

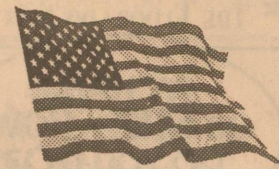
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Drug bust leads officers to break in cattle theft case

A routine traffic stop proved to be anything but routine Saturday after marijuana and a quantity of methamphetamine was discovered in a pickup leading to the driver's arrest and his later implication in the theft of 23 head of cattle from a local ranch.

Otis Layne Babb, 20, of Eldorado, was taken into custody Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003, after Deputy Jason Chatham found marijuana and methamphetamine in his 1996 Dodge pickup. Chatham had pulled Babb over on F.M. 915 near the intersection of South West Street in Eldorado. At that time Chatham became suspicious and asked for permission to search the truck. That's when he discovered the dope.

Babb was arrested and taken to Schleicher County Jail where he was booked in on a charge of Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and Possession of a Controlled Substance, a State Jail Felony. An unidentified passenger, who had been riding in the truck with Babb, was released at the scene.

As Babb was being processed at the jail, Chief Deputy George Arispe recognized his name. Earlier, Arispe had

received a report from a Tom Green County Deputy Sheriff. A truck driver reportedly advised the deputy that he had been hired on Sept. 4, 2003 to haul 20 head of cows and calves to Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo. The driver suspected that the person who had hired him did not own the cattle he was selling, so he contacted the Tom Green Co. Sheriff's Dept. with the information, offering up Babb's name.

So, Arispe brought Babb into his office and questioned him about the cattle transaction. At that time, Babb reportedly denied any knowledge of the incident.

Arispe still had his suspicions, however, and began digging deeper. He soon learned that Babb had recently worked on the Charlie West Ranch. When calls to the Ranch Headquarters were not returned and Mr. West could not be located at his home in New Mexico, Arispe chose to pursue the case from a different angle. He went to San Angelo and got copies of the paperwork where 23 head of cattle had been booked into the sale by someone identifying himself as

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PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

You have the right to remain silent — Deputy Kevin Herbert and Game Warden Marco Alvizo looked on last Saturday as Deputy Jason Chatham arrested Otis Layne Babb, 20, of Eldorado, for Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana. Babb was later implicated in the theft of 23 head of cattle from the Charlie West Ranch. He remains in jail in lieu of \$27,000 bond.

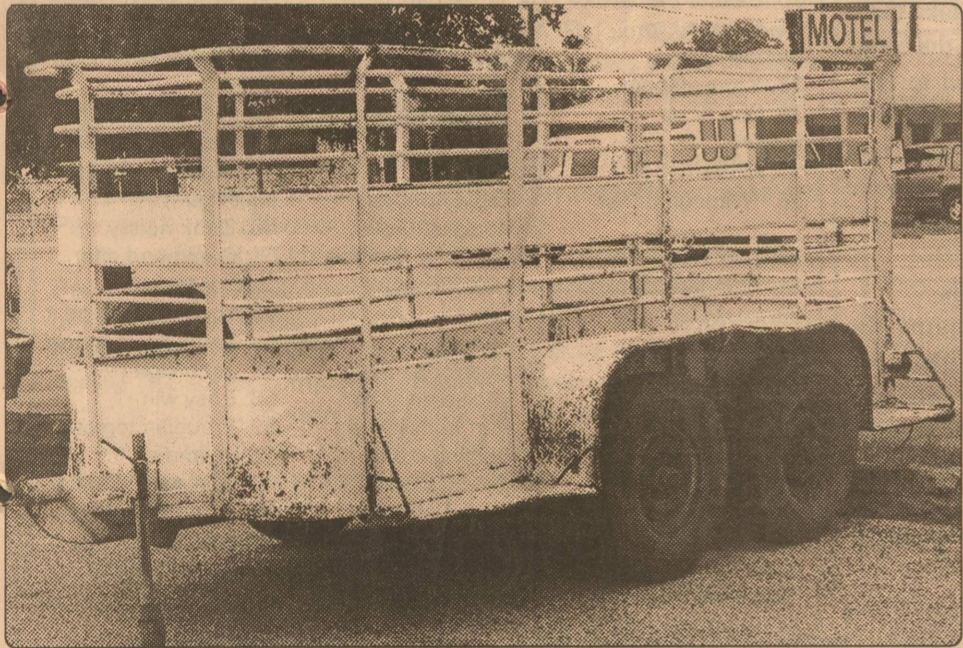


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Back to its rightful owner — This tandem trailer was recovered and returned to the Charlie West Ranch after Sheriff's Dept. investigators uncovered an unreported cattle theft. The trailer was taken along with 23 head of cows and calves.

EHS readies for Homecoming 2003 festivities

Calling all EHS exes, Homecoming 2003 is planned for Friday night in Eagle Stadium. Festivities will actually get under way Thursday evening with the burning of the Double E following Middle School football action in Eagle Stadium.

A Homecoming parade is planned for Friday afternoon. Parade participants are encouraged to be in place near the tennis courts at 3:00 p.m. The parade is slated to begin at 3:15 p.m. with the route running from the courts to the High School Gym. Once there, the participants will take part in an outdoor Homecoming pep rally in hopes of cheering

the Eagles varsity squad on to victory.

Kickoff for Friday night's Homecoming game with Rankin is planned for 7:30 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to turn out and support the Eagles as they take on the Red Devils. The Eagles will be looking to pull out of a two-game slump and build some momentum before heading into the district schedule a few weeks from now.

The highlight of the evening will come at halftime when the 2003 Homecoming Queen will be crowned. This year's Queen Candidates include Mikinzie Holley, Clara Herrera and Lacy Ragsdale. Rounding out the Homecoming Court will be freshman Duchess Tiffany Hernandez, sophomore Duchess Micaela Gonzalez and junior Duchess Brittany Sellers.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

All smiles — The 2003 EHS Homecoming Queen Candidates are (L-R) Mikinzie Holley, Clara Herrera and Lacy Ragsdale. This year's queen will be crowned at halftime during Friday night's game with Rankin.

Comptroller Strayhorn delivers sales tax rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today delivered \$306 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 1 percent increase compared to September, 2002. So far this calendar year, local sales tax rebates are down 0.5 percent compared to the same period in 2002.

September's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in July and reported to the Comptroller in August.

Strayhorn sent September sales tax rebates of \$208.9 million to Texas cities, up 2.5 percent compared to September 2002. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax rebates are running 0.7 percent

higher than last year. Texas counties received September sales tax rebates of \$18.4 million, up 5.9 percent compared to one year ago.

In addition, \$8.4 million went to 78 special purpose taxing districts, a 1.9 percent increase compared to last July. Only transit sales tax collections showed a decline. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$70.3 million in sales tax revenue, down 3.3 percent compared to a year ago.

Locally, the sales tax rebates continue to send mixed signals about the local economy. Schleicher County's payment was down considerably from one year ago. So was the rebate for the City

of Eldorado. The Health Services Tax rebate, used by the county primarily to fund the Schleicher County EMS ambulance service, was up some 34 percent over the same period just one year ago. (See chart below)

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

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, October 10, 2003, and will be reported the following week in The Success.

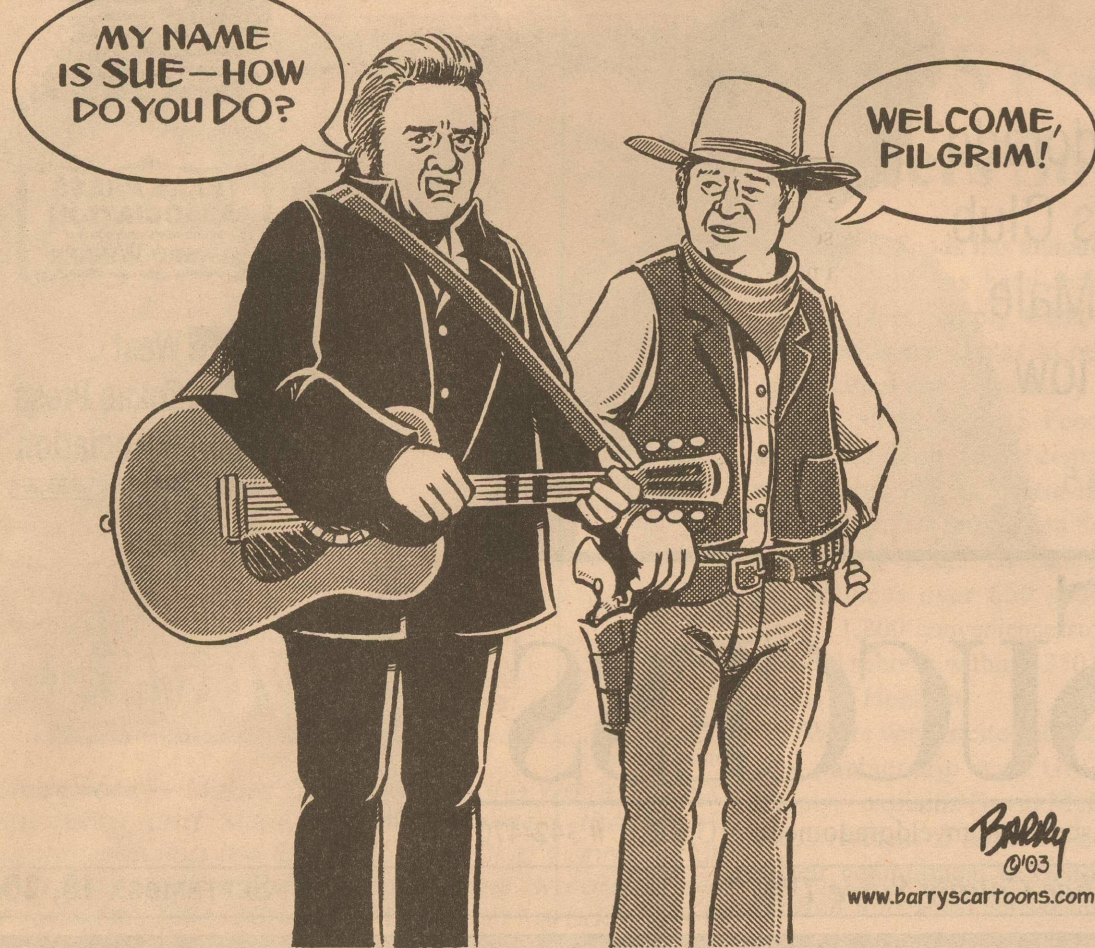
September 2003 Sales Tax Rebates

| Local Jurisdiction | July '03 | July '02 | % Change | 2003 YTD | 2002 YTD | % Change |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| City of Eldorado | \$ 6004.50 | \$ 12,720.54 | -52.79%↓ | \$57,557.57 | \$ 71,952.48 | -20.00%↓ |
| Schleicher County | \$ 7,079.60 | \$ 12,914.31 | -45.18%↓ | \$68,561.16 | \$ 61,748.33 | 11.03%↑ |
| Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax | \$ 7,001.07 | \$ 5,201.63 | 34.59%↑ | \$62,386.82 | \$ 50,752.10 | 22.92%↑ |



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Ladies in Waiting — The 2003 EHS Homecoming Duchesses are (L-R) freshman Tiffany Hernandez, sophomore Micaela Gonzalez and junior Brittany Sellers.



JOHNNY CASH OPENS AT THE PANTHEON OF TRUE ORIGINALS...

Farewell to the Man in Black



I can see him now, a tall man, dressed in black, with an equally black guitar slung across his back, strides through Heaven's gate, walks up to the registration desk and announces, "Hello, I'm Johnny Cash."

His arrival won't come as a surprise. Neither did his departure from this Earthly realm, but those of us who adored the man and his music, those of us who were thrilled by his recent return to the music charts, well...we weren't quite prepared for him to leave us, at least not yet. No doubt, the passing of his beloved wife, June Carter Cash on May 16 of this year, speeded his journey home.

I'm not sure how to write about Johnny Cash without tend-

ing toward hyperbole except to say that he was the absolute bedrock of Country Music. Even that doesn't do him justice.

Cash never liked being pigeonholed. They called him Rockabilly when he first started at Sun Records in Memphis. Others called him outlaw, long before Willie and Waylon made the term fashionable. But Johnny Cash refused to be defined by others.

Maybe the best way to describe Johnny Cash to someone who never saw or heard him is to cue up some of his old albums and let them find out for themselves.

Johnny Cash was probably the first recording artist I ever heard. He sprang upon the music world just as I was being born and dominated it for thirty years before easing into a semi retirement, punctuated with hit songs.

He came out of retirement to record The Highwaymen album with Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Kris Kristofferson. He did it again less than a year ago, shocking everyone when he released a cover of a Nine Inch Nails song, "Hurt."

If you haven't seen the "Hurt"

music video, then find way to do so. It is a long way from being a typical country song. Still, it is one of the most powerful performances you will ever witness.

I don't claim to have a favorite Johnny Cash song, there are just too many of them. Still, there is one that I fine myself humming a lot, "I Still Miss Someone."

*At my door the leaves are falling
A cold wild wind has come
Sweethearts walk by together
And I still miss someone*

*I go out on a party
And look for a little fun
But I find a darkened corner
because I still miss someone*

*Oh, I never got over those blues eyes
I see them every where
I miss those arms that held me
When all the love was there*

*I wonder if she's sorry
For leavin' what we'd begun
There's someone for me somewhere
And I still miss someone*

Johnny Cash battled a lot of demons during his life...pills and alcohol, mainly. But he always professed a deep and abiding faith in the Lord. He once credited his wife June for saving his life and turning him back to God. She was his strength and foundation. I suspected his days were numbered when she died last May. Now Johnny has passed over and whoever leads the singing in heaven had better hang onto their socks... the original Rockabilly has just hit town.

Bad drivers to earn points for violations

AUSTIN - While Democrats and Republicans make their points in the ongoing congressional redistricting fight, Texas drivers are going to be paying a lot more attention to something involving another kind of point - marks for bad driving.

Well before anyone imagined the Legislature would be convening in a third special session to argue redistricting, lawmakers did agree on instituting a point system for moving traffic violations.

This is how the "game" is played: Drivers with no Class C misdemeanor moving traffic violations on their record started off

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



with no points as of Sept. 1.

Here's the point breakdown: 2 points for a moving traffic violation conviction (speeding less than 10 percent over the limit, seat belt violations and parking tickets don't count) and 3 points for a traffic violation resulting in a crash.

At six points, a driver must pay the state \$100 a year for three years to keep driving, and another \$250 a year for three years if they get caught and convicted for driving with an invalid license. And every point above six costs another \$25

a year.

The rate for driving while intoxicated convictions is \$1,000 annually for three years for a first offense and \$1,500 annually for three years for a second conviction.

Money raised through this new program will go to benefit hospital trauma centers and highway projects.

TWC, PUC get new officials

The Public Utility Commission welcomed a new commissioner and the Texas Workforce Commission selected a new top chief.

Paul Hudson is the newest appointee to the PUC's three-member panel, beginning a six-year term that continues until Sept. 1, 2009. Hudson most recently was director of policy for Gov. Rick Perry.

Larry Temple became executive director of the TWC. Temple was the TWC's deputy executive director and former director of welfare reform.

Remember being a Texan

A new specialty license plate from the Texas Department of Transportation is going to help people celebrate their Texan-ness and remember the Alamo, too.

Designed by artist Benjamin Knox, the plates show an image of the Alamo in front of the San Jacinto monument in front of a Texas flag. Just in case anyone has any doubts, the plates also bear the legend: "Native Texan."

Available by mail through Tx-DOT, the plates cost \$30 above the

regular fee for new plates. The legislation that makes these plates possible gives \$22 of the fee to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for preservation and educational programs and \$8 to TxDOT.

For more information on the various other specialty plates available, check TxDOT's Web site at www.dot.state.tx.us.

No limit on clarifications...

The sky's the limit when it comes to dove hunting opportunities in Texas.

But the bag limit is not 15 in every county. It's confusing, but getting it wrong can be expensive if a game warden happens to drive up and wants to check your birds.

Last year, the mourning dove limit in all three major zones - North, Central and South - was 15. But this year, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department decreased the limit to 12 birds in the Central and South, leaving it at 15 only in the North zone.

Though hunters can take three fewer birds per outing, the hunting season was extended to Oct. 30 this year from last year's mid-October end. Best bet: Make sure you know what hunting zone you're in.

Nothing fishy about this...

In addition to changing the dove limits this year, TPWD has dropped the requirement for a person to have a fishing license for angling in a state park. Since Sept. 1, it has been legal to fish in any of Texas' 70-plus state parks without a license.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

A Day at the Ballpark

On a recent Sunday I had the rare privilege of doing something I've wanted to do for years. I sat behind my oldest son Kevin as he worked as technical director for the TV broadcast of a Texas Rangers baseball game.

We got to The Ballpark At Arlington at 9:30 AM for a 2 PM game. A light rain was falling. We went to a huge trailer filled with millions of dollars worth of equipment. Miles and miles of cables were attached to the trailer to transmit the images and sound from cameras and microphones on the field.

The trailer is divided into compartments: one for audio, one for tv, one for videotaping and one I never did figure out what went on there. Perhaps it was to make sure the broadcast got to networks and stations.

Kevin started pushing buttons and flipping switches, making sure all the pre-broadcast duties were completed. He checked promotional pieces, small visual and audio clips that are played during the game, checked the eight cameras on the field to make sure they were sending pictures to the trailer and dozens of other things.

The 20-member crew started to arrive and I sensed immediately the respect that each person has for co-workers. We had lunch in the press room area where I got acquainted with crew members while dining on Mexican food. I proudly displayed my TV crew badge.

We got back to the trailer around 1 PM and settled down to do the game. I went over to the audio room and met Toast, who

makes sure the broadcast has sound. He operates a 64 channel console and a unique box that has hundreds of sound effects.

Everybody wears headsets that are filled with chatter from the broadcast booth, cameramen, a sound assist man, the tape room and a few other sources.

As the countdown to the game was in progress, everyone was poised to do his or her job. Director Dave Burchett, watching the eight TV screens in front of him, raises his hands like a symphony orchestra conductor and points to each one, telling Kevin "ready on three, take three, take one, show eight!" and so forth. Kevin is the one who puts on the screen what viewers see.

I witnessed a high degree of professionalism. And it was done with a sense of humor. Everything is split-second. The screen portrays what is going on all over the field and in the stands.

Every minute I spent with the crew was fascinating. And not all the excitement was in the trailer. Rain had fallen during most of the game, which turned out to be a long one. It was still going on at 6 PM. The crew, the fans and the players were ready for this one to be over.

In the bottom of the 9th the game was tied 10 to 10. Everyone was concerned that there might be a rain delay or extra innings. The Rangers had a man on base when Diaz got up to bat. He hit eleven foul balls in a row. On the twelfth pitch, he hit a ball that bounced off the back wall. The runner touched home, the game was over and the Rangers won. Wow. What a day!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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| ACROSS | 46. Bow-toting god | 18. How losses are shown |
| 1. Spicy Chinese cuisine | 48. "It ___" ("Who's there?" response) | 22. Compelling charm |
| 6. Linguist's concern | 49. Risk a perjury rap | 23. Stared stupidly |
| 11. Big name in bowling alleys | 50. Steam room sites | 24. Allan-___ (Robin Hood cohort) |
| 14. "There ___ atheists ..." | 52. ___-locka, Fla. | 25. Fair meteorologist's report? |
| 15. Pig language? | 54. Followed | 26. Homes for fish |
| 16. Batman portrayal | 57. Gridiron pitchout | 30. Motel freebie |
| Kilmer | 59. Bring in | 32. Steam engine pioneer James |
| 17. Fair part of a golf course? | 60. Work the aisles, informally | 34. Not plentiful |
| 19. Notable time | 61. Fair place for rides? | 35. Architect Saarinen |
| 20. Best or Ferber | 66. USPS itinerary | 36. New Mexico art colony |
| 21. "Ocean," to "canoe" | 67. MGM part | 38. Abstract composer Erik |
| 23. Knee-slapper | 68. Like most Turks | 39. Warrior's mount |
| 26. Pop or op follower | 69. According to | 45. Raga instrument |
| 27. After the bell | 70. Button word | 47. Super ___ (huge squirt gun) |
| 28. "Without further ___" | 71. Printer's proof | 50. Drink noisily |
| 29. Title for an atty. | DOWN | 51. Command after "cut" or "copy" |
| 31. Plunderer's take | 1. Radio hobbyist | 53. Yogi was behind it |
| 33. Lost consciousness | 2. Mentalist Geller | 55. Loud, like a crowd |
| 37. Make ___ of (bungle) | 3. Sparks or Buntline | 56. John sign |
| 40. Wed on the run | 4. Lake Titicaca's range | 58. Easy win |
| 41. Motorists' org. | 5. German Expressionist Emil | 59. Freudian topics |
| 42. Go ___ for (support) | 6. Radius neighbor | 62. Jr. and sr. |
| 43. ___ flask (inspiration for the Thermos) | 7. Start to collapse | 63. Just beat |
| 44. Lying face down | 8. Fighting it out | 64. ___ es Salaam, Tanzania |
| | 9. Mel Ott's team | 65. ___-Cat (winter vehicle) |
| | 10. Irish New Ager | |
| | 11. Fair baseball ump's call? | |
| | 12. Corday's victim | |
| | 13. Olympics symbol | |

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Fair Game

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OBITUARIES

Ashlynn Blayne Worley



Ashlynn Blayne Worley, age 13, joined the angels on Monday evening, September 15, 2003 at Shannon Medical Center. She was born in Longview on March 1, 1990 to Danny and Tammy Worley. She is survived by her parents, grandparents; E.J. and Fern Wipff, aunts and uncles; Ron and Debbie Rhiddlehoover, Mike Worley,

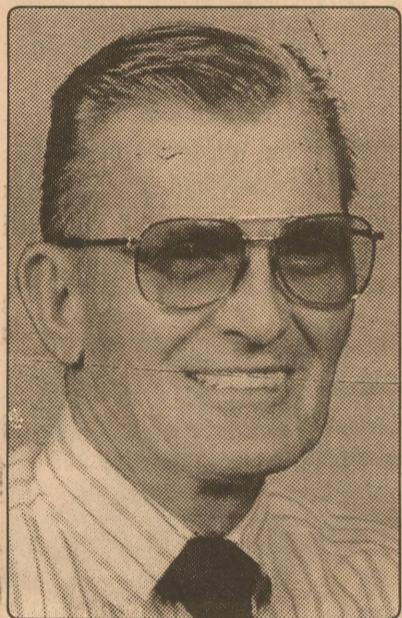
Kenny Worley, a special great aunt, Stella Taylor, and numerous cousins.

Ashlynn was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents J.W. and Martha Worley, and great-grandmother Effie D'Spain Hubble.

Funeral services will be Thursday, September 18, 2003, 10:30 AM at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel, with Graveside Service at Sonora at 3:00 PM with Bro. Don Jones of Three Rivers Church of Christ officiating.

The family wishes to extend the most heartfelt appreciation to the Shannon Pediatric Unit and Respiratory staff, Dr. Karl Wehner, who cared for Ashlynn since she was a year old, and went far and above his call of duty as a doctor, all of the special, loving home health staff, and the special staff of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, and many others too numerous to mention.

Billy Eugene Coleman



Billy Eugene Coleman, 66, of Austin, past away Sunday, Nov. 14, 2003 in an Austin hospital.

Billy was born July 24, 1937, to Robert Franklin Coleman and Bennie Inez Harris Coleman in Port Aransas. He worked a number of years on oilfield seismograph crews before moving to Tucson, AZ where he was employed by the City of Tucson as a drafts-

man. After retiring from his position with the City of Tucson, Billy moved back to Texas. He lived for a short time in Eldorado during the late '90s, making many friends and acquaintances here.

He was preceded in death by one brother, who died at a young age, and his father, Robert Franklin Coleman.

He is survived by his mother, Bennie Inez Sanborn of Belton; stepmother Leona Coleman of Tucson; daughter Erin Cowan and husband Bryan of Tucson; son Sean Coleman and wife Julie of Tucson; grandchildren Dylan, Allison & Oliva, all of Tucson; brothers Bobby Coleman and wife Mary of Clarksville, TN, Weldon "Buddy" Clement & wife Cathryn of Bryan, and Benny "Buttons" Clement and wife Lisa of Salado; sisters Joy Busey and husband Fred of Tucson, and Mary Alice Cords and husband David of Redding, CA.

A memorial service is planned at a later date in Tucson.

4-H Club now accepting Gold Star applications

Applications are now being accepted until September 29, 2003 for District Gold Star. This award is presented annually to 4-Hers and is the highest county achievement award that can be received.

Recipients must be at least 15 years of age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year and must have

completed at least 3 years in the 4-H program. Applicants must complete an application, please come by the Extension office as soon as possible.

Second Hand Rose Consignment

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Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, September 22**
Meatloaf w/ Tomato Gravy, Blackeyed Peas, Honey Glazed Carrots, Corn Bread, Melon Salad, Milk
- Tuesday, September 23**
Polynesian Chicken Salad, Sweet Peas, Wheat Bread, Golden Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Milk
- Wednesday, September 24**
Steak Fingers w/ Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk
- Thursday, September 25**
Oven Baked Pork Chops, Zucchini/Yellow Squash Medley, Corn w/ Red Peppers, Wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Parfait, Milk
- Friday, September 26**
Fried Catfish w/ Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Okra and Tomato Gumbo, Dinner Rolls, Apple Crisp, Milk

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Seven members of Xi Xi Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Flora Hubble for the first meeting of September 2003. Plans were discussed for the chapter doing some activities for the children during October to celebrate Halloween. The group will also help with the Lion's Club Male Fashion Show to be held on September 23.

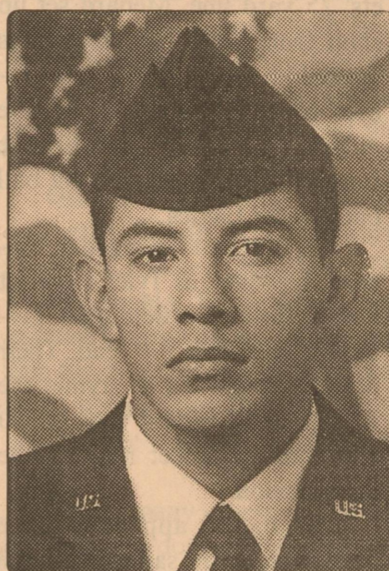
Redish and Vallejo claim scholarships

The Germania Farm Mutual Insurance Association Local Chapter 272 officers, Ilse Williams, President, Barbara Jackson, Vice President, and Phyllis Sauer, Secretary, reviewed the application for the Local Chapter's first annual scholarship award. The first place scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Christina Redish and the second place scholarship of \$100 was awarded to Lidia (Lilly) Vallejo.

The scholarship was given in memory of Sherry Lux, former GFMA L.C. 272 Local Chapter Secretary and lifelong community volunteer in Eldorado, to recognize and encourage community involvement and volunteerism. The scholarship will be awarded again in the summer of 2004, and applications will be available at the Germania Local Chapter office.

Mary Nolen will be the hostess for the September 30 social. Chapter members will see a movie and have dinner in San Angelo. Yearbooks were distributed by Kim'et Nelson and Barbara Jackson.

The hostess served refreshments of tuna salad, jello salad, crackers and brownies to those mentioned, Dorothy Dacy, Laura McCutcheon and Mary Leigh Dunagan. Flora Hubble won the sunshine gift and will bring a sunshine gift to the next business meeting on October 14, in the home of Barbara Jackson.



Airman Joe Arispe, Jr.

Joe Arispe Jr. graduated from Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB on July 25, 2003.

Joe is the son of Jose and Rosa Arispe. He is now stationed at Sheppard AFB at Wichita Falls, Texas.

BIRTHDAY LIST

SEPTEMBER

- 18th Kirk Curtis, Adrian Arispe, Remy Angel, Casey Fields
- 19th Jozee Lloyd, Linda Conner, Tyler Wilson, Chad Bishop
- 20th Tevyn Thomas, Miguel Lozano, Shawn Goodrum, Don Richters, Mitzi Sessom, Susan McAlpine, Dean Williams, Krista Belk, Abbigal Spradley, Wyatt Mertz, Heidi Adame, Lucas Santellano
- 21st Danny Curtis, Rosa Irene Robles, Sidney Covarrubiaz, Tinker Wipff, Karina Duran
- 22nd Shelly Speck, Tammy Gardner, Jennifer Nixon, Gladys Faull, Patsy Brenner, Betty Wheeler, Betty Rose Galvan
- 23rd Vernia Joyce Green, Stacie Olivian, Cathy Niblett, Tina Gazaway, Clayton Sauer, Stacie Saldivar, Taylor Niblett, Hal Whitten, Melanie Corbell, Skeeter Roubison, Eileen Keefer
- 24th Olean Stricklan, Connie Radford, Stacie Wheiles, Travis Lively, Mondee Whitten, Rozanna Sauer, Dylon Riojas

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SEPTEMBER

- 18th Andy and Liz Anderson, Hyman and Gina Sauer
- 20th Rita & Dan McWhorter

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Dear Schleicher County Board Members and Sharon Dietz, Administrator.

I must let you know the overwhelming surprise and affection I felt with the event recognizing my 25 years of service to Schleicher County Medical Center.

It is difficult to find the appropriate words to express my feeling of what it feels to be truly appreciated.

My work here has been the best, and I must let all of you know that I appreciate being a part of this medical center.

I truly thank you again for the party and the beautiful ring. I could not have imagined any better gift.

Sincerely, Marion Porter

Eldorado Forecast

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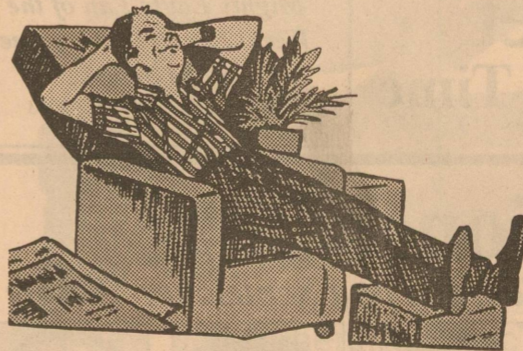
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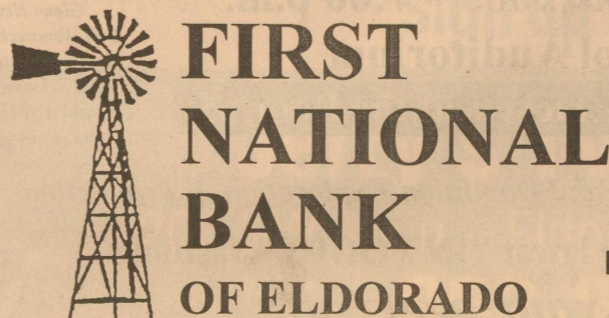


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Jackets trip up Eagles

by J.L. Mankin

The Menard Yellowjackets held on to a 13-7 lead last Friday night as the Eldorado Eagles drove to the Menard 6 yard line with less than a minute left to play. But, as the Eagles faithful held their collective breath, the Warbirds' drive sputtered and died when Menard intercepted quarterback Trey Chavez in the back of the endzone.

The loss moved the Eagles season record to 1-2 and set up a showdown with the Rankin Red Devils here this Friday in the Eagles Homecoming game.

Eagles Head Coach Gary Grubbs knows that his team had plenty of chances against the Yellowjackets. Andy Mejia hauled in the opening kickoff for the Warbirds and weaved his way through a sea of black-clad defenders. He appeared to be well on his way to a touchdown when a Menard player ran him down and stripped the ball free on the Yellowjackets' 25 yard line. Menard set up shop from there but the Eagles wasted no time in turning the tables on the Jackets as Frankie Arispe intercepted quarterback Logan Cordes and gave the ball back to the Eagles.

The first half belonged to Menard, however, as Tyler Leverett booted through a field goal, giving the Jackets a 3-0 lead. Their defense continued to stymie the Eagles and Menard took a 3-0 lead into the locker room at the intermission.

The Eagles appeared to be heading down the same path in the

second half as Menard came out, took the opening kickoff and drove for 4 first downs on the way to the Eagles 17. There the Warbirds defense stiffened and the Jackets were forced to settle for another Leverett field goal, making the score 6-0.

But the Eagles came screaming back on the very next possession. Frankie Arispe returned the kickoff to the Eldorado 35 where Trey Chavez and the Eagles offensive unit set up shop. Four plays and 2 first downs later, Chavez found Terrell Boysaw in the open for a 56-yard TD pass. Simon Duran added the extra point and the Eagles took a 7-6 lead.

The two teams traded possessions into the 4th quarter when a bruising tackle on Menard's quarterback sent the ball squirting straight up in the air. The Warbirds recovered the fumble on their own 6 yard line.

Menard's defense rallied, however, and smothered the Eagles attempt to move the ball out of the shadow of their own goal. A motion penalty moved Eldorado back even farther and Warbirds were forced to punt from their own endzone.

A bad bounce gave Menard the ball on the Eagles 21 and the Jackets quickly took advantage, as Cordes hit Lane Neal on a 20-yard TD pass. Leverett added the extra point and the Jackets grabbed a 13-7 lead.

The lead would hold up as the Eagles last gasp attempt died when Chavez was intercepted in the endzone with less than a minute to play.

Despite the defeat, Coach Grubbs seemed pleased with his team's performance and the improvement they have made since the season began. "We played a much more intense game than the week before," Grubbs stated. "We played hard on every down and really showed up to play."

His team will face the Rankin Red Devils here Friday night for the Eagles Homecoming game. Rankin comes to town with a its own 1-2 record. After upending Irion County 40-20 in the season opener, the Red Devils dropped back-to-back games to Sterling City and Stanton.

"This week we are going to have to take what they give us," Grubbs said of the Red Devils. They have two very good running backs and we're going to have to shut them down. They are real strong on the ground."

Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m. in Eagle Stadium, and fans will want to be in their seats early so they don't miss out on any of the Homecoming action.

At half-time, the 2003 EHS Homecoming Queen will be crowned. Queen candidates this year are Mikinzie Holley, Clara Herrera and Lacy Ragsdale. Homecoming Duchesses are freshman Tiffany Hernandez, sophomore Micaela Gonzalez and junior Brittany Sellers.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Eagles. Remember...wear your Green!



Fighting for extra yards — Eagle running back #21 Koda Lozano went airborne Friday night as he fought for additional yardage against the Menard Yellowjackets.

Seventh grade football action

by Coach Larry Mitchel

Eldorado scrimmaged Mason in Mason Thursday, September 4. Gabriel Gomez, Dustin Ramirez, Jesus Vasquez, Jose Vasquez, and Rance Cathey all scored against Mason's 7th grade team. The score was Eldorado 8 touchdowns to Mason's 1.

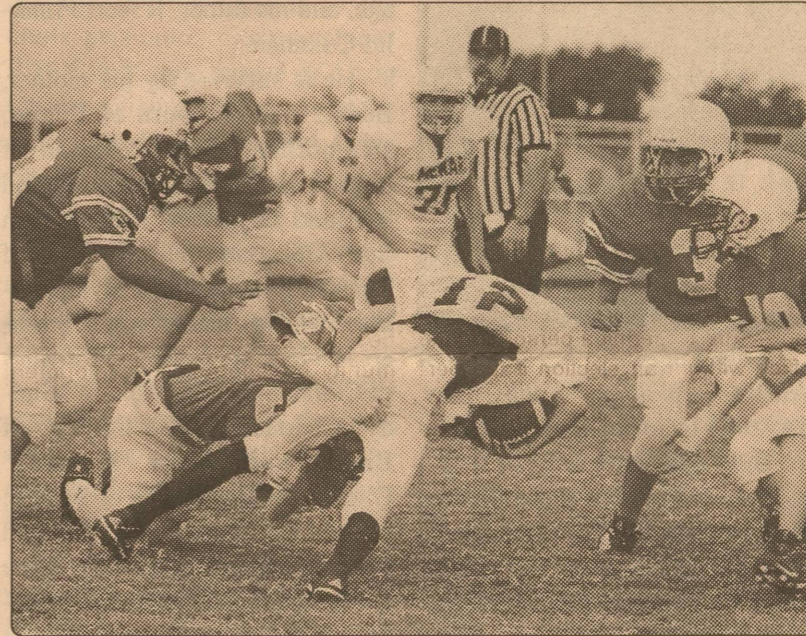
There was some great blocking by Troy Russell, Dustin Gauna, and Rolando Gonzales.

The young Eagles played very good in the scrimmage. They gave up one long touch down run, but only allowed four first down the

entire night.

Eldorado's Sept. 11th game against Menard Jr. High was stopped at halftime because of bad weather. Eldorado was ahead 30 to 0. The 8th grade had played most of the half but the 7th grade scored one touchdown right before half. Jesus Vasquez scored the touchdown and extra point on a reverse.

We played Menard with both the 7th and 8th grade teams because they only had one team. We will do the same this week in Rankin.



Stingy defense — #51, Chris Whiddon brought down a Menard runner last Thursday as other Eagles defenders swarmed to the ball during 7th grade action. The Eagles 7th and 8th grade squads took turns playing a combined 7th & 8th grade team from Menard. The Eagles were leading 30-0 at the half when the game was called due to stormy conditions and lightning near the stadium.

Eagles Cross-Country results

The Lady Eagles placed 9th out of 20 teams during the Cross County Track Meet held at Carlsbad Saturday, September 6.

Individual results for the Lady Eagles included: Clara Herrera 33rd 15:30.1; Alicia Corrales 41st 16:14.01; Allison Reynolds 71st 16:31.9; Kasey Boysaw 83rd 16:42.3; Lauren Brown 90th

16:44.8; Chandra Wanorek 95th 16:48.1; Lacy Ragsdale 104th 16:54.9 and Maxie Holley 177th 19:47.8.

In all, there were 200 girls that running in the race. Jim Ned won the Girls Division.

In the boys division, Eric Garcia placed 11th with a time of 18:55.3 and Jeremy Ussery placed 20th with a time of 19:26.2. There were 139 boys competing in the race.

The EHS Cross Country team next competed in Mason on Saturday, September 13, 2003, at the Fort Mason Park.

Eagles runner Eric Garcia came in 22nd with a time of 20:32. His partner Jeremy Ussery placed 37th with a time 22:25 in a field of 65 runners.

Meanwhile, competing for the Lady Eagles, Alicia Corrales ran 18:18.5, placing 36th. Other runners included: Clara Herrera 47th 19:07; Kasey Boysaw 56th 19:57; Allison Reynolds 59th 20:06; Chandra Wanorek 60th 20:12; Lacy Ragsdale 71st 20:57; Lauren Brown 82nd 21:37 and Maxie Holley 94th 23:47.

In Cross Country Track, girls compete on a 2-mile course while boys run on a 3-mile course.

Following the Mason meet, Coach Kittie Gibson praised the efforts of her runners. "We did well at this meet, considering that there where so many big schools there," Gibson stated.



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| | Eagles | Menard | | |
| First Downs | 10 | 13 | | |
| Rushing Yards | 29-90 | 38-137 | | |
| Passing Yards | 116 | 190 | | |
| Total yards | 206 | 327 | | |
| Comp-Alt-Int | 6-16-2 | 12-20-1 | | |
| Fumbles-lost | 3-3 | 1-1 | | |
| Punts-avg. | 4-28-0 | 2-29-0 | | |
| Penalties-yards | 4-23 | 10-72 | | |
| SCORE BY QUARTERS | | | | |
| Eldorado | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Menard | 6 | 0 | 7 | 13 |
| SCORING SUMMARY | | | | |
| First Quarter | Menard — Tyler Leverett 23 yd. field goal | | | |
| Third Quarter | Menard — Leverett 20 yd. field goal | | | |
| Fourth Quarter | Eldorado — Terrell Boysaw 56 yd. pass from Trey Chavez (Simon Duran kick) | | | |
| Fourth Quarter | Mason — Lane Neal 20 yd. pass from Logan Cordes. (Leverett kick) | | | |

Texas voters approve 22 Constitutional Amendments

Texas voters went to the polls Saturday and approved all twenty-two Constitutional amendments on the ballot. While many of the amendments passed by an overwhelming margin, one of the, Proposition #9, having to do with the way the state's Permanent School Fund is used to finance higher education passed by a margin of 655,318 to 647,274 or a 50.31 percent to 49.69 percent margin.

Locally, Schleicher County voters supported thirteen of the propositions while voting against the remaining nine. County-wide vote totals are as follows:

Proposition #1, authorizing the Veterans Land Board to use assets in certain veterans land and veterans housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds -- 164 For, 60 Against;

Proposition #2, establishing a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale -- 123 For, 92 Against;

Proposition #3, authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility -- 96 For, 125 Against;

Proposition #4, relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts -- 79 For, 130 Against;

Proposition #5, authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income -- 112 For, 110 Against;

Proposition #6, permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage -- 110 For, 104 Against;

Proposition #7, permitting a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial -- 150 For, 74 Against;

Proposition #8, authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office -- 139 For, 85 Against;

Proposition #9, relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund -- 86 For, 128 Against;

Proposition #10, The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus firefighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments -- 220 For, 14 Against;

Proposition #11, allowing the legislature to enact laws authorizing and

governing the operation of wineries in this state -- 101 For, 112 Against;

Proposition #12, concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages -- 176 For, 60 Against;

Proposition #13, permitting counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses -- 162 For, 63 Against;

Proposition #14, providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund -- 89 For, 122 Against;

Proposition #15, providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired -- 124 For, 96 Against;

Proposition #16, authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans -- 94 For, 120 Against;

Proposition #17, prohibiting an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person -- 164 For, 62 Against;

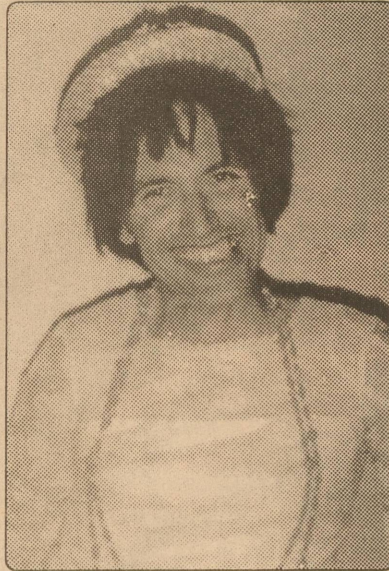
Proposition #18, authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office -- 131 For, 93 Against;

Proposition #19, repealing the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts -- 104 For, 108 Against;

Proposition #20, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations -- 101 For, 112 Against;

Proposition #21, permitting a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district -- 98 For, 118 Against;

Proposition #22, authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces -- 157 For, 68 Against.



Are there anymore like them at home??? These two stunning beauties were among many who appeared in the last All-Male Style Show the Eldorado Lions Club hosted way back in 1993. At least one of the heartbreakers is slated to make a return appearance next Tuesday night.

Eldorado Lions Club to host All-Male Style Show

Neither Paris nor Milan will see a style show this season like the one the Eldorado Lions Club will host next Tuesday night. While most fashion critics probably think that's a good thing, little do they realize that Eldoradoans will have the last laugh, and hundreds of others thrown in for good measure.

Some of Eldorado and Schleicher County's most becoming male models will don female attire next Tuesday night and take to the stage in the EHS Auditorium, all in hopes of raising funds for Eldorado's oldest service organization, the Eldorado Lions Club.

The show is slated to begin at 7:00 p.m. so be sure and get your tickets, get in early and claim a good seat. Tickets will sell for \$5 at the door, but may be purchased in advance at Jerry's TV, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, or any Lions Club member.

The hilarious fashion show is part of the Lions Club's year-long celebration of its 75th anniversary. And, in keeping with that high honor, the club has pulled out all the stops and has recruited a wide array of alluring models. Among those expected to appear during

the show are the elegant Chad Elkins, the svelt Stan Meador, and the gorgeous Gary Grubbs.

Also slated to appear on the runway are the stunning Seth Taylor, the magnetic Mike Carter, charming Kolby Dombroski, adorable Ashley Niblett and the vivacious Rene Valeriano.

Others appearing include graceful Glenn Nix, dreamy Danny Crowder, delicate J.D. Doyle, angelic Eddie Albin, coquettish Charlie Bunch, tantalizing Tim Seymour, luscious Lynn Meador, mesmerising Bill McCutcheon and the bombshell Bob Wanoreck.

Many, many others are slated to appear, so don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a few laughs with your neighbors.

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Golf Play Day
by Mabel Freitag

The Eldorado Golf Club held their monthly Play Day Sunday, September 7th. There were 31 adults and one youth participating in the Play Day. The results were:

1st place-score of 56-Sam Henderson, Victor Gutierrez, Ken Thomas, and Edie Niblett

There was a scorecard play off

for 2nd and 3rd.

2nd place-score of 57-Tip Finley, Mario Robles, Tommy Hunley, Charlie Pharis.

3rd place-score of 57-Byron Gutierrez, Rocky Robles, Wayne Jemmott, and Lacy Jemmott.

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Tuesday, September 23
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Wednesday, September 24
Scrambled Eggs/Toast, Grape Juice, Peaches, Milk
Thursday, September 25
Banana Nut Muffins, Cereal, Peaches, Milk
Friday, September 26
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Monday, September 22
Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Cole Slaw, Pineapple Chunks
Tuesday, September 23
Hamburger Steak/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Yellow Cake/Chocolate Icing
Wednesday, September 24
Chicken Burger, French Fries, Lettuce, Lime Jello/Topping
Thursday, September 25
Burrito, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pear Halves
Friday, September 26
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Fast Food Line
Monday, September 22
Steak Fingers, French Fries, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Chunks
Tuesday, September 23
Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Chips, Pinto Beans, Yellow Cake/Chocolate Icing
Wednesday, September 24
Cheese Pizza/Bread Stix, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Lime Jello/Topping
Thursday, September 25
Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Hamburger Salad, Pear Halves
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Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Brownies

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Drug bust leads to break in cattle theft

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Otis Layne Babb. Arispe compared a signature he acquired from the livestock commission company to one he had on file at the jail. Armed with what he felt was incontrovertible evidence, Arispe again confronted Babb about the cattle.

"He couldn't deny it anymore," Arispe told the Success. "And, that's how we got the scoop on a cattle theft that still hadn't been reported by the rancher."

Arispe explained that Babb knew West was going to be out of town for several days and that he took the opportunity to steal the cattle. Once the cattle were rounded up, with the help of some of Babb's friends, some of whom are still under investigation, a trucking company was hired to transport the cattle to the auction barn. Unfortunately for Babb, and at least one of his friends, only 20 of the 23 head of cattle would fit on the truck.

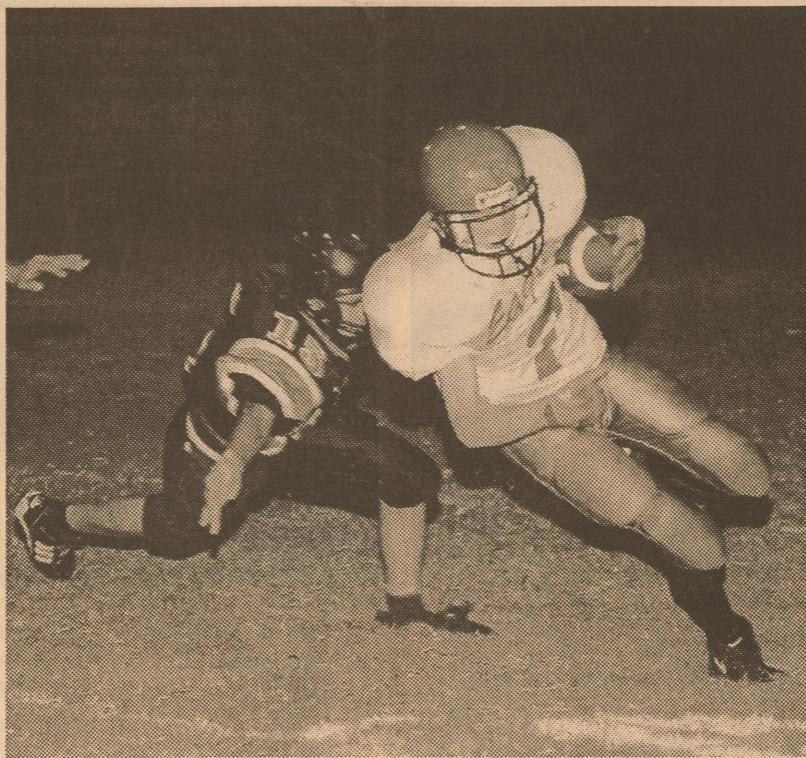
At that point, Babb reportedly convinced his friend Timothy Shay Reed, 31, also of Eldorado, to use one of West's trailers to haul the remaining three cattle to the sale barn. But, instead of returning the trailer to the ranch, Reed reportedly attempted to sell it to one of his supervisors. The supervisor, who told Arispe he was storing the trailer for Reed at his residence near Knickerbocker, returned it as soon as he was contacted.

Arispe then set his sights on Reed but the man had reportedly left town and moved to Coleman last Saturday. So, a warrant was issued for Reed's arrest on felony charges of stealing the cattle trailer as well as stealing 3 head of cattle. Meanwhile, Babb was charged with a 3rd degree felony in the theft of all 23 head of cattle. He was not charged in the theft of the trailer since he reportedly told Reed to return it to the ranch.

When Charlie West contacted the Sheriff's office this week, he learned that the case of his missing cattle had already been solved and his trailer had been returned. Unfortunately, the cattle had been sold and Babb had used some of the proceeds to purchase the '96 Dodge pickup he was driving when he was stopped by Deputy Chatham.

The truck and an estimated \$2,000 in Babb's bank account have been seized by the Sheriff's Dept. and are being held pending disposition by the courts. At press time, Babb remained in the Schleicher County Jail in lieu of \$27,000 bond.

Following announcement of the arrests, Sheriff David Doran praised the work of his officers. "We were already investigating the cattle theft before it was even reported to us," Doran stated. "The traffic stop that led to the arrest on drug charges just tied the whole thing together."



Catch me if you can — Neal Higgins turned the corner on this McCamey defender last Thursday as the Eagles JV White squad defeated the Badgers JV 34-0.

JV White defeats McCamey

The Eldorado White JV squad hosted the same team they defeated last week in the McCamey Badgers. The score at McCamey was in the Eagles' favor 14-0 and this time at home Eldorado came up big in winning by a score of 34-0.

Russell Cathey had a big night for the Eagles with 2 touchdowns, 1 QB sack and over 100 yards rushing.

Brother Ryan Cathey was 3 of 4 passing including a 65 yard TD pass to Juan Garcia. Juan also had an interception which he returned 68 yards to set up another score. Juan had a busy night as he batted away attempted passes by the Badgers and recorded 6 tackles.

FB Epolo Herrera had a 5 yard TD run and a 2 pt. conversion run. QB Logan Jones ran in from 1 yard out for a TD and proceeded to pass to Russell Cathey for the 2 pt. conversion. Neal Higgins also caught a pass from Ryan Cathey for a 2 pt. conversion.

Other offensive highlights were provided by Chino Rodriguez (2 rushes for 30 yards), and Tony Garcia (several tough runs). There was some outstanding blocking up front by Byron Hibbs, Bybee, Josh Chavez, Jr. Estrada, Adam Dominguez, and Jaaron Crawford. Receivers Logan Jones and Ricky Mercado carried in the plays and blocked downfield.

On defense Tony made several tackles and ran down a McCamey runner to prevent a score. Mark Bybee was in on many tackles and recovered a fumble. Other good defense was played by Tony Vasquez and LB's Joe Garcia and Neal Higgins. The Nose Guard duties were handled by a host of Eagles including Chino Rodriguez, Epolo Herrera, Luis Almazon, and Byron Hibbs.

Their were no significant injuries and LB-Center Cash Lane is expected back to practice and games. The White team record is now 2-1 and they are open the upcoming week but will play Ozona in 2 weeks.

Eagles JV Green squad wins 14-0 over Mason JV

The Eldorado Eagles JV Green team hosted the Mason JV here on Thursday evening. After a 30 minute lightning delay the Eagles brought out some lightning of their own and played tough defense the rest of the game to secure the 14-0 victory.

TB Sammy Estrada scored a 50 yard TD early in the first quarter on a counter play. There was good blocking on the play by Diego Barrera, Brence Minor, Marcus Hinojosa, Raul Rios and Joel Esparza. Michael Ballew made an outstanding block downfield.

Almost as soon as the Yellow-jackets tried to get going Ballew hit a Mason carrier to cause a fumble which Nestor Hernandez scooped up to run in from 43 yards out for the Eagles second touchdown. QB David Hernandez scrambled on a pass play for the 2 point conversion to make the score 14-0. That score would stand and the Eagles committed several penalties to stall offensive drives.

FB's Norberto Moya and Luis Hernandez both ran tough with Norberto also returning a KO 50 yards for excellent field position. Caleb Nixon had a 15 yard run on a counter and receiver Michael Ballew had a pretty 15 yard gain on a reverse. Ballew also caught a 10 yard pass from David Hernandez.

Defensively Caleb Nixon had a one-handed interception for the Eagles while Tico Robles had 5 tackles. LB Artie Montalvo contributed 6 tackles while fellow LB Luis Hernandez had 6 of his own to go along with 2 QB sacks. The defensive line played well with Marcus Hinojosa and 2 tackles, Johnny Larez with 3 tackles, and Joel Esparza with 2 tackles. Linebacker Raul Rios had 2 tackles and Brence Minor recorded 6.

There were no significant injuries and the Eagles are open this coming week. The Green team remains undefeated at 3-0.

Commissioners meet, adopt \$2.6 million budget for '04

Tax rate set at 74.11¢ per \$100 valuation

Several members of the Airport Committee were present at the Commissioners Court to seek guidance from the court on several options on the fueling system for the airport. Leonard Wideman, Judge Jimmy Doyle, Doug Garvin and Richard Gibson have been investigating several options for a fueling system for the airport. Being pilots the court asked the group research refueling systems around the area.

The committee recommended an EPA approved, 5,000 gallon, double lined tank on skids with pumping equipment. After a brief discussion the court asked the group to seek quotes from several companies and present them at the next meeting. It was noted that the cost of the fueling system could come in at over \$25,000 for a tank and pumping equipment, excluding a credit card reader, which could cost the county an additional \$10,000.

On hand for the meeting were Judge Griffin, Commissioners Bill Clark, Matt Brown, Johnny Mayo and Kirk Griffin, as well as County Clerk Peggy Williams, Tax Assessor/Collector Lou Ann Turner and County Treasurer Karen Henderson.

In other business, the men considered a contract with the City of Mertzton for the housing of the city's prisoners. Commissioner Bill Clark questioned if Irion County officials were aware of the contract and was assured by Judge Griffin that the neighboring county was kept apprised of the deal. The men then voted to approve a contract by which the Mertzton will pay \$35 per day per jail inmate as well as all expenses.

Next, the men discussed dismantling pig barns near the civic center, but decided to table the item until the new animal barn is finished.

Then men then canvassed the vote of the Sept. 13 election. They found small corrections in Pct. 1 and 4. County Clerk Peggy Williams

said the turn out was good for a constitutional amendment election, with 239 voters casting ballots.

A public hearing was then held for the county's proposed 2004 budget. Leonard Wideman was the only citizen present for the hearing and offered no objection to the budget.

The commissioners then voted to adopt a \$2,634,215.00 budget and voted to set a tax rate of 74.11 cents to pay for the budget. That's up from last year's rate of 71.30 cents with most of the increase coming to offset a \$3 million decline in property values. Included in the budget was \$50,000 for the construction of a chapel at the county cemetery.

Judge Griffin explained that as property valuations move up and down so does the tax rate. He pointed out that in 1996 the tax rate was 73.66 cents and climbed 81.51 cents in 2000 as property valuation declined. The rate has been trending down ever since, with the exception of this year's nearly 3 cent increase.

The new tax rate will result in a \$1,523,281 tax levy. But county officials can expect to collect only 97 percent of that number, or \$1,477,582.

The county's outstanding debt, as of January 1, 2003, stood at \$411,862.00. It is estimated that on January 1, 2004 the debt will be \$370,450.00 and during the 2004 budget the county intends to retire \$30,000.00 in principal and \$11,489.00 in interest. The debt was incurred to remodel the civic center, construct a new building and add sewer system and lift station.

During the lengthy financial discussion, Tax Assessor/Collector Lou Ann Turner advised the commissioners that, as of March 2003, 99 percent of the 2003 property taxes had been collected, due mainly to a new approach taken by a new law firm the county has contracted with to handle collections.

officers and all fire department personnel responded.

September 10 • 10:35 p.m. Subject reported a possible intoxicated driver of a brown pickup. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

September 11 • 12:01 p.m. Female driver reported hitting a deer with their 2000 Dodge truck on FM 2129. Officer responded.

• 8:11 p.m. Subject reported loud music coming from apartment. Officer responded.

• 10:30 p.m. Report of a stranded motorist 12 miles on Hwy. 277 north. Officer responded.

September 12 • Complainant reported a stolen trailer. 18 ft. red homemade dual axle flatbed trailer with two angle iron drive up ramps. Low side rails and wood floor. Has new Bulldog brand crank. Possibly loaded with rebar. Was taken from lot on Mills Street. Officer responded.

• 8:43 a.m. Store reported a suspicious man. Officer responded and found subject disoriented. Officers responded and transported subject back to his home in another town.

• 1:59 p.m. Middle school personal requested to speak with an officer about a middle school student being arrested. Officer responded.

• 6:52 p.m. Complainant reported missing two black heifers and one black bull on Hwy. 915.

• 9:13 p.m. Subject reported a missing red horse two miles on Hwy. 277 South. Last seen on 9/11.

September 13 • 1:09 p.m. Complainant on Mertzton Hwy. reported some shots being fired. Two officers responded was unable to locate.

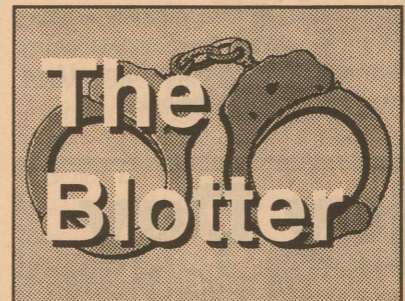
• 4:54 p.m. Complainant reported two illegals on FM 2596. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 5:13 p.m. Complainant reported two neighbors yelling and stated they were intoxicated. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

September 14 • 2:19 a.m. Complainant called Schleicher County Sheriff Office to report a male subject having a heart attack 18 miles from Menard. Dispatcher advised Menard Sheriff's Office.

• 9:14 a.m. Subject reported theft of cattle.

September 16 • 7:55 a.m. Complainant on Eldorado Dr. reported their purse was missing. It was taken out of their vehicle. Officer responded.



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

September 13 • Babb, Otis Layne, male age 20, offense Possession of Controlled Substance (less than 1 gram) and Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces.)

September 13 • Rocha, Enrique Juan, male age 21, offense Class "A" Assault.

September 13 • Dominquez, Liza Ann, female age 22, offense Class "A" Assault.

September 14 • Mata, Luis, male age 24, offense Class "A" Family Assault.

September 15 • Moreno, Abel, male age 64, offense Theft and Public Intoxication.

INCIDENT REPORTS

September 9 • 3:19 p.m. Female complainant requested to speak with an officer. Two officers responded.

• 5:04 p.m. Subject reported a vehicle on fire 4 miles on West Hwy. 190. Three

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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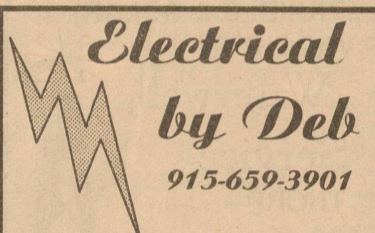
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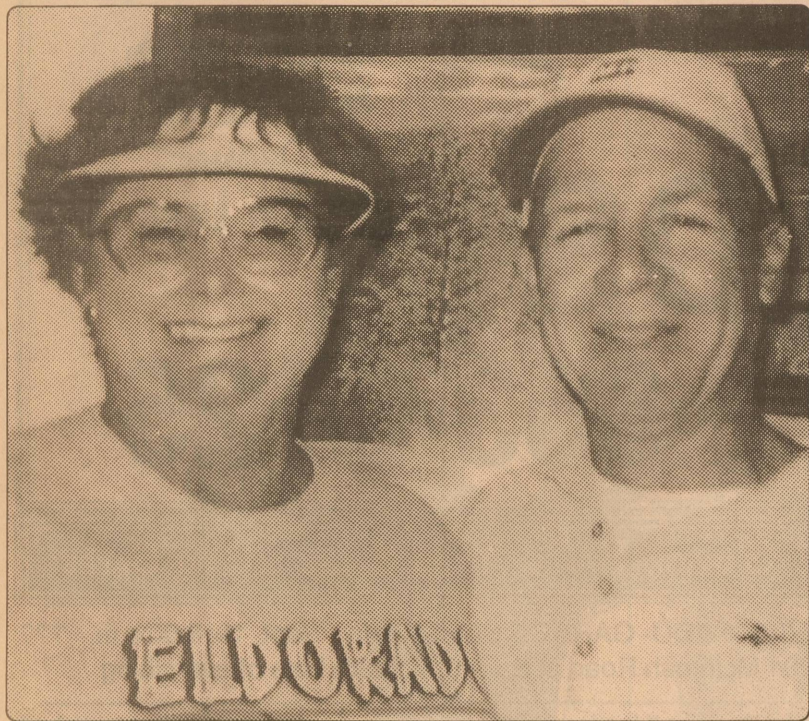
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Club Champions — Melissa O'Harrow won the Women's Club Championship and Mike Nikolauk claimed the Men's Championship during the Eldorado Golf Club's annual club tournament last week. Melissa shot a 149 over two days to win her 15th club title. Mike made three birdies on the back nine to edge out runner-up Kirk Griffin.

Super S Foods teams with Grocers Supply Company

Super S Foods has announced an agreement has been reached with Grocers Supply Company, Inc. of Houston, Texas to be the supermarket chain's primary grocery supplier. Super S Foods is an independently owned company of 48 supermarkets located in rural communities throughout South and Central Texas. Grocers Supply services over 650 grocery stores, 1,200 convenience stores, and 200 schools within a 350 mile radius of Houston.

"We're very excited about our new partnership with Grocers Supply," explains David McBurnett, President of Super S Foods. "Their commitment to customer service and total satisfaction matches the commitment that Super S Foods has with its customers. We look forward to working with Grocers Supply to bring new grocery products and increased savings to Super S shoppers. Our knowledge of hometown supermarkets and their tremendous buying power will enable customers to get the most for their grocery shopping dollar."

Super S Foods will be introducing a new line of products, in their stores, under the "Parade" private label brand. The quality of the "Parade" brands is equal to or better than well known national label brands and includes over 750 different items, many of which that will be featured in Super S foods. Customers will find quality and value in such varied "Parade" brand products as breakfast cereals, coffee, sugar, aluminum foil, bathroom tissue, paper towels and many, many more.

"Serving hometown communities throughout South and Central Texas is the hallmark of Super S Foods stores" says McBurnett. "With Grocers Supply, we're able to maintain our high standards of offering exactly what our customers want, at prices that save them money. In every department; meats, produce, dairy, frozen foods, canned goods, baked goods, housewares and all the others, our shoppers will immediately experience the new and exciting approach we're taking to serving them. Our store shelves will be filled with a wide selection of groceries, as well as, a constant supply of new items. The teaming of Super S Foods and Grocers Supply is a winning combination, not only for our respective companies but, for all our loyal Super S Foods customers as well."

The roots of Grocers Supply Company date back to 1923. Today, 80 years later, the company operates from a 747,752 square foot facility, a 211,611 square foot cooler/freezer warehouse, and four satellite warehouse in Houston. Their transportation fleet includes over 200 tractors and 700 trailers guaranteeing Super S customers a constant supply of fresh food products. The company employs over 2,000 people and sets the "standard of excellence in serving the independent grocer."

Super S Foods was founded in 1973 and prides itself on being a Texas-family owned business and is currently celebrating 30 years of serving South and Central Texas.



COURTESY PHOTO

No We're Not Hitch Hiking (Left - Right) Trevor Harrington, Zach & Josh Taylor, Chris Harrington of Eldorado are pictured at The Salvation Army's Camp Hoblitzelle in Midlothian. They spent a fun-filled week this summer riding horses, swimming and hiking. They also had the chance to participate in arts and crafts, bible study and many more activities with other children from small rural towns across Texas. Most of these children would not have had the opportunity to attend a camp if it were not for The Salvation Army and its many loyal supporters.

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There will be a meeting of the member of WOBP on Monday, Sept. 29, 2003 at 5:30 at The Tom Rattliff Civic Theater. New Board members will be elected to replace those whose terms have expired. All members are urged to attend.

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Texas Crime Stoppers will give a \$1,000 cash reward to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of these fugitives.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of any of these fugitives should call 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). The Crime Stoppers hotline is open 24 hours a day. You do not have to give your name when calling. DPS urges caution around these fugitives.

"Any fugitive should be considered armed and dangerous," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "You should never attempt to apprehend these fugitives yourself."

Here is a list of the Top 10 Fugitives:

- Charles Randall Brunson, DOB 3-5-67, last known address: Del Valle. Wanted for aggravated sexual assault of a child and injury to a child.
- Danny Ray Daniels, DOB 9-4-51, last known address: Beaumont. Wanted for possession of a firearm by a felon. Daniels is a registered sex offender.
- Jim Paul Davis, DOB 3-5-74, last known address: Groveton. Wanted for aggravated sexual assault, DWI and burglary of a habitation.
- Victor M. Delgado, DOB 7-13-59, last known address: El Paso. Wanted for murder with a deadly weapon. Delgado is a member of the Barrio Azteca.
- Fred Garcia Gonzales, DOB 1-29-70, last known address: San Antonio. Wanted for delivery of heroin, burglary of a building, possession of ammunition by a felon and possession of marijuana.
- John Paul Johnson, Jr., DOB 8-24-68, last known address: Houston. Wanted for possession of cocaine and homicide.
- Juan Arturo Moreno, DOB 8-4-70, last known address: San Antonio. Wanted for indecency with a child and failure to register as a sex offender.
- Margie Trevino Ortez, DOB 5-10-51, last known address: Dallas. Wanted for murder.
- Lee Herman Wackerhagen, Jr., DOB 9-19-53, last known address: Maxwell. Wanted for murder, interference with child custody and unlawful flight. Wackerhagen is considered a suicide risk.
- Reginald O'Keith Williams, DOB 8-8-69, last known address: Houston. Wanted for sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault of a child and failure to comply with sex offender registration.

You can find the list—with photos—on the DPS website at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/>. The list will be updated as needed.

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