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Headlines From Around the World

Oil spill threatens Japan
A supertanker hit a reef in calm waters near Yokohama Wednesday, tearing open its hull and leaking an estimated 13,400 tons of crude oil in Japan's worst oil spill. Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto declared the oil spill from the Panamanian-registered supertanker Diamond Grace a national emergency, and scores of coast guard, firefighting and oil-cleaning ships were summoned to halt the spread of the slick. It's not clear why the tanker hit the reef, one of the better-known undersea hazards in Tokyo Bay.

Tung stamps authority
As euphoria fades after all the handover parties, Hong Kong's new leader Tung Chee-hwa is stamping his authority on China's rich new region. Tung, picked by Beijing to run Hong Kong, today won backing for his drive to defeat rising property prices and he took over the old British governor's residence to bestow honors on the backers of China. China shows no sign of slowing the pace on the political front, urging Taiwan to reunite with the mainland.

Mars probe to land
An American spacecraft is scheduled to land on Mars Friday to explore the Earth's closest planetary neighbor. Once the Pathfinder spacecraft -- actually three unfolding steel and graphite units -- touches the red planet's surface, a dune-buggy type vehicle called the "Mars Rover" will roll down a ramp to begin its one-week survey. The vehicle is to chart the composition and size of the Martian rocks, dust and debris and seek evidence of life. It will be NASA's first venture to Mars in over two decades.

Tyson faces vote on penalty
The Nevada Athletic Commission plans to vote next week on Mike Tyson's penalty for biting Evander Holyfield's ears during Saturday night's fight. The commission held an emergency meeting and watched a videotape of the Tyson-Holyfield heavyweight title fight yesterday. Tyson is suspended and his \$30 million purse is being withheld pending the vote next week. A class-action lawsuit, meantime, has been filed against Tyson in Miami on behalf of cable viewers in the state who paid to see the heavyweight fight. They want some money back for Tyson's actions.



New man at the helm — SCISD's new superintendent of schools Hal Porter and his wife, Margaret are preparing to move to Eldorado this week. Porter was hired by the school board of trustees last Thursday morning.

photo by Randy Mankin

Two arrested after indictments
Juan Manuel Dominguez Mata, 37, of Eldorado was arrested last week after being indicted by a Schleicher County Grand Jury. The jury charged Mata with indecency with a child and sexual assault of a child. He is free on \$25,000.00 surety bond.
Also arrested last week was Armando Anthony Trevino, 17, of Abilene. Trevino was also indicted by the Grand Jury. He was charged with theft and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Trevino was picked up by Taylor County law enforcement and remains in jail in Abilene.
Trevino's case dates back to January 14, 1997, when a 1995 Mercury Cougar was stolen from the residence of Charlene Terry of Eldorado. The car was found abandoned in Del Rio. A 1995 Chevrolet van was found abandoned just north of Eldorado shortly after Terry's car was reported stolen. It was later determined that the van had been stolen from a repair shop parking lot in Abilene.
Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran credited Sergeant George Arispe with tracking down several leads and developing a suspect in the Trevino case. "It was good police work," said Doran.

Success wins Texas Press General Excellence Award

The Eldorado Success was honored last week at the Texas Press Association's annual convention held in Amarillo. The Success captured third place in the General Excellence category of the TPA's Better Newspaper Contest. In the contest, the Success competed against other Texas newspapers in its circulation division.
The Success also received mention in the photography, news writing, sports, advertising and column writing categories.
The Better Newspaper Contest is sponsored each year by the Texas Press Association with the hope of fostering better local newspapers throughout Texas.
"We are delighted with the award," stated Success publisher Randy Mankin. "It's the first time we've entered the TPA's contest. So, we are very happy!"
Last year the Success won two categories and placed third in overall excellence in the West Texas Press Association's newspaper contest.
"The results last year encouraged us to enter the TPA's contest this year," said Mankin. "Now I'm glad we did."
Because the Success was picked as one of the top four winners, it will be allowed to display the TPA Award Winner emblem on its masthead during the next year.
"It is really quite an honor," Mankin said of the emblem.
Randy and Kathy Mankin purchased the Success on April 29, 1994. Since that time they have set about upgrading the newspaper's computers and other equipment.
Kathy Mankin does most of the Success' photography. She also handles the classified page and takes care of the newspaper's book-keeping.
Randy Mankin serves as the newspaper's editor and does most of the reporting, writing, ad building and page layout.
"We want to thank our subscribers and advertisers," Mankin said. "They make all this possible."

Porter named SCISD superintendent

Hal Porter was named Superintendent of Schools at a called meeting of the SCISD board of trustees on Thursday, June 26th. The 7:30 a.m. meeting was called specifically for the purpose of approving Porter's contract and officially hiring him.
The vote to hire Porter was unanimous and the action ended a three-month long search and interview process which began almost immediately after former superintendent Scott Barton announced his resignation on March 17 of this year.
"We are delighted to have found someone of Hal Porter's caliber," stated board president Ilse Williams as the meeting closed.
Porter wasted no time in beginning his work in Eldorado. The following morning he was in the office meeting with administrators and getting to know his staff. He and his wife Margaret plan to move to Eldorado this week.
"We are tremendously excited about the opportunity to come here," Porter told the Success. "The history of excellence in Eldorado was the first thing to initiate our interest. I hope to continue that tradition and keep this district on the course set by Mr. Barton and Mr. Sanford."
Porter comes to Eldorado from Crosbyton, Texas where he has served as Superintendent of Schools for the past two years. Prior to that he was the high school principal at Sunray I.S.D for five years.
Porter is a graduate of Sul Ross State University with Bachelor of Science and Masters of Education degrees.
Margaret Porter is an elementary teacher, having taught since 1972 when she began her career in Anna Texas. The Porters have two adult children, a daughter Katy, 21, and a son, Kelly, 19, both of whom live in San Angelo.

Mias Amigas club meets for 66th year

The "Old School Bell" rang out again on Saturday, June 28th as generations of Eldorado High School graduates gathered for the 66th annual meeting of the Mias Amigas Club. The reunion was held on the courthouse lawn and in the Memorial Building.
The 50-year class of 1947 was honored along with the 20-year class of 1977 which was officially inducted into the Mias Amigas club.
Membership in Mias Amigas is limited to those EHS graduates who have been out of school for 20 years or more. So, each year a new class is admitted.
Ceremonies began at 9:30 a.m. with the ringing of the Old School Bell. Wenonah Sudduth Sockwell and Howard Mittel represented the class of '47 while Barbara Speck Box and Lynn Whitaker were on hand for the class of '77 at the ringing ceremony.
The club then entered into its yearly business meeting in the Memorial Building where the EHS-exes sang the Mias Amigas song. In a touching ceremony, names of club members who died since the last meeting were read aloud as one by one flowers were added to a bouquet in their honor.
Also during the meeting, the Class of 1947 was called to the stage where several of them recounted stories of their youth in Eldorado. The Class of 1977 was also brought before the club and welcomed into membership.
Following the meeting, a barbecue lunch was served on the



Ring the Old School Bell — Lynn Whitaker and Barbara Speck Box representing the EHS class of 1977 and Wenonah Sudduth Sockwell and Howard Mittel from the class of 1947 ring the Old School Bell to officially open the 1997 meeting of the Mias Amigas Club.

courthouse lawn. Mary Leigh Dunagan reports that over 500 people went through the serving line.
Several individual class reunions took place during the afternoon. A Mias Amigas golf scramble was held at the Eldorado Golf Course during the afternoon. That evening a dance was held in the Memorial Building with over 200 people in attendance.

Early morning car fire puzzling

A car fire, 14 miles north of Eldorado, on U.S. 277 has left authorities with more questions than answers. Sheriff's department personnel and volunteer fire fighters reached the scene shortly after 4:00 a.m. Tuesday morning and found a 1987 Ford Tempo engulfed in flames. However, there was no sign of a driver.
Firefighters quickly doused the fire and inspected to make certain the occupants had escaped. "We didn't see a sign of anybody," stated Fire Chief Jerry Jones.
A 9-1-1 call believed to be from a cellular phone reported the incident to the sheriff's office.
Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran said that no one has contacted the his office claiming the vehicle and it hasn't been reported stolen.
Records indicate the vehicle was registered to Alfredo Santos of Ft. Morgan, Colorado.
Sheriff Doran told the Success that it appeared the vehicle left the roadway and struck a guard rail. The incident is still under investigation and anyone with knowledge of the wreck or the fire is encouraged to contact the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 853-2737.



Put your little foot — Youngsters use their toes to fish marbles out of a wading pool during Methodist and Presbyterian Churches recent Vacation Bible School. The boys are (L-R) Patrick Chavez, Kevin Dykstra and Timmy Maskill. They are being supervised by Angela Ballew.

Notice!
The Eldorado Success office will be closed Friday, July 4 and Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11.
Thank You

4th OF JULY

FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS

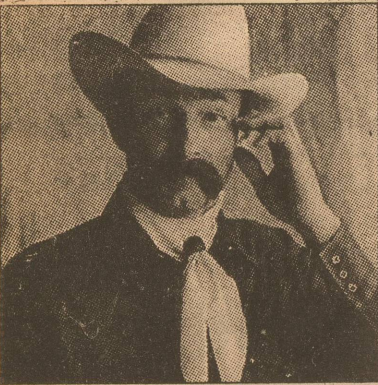
1. Always read and follow label directions.
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11. Never throw fireworks at another person.
12. Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
13. Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.

BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



Animal Bonding



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Today there is an increased recognition of the bonding process between man and animals. Pets are now referred to in politically correct circles as companion animals. Companion. By definition, an associate, a comrade. It's not a bad choice of words in a world where families get fractionated, children leave home, neighbors don't know each other and people get lonely. A pet can be a good companion.

Of course, when the word bonding is used they are almost always speaking of the bonding between humans and dogs or cats. Wait... maybe not cats. I'm not sure one can bond with a cat. Unfortunately, I've seen some bonded to the highway out in front of my house. But, be that as it may, they are never referring to livestock people and the animals in their care. Livestock bonding does occur infrequently in fiction. Babe, the sheepherding pig, bonded with Farmer Hoggett. Mary had her little lamb. Colonel Sanders... well, that might be a bad example.

I contend that in real life, there is a bonding between stockmen and their creatures. I have got a lot of

miles out of pickin' on cowmen who keep an old cow "one more year".

As a vet I have stood at the squeeze chute every fall as the cows are worked. My job is to give the cow a quick 'going over' for physical fitness and do a pregnancy examination. Typical deal; this ol' mama comes stumbling in the chute at the speed of a sloth on Valium. The head gate clangs shut, never touches the cow. Run a stick down her side, sounds like a prod pole across a picket fence. Her tail head is stickin' up like a shark's fin, she's draggin' one tit on the ground.

I'm thinkin' to myself, 'is there any point in putting on a plastic sleeve and torturing this pore beast anymore?'

Then I look up to the headgate and there is that good cowman, rubbing his chin and lookin' at that old cow like he's in a jewelry store. 'Am I missing something here?' I ask myself, dumbfounded.

I finally realized I was missing something. That good cowman and me were not looking at the same cow! See, I was looking at an economic unit. Will she have a calf, breed back and bring another one home next fall?

He on the other hand was looking at an animal that had taken him to the pay window for ten years. He might know her even better than that. She might have put him over a fence, or he might have helped her throughout a bad calving. But he knows her and owes her. He wants to make sure she gets the benefit of the doubt.

And that's a bond. As genuine as a cat or dog. Granted he doesn't think of her as an associate or a comrade, as in "git along little comrade" or "let's go to the pasture and gather our associates". But it is a bond just the same, built on respect.

Over the Back Fence

by Randy Mankin

The following letter was printed recently in my church's newsletter. It certainly made me stop and consider all the "valid" reasons I've offered through the years for missing church.

It is reprinted here for your consideration...and amusement.

From a Pastor's Mail Bag

Dear Pastor,

You often stress attendance at worship as being very important for a Christian, but I think a person has a right to miss now and then. I think every person ought to be excused for the following reasons and the number of times in-

dicated:

- Christmas.....1
- New Years, party lasted too long....1
- Easter, get away for holidays.....1
- July 4, national holiday.....1
- Labor Day, need to get away.....1
- Memorial Day, visit hometown...1
- School is out, kids need break...1
- School opens, one last fling.....1
- Family reunions, mine & wife's..2
- Sleep late, Sat. night activities....4
- Deaths in the family.....4
- Anniversary, 2nd honeymoon....1
- Sickness, 1 per family member...5
- Business trips, a must.....3
- Vacations, three weeks.....3
- Bad Weather, snow, ice, rain.....6
- Ballgames.....4

- Unexpected guests, can't leave...5
- Time changes, Spring & Fall....2
- Special on TV, Super Bowl, etc.....3

Pastor, that leaves only two Sundays per year. So, you can count on us to be in church on the fourth Sunday in February and the third Sunday in August unless providentially hindered.

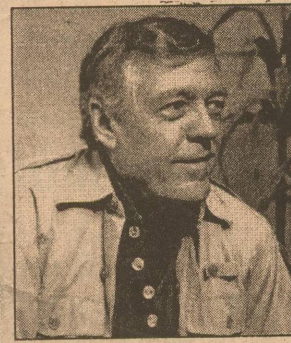
Sincerely
A Faithful Member

Editor's note:

I'm sure glad the author of the above letter didn't mention fishing...or golf...or skiing...or...

Puttin' On The Ritz

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

The Ritz Theatre has occupied a prominent spot on Snyder's downtown court house square for a long time. It was named the Ritz in 1921. Prior to that it was known as the Cozy Theatre.

The Ritz underwent a major renovation in the 1950's when Snyder became an oil boom town. A front page story in the Snyder newspaper on February 21, 1950, announced the reopening of the theatre. The article stated the building was completely fireproof and the decor was finished in red and green colors. "The stage curtains are of red velour, the walls are painted two shades of green, the carpeting down the center aisle is red, and seats are upholstered in plush red leather."

The Ritz featured a soundproof "crying room" where mothers could stay with their babies while they watched the movie through a glass window. The movie sound came from a speaker in the room.

years, the building began to deteriorate and it became a blight on the square.

In 1991, the Ritz was donated to a local theatre group whose purpose was to renovate the old building. The action came none too soon. The building was set to be demolished. It was nothing but a vacant shell when work on the restoration started. The first stage of the rebuilding was to put on a new roof and restore the original marquee and front of the theatre.

The local theater began putting on plays to raise money. They put on plays anywhere they could find space. They found an audience willing to attend the plays and become a part of the restoration.

On June 27, 1992, there was a big party in front of the Ritz. Hundreds of people were on hand. At 10 PM the newly restored Ritz neon sign was turned on for the first time since 1970. The crowd cheered.

Since the fall season of 1992, the

Ritz Community Theatre has completed five successful seasons and produced sixteen different plays in various locations in Snyder. The 1995-96 season began in the new Ritz Theatre. The renovation cost approximately a quarter of a million dollars. All the money was raised locally. Architecture students at Texas Tech designed the theatre and much of the work was done by volunteers.

The Ritz is now a community center, hosting various meetings and events. The lobby features a complete soda fountain, a chandelier and a staircase that leads to the mezzanine. The Ritz can be used for weddings and the marquee can be rented to wish someone a Happy Birthday or Anniversary.

For the first time since the oil boom of the fifties, the Snyder square is completely occupied. There's not a single vacant building. Part of that is because some people in Snyder decided to put on the Ritz.

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Class of 1947 Back (L-R) Bill McRae, John Oschner, Howard Mittel, Phillip Jacoby, Albert Stanford, Fred L. Speck, John Lee Jones, Floyd McGinnes. Front (L-R) Maxine Yardley Haynes, Wenonah Sudduth Sockwell, Henry Mittel, Charlene Edmiston Bridgeman, Carolyn Montgomery Edmiston, Margaret Hicks Alderman, Tinsy Spurgers Swinson, Joy Winters Wiedenmann.

Miss Wool/Schleicher County Contestants Deadline July 18

Contestants have until July 18 to enter the First Annual "Miss Wool/Schleicher County" Pageant, sponsored by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce. Contestants from five divisions will be judged on poise, personality and appearance.

A "Summer in the Park" theme has been chosen for this year's pageant; therefore, contestants in ALL divisions will be required to wear casual sportswear (short sets, sundresses, etc.) Miss Wool/Schleicher County contestants in high school division will have an evening gown category, also.

There is an \$15 entry fee when the entry form is completed and submitted. Each contestant will receive a banner with the sponsor's name to be worn during the pageant.

Age Divisions (as of 1997-98 school year): Wee Miss, age 3-Kindergarten; Little Miss, grades 1-3; Young Miss, grades 4-5; Junior Miss, grades 6-8; and Miss, grades 9-12. A director will be assigned to each division.

Entry forms may be acquired at Mittle Insurance; 119 SW Main; Eldorado. Deadline is for entering the pageant is July 18. For additional information, contact Princess Gruben at 853-2204 or Vickie Schwiening at 853-3531.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Members of the class of '77 were inducted into Mias Amigas Saturday. (Back L-R) Jill Yates Smith, Barney McAlpine, Gynna Jay Harlin, Bobby Jarrett, Teresa Logan Poyner, Mark Thornton, Barbara Speck Box, Joe Franklin, Shirley Wilson Joiner, Lynn Whitaker; (Middle L-R) Jerry Jackson, Liz Nibblett Lloyd, Cleva Clark Koenig, Mary Ann Pina Gonzales, Frances Bland Fury. (Front) Billy Bob Harlin and son.

Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

We had a great turn-out for our Sunday, June 29th Play Day. As usual, happy to have our youths join us; Bobby Phillips, Louis Martinez, and Johnny Arispe.

1st 59 Steve Snelson, Gordon Jones, Charlie Pharris and Su Scott.

2nd 60 Bob Bland, John Nikolauk, Bobby Phillips and Mabel Freitag.

3rd 60 Jon Cartwright, John Kotsch, Ken Thomas and Cindy McGinnes.

Score card play-off for 2nd and 3rd place.

There will be a 27 Hole Tournament Select Shot on Saturday, July 5th at 10:00 AM and a 4-Lady Tournament on Saturday, July 12.

Attention parents of band students!

The annual EHS Band Garage Sale will be August, Friday, 1 and Saturday, 2.

It is time to start thinking about cleaning out your garage and closets and collecting good stuff for this garage sale. The proceeds will go towards the band trip.

If any of the public would like to donate items to sell please contact Rita Reeves, Mary Nolen or Carrol Green.

Birthdays

- July
 3rd Bernell O'Conner, Ashlie Whitten, Jimmy Saldivar, Maxie Holley, Stephanie Nolen, Tommy Johnson, Chris Barajas
 4th Ginny Lamb, Gordon Jones, Kathy Newman, Rose Enochs, Kimberly Jones, Rudy Saldivar, Ryan Bass, Kurtis Homer
 5th Corene Draper, Dan Griffin, Betty Richardson, Lonnie Middleton
 6th Verna Cawley, Chuck Jones, Cristina Redish, Gabe Schooley, Johnathon Marin, Nina Saldivar, Michelle Mora
 7th Nancy Sproul
 8th Kirk Gruben, Janee Finley, Bob Bruce, Wayne Mikeska, Debi Althaus, George Gower
 9th Glenda Nix, Renea Edmiston, Debi S. Pina
 10th Ray Louis Lozano, John David Meador, Dusty Nolen, Mike Mankin, J.R. Goodrum
 11th Garrett Warmock, Lucy Page, Earl Caulder, Gertrude Robinson
 12th Cynthia Sauer, Monroe Dacy, Julie Ann Hight, Mary Nolen, Paige Ragsdale, Quisto Gonzalez, Vanessa Ruiz, George Arispe, Mike Arispe, Oralia B. Trevino

Anniversaries

- July
 3rd E. H. & Wilma Topliffe
 4th Mr. & Mrs. Joaquin Rojas
 5th Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Vallejo
 6th Chris & Kim Mathis
 8th William & Darlene Edmiston
 9th Mr. & Mrs. Glen Nix
 12th Robert & Jo Parker

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$25.00 as payment for a years subscription to the "Eldorado Success".

Please give our kindest regards to the good people of Eldorado.

Thanks,
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rountree

McKinney graduates A&M

Diplomas were awarded to more than 4,000 Texas A&M University graduates during May commencement ceremonies.

The degrees were presented at three separate ceremonies. Featured speakers at the ceremonies were Dallas business leader H.R. "Bum" Bright; Mark McEwen, CBS News' This Morning co-anchor; and Dr. Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force.

Among those receiving degrees were Chandra Jayn McKinney, daughter to Shane and Drake McKinney. She majored in Animal Science receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree.



Templo Getsemani honored their Missionettes in a ceremony Sunday, June 29, 1997. They are Back (L-R) Daisy Leader Ninfa Fuentes, Rainbow Leader Rosa A. Martinez, Rainbow Asst. Luz Sanchez, Prims Sponsor Marisela Belman, Y's - Frances Saldivar, Jr. Star - Anna Rios, Sr. Stars - Jerrie Arispe, Kathy Gonzales, Deborah Cantu, Rev. Rosita Cantu, Sandra Garza and Margaret Contreras. Middle (L-R) Daisy - Linda Rios, Prim - J.C. Rodriguez, Anna Fuentes, Chelci Rodriguez, Kimberly Samaniego, Hope Fuentes, Jr. Star - Kimberly Contreras, Amanda Figueroa, Rachel Fuentes, Local and Section 8 Coordinator for Missionettes Mary Rios, Sponsor Sylvia Rios. Front (L-R) Future Royal Ranger - Omero Rios, Rainbows-Future Missionette - Madeline Contreras and Cassandra De Luna.

Eldorado Vol. Fire Dept. donations

The members of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Dept. gratefully acknowledge donations from the following individuals and businesses. Without their selfless support, it would be extremely difficult to provide adequate fire protection for Eldorado and Schleicher County. Thank You!

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Our fundraiser is continuing. There is not a suggested donation. Anything you can send will be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

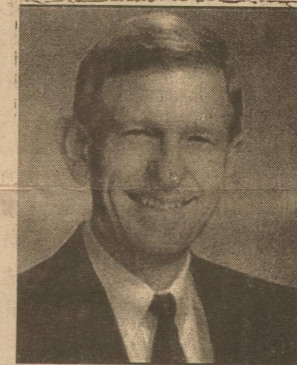
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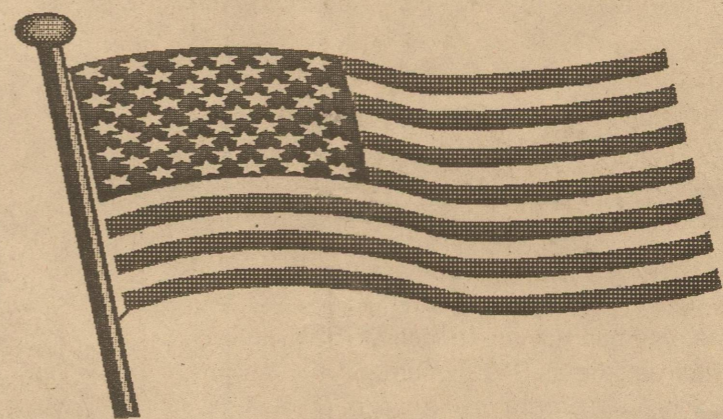
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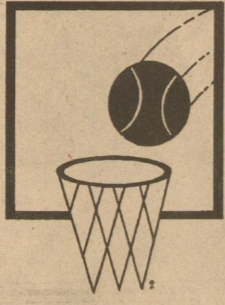
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\$30 entry fee (per child)

Boys & Girls Welcome

Alan Gillespie, Director F.M.I. call 853-4006



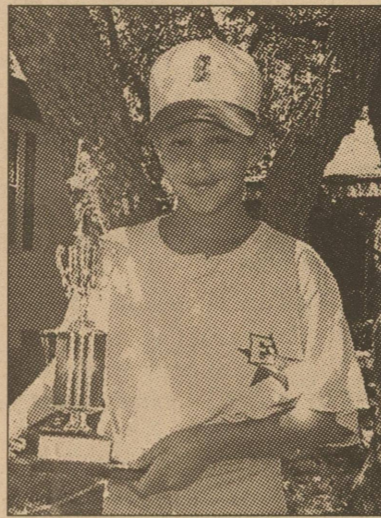
Minor All-Stars win Ozona tourney

Ryan Cathey garners MVP honor

by David Hill

Eldorado's Minor League All-Stars took 1st place in the Ozona Tournament this past week-end. The tournament was on Friday and Saturday and Eldorado, Ozona, Iraan, and Sonora competed. The tournament was a double elimination tournament.

On Friday, the Eldorado All-Stars played Ozona and won 23-1. On Saturday, Eldorado played Sonora and the Eldorado Nine triumphed 12-3. The Eagles then had to survive a 6 hour wait for their next scheduled game. Sonora came back through the loser's bracket to play for the championship against Eldorado. For the second time on Saturday, the Eagles beat the Bronchos 18-15. The game was a see-saw battle from the start to finish and the Eagles prevailed. The Eagles had the only double-play of the tournament during the Championship game. Ryan Cathey was voted the MVP of the tournament and displayed excellent play both



MVP Ryan Cathey

in the field and at the plate. All of the Eagles had a great week-end hitting and fielding during the entire tournament and played excellent as a team.

Eldorado's Minor League All-Star's are composed of nine 9 years olds and three 10 year olds. Members are Michael Hill, Frank Edmiston, Michael Ballew, Nester Hernandez, Ryan Cathey, Bryce Leggett, Luis Hernandez, Tico Robles, Caleb Nixon, Andrew Gonzales, Kyle Taylor and Colby Dombroski. Coaches are Rudy Montez and David Hill.

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Mias Amigas Golf Scramble

by Mabel Freitag

How great it is to renew old friendships and make new friends. That was the kind of afternoon we enjoyed at our local Golf Course on June 28th, 1997 for our Mias Amigas Golf Scramble. We had 44 golfers enjoying our beautiful course.

Just want to remind our County commissioner, Johnny Mayo, that as a usual thing, our men do not play golf with "Pink Balls", but, as Nancy Lester insisted, that was O.K. for one time. Sorry you lost one of the balls, if it is found, we will return it to you!

1st Score 54 Bob Bland, Bill Freitag, Frankie Hardy, Ronnie Sauer and Denzel Fisher.

2nd Score 57 Gary Warnock, John Mitchell, Su Scott, Ricky Griffin and Ricky Buckner.

3rd Score 57 Keith Nance, Chris McCravey, Wayne McGinnes, Larry Donaldson and Roy Jones.

4th Score 57 Jon Cartwright, Ross Whitten, Marilyn Whitten, Kelly Charboneau and Ken Koenig.

Score card play-off for 2nd, 3rd and 4th places.

Other teams who played but missed the money!

Score 58 Danny Halbert, Jill Preston, Donnie Thompson, Matt Thompson and Louis Martinez.

Score 61 Phil Olson, Mabel Freitag, Ken Thomas, Rex Ramsey and Pete Furry.

Score 61 Mike Olson, Cindy McGinnes, Jack Halbert, Richard Preston, and Kirk Jones.

Score 61 Marvin Clark, Nancy Lester, Joe Ed Hill and Dwight Wiederman.

Score 63 Tip Finley, Bobbie Lester, George Scott, Bobby DeLong and Johnny Mayo.

Local golfer Ricky Griffin made a "Hole-in-One" on Number 1.

Danny Halbert and Richard Preston were responsible for getting this scramble organized.

Know everyone enjoyed our 66th Mias Amigas celebration, and hope everyone arrived home safely.

Until next year, Happy Golfing and may God Bless.

Minor league tournament held

Eldorado nine place 3rd



courtesy photo

Eldorado's Minor League All-Star Team

by David Hill

Eldorado Youth Baseball Association hosted its annual Minor League baseball tournament on the 21st of June. The tournament was a double elimination tournament which assured everyone at least two games for the day. Eldorado, Eden, Mason and Iraan was runner up, and Eldorado placed third.

In the first round, Eldorado defeated Eden. Mason defeated the Eldorado squad in the third round. This set the stage for the championship game or games as it turned out, between Mason and Iraan. Mason came into the game with

one loss and Iraan was undefeated. To win the tournament, Mason had to win not once but twice. Game one was a close game and had several lead changes, however, Mason came out victorious and won 8-7. Game two was so close the teams battled for 3 extra innings before Mason won the game in the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs 15-14. In addition to the win and first place finish, Mason's Alberto, second baseman and pitcher was voted MVP by the coaches and umpires.

It took many volunteers to make sure this tournament was a huge success and it is greatly appreciated.



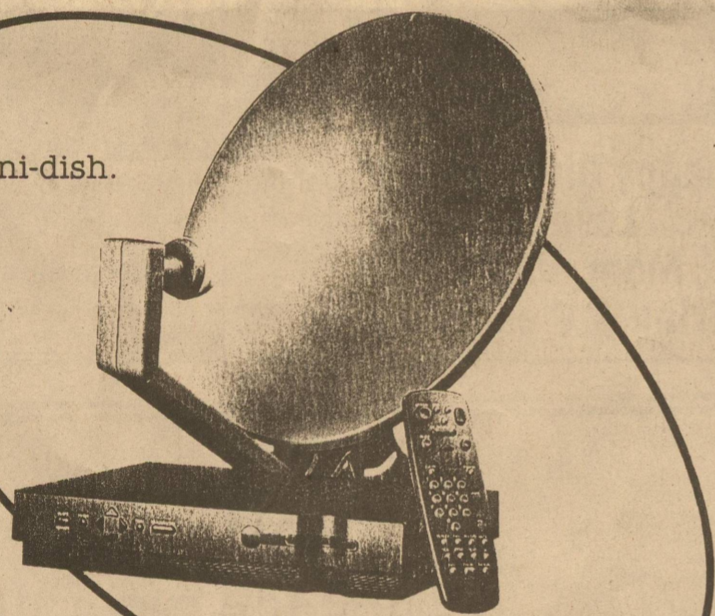
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The Blotter

6/24/97 3:07 PM Vehicle Fire - Caller reported a vehicle fire on 190 East 17 at Toe Nail Trail. Officer and Fire Units responded.

6/25/97 Loose Livestock - goat out on 915. Officer put goat back in fence. 9:30 AM Loose Livestock - goat out on 190 West. Goat put back in fence by officer. 1:40 PM caller reported that a white vehicle on 277 North was smoking alot, possibly needed assistance. Officer responded. Subject had already abandon car and received ride back to town. 9:55 PM call came into Sheriff's office to report that they had been assaulted by manager of apts. Subject had punched them in the mouth after words had been exchanged. Officer responded and no arrest was made. 10:12 PM caller reported that a juveniles were drag racing by the High School. Officers took the call and located the juveniles and talked to them. No arrest was made.

6/26/97 1:08 AM Suspicious Person - caller phoned and reported that two suspicious persons were at the residence next door and running about the residence to and from vehicle. Caller stated that both subjects had started to run when Sheriff's Unit was in vicinity. Two officers responded and had the vehicle in custody. 2:57 AM Disturbance - Concern citizen complaining about vehicles chasing each other at high speeds around their neighborhood. Two officer went to scene. 1:11 AM caller reported a possible drunk driver driving a late model Ford Van headed North on Hwy 277. Officer was unable to locate. 9:39 AM Officer reported a bus broke down at the intersection of Divide and Murchinson. 10:51 PM Criminal Mischief - caller reported to Sheriff's Office that unknown persons had shot the front door of business with what appeared to be a pellet rifle. Est. Damage \$250.00. 10:43 AM Sheriff's Officer was notified that there would be a control burn across from the hospital. 4:45 PM Missing Person - caller reported that they had not seen grandmother since 6/27/97. Subject height 5'5 1/2", light brown shoulder length hair, brown eyes, tattoo of initial and barbwire on one ankle and a small tattoo of Mickey Mouse on right shoulder. 6:34 PM Larceny Theft - local store reported a theft of service. Subject was driving a large white van. 8:35 PM Loose Livestock - caller reported a medium size calf on 1828 1 mile West. Officer contacted owner. Owner had already put the livestock back on their property. 11:05 PM caller reported that her ex-husband came to her house and is extremely intoxicated. Subject did not want him there. Officer responded.

6/27/97 9:48 AM Hospital requested a medical transfer to Columbia in San Angelo. EMS responded. 10:04 AM Criminal Mischief - caller reported that an unknown person had shot holes in the plate glass window of their home on Dixie Dr. Dollar amount unknown at this time. Incident occurred sometime between 6/26/97 and 6/27/97. 2:00 PM Criminal Mischief - caller reported that 2 windows on their horse trailer had been broken out. Road signs on CR 117 and 119 have been taken warning of curves. 2 signs with Kaffer Draw owned by complainant were taken. Signs taken from

another ranch. Items were taken or damaged along an 8 mile stretch of road. 2:45 PM Caller wished report welfare concern on female subject. 5:45 PM Larceny Theft - caller reported a theft of \$10 worth of service from a local business. Vehicle was registered to a residence of Sonora. 10:17 PM Loose Livestock - caller reported that they had seen a cow on 915 approx. 1 mile out about an hour before calling. Officer investigated.

6/28/97 9:39 AM Loose Livestock - caller reported a cow on 915 between the 45 mph sign and the 60 mph sign. Officer investigated. 12:00 AM Assist Motorist to unlock vehicle. 6:00 PM Assist Motorist to unlock vehicle.

6/29/97 5:39 AM Caller requested an ambulance for a 14-15 year old female having trouble breathing. Subject is believed to have asthma. One officer and EMS 1 responded. 2:31 PM Caller reported that during a family reunion at the Memorial Building, children were trying to throw an object up to the roof. Caller stated that she thought it was a piece of fruit. This object went through the window on the second floor.

6/30/97 7:20 AM Caller reported that a truck (semi had leaked deisel all over the parking lot of business); at approximately 9:00 AM another caller reported that a motorist coming in on 190 East had hit a place on the highway covered in diesel and almost lost control of vehicle. Sheriff's office notified TxDot to bring in sand. Officer found where the vehicle had gone off the roadway approximately 5 miles east on Hwy 190 and had apparently broken a hold in the tank. 10:05 AM Assist Motorist to unlock vehicle. 10:42 AM Female subject called to file a Criminal Trespass against male subject. 2:45 PM Assist Motorist to unlock vehicle. 4:14 PM Disturbance - caller requested an officer to go to East Street. Two officers responded to a verbal dispute. All was found to be ok and no arrest made. 6:00 PM Threats - complainant stated a juvenile male subject made a complaint to a younger male, because other male subject was kicked out of swimming pool. A verbal threat was made that subject had all summer to get other male subject. Juveniles are neighbors and one subject relative was contacted and made aware of conflict. 7:00 PM Motorist Assist called to request assistance from an officer to help unlock their vehicle. 7:10 PM complainant came into the office to report that his son and the neighbor's kid were threaten by another juvenile at swimming pool. 7:12 PM caller reported a small male children throwing rocks through the windows of a vacant house. Woman subject witness the kids throwing the rocks. Two officers took call and spoke to complainant. She requested no charges be filed, but she would like the parents to pay for the damage.

CARD OF THANKS

To my family, friends, and former co-workers, I want to express my thanks and appreciation for the support, love and encouragement you have shown during my twenty-year tenure at Schleicher County I.S.D. During my years in Eldorado's schools, your continual belief in my ability, integrity, and character was meant more than you will ever know.

Lola Squyres

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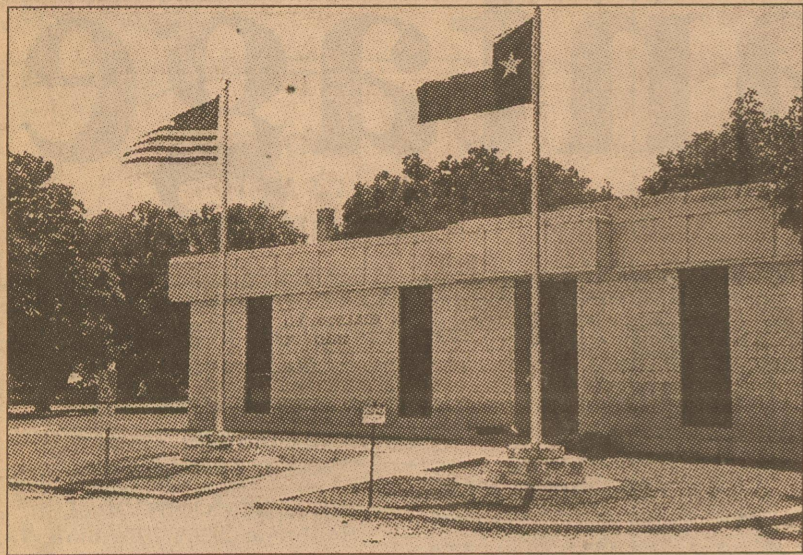


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Flags wave proudly from the newly installed flag poles in front of the Schleicher County Law Enforcement Center. Inmates did the rock work at the base of the poles. The stone was donated by Kathy and Scooter Faull. WTU donated the poles and Southwest Texas Electric Coop. dug the holes for the standards.



Dorothy's Movie Time

by Dorothy Dacy

This past weekend was the annual Mias Amigas class reunion, and I must say we had a great turnout. I really enjoyed seeing all my classmates, some of whom had not been back "home" for several years. The program representing the class of 1947 and 1977, barbecue lunch, golf, supper and dance (sponsored by the class of 1960-75 were all a lot of fun. I hope everyone can make it again in 1998!

This week's movie "Jerry Maguire", rated R due to language and sexual situations, shows the tender side of sports.

"Show me the money!" may have become the catch-phrase of the year, but the true pleasure of "Jerry Maguire" is its ability to make romance an integral part of a bare-knuckle sports movie.

Typically, sports films follow the anxiety-strife-glorious-redemption timing route. This one opens with the essential anxiety and strife, but somewhere along the line it develops a conscience, suggesting that perhaps what really counts in the world of celebrity sports isn't the money after all.

Of course, none of this occurs to aggressive, charming super agent Jerry, (played by Tom Cruise) until a middle of the night panic attack.

Instead of blaming it on bad sushi and going back to bed, he writes a 25-page mission statement challenging the way agents and athletes interact.

His bosses are impressed enough to fire him, leaving Jerry with one client-an egomaniacal wide receiver (played by Cuba Gooding Jr.) in contract renegotiations and a single-mother secretary (played by Renee Zellweger) who sees Jerry for what he is: a little boy in crisis.

This being a big-budget, feel-good movie, the path taken is no surprise. Jerry struggles to hold on to his client while romancing the skittish single-mother. But when it looks like he may enjoy playing father to her little boy more than he loves her, you have to wonder if he reads his own mission statement.

Don't worry. Things turn out fine. In this case, a happy ending is less a disappointment than a deserved payoff for a film that takes pains to avoid easy answers.

Cruise does his best work since "Rain Man"; Zellweger projects a soft-spoken confidence that wins you over. Gooding does his supporting actor Oscar proud as an athlete more adept at giving his heart off the field than on.

Sports drama. Romantic comedy. Morality play. However you describe "Jerry Maguire", it's a cinematic touchdown. This great film is locally available at Eagle Video.

Until next week: Do you spend more than you make on things you don't need to impress people you don't like?

Hope everyone has a safe and happy 4th of July!



photo by Kathy Mankin
One hot car — This 1987 Ford burned early Tuesday morning on U.S. 277 North. So far, the driver hasn't been found and no one has claimed the auto. (see related story Page 1)

FSA News...

County committee nominations

The Schleicher County FSA Committee election will be held December 1, 1997. Ballots will be mailed to voters approximately 10 calendar days before the election.

Nominations are now being accepted in the county office. The forms are available in the county office at 510 South Divide, or you may request that one be sent to you.

Persons nominated should actively participate in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A producer is eligible to be a County FSA committee member if the producer resides in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) in which the election is to be held and is eligible to vote. A copy of the map showing the LAA lines is located in the county office.

Federal regulations may prohibit County FSA Committee members from holding certain positions in some farm, commodity, and political organizations if such positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. These positions include functional offices such as president,

secretary, or treasurer; and positions on boards or executive committees. Conflict of interest restrictions also apply to employees, operators, managers, and majority owners of tobacco warehouses. Questions concerning eligibility should be directed to the County FSA Office.

FSA administers all programs without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Playin' pasture pool — Kirk Jones was one of the golfers taking part in the Mias Amigas Golf Scramble last Saturday.

Karl Kinney Kothmann, Chubby Pearl & Willie White memorial team roping

The Karl Kinney Kothmann, Chubby Pearl, and Willie White Memorial Team Roping that has been held in the Rayburn Arena near Menard since 1987 has now been moved to the Mason Fairgrounds Arena in Mason, set for July 19, 1997.

After many years, Herman and Betty Rayburn of Menard, have retired from producing ropings. They

have, along with Brooks Walker, put their time and effort doing this particular roping every year, with the help of a few volunteer and donations of buckles. Buckles in the past have been donated by Menard National Bank, Compton Warehouse, Kothmann Commission Company, West Texas Utilities, Tanner Western Auto and Jay's Hamburgers.

The first Memorial Team Roping for Karl Kinney Kothmann was at the Joe Tom White Arena near Mason. The next memorial roping was in the Rayburn Arena near Menard in 1987. Then in 1988 Chubby Pearl was added to the Memorial, and Willie White in 1995.

The proceeds have gone into an educational trust fund set up at the Menard National Bank for Dustin Kothmann and Jana Pearl. Then in 1993 an Educational Scholarship was made available from part of the funds for a graduating senior of a roping or rodeo background, therefore helping some of the other ropers children. Those applying for the scholarship need to turn in their application by July 10. Applications can be received by calling 396-4934 or 396-2332.

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