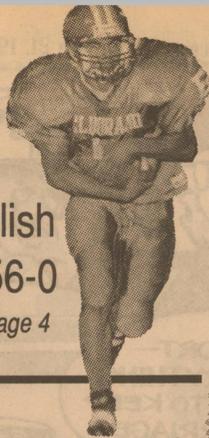


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Eagle Band earns 16th consecutive Division "1" rating

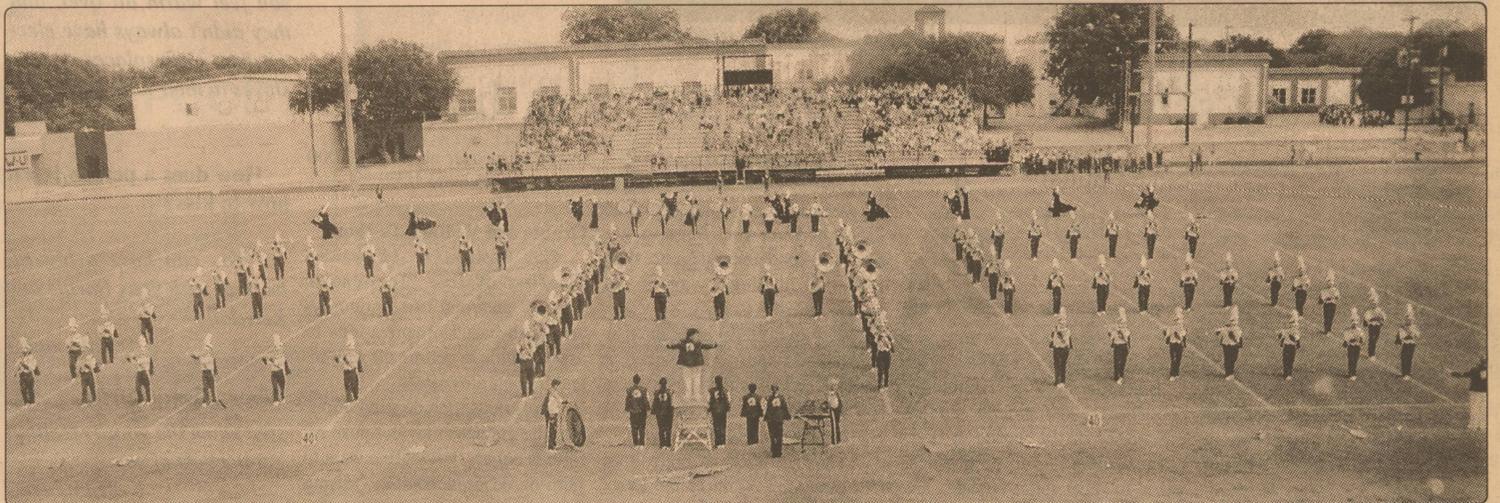


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The Pride of the Divide — The Mighty Eagle Marching Band outlined a massive EHS on the field at Brady last Saturday during the U.I.L. Region VII Marching Contest. The band received a Division "1" Superior Rating from all three judges and will advance to the Area Contest this Saturday in Birdville Stadium near Fort Worth.

The Mighty Eagle Marching Band tallied its 16th consecutive Division "1" Superior rating last Saturday at the Region VII Marching Contest in Brady. The Eagle Band, 108 members strong, turned in an almost flawless performance, much to the delight of the many Eldorado band supporters in the audience. The judges seemed to be impressed, too, as the Eagle Band marched through a procession of intricate designs, all the while playing music with a decidedly Russian theme.

The first selection, "Dance of the Tumblers" by Rimsky-Korsakov was followed with Russian Christmas Music" by Alford Reed. The grand finale came when the band strutted through "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Moussorgsky.

The complexity of the band's musical selections was rivaled by the seemingly endless shifts in formation. Circles, followed by lines, followed by a huge five pointed star. Then, at the show's climax, the band's formation shifted again, this time into a gigantic "EHS." The Eagle fans in the stands went wild.

In all, the Eagle Band consisted of 17 Flutes, 16 Clarinets, 1 Alto Sax, 8 French Horns, 20 Trumpets, 5 Baritones, 12 Trombones, 7 Tubas, 10 Percussion, 2 Drum Majors and 10 Flags.

Judge Gerald Babbitt of Hays critiqued the band saying, "Wow, what a sound! Very mature sound--fine players. Good flags and beautiful equipment work...Thank you for all your hard work!"

Judge Jeff Comp of Round

Rock was equally impressed with the performance stating, "Marching fundamentals are done nicely. Good spring and execution. Thanks for the good performance today. Congratulations!"

Meanwhile, Judge Warren Thaxton of Abilene commented, "Very impressive program. A difficult program for AA...a great job of marching and playing. Most enjoyable to see and hear! Con-

gratulations!"

The next step for the Mighty Eagle Marching Band takes place this Saturday in Birdville I.S.D. Stadium, North Richland Hills, Texas...which is near Fort Worth (see map on page 6). There, the band will face at least 19 other bands...possibly more. Tentatively, the Eagle Band is slated to march at 3:30 p.m. However, since the schedule won't be final-

ized until tomorrow, everyone interested in seeing the Eagle Band march is encouraged to stay in touch with the school for the latest schedule. Also, the Success will post the final schedule of competition in its office window as soon as it becomes available.

Members of the Mighty Eagle Marching Band include:

Drum Majors: Hillary Hodges

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For Your Information

Vote Smart

The Texas League of Women Voters has prepared a voters guide offering arguments for and against each of the 17 constitutional amendments on the November 2nd General Election Ballot. The guide is available on the internet at the following address: <http://www.main.org/leaguewv/11-99guide.htm>

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On This Date

On this date in 1797 the frigate *Constitution* was launched in Boston Harbor. During the War of 1812 the ship earned an enduring nickname... "Old Ironsides." In 1805 the Royal Navy under British Admiral Horatio Nelson defeated a combined French and Spanish fleet at the Battle of Trafalgar. In 1879 Thomas Alva Edison successfully tested the first electric incandescent lamp of practical value in his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey. In 1917 the first American troops went into battle in World War I when units from the U.S. Army's First Division entered the trenches in the Luneville sector near Nancy, France. In 1959 The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum of contemporary art opened in New York City. In 1967 a protest march on Washington, D.C., against the Vietnam War drew over 50,000 participants.

Birthdays of note include: 1772 poet Samuel Coleridge; 1833 philanthropist Alfred Nobel; 1917 musician Dizzy (John Birks) Gillespie; 1928 baseball pitcher Whitey (Edward) Ford; 1956 actress Carrie Fisher.

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Did You Know?

Because of Medicare, less than one percent of Americans 65 and over are without health insurance, compared with 15 percent of the general population.

Arnold Palmer was the first pro golfer to earn \$1 million in prize money.

Fifty percent of American's population is within a day's drive of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Prior to the Gold Rush in the U.S. came from Georgia and North Carolina.

City Council hires Mankin as new administrator

by Pat Ragsdale

A called session of the Eldorado City Council met at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, October 18, 1999 at City Hall. Mayor John Nikolauk called the meeting to order. Present were councilmembers Richard Mendez, Sherry Lux, Robert Bybee, Eddie Rodriguez, Toni Sudduth and Tommy Minor.

Mayor Nikolauk began the meeting by saying that it had a twofold purpose: 1) To hire a new city administrator; and 2) to make a decision regarding the city's ownership of the shares of stock in the Eldorado Townsite Corporation.

Councilman Minor recommended that the city hire Randy Mankin as city administrator, on a part-time basis. He referred to Mankin's prior experience as a city councilman, his experience in operating a business and his years of experience working in a supervisory position in the oilfield. He further expressed his faith in Mankin's understanding of the operations of a city government and his continuing interest in the progress being made by the city. Councilwoman Lux expressed concern regarding a possible conflict of interest, noting that Mankin owns the Eldorado Success which routinely reports on city council meetings.

At the conclusion of discussion, Minor made the motion that Mankin be hired. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez. Voting in favor of the motion were council persons Sudduth, Bybee, Minor, Mendez and Rodriguez. Voting no was Councilwoman Lux.

Following a discussion regarding pay and hours Councilwoman

Sudduth made a motion concerning salary and work hours. The motion was seconded by Councilman Minor. Voting for the motion were council persons Sudduth, Minor, Mendez and Rodriguez. Voting no were council persons Bybee and Lux.

The council then addressed the other item on the agenda, the city's shares in the Townsite Corp. Eddie Rodriguez offered a motion that the city administration assume the

management of the Townsite Corp. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bybee. All council persons voted for the motion.

Randy Mankin was phoned and invited to come to City Hall to visit with the council concerning the city administrator position. Upon arrival, he was advised of the council's action. Mankin accepted the job and expressed his gratitude for the council's confidence in his

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Sheriff Doran seeks reelection

I, David R. Doran, am announcing my candidacy for reelection to the position of Sheriff of Schleicher County, subject to the March 14th Republican Primary. It has been an honor to serve as your Sheriff for the past three and one-half years and I appreciate all of the support and encouragement that I have received since taking office.

I am certified as an intermediate level peace officer and am currently 20 hours shy of receiving my advanced level peace officer certification. I have over 11 years experience in law enforcement and have accumulated 1,087 hours in TCLEOSE approved service schools. I am an active member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas and the Sheriffs of Texas Agreed Response team. I currently serve on the Concho Valley Council of Governments Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Academy Board, Council of Governments Grant Review Board and the Schleicher County EMS Financial Board. My family and I are active



photo by Kathy Mankin
Sheriff David Doran

members of the Agape Assembly of God Church.

Schleicher County is my home, so the safety and welfare of its citizens is extremely important to me. Upon taking office my first priority was, and still is, the protection of our local citizens. By recruiting and training good, qualified personnel, I have been able to increase

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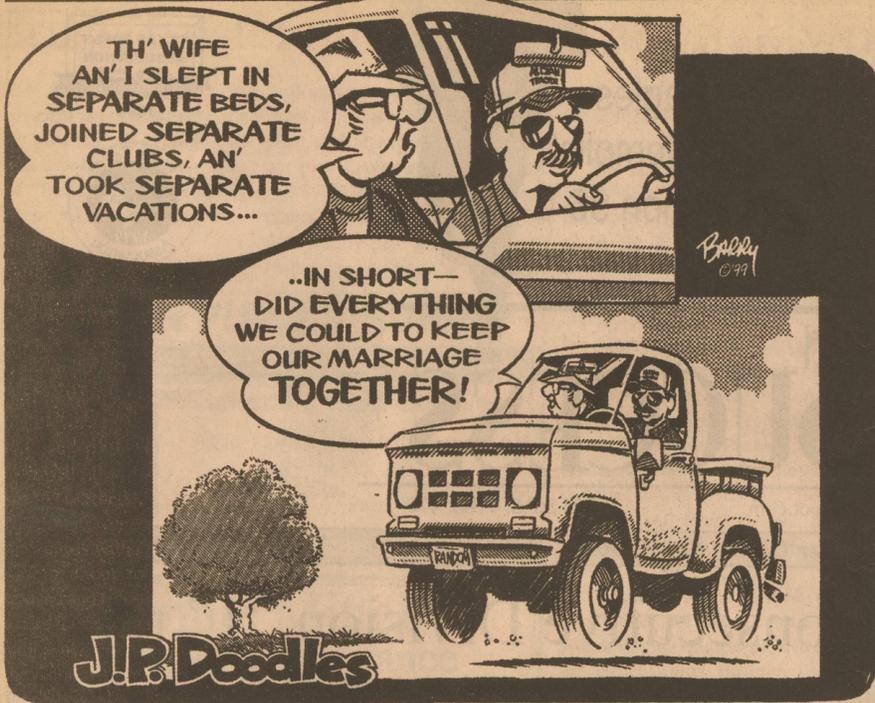
Grand Champion Fullblood Boer Doe — Claire Powell of Eldorado (center) and her sister Sharon Holman of Sonora (right) are joined by Judge Charles Turner of Stephenville in showing off "Sweet 16", the Grand Champion Fullblood Boer Doe at the State Fair of Texas.

Powell & Holman have Grand Champ Boer Doe at State Fair

Claire Powell of Eldorado and her sister, Sharon Holman of Sonora, took top honors at the State Fair of Texas recently when their boer goat "Sweet 16" won the Grand Champion banner in the Fullblood Boer Doe division. The women also had the Reserve

Champion Fullblood Doe, "Red Susan", and the Reserve Champion Fullblood Buck, "Tabu Trouble."

The goat show, held Thursday, Oct. 7th, drew entries from among the premier boer goat breeders in the state. The State Fair of Texas is held each year in Dallas.



A youngster's perspective on love...Part III

Three weeks ago I included in this column a portion of an e-mail I received concerning the way kids look at love. After receiving much positive feedback, a second portion was printed last week. Now, I include the third and final installment. I hope you find it entertaining. I certainly did.



When is OK to kiss someone?

"It's never okay to kiss a boy. They always slobber all over you ... That's why I stopped doing it."
Tammy, age 10

What are most people thinking when they say "I love you?"

"The person is thinking: Yeah, I really do love him. But I hope he showers at least once a day"
Michelle, age 9

"Some people might be real nervous, so they are glad that they finally got it out and said it and now they can go eat."
Dick, age 7

"If it's your mother, you can kiss her anytime. But if it's a new person, you have to ask permission."
Roger, age 6

Why was kissing invented?

"I know one reason that kissing was created. It makes you feel warm all over, and they didn't always have electric heat or fireplaces or even stoves in their houses."
Gina, age 8

"When they're rich."
Pam, age 7

How do you make love last forever?

"Spend most of your time loving instead of going to work."
Dick, age 7

How does a person learn how to kiss?

"You can have a big rehearsal with your Barbie and Ken dolls."
Julia, age 7

"Don't forget your wife's name ... That will mess up the love."
Erin, age 8

"You learn it right on the spot when the gooshy feelings get the best of you."
Brian, age 7

"Be a good kisser. It might make your wife forget that you never take out the trash."
Dave, age 8

"It might help to watch what soap operas all day."
Carin, age 9

"Don't say you love somebody and then change your mind ... Love isn't like picking what movie you want to watch."
Natalie, age 9

Elementary school textbooks may not meet the grade

AUSTIN — State Education Commissioner Jim Nelson last week told publishers they may have to rewrite first-grade textbooks to incorporate more phonics only a month before the books are set for approval.

The textbook publishers already have spent more than \$100 million developing the books and were concerned the State Board of Education may not approve them at the textbook-adoption hearing next month, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

With backing from Gov. George W. Bush, the board members developed new curriculum standards two years ago requiring phonics to be used when teaching

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling



students to read.

State education officials told the publishers several months ago that a majority of the words in first-grade readers had to be phonics-based to meet requirements, *The News* reported. The publishers contend they met all state guidelines.

At least one board member opposes the "majority" rule and plans to propose an 80-percent standard. *The News* reported the board's six conservative members are expected to support the change.

AG Seizes Illegal Slots

Attorney General John Cornyn last week announced the seizure of 73 eight-liner Las Vegas-style gambling machines and more than \$190,000 in illegal wagers and prizes in Collin County.

After an investigation, the machines and money were seized at Lucky Dog Game Rooms in Wylie and in Princeton and from the owners' bank accounts.

"The operation of eight-liner slot machines violates the law," Cornyn said.

"My office will work closely with local law enforcement to vigorously investigate and prosecute those who violate the law."

The owner of the businesses, James Hester, the owner of the "eight-liners," Michael Willis, and seven other persons were arrested for charges ranging from engaging in organized crime to promoting gambling to possessing gambling paraphernalia.

Search warrants also were served for the seizure of funds in their business accounts at Security Bank in Garland and at NationsBank in Plano. Seized accounts held \$155,000 in earnings from the operation of the eight-liners.

AG Announces Settlement

Attorney General Cornyn last week announced a \$7.6 million settlement with Walgreen Co., the Illinois-based pharmacy chain.

Walgreen agreed to pay 25 state Medicaid programs and Puerto Rico to settle allegations the company submitted false claims to federal and state health-care programs from June 1986 to September 1996.

As part of the settlement, Walgreen agreed to modify its pharmacy billing operations to ensure compliance.

Texas' Medicare program

stands to recover about \$700,000 from the settlement.

Grants Aid Welfare-To-Work

Gov. Bush on Oct. 12 awarded the first of five "Innovation Grants" awarded to community- and faith-based organizations to assist people in getting off welfare and into employment.

The grants include stipulations that the grantees may not push religious beliefs, but all five went to faith-based organizations, raising concerns among some groups that the separation of church and state is becoming more and more blurred, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Bush mentioned the grants during a stop at a South Austin church where he talked about how God and government can work together, the *American-Statesman* reported.

Other Highlights

• Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs rode an 18-wheeler into the H-E-B grocery store's produce warehouse to deliver 5 million pounds of Texas-grown pinto beans. The \$1 million purchase was the first for the chain in more than a decade.

• Schoolchildren are invited to take a field trip without even leaving home. Texas Parks and Wildlife again this year will host a series of live Internet Web casts starting in November at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/expltx/ef/.

• Millions of monarch butterflies are migrating through the state en route to Mexico. The public can help track their path by calling Texas Parks & Wildlife, toll-free, at 1-877-818-1237.

• The Texas Department of Health will receive \$400,000 in federal money as part of a national campaign to eliminate syphilis. Dallas County, with 126 cases, ranks ninth nationally.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Dominoes & 42

A religious loophole helped create the domino game of 42. The game started in 1887 in a tiny place called Trappe Spring, Texas between Weatherford and Mineral Wells. That little hamlet is now called Garner, named for Ab Bumgarner, a gin operator.

In those days, strong religious beliefs controlled the moral climate of such communities. Baptists were the law and card-playing was the devil's work. But if you want someone to do something, especially kids, tell them it's against the rules.

Two young boys in Trappe Spring, 12 year old William Thomas and 14 year old Walter Earl liked to play cards. They found the game of dominoes (legal in Baptist circles) boring. The two boys often hid in the hayloft and played cards. One day they were caught by one of their parents. The other three parents were summoned, the cards were burned and the boys were spanked.

But William and Walker, being the clever boys they were, set out to change things. They didn't try to rewrite the Baptist rules. They simply reached a creative solution. If dominoes were okay, why not play cards with dominoes?

For about four months, they revised and fine-tuned the rules for a card game with dominoes. It was called 42. For the boys, it meant they could play unmolested. No more haylofts. No more whippings. They taught the game to their families, friends and neighbors and before long 42 became a popular game around Trappe Spring.

William delivered fruit from his father's orchard to nearby Mineral

Wells and he taught the people there how to play 42. Later the Thomases and Earls moved to Fannin County in northeast Texas and introduced the game there. The game spread like wildfire. During World War II, Texas military men taught the game to their fellow troops and the game went world wide.

The oldest domino sets date from 1120 AD. They appear to be a Chinese invention. They were apparently derived from dice, which was introduced into China from India. Each domino originally represented one of the twenty-one results of throwing two dice. One half of the tile is set with the dots from one die and the other half contains dots from the second die. Chinese domino tiles are made of wood, ivory or bone. They are called "bone tablets" in China. Over time, Chinese dominoes evolved into the tile set used to play Mah Jong.

Dominoes made their way to Europe in the early 18th century, making their first appearance in Italy. In doing so, the game changed. Seven additional dominoes were added. One is completely blank. Six of those are half blank with the resulting numbers from throwing a single die on the other half. Perhaps this was done for symmetry's sake so each of the resulting suits would contain seven tiles.

The word domino derives from the Latin dominus (lord). In the 16th century the word was used to denote a priest's black and white cloak. The name came to be applied to the game through the custom of calling "faire domino" when winning with the last piece.

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OBITUARIES

Harold Allen Susen

Harold Allen Susen, 82, of San Angelo died Sunday, Oct. 10, 1999, at his home.

Harold was born Aug. 9, 1917, to Felix and Pearl Mae (Crenshaw) Susen in Schleicher County. He graduated from Eldorado High School in 1936. He worked in lumberyards at Eldorado and San Angelo until December 1941 and he entered the Air Force and served in World War II. He was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church and the Elks.

Harold was co-owner of Knight-Susen Lumber Co. and later became a building contractor. Harold married Freda I.

Stephenson on Dec. 16, 1945, in Corpus Christi. She preceded him in death in February 1996.

Survivors include a daughter, Sherrie Richardson and husband, Dale, of Farmington, N.M.; two granddaughters, Adrian Ullman of Bossier City, La., and Myra Wilson of Farmington; one great-granddaughter; and a sister, Elsie Mirike of Sheffield.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Oct. 13, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with the Rev. George Lumpkin, pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Sheriff announces for reelection

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the number of hours patrolled and significantly boost the visibility of my officers. This has resulted in a decrease in criminal activity and a decline in the number of pending cases.

But, there have been other important things going on in the sheriff's office. Since taking office, I have instituted several new programs which I feel benefit both the county and my department. Perhaps the most innovative, and certainly the most popular, is the Meals for the Elderly Program. With the blessing of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court and the assistance of District Judge Barbara Walther, I was able to implement a program which took over meal preparation for the Meals for the Elderly Program. Through this program, local senior citizens receive hot, nourishing meals while the county realizes a substantial savings over previous years.

Other new programs which have also met with success are the Inmate Labor Program and the Field Operations Unit. These programs are closely monitored by armed officers to assure that local citizens are protected while inmate

details are working in the community. The Field Operations Unit has resulted in considerable savings to the county by providing inmates to repair county owned vehicles and fire trucks, repair flats and perform other routine maintenance. I should note here that inmates are carefully screened and evaluated before being allowed to work on the detail or at the Field Operations Unit. Only nonviolent, low risk offenders qualify for assignment in these areas.

A County Correctional Farm is planned adjacent to the Eldorado Cemetery and 12 acres of land has already been bulldozed. Inmates are currently cutting and stacking firewood which is being sold to offset the cost of operating the Inmate Labor Program. The farm should be operational next year, providing fresh produce and vegetables for use in our jail and other local facilities.

Lastly, a School Liaison Officer Program was begun in conjunction with the Schleicher County Independent School District. Under that program Deputy Eddie Rodriguez is detailed to patrol the school's halls and campus during school hours. He also accompanies students to out of town games. To date, this program has been very successful.

It is my hope that you, the citizens of the county, will see fit to return me to office so that I may continue the work I have begun. I ask for your consideration in the upcoming campaign.

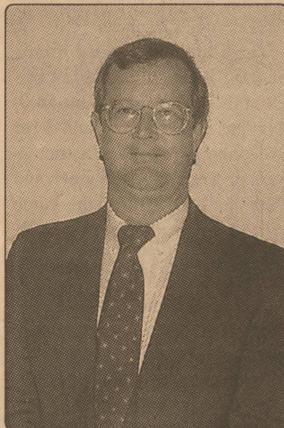
I welcome questions from the public and encourage everyone to stop by the Sheriff's Office for a visit. I think you will be pleased with what you see.

Albin elected to TASB board

AUSTIN — The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has elected Schleicher County ISD board member Eddie L. Albin to the TASB Board of Trustees. He will serve a three-year term.

Albin has served on the SCISD board for six years and currently serves as vice-president. A graduate of Leadership TASB, Albin is a consumer services manager for the Southwest Texas Electric Co-operative. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Angelo State University and is a member of the Lions Club and the Boy & Girl Scout Advisory Committee.

TASB is a voluntary, nonprofit organization established 50 years ago to serve local Texas school districts. It includes 1,046 school districts and county school boards, 45 junior colleges, 48 tax appraisal districts, 154 cooperatives, and 20 education service



Success file photo
Eddie Albin

centers. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$21 billion and employ more than 500,000 people.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Big smile — Lori Stricklan took a break from typesetting chores this Tuesday to pose for the camera. She joined the staff of the Eldorado Success this week and has been busy learning a new trade.

Stricklan joins Success staff

Lori Stricklan began work at the Eldorado Success this week. Her new job will involve her in every facet of the newspaper business.

"We are delighted to have Lori working here," editor Randy Mankin said this week. "She has a great deal of experience in photography and will be learning all the other phases of our business."

For her part Stricklan says she is excited about her new job. "I really like it. I've learned a lot already and I'm looking forward to learning even more."

Stricklan and her husband, Rick, are active members of Community Baptist Church. They have two grown daughters: Melanie, 24, who is in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Robbins AFB in Georgia; and, Traci, 20, who is employed in Macon, GA, as a personal assistant for a quadriplegic executive whose company is involved in expanding opportunities for handicapped citizens.

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Educate yourself about Y2K. Find out what your financial institution is doing to address consumer concerns. If you have questions, speak with a representative who knows about the institution's Y2K program.

Keep copies of financial records. As always, bal-

ance your checkbook regularly. When you receive a transaction receipt from your institution, check it for accuracy and save it to compare against your statement. It's also smart to review your credit report to make sure it doesn't contain inaccurate information.

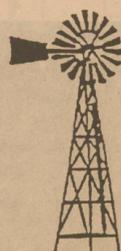
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Make prudent preparations. Remember all your payment options (checks, credit cards, debit cards, ATMs and tellers) in the event that one doesn't work as planned. The Federal Reserve has plans to ensure that there will be sufficient cash available for consumers. If you withdraw money, make reasonable decisions based on solid information; don't put yourself at risk of being robbed or los-

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Eagles soar over Junction 56-0

by David Hill
 Success Sports Reporter

The Eldorado Eagles dominated the Junction Eagles last Friday night at Eagle Stadium 56-0. This runs EHS's record to 4-3 for the season and 2-0 in District 2-2A play. The Eagles, in green and white, took control of the game early capitalizing on Junction miscues and never let JHS in the game. Eldorado excelled in every facet of the ball game from the offense, defense, and special teams. Coach Fryar commented, "The kids really had a great time tonight. It's great when eight different Eagles score touchdowns and eleven different Eagles account for Eldorado scores."

Eldorado took advantage of 5 different turnovers by Junction and a bad snap on a punt. EHS got on the board with 7:02 left in the first when Lance Mitchel went in on a 2 yard run. Alfredo Munoz tacked on the PAT. Eldorado kicked off to Junction and held them on three downs. On the attempted punt, the snap went over the punter's head and Steven Valero and Rocky Robles forced the safety. EHS 9 JHS 0.

Louis Santellano then took advantage of a huge hole and scored from 2 yards. Munoz made the PAT. EHS 16 JHS 0. One minute later, Joey Bullard found Kenny Covarrubiaz in the corner of the end zone for a 15 yard TD. Munoz made the PAT. EHS 23 JHS 0.

Eldorado scored 16 points in a 2 minute period in the first quarter. EHS's final TD in the first half was a beautiful 74 yard run by Joey Bullard. Bullard weaved and used his blockers and then out ran everyone to the end zone. The PAT was blocked. EHS 29 JHS 0.

In the second half, Eldorado continued to play a flawless defen-

sive game and moved the ball at will offensively. Two and a half minutes into the half, Bullard found Cory Lloyd in the end zone for a 7 yard TD pass. Munoz added the PAT. EHS 36 JHS 0.

Jason Brock then got his chance to direct the offense and connected with John Ray Espinosa on a 18 yard TD pass. Munoz added the PAT. EHS 43 JHS 0. Then with 3:06 left in the third quarter, a lineman's dream, Ben Edmiston scooped up a Junction fumble and scampered in 9 yards for an Eagle touchdown. Munoz added PAT. EHS 50 JHS 0.

The last score of the night was made by the Mitch Wilkerson, the eleventh Eagle to score, who found pay dirt from 4 yards out. The PAT was blocked. EHS 56 JHS 0.

Cory Lloyd, Rocky Robles, and Ben Edmiston led the Eagle defensive unit which totally controlled the line of scrimmage all night. The defense held Junction to only 11 first downs and 163 total yards. They forced 6 fumbles, recovering 4, and intercepted one JHS pass. All in all it was a great night.

Offensively, Lance Mitchel led all rushers with 102 yards, followed by Bullard with 82 and Poynor with 44. Cory Lloyd led all receivers with 31 yards. The offensive line had a great night, opening huge holes for Eagle running backs.

Eldorado will travel to Ozona tomorrow night for a critical 2-2A contest. Kick off is at 8 PM. The winner will have sole possession of second place in the district. Ozona is coming off a close game with District favorite Sonora last week. Coach Fryar's comment on this week's game, "This by far is the biggest contest we have had to this point in the season. We need to play flawless football. We need a big crowd over at Ozona that needs to be loud and supportive. These kids need to hear our fans all night long."

With that in mind, see you in Ozona, **BE LOUD and WEAR YOUR GREEN!**

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On the ball — #90 Cory Lloyd recovered a Junction fumble Friday night as a host of Eagles defenders swarmed to the ball. The Eagles defense forced 5 Junction turnovers on the way to a 56-0 victory.

Eagles JV swats Junction 34-6

The Eldorado Eagles JV hit the road again this week with a visit to the Junction Eagles JV. The game was played on October 14, 1999 in Junction. The green & white Eldorado team defeated the gold & black Junction squad 34-6. The victory moves the Eagles JV season record to 6-1.

During the game, Johnny Herrera utilized some good blocking from the offensive line of Chris Martinez, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez, Juan Diego Guzman, Ross Hodges and Scott Homer to score 2 rushing touchdowns and throw for 2 more. Herrera ran TD's in from 5 yards and 2 yards. He also threw a touchdown pass to Tony Fay of 35 yards and another to Ramon Barajas of 5 yards.

Fay caught another pass for 12 yards during the game. The Eagles scored again when Benji Gonzales ran an option pitch in form 32 yards, Luis Enriquez scored on a PAT run, and Quisto Gonzales kicked 2 PAT's.

Other highlights during the game included: Aaron Fuentes on a reverse for 28 yards, Wesley Jones caught 3 passes for 52 yards, Michael Ramirez had 2 receptions for 30 yards, and Benji Gonzales caught another pass for 21 yards.

Buddy Greer threw a good block to spring a long run for Ramon Barajas.

Other special teams notes included Landon Nixon who returned one kickoff for 15 yards and had a good tackle while on kickoff team. Aaron Fuentes also had an unassisted tackle on a kickoff. Luis Enriquez had several good runs during the game and played well defensively.

Other defensive notes include a pass interception by Ramon Barajas (his 4th this year), several sacks behind the line by Quisto Gonzales and Juan Diego Guzman, and good defensive play by linebacker Ray David Buitron, Joe Arispe, Philip Martinez, defensive linemen Jordan Fay, Chris Martinez, David Elias, and half-back Jimmy Joe Rodriguez.

After the game, Coach Alan Gillespie stated, "We started slow again but picked it up to have a good 2nd half. We've had to move people around a lot and we may have to do more, but the kids have responded well."

This week the Eagles JV will host the Ozona Lions JV. "We will be glad to play at home and are excited about the upcoming game," Coach Gillespie said.

Heath Andrews will miss the game with an elbow injury. Luis Enriquez has a bruised hip but should play. Ross Hodges pulled back muscle and might play this week.

Meals for Friends Menu



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Tuesday, October 26

Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Zucchini Squash, Chopped Tomatoes, Potato Wedges, Peach Crisp, Milk

Wednesday, October 27

Fish Steak, Herbed Potatoes, Three Bean Salad, Hot Rolls, Lemon Pudding, Milk

Thursday, October 28

Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Mustard Greens, Buttermilk Biscuits, Apple Cobbler, Milk

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Ozona	4	3	1	1	142	124	Wall 29 - Forsan 19
Wall	2	5	1	1	76	140	
Forsan	2	5	0	2	86	154	
Junction	2	5	0	2	73	285	

AFLAC Trivia Question of the Week

One year in the 90's Ozona prevented Eldorado from winning the district title. However, that same year, the Eagles went 2 games deep into the playoffs. What year was it?
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Mighty Eagles of the Week

This week the Mighty Eagles of the week are #12 receiver John Ray Espinosa and #61 kicker Alfredo Munoz. John Ray caught two passes for 21 yards and a TD while Alfredo booted through six extra points.

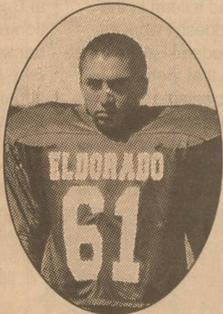
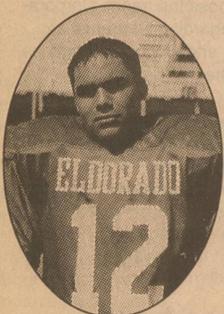




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Swarming to the ball — Eagles 7th graders #34 Logan Neal, #5 Donnie Rodriguez and #15 Justin Phillips teamed up to bring down a Junction runner last Thursday. The team came from behind to win the game 8-6 in the 4th quarter.

7th grade Eagles clip Junction 8-6

The 7th grade Eagles defeated Junction's 7th graders 8-6 Thursday, October 14, 1999 in Eagle Stadium. Junction scored first to take a 6-0 lead. That score stood until 3:57 in the 4th quarter when Eric Garcia caught a TD pass. The Eagles added the 2-point conversion to take an 8-6 lead.

Offensively for the Eagles, Lance Roberts carried 11 for 54 yards; Logan Neal carried 3 for 33 yards; Eric Garcia caught 1 pass for 30 yards and touchdown; Ryan Cathey carried the ball 4-24 yards.

After the game Coach Lewis said, "The offensive had a hard time holding on to the ball, but the defense stopped Junction 3 times in the Red Zone. J.J. Fuentes, Tony Garcia and Eric Garcia combined for 17 tackles on the night."

"On the offensive side of the ball our line dominated," Coach Lewis continued.

The Eagles play the Ozona Lions tonight in Ozona. Coach Lewis noted that his team has worked hard this week getting ready for the challenge.

Eagles 8th falls 30-0 to Junction

On Thursday, October 14th the eighth grade Eagles hosted the Junction 8th graders and lost 30-0 to the visitors.

On offense the Eagles were plagued with 6 fumbles. They also missed snaps on the punt team which allowed easy scores for Junction.

After the game Coach Jimmy Saldivar noted that Chris Sanchez had a great game running and

blocking. He also credited Javier Esparza with blocking well and opening holes for the Eagles running backs.

Defensively, linebackers Chris Sanchez and Seth Taylor had 13 and 8 tackles, respectively, to lead the team. Coach Saldivar also noted the excellent play of defensive ends J.P. Fuentes and Forest Holt, also, corner back Cole Wilkerson.

Eagles 8th loses to Wall 28-6

The Eldorado 8th Grade Eagles played Wall on their home field on Thursday, October 7, 1999 and came out on the short end of a 28-6 score. Danny Sanchez scored the Eagles only points on a 55 yard run in the 3rd quarter.

Offensively, Frankie Arispe carried 6 times for 60 yards and Scott Cawley had 4 carries for 30 yards. Trey Chavez had two pass

receptions for 40 yards.

Defensively, Travis Joiner led all tacklers with 12. Alan Dykstra had 7 and Chris Sanchez added 6.

After the game, Coach Jimmy Saldivar said, "This was a tough loss but our kids showed a lot of character by never giving up. Wall's team is undefeated and their coach said this was the most physical game they have played."

Eldorado Woman's Club news

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met October 12, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. at the Club Room of the Memorial Building.

Shine Spigarelli, acting President, called the meeting to order. Imogene Edmiston gave the opening prayer and Myrt Williams led in the Pledge to the Flags. Imogene Edmiston began the business meeting by giving the Secretary's report and Nelva Martin gave the Treasure's report. Ester Bunton then led the members will depart from the Memorial Building on November 9th at 11:00 a.m. to travel to San Angelo to the home of Esther and Wiley Bunton for a catered Thanksgiving luncheon. After lunch we will have a patriotic program and also a craft making project. Club members are asked to bring their materials for their projects.

Roll call was given by "Predicting some headlines during the year 2000." I especially liked the one predicting more exciting discoveries in outer space. Others were possibilities of virus breakout, prayer and Christian revivals worldwide, local drought ended by abundant rains, and of course politics, politics and more politics. Hal Lindsey's book "Year 2000" was recommended as excellent reading.

Program leader Shine Spigarelli introduced our guest speaker Rev. Janice Petty, Methodist Church Minister. Her theme was "What's Going To Happen In the Future." Janice opened with very interesting story about when she was a 7th grader in 1968. It seems her class was asked to make predictions of things that would take place in the year 2000. Some predictions were farmers would be sitting on their front porch while the farm work would be done by remote control; cars would operate by punch buttons; food would be packaged as flavored pills; one student said he would be flying to Japan in 45 minutes to his job there; another would go ice skating on Pluto; Earth would be popu-

lated with people from Mars; household and other chores would be done by remote control robots; and clothes would be made from paper. Janice's current prediction included though the use of computers kids would read better; their would be voice activated machines and equipment for people with medical problems; there would be lots of interest in water conservation and world overpopulation. Janice also said there would be changes in the church services with emphasis on reaching different ages in new and exciting ways. Our thanks to Janice for her very information presentation.

The meeting was closed with the Club Collect.

Hostesses Pauline Burkhalter, Helen Blakeway, and Noweita Briggs served refreshments to 16 members and two guest June and Crystal Porter. A fall Halloween theme was chose by the hostesses.



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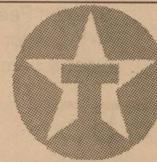
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City hires Mankin as administrator

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ability. When asked how he would report future city council meetings he replied that an independent reporter would be present to report and write the article for the Success. He also stated that he was hiring additional help at the newspaper office. He is scheduled to begin work on Monday, November 1st.

After the discussion of the city administrator position with Mankin, and there being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Stars of the contest — The Mighty Eagle Marching Band displayed a huge 5-pointed star during its performance last Saturday in the U.I.L. Division VII Marching Contest in Brady. The band received a Division "1" Superior Rating from all three judges and will advance to the Area Contest this Saturday in Birdville I.S.D. Stadium near Fort Worth (see map below).

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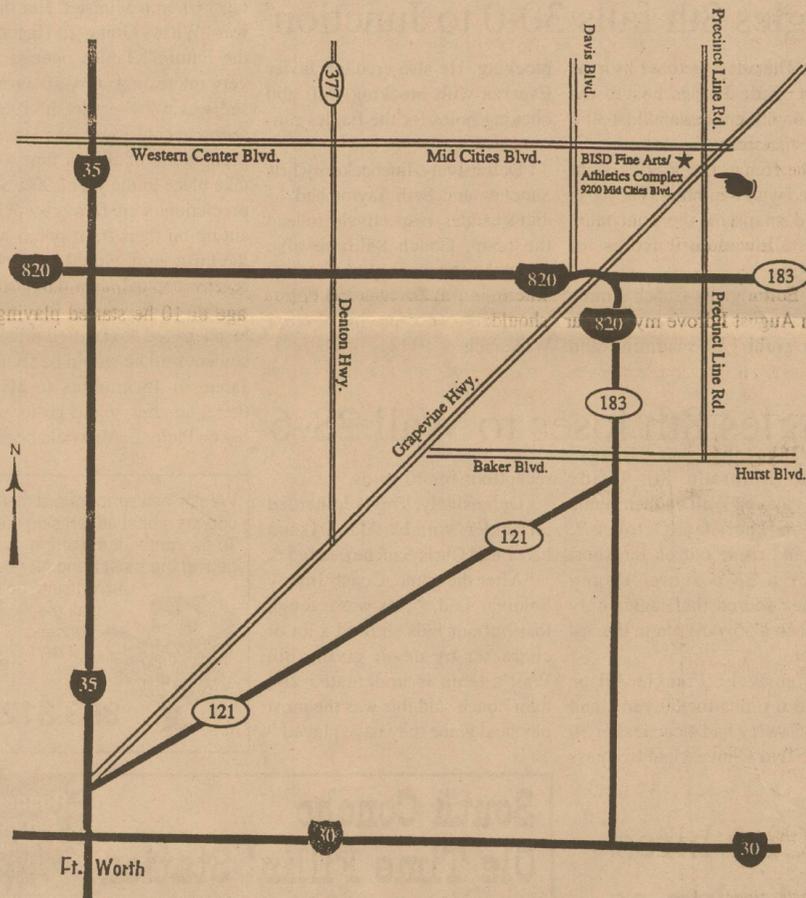
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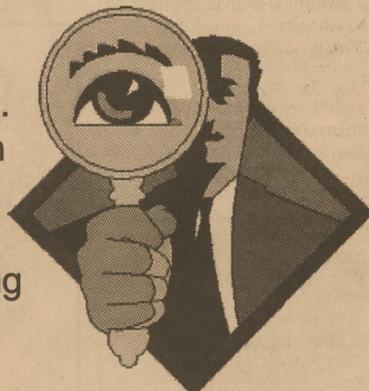
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Dear Editor:

As a Paramedic and a CPR Instructor for Schleicher Co. EMS, I would like to take this time to inform our wonderful citizens of Eldorado why it is very important that you learn CPR. Let me begin with a story.

Just this past week, our services was dispatched to a call of a person in cardiac arrest with CPR being administered by that persons family. Upon our arrival to the patient, we came to learn that CPR was given for about 5 minutes prior to our arrival. This patient was now awake and speaking coherently. WHY? Because CPR alone saved his life. I have made several calls in which CPR was not given prior to EMS arrival and the outcome was not as fortunate. If only someone would have given that person a chance with CPR.

My question to you is. Do you know CPR? Do you know that CPR alone with only the basic steps can save a life, maybe the life of your loved one? Imagine what it would feel like if you could save a life but did not, due to lack of not knowing CPR. I do not wish that on any of you.

It is our goal as CPR Instructors and an EMS service that we educate our very own community in learning the very basic steps of CPR. We are here for you. Please take the time to make the right decision and contact us today, 8533456. We will be glad to help you or your organization in reaching the goal of knowing CPR.

Sincerely,

Timothy Vasquez, Paramedic
Eldorado, Texas

Dear Editor:

In August I drove my 15 year old son to his high school. I'm sure that I had all the same apprehen-

sions that any caring parent would have when their child encounters new challenges.

Now that two months have passed, I realize that the fulfilled dreams of my son should be made known to all West Texas students with vision and high academic determination.

My son applied and was accepted into the Texas Academy of Math and science, a residential high school on the University of Texas campus at Denton, Texas.

About 200 high school sophomores are admitted each year to TAMS. Admission is limited to Texas residents in the 10th grade or equivalent. Applicants must have completed Geometry, Algebra I and algebra II by the end of his/her sophomore year. SAT scores of 1100 with at least 600 on the mathematics portion are required. Letters of recommendations from the student's teachers and counselors are also required. Applicants take part in an extensive interview process.

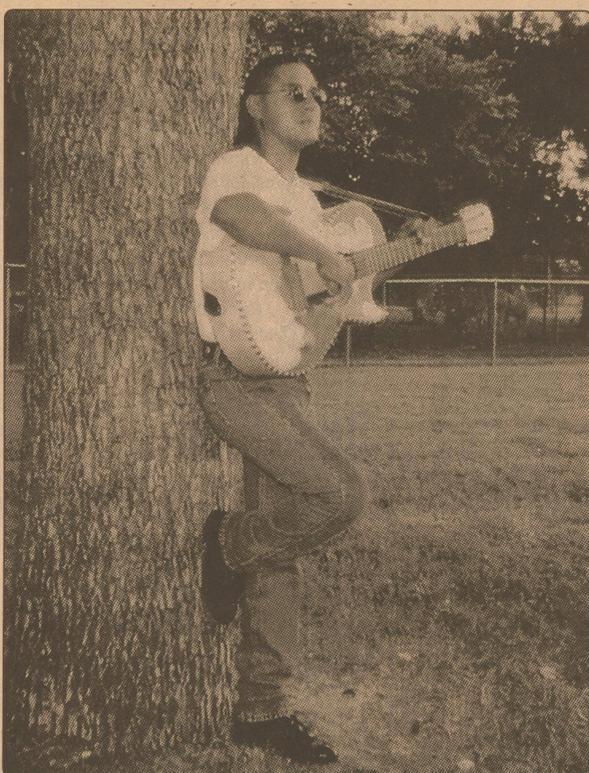
When accepted, students are granted scholarships for tuition and books. TAMS graduates often have 60 or more college credit hours upon graduation from high school. As a parent of a student interested in fields that pertain to math and science, I believe the opportunities provided by TAMS are tremendous. Internships with medical schools or NASA are available. Students participate in the prestigious Westinghouse Science Talent Search. Leading universities and colleges seek out these students offering them millions of dollars in scholarships.

If you know of a bright, responsible student who has a high interest in math or science, you should:

1. Get your school counselor to arrange for a representative from TAMS to speak to your school.
2. Arrange for and attend a preview day at the academy by calling 1-800-241-8267.
3. Call for additional information to be mailed directly to you.
4. Or call me at 915-365-4403 for information from the parent's perspective.

TAMS is recognized internally as well as nationally. TAMS is not for all students, but it is an opportunity that should be made known to all students.

Sincerely,
Jeanine McGregor
Ballinger, Texas



Sometimes dreams do come true — Milton Castilleja, Jr. sings, plays the Bajo Sexto (12 string guitar) and writes songs for the group La Promesa. Recently the band recorded a CD titled "No Turning Back" which was produced and arranged by Milton.

Castilleja's dream comes true

Although Milton Castilleja, Jr. and his wife Rosa now make their home in Eldorado, he was born and raised in Sonora. That's where he first became interested in music at a very young age, learning from his father, Milton, Sr. and his uncles. At about the age of five, Milton received his first drum set and his father gradually taught him the basics. Years later he became a permanent drummer for a local band called *Los Solitarios*. At that time he started learning bass guitar on his own and decided that his main instrument would be the Bajo Sexto (12 string guitar). At the age of 10 he started playing the Bajo Sexto and became a lead singer for *Los Solitarios*.

Milton had the opportunity to accompany Flaco Jimenez a well known accordion player in Junction at the age of 13. Later he played with San Angelo bands, like *Justicia* as a back up singer. His dream has always been to be known as a good Bajo Sexto player and a lead singer.

Another band, *La Promesa*, recently offered him that job which turned into a golden opportunity when Augustina (Guti) Ramirez offered the group a recording deal in Austin. The band accepted the deal under the promotion of Joe Gonzales, and own-

ers: Robert and Elaine Hernandez and Lupe Torres.

Their new CD, titled "No Turning Back," was produced and arranged by Milton. He also wrote one of the songs, "A Verte Vine (Yo Vine A Verte)."

Milton says he is excited about the CD. "I hope everyone has the opportunity to hear it since it comes from the heart."

Other members of the band are: Lupe Torres, Johnny Ramirez, Emiliano Chaidez, Anthony Borjas and Richard Losoya.

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Wednesday, October 27th

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Thursday, October 28th

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Friday, October 29th

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Monday, October 25th

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Tuesday, October 26th

Apple Slices, Biscuits/Gravy/Steakfingers

Wednesday, October 27th

Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza

Thursday, October 28th

Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls

Friday, October 29th

Pineapple Slices, Toast/Cream of Wheat

Fast Food Line

Monday, October 25th

McRib Sandwiches, French Fries, Pineapple Tidbits, Harvest Cake/Icing

Tuesday, October 26th

Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Cowboy Cookie

Wednesday, October 27th

Chef Salad, Crackers (8), Pear Halves, Apple Pie

Thursday, October 28th

Sausage & Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Applesauce, Chocolate Cake/Choc. Icing

Friday, October 29th

Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chilled Fruit/Topping

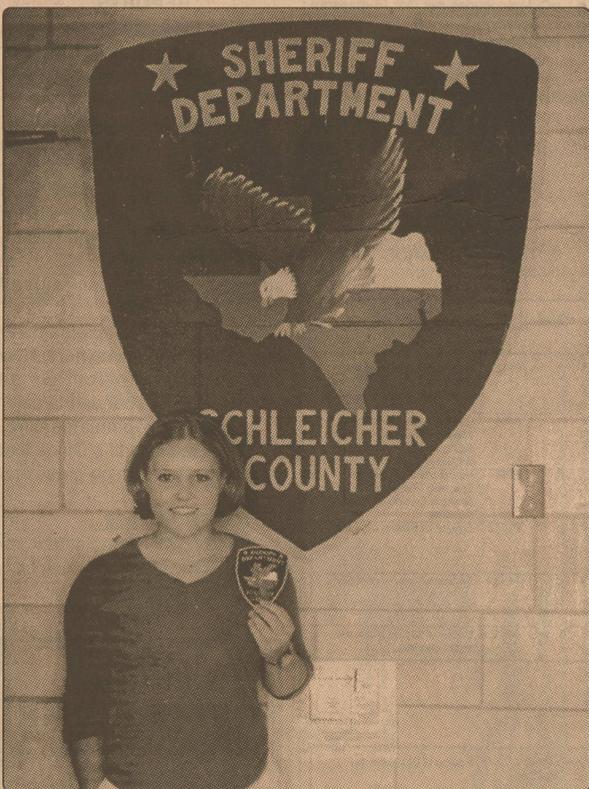


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Quite an artist — EHS senior Haley Edmiston posed recently near the mural she painted in the entry way of the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office. She based the painting on the red, white blue and green shoulder patches worn by local sheriff's officers.

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Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson
 Vice President Flora Hubble presided over the October 12, 1999 meeting of Xi Xi Chi Chapter of BSP in the absence of President Dorothy Dacy who was on vacation in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Recording Secretary Mary Jenkins read the minutes of the previous meeting after eight members answered roll call.

Plans for the Halloween Carnival were discussed and it was decided to continue plans for the coloring contest in the event the carnival did not have enough participation from organizations to be held. Flora Hubble announced she had bought prizes for the costume contest the sorority planned to hold at the carnival.

Other business was a letter from the Game Association stating the game dinner would be held November 6. It was voted to buy a \$20 gift certificate from a local business to be given as a prize at this event.

Service Chairwoman Rosemary Ridgeway ask that members do Christmas stockings for nursing home residents to be delivered during the chapters first meeting in December. The group will meet at the home of Dorothy Clark, visit residents and deliver stocking before the business meeting.

After the closing ritual Barbara Jackson presented a program on superstitions. Superstitions and answers were passed out and as one member read her superstition other members read their answers, which proved to be funny and informative.

Mary Jenkins served delicious sandwiches, chips, dips and ice tea. Mary Leigh Dunagan won the Sunshine gift.

The next meeting will be a 50's Social in the home of Mary Leigh Dunagan with Dorothy Dacy as co-hostess.

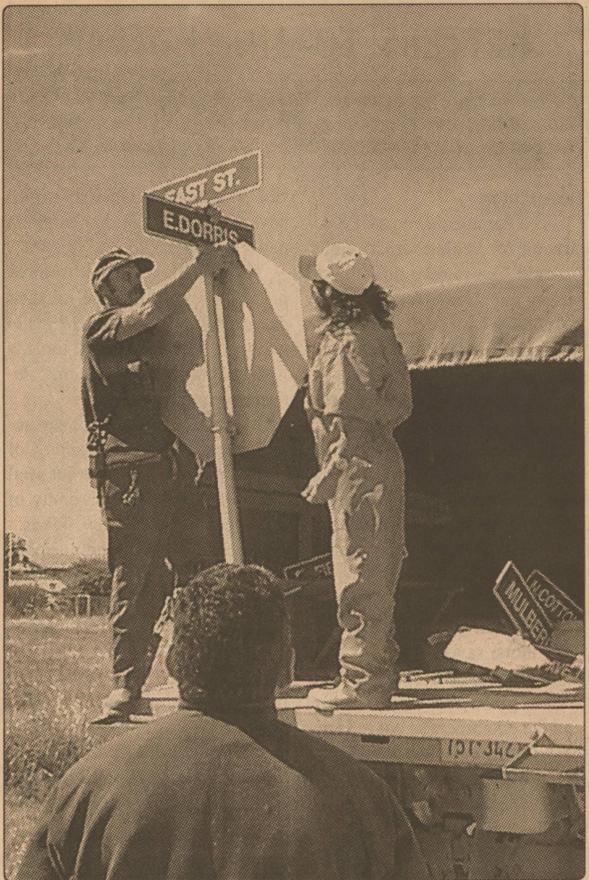


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Sign of the times — Deputy Eddie Rodriguez (foreground) supervised jail inmates Tuesday as they installed new street signs in town. Rodriguez, who is also a member of the Eldorado City Council, has made replacing the signs one of his priorities since taking office.

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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

- Braun, Timothy Scott, male 43, October 15, hold for Irion County, charge Theft by Check. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
- Cashon, Gleen Duane, male 33, October 15, hold for Irion County. Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense), Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
- Duran, Teresa Cornejo, male 41, October 18, DPS Warrants (Schleicher & Val Verde Counties).
- DeLuna, Jesus Maria, age 26, October 18, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Theft by Check. Released on \$500.00 Surety Bond.

REPORTS

- OCTOBER 13, 1999**
- 9:58 a.m. Complainant phoned 911 and reported smoke on Hwy 277 South.
 - 10:56 a.m. Two juveniles left school early were reported to Sheriff's office.
 - 11:27 a.m. Complainant on North Cottonwood phoned for neighbor who needed medical attention. Officer and EMS 1 responded and patient refused medical treatment.
 - 2:00 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle fire on north Hwy 277, 3 miles into Tom Green County. Units responded to call.
- OCTOBER 14, 1999**
- 5:35 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire on Toenail Trail. All units responded.

- 7:10 p.m. Complainant reported a sick raccoon in restroom at High School Baseball field. Unable to make contact with City Animal Control. Officer responded and terminated the raccoon.

OCTOBER 15, 1999

- 9:12 a.m. Complainant on Divide reported that someone had made a long scratch on the hood of their vehicle. Incident occurred sometime between 9:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.
- 3:22 p.m. Complainant reported about 14 head of goats about 8 miles north on Old Hwy 277. Located owner. Officer responded to call.
- 6:25 p.m. Complainant on Dixie reported they needed an officer to respond to their residence. Their son had been accused of stealing and they wanted to speak to an officer. Officer responded.
- 8:25 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about an incident that occurred at a local convenience store. Officer responded.

OCTOBER 16, 1999

- 1:59 p.m. Unknown female complainant on Callendar requested to speak to an officer about a matter that she and an officer on duty had talked about earlier in the day.
- 3:15 p.m. Complainant on Cottonwood requested an officer and stated that there maybe a rattlesnake in one of their potted plants. Officer responded.
- 10:59 p.m. Complainant reported there was an individual on E. Warner Ave. that needed medical attention. EMS 1 was dispatched. Officer responded.
- 12:20 p.m. Complainant reported some items were missing off their property. Last day that complainant reported seeing items was on Oct. 14. Items missing are 5 rolls of wire 46" 12 1/2 gauge, 20 T-Posts 6 1/2" long, 1 roll of cablewire 330' long.

OCTOBER 17, 1999

- 1:43 p.m. Complainant reported that there was a rabid deer in the middle of Rudd Road, about 1 mile from Toenail Trail. Unable to locate Game Warden.
- 8:45 p.m. Complainant reported someone had run into the fence on Old Sonora Road. Officer responded. Damage was about 45 feet of fence and two T-Posts broken.
- 10:39 p.m. Complainant on Cottonwood reported loud music and needed an officer to respond. Officer was dispatched. Complainant called back and advised the subjects had left and everything was OK. Officer was contacted to disregard.
- 11:48 p.m. 14 year old pregnant female was reported having seizures. Two officers and EMS 1 responded.

1998 Drinking Water Quality Report

Eldorado City of

Our Drinking Water Is Safe

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has assessed our system and determined that our water is safe to drink. The analysis was made by using the data in the attached tables. If your water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices.

En Espanol

Este report incluye la informacion importante sobre su agua beber. A obtener una copia de esta informacion o traducir en Espanol, llamar

We do we get our drinking water? Our drinking water is obtained from Ground water sources. It comes from EDWARDS-TRINITY. TNRCC will be reviewing all of Texas' drinking water sources. The source water assessment process will be completed in three years.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants

Drinking water, including bottle water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water pose a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

About The Attached Table

The attached table contains all of the chemical constituents which have been

found in your drinking water. U.S. EPA requires water systems to test up to 97 constituents, 6 constituents were detected in your water.

DEFINITIONS:

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is not known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Treatment Technique - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units
 MFL - Million fibers per liter
 pCi/l - peccories per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
 ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

ELDORADO CITY OF Ground EDWARDS-TRINITY

Inorganics

Year	Constituent	Highest Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
1997	Barium	0.131	0.1310-0.1310	2	2	PPM	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
1997	Fluoride	2	2.0000-2.0000	4	4	PPM	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
1997	Nitrate	2.73	2.7300-2.7300	10	10	PPM	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
1994	Gross alpha adjusted	6.1	6.1000-6.1000	15	0	PCIL	Erosion of natural deposits.
1994	Combined Radium 226 & 228	1.5	1.5000-1.5000	5	0	PCIL	Erosion of natural deposits
1994	Gross beta emitters	5.4	5.4000-5.4000	50	0	PCIL	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.

Organics

Year	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
1996	Copper	0.0960	0	1.3	PPM	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
1996	Lead	0.0028	0	1.3	PPM	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Special Notice for the Elderly, Infants, Cancer Patients, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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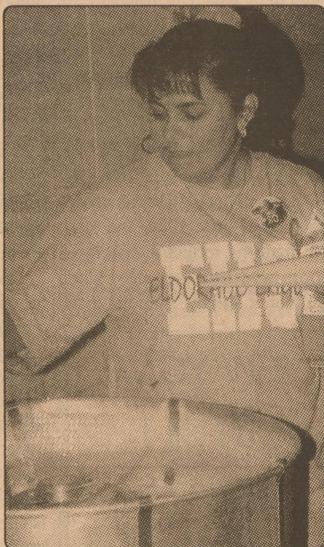
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Brush Busters trials looks at prickly pear control

SAN ANGELO — An easy, effective method of hand-spraying prickly pear had an average cost of about a nickel per plant in a series of "Brush Busters" trials by the Texas A&M University System.

Across five research-demon-

stration sites, treatment cost range from 3.5 cents to 7.1 cents per plant, with an average of 5.25 cents per plant. Average cost per acre was \$9.22 to treat 178 prickly pear plants. Scientists were able to treat 441 prickly pear plants per acre before approaching the cost of an

aerial broadcast application. Cost included materials, labor and equipment.

The results demonstrates the practicality of "do-it-yourself" hand spraying even on a large scale, say Dr. Allan McGinty and Dr. Darrell Ueckert, the San Angelo-based range scientist who conducted the research. McGinty is a range specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Ueckert is a range research scientist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Station. The two scientists have demonstrated several methods of individual plant treatment they call "Brush Busters" that are both cost-effective and very selective to the pest.

The scientists established five large-scale prickly pear control research-demonstration plots from the Hill Country through West Texas. Working in August and September, 1997, they tested a method of hand-spraying a herbicide solution directly - and only on the individual prickly pear plants. Desirable plants near the prickly pear were left untreated.

The scientists sprayed the cactus with a mix of one percent Tordon* 22K herbicide and five percent diesel fuel in a water carrier. An emulsifier was included at the rate of one ounce per gallon of diesel used. The scientists also added between one-fourth percent and one-half percent blue dye to the mix to mark the sprayed plants. They sprayed both sides of all

prickly pear pads until the pads glistened, but not to the point of runoff

The spray mix is effective any time of year on prickly pear, tasajillo, tree cholla, dog cactus and other species of cacti, the scientists say.

The hand-spraying can be done with pump-up garden sprayers, backpacked sprayers or cattle sprayers, but the scientists used sprayers mounted on four-wheel all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). ATV time was changed at \$2.50 per hour; labor at \$5 per man-hour. The ATVs were equipped with three spray wands each allowing a driver and two walkers to cover a 40-foot swath.

Based on earlier work, the scientists expect at least 70 percent control of prickly pear three years after treatment. Prickly pear dies slowly, the researchers say, and especially so under drought conditions prevalent since the plots were established.

Prickly pear and other cacti can interfere with movement and handling of livestock and with forage utilization, cause health problems in live stock and compete with desirable forage plants. These species have the ability to grow and to increase in abundance very rapidly, the scientists say. Prickly pear has been known to increase the area it infests by 25 percent to 33 percent per year.

However the scientists also point out that prickly pear may have value as an emergency livestock feed during drought and as food and cover for wildlife. Hand-spraying is a selective method of control that allows land managers to remove the cactus plants they don't want, and leave the ones they do.

The Brush Busters program is a cooperative effort of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The program is designed to make it easy for landowners to utilize economical, highly effective and environmentally friendly technology to manage brush problems.

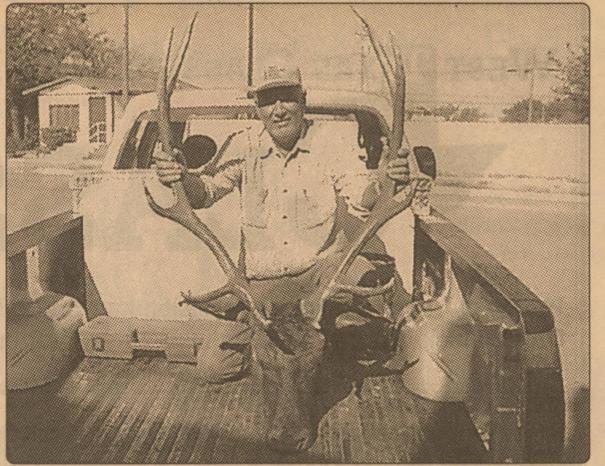


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Not that's a rack — John Ed Meador posed last week with the head of an elk he killed on Monday, October 11th in Lavita Pass, Colorado. He said the shot was made from 300-350 yards away and that the animal weighed over 800 lbs.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

By James C. Doyle, Justice Of The Peace Of Schleicher County

Q. What are the new speed laws concerning trucks, pickups with trailers, or boat trailers?

A. House Bill No. 676 did away with the law that requires types of vehicles to go certain speeds. It states in part:

A vehicle can go 70 mph daytime and 65 nighttime on all US Highways and State Highways with some exceptions. Large trucks have to drive 60 mph daytime and 55 nighttime on all Farm-to-Market or Ranch-to-Market Highways and posted speeds on County Roads. School Buses can go 55 mph on Interstate Highways and 50 mph on all other highways.

If anyone wants a copy of the entire H.B. 676, please come by my office and I will make you a copy.

Q. What is the law requiring everyone to wear seatbelts?

A. Senate Bill No. 60 amended the Chapter 545.415 to read as follows a person commits an offense if they drive a passenger car or light truck without wearing a safety belt or permitting a child at least 4 years old and younger than 145 years old to ride in a vehicle without wearing a safety belt.

A light truck is defined as a vehicle having a manufactures rated

carrying capacity of not more than 2,000 pounds.

A safety belt is defined as a lap belt and shoulder strap included as original equipment or added to the vehicle.

STATEMENT OF FACT:

Parents this is the time of year when your children will be traveling to school activities away from town so I want to tell you about some of the laws that can effect your liability.

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You might want to sit down and visit with your children so they will understand the danger of trashing a motel room or flooding a floor.

Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson

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The First Job of Parents Is to Civilize Their Children

QUESTION: You have been very critical of behavioral scientists and other writers who recommend a more permissive approach to child-rearing. Explain why this concerns you. Why is it ever wrong to be kind and merciful to a boy or girl?

DR. DOBSON: The issue is not one of kindness and mercy. It is one of loving authority and leadership at home, which is in the child's best interest.

The majority of books and seminars on child-raising since 1950 have effectively stripped parents of the ability to deal with willful defiance when it occurs. First, they haven't admitted that such behavior happens, and second, they have given parents no tools with which to confront it. This bad advice has led to a type of paralysis in dealing with kids. In the absence of "permission" to step in and lead, parents were left with only their anger and frustration in response to defiant behavior.

Let me give an example from a parenting text titled "Your Child From Two to Five," published during the permissive 1950s. In it was a bit of characteristic advice from that era, paraphrased from the writings of a Dr. Luther Woodward, as follows:

"What do you do when your preschooler calls you a 'big stinker' or threatens to flush you down the toilet? Do you scold — punish — or sensibly take it in your stride? Dr. Woodward recommends a positive policy of understanding as the best and fastest way to help a child outgrow this verbal violence. When parents fully realize that all little tots feel angry and destructive at times, they are better able to minimize these outbursts.

"Once the preschooler gets rid of his hostility, the desire to destroy is gone and instinctive feel-

ings of love and affection have a chance to sprout and grow. Once the child is 6 or 7, parents can rightly let the child know that he is expected to be outgrowing sassing his parents."

Having recommended that passive approach, with which I disagree strongly, Dr. Woodward then told parents to brace themselves for unjust criticism. He wrote:

"But this policy (of letting children engage in defiance) takes a broad perspective and a lot of composure, especially when friends and relatives voice disapproval and warn that you are bringing up a brat."

In this case, your friends and relatives will be right: You will be bringing up a bratty kid — and maybe a house full of them! Dr. Woodward's recommendation encourages parents to stand passively through the formative years when respect for authority can so easily be taught. His philosophy is based on the simplistic notion that children will develop sweet and loving attitudes if adults will permit and encourage their temper tantrums during childhood. That outcome is most improbable. Dr. Woodward's "policy of understanding" (which means "policy of permissiveness") leads directly to adolescent rebellion in strong-willed children.

QUESTION: You said Dr. Woodward's philosophy of child rearing was rather typical of the advice given to parents a generation ago. Apart from the specific example you cited, how do your views differ? What is the basic distinction between your perspective and those of more permissive advice-givers?

DR. DOBSON: I never met the man, but I would think from his writings that Woodward and I perceive human nature very dif-

ferently. He apparently believed in the "innate goodness" of children, which means they will turn out fine if adults will simply leave them alone. Most of Woodward's contemporaries believed just that.

It is my conviction, by contrast, that boys and girls learn (and become) what they are taught. Thus, it is our task as parents to "civilize" them — to introduce them to manners and morals and proper behavior. If it is desirable for children to be kind, appreciative and pleasant, those qualities should be instilled in them — not simply hoped for. If it is important to produce respectful, responsible young citizens, then we should teach them first to respect us as their parents.

In short, heredity does not equip a child with proper attitudes; we must build the foundations of character ourselves. If that assumption is doubted, take a good look at adults whose parents did not do their homework — those who were raised on the streets with very little parental instruction. A large percentage of them have prison records today.

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Prospects good for 1999-2000 quail season

AUSTIN, Texas—For quail hunters with long memories, this fall's hunting prospects are reminiscent of the 1992 season, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) biologists. For those who don't recall, that was a very good year.

Favorable spring and summer conditions in South Texas, the Trans-Pecos and the Gulf Prairies of Texas have set the table for good quail hunting," said Dr. Gary Graham, TPW Wildlife Division director. "I'm excited about the prospects."

Texas quail hunting season opens Oct. 30 and runs through Feb. 27. If field reports and anecdotal information are indicators, South Texas should be a boon for quail hunters this fall. According to Pleasanton-based TPW wildlife biologist Joe Herrera, "Field staff are seeing a lot of birds right now. It's not quite up to what we saw in 1992, but there are more quail out there than we've seen in a long while."

During 1992 and 1993, Texas hunters killed more than 2 million quail each season and averaged nine birds apiece. Last year, the harvest dipped to less than 750,000 quail

and less than six birds per hunter. TPW research has shown that quail populations tend to follow this "crash and boom" cycle based on annual reproduction. Because these birds are prolific, they can rebound quickly from poor years if habitat and weather conditions are favorable, said Herrera.

"It's attributable primarily to rainfall. We had good rains last October and November, which was a critical time because it set up range conditions for the spring," he explained. "Then we got some good rains this spring and on into the summer. Consequently, range conditions prior to and during the nesting period were excellent and continued to be excellent when young clutches were on the ground; there was good cover and an excellent forage base of insects. We're going to see a higher survival rate this fall as a result, and all things point to a really good season for quail."

State wildlife officials have estimated quail population from roadside surveys since 1976, and long-term patterns reflect a history of "boom and bust" cycles. Each quail-count survey "line" is a 20-

mile route where biologists record all quail by mile and species. The same routes are counted each year. This trend information is useful in determining quail populations. Quail surveys this year in South Texas showed an average of more than 20 birds per route, as compared to fewer than 10 birds per route just three years ago. In 1992, the average route revealed more than 50 quail each.

In Central Texas and parts of North Texas where range conditions remain dry, the outlook this fall is not as bright as down south. Survey results indicate below-average numbers throughout the region. "We could have a problem with quail survival in some areas," said Ron George, TPW Wildlife Division deputy director. "Conditions were not as favorable in the Cross Timbers, Rolling Plains, and Edwards Plateau regions where quail numbers remain below the long-term average. However, areas within these regions under proper range management are holding average numbers of birds."

According to TPW wildlife biologist Stephen Jester, whose area surrounds Brownwood, last year's drought and too many cattle on some ranges will affect this season's quail harvest. "Local quail production is dictated primarily by ranch management practices," Jester noted. "We got some rain early in the year and range conditions had improved somewhat, but the rainfall ended in much of the area by June."

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