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Melissa Gonzalez plays her clarinet as the Mighty Eagle Band entertains the crowd at halftime of the Eldorado Eagles/Iraan Braves football game in Eagle Stadium. The band, under the direction of Jerry Barker, is preparing for marching contest, slated October 18th in Brady at which time they will be competing for their 25th consecutive Division "1" rating.

Texans called upon to assist saving livestock stranded after Hurricane Ike

State agencies partner to help producers devastated by storm

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples today announced joint efforts with local, state and federal partners as well as statewide agricultural organizations to meet the needs of thousands of agricultural producers impacted by Hurricane Ike.

Commissioner Staples is expressing an urgent plea to Texans across the state to assist in any way they can to help farmers and ranchers hit hard by the deadly storm.

"Producers in Southeast Texas are in desperate need of our help to save their livestock," Commissioner Staples said. "Storm surges from Hurricane Ike have

destroyed fences and made forage and water sources harmful for livestock. We are working with federal and state officials to save the remaining livestock, but also need assistance from fellow Texans to ensure the effects of this catastrophe don't become worse. "

State agencies are still trying to assess the financial impact Hurricane Ike has caused Texas agricultural producers; however, at this time, tens of thousands of livestock are without food and are at risk of dying if not fed.

For producers needing aid, it is essential they contact their local emergency management officials who are

in direct communication with the state emergency disaster management team and will be able to allocate the proper resources. If your livestock-related needs are not met, you can contact staff at the Texas Animal Health Commission at 1-800-550-8242 ext. 296.

Commissioner Staples is asking producers who are signed up through the Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline to sell or donate animal feed, hay or other resources such as feed and water troughs. Producers in need of these resources are encouraged to call the hotline at 1-800-Tell-TDA or visit www.tda.state.tx.us/hayhotline for more information.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is also setting up horse and cattle feed donation and distribution sites. Contact your local extension agent for more information.

If you would like to offer financial resources to the animal relief effort, AgriLife Extension Service has set up a foundation at http:agrilifevents.tamu. edu or call 979-845-2604.

Voter registration opportunities

The Schleicher County Democratic Party will be registering voters from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 20 at the Gazebo on Main Street.

Meanwhile, the Eldorado Womens Club is also planning a voter registration drive and is reportedly planning to register voters at a booth in front of Super S Foods at yet to be determined date.

Reporters rebuffed by Attorney General

Grand Jurors names won't be released

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott ruled last week that District Court Clerk Peggy Williams is not required to release the names of Schleicher County grand jurors despite the fact that the jurors were impaneled during an open meeting of the 51st District Court in April of this year.

Abbott ruled that the clerk's office compiled the list of jurors while it was acting as an agent of the judiciary branch of the government, making them exempt from release under the Texas Open Records Act.

Reporters for the Salt Lake Tribune and the Associated Press sought the names of grand jurors currently serving on the panel that has been hearing evidence into several cases related to the YFZ Ranch.

Tribune reporter Brooke Adams and AP reporter Michelle Roberts each filed requests with the Clerk's office.

Peggy Williams notes that she serves as court clerk for District Judge Barbara Walther and that she is not at liberty to release grand jurors names without direction from the judge.

Still, the open records requests triggered certain legal deadlines and prompted Ms. Williams to seek legal advice from attorney Clint Griffin who represents the county in civil matters.

At that point Griffin wrote a letter requesting an opinion on the matter from Texas Attorney General Greg

Abbott responded on Wednesday, September 10th, saying that the list of grand jurors names is not subject to release under the Open Records Act.

Abbott noted that the judiciary is not subject to the Open Records Act and continued by saying that Peggy Williams, whose job as clerk makes her an agent of the judiciary, is also exempt from provisions of the act as it pertains to records concerning grand jurors.

Abbott's opinion went on to list other rules governing the courts as spelled out by the Texas Supreme Court saying that information that is "collected, assembled, or maintained...for the judiciary" by a governmental body acting as an agent for the judiciary is not subject to the act. Furthermore, the ruling says, the requested information constitutes information maintained for the judiciary, which also excludes it from release to the public.

The grand jury was impaneled in April of this year. Its term was due to expire in October but was extended through the end of the year. (See related story below)

Water district sets tax rate

Schleicher County's tax base went up again, and your water district tax rate is going down again.

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District will lower its ad valorum tax rate for the coming tax year from two and a half cents per one hundred dollars valuation down to one and a half cents.

The 40 percent cut was arrived at by the Plateau UWC&SD board of directors in a public hearing held last Thursday.

In attendance at the hearing were district board members Lynn Griffin, Ronnie Sauer, Ray Ballew, Pat Jackson, and Board President Sam Henderson, Jr.

Grand Jury term extended

As predicted in last week's edition of THE SUCCESS, the term of Schleicher County Grand Jurors currently serving has been extended by three months. The extension means that the jurors will continue serving until the end of the year.

The extension came at the request of Assistant Attorney General Eric Nichols who sought and received permission

from 51st District Judge Barbara Walther for the three-month extension.

Meanwhile, a new grand jury will be impaneled in October. Grand juries routinely serve six-month terms from April to October and October to April.

The three month extension of the current jury's term means that for a brief time Schleicher County will have two grand juries serving concurrently.

Needing names of local men & women serving in armed forces

Elementary music teacher Joella Parker is once again preparing for the annual Veterans Day program and she is seeking the names of Schleicher County citizens presently serving in the U.S. armed forces. The program is still in the planning stages and a date has yet to be set for the annual program.

Mrs. Parker asks that anyone with knowledge of a service member please contact her at the Elementary School or by calling 450-2934. The current list includes:

Jose Adame, Randy Adame, Richard Adame Jr., Roy Adame, Ryan Adame, Rita Adame Durragha, Lance Aldridge, Joe Arispe, Nina Armendarez, Terrell Boysaw, Mitchell Bradley, Lena Burney, Jeffrey Bybee, Sonny Castillo,

David Charboneau, Jason Charboneau, Fonzie Covarrubiaz, Jaaron Crawford, Liana Danford, Andrew DeAnda, John DeHanis, Collin Dulaney, Jesse Estrada, Yvonne Rodriguez Ford, Jasmine Gamez, Michael Gamez, Rebecca Vinlove Garrison, Tony Garrison, Quisto Gonzales, Mada Gower, Hannah Robledo Greenwood, Ryan Greenwood, Buddy Greer, Nestor Hernandez, Byron Hibbs, Stephanie Keck, Brandon Leggett, Koda Lozano, Craig Mayfield, Chris Martinez, Thomas Martinez, Charles Miller, Clark Meyer, Oscar Munoz, Bobby Newton, David Nolan, Todd Overstreet, Cole Pina, Bryan Robinson, Tommy Robledo, Jennifer Ryan, Kimberly Samaniego, Will Savant, Becky Schrader, Michael Sharp, Melanie Stricklan, Neal Turner, Tim Trickett, Manuel Villanueva, John P. Vinlove, Michael Wedum, Brandon Young, Gabrielle Young, and Christy Whitten.



Eagles defender Garrett Lux stretches out to get his arms on this Iraan Braves running back during Eldorado's varsity game with Iraan held here last Friday night. The Eagles played well but fell to the state-ranked Braves 21-13.

Choosing Trig

Perhaps nothing Sarah Palin said in her boffo address at the Republican Convention had as much resonance as her statement that "sometimes even the greatest joys bring challenge."

That truism was redeemed from mere Hallmark-card sentimentality because everyone knew that Palin's 17-year-old daughter, Bristol, is pregnant and that Palin herself gave birth to a boy, Trig, with Down syndrome in April. The joys in the Palin household lately have been particularly leavened with challenges.

Palin's choice to give birth to Trig after she learned of his condition 13 weeks into her pregnancy endeared her to pro-lifers and contributed



to the frenzied excitement among social conservatives about her selection. The national stage she's now been given means her choice could have much wider significance and constitute

an enormous symbolic leap ahead for children with Down syndrome and their parents.

As many as an estimated nine out of 10 children with Down syndrome are aborted in the womb, sought out by increasingly sophisticated prenatal tests and eliminated. This is the ugly eugenic underbelly of American life, even as we congratulate ourselves on our tolerance and diversity.

Parents of children with Down syndrome routinely encounter a "how could you?" disapproval. Former Washington Post reporter Patricia E. Bauer writes that strangers consider her daughter with Down syndrome as falling "into the category of avoidable human suffering. At best, a tragic mistake. At worst, a living embodiment of the pro-life movement. Less than human. A drain on society. That someone I love is regarded that way is unspeakably painful to me."

Here comes Trig, who -- via his mother, especially if she wins -- will have a high-profile platform to expose the rest of us to his personhood and dignity. Palin always describes him, aptly, as "a perfectly beautiful baby boy." Given how dated assumptions are about Down syndrome, he could do us much good growing up in the Naval Observatory.

It used to be that children with Down syndrome were institutionalized at birth. Without the love, care and education that any child needs, they lived stunted lives. Now, a generation of people with Down syndrome has been raised by families that love them. Advances in medical care and education mean they live full lives. Their capabilities differ -- as is the case with everyone -- but they graduate from high school, hold jobs and live on their own.

No one should trivialize the challenges Trig and the Palins will face. About 40 percent of children with Down syndrome are born with a heart defect. There will be the cruelty -- intentional or not -- of other children and the frustrations of struggling with tasks that come so much easier to others. And yet there will be the joy, as unalloyed and precious as any of us experience.

Palin said in an interview after Trig was born: "I'm looking at him right now, and I see perfection. I keep thinking in our world, what is normal and what is perfect?" That is the subversive promise of children like Trig, undermining all our superficial assumptions about what's truly important.

The Palins will have a humbling, heartbreaking and inspiring lesson in life's priorities from Trig. Here's hoping it's one that, one way or the other, the rest of us share.

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The Goodwill of Mike Shanahan

There will be those who will say that Denver Broncos head coach Mike Shanahan's election to go for two points following Denver's final touchdown with a half-minute to play in Sunday's AFC West battle with incumbent division champion San Diego was the stuff of moxie. They might say that it was the hardnosed action of a casino poker sharp—win it or lose it on the draw of a single card.

If you missed it, the Broncos, in a game of spectacular offensive plays by both teams, were down 38 31 to the Chargers with time for one final drive by Denver to tie it. But what took place with 1:14 to play could hardly be called conventional. Denver had reached the San Diego 1, when Broncos quarterback Jay Cutler, on thirdand-1, rolled to his right to pass. But the ball slipped from Cutler's grasp—the infamous "empty hand" rule then surfaced: Incomplete forward pass or fumble? Was the QB's arm going forward? The loose ball was hungrily gobbled up by Chargers linebacker Tim Dobbins. The whistle, though, blew after the ball hit the ground following Cutler's bobble and before Dobbins scooped it up. As pundits would observe, "We have a situation here."

Replays clearly showed that

Over the Ball

by Alan Ross



Cutler's loss of ball was a fumble, not an incomplete pass. Ball to San Diego, game over? Not quite. In what was likely the most embarrassing and difficult moment of Ed Hochuli's NFL officiating career, the referee had to admit to the world that he had blown it—literally, meaning he had prematurely blown the whistle when Cutler's fumble hit the ground, ending the play right there. So Denver, improbably, retained the ball. Reprieve granted, the Broncos, on fourth down, scored on Cutler's touchdown pass to rookie sensation Eddie Royal. Kick the extra point and head for overtime, right? Get ready for a different kind of NFL lesson.

Hardliners may scoff, but I believe at this critical juncture Shanahan reached deep down for a brief rendezvous in his heart of hearts with the noble concept of fair play. Let's face it. Denver didn't deserve the victory. They had been beaten fair and square. Only the gaffe of a senior official allowed the Broncos even a crack

at a second chance. I can't believe, under regular circumstances, Shanahan wouldn't have kicked the PAT and taken his chances in overtime. Instead, we got a rare look at decency and fair play on an NFL field. By electing to go for two points, I feel Shanahan was in effect saying to Norv Turner, his peer on the Chargers sideline, "You know what? We shouldn't be in this position anyway. Tell ya what I'm gonna do." By going for two, Shanahan was giving his division rival a gratis gift—a mulligan—but in the fairest of ways. Kind of like, "Okay, we're even now. I'm giving YOU the chance to recover this game instead of it being a gift to us from the officials."

The tension was electric as Cutler lined up his team for the two-point try. They made it, and by having won it in the way they did, Denver and Shanahan sent a message of a different kind to the league and its many fans: Winning is good. But winning it fair is better.

Alan Ross is the author of 29 books on sports history. His latest release, Away from the Ball: The NFL's Off-the-Field Heroes, is in bookstores now. E-mail him at: alanross_sports@yahoo.com

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Charles Chupp Is Not Your Typical Mayor

Charles Chupp has made a living as a writer because he says it's something you can do in the shade. He is one clever fellow and some of his writings appeared on the front page of the Fort Worth Star Telegram when the regular front page columnist, George Dolan, wanted to take some time off.

Chupp lives in DeLeon and has been actively involved with the operation of the city. He served on the school board and served a few terms as mayor.

"I'm the only write in candidate ever elected to the mayorship of De Leon," says Chupp. "I had three slogans: 'It ain't stealing if you need it', 'Cash donations gladly accepted' and 'You can do worse than vote for me. You always have."

He lost his wife of 58 years in March and to help with his depression, he wrote a book in thirty days. It's called "Waggin' Tales" and is about different dogs he has had.

"I started to write a history of them and their exploits," says Chupp. "I had a killer Chihuahua and that was my special breed. They're



tough little hombres. They don't know fear or much of anything else. I got started writing the book and I had to weave my kids, my wife and some of the kinfolks in because I bestowed gift Chihuahuas on people who didn't even want them."

He says the book was an exercise in survival and recommends writing to anyone who wants to get rid of their troubles. His wife's nickname was Sunshine and one recent afternoon he was sitting on his front porch late in the day and the chair where his wife used to sit was filled with sunshine.

Chupp has written eight books since 1994. His latest one is about the adventures of him and his brother during World War Two.

"My dad rented a chicken house out to an entrepreneur in

DeLeon. He stored used tires in it to sell during the war. Behind it he had a place where he kept white lightning from Glen Rose and peddled it. My brother Frank and I sold him whiskey bottles. They're worth a lot more than a coke bottle. We got a nickel apiece for whiskey bottles and if they had a cork in them we got seven cents. We were making money hand over fist.

"We found out how to get in that back compartment without him knowing it. We got a board that we could turn up on just one nail. It would pivot on it.

"The chicken house is where we kept a box of cigarette butts from out of the house. Snipes is what we called them then. When John Franklin and I needed a break from the house we'd go out and have us a snipe and sample the wares in one of those bottles. There were so many there we didn't want to use much out of any of them. But if one got a little bit low, John Franklin would refill it with the only means nature gave him for refilling it. Then we'd put it over in another stack."

Hurricane Ike slams Galveston

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Hurricane Ike's 40-mile wide eye crossed Galveston Island early on Sept. 13, laying waste to the city of Galveston before plowing its way north through Houston, then heading northeast and out of Texas.

Ike brought with it powerful winds and a 12-foot wall of seawater that wrecked or swamped Galveston homes, businesses and infrastructure. FEMA-directed search and rescue crews moved in to Galves-

ton and other communities as winds and high water began to recede. An estimated 140,000 coastal residents did not obey evacuation orders.



On Sept. 14, the governor's office reported more than 1,900 storm victims had been rescued.

On Sept. 15, nearly 3 million homes were still without power in scores of communities in Ike's path. Crews began to distribute water, ice and MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) on Sept. 14. Authorities asked that residents not return to stricken areas until further notice.

For evacuees and rescuees whose homes and businesses are still habitable, it could take weeks before power and city services are restored.

The National Weather Service on Sept. 12 had predicted a life-threatening storm surge to hit the Texas coast in advance of Ike as it spun toward Texas as a Category 2 hurricane with winds in excess of 100 mph.

Service to protect Ike evacuees

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Sept. 11 launched Operation Safe Shelter, an emergency service to provide registered sex offender information to evacuation shelter personnel.

The Office of Attorney General established a 24-hour a day, toll-free emergency hotline to allow shelter personnel to inquire whether evacuees are registered sex offenders.

When evacuation shelters contact the Safe Shelter Hotline at (866) 385-0333, officials will access and share information from the state's registered sex offender database.

Callers should be prepared to provide evacuees' names, addresses and dates of birth. Shelter managers can use this information as necessary to coordinate specialized housing arrangements or take other action as appropriate, according to the attorney general's office.

Texas tops California in study

Gov. Rick Perry and economist Arthur Laffer on Sept. 9 unveiled a study comparing Texas and California.

Laffer's study suggests that Texas' lower taxes, reasonable regulations and limited government have created a better economic climate with growth in income, wealth and employment projected to strengthen relative to California and the nation as a whole.

Perry and Laffer presented the study at a forum hosted by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, Texas Association of Business and Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute.

A news release from Perry's office said the study compares the two states' taxes on labor income, capital income, consumption, overall tax environment, government spending policies and government regulatory policies. The study found Texas' economic environment more competitive than California's in five of the categories and equal to California's in taxes on consumption.

Perry credited "controlled government spending and a reasonable tax environment with creating prosperity and attracting businesses to move to

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Ike evacuees wait out storm at State Parks

AUSTIN, Texas — More than Garner." 5,000 people took refuge from Hurricane Ike at 59 different state Uvalde County is popular for parks across Texas. Most of them, shady campgrounds along 10 more than 2,000, stayed at Garner, miles of the spring fed Frio River, could stay together, allowing up to including many from the Houston- which runs clear and cool even 12 people per site. Galveston area who vacation at the in summer heat. Now more than park each year.

like they usually do when they The site is named for John Nance lite signals glowed and news experience. checked in, and when we said it's Garner of Uvalde (Cactus Jack), on us, no charge, they just broke U.S. vice president from 1933-41. down and cried," said Rick Meyers, Garner State Park superinten- down on the Texas coast, the first dent. "A lot of these folks were just evacuees began arriving at Garner. ercasters described Ike's size and emotionally frazzled. Emotions At first they were calling, making were pretty high all around."

trance and camping fees for disas- By late Thursday, the slow trickle ter evacuees, making it free to tent had become an evacuee convoy. camp or stay in RVs or campers. in state parks.

and we had a lot of evacuees, but everything on their trailers." not near this many," Meyers said. most evacuees we've ever seen at were out past midnight helping

1,400 acres in size, land for the "A lot of people tried to pay us park was first acquired in 1934.

Last Wednesday, as Ike bore reservations. Then people started Texas State Parks waive en- showing up without reservations. flooded by the predicted record

"Some of them came with During Hurricane Rita in Sep- trailers, either U-Haul rentals or tember 2005, an estimated more just flat beds with tarps, loaded than 1,000 evacuees took shelter with personal belongings like TVs, head count was about 1,650 evacuer emergency workers and law ensofas, couches, tables and chairs," "I was at Inks [Lake State Meyers recalls. "It looked like in Park] when Rita came through, flood prone areas they just loaded probably half that Sunday."

Thursday night, the park office from the hardest-hit regions. "Rita displaced a lot of folks, but stayed open until 11 p.m. checking long timers here say this is the people in, and park peace officers

On February 11, 1967 she

Geneva was a public school

married William L. McWhorter,

who preceded her in death April

physical education teacher in

Kilgore, Beaumont, Eldorado, and

Baptist Church of Eldorado. She

was an avid golfer and enjoyed

playing on many courses through-

out the state. She was happiest

Verna Deene Keene of Fort Worth

and Mildred Ann Gustafson and

Memorial contributions may be

She is survived by her sisters

when she was caring for others.

She was a member of the First

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Ozona.

McWhorter, 81, of Eldorado, Tx. longtime friend and sister-in-law

passed away Saturday, Sept. 13, Lucille McWhorter, brother-in-law

2008 at Heart Hospital of Austin. and sister-in-law Dan and Rita

Funeral services was held Wednes- McWhorter, sister-in-law Duenne

day, Sept.17, 2008 at the First Culbreth, many nieces and neph-

Baptist Church of Eldorado, Tx. ews, great nieces and nephews,

Geneva was born in Abilene on made to the First Baptist Church March 20,1927 to D.F. and Zella of Eldorado or a charity of your

with interment at the Eldorado cousins, and a host of friends.

Geneva McWhorter

broadcasts crackled through the power. Anxious faces watched to storm surge.

On Saturday and Sunday, as anxious to go home." conditions cleared, the campgrounds began to empty.

ees," Meyers said. "We were down to about 1,100 late Saturday, and

host evacuees that long, but we places like Garner. found out her house was totally they know if their neighborhood no point."

Similar stories played out at dozens of other state parks outside Ike's path. Many evacuees clustered at Hill Country parks like Inks Lake (507) and Pedernales Falls (143), but others spread across Texas as far away as Davis Mountains (15) and Lake Arrowhead (67).

Among those gathered at Bastrop State Park were seven mem- Peas, Honey Glazed Carrots, Corn bers of the Pavlu clan from Angle- Bread, Melon Salad, Milk ton. Wayne and Vicki Pavlu came in an RV with their son Kevin

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people get settled and checking and his wife Hannah, daughter Garner State Park in northern the crowded campgrounds. The Tammy and grandkids Cooper and park staff bent the eight person per Konner. Along with them came campsite rule so evacuee families four dogs and the family's blind pet rooster named Rooster. The setting is pretty, the weather fine, Walking through the camp- the park staff gracious and helpgrounds Friday night, genera- ful, but many evacuees describe tor-driven TVs picking up satel- an undertone of anxiety to their

"The park's been great, but normally quiet air. Park visitors overall it's been stressful, horrible," watched along with millions of said Tammy Pavlu, a 24-year-old people around the world as weath- insurance agent. "You don't know what you're going to come back to. You don't know what to pack see whether their homes would be because space is limited, but you don't know how long you're going to live out of your car. We're

Still, for thousands of Texans, state parks provided a welcome "On Friday around 4 p.m., our respite. Hundreds of miles away, forcement officers were clearing debris and conducting search and rescue through flooded streets Many of those that remain are without electrical power or running water. Eventually, evacuees "We had one family that re- from those areas will have to go quested to stay several weeks," back and pick up the pieces. But Meyers said. "Typically we don't not this Sunday, not for those at

"The sun is shining here," Meygone; she was from the Galveston ers said on Sunday afternoon. area. So of the ones that are still "Folks are in the river swimming here, a lot of them can't go home. and inner tubing. They've had a They're watching the news and pretty rough ride, with more to come, but at least they're getting still has no power or water, there's to enjoy themselves while they're here."



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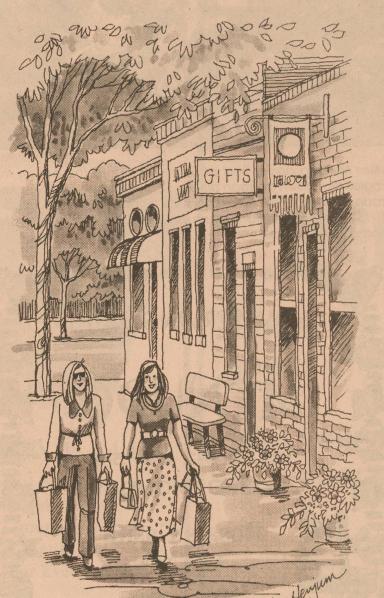
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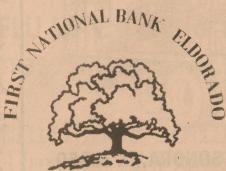
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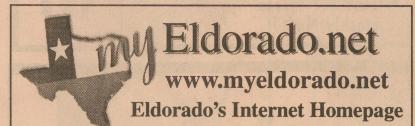
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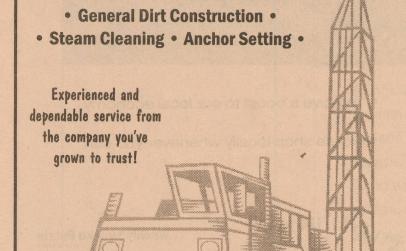
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Eagles fall to state-ranked Iraan Braves, in a game that was closer than anyone predicted

by Sylas Politte

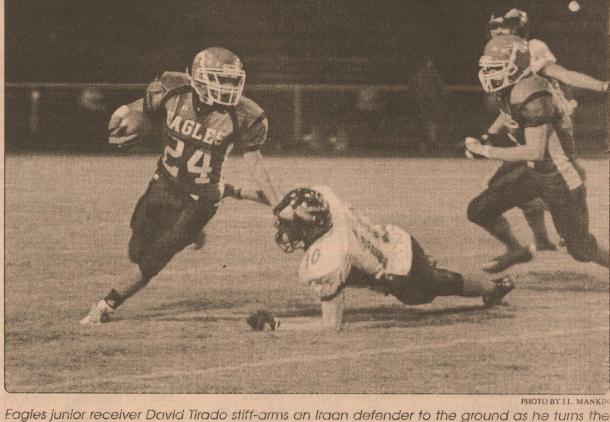
Last Friday the Iraan Braves made the 79 mile trip down State Hwy 190 to Eagle Stadium for a non-district contest. Iraan came into the game boasting an impressive 2-0 record and a total of 89 points scored in two games. They had also shut out Mason and held 2A opponent Ozona to a single touchdown.

The Eagles had scored half those points and given up more than they had scored. Some sports writers estimated that Eldorado was a 22-point underdog.

In the first quarter it took the Braves a mere three plays and 32 seconds to score their first touchdown of the game on a 32-yard run by Brave quarterback Call Cade. In a matter of seconds the Braves were on top of the Eagles 7 - 0.

Eldorado exchanged punts with the Braves and on 3rd and 11 Sr. **Quarterback Rance Cathey would** hook up for 79-yard touchdown pass to junior receiver David Tiing close up on me, so I gave Rance the sign for a fade route. He over caught it and kept going to the end was tied 7 -7.

most impressive sequence of the seen in a long time. second quarter came after Iraan a time out and talk about the next number nine team in the state to a



corner and looks for daylight in Eldorado's 21-13 loss to the state-ranked Braves. The loss was rado. "I saw the cornerback play- Eldorado's second of the season as they continue to prepare for their district schedule.

threw me a little, but I ran under it, play. Then, on 4th and goal, the mere seven points. Braves ran a sweep to the left that the half would end in a tie. The one of the best goal line stand I've

them on the 2 yard line. On 1st and defense off sides several times goal, the eagles defensive stopped in the first half. Senior lineman On 2nd and goal, the Warbirds was something we worked on and would again stand their ground our coaches drilled in us all week and not let Iraan in the end zone. in practice. They kept telling us no score. The Braves would call half and it paid off by holding the second score of the night.

zone," said Tirado. With 5 minutes appeared to work until Mikeska would be a different story. The fumble that was recovered and by to go in the first quarter the game and Cathey tripped up the running penalty bug, which the Warbirds back enough to make him lose his managed to elude through almost After a scoreless 2nd quarter, feet short of the goal line. It was all the first half, came back with biting the Eagles hard as the disci- the Braves. The Warbirds used different pline with which they played in the after the intermission.

The Warbirds didn't notch up the Braves big running attack. Timmy Maskill explained, "That a single penalty until less than a made up for it in the third period with several personal fouls, two Third and goal would get the ball to stay disciplined." The Eagles of which ended an Eldorado drive within inches of the goal line, but were very disciplined in the first and set the Braves up for their

That came with 5:47 left in the they would never relinquish.

"Penalties cost us this game," 2 catches. said Head Coach Johnny Burlseon. and they're gonna learn and we Shorthorns. will get better."

the Iraan had the ball, sophomore Unfortunately, the second half linebacker Miles Mikeska forced a senior defensive back Paul Martinez who took it back 33-yards for a touchdown. After a missed PAT, a vengeance in the third quarter, the score was 14 - 13 in favor of

A score early in the 4th quarter had thrown a long pass that put snap counts to draw the Braves opening stanza abandoned them would give the Braves a 21-13 lead that would hold up until the final

Wes Brown led the Eagles in minute to go in the first half. They rushing with 89 yards on 15 carries. It was the second game in a row that Brown has led the team in rushing. He has 247 yards rushing on the year. He is averaging close to 80 yards per game.

Cathey was 3 of 11 passing for third as Iraan took a 14-7 lead that 107 yards and a touchdown. Tirado led all receivers with 101 yards on

The Eagles season record sinks He went on to say, "The effort was to 1-2 on the year. They will travel there, but we made some dumb to Marfa tomorrow night for their penalties and these are good kids final non-district game versus the

Kick-off will be at 7:30 pm. If The Eagles were forced to punt you can't make the long trip, listen to on their next possession and give the Eagles on KLDE 104.9. The prethe ball back to the Braves. While game show will start at 7:00 pm.



Miles Mikeska and a host of Eagles swarm to the ball as the Eagles shut down an Iraan drive in Eagle Stadium. State-ranked Iraan, picked to win by as many as 22 points, escaped with a 21-13 win despite stellar play on the part of the Eagles offensive and defensive units.



ASU Stampede C-Country Meet

Cross Country Meet was held Saturday, September 13, 2008

Varsity Girls: 179 girls total. school that beat them. Individual times: Kaitlyn Bluford - 19:33.

out of 154 runners 1A-3A. Indi- - 15:22; Michael Bilbrey - 109th vidual times: Hunter Alvizo - 76th 14:24. - 23:40 Mason Baker 37th - 21:31; Zack Brame - 11th - 25:09; Jorge Medrano - dnf - no time; Joseph

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The Angelo State Stampede Rubio - 115th - 25:19.

Jr. High Boys Team placed 6th: 130 runners Del Rio only 1A

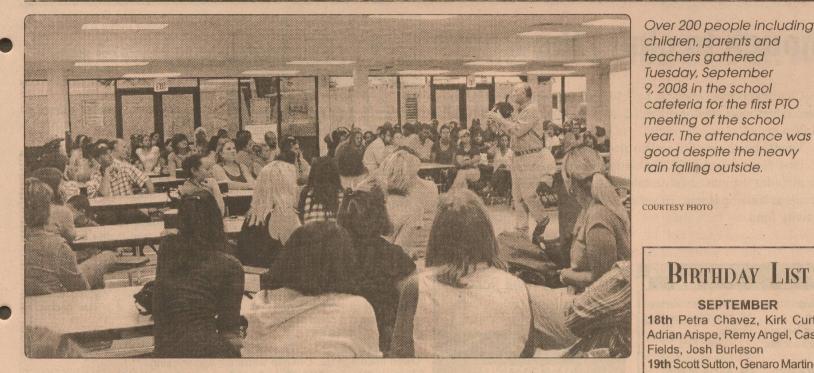
Individual times: Austin Stapp - 129th - 17:4; Abby Fuentes - 80th 54th - 11:47; Domingo Garcia - 16:19; Ashby Ragsdale - 139th 58th; 11:51 - Nicholas Gonzales - 18:04; Amanda Garcia - 156th - 35th 11:11; Rico Martinez - 48th - 11:41; Robert Martinez - 110th Varsity Boys Team placed 12th - 14:27; Tyler Martinez - 126th

Lady Eagles Jr High Girls Morgan Barker - 77th - 23:45; Team placed 11th. 203 runners. Individual times are Miranda Arispe - 58th 12:14; Nikki Herrera - 60th Rubio - 78th - 23:55; Michael -12:15; Adriana Rios - 176th; 15:05 - Lupe Pasillas -175th 14:59; Lisa Olivares- 144th - 14:02; Yssenia Ramirez - 192nd 16:19; Megan Reel- 143rd 14:01; Addye Chatham - 170th - 14:46; Mikayla Ramon -112th 13:21; Robin Hibbs - 198th - 16:50; Jessica Pasillas - 135th

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Eldorado Elementary PTO is off to a great start

by Maria Hendryx

Rain failed to dampen parents' and teachers' enthusiasm as they all gathered in the cafeteria for the first Eldorado Elementary PTO meeting last Tuesday, September 9, 2008. Elementary principal Mr. Houston Hendryx was "excited about the prospects for our campus PTO. Parents' interest in children's education is a major factor for success." A total of 108 parents attended, along with over 20 staff members and 100 children. The children were entertained by high school cheerleaders, under the guidance of Mrs. Christy Collins, Mrs. Samantha Carman, and Coach Kathy Trent. Needless to say, they were quite busy as parents attended the meeting.

Mr. Hendryx opened the meeting with introductions and a brief explanation and goals for the elementary PTO, which in turn was translated by Maria Hendryx. Prior to the meal, the new 2008-2009 PTO officers were elected. The officers are: Sylas Politte, president; Lucy Muniz, vice president; Stephanie Sullivan, secretary; Gloria Meador, treasurer; and Sandra Espinoza, member at large.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 14, 2008 in the cafeteria to discuss upcoming events, including the Fall Festival, which is scheduled for October 30, 2008.

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givers: buckle up your children. 252-8255 for details. State officials say there is cause safety belts. This means as many protection.

leading cause of death of children, size: ages 2 to 14. Safety experts say 2006, nearly half were not properly at least 20 pounds.

four of every 10 children and teens in forward-facing child safety fine of up to \$200. under 17 in Texas aren't protected with child safety seats or safety belts," said Terry Pence, TxDOT's traffic safety director. "It's the responsibility of every parent and caregiver to make sure their children are safely restrained - every trip, every time."

The reminder comes as part of National Child Passenger Safety Week, September 21-27, 2008.

Free safety seat check-ups are being held throughout Texas as part of the annual focus on protecting young passengers. Parents

The National Highway Traffic for alarm: researchers at the Texas Safety Administration (NHTSA) Transportation Institute estimate says child safety seats can reduce that as many as 42 percent of fatal injury by 71 percent for seat, until the vehicle seat belts children under the age of 17 ride infants and by 54 percent for tod- fit properly. Seat belts fit properly in vehicles without the benefit of dlers, ages 1 to 4. For maximum when the lap belt lays across the child passenger safety seats and child passenger safety, Pence said parents and caregivers should refer as 1.6 million children in Texas to the following 4 Steps for Kids 8 or when they are 4'9" tall). ride in vehicles without proper guidelines for determining which Motor vehicle crashes are the protect children based on age and seat belts in the back seat, if they

many of these deaths could be in rear-facing child safety seats, as fits across the chest). prevented if more infants, toddlers, long as possible up to the height elementary age children and teens or weight limit of the particular younger than 17 years old to be were buckled up. Of the 200 chil- seat. At a minimum, keep infants buckled up in the front and back dren under 15 killed in Texas in rear-facing until at least age 1 and seat, and those younger than five

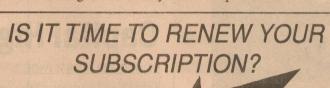
"It's a public safety crisis when rear-facing seats, they should ride seats. Violations can result in a

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3. Once children outgrow their forward-facing seats, they should ride in booster seats, in the back supper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest (usually at age

4. When children outgrow their restraint system is best suited to booster seats, they can use the adult fit properly (lap belt lays across the 1. Keep infants in the back seat, upper thighs and the shoulder belt

State law requires children years old and less than 36 inches 2. When children outgrow their tall must be secured in child safety



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Contestants must check in by 7:30 a.m. and tables decorated by 8 a.m. Tables must stay open until 5:00 p.m. Table judging will be at

Vendor booths are \$10 and no alcohol is allowed on premises.

First place award is \$250 cash for the best beans recipe. Prizes awarded for the most creative table. Contact Annie Aprise for more details at Nursing Home. This contest is a fund raiser for the nursing



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

ARRESTS September 11 · Terry, Greg Owen male age 32. Offense warrant - Assault. Release 9/12/08 on \$1,000.

 Saiz, Joaquin, male age 24. Offense Aggravated assault w/deadly

September 12 · Williams, Bobby, male age 51. Offense no DL / No Insurance. Released 9/14/08 PR bond. · Baldwin, Jimmie, male age 75. Offense public intoxication. Released

9/13/08 time served. September 14 · Rodriguez, Enrique Emanuel. male age 20. Offense minor in consumption. Released

9/15/08 time served.

REPORTS

plainant requested to speak to an officer, stated he was having issues with his daughter's mother.

September 11 • 7:17 a.m. Caller

reported loose horse 3 miles out on

· 10:29 a.m. Caller reported reckless motorcyclist travelling at a high rate of speed. Tom Green County

• 11:50 a.m. Hospital requested ambulance transfer to San Angelo

hospital • 8:12 p.m. Caller complained of a dispute between two people. Officer responded. One of the subjects was armed with a 9mm weapon and left on foot. Subject apprehended.

September 12 · 8:25 a.m. Caller reported a crop duster had sprayed her child and her car. Report taken.

• 10:41 p.m. Walk in reported child was being harassed by other children. Complainant wanted to make sure there was a police record of

September 13 · Caller stated that their boat had been untied but nothing was missing.

· 3:45 p.m. Caller reported a reckless truck driver south of Eldorado. Officer notified.

• 7:31 p.m. Caller reported careless dove hunters shooting at callers house. Officer responded.

• 7:48 p.m. Caller reported reckless driver that almost hit them.

· 10:43 p.m. Caller reported a woman had fallen and needed an ambulance. EMS paged out officers responded

September 14 · 8:09 p.m. Caller reported a family member was drunk.

Officer responded. September 15 • 10:09 p.m. Caller September 9 • 7:40 p.m. Com- stated her vehicle was scratched. Officer responded.

> September 16 · 8:06 a.m. Complainant reported criminal mischief. Officer responded.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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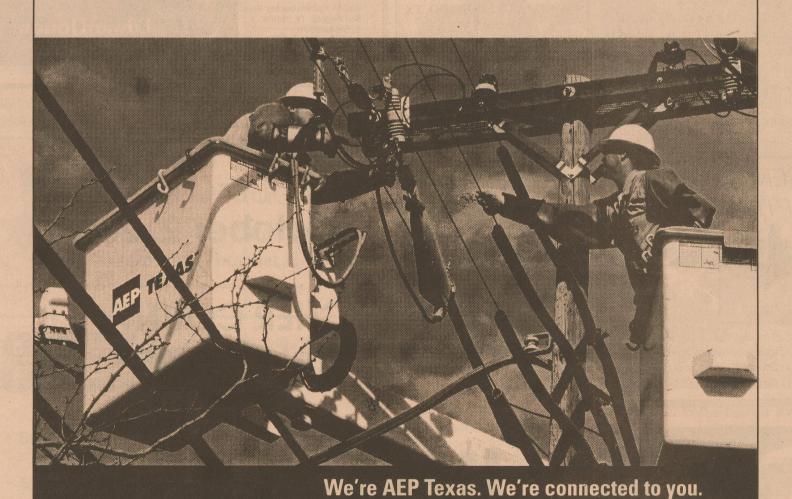
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Houston area, quite a few decided through Sundays. to enjoy Rocksprings' preeminent State Natural Area.

The timing of Hurricane Ike-springs in September means that mated at 3.3 million individuals. they could get to see the Sinkhole's bat show at its apex, thereby mak- Sinkhole Visitors Center on the ing lemonade out of the proverbial

On both Friday and Saturday its new theater.

Bat tours at the Devil's Sink-Rather than hunker down and hole will continue through October watch worrisome news from the 15. They are given Wednesdays

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The Devil's Sinkhole is Texas's and any hurricane--is always a largest one-room cavern and thirdnegative, but to land in Rock- deepest cave. The bat roost is esti-

Later this year, the Devil's square in Rocksprings will premiere a high tech 3D cave tour in

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Prepaid tuition fund debuts

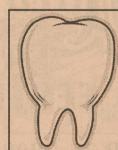
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Eldorado Spotlight



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN INMAN This week the Spotlight Camera caught up with 5th grader Sutairra Martinez during Wacky Hat Night at the Iraan game in Eagle Stadium last Friday night.

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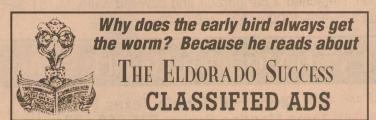
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Jim Runge escorted his new bride, Claryce Williams Runge, away from St. James' Episcopal Church at Fort McKavett last Saturday. The couple were married in front of a crowd of about 250 well-wishers, many of them dressed in historically accurate attire, on the grounds of Ft. McKavett State Historic Site.

Eldorado Women's Club opens new club year

for the meeting was, "Starting together. a New Tea," Jerre Holley gave Beard led us in our pledge. Last Veteran in attendance. November, Governor Perry and state under God, one and indivis- this club year.

as the club theme "Living Well".

this vote was approved. June Scholarship girls. Holley, Nelva Martin and Betsy

The Eldorado Women's Club front featured a sketch of the well- meeting. At present our club Church fellowship hall. Theme year book was extremely well put members are Florence Williams

For our November meeting the

I pledge allegiance to Texas, one will have for our monthly meetings

Speaker for October will be book together. President Myrt Williams chose Sheriff David Doran; for November the program will be Veteran tribute to our Schleicher County President Williams welcomed Heroes; for December Ruth Davis Medical Center. "What great blesseveryone and next began the busi- will give a book review; our Januness meeting. President Williams ary 2009 program leader Penny County Medical Center, E.M.S. presented the idea of registering Blank's guest will be Nancy Lester and Wellness Center to keep us all people to vote. Those who do the who will give us an update on the Well, Happy and Healthy!' registering will be deputized and Wellness Center; for February by Linda Stutz and approval was ness specialist, who will bring our unanimous. Announcements will program; for our March meeting, Church vestibule and at the Post E.M.S.; for our April meeting we the tables. Office. Announcement days will will be taking a field trip, destinameeting in May we will honor our at the Methodist fellowship hall. It was also voted that Charlene High School Senior girls who will Edmiston and Florence Williams be presented by program leader would be honorary members and Pat Holt and who will present the

It sounds like an exciting and Thackerson were responsible for informative club year and we our yearbook. The yearbook's will be looking forward to each

met Tuesday, September 9, 2008 ness center. Program leader Cathy membership stands at 120 and zero at 10:00 a.m. in the Methodist Niblett reported that our current associate members and honorary and Charlene Edmiston.

We thank President Myrt Wilour opening prayer and Penny sponsor will pay for the meal of a liams and members of the yearbook committee, Cathy Niblett, Roll call was answered with Jerre Holley, and Myrt Williams others changed the wording of "Summer Fun," program leader for coming up with each program our Pledge to the Texas flag. It Cathy Niblett's program was a and speaker. We also have a new now reads, Honor the Texas flag, presentation of the programs we year book for our 2008-2010 club period and we thank everyone who did the designing and putting the

> We also would like to pay ings we have in our Schleicher

A delicious brunch was prethe deadline for registering will be program leader Pat Holt's guest pared by members of the Hospi-October 6th. A motion was made speaker will be Ronnie Key a fit-tality Committee. Myrt Williams gave the blessing for our meal.

Karen Stower did the special be made over the Eldorado radio program leader Jerre Holley's individual flower pot arrangestation KLDE and a written notice guest speaker will be T.J. and ments at each table and on the will be left at the First Baptist Melissa Rodriguez. T.J. is with our serving table, green cloths covered

Our next meeting will be Tuesbe September 27th and October tion yet unknown; and for our final day October 14, 2008 at 2:30 p.m.

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Cinnamon Toast. Choice of Cereal. Choice of Juice. Milk **Thursday September 25** French Toast/Syrup. Peach Halves. Choice of Juice, Milk Friday September 26 Buttered Toast/ Jelly, Choice of Cereals Choice of Juice, Milk

CAFETERIA LINE Monday September 22

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread

Stix/Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad/ Dressing, Sliced Pineapple Tuesday September 23 Taco Rolls, Sweet Corn, Carrot Stix/Dip, Sliced Peaches Wednesday September 24 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pickle Slices, Broccoli Cole Slaw, Pear Halves Thursday September 25 Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes/ Gravy, Hot Rolls/Sweet, Carrots, Chocolate Chip Cookie Friday September 26 Hamburger/Chips, Lettuce/Tomato, Hamburger Pickles, Apple Halves

BASKET LINE Monday September 22 Pepperoni Pizza, Fresh, Broccoli and

Carrot Stixs/Dip, Sliced Pineapple Tuesday September 23 Steak Burgers, Baked Chips, Lettuce Tomato, Sliced Peaches Wednesday September 24
Chef Salad / Dressing, Diced Ham/
Cheese Cup, Crackers (8), Pear Halves Thursday September 25 Chicken Strips/Half Baked Potato, Applesauce, Carrot Stixs/ Dip, Chocolate

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