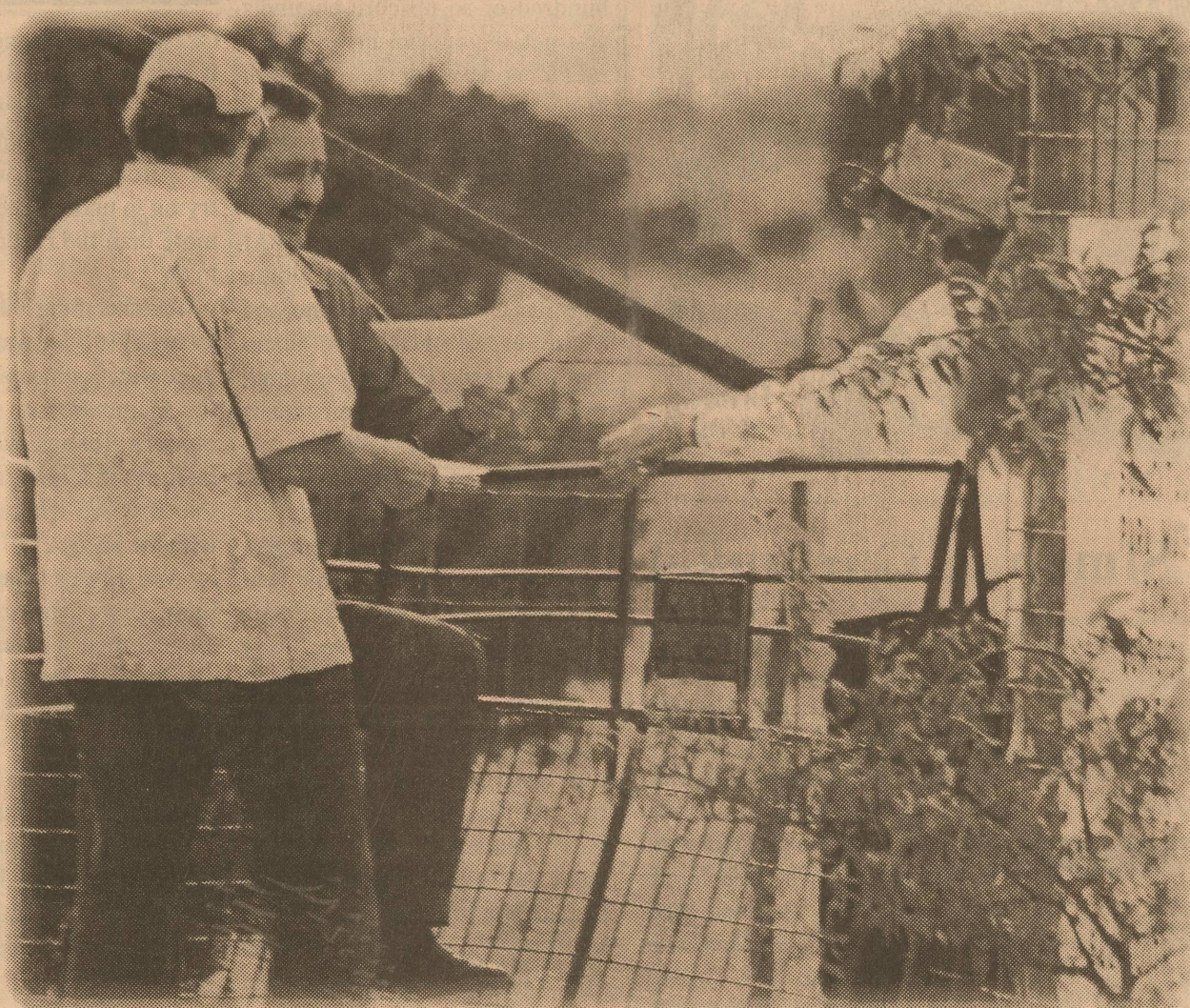


PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

You have been served — Merrill Jessop, one of a dozen High Priests in the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, met Sheriff David Doran and Private Investigator Sam Brower at the YFZ Ranch gate Sunday afternoon. Brower then served Jessop with a summons in connection with a civil lawsuit filed against the FLDS Church, its Prophet Warren Jeffs, other members of the church and the United Effort Plan, a trust operated by FLDS leaders.

Prophet hunt begins at Eldorado

Sheriff David Doran and private investigator Sam Brower of Cedar City, Utah, served a summons Sunday afternoon to Merrill Jessop at the entrance to the YFZ Ranch on County Road 300. The summons directs FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs to respond within 20 days to a lawsuit filed against him by his nephew, Brent Jeffs. The lawsuit alleges that Warren Jeffs, and two of his brothers, Blaine Jeffs and Leslie Jeffs, sexually abused their nephew when he was a young boy.

Investigator Sam Brower, who works for the law firm that represents plaintiff Brent Jeffs, said he wanted to deliver the summons directly to Warren Jeffs but adds that he really didn't expect to see the prophet. Merrill Jessop, who met the men at the ranch gate,

reportedly told Brower and Sheriff Doran that he wasn't aware if Warren Jeffs had ever been to the YFZ Ranch. "He added that if Warren had actually been here it was only occasionally," Brower said.

Doran met with Brower at the Sheriff's Office where he verified the investigator's license through the State of Utah and reviewed the summons before taking him to the ranch gate. Once there the sheriff placed a call from his cellular phone to the ranch and asked that someone meet him at the gate.

It took nearly an hour, but Merrill Jessop and Paul Allred finally came to the gate to meet with Doran and Brower. At that time the men asked to see Warren Jeffs and was told he wasn't on the property. Brower then gave the

summons to Jessop in his capacity as a church official.

But Jessop denied that the YFZ Ranch is associated with the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints saying that instead the property is owned by private businessmen.

That conflicts with word coming out of the twin cities of Colorado City, AZ and Hildale, UT, where sources tell the Success that numbers of people have come to Eldorado to work construction on a church mission.

Colorado City, Arizona historian Ben Bistline tells the Success that Merrill Jessop is one of twelve high priests in the FLDS Church, second only in rank and position to Prophet Warren Jeffs. "If Merrill knows about the lawsuit it's

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Success seeks postal records on YFZ Ranch

The Eldorado Success filed a request last week with the U.S. Postal Service asking for the public release of Postal Service records related to a Post Office box used by the YFZ Ranch.

The issue came up when the Success learned that local citizens who renew their rental of a local P.O. Box are required to provide two forms of identification, including one photo ID, for each person receiving mail at the box. The new guidelines were adopted in order to comply with the U.S. Patriot Act, signed into law by President George W. Bush following the 9-11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.

While numbers of local postal patrons have already complied with the new rules, under threat of having their box taken out of service, the Success has learned that some residents at the YFZ Ranch have not complied and are still receiving mail.

While looking into the issue, the Success was told that the decision to continue delivery of YFZ mail was made by a Postal Service District Supervisor.

That prompted the newspaper to inquire further into Postal Service regulations. Harley Hitchcock, a retired Postal Service employee and postal consultant for the Texas Press Association pointed out that information about personal P.O. Boxes is kept private while information regarding commercial or business boxes is supposed to be open to the public.

Armed with that information, the Success filed the Freedom of Information Act request for all information related to P.O. Box 715, the box rented by YFZ Land L.L.C. and the box that the company listed in a series of public notices they published when applying for a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a concrete batch plant.

The Success is asking for information as to who does and does not have the right to receive mail at the box and why some local citizens are required to comply with Postal Service rules while others apparently are not. Also, the newspaper wants to know the names of individuals who receive personal mail at the YFZ's commercial box.

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Local 4-H leaders honored at Silver Clover Banquet

SAN ANGELO — Texas Cooperative Extension's Silver Clover Recognition Banquet celebrated its 37th year August 10 with a dinner and ceremony at San Angelo's Original Zentner's Steak House. The annual event recognized 26 individuals who are instrumental to the success of Extension's District 7 4-H youth program.

The honorees were chosen by a committee of electric cooperative and Extension personnel.

The evening's honorees were:

Leo and Raelene Shaw, Brown County; Frances Maupin Concho County; Jeff Brisbin, Coke County; Nancy Baker and Becky Jackson, Coleman County; Justin and Tia Paxton, Irion County; Pam Jones, Jones County; Kim Smith, Llano County; Jacki Dean and Gene Nelson, McCulloch County; Jane Gainer, Curley and Kathy Wagoner, Menard County; Robin Wilson, Mills County; Julie Cypert and Lisa Stanford, Nolan County; Mike Halfmann and Belinda Schwartz, Runnels County; Becky Starr, San Saba County; Mabel Freitag and Sidney Reynolds, Schleicher County; Rochelle Johnson and Tony McMillan, Taylor County and Kermit Wendland, Tom Green County.

Cayla Madrid, District 7 Extension 4-H secretary at San Angelo, was given special recognition for her years of work in making the Silver Clover Banquet and other major District events successful.

The banquet is the only 4-H event of its kind in Texas, according to Cody Stone, 4-H regional pro-

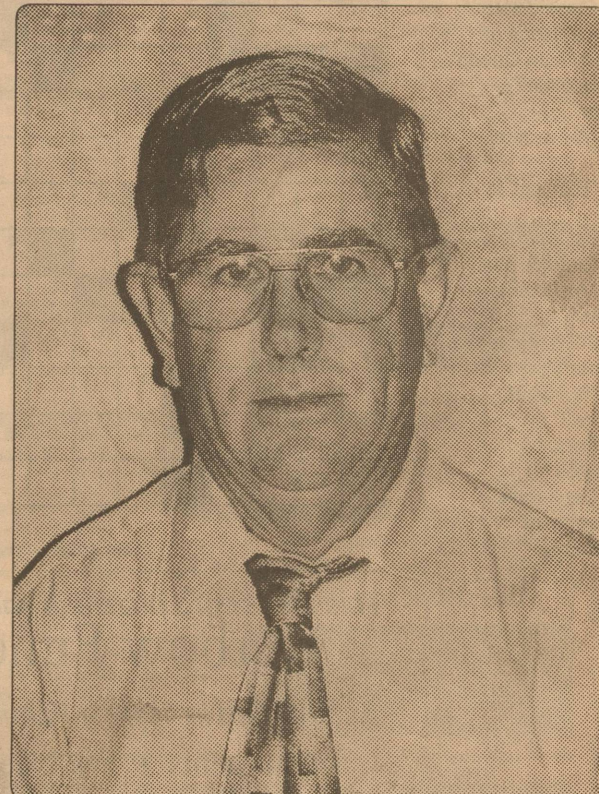
gram director. Since it began, it has been sponsored by the rural electric cooperatives serving Extension District 7.

The sponsors are Central Texas Electric Cooperative; Coleman County Electric Cooperative; Concho

Valley Electric Cooperative; Hamilton County Electric Cooperative; Big Country Electric Cooperative; Pedernales Electric Cooperative; Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative and Taylor Electric Cooperative.

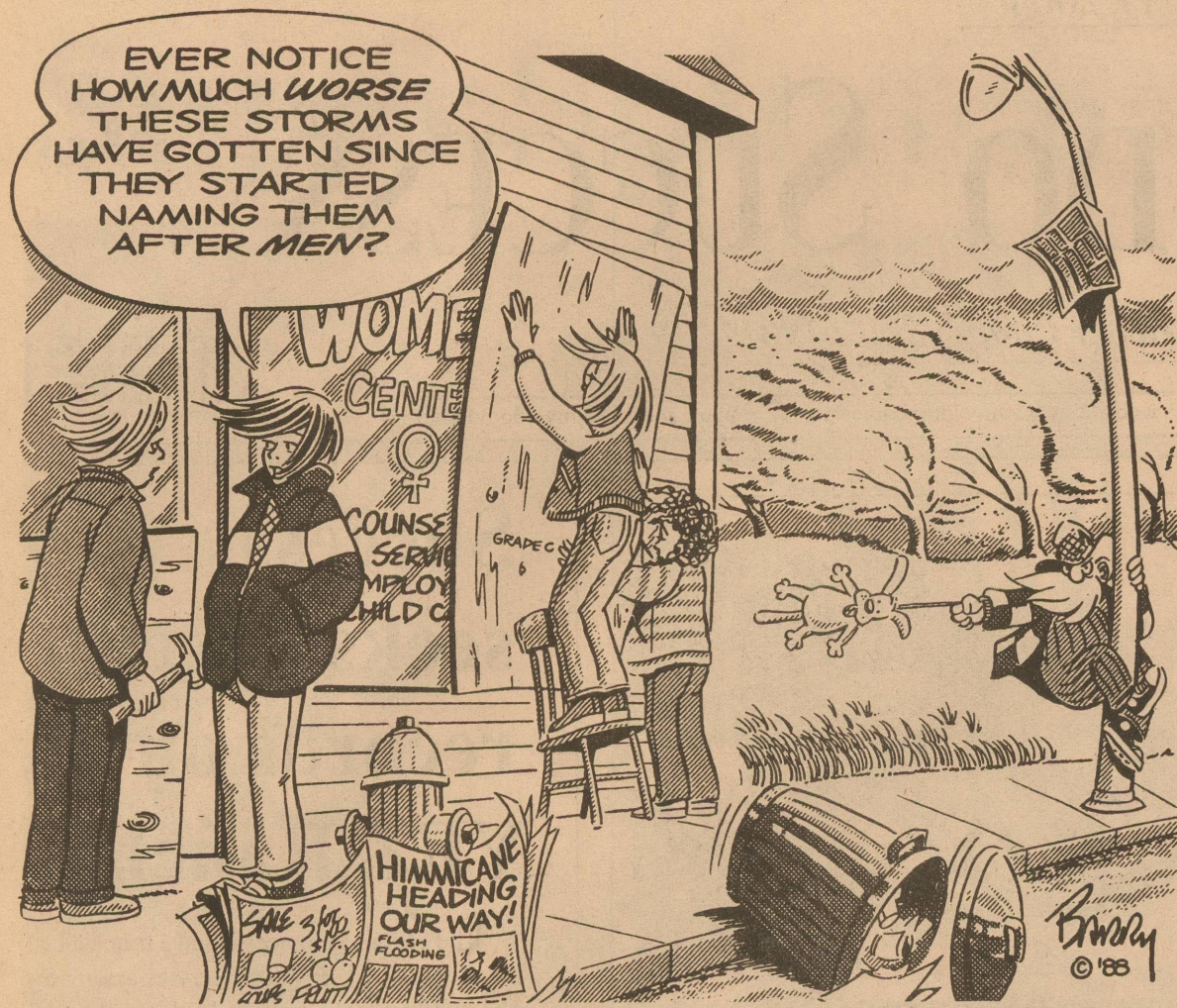


Mabel Freitag



Sidney Reynolds

COURTESY PHOTOS



The Familiar songs of Simon & Garfunkel

Some of the benefits of having grown, responsible kids are the nice things they do for us. Our son and daughter-in-law treated us to a concert by Simon and Garfunkel at the American Airlines Center in Dallas.

The building holds 22,000 people and the only empty seats were the ones blocked off behind the stage. It was a night of perfect harmony.

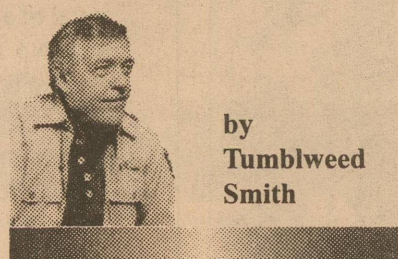
Tickets for the floor went for \$225. We had box seats on the second level which allowed us to look directly down on the stage.

We saw all the backstage and onstage maneuvering. Paul Simon changed guitars after nearly every song. There was a row of guitars onstage and a cabinet full of guitars just offstage.

The backup musicians played piano, keyboard, bass, cello, ukulele, mandolin, guitar, theremin and a digeridoo made of PVC pipe. The drum set was the most elaborate I've seen. Two drum-

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mers played like crazy.

Paul Simon wore a maroon T-shirt, jeans and comfortable shoes. Art Garfunkel wore jeans, black leather shoes and a dark blue shirt with its shirttail out. Their voices came across crystal clear over the excellent sound system.

Now in their 60's, they played music they made famous in their 20's.

They are celebrating fifty years of their partnership (Paul Simon said it was really forty-eight because they separated for a couple of years).

These guys had an amazing impact on the world of music. Paul Simon wrote some of the best songs ever composed. I couldn't believe how many songs I not only recognized, but was able to sing. Most of the audience was doing the same thing, singing the old songs they've heard all their life.

The American Airlines Center always makes me catch my breath. It is a thrill to walk from the hallway into the arena area. It's hard to fathom the size. The lights, the people, the atmosphere and the

anticipation all add up to a high degree of excitement, whether it's a concert, circus or sporting event.

Simon & Garfunkel played for two solid hours with no intermission. At about the halfway point in the show, they brought in the Everly Brothers, who were idols of Paul and Art when they were just getting started.

While the Everly Brothers were singing "Wake Up Little Susie" and "Dream," Simon and Garfunkel were at the rear of the stage listening.

Simon sang and played his guitar and Garfunkel sang and clapped his hands. He occasionally held the mike, otherwise his hands were empty.

I thought he at least needed a tambourine or maybe a french horn just to have something in his hands.

"Sounds of Silence," "I Am A Rock," "Scarborough Fair," "Homeward Bound," "America," "Mrs. Robinson," "At The Zoo," they were all there, along with others. They closed with "Bridge Over Troubled Waters." But the audience, standing, applauding, yelling, would not let them leave.

They came back for two encores, singing two songs both times.

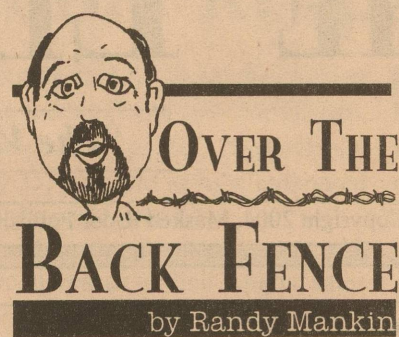
Thanks for a fun time, Kevin & Jill. We loved every minute.

Maybe school kids everywhere ought to be required to study Texas history

With the price of oil shooting through the roof and the Texas economy reaching the white hot stage, people around the world are paying more attention to the Lone Star State than at anytime since J.R. Ewing was riding high on the Southfork Ranch.

The Trio Network, one of the hundred or so obscure channels you get if you subscribe to DirecTV, is devoting the month of August to all things Texan. In one of the shows, a British reporter named Christopher Hitchens tries repeatedly, but unsuccessfully, to explain why Texans revere the Alamo, and the men who died within its walls. It was obvious to me, and I sure, every other native Texan, that the reason Hitchens couldn't explain the Alamo phenomenon is that he doesn't understand it.

At one point, Hitchens explained that rock star Ozzy Osbourne was once banned from San Antonio for urinating on the wall of the Alamo. Again Hitchens didn't quite get it right. Yes, Ozzy was banned from the town for 10 years after his stunt, and, yes he is now allowed back into the city. But, when one takes into account the fact that San Antonio police barely managed to rescue Ozzy from the impromptu posse/vigilante committee that witnessed his foul deed and swarmed him, then even a non-Texan can understand



Ozzy's unwillingness to return. It sort of gives "Remember the Alamo" a whole new meaning.

I probably shouldn't be so hard on Hitchens. He was, after all, trying to understand us and that's more than the French are willing to do.

Another thing Hitchens seemed to struggle with was the fact that there were Latino defenders inside the Alamo. He was sure that most modern Texans were only just learning this historical tidbit and that it is we who are struggling with the issue.

And all this time I didn't even know there was an issue. After all, I learned, as every Texas child used to learn, that there were many Latinos fighting against Santa Anna's army.

Not satisfied to debunk what he thought were Texas stereotypes, Hitchens then set out to downplay the importance of the Alamo and the sacrifice the martyrs of San Antonio made on behalf of Texas. Hitchens did this in several subtle

ways. First, he down played the number of Mexican troops in Santa Anna's attacking force. Hitchens noted that the lead elements of the Mexican Army had a mere 1,000 or so soldiers, then he failed to explain that the siege lasted 13 days, during which time Santa Anna's entire army, numbering anywhere from 5,000 to 9,000 men, depending on which historian you believe, had been assembled for the final attack.

Hitchens, then disputed whether or not Col. William Barrett Travis actually drew a line in the sand and challenged the men who were willing to stay to step across. I respectfully submit to Mr. Hitchens that it really doesn't matter. What matters is that most, if not all, of the men chose to stay, to fight and die.

Then there was the question of whether Davy Crockett was killed in battle or was captured and executed.

Again I ask, does it really matter? When the man came to Texas it is doubtful that he did so with the intention of dying of a nation and/or a state that didn't even exist. Yet, when the time came he and nearly 200 more brave souls decided that there was indeed something here worth dying for.

Christopher Hitchens will likely never understand any of this. How can he? He's not a Texan.

School finance resolution absent this year

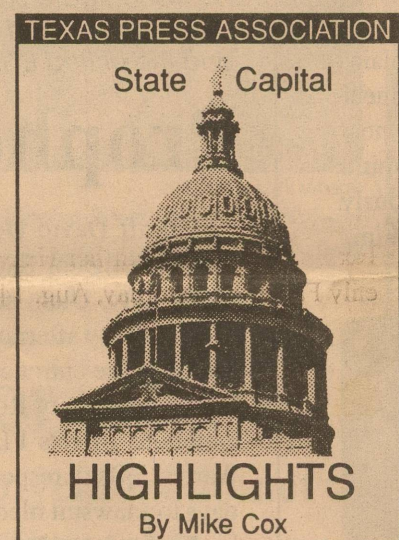
AUSTIN — It's back to school this week for most Texas students, but a solution to the school finance issue will be marked absent.

In fact, school finance reform appears to be dodging the truant officer. A second special session appeared likely earlier this summer to deal with school finance, but failing to reach any consensus, the leadership opted to await the outcome of a school finance case pending in state district court.

District Judge John Dietz is expected to rule later this month or in early September on whether the present system constitutes an unconstitutional statewide property tax. And that ruling, of course, can be taken to the Third Court of Appeals.

Last week, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said dynamite wouldn't be enough to get the Legislature involved in the issue any time soon if Dietz upholds the current system.

He later said he was just joking with the dynamite remark, but admitted that a ruling for the state would make it harder for the Leg-



islature to reform the system.

CHIP chipping delayed...

The state will continue to insure some 20,000 children who were to have been cut from the Children's Health Insurance Program Sept. 1 because their parents have not kept up with the \$15 monthly premiums.

Gov. Rick Perry and Rep. Arlene Wohlgenuth (R-Burleson) have asked the Health and Human Services Commission to postpone the cutoff, as well as look for fund-

ing to restore previously cut dental and vision benefits.

Wohlgenuth led legislative efforts in 2003 to cut back the CHIP program. Enrollment has already dropped from 507,000 children to less than 360,000.

New hunting, fishing licenses available...

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's 2004-05 hunting and fishing licenses are on sale.

Two big changes this year: One, the addition of a \$5 fresh water fishing stamp to pay for rebuilding the state's aging hatcheries. Two, for the first time, licenses can be bought online or over the telephone. Check the department's Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us for details or call 800 TX LIC 4 U (1-800-895-4248).

License prices vary, but the best deal is the \$64 Super Combo license that covers everything.

President's early home gets designation...

The George W. Bush Texas childhood home has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Texas State Historical Commission assisted in nominating the house at 1412 W. Ohio Ave. in Midland. The Bush family lived there from 1952 to 1955.

Currently under restoration, the house joins more than 2,000 other archeologically or historically significant sites in Texas that have been listed on the National Register since 1966.

Congress will convene in Austin...

Well, not that Congress. But on Sept. 15-17, the Texas Water Monitoring Council will sponsor the fifth Texas Water Monitoring Congress in Austin.

Despite a rather unrevealing name, the council, along with the various state and federal agencies it works with, is concerned with a non-partisan issue everyone agrees is critical to the future of Texas — the quality and availability of our water.

For more information, see the council's Web site at www.txwmc.org or contact Robert Bradley at 512-936-0870.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Give temporarily
5. Nasty campaign tactic
10. See 52-Down
14. Natural balm
15. Poet Federico Garcia's
16. "Damn Yankees" femme fatale
17. Early automobile dud?
19. Not in favor
20. Missing link
21. Suave
23. Notes following do
24. Twiddling one's thumbs
26. Slow throw
27. Classic auto
28. Katharine of "The African Queen"
32. Scotland's Ness
36. "Arrivederci,"
38. "Stompin' at the
39. Jai
40. Extends over
42. Many summer births
43. 2000 Masters winner Vijay
45. "So, what is new?"
46. Poor, as excuses go
47. Can't-miss shooting, in basketball

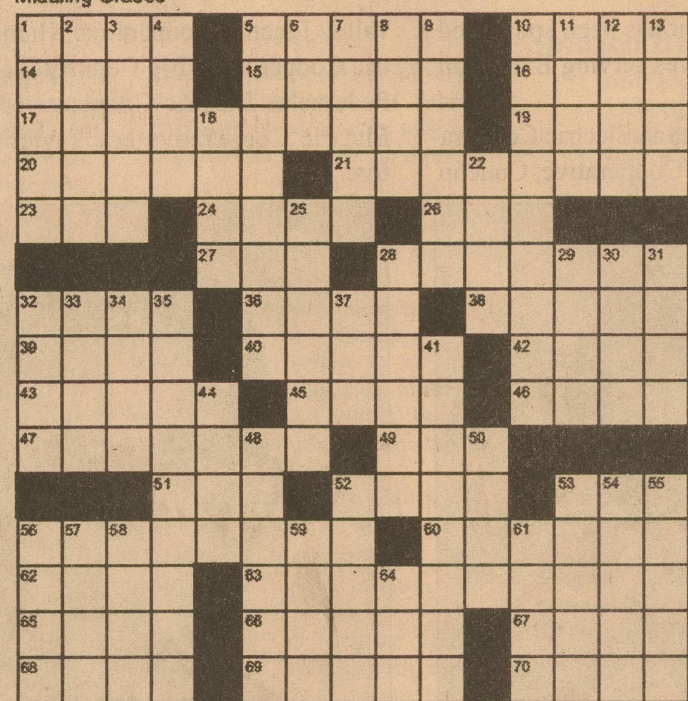
DOWN

49. Diplomat's place: Abbr.
51. "Magnon"
52. Director Kazan
53. Wrong: Prefix
56. Trapped, in a way
60. Sorrowful cry
62. Creme-filled cookie
63. Time to honor catering hall VIPs?
65. Go the distance
66. Houston pro
67. Not "fer"
68. Stud stake
69. Sodas quaffed on "M*A*S*H"
70. "A" formality

DOWN

1. Truman's Missouri birthplace
2. Get hitched hastily
3. Junction points
4. Hold, as an opinion
5. Defames
6. Riotous bunch
7. Whittle away
8. High point
9. Riotous bunch
10. Not the first choice for a gala event?
11. Hebrides island
12. Height: Prefix
13. Worth a C, perhaps
18. Place to hibernate
22. Klutz's utterance
25. Inebriated
28. Gretel's brother
29. Eye layer
30. Cyber-chat area
31. Big Board letters
32. Tie down securely
33. Mixed bag
34. Is unable to
35. \$100 spent on beer?
37. de mer
41. Part-time ballplayers
44. Aesop's alsortan
48. "Psycho" sicko Bates
50. Hay unit
52. With 10-Across, France's "Little Sparrow"
53. Gnatlike insect
54. "... the bombs bursting ..."
55. "Funny Girl" composer Jule
56. Carbonated canful
57. Algerian port
58. Intermission
59. Slacken
61. Comic Sandler
64. TNT part

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Verna Linna "Jack" Parker

IRAAN — Verna Linna "Jack" Parker was one of twin daughters born Dec. 9, 1910, on the family stock farm in the Bailey Ranch community, Schleicher County, to pioneer family William H. and Mary Emily Thorp Parker. She passed away early Sunday morning, Aug. 15, 2004, surrounded by family and friends at the Iraan General Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was a resident of Iraan for 66 years, and has lived at the Iraan General Hospital for 2 1/2 years.

She graduated from Eldorado High School in 1929; attended North Texas State University, and later graduated from Sul Ross State University. She taught at Ozona from 1936-38, at Iraan from 1940-49, and again at Iraan from 1954-1974.

"Jack" married A.D. "Chick" Dorris on June 4, 1938, in Eldorado. "Chick" preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 1996, after 58 years of marriage.

Other family members preceding her in death are her parents; twin sister, Velma Lela "Bill" Burleson; sister, Mary Parker Davis; brothers, Grady Parker and W.T. "Pete" Parker; and nephew, Howard G. Parker.

Survivors include her brother, Glenn Parker of Eldorado; son and daughter-in-law, John Dean and Gladys Dorris of Iraan; grandson, Terry Dorris and his wife, Roxin Dorris, of Midland; great-granddaughter, Tiffany Dorris of Iraan; and step-great-granddaughters, Megan and Sara Wilson of Midland. Nephews and nieces include Wayne H. Davis of Abilene, David Parker of Austin, Robert Parker of Eldorado, Mary Parker of Austin, Ruth Fairall of Eldorado and Clay Dudley of Amarillo. She is also survived by sister-in-law Wynta Dudley of Amarillo; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and a multitude of friends, including her extended family, the staff at Iraan General Hospital.

"Jack" was a member of the First Baptist Church in Iraan and a 50-year member of both Delta Kappa Gamma and Order of the Eastern Star. She was a past-matron of the Iraan OES chapter.

Graveside services were Tuesday, Aug. 17, in Restland Cemetery in Iraan, conducted by Mike Wright.

Wynama Lucille

"Carberry" Johnson

SAN ANGELO — Wynama Lucille "Carberry" Johnson, 92, of San Angelo died Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, in San Angelo. Funeral service was Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Robert Massie Funeral Home with the Rev. Eddie Tingle officiating and the Rev. Clinton Eastman assisting. Burial was in Mullins Cemetery, Veribest Community.

Wynama was born in Silver Valley, Coleman County, on Dec. 11, 1911, to John Carberry and Mary Neomia "Jones" Carberry. Her mother died in 1915, and she lived with her grandmother, Mary Jane. She graduated from high school in Moffat, where she lived with her father after he was discharged from service in World War I.

After graduation, she moved to Coleman, working as a housekeeper and cook. A year later she came to Veribest to visit an aunt, Una Carberry Johnson, and, like the visitor who came for dinner, never left.

She married Jean Sol Johnson on Jan. 15, 1934, who preceded her in death on June 15, 1979. She and Jean S. made their home in Veribest until his death. She moved to the Baptist Village and made her home there until her death.

Mamaw was known for her fried pies and chocolate cake with white filling that could always be enjoyed in her kitchen. Wynama was active for many years in church activities at Veribest Baptist Church, and was host to many visiting evangelists. In later life, she

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enjoyed the game of 42 dominoes with the ladies and making quilts for the grandchildren

Survivors include son, Larry Johnson and wife Joy, who reside in San Angelo and Cajamarca, Peru; daughter, Claire "Sally" Olsak and husband LeRoy of San Angelo; grandsons, David Johnson and wife Cheryl of Arkansas, Clark Johnson of New York, Mike Moore and wife Becky of Eldorado, Jack Prather and wife Tosca of Falls Church, Va.; granddaughters, Lucy Jean Johnson of Cajamarca, Peru, Christy Meador and husband Lynn of Eldorado, and Phyllis Standerfer of San Angelo; great-grandchildren, Lowell and wife Katie, and Stefan Johnson of San Angelo, Michelle Pape and husband Antheny, Brent Moore and wife Ashley of Eldorado, Stan Meador and wife Gloria of Eldorado, Chris Meador and wife Katy of Eldorado and Erin Meador of Dallas; and seven great-great-grandchildren. In addition, a host of special cousins and nieces, and one particular special cousin, Billy Jack George and husband Thomas.

Pallbearers were Ben Scott, Mike Moore, Gregory Phinney, Jack Prather, David Johnson and Robert Preston. Honorary pallbearers are Thomas George, Ace Phinney, Rainey Southerland, Dewey Parmer Jr. and Russ Weatherford. If so desired, the family requests that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church — Peru Mission Project.

Pauline Murr Stegall

JUNCTION — Hazel Pauline Murr Stegall, 91, of Junction, Texas, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004. Service for Pauline was Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Gentry Fife Funeral Home with burial in Fort McKavett, Texas. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Pauline was born on March 7, 1913, to Pierson "Pete" and Willie "Belle" McWhirt in Pawhuska, Okla. She married Aldie Garrett Murr on April 16, 1929, in Eldorado, Texas. They lived on a ranch at Fort McKavett until the death of Aldie in 1972. They had one son, Paul Garrett Murr, and a daughter, Mary Katherine Murr Lewis, both of Junction.

It was in 1975 when she married Sam Stegall. Pauline was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; two sisters, Kate Thorn Goodman and Mary Moses; and two grandsons, Henry Benard "Joker" Murr and Aldie Thomas "Clipper" Black.

She had 13 grandchildren, who she loved dearly, as did they love her, Jana Kay of Junction, Texas; Lissa and Jackie McNew of Junction, Texas; Tracy and Paul Murr Jr. of Chandler, Ariz.; Theresa and Marvin Davis of Brackettville, Texas; Brian Alan and Cheryl Black of San Angelo, Texas; Krissa and Jon Puckett of Houston, Texas; and Janella and Brian Box of Spring Branch, Texas. Pauline was also blessed with 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She also had numerous nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers were Boyce and Bobby Hunger, Billy Hughes, Rob Roy Spiller, Gary Schweining, Ray Sczpanik, David Lee and Tom Johnston. Pallbear-

ers were Pauline's grandsons, Paul Murr Jr., Jackie McNew, Marvin Davis, Brian Black, Jonathan Puckett and Brian Box.



Aleene L. Donaley

SAN ANGELO — Aleene L. Donaley, age 84, of San Angelo, passed from this life on Thursday evening, August 12, 2004, at a local hospital. She was born on April 1, 1920 in Hominy, OK to Hugh and Maude Smith. She married Aubrey Dean Williams, Sr., who passed away in 1981, then married Raymond L. Donaley on February 20, 1986 in Georgetown.

She is survived by her husband Ray, sons; Dean Williams and his wife Vickie of Eldorado, Ronnie Williams and wife Jan of Alpine, granddaughter Dena Holmes and husband Scott of Lubbock, grandson Shannon Williams and his wife Kathy of Katy, granddaughter Corie B. Williams of Eldorado, sister Margaret Jones of Robert Lee, brother Wayne Smith and wife Betty of Pearland, brother Cecil Smith of Odessa, 4 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and numerous loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband of forty three years, Aubrey Dean Williams, Sr., sister, Lucille Carville, two brothers, Wesley Smith and Delbert Smith and grandson Shane Williams.

Graveside service was Sunday, August 15, 200 at Robert Lee Cemetery with Pastor Tim Dewey officiating.

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24th Jessica Lozano, Steven Valero, Tara Whitten, W.H. Clifton, Jackson O'Harrow, Larry Smith
25th Marcy Glidden, Casey Kidd, Judy Jones, Bently Kennedy, Chris Phillips, John Isaac Lozano
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Elivoria Lala Lopez

Elivoria Lala Lopez, 80, went to be with her maker & savior on Sunday, August 3, 2004. She was a long time resident of San Angelo, Texas and was a Catholic. Lala was born to Margarita Pineda and Salvador Alvarado on July 24, in Colorado City, Texas. Lala met Antonio Lopez, Sr. and they were married in San Angelo, Texas. Then had five children.

Lala worked as a domestic engineer for 25 years. She enjoyed cooking for her family, she loved to go for walks in the afternoons, her favorite show was the Carol Burnett Show. Lala was a very enjoyable person to be with. Her laughter made you forget your bad times. She always would say: "OH, just forget about it, it's going to be OK! Leave it alone!"

Lala was preceded in death by both her parents, her husband Antonio Lopez, Sr., sister Elenor Martinez, and her very loved infant great grandson Aaron Lopez. Arrangements were by Gutierrez Funeral Chapels/North.

Paul bearers were her grandsons and son-in-law.

Survivors include her children, Antonio Lopez, Jr., of San Angelo, Texas, George Lopez, Sr. and wife Sandra of Houston, Texas, Susie Bermea and husband Fred Bermea Lopez of San Angelo, Texas, Raquel Lopez of Carlton, Texas, and Jane Rocha and husband Juan Rocha of Allen, Texas; her loving brother Manuel Pineda of Odessa, Texas, her kind brother-in-law Domingo Lopez, of San Angelo, Texas, her sister-in-law Helen Goodines and Vicenta Casrascos both of San Angelo, Texas; grandchildren Anthony C. Lopez III, Yvette Rodriguez, George Lopez, Jr., Yvonne Williams, Joseph Lopez, Tyrone Bermea, Tracey Ahmuda, Tanya Bermea, Fred Bermea, Jr., Onika Arevalo, Brianna, Serika and Marissa Rocha; she also survived by 12 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews, and many, many other loving friends and relatives.

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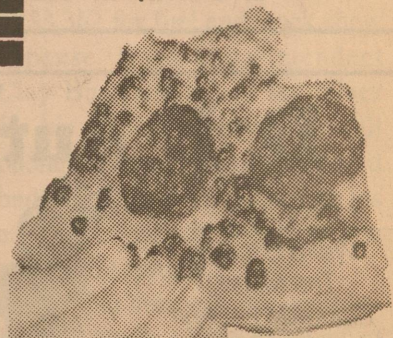


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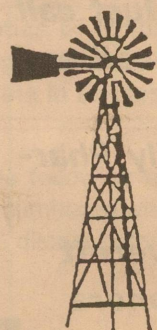
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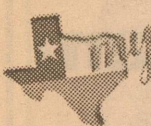
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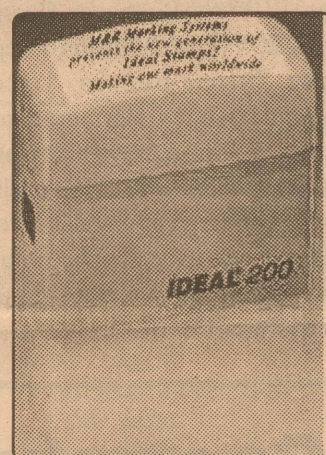
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Warbirds gear up for '04 campaign

by J.L. Mankin

Eldorado Eagles football came to life this past Saturday morning when the Warbirds took the field for a three-way scrimmage with the Miles Bulldogs and the Nueces Canyon Panthers.

The Warbirds and their high-octane offense stunned both the Bulldogs and Panthers. Eagles receiver Terrell Boysaw did most of the scoring, but he also managed to stretch the opponents defense and pulled their safeties deep downfield, opening up the shorter passing game, as well as the run.

Quarterback Frank Edmiston threw three TD passes to Boysaw and ran for another as the Eagles piled up 424 yards on 30 plays, rushing for 96 and passing for 328.

Edmiston was 7-of-12 passing for 272 yards, while Jared Grubbs completed 3 of 4 passes for 48 yards and Ryan Cathey connected on 2 of 2 passes for 8 yards.

Boysaw finished with four catches for 142 yards. Andy Mejia had two catches for 76 yards, Rigo Arispe had a 38-yard reception, Jorge Bustos caught a 37-yard pass, Grubbs had two catches for 32 yards, Kyle Taylor had a 3-yard reception and Eric Garcia caught a pass for no gain.

Edmiston also scored on a 9-yard TD run. He finished the contest with 47 rushing yards on six carries, while Mejia had 40 yards on three attempts.

Defensively the Eagles struggled a bit early but quickly came to grips with their new Split-6 defense. Once the Warbirds D came to life it did so with a vengeance, holding Nueces Canyon to 83 yards on 11 plays and Miles to

7 yards on 28 plays.

Eldorado's defense only allowed one touchdown in the scrimmage. The Eagles shut down Nueces Canyon on its first three offensive plays, but the Panthers then mounted an eight-play, 80-yard scoring drive.

Tony Garcia and Frank Wipff each recorded two sacks for the Eagles, while Louis Hernandez had one.

"We looked great on both sides of the ball," Head Coach Gary Grubbs said after the action. "The boys learned a lot from playing in full speed situations."

Concerning the shaky start the Warbirds had on the defensive side of the ball, Coach Grubbs commented, "I don't go into a scrimmage with a set game plan on offense of defense. We are there to go through our plays and evaluate our team and that sometimes means giving up some ground."

"We have put in place several new things on defense since last year," Grubbs said. "Besides our first series on defense I thought we looked stout."

Grubbs was also pleased with the Warbirds offensive effort. "Offensively we looked amazing," he said. "Of course, being our first live action we had a few miscues, but nothing serious."

This week the Eagles three-way scrimmage with Rankin and McCamey has been rescheduled with Rankin dropping out of the deal. So, instead of traveling to McCamey, the Warbirds will stay at home to scrimmage the Badgers tomorrow afternoon.

Coach Grubbs notes that there are a number of things the Eagles have been trying on the practice field that he wants to see in action against another team.

The scrimmage is slated to get under way at 6:00 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. There will be no admission charge so there's no reason not to come out and support the Warbirds as they tune up one last time before the 2004 season starts next week against Christoval.

The Eagles will be playing in an enlarged District 2-2A this year. After non-district games with Christoval, Forsan and Menard, Eldorado will enjoy and open week on Sept. 17, before facing Grape Creek, Sonora, Reagan County, Junction, Ozona, Mason and Wall. And, with this scrimmage, and the games that follow, Eagles fans are encouraged to Wear your Green and Be Loud!

WHAT A LINEUP!

Meet The Eagles Night

The JV and Varsity Eagles will scrimmage with McCamey Badgers at Eagle Stadium beginning at

Meet the Eagles Friday, August 20, after the scrimmage with McCamey, at Eagle Stadium.

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Tuesday, August 24

Cream of Wheat, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, August 25

French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday, August 26

Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Juice, Milk

Friday, August 27

Cheese Toast, Choice of cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, August 23

Corn Dogs, Cole Slaw, Pork-n-Beans, Rosy Applesauce

Tuesday, August 24

Pepperoni Hot Pockets, French Fries, Carrots Sticks, Dip, Apple Halves

Wednesday, August 25

Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pineapple Slices, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Mixed Fruit

Thursday, August 26

Chicken Burger, Corn on the Cob, Sandwich salad, Peach Halves

Friday, August 27

Hamburgers, Spicy Fries, Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Orange Halves

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, August 23

Chili Dogs, Fritos, Cole Slaw, Pork-n-Beans, Rosy Applesauce

Tuesday, August 24

Texas Soft Tacos, cheese cups, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Apple Halves

Wednesday, August 25

Pork Chops, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Hot Rolls, Mixed Fruit

Thursday, August 26

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Trooper Danny Nunez and Trooper Pete Torres investigated this wreck on the North Divide Street late Friday evening, August 13, 2004. Trooper Nunez reports that Cindy Bybee, 49, of Eldorado, was driving southbound on U.S. 277 when she failed to negotiate the curve at the north edge of town and lost control. The '97 Chevy Monte Carlo skidded across the oncoming lane of traffic and narrowly missed the Catholic Church before taking out a long section of chain-link fence and coming to rest in front of the old Pool Well Service Building. Fortunately, no one was injured in the accident. Ms. Bybee reportedly refused a breathalyzer test and was arrested on a DWI charge.

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Annual Round-Up for Rehab planned for the Fall

It is time once again for the annual kick-off of West Texas Rehab Center's Round-Up for Rehab. Local ranchers, ag-related and community businesses and Rehab friends come together to ensure the success of this important fund-raising program that is critical to the Rehab Center's ability to provide care annually to 21,000 children and adults.

Nine special livestock sales (some featuring baked goods, hand-made & other specialty items) will be held, beginning in September, in local west Texas communities to benefit patients like two-year-old Breanna, who, thanks to Rehab therapists, is learning to walk and

be an active, outgoing little girl, despite having cerebral palsy. These sales include September 23rd at Producers Auction in San Angelo and October 25th in Junction.

Red Steagall is once again teaming with Rehab as Honorary Chairman, because as the legendary cowboy says of Rehab, it's a place where "neighbor-helping-neighbor" is more than just a slogan...it's a way of living and doing business.

Heading up the Schleicher County Round-Up program are Eldorado's Mike Moore & Ronnie Mittel. Others with key roles in the 2004 program are general chairmen Mike Alexander and Randy

Carson of Abilene, Jody Frey of San Angelo and Bob Helmers of Christoval. They join with other volunteers to ask the people of West Texas to help Rehab meet the outpatient rehabilitation needs of all who turn to the Center for assistance in overcoming the disabling effects of illness or injury. Ways ranchers and supporters can help include:

- Donating animals to one of our fall sales
- Attend one of the sales and join in the bidding
- Make a cash gift to Rehab
- Notify Rehab or a local chairman now of an intent to have an auction house cut a check to Rehab

for animals sold later in the year

Corporate friends of Rehab that have once again stepped forward as Round-Up sponsors are Federal Land Bank Association, Patterson-UTI Energy and Strongpoint/Pied Piper Per & Wildlife. Heartland Alliance of America/Farm & Ranch Healthcare is this year's Chuck Wagon sponsor. "The commitment of our local chairmen and ranchers, the involvement of Red Steagall and the continuing support of our corporate sponsors helps make sure the services of the Rehab are available to all who need them regardless of their ability to pay," said WTRC President, Woody Gilliland.

For more information about the Rehab Center, Round-Up sale dates or arrangements for hauling donated animals, call a local chairman or WTRC-Abilene at 325-793-3507, WTRC-Ozona at 325-392-9872 or WTRC-San Angelo at 325-223-6300.

Success seeks YFZ postal records

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Attorney John Jose, and Private Investigator Sam Brower, two men who are currently trying to discover who might be living at the ranch, told the Success this week that they, too, are interested in who receives mail at the YFZ box. Of course, their primary concern is proving residency for FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs.

It should be noted that Sheriff Doran, as well as his officers and jailers were required to provide identification when renewing the box rental for the Sheriff's Department. Numerous local residents have reported providing the same information.

The Freedom of Information Act is a U.S. law that requires public information to be released

in a timely fashion. As required under the act, the newspaper filed its request with the custodian of the local records, Postmaster Wayne McGinnes, on Tuesday, August 10, 2004. The act requires the Postal Service to release the requested information within 20 days or respond in writing as to why it cannot comply with the request.

Prophet search begins here

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certain that Warren knows about it," Bistline said

Attorney John Jose, one of four lawyers who represent plaintiff Brent Jeffs, tells the Success that his firm will continue to attempt to

serve Warren Jeffs. He said that he hopes Judge Stephen L. Henroid will see that his client has made reasonable efforts to serve a summons on Warren Jeffs and will then allow the summons to be served by publication in a newspaper.

31st annual Sheep & Goat Field Day slated Sept. 2

SAN ANGELO – The 31st annual Sheep and Goat Field Day conducted by the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center at San Angelo is set for Sept. 2.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. with the program to follow at 9 a.m.

The center is located north of San Angelo on U.S. Hwy. 87.

"After 30 years we're making some changes in our field day thinking," said Dr. John Walker, the center's resident director of research and a field day coordinator. "Because of the interest in natural resource management, we are now having two field days each year: this one – our traditional fall sheep and goat field day – and a new spring natural resources field day."

Morning topics are animal ID

issues, Country of Origin Labeling and the agricultural economy, the Quality Assurance program, recent fiber measurement advances, the center's sheep breeding research, a Mohair Council of America update and a report from the National Sheep Improvement Center.

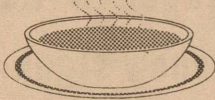
Following a noon "Dutch-treat" lunch at the center, the field day resumes with talks on embryo transfer and artificial insemination, and soremouth problems in goats.

Updates from Ranchers Lamb of Texas, Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and the Texas Hair Sheep Association will also be presented.

The day's activities end at 3 p.m.

For more information contact the center at (325) 653-4576.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, August 23
Meatloaf/Tomato Gravy, Blackeyed Peas, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cornbread, Melon Salad, Milk

Tuesday, August 24
Polynesian Chicken Salad, Sweet Peas, Wheat Bread, Golden Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, August 25
Steak Fingers/Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

Thursday, August 26
Oven Baked Pork Chops, Zucchini/Yellow squash Medley, Corn w/ Red Peppers, Wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Parfait, Milk

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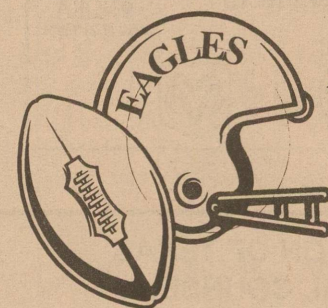
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Anyone wishing to share their musical talent is invited to sing and/or play at the event. No sign-up necessary; just come ready to make a joyful noise to the Lord. An annual event, the Ice Cream Social and Sing-Along is one of two annual fundraisers for the Alliance's ministry to help those in need in Schleicher County.

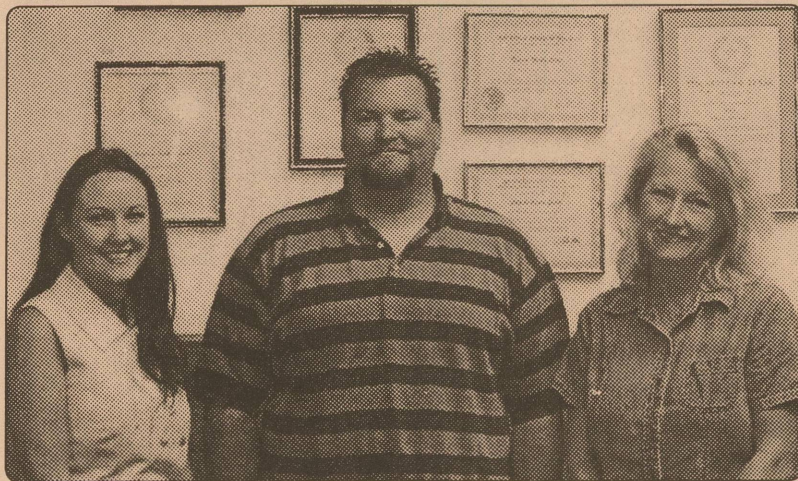


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New Faces in Middle School: L-R Pamela Green (8th Grade Language Arts), J.J. Guidry (8th Grade History/HS Coach and Dawn Wyatt (6th Grade Science/Social Studies. Not pictured Debby Griffin who transferred from elementary to teach 6th Grade Math.



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New Faces in Elementary: L-R: Lyndi Harris (Kindergarten), Edie Niblett (Special Education), Katy Meador (Kindergarten), Emilee Vaughan (Second Grade) and New Principal Maela Edmonson. Not pictured is Ken Newman who will be Elementary/Middle School Counselor.

The Waggin' Tongue
by Bertha S. Betterenyou

When it comes to gossip,
Bertha is a step above ordinary

Heard around town this week, a certain unemployed ne'er do well is spreading viscous rumors that one of his rivals is having an extra-marital affair. It's simply not true. Believe me, I know...I've tried and he won't give me a second look. I think the dimwitted fellow with all the time on his hands should get himself a real job and stay out of the coffee shops...and off the golf course, too!

This one hot off the press, a certain group of divorcees think that by traveling to Eola for a fling with the "younger guys" they can keep the rest of us from finding out. Well, Bertha has the nose for news and she knows news when she smells it...and she could smell this one all the way from Concho County.

Overheard at the grocery store, the grass isn't always greener on the other side of the fence. A fact

that one young Romeo has learned the hard way. Here's hoping his jilted bride has better sense than to let him climb back across.

And you're not going to believe this one...at least you'd better not! Word has it that a certain deputy and his wife are cooking meals for the folks at the YFZ Ranch in hopes of winning them over so that he can run for Sheriff four years from now. Gimme a break. Four years from now, they're gonna be electing one of their own. At least that's how Bertha sees it!

Please, if you come across a juicy piece of gossip, send me an email at: bertha@myeldorado.net or drop me a line at the following address:

Bertha S. Betterenyou
c/o The Eldorado Success
P.O. Box 1115
Eldorado, Texas 76936-1115

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

Wants City to place tax freeze on ballot

Dear Editor:

I am asking the City Council to please reconsider, one more time, to let us vote on the property tax freeze for senior citizens & disabled persons.

Please allow us as a town to vote on this.

I am personally shocked, this

has been turned down 2 times already. Other communities have passed this, why not Eldorado?

The reasons you give are not good enough. The council referred to this as "shifting the burden" to others. I don't consider this a "burden" but as a "Honor." You say this could result in higher utilities. If it does, we can do this as a community.

I have been a member of this community for almost 30 years. Everyone who lives here knows what a loving & caring town we are. As a small town we have endured alot over the years, especially the last 2 years.

We are blessed with youth & health. Our seniors & disabled deserve this. It is so little to ask for. If you allow this on the ballot I am sure it would pass without a doubt.

Let us all remember that its not always about the money but doing what is right. We need to be good examples for our children & others who are less fortunate & in need.

Sincerely,
Shelly Fennern

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Solution to puzzle on Page 2

Middling Grades

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7C-0239768 IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Austin, Texas ~ August 10, 2004

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF ARIES OPERATING, L.P. TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY AUTHORITY FOR THE CAMAR SOUTHWEST UNIT CAMAR, SW (STRAWN) FIELD, SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq., the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on September 10, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Aries Operating, L. P. for unitization and secondary recovery authority and recognition of such unit as an entity for density purposes for the Camar Southwest Unit, Camar, SW. (Strawn) Field, Schleicher County, Texas. Applicant has 100% of the working interests and in excess of 90% of the royalty interests within the Unit Area committed to the Unit Agreement and the unit.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Philip Whitworth, at (512) 495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received by the Office of General Counsel no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file a notice of intent to appear with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio tape recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

Children come in all sizes, shapes, colors and abilities. They do not learn the same way, but they ALL learn.

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If you do, please call the Special Education Director or Child Find contact in your local school district for information on available help at no cost.

Schleicher County ISD

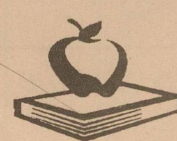
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- Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month

Come join us at our next meeting in Sonora at the Sutton County Steakhouse, on September 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

See you there!!! West Texas Anglers

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THE ELDORADO SUCCESS

CLASSIFIED ADS

2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN CITY OF ELDORADO

THIS NOTICE CONCERNS 2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE CITY OF ELDORADO. 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 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 TAXPAYER'S 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 TAX	\$124,911.90
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$ 79,626.64
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$204,538.54
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$22,761,890
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	\$0.8986/\$100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY) / THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE (AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY) = THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$204,429.34 \$23,084,165 \$0.8855/\$100
x 1.03=MAXIMUM RATE UNLESS UNIT PUBLISHES NOTICES AND HOLDS HEARING	\$0.9121/\$100

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:

LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED OPERATING TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY AND ADJUSTING FOR TRANSFERRED FUNCTION, TAX INCREMENT FINANCING, AND /OR ENHANCED INDIGENT HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES / THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE = THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE OPERATING RATE X 1.08 = THIS YEAR'S MAXIMUM OPERATING RATE + THIS YEAR'S DEBT RATE = THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE	\$124,850.68 \$ 23,084,165 \$0.5408/\$100 \$0.5840/\$100 \$0.3319/\$100 \$0.9159/\$100
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Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the City of Eldorado adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **\$0.8855** per \$100 of value, the total levy for the City of Eldorado would **decrease** compared to the 2003 tax levy by \$128.26.

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	\$ 15,737.87
Interest & Sinking Fund	-0-

Schedule B

2004 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	Interest to be Paid From	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	to be Paid from Property Taxes	Property Taxes		
1994 Certificate of Obligation	\$11,250.00	\$3,726.25	\$-0-	\$ 14,976.25
1999 Tax Anticipation Notes	\$55,000.00	\$4,375.00	\$-0-	\$ 59,375.00
Total required for 2003 debt service			\$74,351.25	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$-0-	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$-0-	
- Excess collections last year			\$-0-	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2003			\$74,351.22	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only <u>96%</u> of its taxes in 2003			\$ 3,097.97	
= Total Debt Levy			\$77,449.22	

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. you can inspect a copy of the full calculations at The Schleicher County Appraisal District or The City Hall.

Name of person preparing this notice Scott Sutton, Title Chief Appraiser. Date prepared 8-16-04.

Commissioners look at budget, see nothing but red ink

Watching as the county's reserve fund as dropped over the past year has given Schleicher County Commissioners plenty of reason to pause and reflect and ask questions like, where has all the money gone? The men took the opportunity of a budget workshop Monday night to review the things for which they have dipped into reserves this past year. At the top of the list was some \$70,000 spent outside the budget for the cemetery chapel. Also, painting and remodeling the rodeo arena and little league fields, airport construction, Civic Center electrical wiring and the installation of a sewer lift station, construction of an animal feeding center and the funding of a murder trial.

Over the years the reserve, or contingency fund, has grown with surplus money from the county's Road and Bridge Fund, fines and court costs generated by law enforcement. But, even with a tax base that is growing, the decline in reserves has commissioners facing the prospect of higher taxes for next year.

With the need to purchase state mandated electronic voting machines and raise funds for employee raises, the commissioners came to the meeting looking for places to cut and the first place they turned to was the Sheriff's Department Budget and the possibility of closing the local jail.

Sheriff David Doran appeared at the meeting to defend

his \$446,000 annual budget and he methodically went over each line item to show that closing the jail would end up costing the county more money. He noted that his jailers also serve as dispatchers and said that simply cutting the jail would not reduce the need to staff the 24-hour 9-1-1 dispatch center that not only serves his department, but the ambulance service, fire department and state law enforcement agencies, as well.

Doran went on to demonstrate that contracting with a neighboring county to house Schleicher County prisoners, plus transporting those prisoners back and forth from the jail to various court appearances here, would increase the overall price tag by more than \$225,000 annually. He also noted that his officers would be spending more time ferrying prisoners back and forth to jail, thereby limiting their patrol time and reducing productivity.

Doran then outlined the benefits of keeping the prisoners here locally, including the inmate work program which he said benefits the county as well as other local governmental entities. Also, there is the Meals for the Elderly Program which operates from the jail with a state jail inmate serving as cook.

The meeting began promptly at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin, Matt Brown and County Judge Johnny Griffin in attendance. Commissioner Bill Clark arrived at 7:00 p.m., just as the Sheriff was concluding his presentation.

Clark wasted no time going on the attack, however, saying that Sheriff Doran could cut his budget by reducing staff. At one point he

told the Sheriff that his employees needed to work longer and work harder.

That drew a sharp response from Chief Deputy George Arispe who told Clark that many of his days start before 5:00 a.m. and end at 11:00 p.m. or midnight.

Clark continued by saying that the Sheriff could operate the way that Sterling County operates.

"This isn't Sterling County," Doran told Clark, "and I'm not going to run my department that way. Our citizens expect and deserve better service than that."

The Success has learned that in Sterling County 9-1-1 calls ring on a deputy's cell phone and prisoners are housed out of county.

One option offered by Judge Griffin was to convert the jail into a 72-hour holding facility and to hire Tom Green County to dispatch for 9-1-1. The Sheriff pointed out, however, that a 72-hour facility still requires 24-hour a day jailers, which doesn't end up saving any money. A quick check with Tom Green County after the meeting revealed that a fee of \$200 per 9-1-1 call would cost Schleicher County an additional \$8,000 per month or \$96,000 per year based on the average number of calls received in the past five years.

At one point, Commissioner Kirk Griffin asked Doran about the seizure funds his department gets. The Sheriff said that the law forbids him from using the money for his operational budget but that he has tried to save the county money by using the cash seizures to purchase equipment, jailer's uniforms, and other items. Doran noted that two large cash seizures made recently have not been released to him by the court and that he doesn't know when or if the funds will be released. He did say however, that he plans to use the funds to refurbish the dispatch office, thereby saving the county money. Doran noted that the dispatch office has been

occupied per day for nearly 25 years and that it is showing its age and a lot of wear and tear.

The Sheriff concluded by saying that he was proud of his department's heritage and said he hoped to continue operating as efficiently as possible with the resources that are available.

While no final decision was reached, the sentiment at the table seemed to be that closing the jail would be too costly and that the public would not stand for cutting back on law enforcement services. Bill Clark disagreed however, indicating that he would find it hard to vote for a budget that doesn't cut funds to the Sheriff's Office.

Others present for the meeting were Treasurer Karen Henderson, County Clerk Peggy Williams, County Agent Scott Edmonson, Road Superintendent Clay Burleson and Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle.

Commissioner Kirk Griffin commented at one point that the county's budget probably doesn't realistically reflect the county's needs and that perhaps some projects should be funded by Certificates of Obligations instead of raising taxes and cutting the budget.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones was present to request for a new \$80,000 grass fire truck. For her part, County Clerk Peggy Williams asked that the commissioners fund an extra employee at the cost of \$22,000-25,000 a year.

County Agent Scott Edmonson also present to ask for an increase of \$3,362 for fuel and stock show expense. Road Superintendent Clay Burleson asked for raises for his employees and three cell phones. Sheriff Doran's proposed budget included a pay raise for his employees plus the purchase of a new patrol vehicle.

In other business, the commissioners approved the payment of \$50 for a \$2,500 bond on Deputy Kevin Herbert through Mittel Insurance. They briefly discussed carpeting for the Memorial Building but tabled the item until the 2005 budget is finalized.

Another round of budget discussions is planned for Monday, August 23, following the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Schleicher County ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 30, 2004 in Schleicher County ISD High School Library, 205 Fields Ave. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund *	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.50	\$ -0- *	\$ 1.50	\$ 4,913	\$2,651
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debts Service	\$ 1.4347	\$ -0- *	\$ 1.4347	\$ 5,351	\$2,637
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.4940	\$ -0- *	\$ 1.4940	\$ 5,618	\$2,671

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 27,528	\$ 28,085
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 10,041	\$ 10,328
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.494
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 150.62	\$ 154.30
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 3.68

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.4947. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.4947.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,121,970
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

FSA announces general CRP sign-up

In full support of President George W. Bush's recent directive to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to sustain the environmental benefits of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced a General CRP Sign-up 29 to begin August 30, 2004.

Jan Wanoreck, County Executive Director for Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County FSA explains that CRP Sign-up 29 is offered for those acres currently enrolled in CRP and set to expire September 30, 2004 or September 30, 2005. According to Wanoreck, eligible cropland never before enrolled in CRP will also be considered for enrollment under General CRP - the nation's largest, voluntary

Sign-up 29.

"As further expansion to the CRP program, President Bush has announced a couple of new initiatives including a Bobwhite quail initiative and an expanded wetland program designed to enhance wetlands and playa lake areas," said Wanoreck. "Provisions and eligibility guidelines for these and other new CRP components will be forthcoming as USDA works through the development process."

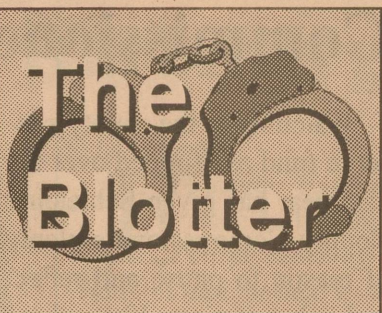
In light of the projected 16 million acres of CRP set to expire in 2007 and an additional six million acres to expire in 2008, President Bush addressed his vision for the future of the CRP program

conservation program offered for private lands. In a continued effort to "restore, enhance and protect" environmentally sensitive land, build on producer stewardship and enhance wetland and wildlife acres, the President expressed his commitment to re-enrolling as many CRP acres as possible up to a maximum of 39.2 million acres nationwide.

"Producers and landowners need to understand that CRP Sign-up 29 is completely separate from potential 're-enrollment' of acres expiring in 2007 and 2008," said Wanoreck. "No provisions for these acres will be made until the 120-day public comment period has ended."

Individuals interested in making public comment pertaining to managing the large number of acres set to expire in 3-4 years, managing future CRP sign-ups, evaluating the program's environmental effectiveness or other related topics of concern can weigh-in on FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. Comments on the issues must be received within 120 days after the date published in the Federal Register. Written comments should be mailed to Director, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division (CEPD), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Room 4714-S, Stop 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250-0513.

For more information regarding CRP Sign-up 29 or public comment on the future of CRP, contact the Verde County FSA office at 325/853-3535 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.



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

ARRESTS

August 11 • Grubbs, April Renee, female age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of a Dangerous Drug.

August 11 • Amador, Nathan Louis, male age 27, arresting officer Chatman, offense Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz., Out of County Warrant.

August 11 • Domiguez, Oscar, male age 32, arresting officer SC deputy, offense FTA and Speeding.

August 13 • Sanchez, Alexander, male age 19, arresting officer

SC deputy, offense MIP 3 or more, released A & B Bail Bonds.

August 13 • Bybee, Cynthia Ball, female age 48 • arresting officer DPS trooper, offense DWI, released on \$1,000.00 PR Bond.

August 14 • Diaz, Albino Martinez, male age 37, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLS Enhanced.

August 14 • Torres, Micheal Lou, male age 36, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant.

August 15 • Mendez, Friemel Garza, male age 22, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense DWI.

INCIDENTS

August 10 • 4:22 p.m. Caller requested an ambulance, said male was having a heart attack. Officer and EMS responded.

• 5:33 p.m. Caller requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS responded.

August 11 • 12:30 a.m. Complainant reported three horses in his yard. Officer responded and owner was contacted.

• 8:44 p.m. Caller reported unsupervised children on bikes. Caller concerned for their welfare. Officer responded.

August 12 • 10:39 p.m. Complainant reported someone on top on the Middle School. Subject reportedly had gotten onto roof

to retrieve a cell phone thrown by another subject. Officers responded.

August 13 • 7:18 p.m. Complainant had brought a purse and other personal items that she found on county road. Items were given to officer and owner was located.

• 10:07 p.m. Complainant stated that her neighbors had a TV in their garage and had it on too loud. Officer responded.

• 10:50 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident. She stated a vehicle left the roadway and had gone into a vacant building. Officers responded.

August 14 • 7:55 p.m. Complainant reported goats out about two miles north. Owner of goats was contacted.

• 10:16 p.m. Complainant stated that her boyfriend was intoxicated and had started throwing items throughout the house. Complainant stated she had been hit by an item that her boyfriend had thrown at her. Officers responded.

August 15 • 12:20 a.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 12:58 a.m. Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.

• 1:45 a.m. Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver north bound on 277 from Sutton County. Officers responded.

• 3:53 a.m. Caller reported a water leak at residence and reported water entering home. City responded.

• 7:11 a.m. Complainant reported about 20 loose goats. Officer responded.

• 6:31 p.m. Prosser served on what to be believed to be resident in Eldorado, Texas a subject greeted upon arrival and noted served subject was not available, copy of summon and complaint were left.

• 6:40 p.m. Caller reported a soccer ball missing from her property.

• 7:20 p.m. Caller reported a large bird on her lawn. Officer responded, was unable to contact animal control.

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2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN SCHLEICHER CO. GENERAL

THIS NOTICE CONCERNS 2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR SCHLEICHER CO. GEN. 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 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 TAXPAYER'S 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:	GENERAL FUND	FARM/MARKET FUND
LAST YEAR'S OPERATING TAXES	\$1,292,297.00	\$234,590.00
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$ 41,480.00	\$0.00
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$1,333,777.00	\$234,590.00
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$206,239,346	\$204,882,256
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	\$0.6266/\$100	\$0.1145/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:		
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES	\$1,291,071.24	\$234,300.66
(AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY)		
/ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$230,559,790	\$229,186,480
(AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY)		
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.5599/\$100	\$0.1022/\$100
Total Effective Tax Rate	\$0.6621/\$100	
X 1.03=MAXIMUM RATE UNLESS UNIT PUBLISHES NOTICES AND HOLDS HEARING	\$0.6820/&100	
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:		
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED OPERATING TAXES	\$1,291,071.24	\$234,090.66
(AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY AND INCLUDING TAXES FOR STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE)		
/ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$230,559,790	\$229,186,480
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE OPERATING RATE	\$0.5599/\$100	\$0.1022/\$100
X 1.08 = THIS YEAR'S MAXIMUM OPERATING RATE	\$0.6046/\$100	\$0.1103/\$100
+ THIS YEAR'S DEBT RATE	\$0.0181/\$100	\$0.0000/\$100
= THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE FOR EACH FUND	\$0.6227/\$100	\$0.1103/\$100
THIS YEAR'S TOTAL ROLLBACK RATE	\$0.7330/\$100	
- SALES TAX ADJUSTMENT RATE	\$0.0390/\$100	
= ROLL BACK TAX RATE	\$0.6940/\$100	

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE
If Schleicher County adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of **\$0.6621** per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by **\$2,327.00**.

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	\$140,000.00
Farm/Market	\$ -0-

Schedule B
2004 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	Amount
Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	\$30,000.00
Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	\$10,730.00
Other Amounts to be Paid	\$ -0-
Total Payment	\$40,730.00
Total Required for 2004 debt service	\$40,730.00
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$ -0-
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$ -0-
- Excess collections last year	\$ -0-
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2004	\$39,508.00
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 97% of its taxes in 2004	\$ 1,222.00
= Total Debt Levy	\$40,730.00

Schedule C
Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
In calculating the effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive **\$90,340.42** in additional sales and use tax revenues. **For County:** The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at **County Judge Office or County Tax Office**. Name of person preparing this notice **Lou Ann Turner** Title **Tax Assessor-Collector** Date prepared **8-9-04**

2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN SCHLEICHER CO. HOSPITAL DISTRICT

THIS NOTICE CONCERNS 2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR 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 TAXPAYER'S 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	\$796,819.00
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$ 0.00
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$796,819.00
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$208,318,440
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	\$0.3825/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES	\$796,667.75
(AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY)	
/ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$231,904,140
(AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY)	
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.3435/\$100
X 1.03=MAXIMUM RATE UNLESS UNIT PUBLISHES NOTICES AND HOLDS HEARING	\$0.3538/\$100
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED OPERATING TAXES	\$796,667.75
(AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY AND ADJUSTING FOR TRANSFERRED FUNCTION, TAX INCREMENT FINANCING, AND /OR ENHANCED INDIGENT HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES)	
/ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$231,904,140
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE OPERATING RATE	\$0.3435/\$100
X 1.08 = THIS YEAR'S MAXIMUM OPERATING RATE	\$0.3709/\$100
+ THIS YEAR'S DEBT RATE	\$0.0000/\$100
= THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE	\$0.3709/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE
If Schleicher County Hospital District adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **\$0.3435** per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 by **\$2,327.00**.

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	\$724,352.00

Schedule B
2004 Debt Service NONE

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 **Lou Ann Turner**
Title **Tax Assessor/Collector**
Date prepared **8/09/04**

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es to the District Rules
on Friday, August 20,
2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the
Schleicher County An-
nex Bldg., 210 S. Main
St., Eldorado, Texas. A
complete copy of the
District Rules may be
obtained at the District
Office, 210 S. Main St.
Eldorado, TX. 34-35b

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS**
TO: JORGE RIOJAS, Defendant, Greeting
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the
Honorable 51st District Court of Schleicher County at the
Courthouse thereof, in Eldorado, Texas, by filing a written
answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next
after the expiration of twenty days from the date of the issu-
ance of this citation, same being the 30th day of August A.D.
2004, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day
of August A.D. 2004, in this cause, numbered #A-008 on the
docket of said court and styled **IN THE INTEREST OF MARK
MEDRANO, A MINOR CHILD.**

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows,
to-wit:

ORIGINAL PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF MI-
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this suit.

The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject
of the suit Mark Medrano, May 21, 2000, Del Rio, Val Verde
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The court has authority in this suit to render an order in
the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the
termination of the parent-child relationship.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date
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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same
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Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at
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Our Thanks Wenona and Tom

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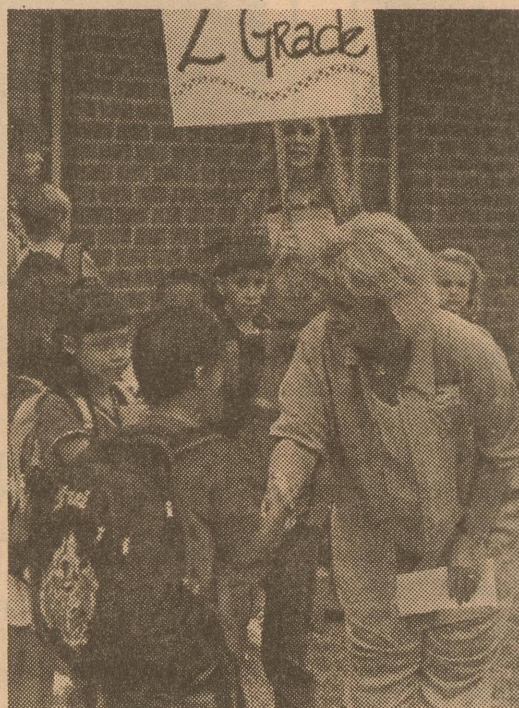
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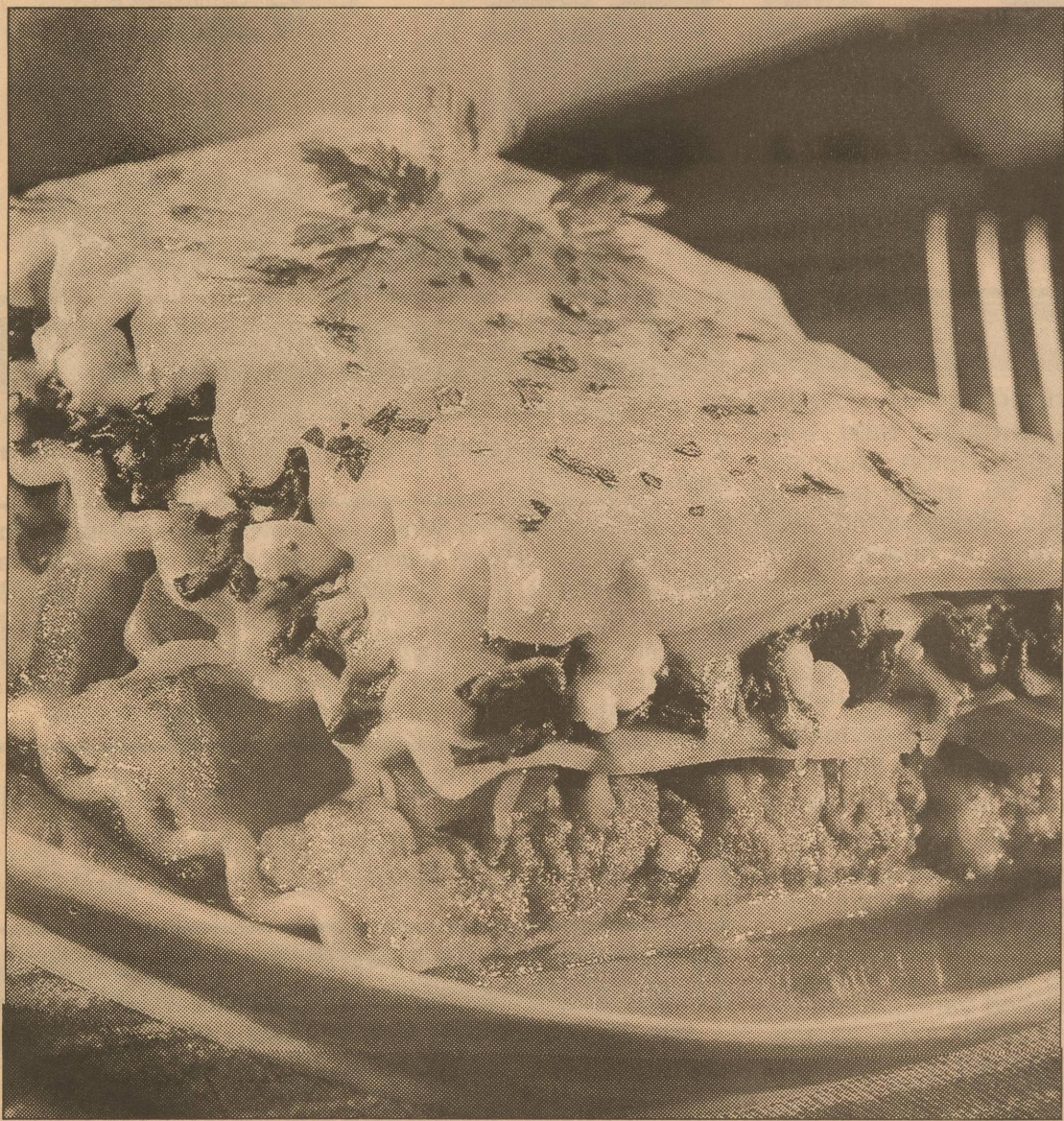
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Quick-to-the-Finish Spinach Lasagna

18 lasagna noodles, uncooked

- 1 package (10 ounces) pre-cooked breakfast sausage links
- 1 large red or green bell pepper, diced
- 4 cups shredded Mexican Style (Monterey Jack and Cheddar) cheese, divided
- 1 can (13.5 ounces) Popeye Spinach, well drained
- 1 cup crumbled garlic and herb feta cheese
- 1 container (46 ounces) V8 vegetable juice (1 quart 14 ounces)

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Place 6 lasagna noodles into 12- x 9- x 2-inch baking pan.
3. Slice sausages in half, lengthwise; place on noodles.

4. Sprinkle peppers and 1 cup Mexican Style cheese on top of sausage.
5. Layer with 6 noodles, spinach, feta cheese, and 1 cup Mexican Style cheese.
6. Place remaining noodles on top; pour vegetable juice evenly over noodles.
7. Sprinkle remaining 2 cups of cheese on top of noodles.
8. Cover with foil and bake 1 hour.
9. Remove foil and bake an additional 15 minutes until bubbly.
10. Remove from oven; let stand 15 to 20 minutes.

Serves 8 to 10

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Warm Spinach Dip

Warm Spinach Dip

Makes 4 cups dip

*May prepare in ovenproof serving dish instead of bread loaf. Substitute small bread squares, melba toast, or pita triangles for dipping.

- 1 can (13.5 ounces) Popeye Spinach, well drained
- 2 cups deli prepared crab salad with mayo base
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese
- 1 cup whipped cream cheese, softened
- 1 small red bell pepper, diced
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup shredded four-cheese pizza cheese
- 1 loaf sourdough bread*

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Combine all ingredients except four-cheese pizza cheese in large bowl; mix thoroughly.
3. Spread mixture in 9-inch pie plate coated with butter or non-stick cooking spray.
4. Sprinkle four-cheese pizza cheese evenly over top of spinach mixture.
5. Bake 30 minutes until bubbling and edges are slightly brown.
6. Slice top off sourdough bread loaf; remove interior bread; place loaf on foil.
7. Spoon baked spinach mixture into bread cavity; wrap in foil; return to oven for 5 minutes.
8. Slice removed interior bread into large cubes for dipping.
9. Serve warm.

Easy Spinach Quiche

- 1 unbaked 10-inch pie crust
- 1/2 cup grated cheddar or Gruyere cheese
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup reduced fat milk
- 1 can (13.5 ounces) Popeye Spinach, well drained
- 1/4 cup bacon bits
- 1 roma tomato, thinly sliced

1. Preheat oven to 425°F.
2. Prepare crust according to package directions.
3. Sprinkle cheese on pie crust.
4. Mix eggs, milk, spinach, and bacon bits; pour mixture evenly over cheese.
5. Top with slices of tomato.
6. Bake 15 minutes; reduce heat to 350°F and bake an additional 20 to 25 minutes until set, or a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
7. Remove from oven and let stand 10 minutes.
8. Serve warm with fruit.

Serves 4

Spinach Bread

- 1 can (13.5 ounces) Popeye Chopped Spinach, well drained
- 1 loaf (1 pound) frozen bread dough, thawed
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese with green chilies or Pepper Jack cheese
- 1 egg

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Lightly grease baking sheet; set aside.
3. Drain spinach very well, patting excess moisture with a paper towel; set spinach aside.
4. Roll out bread dough into 13- x 6 1/2-inch rectangle.
5. Spread spinach on dough.
6. Sprinkle cheese evenly over spinach.
7. Roll up rectangle, jelly roll fashion, beginning at long edge. Pinch seams and edges together to seal.
8. Place roll, seam side down, on prepared baking sheet.
9. Lightly beat egg. Brush egg over roll.
10. Bake loaf 30 minutes.
11. Cut in 1-inch slices. Serve warm.

Makes 1 loaf

Materials courtesy of Popeye Spinach

Sales tax rebates skyrocket as Texas economy keeps growing

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced last week that the state collected \$1.27 billion in sales tax revenue in July, up 9.6 percent compared to July 2003. So far in fiscal year 2004, state sales tax revenue is up 7.9 percent.

"State sales tax collections have risen for 11 consecutive months," Strayhorn said. "After seeing sales tax revenue decline for an unprecedented two consecutive fiscal years in 2002 and 2003, I am looking forward to closing the books on fiscal year 2004 at the end of August with a solid gain in sales tax."

"Our state's economy has finally rebounded after the sharp decline that began in the third quarter of 2001," Strayhorn said. "My Texas Index of Leading Economic Indicators points to additional economic acceleration in the

coming months. One component of the index, Consumer Confidence, jumped 52.5 percent in March and by 35.4 percent in July, compared to the prior year."

Many local governments will see increases in their August sales tax allocations. Strayhorn today sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$431.4 million, up 11.9 percent compared to August 2003. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 8.3 percent higher than last year.

Strayhorn sent sales tax payments of \$291.9 million to Texas cities, up 10.8 percent compared to last August. Sales tax payments of \$25.6 million went to Texas counties, 19.2 percent higher than last August.

In addition, \$13.2 million in sales tax revenue went to 86 special purpose taxing districts, 25.3

percent more than in August 2003. Nine local transit systems received \$100.6 million, up 11.8 percent compared to a year ago.

July state sales tax revenue and August allocations to local governments represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

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

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Monday, Sept. 13 and will be reported the following week in The Success.

August 2004 Sales Tax Rebates

Local Jurisdiction	Aug. '04	Aug. '03	% Change	2004 YTD	2003 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$13,646.88	\$ 6,891.98	98.01%	\$66,071.87	\$51,553.07	28.16%
Schleicher County	\$12,699.44	\$ 7,106.40	78.70%	\$67,526.89	\$61,481.56	9.83%
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$12,467.65	\$ 7,255.78	71.83%	\$66,305.62	\$55,385.75	19.71%

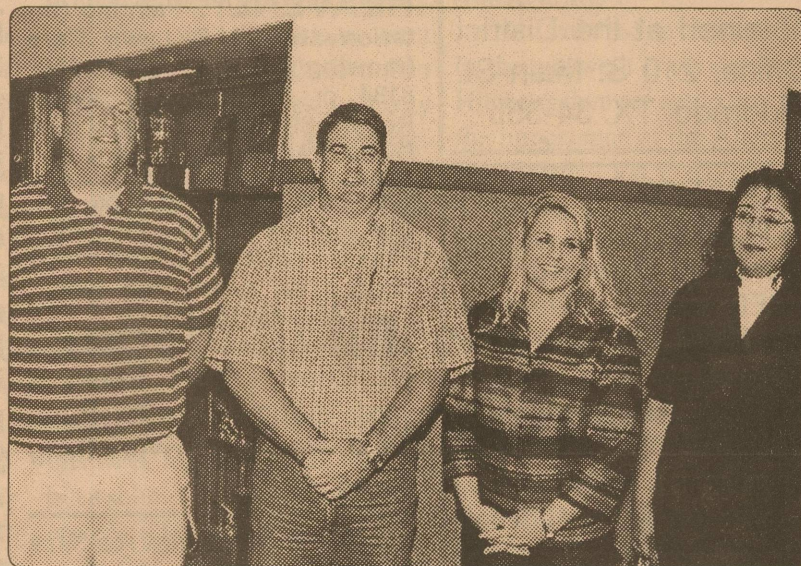


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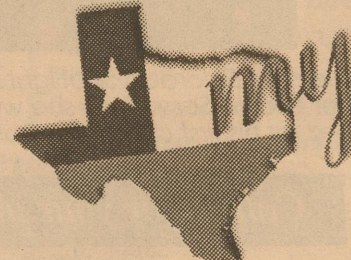
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