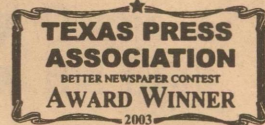
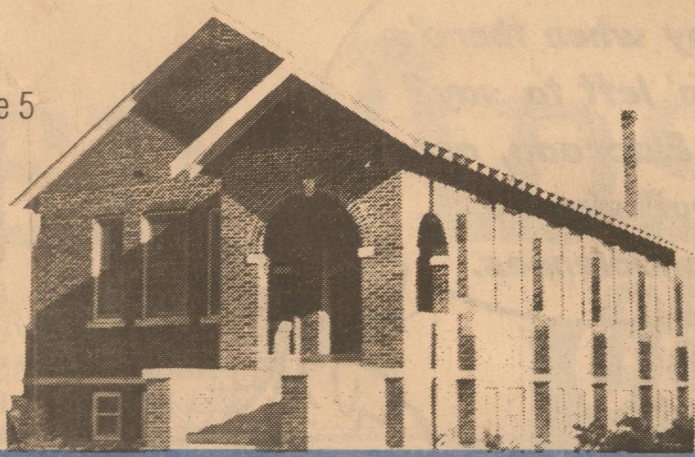


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## Mourning After

### Eldoradoans struggle with tragic loss

Grief swept over this tiny town Monday as word spread that five members of First Baptist Church, along with three guests from Water Valley and San Angelo, were killed in a tragic bus/truck accident near Tallulah, LA, about twenty miles from the Mississippi River, while seven other passengers, all of them from Eldorado, were clinging to life in four hospitals in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Domingo Pina, 65, his wife, Delia Pina, 72, Kenneth Richardson, 81, his wife, Betty Richardson, 81, and Mary Ruth Robinson, 63, all of Eldorado were listed among the dead. So were Jimmie D. Teel, 68, and Jean S. Demere, 74, both of Water Valley, and Laverne Shannon, 76, of San Angelo.

Amazingly, the driver of the tractor-trailer rig, Ernest Mixon, 69, told officers he had pulled off the roadway because his brakes were defective, suffered only minor injuries.

The bus was carrying members of FBC's Senior Ambassadors, a group of the church's senior citizens, on a trip to Pennsylvania where they planned to tour the Amish Country. The group's itinerary was to carry them into Alabama, up to Nashville where they would attend the Grand Ole Opry, then on to Pennsylvania for a tour of the Gettysburg battlefield and the state's Amish region.

The group left Eldorado early Sunday morning and traveled across Texas to Shreveport, LA, where they stopped for the night. According to the group's itinerary, they were to have departed Shreveport at 8:00 a.m. and traveled to Tuscaloosa, AL, where they were to tour a Mercedes Benz assembly plant the following day.

According to Louisiana State Police Trooper Julie Lewis the accident occurred at about 11:00 a.m. on Monday when the FBC bus left the roadway some two miles east of Tallulah and collided with a stalled tractor-trailer rig that was parked off the side of the roadway.

Fifteen people were on the bus at the

time of the crash. The driver, Ken Thomas, 66, was trapped behind the wheel of the bus and had to wait while emergency personnel cut through sheet metal and part of the bus frame in order to reach him. He was taken to River Region Medical Center in Vicksburg, MS where he reportedly underwent surgery Monday night to repair a broken leg. At press time he was reported in good condition.

Meanwhile, Billy Frank Blaylock, 78, was taken to University Medical Center in Jackson, MS, where he is reported to be in critical but guarded condition with a brain hemorrhage and a broken arm. At press time, he was reported to be in guarded but improving condition.

Blaylock's wife, Mabel Blaylock, 76, was transported to LSU Hospital in Shreveport LA where she remains in critical condition. She reportedly suffered a pelvic fracture, a broken arm and loss of blood. She, too, was said to be in guarded but improving condition.

Mary Barton Robinson, 75, was at first hospitalized in Rayville, LA, according to church documents, and was later transferred to a hospital in Monroe, LA for the treatment of multiple lacerations. At press time on Wednesday, she was due to be released and transferred to a hospital in Waco.

Olean Stricklan, was transported to River Region Medical Center in Vicksburg where she was treated for a broken ankle, broken ribs and lacerations. She was listed in good condition.

Dana Ray Owens, 75, was also taken to River Region Medical Center in Vicksburg where she remains in stable condition. She is reportedly suffering from injuries to her knees and is in need of surgery. She is currently listed in good condition.

Jim Robinson, was initially hospitalized in Richland, LA. He was later transferred to Rayville LA, and then to North Monroe, LA. According to information made public by FBC, Robinson



PHOTO BY JEFFERY WASHINGTON/FT. WORTH STAR TELEGRAM

**A congregation in shock** — Grief-stricken friends and family members gathered at First Baptist Church Monday to comfort and console one another as word on the bus wreck filtered through town. Here Les Bassinger greets Nancy Sproul as her daughter, Allison looks on.

listed in guarded but improving condition and it was speculated that he might be released on Wednesday.

Bert Bryant, publisher of the Madison Journal in Tallulah, LA, was the first journalist to reach the scene of the accident. He reported to the Success that he was en route to another story when he noticed several ambulances heading east from Tallulah.

Bryant snapped the first photos from the scene (see photo below). They were quickly picked up by the Associated Press and were flashed across the nation by TV news and Internet news sites.

Bryant said the front right portion of the bus crumpled into the back of the tractor-trailer rig, laden with cotton. The right-front portion of the bus was obliterated, he said.

As the first emergency crews were reaching the scene of the accident, a passing motorist called First Baptist Church from her cellular phone. She asked church secretary Vickie Schwiening if the church owned a burgundy colored bus. When Schwiening replied that yes, the church owned a burgundy bus, the woman told her that she was at the scene of the accident and had read the church name on the side of the bus. "That's when we first heard about the accident," Schwiening said. "All she could say was 'it's bad...it's bad.'"

Word of the accident swept through town quickly and soon members of the

congregation were gathering at the church. Reverend Andy Anderson and Youth Minister Silas Politte were soon joined by representatives of the Concho Valley Baptist Association. Grief counseling took up most of the men's time, as did the grim task of notifying the next of kin of the dead and injured.

But official word would be slow in reaching Eldorado, primarily because rescue workers at the scene were hampered by a mass of twisted wreckage. On the left rear portion of the bus, the side that received the least obvious damage, pickup trucks were backed up to the side windows so that victims could be handed down from the bus. All the while, emergency units whittled away at the crumpled front section, using hydraulic powered jaws-of-life to chew away at the metal.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran received the first official notification of the dead and injured from the Louisiana Coroner late Monday afternoon. He hand delivered the news to the church so that family notifications could begin.

Meanwhile, inquiries from news outlets across the nation swamped the phone lines at the church as well as at Eldorado City Hall, the Sheriff's Dept. and the Eldorado Success. By early afternoon numerous TV crews and newspaper reporters had descended on the town.

Then, one by one, the names were released...eight dead, seven injured...accounting for all fifteen persons on the bus. As dusk settled across Eldorado, so did an overwhelming sense of grief.

Tuesday dawned bright and clear, but a shocked Eldorado braced for the worst, the possibility that some of the critically injured would also die. And, there was the need to begin planning funerals. Everywhere in town flags flew at half

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MADISON JOURNAL/TALLULAH, LA

**FBC Bus Crash** — Emergency units from the Madison Parish Sheriff's Office, Tallulah Police Department, Louisiana State Troopers, Tallulah Fire Department, Madison Parish Volunteer Fire Departments, as well as ambulances from Tallulah, Delhi, Rayville, (all of Louisiana) and Vicksburg, Mississippi responded Monday to the scene of the FBC bus crash. Here volunteer firefighters prepare to use the jaws of life to free bus driver Ken Thomas from the wreckage.

## Special Mass for accident victims

Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI, will offer a special Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Eldorado, Texas on Thursday, October 16, 2003 at 7:00 pm for the victims from Eldorado who lost their lives and were injured in the tragic accident in Tallulah, Louisiana. This Mass of prayer will be offered for the eight people who died in the bus crash, for those who were injured, for all family members and relatives, for all the people of the First Baptist

Church, and for the entire community of Eldorado in this time of sorrow and sadness.

While this is a Catholic Mass, it is open to the public, and all people are welcome to attend.

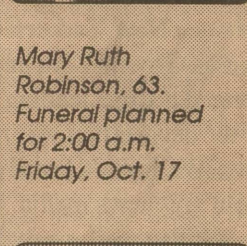
On Tuesday, Bishop Pfeifer sent a message of condolence, support and prayers to the Pastor and members of the First Baptist Church of Eldorado, and also offered his support and assistance to the Mayor of Eldorado.

## The Deceased

Betty Richardson, 81, and Kenneth Richardson, 81. Funeral planned for 11:00 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17



Mary Ruth Robinson, 63. Funeral planned for 2:00 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17



Della Pina, 72, and Domingo Pina, 65. Funeral planned for 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17



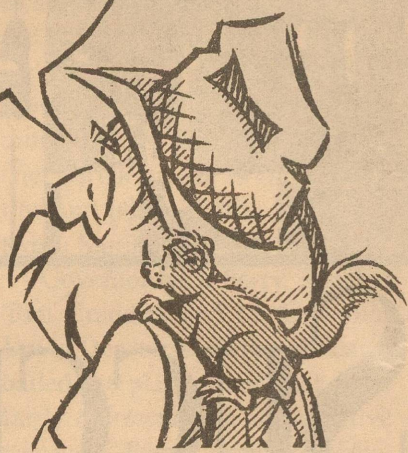
Jimmie Teel, 68, Water Valley. Funeral pending. Photo unavailable

Jean Demere, 74, Water Valley. Funeral pending. Photo unavailable

Laverne Shannon, 76, San Angelo. Funeral pending. Photo unavailable

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What can ya' say when there's nothin' left to say? Please, Eldorado, accept our sincere condolences.



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# Grief, yet another manifestation of love

Kenneth Richardson would come by the Success office every once in awhile and we would sit and visit. He would keep me up to date on the really important things in his life, things like grandchildren and traveling.

Sometimes Kenneth would drop off copies of newspapers he picked up during his travels. You see, I told him one time that I enjoyed looking at other newspapers so I could get ideas for the Success. He took it to heart and anytime he would travel he would bring back a stack of newspapers.

## OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

I was expecting another such stack when he returned from the Senior Ambassador trip to Pennsylvania.

The last time I saw Kenneth we talked about Gettysburg. I had the opportunity to walk much of the old Civil War battlefield several years ago and I've spent a great deal of time studying it. So, I told him a few of my Gettysburg stories and he said he would try to pick me up a souvenir. I told him I would be happy with a copy of the Gettysburg newspaper.

Kenneth died Monday. He and his wife Betty were on the bus that crashed in eastern Louisiana. They were both listed among the dead. So were Domingo and Delia Pina. I've known them both for several years, but I probably knew Delia the best. She served with me on the hospital board and over the years I grew to appreciate her wisdom.

Having served for years at the hospital and clinic as a Registered Nurse, Delia brought a historical perspective to the board. She taught me that the way things are has much more to do with how things used to be than on what any given board of directors might think at any given time. In other words, it is the way it is because of how it was.

That may sound convoluted to

you, but if you're hoping to influence the future, it's something you really need to know.

Tragically, Delia passed from this world Monday. She will be missed, by me and many, many others.

Others died in the wreck, others like Mary Robinson. She's been referred to as Mary Ruth Robinson in most of the press coverage, if only to distinguish her from Mary Barton Robinson, who was also on the bus. Thankfully Mary Barton survived.

So did Billy Frank Blaylock, contrary to many rumors that were running wild around town Monday. Even as those rumors swirled, I found them difficult to believe. Billy Frank survived the landing at Iwo Jima, although it cost him a leg. He is a genuine American war hero and one of the toughest men I have known. I found it hard to accept that he might have been killed, and I was elated to find out the rumors weren't true.

I've said all that to say this. We all, everyone of us who live here in Eldorado, knew someone on that bus. They were and are our friends, our neighbors, our kin. When one big city reporter told me he found it strange to be in a town where everyone knows everybody, I couldn't help but feel sorry for the man. How sad it must be to live a lifetime, lost among strangers, in a metropolis. Sure, the anonymity protects you somewhat from tragedies like the one we experienced this week, but it also shields you from the love. And, that's a trade I'm just not willing to make.

## Senate passes congressional redistricting bill 17-14

AUSTIN — Six months of partisan warfare ended in Austin Sunday with Senate passage of a congressional redistricting bill, but as is the case with most wars, the cessation of formal hostilities does not mean all the combatants will have a "let bygones be bygones" mind set.

By a 17-14 vote, the Senate approved a redistricting map that could make two-thirds of Texas' congressional districts Republican. Two Republicans, former Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff and Sen. Troy Fraser of Horseshoe Bay, voted with the Democrats in opposing the measure.

Democrats say the plan will be challenged in court.

Earlier Sunday afternoon, the House voted 79-35 to pass House Bill 7, a piece of legislation dealing with the organization of state government. With Senate amendments, it also turned into a piece

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



of legislation containing a major political pay back for Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who some legislators said had come to see her office as a third wing of the Legislature.

HB 7 strips her authority to do performance audits of state agencies as well as school districts.

All the money, files and employees previously involved in that process under Strayhorn will be transferred to the Legislative Budget Board. The LBB will handle those audits in the future, once the bill is signed and goes into effect.

#### A Kinky rumor

Not all the talk in Austin has been about redistricting. For weeks, there's been some low-level

buzz that singer-songwriter-novelist Kinky Friedman, who lives on a ranch near Medina, is thinking about tossing his cowboy hat in the proverbial ring for the next gubernatorial election.

Given the results of the recent election in California, the Kinky For Governor movement may be more than another one of the 58-year-old, cigar-smoking Texan's famous one-liners.

Like the new governor of the Golden State, Friedman also can boast of little to no political experience. At least Friedman knows what it's like to have his name on the ballot. He ran unsuccessfully for justice of the peace in Kerr County in 1990, promising to reduce the speed limit, then 55 miles an hour, to 54.95 and to prevent war with Fredericksburg.

If Friedman makes a run at the governor's office, there is some precedent.

In 1938, Fort Worth flour salesman and radio announcer W. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel stunned political observers by winning office. His slogan was "Pass the Biscuits, Pappy."

Back in the 1970s, Friedman and his Texas Jewboys band had

a popular song also containing the word "biscuits," though in not quite as family-oriented a context as O'Daniel's.

#### Legislators agree on a lot

And you thought the Legislature hadn't been doing much during its special session marathon.

Actually, the statistics show that during the first, second and third called sessions, of 1,466 pieces of legislation filed, 973 measures passed both houses. Of course, most of those measures have been various noncontroversial resolutions, not new laws.

#### Old South meets the Wild West

The Texas Historical Commission has just released another in its series of heritage tourism brochures, this one featuring the area of North Central Texas from Paris to Wichita Falls.

The area includes 31 counties, from Archer to Wise (that's the alphabetical range, not the geographic coverage) and plenty of lakes. Enough lakes, in fact, to give the mini-travel guide its name, "Texas Lake Trail Region: Exploring the Heritage of North Central Texas."

## Mayor's Proclamation

Whereas, the citizens of the City of Eldorado suffered a great loss Monday when five members of our community died in a tragic accident in Louisiana; and,

Whereas, three other persons known to them also perished in the terrible wreck;

Now, therefore, I hereby proclaim the week of Oct. 13, 2003, and continuing through Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, to be a week of prayer and mourning within the corporate limits of the City of Eldorado.

And, furthermore, I hereby direct all national and state flags be lowered to half staff for the remainder of the mourning period.

In recognition of the grief felt by all, I hereby set my hand and affix my seal on this the 13th Day of October, 2003

Mayor John Nikolauk  
City of Eldorado



## ROLLING ALONG

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### Autumn In New York, New England and New Brunswick

When our youngest son graduated from high school we took a trip to New England. Fabulous. The color was at peak, we had time to poke around and sample the fall season at a leisurely pace. We've been back to New York since then, but didn't return to New England until this October. We traveled there on a floating resort called the Golden Princess.

We went aboard after a grueling cab ride that crept through traffic that was taking about ten thousand passengers to and from cruise ships at the dock in New York. We had an easy time in the Big Apple prior to boarding. We saw the musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie and visited the World Trade Center site. New Yorkers don't refer to it as Ground Zero anymore. We noticed a street leading to the area of the devastation was named Liberty. We hadn't heard about that from any news media.

We lounged around our hotel Sunday before going to the dock in early afternoon. This is only our second cruise. The first, really, since that Bahama trip years ago was like a military exercise. We soon learned that lots of people cruise. Some of our fellow passengers had been on twenty or more. We also noted that most of them were retired. But they were active. Some of the folks who looked to be in the worst shape proved to be going on the most strenuous tours on land: riding rapids, bicycling up steep hills and taking long walking excursions. I also realized that active older people keep the nation's economy on track. They spend money freely.

As the ship glided out of the harbor at dusk, we found a spot aft and watched the city slowly disappear. The statue of liberty was lighted when we passed by it. We had been scheduled to go to Halifax, but hurricane Juan had done so much damage the ship couldn't dock. So we went to St. John, New Brunswick a day early. It's a quiet place, like most of Canada. It's the first city established in Canada.

We toured Portland, Bar Harbor, Boston and Newport. We ate lobster, took pictures of light houses and visited historic places. Newport was new to us and our favorite place on the tour. It's about the size of Big Spring in late fall and winter, but the population swells in the summer. The city is home to some of America's most elaborate castles. We toured Rosecliff Mansion, the setting for the movie, The Great Gatsby. Newport's favorite topic of conversation is the America's Cup. I guess I saw about a thousand sailboats in the water around the wharf.

The ship had plenty of food, diversions and entertainment. You don't go on a cruise to rest. There's something going on all the time: ice carving, wine tasting, bingo, swimming, hot tubs, art auctions, shuffleboard, ping pong, tennis, basketball and chess.

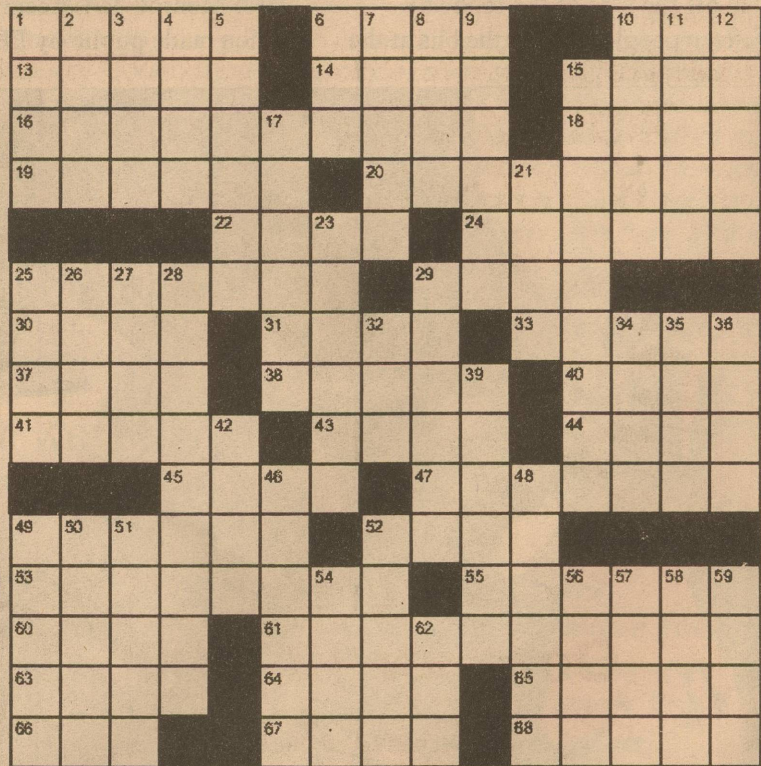
The ship is longer than three football fields and is 21 stories high. Elegant marble stairways grace the three story lobby area called the Grand Plaza. Photographers do a big business and if you're so inclined, the ship has a casino, a library and a wedding chapel. It has more than most towns.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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| Sutcliffe                              | 61. Crisp cookie                                   | 26. Neck of the woods               |
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| 31. Baltic Sea feeder                  | 5. Estevez of "Repo Man"                           | 50. Sign of spring                  |
| 33. Screwup                            | 6. Porky or Petunia                                | 51. T-shirt size                    |
| 37. Lecher's look                      | 7. Dickens's Drood                                 | 52. Bright bunch                    |
| 38. Bandleader Ted, for whom Como sang | 8. John and Yoko's boy                             | 54. Mosaic piece                    |
| 40. "Ah, me!"                          | 9. Got ready to take off                           | 56. Capital on a fjord              |
| 41. <u>   </u> -longlegs               | 10. Young 6-Down                                   | 57. "What's <u>   </u> for me?"     |
| 43. Serb or Croat                      | 11. Goodie from Linz                               | 58. Actress Winslet                 |
| 44. Field mouse                        | 12. Milkmaid's fistful                             | 59. Mismatched                      |
| 45. Parcel partner                     | 15. Military force that, believe it or not, really | 62. 46-Down's affiliation, in brief |
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# OBITUARIES



## Maria C. (Mary) Piña

On Sunday, October 12, 2003, Maria C. (Mary) Piña passed from this life to eternal life with our Lord, Jesus Christ. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial following in Eldorado Cemetery. Rosary was at Kerbow Funeral Home Wednesday evening.

Mary Cardona was born March 14, 1927, in Sonora, Texas. She was the second of three children. On July 7, 1945, she married Santos Piña, a union which spanned 58 years. Together, they raised a family of seven children, making Eldorado their home. Mary was a woman with a servant's heart. She worked as a nurse's aide caring for many people during her career. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eldorado, hosting many prayer meetings in her home. Mary was a woman of great faith; we, her family, felt a greater sense of peace knowing she prayed for us. Mary enjoyed her plants and she loved flowers. She was happy to have her yard honored as Pride Spot of the Month. Mary had a beautiful spirit, she brought joy and laughter to all she met. She cherished her children, grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren. Mary also held a special place in her heart for the spouses of her children and grandchildren, loving them all as her own.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Jose and Juanita Cardona, sister Evangelina (Vita) Cardona, son-in-law Isaias (Johnny) Esquivel, daughter-in-law Neria Piña, granddaughter Katherine Piña, and nephew Jody Cardona. Mary is survived by her husband, Santos Piña of Eldorado, her brother, Jose (Joe) Cardona of Odessa, her sister-in-law Bernabe (Nina) Sanchez of Eldorado, her children Dorothy Linda Esquivel of Ft. Worth, Ernestine (Tina) Torres and husband, Richard V of San Angelo, Santos Piña, Jr and wife Helen of Ft. Worth, Felipe Piña of Eldorado, Billy Joe Piña and wife Rosa of San Angelo, Mary Ann Gonzalez and husband Enrique of Eldorado, and Roxanne Adame and husband Rojelio of Eldorado. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren and their spouses, 21 great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews.

Mary also leaves behind many close friends and relatives who will miss her dearly.

Pallbearers are Mary's grandsons, Isaias P. Esquivel, Richard David Torres, Adam Rene Godinez, Felipe Lorenzo Piña, Anthony Piña, Alan Cole Piña, Quisto Gonzalez, and Richmond Thomas Adame. Honorary pallbearers were nephews Fidel Cardona and Marcie Piña.

Your mission is completed, your spirit has been set free. The heavens welcome your beautiful soul and we, who mourn, have an angel watching over us. Thank You Mary Piña, for your love, courage, belief, support, kindness, and laughter. You will never be forgotten, as you live on in us.

The family requests any donations be made to the Neria Piña Fund. Contributions may be mailed to Eldorado High School, in care of Sandra Robledo, P.O. Box W, Eldorado, Texas 76936; or to a favorite charity.



## Mabel Lee Parrent Hawkins Stonehocker

SAN ANGELO — Mabel Lee Parrent Hawkins Stonehocker, age 77, of San Angelo, died Sunday evening, October 12, 2003, at a local hospital.

She was born on January 27, 1926 in Christoval to W.F. "Bill" and Ella Griffin Parrent. She married John E. Hawkins in 1945. To this union were born two sons, J.W. Hawkins and Roy Mack Hawkins. She married H.L. "Cotton" Stonehocker in 1976.

She is survived by her husband, "Cotton" Stonehocker; children Roy Mack Hawkins and fiancé Dale Dusek, of San Angelo, Daryl Stonehocker and wife Lisa, of Chickasha, OK, Linda Drane and

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husband Bob, of Shawnee, OK; daughter-in-law Brenda Hawkins, of Rockport; grandchildren Ricky Hawkins and wife Lisa, of Kerrville, Kyle Hawkins and wife Megan, of Llano, Brandee Williams, of Rockport, Nathan Drane and Zachary Drane of Shawnee, OK; nine great-grandchildren, sisters Jo Woodward of San Angelo, Lou Ella Skornicki of Houston, sisters-in-law Dessie Rather and husband Willie, and Clyla Sumrall and husband Jimmy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son J.W. Hawkins, and 2 sisters, Billie Grant and Fern Parrent, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be Thursday, 10:00 a.m. October 16, 2003 at the Christoval Church of Christ, with Bro. John McCaghren and Pastor David Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Eldorado Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contribution be sent to: Eldorado Cemetery Chapel, PO Box 117, Eldorado, TX, 76936, or charity of your choice.

## Gloria M. Kerbow

SONORA — Gloria M. Kerbow, 72, formerly of Sonora, died at her San Angelo residence Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003. Funeral services were Saturday, Oct. 11, at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora with the Rev. Conrad Archer and the Rev. George Lumpkin officiating. Burial followed in the Sonora Cemetery.

Gloria was born on May 25, 1931, in Garner, Texas, the youngest of eight children born to Samuel Dixon and Nannie Lula McAvooy Boswell. She married Jack Kerbow on Sept. 18, 1949, in Archer City, Texas.

Gloria was an active member of her community and her church. Gloria persevered through many tough times, suffering with bipolar disorder since 1973, but her attitude and faith carried her through many difficult times. She never worried about the things in her life that she had no control over and accepted them with a quiet

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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Gloria was a member of the Eastern Star, a Girl Scout leader, a wife and partner to her husband, a mother to her children, nanny to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a friend to many.

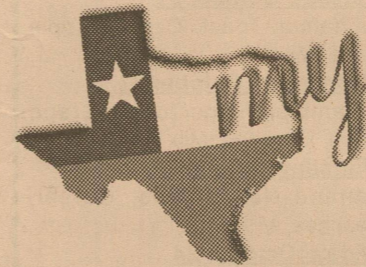
Gloria was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; her parents; her brothers, Boyt Boswell, Sam Boswell, Lawrence Boswell, Fred Boswell and Billy Boswell; and by her sisters, Grace Simmons and Ellen Agee Comer.

She is survived by her daughter, Kay Kibbe and husband, Robert, of Bridge City; her son, Bruce Kerbow and wife, Jessie, of Sonora; three grandchildren, Erica Morris and husband, Jeff, of Eldorado, Derek Holdridge and wife, Amanda, of Abilene and Zac Kerbow of San Marcos; three great-grandsons, Dalton and Jansen Morris and Jack Holdridge; three special friends, Charlotte Wilson, Jane Alexander and Fannie Wade.

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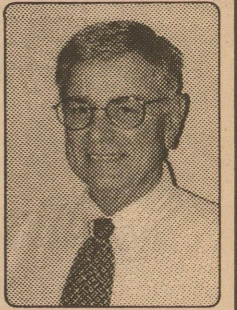
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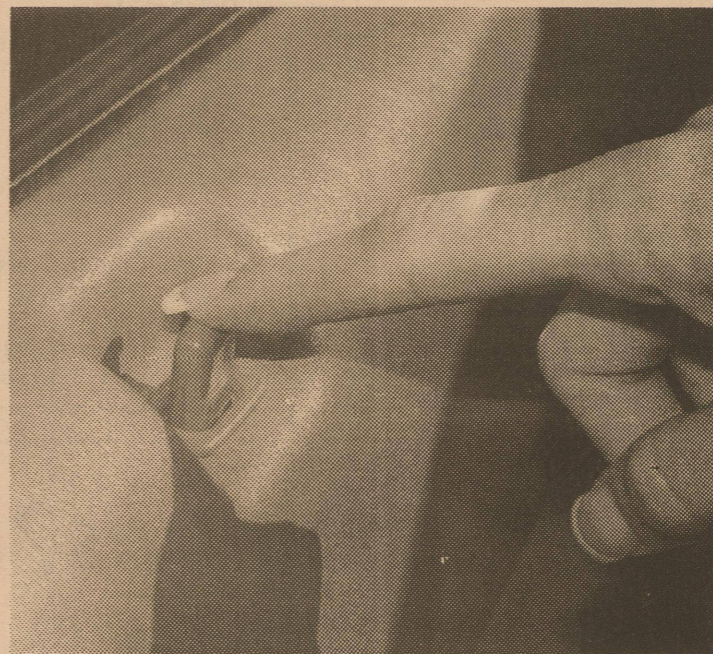
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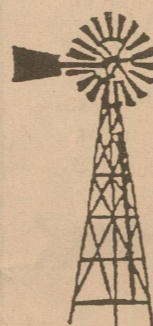
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# Eagles fall to Grape Creek in 25-24 heartbreaker

by J.L. Mankin

The Eldorado Eagles appeared to be headed for an easy win over the Grape Creek Eagles last Friday night. The Warbirds had a 24-12 lead with less than two and a half minutes to play in the third quarter and were driving inside the Grape Creek 10 yard line. That's when Eagles running back Koda Lozano was hit and the football went shooting up in the air. Grape Creek's Bear Timms recovered the ball in the air and returned it 95 yards for a TD to move Grape

Creek within 6.

From there Grape Creek's offense kicked in and their defense stiffened. A long drive in the 4th quarter was capped off with a 9 yard TD run, to tie the score. Then, Grape Creek got its only extra point of the night, but it would be the one that mattered, giving the visitors a 25-24 lead that would hold up till the final gun.

"We came out and played our best game of the season," said head coach Gary Grubbs after the game. "There were a few questionable

calls from the refs that I thought might of swayed the game our way. In a way I feel we were just snake-bit."

Eldorado had a chance to win the game at the end and appeared to be well on the way to doing so as the Warbirds marched down field with less than three minutes to play. Eagles place kicker Simon Duran had booted through 31-yard field with ten yards to spare earlier in the game, so as time wound down and the Eagles drive approached the endzone it appeared to everyone in Eagle Stadium as if the Eagles were going to put the game away. But, penalty set the

Eagles back. As quarterback Trey Chavez, who was lined up deep in the shotgun turned to move one of his backs the ball was snapped over his head. Chavez recovered giving the Eagles one last chance on a 4th and 42 play but the Grape Creek defense swarmed and sacked him, ending the Eagles drive and their chances of victory.

Grape Creek scored first in the game, with a 15 yard TD pass at 2:25 in the opening quarter. Trey Chavez blocked the extra point try to hold the score at 0-6.

The Eagles came roaring back as Koda Lozano returned the kick to the Warbirds 29. An illegal procedure penalty backed Eldorado up five yards but the Eagles strong passing attack soon overcame the deficit as Chavez connected with Frankie Arispe and Lozano pounded out good yardage on the ground. Then, at 1:15 to play in the opening stanza, Chavez hit Terrell Boysaw on a short pass in the flat. Boysaw ducked the Grape Creek defender, despite being face-masked, and sprinted to the endzone. Duran added the PAT to give the Warbirds a 7-6 lead.

On Eldorado's next possession, Simon Duran pounded the ball through the uprights from 31 yards out to give Eldorado a 10-6 lead at 9:29 in the second quarter.

On their next drive, Grape Creek was the recipient of 15 yards from the Zebras after Trey Chavez hit a pass receiver while the ball was in the air. The visitors then pounded the ball in with 2:01 left before intermission to take a 12-10 lead.

When Eldorado mishandled the ensuing kickoff, Grape Creek recovered. But, Frank Edmiston returned the favor, intercepting the ball. That's when Eldorado called in its bomb squad as Chavez connected with Terrell Boysaw for another TD, but not before a Grape Creek defender tipped the ball and Boysaw was forced to make a juggling catch. Chavez connected with Boysaw again on the 2-point conversion to give the Eagles an 18-12 lead.

Chavez broke free on a long run and found the endzone with 6:01 to play in the 3rd quarter to give the Eagles a 24-12 lead. A 2-point try failed when Andy Mejia as stopped short of the line.

From there on in it was all Grape Creek as the Warbirds offense sputtered and the visitors set about pounding the ball with a relentless running game.

Despite the score board deficit, the Eagles gained 411 yards during the game, easily eclipsing Grape Creek's 285.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

**No you don't** — Eldorado's Trey Chavez went airborne Monday night to block this extra point attempt and hold Grape Creek to a 6-0 lead early in the game. Eldorado would storm back, taking a 24-12 lead before turning over the ball and the win to Grape Creek.

The Eagles will travel to Sonora tomorrow night to take on the Broncos one week after they upset the Reagan County Owls 12-0.

The Broncos, who were believed by many to be in the middle of a rebuilding year, held the Owls even in the stats but forced a pair of turnovers and scored on a long pass in the 3rd quarter and a 2-yard run late in the contest to take the win.

"The key to winning against

Sonora is to stop their run game, and to do this we must take the legs out from under their running back Chris Martin." Coach Grubbs said as he looked ahead to the contest.

"We must come out and play a game as good or better than last weeks against Grape Creek," Grubbs said, "and if we can do that we will win."

Kickoff is slated for 7:30 and everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Eagles.



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**Hey, let go of my head** — Eldorado's Terrell Boysaw hauled in a short pass from quarterback Trey Chavez, shook loose from this Grape Creek defender then sprinted to the endzone to post the Eagles first score of the night. Grape Creek would come back from a 24-12 deficit to win the game 25-24.

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**Monday, October 20**  
Pig-N-Blanket, Applesauce, Pineapple Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday, October 21**  
Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday, October 22**  
Scrambled Eggs/Toast, Grape Juice, Peaches, Milk  
**Thursday, October 23**  
Banana Nut Muffins, Cereal, Peaches, Milk  
**Friday, October 24**  
Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Cafeteria Line**  
**Monday, October 20**  
Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Cole Slaw, Pineapple Chunks  
**Tuesday, October 21**  
Hamburger Steak/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Yellow Cake/Chocolate Icing  
**Wednesday, October 22**  
Chicken Burger, French Fries, Lettuce, Lime Jello/Topping  
**Thursday, October 23**  
Burrito, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pear Halves  
**Friday, October 24**  
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Brownies

**Fast Food Line**  
**Monday, October 20**  
Steak Fingers, French Fries, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Chunks  
**Tuesday, October 21**  
Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Chips, Pinto Beans, Yellow Cake/Chocolate Icing  
**Wednesday, October 22**  
Cheese Pizza/Bread Stix, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Lime Jello/Topping  
**Thursday, October 23**  
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# OBITUARIES

## Robert Andrew "Andy" Nixon

Andy Nixon, of Eldorado, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003, at the age of 84, in the Eldorado Nursing Home.

Andy was born March 10, 1919, in Pontotoc, Mason County, Texas, to Robert Jackson Nixon and Estella (Esta) Roberts Nixon. His family moved to Schleicher County in 1920. He attended and graduated from Eldorado schools in 1937.

He married Mary Lee Yearout in Hobbs, N.M., in May 1940. He was working for Gibbons Oilfield Co. as a welder at the time. He and Mary Lee moved to Schleicher County from Hobbs in 1948, where he built their home, as he continued in the oilfield with his own welding and construction company, until 1970 when he sold his business and retired from the oilfield and turned his interests to full-time ranching until retiring from that in 1990. He loved to travel and hunt and fish after retiring fulltime.

He is survived by three daughters, Judy Kay Lomax and husband, Don, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mary Ann Sherrod and husband, Hilton, of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, and Linda Scroggins and husband, Bob, of Eldorado; seven grandchildren, Suzy Luebbe, Amy Hubbard, Randy Runge, Art Runge, Lisa Brown, Houston Taylor and Shawn Taylor; 11 great-grandchildren, Grace, Sydney and Sara Luebbe, Jesse Runge, Ben and Sam Runge, Chris and Danielle Brown, Shanea Dale, Austin Taylor and Kelsey Taylor; one sister, Florence Hinton of Eldorado; one niece, Doris Lord of Anthan, Ariz.; and companion, Bessie Causey of Snyder.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lee; his parents, Robert and Esta Nixon; one sister, Pauline Tidwell; a foster brother, Skinnie Holmes; and one great-grandson, Max Luebbe.

Services were graveside only in Lawnhaven Cemetery in San Angelo.

## Raymond Emil Gesch

Raymond Emil Gesch, 77, of San Angelo, went to be with his lord Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003, in San Angelo Community Medical Center.

Graveside services were held Friday, Oct. 10, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with Pastor Robert "Bob" Budewig and Pastor Chester McCown, of Trinity Lutheran Church of San Angelo, officiating.

Raymond was born June 7, 1926, in Williamson County, Texas, to Fritz Gesch and Theresa Alma Weise Gesch. He married Faye Smith, May 15, 1948, in Eola, Texas.

Raymond served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. Raymond retired from Tucker Drilling Company as the drilling superintendent in 1996, after 40 years with the company. Raymond was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of San Angelo.

Mr. Gesch was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Walter and Leta Smith of Eola; two brothers, Fritz Gesch Jr. and Homer Gesch; and son, Stephen Randall Gesch.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Faye Gesch of San Angelo; three sons and their wives, Raymond Brent Gesch and wife, Abby, of Sonora, Mark Gesch and wife, Robbin, of Eldorado and Rory Gesch and wife, Heidi, of Stamford; and a special daughter-in-law, Charlotte Tongate of Gouldbusk.

Mr. Gesch is also survived by five grandchildren, Chance Gesch of San Angelo, Justin Gesch of San

Angelo, Jordan Gesch of Eldorado, Chessa and Kynsee Gesch of Stamford; and one great-grandchild, Mazzie Gesch of San Angelo. He is also survived by a special aunt, Fredia Gross of Eola; two sisters, Agnes Green of Fort Worth and Joyce Schumann of Brady; and numerous cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the charity of your choice.



## Leslie Derald Doty II

L.D. Doty II passed away on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2003, in Three Rivers, Texas, from an automobile accident.

L.D. was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on April 18, 1962. He graduated from Eldorado High School in 1981. Upon his high school graduation, he joined the Navy and served his country for nine years. He visited various ports of call in the Atlantic and Pacific while in the Navy Theater of Operations. He was in port in Lebanon during the bombings in the 1980s.

After leaving the Navy in 1991, he went to work for the Federal Prison system in Three Rivers, Texas, where he was in charge of maintenance. L.D. was very well liked and respected by the staff and community of Three Rivers.

A memorial service was held on Monday, Oct. 6, in the Federal Prison Chapel in Three Rivers for all staff. L.D. was only a phone call away when help was needed. He was always willing and able to do whatever task was set before him. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and co-workers.

Preceding him in death was his younger sister, Laura Anna Doty.

L.D. is survived by his parents, Ada Marie Doty of San Angelo and L.D. Doty and Kathy of Christoval; sister, Diane and her husband, John Tatum, of Brenham; a brother, Mike Wilks of Rotan; two

children, T.J. and L.D. III of Fort Worth; and two very special children, Cameron and Shawn of Pleasanton.

Military graveside services were held Sunday, Oct. 12, in the Old Runnels Cemetery on the old Winters Highway in Ballinger.

## Jewel Louise Miller

Born in Leesville, TX on September 24, 1914. Departed on October 5, 2003; and resided in Kerrville, TX. Services were October 8, 2003 in Belleview Cemetery Cheapside, TX.

Jewel Louise Miller slipped the bonds of Earth Sunday morning, October 5, 2003 and returned home to her heavenly family. Jewel was the first of five children born to Ida Mae Bricker and John Herbert West. She was born in Leesville, TX on August 24, 1914. She retired to Kerrville, TX after the death of her husband in 1978. She is preceded in death by her beloved parents, her loving husband, Lenard and two brothers, Horace and Donald West. She is survived by two sisters, June Spencer of Harper, TX and Johni Mae Easterwood of Aransas Pass, TX. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews and a host of loving friends and long ago students whose lives she touched very deeply.

Jewel knew all of her life that she would be a teacher and fulfilled that dream by teaching first graders for 47 years. She began teaching at 18 years of age in Cheapside, TX. She taught students in Cuero and Eldorado, then moved on to teach in Cloudcroft and Hobbs, NM.

Jewel was a lifelong member of the Baptist Church and was very active in the Meals on Wheels program as well as Friends of the Library. She belonged to the order of the Eastern Star and The Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She was laid to rest Oct. 8, 2003 alongside her husband at the Belleview Cemetery in Cheapside, TX.

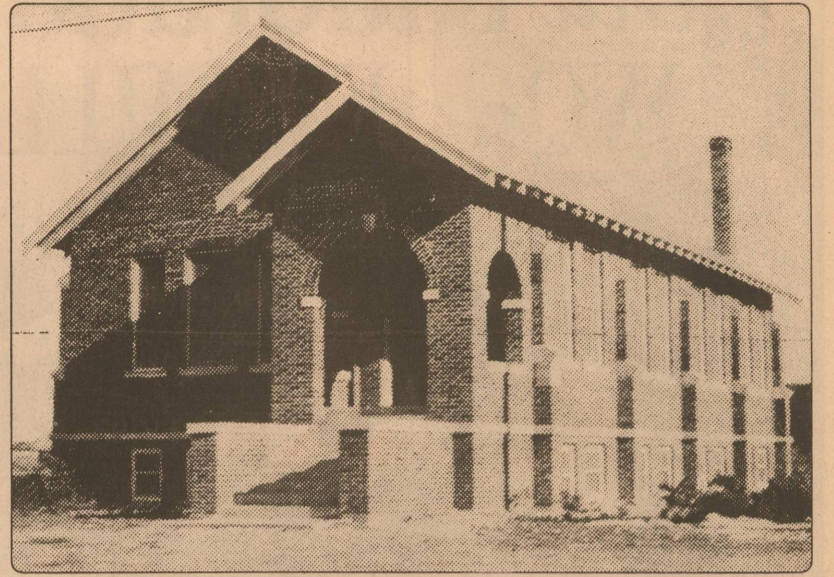
# Presbyterians to celebrate Centennial

The First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado is celebrating its 100th anniversary of Presbyterian services in Schleicher County. In 1903, a group of West Texas pioneers organized by Rev. J.C. Tanner, met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Holland and organized as First Presbyterian Church. The home was located northwest of Eldorado near the old Vermont Ranch headquarters.

The group continued meeting at the Holland home until 1912 when the family moved into Eldorado. At that time, the congregation of First Methodist Church allowed the group to meet in their church building once a month. Presbyterian services would be held.

A second Presbyterian Church, formed in the eastern part of the county was headed by Sam E. Jones. That church met in the Middle Valley Schoolhouse.

Eventually, the congregation of the second church also moved into Eldorado and the two groups joined to form what is now First Presbyterian Church.



**And it's still standing** — First Presbyterian Church as it appeared in 1926. Shortly after it was construction was completed.

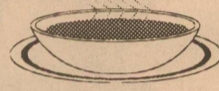
In 1926, the current church building was erected for a sum of \$12,500. When it was dedicated, the church congregation was free of debt.

To honor the 100th anniversary of the establishment of a Presbyterian Church in Schleicher County, the church has invited

former members and ministers to visit the church this weekend. The members of the church are looking forward to worshipping again with those that have moved but still fondly remember the church.

Commemorative services are planned both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

## Meals for Friends Menu



**Monday, October 20**  
Chicken Strips w/Cream Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Juice, Milk

**Tuesday, October 21**  
Hamburger Steak, Oven Fried Potato, lettuce, Tomato & Onion Slices, Bun Carrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

**Wednesday, October 22**  
Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, pinto Beans, Toss Salad, Wheat Bread, Mandarin Orange, Milk

**Thursday, October 23**  
Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Corn Bread, Banana Pudding, Milk

**Friday, October 24**  
Turkey w/ Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Corn Bread Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Cabbage Salad, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

*No words can adequately express the sorrow and heartfelt sympathy we have for the families of those who died and the survivors of the first Baptist Church bus crash.*

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**Show me the money** — Community members and Woolen Mill Board members were on hand last Friday at the Woolen Mill to accept the generous donation of \$2,800 check from the Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc. On hand for the presentation was (L-R) Judge Johnny Griffin, Vadan Aldridge, Gene McCalla and Judy Christian. Ilse Williams and Tony Recendes with the RC&D board delivered the check to the Woolen Mill Board. The grant funds will be used pay off the recent roof renovation.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families who were involved in the bus accident and to the First Baptist Church Family. This tragedy has touched the lives of everyone in Eldorado.

God Bless,

Rico, Cheryl, Sierra, and Micaela Forlano



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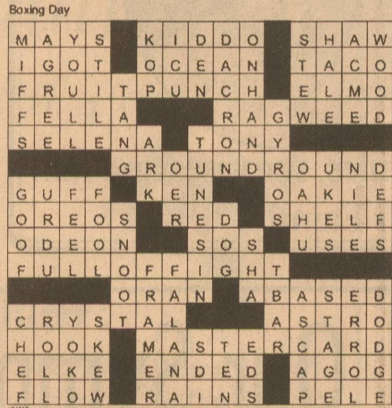
Madilynn Marie and Wyatt Keith Nolen

### It's A Boy!

David and Brandi Nolen are the proud parents of a son, Wyatt Keith Nolen. Wyatt was born Aug. 2, 2003 at Santa Maria, California weighing 7lbs 1oz and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length. Madilynn Marie, his big sister is very proud of him.

Proud family grandparents: Keith and Mary Nolen of Eldorado, Texas, Gary and Marlynn Fowler of Austin, Texas; great-grandparents: Ruth Taylor of Menard, Texas, Marie McCarthy of Kansas City, MO., Frank and Betty Lou Fowler of Mesa Arizona. And a very special great-aunt Kathy McCarthy of Kansas City, MO.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2



## Woolen Mill receives renovation grant

The Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc. has announced that the Old Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation, Inc. has been awarded a grant of \$2,800.00 through the 2003 Concho Valley RC&D Grant Program. These grant funds will compliment the local efforts towards the repair of the historic

Woolen Mill's roof.

Ilse Williams, Concho Valley RC&D board member for Schleicher County, said, "The Woolen Mill Committee and Stacy Jurecek have been working on this project for the past two years and the RC&D board of directors agreed to assist the Woolen Mill in completing their project."

The RC&D program is authorized by USDA and administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). The individual RC&D councils direct the program to the needs of the communities. For more information about the RC&D program, contact your local USDA-NRCS office or the area RC&D office at 325-597-4666.

## Mighty Eagle Band to try for 20th straight Division "1" rating in Brady this Saturday

Fifty-eight members of the Mighty Eagle Band will perform in the District VII (West Division) Marching Contest in Brady at the Brady High School Stadium on Saturday, October 18, 2003.

The Mighty Eagle Band will be the 9th band out of 12 to march in the AA Division at Bulldog Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Their performance is set for 3:00 p.m. The AA bands will begin competing at 1:00 p.m. with San Saba, Ozona, Bangs, Goldthwaite, Mason, Sonora, Winters, Junction, then Eldorado at 3:00 p.m., followed by Reagan County, Coleman and Wall.

The band will be trying for it's 20th consecutive Division "1" rating.

The Mighty Eagle Band is under the direction of Walter Reneau, an experienced director who is in his first year at EHS. Field direction of the band will be handled by EHS junior Ashton Murr.

The band will performing three selections including: "Russian Easter Overture" by Rimsky-Korsakov, "Danny Boy" arrangement by Mark Garrabrant and "Farandole (from 'L'Arlesienne)" by Bizet.

Judges for this year's contest will Warren Thaxton of Abilene, Rodney Bennett of Munday and Joey Lucita of Kyle, Texas.

Kara Sue Garlitz is sponsor of the 2003 Eagle Band Flag Corps which is comprised this year of Sheryl Alexander, Taylor Baker, Alicia Corrales, Julie Hight, Kristin Mittel, Selina Rojas, Anna Troy and Veronica Villa.

Band members are: Luis Almanzan (baritone), Diego Barrera (trombone), Drew Bosmans (baritone), Louie Buitron (trumpet), Blake Chatham (flute), Macy Chatham (flute), Jorge Chavez (tuba), Leslie Cruz (clarinet), LiAna Danford (flute), Misti Daniels (clarinet), Kolby Dombroski (percussion), Tyler Dombroski (trombone), Ashley Doran (percussion), Maygen Eubanks (french horn), Anna Fuentes (flute), Hope Fuentes (flute), Justin Garcia (trombone), Manny Gonzalez (trumpet), Amika Gonzalez (flute), David Her-



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**Comin' at ya** — Senior Danny Sanchez leads the tuba line during marching practice last Monday morning. The band is fine tuning their marching as they prepare for District VII (West Division) Marching Contest in Brady on October 18 at 3:00 in Bull Dog Stadium.

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## TCEQ slated to collect hazardous waste, recycables Monday, Oct. 20th in Sonora

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is offering rural Texans the opportunity to dispose of banned or unwanted pesticides, household hazardous waste, properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers, used motor oil, oil filters, and lead acid batteries free of charge. The TCEQ will also be exchanging (fever)

mercury thermometers for non-mercury (fever) thermometers. The purpose of this collection campaign is to offer rural areas the same recycling opportunities as metropolitan areas. This collection is from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. and will be held at the following location:

Monday, October 20 - Sonora - Sutton County 4-H Civic Center (located at 1700 North Crockett, Sonora, TX 76950)

Household hazardous wastes that will be collected include automotive waste products, such as antifreeze, brake, and transmission fluids; old painting supplies, such as old paint, solvents, varnishes, paint strippers, and wood preservatives; gardening supplies, such as pesticides, insecticides, fertilizers, weed killers, and rat poison; and old cleaning supplies, such as polishes, drain cleaners, oven cleaners, concentrated cleaners, moth balls, and cleaning concentrates.

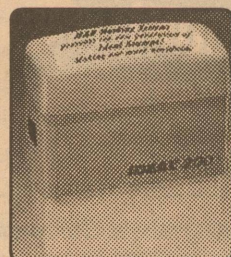
be accepted excluding pesticides or herbicides containing 2,4,5-T - Silvex (quantities less than 5-gallons will be accepted); explosives; compressed gas cylinders; fertilizers or nutrient materials that are neither hazardous nor contain pesticide admixtures; and pesticide or wood preservatives containing pentachlorophenol.

Empty plastic pesticide containers must be clean, triple-rinsed, or high-pressure rinsed to be accepted. There is a two-drum limit per participant on oil filter recycling, and filters will not be accepted from businesses that change oil for a fee.

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For more information about these collections, please contact Scott Edmonson, county extension agent.

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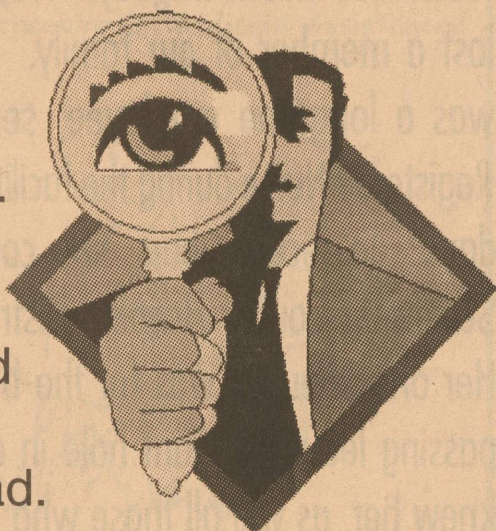
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## Eagles combined JV squad defeats Grape Creek 27-0

The Eldorado JV combined JV team traveled to Grape Creek Thursday to take on the "other" Eagles JV. Eldorado put together great special teams play, explosive offense, and a dominating defense to grab a 27-0 victory.

Both teams traded punts the first possessions. Caleb Nixon put a huge hit on a Grape Creek punter to set the tone for the junior Warbirds.

Grape Creek fumbled early in the 2nd quarter and Norberto Moya pounced on the ball to set up a big play for Eldorado. On the first play of the drive QB David Hernandez pitched the ball to Caleb Nixon who then threw a 45 yard bomb to Michael Ballew for

Eldorado's first strike and a lead they would only add to.

Michael Ballew continued to be a thorn in Grape Creek's side all night as he blocked a punt attempt out the back of the end zone for a safety. Later David Hernandez would throw a 7 yard pass to Ballew for another score. The score stood 14-0 at halftime for Eldorado.

The Eldorado defense would only allow Grape Creek one first down the entire 2nd half. After threatening to return several punts Eldorado finally hit paydirt on a 63 return by Caleb Nixon. The special teams excelled all night.

Members of that punt return team are Michael Ballew, Caleb

Nixon, Russel Cathey, Neal Higgins, Logan Jones, Diego Barrera, Tico Robles, Epolo Herrera, Brence Minor, Juan Garcia, and Artie Montalvo.

The kick-off team that kept Grape Creek in poor field position consists of kicker Armando Guzman, Logan Jones, Neal Higgins, Juan Garcia, Brence Minor, Mark Bybee, Ryan Cathey, Luis Hernandez, Russell Cathey, Epolo Herrera, and Tico Robles.

Eldorado was not through scoring as later in the 3rd quarter Russel Cathey would romp 52 yards for a TD. The ensuing extra point kick was good by Armando Guzman. Other members of the extra-point team are center Caleb Nixon, Adam Dominguez, Jr. Estrada, Sammy Estrada, Tico Robles, Josh Chavez, Byron Hibbs, Artie Mon-

talvo Michael Ballew, and holder Ryan Cathey.

The Eldorado kick-off return team consists of Juan Garcia, Russel Cathey, Epolo Herrera, Neal Higgins, Norberto Moya, Luis Hernandez, Mark Bybee, Brence Minor, Josh Chavez, Raul Rios, and Diego Barrera.

Eldorado didn't have to punt much but when they did it was a stellar job by punter Juan Garcia, center Caleb Nixon, Luis Hernandez, Norberto Moya, Ryan Cathey, Tico Robles, Artie Montalvo, Epolo Herrera, Tony Vasquez, Neal Higgins, and Michael Ballew.

Other events of note included some good blocking by receiver Logan Jones, several good runs by Caleb Nixon, Norberto Moya, Ryan Cathey, David Hernandez, and Nestor Hernandez. Some important catches were made by Sammy Estrada. There were no injuries and Eldorado's JV next game will be on Thursday at 6:30 at home against Sonora.

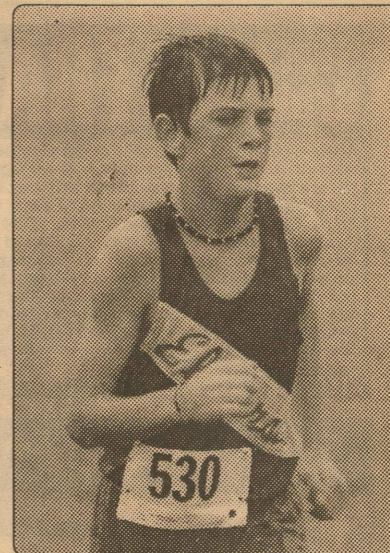
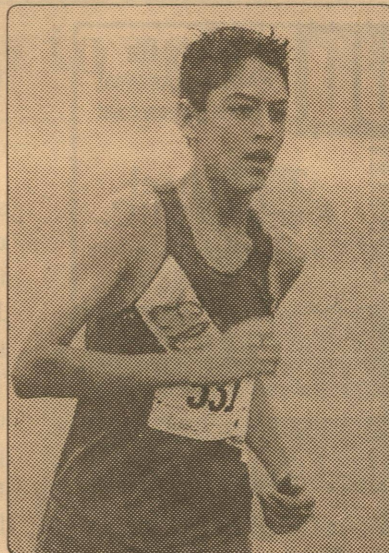


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Rain, Rain go away....7th Grade Cross Country Runners Chris Minor (L) and Rance Cathey (R) ran a 2 miles muddy course in intermittent heavy rain Saturday at Wall Cross County Meet. Rance placed 4th and Minor placed 7th. The meet was called off later because of the heavy rain.

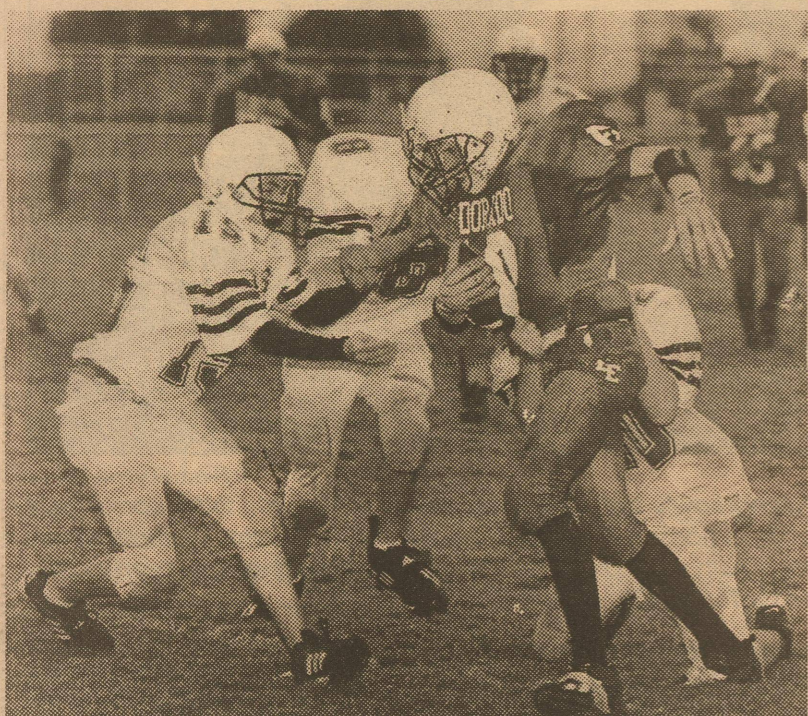


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**Determination**—J.P. Joiner is shown here dragging Grape Creek defenders during 8th grade action here last Thursday. He scored the only TD of the night for Eldorado as the team won 8-6. Coach Don Richters credited the play of the 8th grade defense with securing the win. Only a week before, Joiner scored two TDs for the Eagles as they fell 26-20 to the Iraan Warriors in Iraan.

## 7th graders whip GC 14-0

by Coach Larry Mitchel

The Eldorado 7th grade football team defeated the Grape Creek Eagles by a 14-0 score. The defense played great all night. Grape Creek did not even get inside our 20 yard line. Leading the defense was Dustin Ramirez, Troy Russell, and Jose Vasquez. Paul Martinez and Milo Vallejo had interceptions during the game.

Jesus Vasquez scored both of Eldorado's touchdowns behind great blocks by Timothy Maskill and Rolando Gonzales. Austin Grubbs hit Haley Higgins on 2 point conversion pass.

Seventh grade plays Sonora, October 16, 2003 in Sonora.

## Sheriff urges public to be cautious when it comes to protecting their valuables

Noting a recent increase in the number of purses and wallets being stolen from unlocked vehicles in Eldorado, Schleicher County Sheriff David R Doran urged citizens lock their car doors and follow a few other simple steps to protect their valuables.

1) Prevent auto theft by removing your keys and locking your vehicle every time you leave it unattended

2) Never leave your vehicle running even if your going to be away from it just a few seconds

3) Keep a copy of your vehicle and insurance information in a safe place away from your vehicle, in the event of a theft this will assist authorities in locating your vehicle.

4) Always remove your purse and valuables from your vehicle, never leave valuables in plain view as this entices a theft to occur.

The Sheriff explained that the vast majority of purse thefts occur when the owner leaves their purse unattended in an unsecured vehicle.

Also, it is important that home-

owners follow similar rules and secure their home whether they plan to be away for a long or short period of time.

Sheriff Doran explained that living in a small town does not mean you are safe from theft. You can reduce your chances of being victimized by exercising a little caution, Doran stated. Statistics show that a would-be thief will bypass a challenge and always go for an easy target.

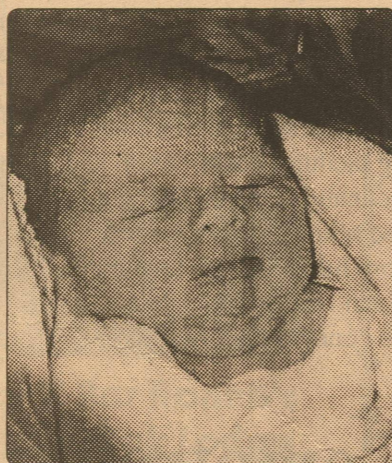
## Seventh grade defeated 22-8

by Coach Larry Mitchel

The seventh grade football team went to Iraan to play the Braves for a second week in a row. The Braves beat the Eagles by a score of 22 to 8. Scoring for the Eagles on a counter was Jesus Vasquez. The two point conversion was scored by Joseph Turn-

bull on a sweep.

The game was very close until the last few minutes when Iraan scored their third T.D. The Eagles hurt themselves with three straight fumble loses to start off the second half. Dustin Ramirez, Kevin Dykstra, and Dustin Gauna played good defense all night.



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Max Everett Hinkle

## It's a Boy!

Craig and Shannon Hinkle of Garland welcomed the arrival of their first child, a son, Max Everett Hinkle, on Sept. 26, 2003.

Max weighed 8 lbs. and measured 22 inches in length.

He is the grandson of Danny and Paula Boyer of Irving and great-grandson of the late Russell & Lois Turnbow of Christoval and the late Ray & Isabell Boyer of Eldorado.

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**Tearing through the Grape Creek defense** — 8th grade wide receiver Lalo Sanchez carried the ball for the Eagles against Grape Creek on Thursday, October 9. Eldorado 8th graders won 8-6 on their own turf.

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# County officials weigh cost of library aide

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday and discussed the future of an aide position at the county's Public Library. Judge Johnny Griffin explained that State funding for a "Green Thumb Worker" had been cut, costing the county some \$4,500 per year and threatening the part-time job Vonnie Dannheim has held for the past five years. It was noted that Dannheim opens the library from 10:00 am until 1:00 p.m. at which time Librarian Jeri Whitten takes over.

Ms. Whitten and SCISD Librarian and County Library Board member Debbie Griffin was on hand to discuss the matter with the commissioners. They urged the men to continue funding the position.

Judge Griffin explained that the county did not have the money to keep the position but noted that grant money was being sought in hopes of keeping the position. He did not have a ready solution for Library Board member Debbie Griffin as she attended the Monday, October 13 meeting to find out the fate of replacing the position of Green Thumb worker at the Schleicher County Library. Mrs. Griffin was asked to return for the group's next meeting so that the issue could be discussed again.

The meeting was the regular session for the men, being held on the second Monday of the month. In addition to Judge Griffin, Commissioners Bill Clark, Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown were in attendance. So were County Clerk Peggy Williams, Road Supt. Clay Burleson, Treasurer Karen Henderson, Sheriff David Doran and County Agent Scott Edmonson.

Edmonson was on hand to update the men on efforts underway by the Extension Service to recruit a replacement for Nancy Lester, the County Agent for Family &

Consumer Science. Ms. Lester has officially retired from the Extension Service but has agreed to continue her work through the Livestock Show in January, 2004. Edmonson reported the job opening was announced internally to current employees of the service but that so far no one has applied.

Edmonson then presented the court with a remodeling plan that he and Ag teacher Cory Stevens had designed for the hog pens near the Civic Center and Animal Feeding facility. The plan calls for a storage area, grooming area and a wash room. These new plans would also include a Xeriscape system that allows rain water to be captured and used to water landscaped areas.

In other business, the Commissioners voted in favor of a resolution supporting a grant application for the Indigent Defense Grant Program. The grant funds, if received, could be pursued after the county spent \$14,400 annually hiring court appointed attorneys.

A new price quote was then accepted by the Commissioners for a Fuel Master credit card reader at the airport. The quote, totaling \$11,940, came from D&H Petroleum and Environmental Services. It replaced an earlier quote received from Applied Services in the amount of \$11,270.

Then, two attorneys, Chuck Kimbro and David Mendez, representing Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan and McDonald, an Austin law firm, then met with the court an offered a proposal to provide the county with legal consultations via telephone at a rate of \$75 per hour. The men advised the Commissioners that their firm is well staffed and that their proposal could save the county money on routine legal consultations.

Judge Johnny Griffin seemed to agree with the men. He explained that to date the county has spent more than \$500 on an attorney from the Texas Association of Counties for an opinion on abolishing the office of Constable. So far the county has received no legal opinion from the lawyer, Griffin stated. The court took no action on the men's request but they seemed interested in Mr. Mendez's offer to provide a legal opinion on the Constable position at no cost.

County Treasurer Karen Henderson then sought and received approval for the transfer of \$223,000 in funds for operating expenses, sewer system and feeding facilities construction and remodeling of the Civic Center. She also submitted her quarterly report from July 1 through September 30 which reported \$1,248,850.84 in the county's fund balance.

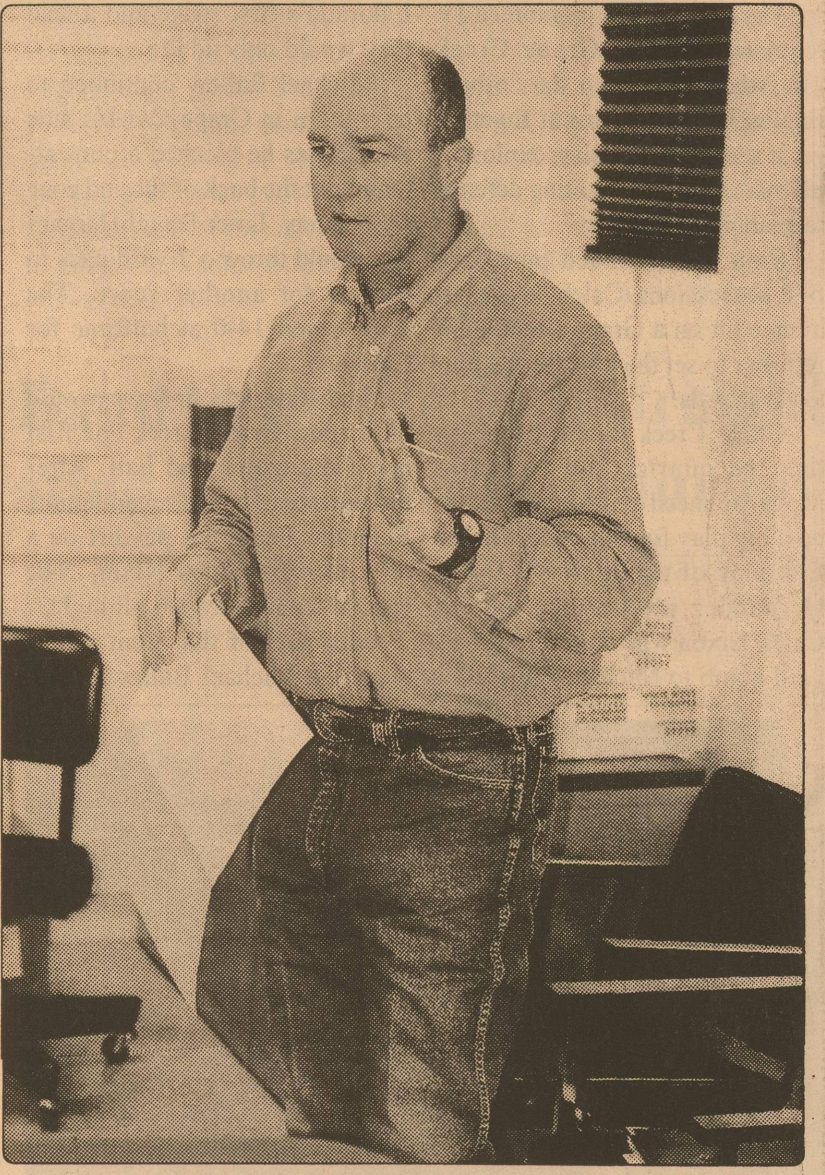


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**Making sow's ear into a silk purse** — County Extension Agent Scott Edmonson presented the Schleicher County Commissioners Court with new plans for the county's existing hog barn during the October 13th meeting.

## The Blotter

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

- ARRESTS**
- October 8** • Hodge, Phillip Don, male age 19, offense Motion To Revoke Probation (Possession of Marijuana). Serving 28 days.
  - October 9** • Jones, Fagan Brooke, male age 25, offense Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
- INCIDENT REPORTS**
- October 8** • 11:05 a.m. Complainant on Del Rio Street requested an ambulance for their spouse. Officer and EMS2 responded.
  - 4:15 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo hospital. EMS 1 responded.
  - 8:30 p.m. Unknown subject reported a fire on Hwy. 277 South. Two officers and Eldorado Fire Department responded. Unable to locate.
  - October 9** • 2:40 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.
  - 6:48 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a protection

- order. Complainant stated that the warned respondent was at the football game within 100 feet of applicant. Officer spoke with complainant.
- October 10** • 1:02 p.m. Complainant reported loud music on Avenue B. Officer responded.
- Complainant requested a criminal trespass be served.
- 10:11 a.m. Complainant reported that someone had thrown a brick through their son's vehicle window. Officer responded.
- 2:01 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to a San Angelo Hospital. EMS 1 responded.
- October 12** • 9:42 a.m. Complainant reported a minor accident where the driver had driven off into the ditch. Wrecker requested.
- October 13** • Report of loose livestock one mile west on Hwy. 190.
- 1:47 p.m. Complainant on Hwy. 2084 reported they would be having a controlled burn.
- 2:30 p.m. Complainant reported a horse loose on Old Sonora Road. Sheriff Office contacted owner.
- 10:53 p.m. Male subject requested to speak with an officer about a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 9:50 p.m. Store reported someone driving off without paying for gasoline in the amount of \$11.00. Vehicle was a green four door mini van. Officer responded.
- 11:08 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check on a motorist who may need assistance on Hwy. 277 north approximately 8 miles. Two officers responded.
- October 14**
- 10:06 a.m. Hospital requested an ACLS transfer to a San Angelo Hospital. EMS 1 responded.
- 1:50 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance because they were having trouble breathing. Two officers and EMS 1 responded.

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# Comptroller delivers sales tax rebates

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today delivered \$302.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 1.1 percent increase compared to October 2002. So far this calendar year, local sales tax rebates are down 0.5 percent compared to the same period in 2002.

October sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in August and reported to the Comptroller in September. The state's share of sales tax reported in September was \$1.12 billion, up 2.1 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent sales tax rebates of \$207.6 million to Texas cities, 2.9 percent more than October 2002. Calendar year-to-date,

city sales tax rebates are up 0.9 percent. Texas counties received October sales tax rebates of \$17.5 million, down 1.1 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 0.6 percent higher than last year.

In addition, \$8.3 million in sales tax, up 1.9 percent compared to last October. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to special purpose districts are up 1.3 percent compared to 2002. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems received \$68.7 million in October sales tax rebates, down 3.7 percent compared to a year ago. Year-to-date, transit sales tax revenues are down 4.1 percent.

Locally, the sales tax rebates offer a mixed picture for the local

economy. Schleicher County's payment was up considerably from one year ago. So was the rebate for the County Health Services Tax. The City of Eldorado's rebate was down, however, due mainly to an overpayment reported in previous months. (See chart below)

For details of October 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](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html).

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, November 14, 2003, and will be reported the following week in The Success.

Local Jurisdiction	Sept. '03	Sept. '02	% Change	2003 YTD	2002 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$ 5,769.53	\$ 7,585.59	-23.94%↓	\$ 51,553.07	\$ 79,538.07	20.38%↓
Schleicher County	\$ 7,343.69	\$ 6,705.82	9.51%↑	\$ 61,481.56	\$ 68,454.15	10.88%↑
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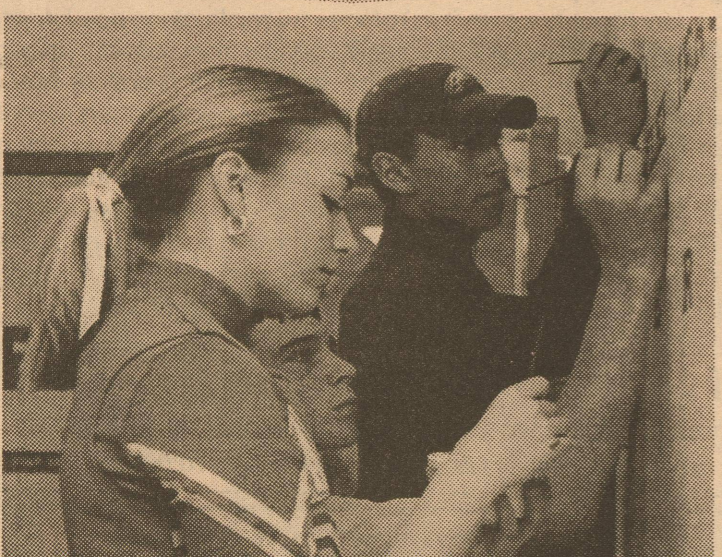


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Without our business sponsors and models this would not have been such a successful show. Many thanks to Walker Construction, Mittel Insurance, First National Bank of Eldorado, West Texas Lumber & Trading Post, Amigo's Dream Restaurant, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Computer Doctor, Shot's #3, X-Bar Ranch, Jerry's TV, Eldorado Pharmacy, First Community Federal Credit Union, Meador Construction, Eldorado Success Newspaper, Rosa's Casitas Restaurant, Kosub and Griffin Law Firm, BJ's Garage & Wrecker Service for being our business sponsors. A very hearty thank-you to our models, Chad Elkins, Charlie Bunch, Ronnie Mittel, Leonard Wideman, Stan Meador, Rene Valeriano, Lynn Meador, Robert Bybee, Danny Crowder, Tim Seymore, Eddie Albin, Bill McCutcheon, Glen Nix, J.D. Dolye, Seth Taylor, Mike Carter, Gary Grubbs, Dillion Greer, and Colby Dombroski.

Our emcee for the evening did a fantastic job, no one could be as spontaneous and keep the evening flowing like Nancy Lester. Beta Sigma Phi, Becky Lux and Corie Williams helped "make our models" become the beauties they were with a little help in the makeup and hair department. We appreciated our judges, Mike Elkins, Joella Parker and Susan Buchholz; they had the hardest decisions to make for the evening.

Our stage was beautiful thanks to Cathy Niblett and Maureen Hodges. Our appreciation to Super S for providing bottled water backstage and the Eldorado Booster Club for providing refreshments backstage and for our audience. It was so nice to have some musical entertainment and lots of fun provided by Vicki Schwiening, Becky Moore, Liz Anderson, and Jan Wanoreck.

The All-Male was very successful because of all people behind the stage, on the stage and the wonderful audience of Eldorado, Texas. Once again the Eldorado Lions Club would like to give our sincere thanks to everyone in helping us with our 75th Anniversary Fund Raiser. We will continue our support of diabetes and vision assistance programs as well as many worthwhile community projects.

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# Schleicher Co. moved into new West Texas congressional district

After months of partisan wrangling and at least two quorum busting flights from the state by Texas Democrats, the State Legislature finally adopted a congressional redistricting plan last week.

In recent days the focus of the plan was on how to redraw boundary lines in West Texas. House Speaker Tom Craddick apparently won that battle, carving out a new congressional district that is weighted heavily toward his hometown of Midland.

The district stretches east from Loving, Winkler and Ward counties to the Comanche, Mills, Lampasas and Burnet counties on the eastern boundary.

While the new 11th District takes in all of Schleicher County, it divides Sutton County and splits the City of Sonora between two congressional districts.

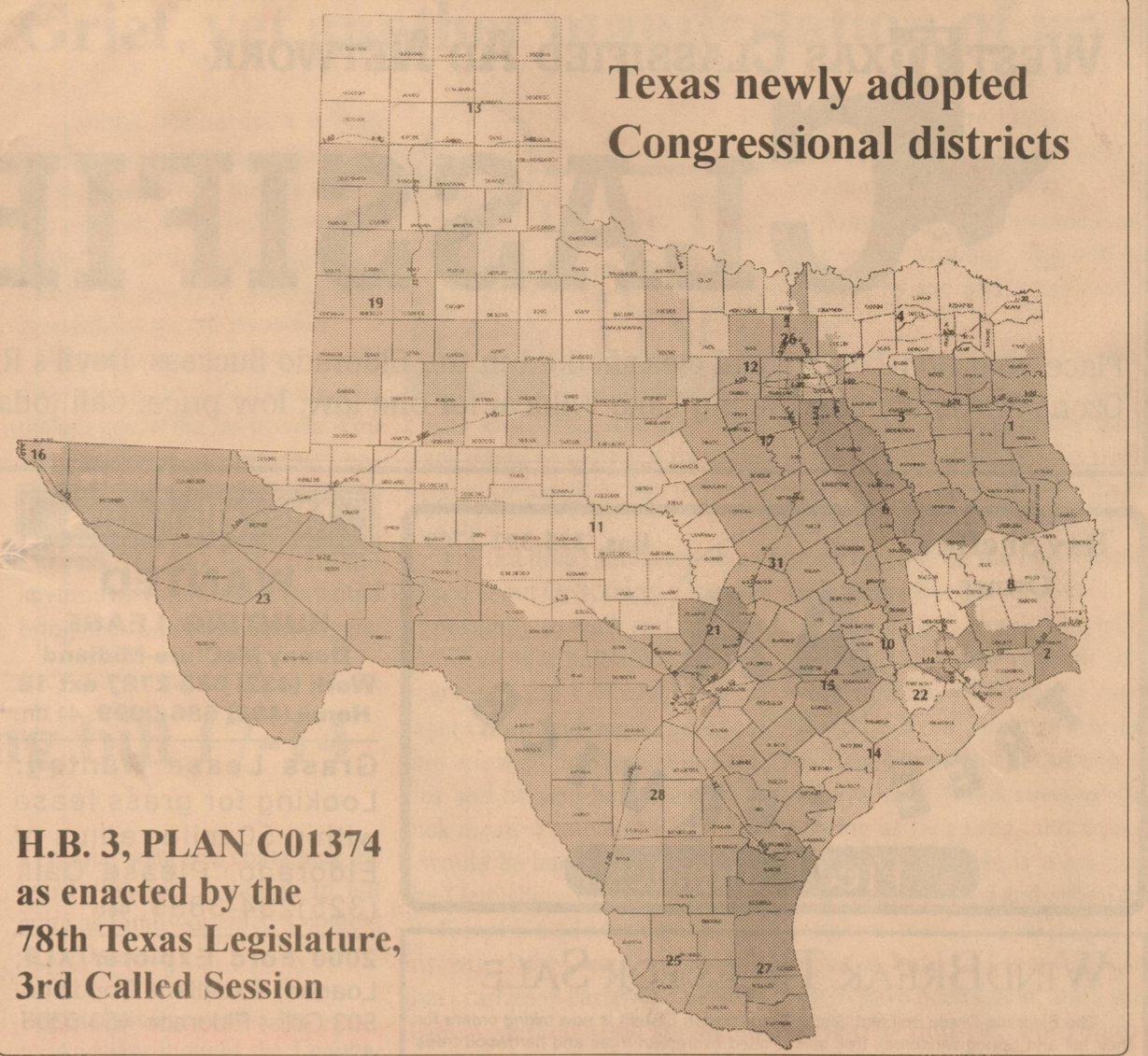
U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm (D) of Abilene, who currently represents Eldorado and Schleicher County, was moved into the 19th District with Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R) of Lubbock, meaning the two incumbents will have to square off in next year's election to see which of them will represent the district.

Of course, all of this hinges on what the courts decide. Lawsuits have already been filed in federal district court hoping to overturn

the plan that could send as many as seven additional Republicans to the U.S. Congress.

Rep. Lamar Smith, who once represented Schleicher County and much of West Texas, saw his district shrink in size to three counties and parts of two others between San Antonio and Austin.

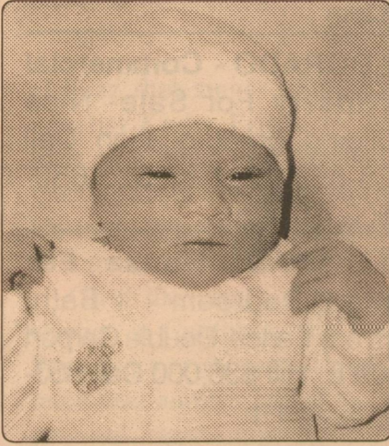
Governor Rick Perry, Speaker Tom Craddick and Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, all Republicans, hailed the plan as one that more fairly represents the conservative voters of Texas. Democrats disagree, however and pledge to overturn the new map in court.



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## It's A Girl!

Jay Ruiz would like to let everyone know he is now a big brother. Kaytlin Marie Holsey was born September 18, 2003. She weighed 7lbs 13oz and measured in at 19 inches long.

Proud parents are Valerie Contreras and Brandon Holsey. Grandparents Randy and Cindy Contreras, Zack and Lynn Holsey. Great grandparents Olivia and Ruben Garcia, Estella and Peter Contreras, and Betty and Glenn O'Daniel. Great-great grandmother Mary Hall and all want to welcome Kaytlin to the family.

## Nation grieves with Eldoradoans

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mast. A proclamation from Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk called for a week of prayer and mourning.

Funeral Director Bruce Kerbow noted that his funeral home

did not have room to hold so many bodies. Four of the deceased Kenneth and Betty Richardson and Domingo and Delia Pina will lie in state at First Baptist Church.

Funeral arrangements were then announced. There would be three funerals for the five from Eldorado, all on the same day, and all at First Baptist Church. The service Kenneth and Betty Richardson will be held at 11:00 a.m. with burial to follow in the Eldorado Cemetery. Next, the funeral for Mary Ruth Robinson will be held at 2:00 a.m. at FBC. She, too, will be buried in Eldorado Cemetery. Then, at 4:30 p.m., the funeral for Domingo and Delia Pina will be held at FBC with burial to follow at Eldorado Cemetery.

As yet, funeral plans for Jim-

mie Teel and Jean S. Demere of Water Valley have not been made public. Neither have the funeral plans for Laverne Shannon of San Angelo.

At press time, little else is known of the accident. Louisiana State Trooper Julie Lewis announced Wednesday morning that bus driver Ken Thomas had been cited by Louisiana State Police for careless operation of a motor vehicle, a misdemeanor under Louisiana law. Also, the National Transportation Safety Board has begun its own inquiry. Sources at the scene to the wreck tell the Success that federal NTSB investigators are conducting a "parallel investigation" along with Louisiana State Police.

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