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Headlines From
Around the World

UN helicopter crashes in Bosnia

At least 11 people were killed when a U.N. helicopter crashed in central Bosnia, the United Nations announced yesterday. At least four other passengers were injured, U.N. spokesman Liam McDowall told Reuters. Western officials said Gerd Wagner, a German deputy to the International High Representative in Bosnia, was among those killed.

Two US warplanes collide

Two Air National Guard fighter jets collided off the coast of New Jersey Tuesday night but all three crew members survived. It was the fifth accident involving U.S. military aircraft in four days. Air Force Sgt. Frank Braun noted the accident occurred 30 miles southeast of Atlantic City just after 8 p.m. A two-seat F-16D and a single-seat F-16C were involved. The pilot of the single-seat jet returned to shore safely and the two crewmembers of the other jet parachuted into the water, according to the Coast Guard.

Bodyguard to be questioned

Investigators looking into Princess Diana's fatal car crash plan to question the bodyguard who survived the accident later this week, Paris police sources said yesterday. "An initial meeting is expected to take place Friday though the specifics have not been set," a police official said. Officials at the hospital where Trevor Rees-Jones has been treated since the August 31 crash stated Tuesday he was conscious and able to talk, raising hopes he could soon help investigators fill in the blanks in their probe.

Reno shakes up probe

Attorney General Janet Reno is reshuffling the Justice Department task force that is investigating campaign finance practices. Justice Department sources say a new FBI agent and prosecutor will be put in charge of the task force. That move comes amid increasing questions about how well the investigation has been handled. Sources claim Reno was angry that the task force did not know that some of the money raised by Vice President Al Gore from his office went to individual candidates, which may violate campaign finance laws. A Senate committee's probe of fund raising continues this week.

Panels study highway money

House and Senate committees are considering proposals to replace highway legislation which allocates federal funding to states. The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, which expires at the end of this month, divides among the states money collected through the federal gas tax. Two lobby groups are using a new report to argue against a Senate highway funding bill that ends highway and bridge repair programs as separate items and rolls them into other programs. The report says motorists spend four times as much money fixing damage to their cars from crumbling roads than states spend on fixing the highways.



Homecoming Queen — Ashlie Whitten is crowned EHS Homecoming Queen last Friday night by Student council representatives Scotty Espinosa and Mary Adame.

E.H.S. celebrates Homecoming with victory over Yellowjackets

EHS-exes returning for the Eagles annual Homecoming game were treated to a spectacular performance, on and off the playing field.

The highlight of the evening came at half-time when the class duchesses and senior queen candidates paraded down the track and were each presented to the crowd. They were: Vanessa Gonzalez, freshman duchess; Evelyn Quintana, sophomore duchess; Angela Ballew, junior duchess; and Andie Sterling, Ashlie Whitten and Madolyn Joy, senior queen candidates. Then EHS student council representatives, Scotty Espinosa and Mary Adame came forward and crowned Ashlie Whitten as the 1997 EHS Homecoming Queen.

Before and after the half-time festivities, the fans in the packed stadium were treated to an extremely hard hitting football game between the Eldorado Eagles and the Menard Yellowjackets.

Eldorado won the coin toss and elected to receive the opening kick. Their offense set up shop deep in their own end of the field.

Menard's defense came ready to play, however, stopping the Eagles on three straight downs, and forcing a punt. But the ball was snapped high over Garrett Bownd's rolling through the endzone and Menard claimed a 2-0 lead on a safety.

Following the Eagles free kick from their own 20 yard line, Menard's offense took over near mid-field. The Yellowjackets wasted little time in driving the ball on the Eagles defense. At 7:08 in the opening quarter Menard's Davis Sanchez powered in from 4-yards out. James Williamson's extra-point was good and Menard led 0-9.

That would be all the point production Menard would see on the night, however, as the Eagles, slowly took control of the line of scrimmage and began to move the

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Lindsey Griffin wins scholarship



All smiles — Lindsey Griffin, daughter of Curtis & Debbie Griffin received a 4-H scholarship recently from the Permian Basin Fair and Exposition.

by Nancy Lester,
Home Extension Agent

Lindsey Griffin, Schleicher County 4-H Member, was recently awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship from the Permian Basin Fair and Exposition in Odessa. These scholarships are awarded to senior exhibitors in the livestock division. The selection of recipients is based on scholastic achievement and school and community achievements.

Lindsey exhibited a steer at the

show and was interviewed on September 6, 1997. Lindsey has been a 4-H Member for the past 12 years. She has been involved in Beef Cattle Projects for 10 years and has exhibited her projects locally and at major shows around the state. Lindsey has also been active in Foods and Nutrition, Public Speaking, Leadership and Community Service. She received the Gold Star Award in 1996. Lindsey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Griffin.

Investigators eye SCMC's billing practices

A nationwide investigation into fraudulent Medicare claims spilled into Eldorado last week when Schleicher County Medical Center's administrator Jim Roddie received word that the U.S. Department of Justice was eyeing SCMC's billing practices. Assistant U.S. Attorney Thelma Quince Colbert notified Roddie by letter that SCMC's out-patient laboratory claims to Medicare have been under scrutiny. According to the letter, SCMC may have overbilled Medicare to the tune of \$11,000.00 for tests performed by its lab from Jan. 1, 1992 through Dec. 31, 1996.

Colbert stated that the Federal False Claims Act allows the government to recover three times its actual damages plus a civil penalty ranging from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for each false claim submitted. However, Colbert proposed a settlement totaling

\$35,287.68.

In a called meeting of SCMC's board of directors held Friday, Sept. 12th, Roddie told board members that over 400 rural hospitals in Texas have received similar letters from the Justice Department. "Some of those are being hit very hard," Roddie stated.

Roddie went on to tell the board that the basis for the allegations involved "unbundled tests". Unbundling is a term used by Medicare to refer to laboratory tests which are supposed to be grouped together under one billing code but are billed out individually under separate billing codes.

"If this occurred here, and I'm not saying it did, it was inadvertent," Roddie stated.

Assistant administrator Beverly Minor told the board that in the past, the hospital's bookkeepers would bill for tests exactly as physicians

ordered them. "If they ordered a test and it was performed, then we billed for it," Minor said.

Also attending the board meeting was lab director Gene McClean who told the board that since joining SCMC's staff he has rewritten lab's protocols for Medicare tests. "If a doctor orders a test without indicating a preliminary diagnosis, or if tests are ordered that don't meet Medicare's guidelines, then the order is returned to the physician review."

After discussing the matter at length, the board voted to join with other rural hospitals in negotiating a lower settlement. The Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals (TORCH) is preparing to contest the validity of the Justice Department's allegations. TORCH's negotiating group will be represented by attorney Kevin Reed and the accounting firm of Moody & Fikes.

City to negotiate contract with Duncan Disposal

The Eldorado City Council met Monday evening with representatives of Duncan Disposal of San Angelo. Don Foard and Reid Donaldson were on hand to discuss the possibility of Duncan Disposal operating Eldorado's landfill.

J.C. Duncan, the parent company of Duncan Disposal also owns Trashaway Services, which operates the City of San Angelo's landfill. They also own Wes Tex Waste Services and recently acquired Waste Management of West Texas.

"Let me make this perfectly clear, if you contract with us, Eldorado will still own the landfill," Foard told the council. "We are merely proposing to operate it."

Foard said Duncan Disposal is willing to purchase the city's two garbage trucks and its dumpsters. "We would bring those dumpsters up to our standards," Foard stated.

Donaldson told the group that Trashaway would furnish the personnel and equipment necessary to handle Eldorado's solid waste collection and disposal. "That will spare you from having to buy expensive earth moving equipment," he said.

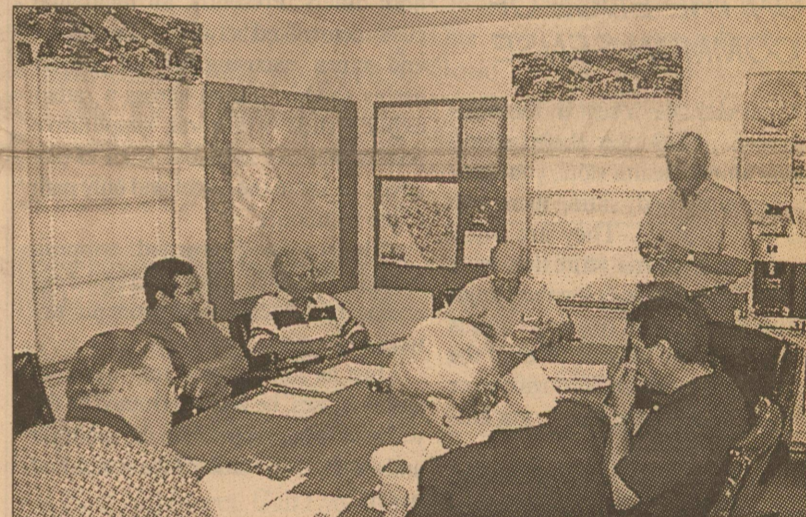
When asked about the city's employees who work at the landfill or drive the garbage truck, Foard said he felt sure they would be offered jobs with Duncan Disposal. "Our salary and benefit structure should be attractive to them," he stated.

Foard then went on to say that he had been in contact with the City of Sonora regarding their solid waste management. Sonora's city council voted recently to close their landfill. "It would be good if we could work out a three-way partnership," Foard said.

Foard noted that the cost of operating Eldorado's landfill and disposing of its garbage would be significantly reduced if Sonora became part of the equation. "It could be a win-win deal," Foard stated.

After discussing the matter at some length with Foard and Donaldson the council voted unanimously to enter into negotiations with Duncan Disposal.

"We didn't vote to contract with Duncan, only to negotiate with them in the hopes of reaching a contract" Mayor John Nikolauk said follow-



Talkin' trash — Don Foard of Duncan Disposal visits with the Eldorado City Council Monday evening concerning the possibility of operating the city's landfill

ing the meeting. "They will be talking to Sonora on pretty much the same terms. If Sonora is agreeable, then we'll take a look at Duncan's numbers and see if they're in the best interest of Eldorado."

The Sonora City Council voted recently to close their landfill and have been exploring options for solid

waste disposal. The Success has learned that Foard appeared at the Sonora City Council meeting Tuesday afternoon and asked them to enter into negotiations with Duncan to handle their solid waste. After discussing the topic, the Sonora council also voted unanimously to negotiate with Duncan Disposal.

Hospital board to meet with Columbia on Monday evening

Representatives of Columbia-HCA are slated to be on hand at Schleicher County Medical Center's board meeting Monday night. At the board's last meeting Columbia's chief executive officer Greg Angle expressed a desire to meet with Eldorado citizens and hear their complaints about Columbia's operation of the Schleicher County Family Clinic.

Angle said he was sure that, once all the facts were cited, the public would understand that his company

was doing everything possible to place a permanent physician in Eldorado.

Columbia-HCA has operated the Schleicher County Family Clinic for the past year and has a contract to continue operating it for the next four years. However, with the first anniversary of the contract date approaching on Oct. 1, SCMC's board may choose to opt out of the contract.

The meeting is slated for 7:00 p.m. in the nursing home dining room.

Martinez lawsuit goes to trial

A lawsuit brought against the City of Eldorado by one of its former employees went to trial Wednesday in Federal District Court in San Angelo. Hector Martinez is alleging that the city violated his civil rights when it fired him in 1994 after he failed a routine drug test.

The suit alleges that the city terminated Martinez unfairly and is seeking monetary damages. Arguments in

the case were slated to begin at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning in Judge Sam Cummings' courtroom. A verdict is expected sometime today.

Martinez is being represented by San Angelo attorney Berta Perez Linton while local attorney Jim Kosub is representing the city.

The Eldorado Success will report the outcome of the trial in next week's edition.

BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



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Over the Back Fence

by Randy Mankin

It had been several weeks since my old friend D.W. last stopped by the Success office. One day, it occurred to me that we hadn't seen him in awhile and I mentioned this to Kathy. She mumbled something about a bad penny and told me not to worry, he'd turn up sooner or later. And so he did, the very next day.

"Where have you been?" I asked as he took the chair next to my desk.

"Nowhere in particular," he replied. "Why? You been worried about me?"

While I may wonder about D.W. on a daily basis, I've long since stopped worrying about him. When I told him this he merely shrugged and changed the subject asking, "How'd ya like that

ballgame Friday night."

"The Eagles look tough this year," I told him. "They started a little slow but they finished with a bang."

"I can't say I much cared for those officials," he said. "They were just awful."

Let me stop here and say that under no circumstances would I ever want to be a referee. It takes a special kind of person to do that job. These men (and women) are dedicated, selfless individuals who sacrifice beyond measure. Without them, young men and women wouldn't be able to meet and compete. They deserve our praise, not our scorn. After all, it's not their fault if some of them are a little nearsighted.

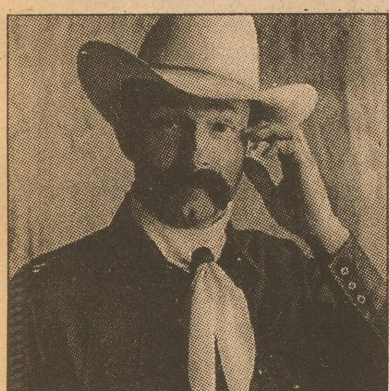
But D.W. had no such charitable feelings for the men in the striped shirts. "I swear this crew wuz worse'n the one in Junction," he said. "That one feller's glasses were two inches thick!"

As you can imagine, the remainder of the conversation didn't stray very far from Eagles' football.

This Friday night the Eagles travel to Sonora to take on the 3-A Broncos. It's their homecoming game and it promises to be a great matchup.

I'll be there, of course, shooting pictures for the newspaper. My old friend D.W. will be there keeping tabs on the refs. Most of your friends and neighbors will be there, too. Why don't you make plans to join us and support the Eagles!

The Producer Meeting



BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

When you take a seat in the waiting room of a veterinary clinic, a feedlot or an animal health store, you occasionally notice a body sitting there who looks out of place. They are often dressed in more formal attire than most clientele. They may be doing their times (two times two is four, two times four is eight, etc...), they may be reading the ten year old copy of Look Magazine or they could be annoying you... just killing time.

These dedicated people, who seem to take precedence over no one in the animal health food chain, are company reps. Salesmen, armed to the teeth with research trials supporting their product, special offers to entice volume buying out of season, and lunch money. They are the mainstays of our continuing education.

They seem to exude a certain tension, which is understandable... they have the job security of a smoke jumper. A big part of their regular duties is producer meetings. Some of these meetings go well. Others others prove that masochism builds character... well.

John works for an international pharmaceutical company that offers products for use in livestock. He arranged with the manager of a good sized feedlot to put on a meeting for the cow-

boys and vet crew employed therein. A local steak house was selected as an appropriate location for the meeting. Supper and drinks were furnished as bait. A good crowd of 18 or 20 showed up for the meeting.

No separate room was available, but the maitre d' had set up a single long table that ran the length of the room, wall to wall down the center of the dining area. John set his movie screen against the back wall at the end of the table. The slide projector sat in the middle of the table between the attentive cowboys.

John began his presentation. He started with lung diseases. Pictures of fulminating pleritis glared from the screen attracting the attention of random diners. Presently, an incidental customer walked between the projector and screen, excusing himself politely as his shadow darted across a rather explicit slide of chronic suppurative pneumonia. As John was soon to discover, he lay in the direct and only path to the restrooms.

The wayfarer returned, tripping over the projector cord which gave everyone a moment's respite from pulmonary contagion.

Just as John segued into injection site abscesses, he was interrupted by the waitress, who stepped into the spotlight and asked, "Who ordered the scotch and water?"

Then in the midst of his discussion on rumen physiology a group from the other side of the room broke into song. It was "Happy Anniversary to You" dedicated to a couple celebrating 58 years of wedded bliss... "Happy anniversary... methane... yo-o-o-u-u-u... is released along with... "Yeah, yeah, applause... "Scuse me, I gotta go to the john... "Sure" "Carbon dioxide" "Any questions?" "Yes, who ordered the two whiskey sours and the Bud light?"

On the drive home John commented to his boss, "All in all, it wasn't too bad a meeting."

"Yeah," the boss said, "But ya know, they might've missed some of the details."

I was in Lubbock a few weeks ago and interviewed Don Caldwell, who owned a recording studio and is a major player in Lubbock's music scene. He was in charge of this year's Buddy Holly festival and invited me to come up for it. I'm glad I went.

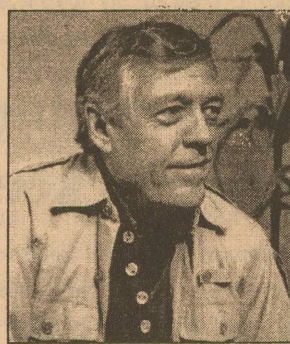
Buddy Holly grew up in Lubbock and now he's helping Lubbock grow. The second year of Lubbock's Buddy Holly festival attracted people from Germany, Australia, England, Japan and other far away places. One man from Japan came with a translator and Buddy Holly glasses. He toured every Buddy Holly landmark he could visit, including Buddy's grave.

The three-day event was a step back into the late fifties, when Buddy was performing with his band, the Crickets. He was in the musical spotlight only a year and a half before he died in a plane crash in 1959.

The Buddy Holly weekend started with a glitzy affair at the Lubbock Civic Center Holiday inn. Those attending wore formal attire and paid \$100 for a dinner of prime rib and seafood, then went to the Cactus theater to see a performance

Buddy

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

of BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY, written by Alan James of England. The show has been on America's Broadway stage and has played continuously for eight years in London.

While the dinner was taking place, others gathered at the Buddy Holly statue where four people were inducted into the Buddy Holly Walk of Fame.

The four were actor Dan Blocker, sculptor Glenna Goodacre, cartoon-

ist Dirk West and musician Terry Allen.

Peggy Sue Gerron was there. She lives in Lubbock and is the girl for whom Buddy Holly's song, PEGGY SUE, was named. Maria Elena Holly, Buddy's widow was there. Bobby Vee played a concert of fifties music. Johnny Tillotson, Joe Ely and the Maines Brothers entertained.

A large outdoor stage was constructed in the heart of Lubbock's Depot District to accommodate other musicians like Carl Perkins, who wrote and recorded BLUE SUEDE SHOES in 1956. His recording sold two million copies before Elvis Presley recorded it. It was the first song to top the pop, country and rhythm 'n' blues charts.

The City of Lubbock purchased 156 pieces of Buddy Holly memorabilia and they were on display in the Depot Restaurant building. Visitors could see Buddy's guitar, his maroon and black shoes and plaid wool stage jacket.

In the midst of all the activities, classic cars of the fifties were parked all over the Depot District. Buses took people to see Buddy's birthplace, his church and school, places where

he played and finally to the cemetery where he's buried.

Bill and Carroll Allen, who live seventeen miles outside London, England, made the journey to America just for the festival. They have seen BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY on stage at the Strand Theatre in London every Thursday night for the last five years. In all, they have attended the play some 350 times.

They have seen fourteen different people play Buddy. They were on hand Thursday night at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock and saw the talented Donnie Allison perform as Buddy. He lost forty pounds to play the part.

"This show is more real than the performances in London," Carroll told me. "Those are faster, more glitzy. I think this is more like the real Buddy." They have reserved front row aisle seats at the Strand through June of 1998. "We reserve them a year at a time," says Bill, who is a post office mechanic.

One city official in Lubbock says Buddy is the city's best tourist attraction. "When people think of Lubbock, they think of Buddy."

Texas jury decides if tobacco industry is liable

AUSTIN --- A Texas jury will be the first in the nation to decide whether the tobacco industry deliberately or negligently hurt millions of people, including children, it was reported last week in the *Austin American Statesman*.

An out-of-court settlement with tobacco companies --- similar to settlements struck by Mississippi and Florida --- is out of the question.

After a Texarkana federal judge refused to allow Attorney General Dan Morales to introduce "smoking gun" documents as evidence and ruled that Texas must narrow the scope of its lawsuit, the attorney general told the judge the case would not be settled and would go to trial Sept. 29.

"Texas will be the forum to guarantee the industry is held accountable," Morales said.

Tobacco industry officials agreed. Dan Webb, a Chicago attorney for Philip Morris and spokesman for the 11 tobacco companies, said, "This is a mainstream case that needs to go to trial so we can establish our position and prove we have done nothing wrong."

The state seeks as much as \$14 billion in health-care costs in its suit, naming as defendants American Tobacco, R.J. Reynolds, Brown and Williamson, B.A.T. Industries, Philip Morris, Liggett Group, Lorillard, United States Tobacco, the Hill and Knollton public relations firm, the Council for Tobacco Research-USA and the Tobacco Institute.

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling

The cry came after print and broadcast reports turned the nation's attention to a videotaped incident last year in the Brazoria County Jail, in which guards allegedly abused inmates. The inmates were being housed under a contract between Brazoria County and the state of Missouri.

No Texas inmates and state prison employees were involved in the incident.

Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for Gov. Bush, said the governor will look into the matter.

State Farm will pay up

State Farm Insurance last week announced it will pay for foundation damage caused by leaking water or sewer pipes, even though the company considers those losses "not covered" in the standard homeowners policy.

The announcement came a week after State Farm said it would ignore an order from Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer to cover such damage.

Bomer ordered the company to honor claims after the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals held that State Farm did not have to pay.

Bank profits show increase

The Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas reported last week that as of June 30 Texas bank profits were up 11 percent over the first half of 1996.

Officials attributed the difference to an increase in loan volume. For Texas' 872 banks, loans were up 6.3 percent --- for a total of \$118 billion

--- for the first half of 1997.

Banks in Texas are in "a period of historic loan demand again, something we haven't seen since probably the early '80s," Chris Williston, president of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas, told the *American Statesman*.

More state troopers promised

More state troopers will patrol Texas highways during the next 18 months, the head of the Public Safety Commission said last week.

Chairman James B. Francis said he outlined the plan to Gov. Bush after state auditors blamed the shortage of troopers on the DPS spending money ear marked for new officers on other things.

Francis said plans are under way to put more than 100 additional troopers on state highways during the next 18 months.

Other Capital Highlights

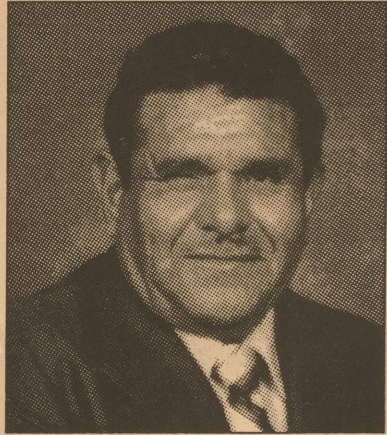
• Paul Hobby, a Houston businessman and son of former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, has declared his candidacy for the office of state comptroller. The 37-year-old is the first candidate to officially announce for the post being vacated by fellow Democrat John Sharp, who is running for lieutenant governor.

• The State Board of Educator Certification is looking into whether state law allows it to conduct criminal history checks on student teachers in training. John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, said it would be better to conduct the checks before a student teacher enters training

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Our Sympathy

Olegario Gauna



ELDORADO --- Olegario D. Gauna, 72, of Eldorado died Friday, Sept. 5, 1997, in a San Angelo hospital.

Services were held Monday, Sept. 8, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial follow-

ing in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born March 6, 1925, in Alice and had been a longtime resident of Eldorado. He was a sheepshearer and a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Eugenia Tijerina of Eldorado; two sons, Lee Guana and Olegario Gauna Jr.; two stepsons, Joseph Tijerina and Alfonso Tijerina; three daughters, Juanita Flores, Anna Gauna and Susie Gauna; three stepdaughters, Lupe Arispe, Estella Grimes and Virginia Barron; two brothers, Juanillo Gauna and Manuel Gauna; four sisters, Luz Aguilar, Paula Arispe, Prudencia Belman and Juanita Gallegos; and numerous grandchildren.

Lots of pretty girls —
EHS Homecoming Queen Ashlie Whitten (far left) and her court (L-R) senior Madolyn Joy, senior Andie Sterling, junior Angela Ballew, sophomore Evelyn Quintana and freshman Vanessa Gonzalez



FBC Senior Ambassadors news

First Baptist Church Senior Ambassadors met Monday night, September 15, 1997 for their regular meeting, after missing a couple of months due to the summer slump.

When the Galveston Tour took place, several men went deep sea fishing, and they shared their catch with the bunch, with a fish fry. Everyone brought a complimentary

dish, and the meal was delicious.

Pastor Andy Anderson offered thanks. There were 38 in attendance and guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer of Roanoke, Louisiana.

Kennith Richardson led the prayer and called the business meeting to order. A report was given on Kathy Brewer and discussion took place on several subjects.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the administrators, employees, physicians, and volunteers of Columbia Medical Center of San Angelo, I want to take the opportunity relate some very positive news regarding the partnership with our hospital and the Schleicher County Hospital District.

Under the management contract which was initiated last fall, we have worked to fulfill our commitment to provide high quality, cost-effective healthcare to the residents of Eldorado. For example, the Schleicher County Family Clinic is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and the emergency room at Schleicher County Medical Center is operating 24 hours a day. Also, we are providing staff coverage coverage for the Schleicher County Nursing Center and have retained all ancillary services at the medical center, which we had intended and which was requested by the board of directors.

Revenue generated from the ancillary services has positively impacted the bottom line by more than \$50,000 since the execution of the contract. Also, outpatient volume has increased by more than 500 patients per year which demonstrates our commitment to enhancing the level of patient care provided in Eldorado, and not to unnecessarily require patients to travel to San Angelo. In addition, the yearly management fee charged by Columbia Medical Center of San Angelo has saved the Schleicher County Medical Center more than \$200,000, thereby reducing the financial burden placed on local taxpayers.

There is, however, one outstanding issue that we are committed to resolving as timely as possible. We are equally frustrated by the fact that a permanent physician has not been found to practice in the Schleicher County Family Clinic. When we initiated the management contract -- after being invited to do so by the Schleicher County Medical Center Board of Directors -- we had hoped there might have been a smoother transition. We had planned for the Clinic's medical staff to remain in place to meet the healthcare needs of Eldorado and Schleicher

County residents. We were not anticipating the need to recruit a new medical staff.

Dr. Lazar Jovanovic has staffed the Schleicher County Family Clinic for seven of the past eight months, offering both consistency in staffing and a high level of quality care. However, we have dedicated a substantial amount of resources and time in searching for a permanent physician -- one who will provide quality patient care and who will become an active member and supporter of the Eldorado community.

For instance, we have worked with at least 12 national physician recruiting firms -- at substantial expense -- to locate the right person. These recruiting firms specialize in physician placement. In doing so, we have reviewed 24 applicants who have either not met our quality standards or who have chosen to relocate to a larger community.

We welcome your comments and suggestions as we work together to resolve this single outstanding issue of our management agreement. We are eager to continue to assist SCMC in providing the very best healthcare for all residents of Schleicher County.

Sincerely,
Greg Angle
Chief Executive Officer

Blood drive to benefit Nixon

HouseCalls Home Health will sponsor a replacement blood drive Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Memorial Building for Eldorado resident Farris Nixon. Nixon is currently in a San Antonio hospital recuperating from complications following heart bypass surgery. Nixon received several units of blood following his surgery.

United Blood Services of San Angelo will conduct the blood drive, which will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Donors may make an appointment by calling HouseCalls at 853-2525. Appointments are not mandatory, but are encouraged to ensure smooth donor flow and adequate staffing. Because this is a replacement drive, the hours of the mobile could be extended to accommodate a large number of donors. However, hours and staffing cannot be adjusted without knowing how many donors will participate, so appointments are particularly helpful.

Donors are also asked to know

the name of any medication they are currently taking. A donor must be between the ages of 17 and 79, must weigh at least 110 pounds, and feel well and healthy at the time of donation.

Because there is no substitute for blood, patients in need must rely on volunteer blood donors to make sure there is a safe and adequate blood supply on hand when it's needed.

For more information on donating blood or the upcoming blood drive, contact UBS San Angelo at (915) 653-1307 or (800) 756-0024.

Youth Group to sing at Getsemani

Templo Getsemani will host Templo Bethesda Youth Group from San Antonio on Saturday, September 20, 1997. The youth group will hold a Puppet Show at 12:00 noon and a Praise and Music Worship Service for young and old at 6:00 p.m. Both programs will be held at Templo Getsemani.

The youth group will arrive in Eldorado on Friday afternoon doing volunteer work at Templo Getsemani and will be handing out flyers at the Sonora game inviting everyone to their program on Saturday.

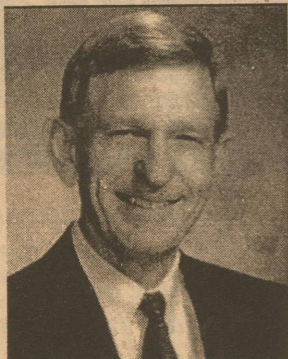
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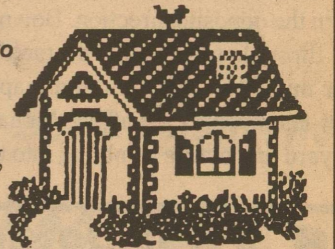
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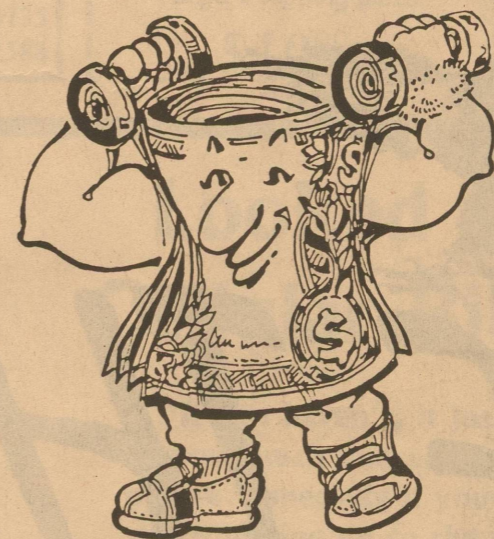
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Eagles swat Yellowjackets

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On Menard's next possession, Eagles defender Armando Villavicencio knocked the ball free. The pigskin was scooped up by line-backer Mark Fryar who sprinted 60-yards for a TD. Reeves' extra-point try failed and the Eagles led 13-9.

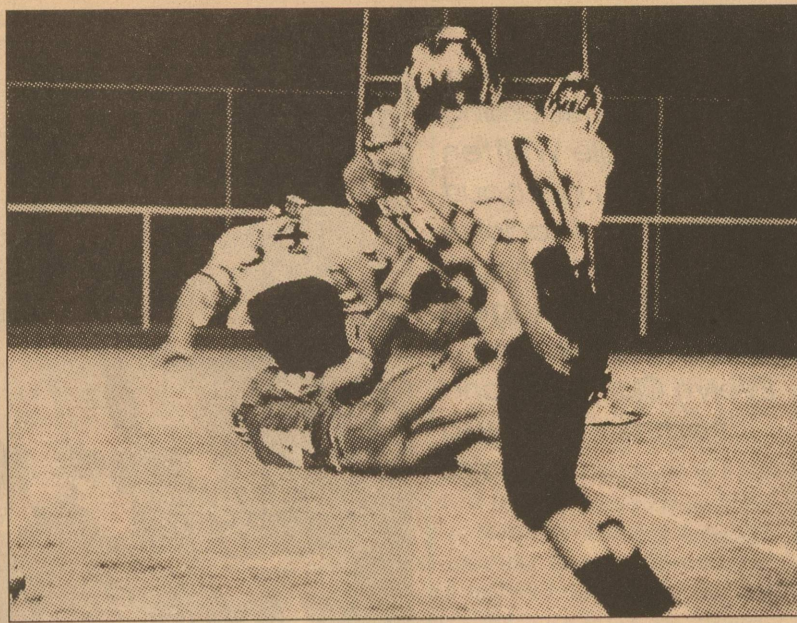
That score would stand until the 4th quarter when, with 8:40 left to play, Lance Mitchel received a Menard punt. As Mitchel ran right, drawing the swarming Yellowjacket defense with him, he handed the ball to Garrett Bownds who was sprinting in the opposite direction. Bownds ran through two would-be tacklers near mid-field, cut right and leaped over another tackler at the Menard 23-yard line before rumbling into the

endzone. Reeves added the extra-point to move the score to 20-9.

The Eagles stingy defense held on Menard's next possession, forcing a punt. The Eagles drove to the Yellowjacket 33-yard line where Mark Fryar broke free, and sprinted into the endzone. Reeves again added the extra-point to make the final score Eldorado 27, Menard 9.

Following the game Coach Jim Fryar talked about his team's unwillingness to quit. "For the second straight week we got behind early and we didn't give up," said Fryar. "They didn't panic and fought back. It was an excellent effort."

Statistically, the game was a pretty even affair. Eldorado rushed for 162 yards while Menard managed 130. The Eagles gained 76 yards through the air while the Yellowjackets picked up 63. Eldorado's 11 first downs compare with Menard's 9. However, Eldorado's defense forced Menard to punt 7 times while the Eagles offense only had to boot the ball three times.



Crunch time — Casey Poynor and Wade Dakan invade Menard's backfield during last Friday night's 27-9 win over the Yellowjackets.

Quarterback Casey Snelson was 5 of 11 passing for 75-yards and a TD. Kyle Hunter caught that pass and one other for a total of 38-yards receiving. Garrett Bownds controlled things on the ground for the Eagles, notching up 114 yards rushing on 13 carries. He also returned a punt 60-yards for a TD.

Mark Fryar caught a pass for 20-yards and rushed the ball twice for 40 yards and a TD. Fryar also recovered a fumble and returned it 60 yards for a TD.

Zach Steele caught one pass for 11-yards. Jason Richters had reception for 6-yards. Lance Mitchel carried the ball six times for 19-yards and Chad Williams had three carries for 14-yards.

Defensively, Mark Fryar tallied 17 tackles, Casey Poynor 16 tackles, Randy Spears 13 tackles. Zach Steele counted for 9 tackles and a deflected pass. Lance Mitchel tallied 13 tackles and a forced fumble. Armando Villavicencio had 8 tackles and 2 forced fumbles. Garrett Bownds notched up 10 tackles. Kyle Hunters recorded 8 tackles and an interception. Jason Richters added 4 tackles, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery and a deflected pass. Dusty Nolen and Tony Martinez had 5 tackles each.

"It was good to see Wade Dakan coming back from knee surgery so soon and getting in on 4 tackles," Fryar told the Success.

This week the Eagles travel to Sonora. "We are Sonora's homecoming game and it should be another fine matchup," Fryar said.

Cross-Country results listed

Eula
August 30, 1997
Varsity Girls - Hanna Wolfe 26th (15:28), Anna Loomis 45th (16:03), Nancy Cawley 62nd (16:56), Sarah Wolfe 73rd (17:53).

Varsity Boys - Joseph Wink 1st (18:21), Sammy Cabrera 2nd (18:21), Juan Sanchez 4th (18:50), Anthony Pina 9th (19:47), Edward Elias 13th (19:55), Joey Bullard 19th, Jimmy Aguilar 23rd.

JV Boys - Johnny Lee Arispe 2nd, Marcelina Martinez 9th.

Rocksprings
(corrected list)
September 6, 1997

Varsity Girls Hanna Wolfe (14:49), Anna Loomis (15:54), Sarah Wolfe (17:04), Ashley Barton (17:55).

JV Boys Jimmy Aguilar (19:46); Johnny Lee Arispe (20:54); Marcellino Martinez (21:32).

8th Grade Girls - Placed 1st Score 27 (Rodrquez, Sauer, Lively, Wolfe, and Grey) Individual Times: Hallie Greer (15:21); Jennifer Rodriguez (15:52); Courtney Sauer (16:03); Martha Lively (16:23); Leah Wolfe (16:43); Rachael Grey (18:01); Misty Martinez (18:02); Jessica Sparks (18:04); Lilly Vallejo (18:05); Lora Warren (22:45); Liza Sanchez (22:53).

Jim Ned
Saturday, September 13, 1997.

Varsity Boys - Placed 1st with team total of 34. Eula placed 2nd with

a total of 53 and Hawley placed 3rd with a team total of 97. Hawley is the defending Regional champ and State runner up.

Varsity Boys individual - Sammy Cabrera 2nd; Juan Sanchez 5th; Daniel Mata 6th; Anthony Pina 11th; Joseph Wink 12th; Victor Mata 13; and Edward Elias 18th.

JV Girls - Anna Loomis 8th; Sarah Wolfe 16th; Nancy Cawley 15.

JV Boys - Joey Bullard, Johnny Lee Arispe, Jimmy Aguilar, Kenny Covarrubiaz.

8th Grade Girl/Boy - Girls Hallie Greer 10th; Boys - Leonel Medrano 26th.

7th Grade Girls - Placed 1st with a team total of 66. 2nd - Anson 88, 3rd - Eula 90, Tie 4th - Hawley 115 and Baird 115.

7th Grade Girls individual - Courtney Sauer, 5th; Jennifer Rodriguez, 6th; Martha Lively, 15th; Leah Wolfe, 16th; Rachel Grey, 24th; Lilly Vallejo, 25th; Lora Warren, 37; Misty Martinez, 42; Liza Sanchez, 86th.

7th Grade Boys - 7th Grade Boys placed 1st with a team total of 49. 2nd Stamford, 50; 3rd Anson, 73; 3rd Hawley, 99; 4th Eula, 105.

7th Grade Boys Individual - Nathanel Wolfe, 2nd; Ryan Adame, 10th; Quisto Gonzalez, 11th; Pedro Hernandez, 12th; Buddy Greer, 14th; Landon Nixon, 17th; Ray Buitron, 21st; Bobby Phillips, 23rd.

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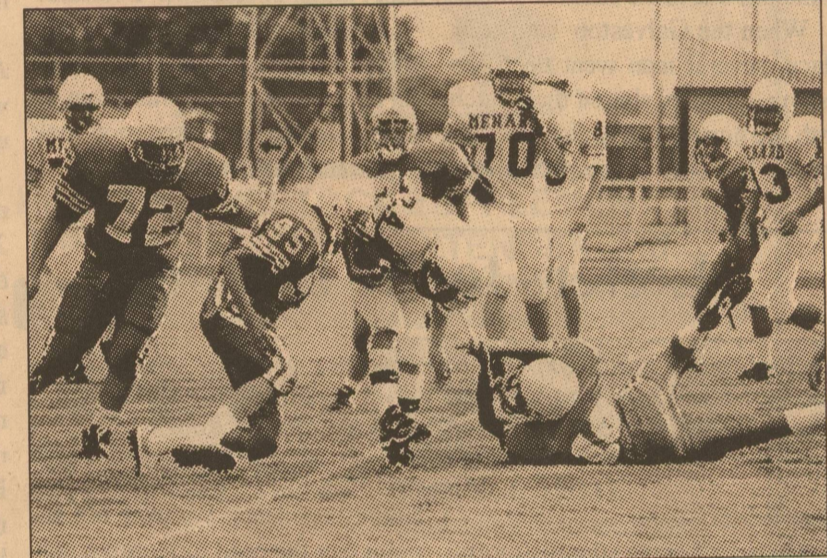
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9/19	8:00 p.m.	Sonora	There
9/26	8:00 p.m.	Ozona*	There
10/3	8:00 p.m.	Roscoe*	Here
10/10	8:00 p.m.	Coahoma*	There
10/17	8:00 p.m.	Wall*	Here
10/24	8:00 p.m.	Forsan*	There
10/31	8:00 p.m.	Winters*	Here

* Denotes Dist 8-2A Game



Oh no you don't — 8th grade Eagles defender #10 Johnny Herrera holds on to a Menard player's jersey as teammates charge to the ball.

8th grade Eagles fall to Menard

Leonel Medrano scored Eldorado's only points on a 45 yard touchdown run against Menard's 8th grade last week as the Eagles lost 6-20. A 25 yard touchdown pass from Johnny Herrera to Tony Fay was called back because of a penalty.

Following the game Coach Bob Wanoreck said he felt his team was still in the game with 1:30 left to play when a fumble at Menard's 20 gave

the Yellowjackets the ball. They drove 80-yards and scored at TD to put the game out of reach.

Wanoreck praised the play Johnny Herrera, Tony Fay, Leonel Medrano and Luis Enriquez. On the defensive side of the ball Wanoreck noted Scott Homer, Cole Pina, Ismael Snachez, Chance Behrens and Wes Jones. The Middle School Eagles travel to Sonora this afternoon to take on the Broncos.

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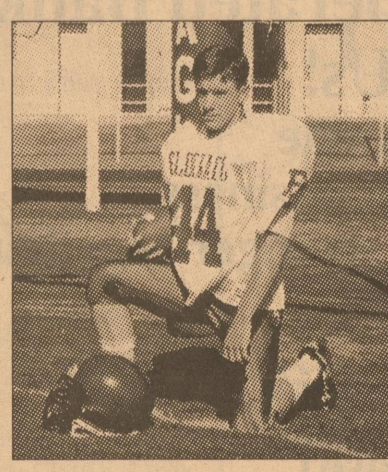
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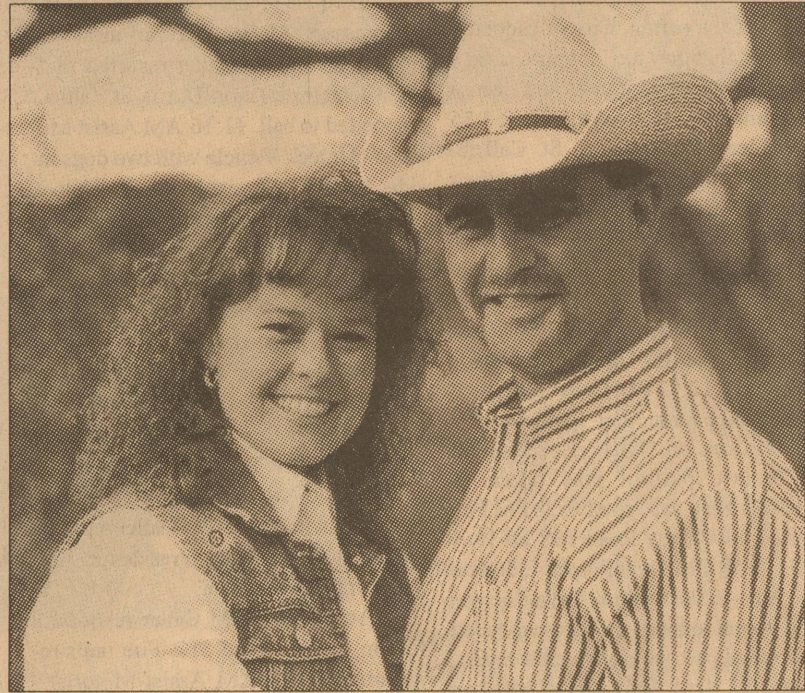
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Casey Poynor
Mighty Eagle of the Week

Sophomore defensive back Casey Poynor tallied five solo tackles in Menard's backfield and sixteen tackles overall and was a major factor in the Eagles 27-9 win over the Yellowjackets last Friday night.

Marshall-Criswell are wed



Mr. & Mrs. Michael Shane Criswell

Misty Melaine Marshall of Austin and Michael Shane Criswell of Eldorado were united in marriage Friday, September 19, 1997 in Maui, Hawaii.

The bride is the daughter of Jane and Richard A. Marshall, Sr. of Austin.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Criswell of

Eldorado.

The will be honored at a dance and reception at Fort Mason Park.

The bride and the groom are both graduates of Texas Tech University of Lubbock with Bachelors Degree in Animal Science.

Following their wedding in Maui, Hawaii they will reside in Mason, Texas.

Eagles JV falls 6-15 to Menard

The Eldorado Eagles JV trailed Menard by one point in the fourth quarter. That's when the Yellowjackets returned a punt for a TD and added a 2-point conversion to put the game out of reach. The final score was 6-15.

Quarterback Joey Bullard connected with Kenny Covarrubiaz on a 55-yard TD pass to provide the Eagles only score. On the ground, Louis Santellano notched up a 45

yard run and William Robledo tallied a 40 yard run.

Coach Alan Gillespie said after the game that his players needed to play with more intensity. "That will be our focus this week as we prepare to play Sonora." Gillespie stated.

The Eagles JV is 1-1 on the young season and will host the Sonora Broncos JV in Eagle Stadium tonight.

7th grade Eagles fall to Menard Yellowjackets

The Eldorado Eagles 7th grade football squad took on Menard's 7th graders last week and lost 16-28. It was the first game for Coach Benny Lockhart's team who scrimmaged a week earlier.

"We had a slow start," Lockhart said after the game, "but we finished strong."

Quarterback Quisto Gonzalez counted for both Eagles touchdowns. Ryan Adame trapped a Menard player in the endzone to score a safety for Eldorado.

On defense, the 7th grade Eagles were led by the determined play of Nathanael Wolfe.

"We're going to have to improve," Lockhart said after the game. "We're traveling to Sonora this week and can expect them to play us tough."



Ashton Strait Pridemore

It's a Boy!

Ashton Strait Pridemore arrived on September 6, 1997 weighing 7 lbs and 10ozs. and 18½" in length.

The proud parents are Shane and Janna Pridemore and big sister Brittany.

Maternal grandparents are Ray and Jean Jacoby of Junction and Tomasyne Crumbley of Tupelo, Mississippi.

Paternal grandparents are Gary and Judy Pridemore of Ozona.

Great-grandparents are June Jones and Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Pridemore of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hanusch of Christoval.

It's a Girl!

Kyle and Kaci Hunter are the proud parents of Kaylee Beth, born September 15, 1997 weighing 9 lbs. ½ ozs. and 20 ¾ in length.

Grandparents are Norman and Kathy Kohls and Tommy and Melinda Hunley of Eldorado and Rodney Hunter of Santa Fe, Texas.



photo by Kathy Mankin

A one and a two — Drum major Mary Adame directs the Eagle band during the Homecoming half-time show last Friday night.

Kick, Punt, Pass & results

Saturday, Sept. 13th fifty-one boys and girls of all ages showed up at Eagle Stadium. There, they competed to see just how far they could kick, punt and pass a football. Winners in the various age divisions are listed below.

0-3 Year Old Division - 1st Austin Barajas (45"); 2nd Abby Renee Fuentes (18"); 3rd Macy Mikeska (9"). Participating in this age group were Stefan Barajas and Tristen Barajas.

4-6 Year Old Division - 1st Blaine Markell (100"); 2nd David Tirado (89"); 3rd Garrett Lux (59"). Participating in this age group were Franciso Trujillo, Robert Chavez, Miles Mikeska, Austin Whitten, Juan Medrano, Wes Brown, Victoria Garza, Austin Aguilar, Briley Ledbetter and Colten Daniels.

7-9 Year Old Division - 1st Marcos Hernandez (158"); 2nd Adam Dominguez (141"); 3rd Russell Cathey (125"). Participating in this age group were Marcus Hinojosa, Manny Gonzalez, Drew Bosmans, J-Lynn Barajas, Josh Radetsky, Logan Jones, Caleb Daniels, Matthew Hill, Armando Moreno, Jorge Chavez, Rance Cathey, Michael Redish, Jorge Mata, J.P. Joiner, Patrick Chavez, Andrew Gonzales, Josue Chavez, Jaaron Crawford, Chris Chavez, Ricky Jalomo.

10-12 Year Old Division - 1st Trey Chavez (191"); 2nd Logan Neal (187.5"); 3rd Ryan Cathey (167.5"). Participating in this age group were Michael Ballew, Michael Hill, Ram Buitron, Shay Parker, Juan Chavez, Jr., Jose Hernandez, and Coy Cook.



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Ol' Eagle eye — Eldorado Eagles mascot Sabrina Samuels takes a moment from her duties to watch some of the action during the homecoming victory over Menard last Friday night.

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Success teams up with Journalism class

The Eldorado Success and Eldorado High School's new journalism class will be teaming up this year on some school related stories. Mrs. Candace Henry's students will be writing articles for the newspaper throughout the school year.

Randy Mankin, publisher of the Success, said he is looking forward to working with the EHS students.

"The idea is to give the students a 'real world' look at how a community newspaper works," Mankin said.

Journalism students are currently working on profiles of new teachers, a story about Homecoming week and other topics. Look for their work beginning next week in the Success.

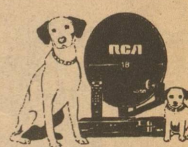
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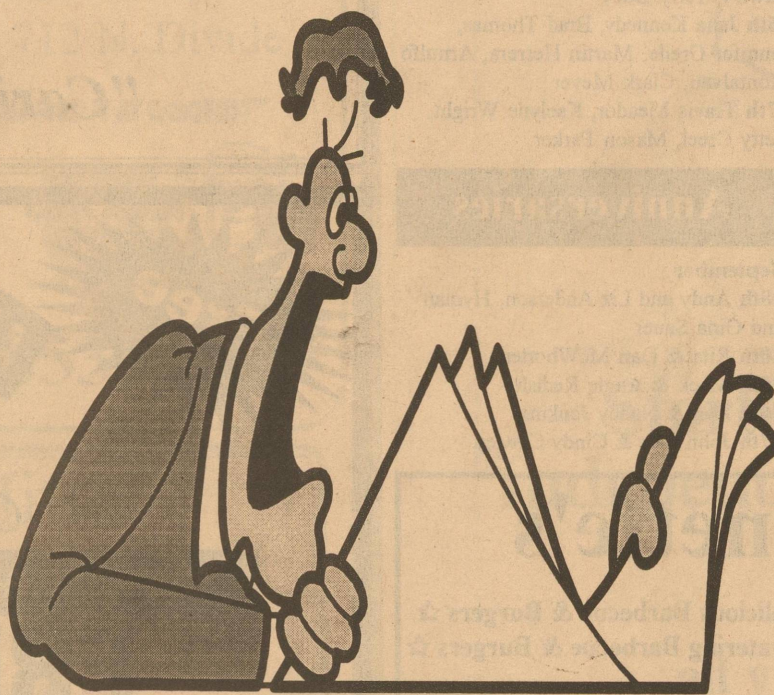
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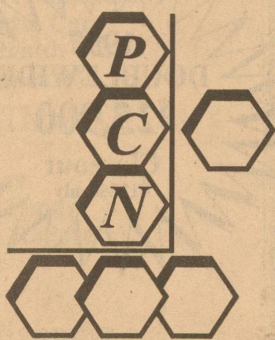
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Food safety messages — Eldorado 4-Hers prepare food safety messages on grocery bags. The youngsters met last week at the County Extension Office for the local 4-H Clubs sign up party.

Annual 4-H sign-up party

by Nancy Lester,
Home Extension Agent

Schleicher County 4-H Members enjoyed pizza and other refreshments at the annual Sign Up Party held at the County Extension Office on Wednesday, September 10. Over 100 young people returned their registration forms. Members also took the time to decorate grocery bags with food safety informa-

tion. These will be used by Glidden Foods during the next few weeks.

If you haven't returned your registration form yet and want to be in 4-H, please contact the County Extension Office before the end of September. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Scientists find fixed rotation best on dryland

A long-term study by scientists at the USDA-Agricultural Research Service cropping field laboratory here shows that a fixed wheat-fallow-sorghum rotation is preferable to an "opportunity" cropping system.

"We used 32 years of historical soil water and yield data from stubble mulch tillage on wheat-sorghum-fallow (WSF) and continuous annual cropping of wheat and sor-

ghum to evaluate the potential of opportunity cropping," said Reggie Jones, USDA-ARS soil scientist.

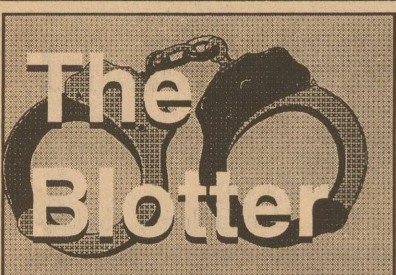
With the opportunity system, explained Jones and USDA-ARS biometrician Thomas Popham, the same crop--wheat or sorghum--is planted back to back in the soil is wet to a depth of three feet at planting. Moisture depth is determined with a soil probe. If not sufficiently moist, the land is fallowed and planted to the next scheduled crop in the wheat-sorghum-fallow rotation.

"We compared grain production on the opportunity system with a fixed three-year wheat-sorghum-fallow rotation," Jones said. "The average annual precipitation for the 32 years (1958-1978 and 1986-1996) was 18.5 inches."

Cumulative 32-year production on the fixed WSF system was 193 bushels of wheat (10 crops) and 463 bushels of sorghum (11 crops). This compares with opportunity cropping production of 135 bushels of wheat (nine crops) and 524 bushels of sorghum (16 crops), the scientists said.

"There were only three times in the 32 years that wheat crops could be planted back to back, but there were 10 times that sorghum could be repeated," Jones said. "We assumed in this analysis that the yield of the second crop in back to back planting was the same as was obtained with annual cropping of sorghum or wheat."

The scientists concluded that a fixed WSF rotation is preferable to opportunity cropping "due to greater yields on the WSF crops and a reduced number of crops harvests, thus reducing (harvesting) expense." They said adoption of a fixed rotation also allows a wider spectrum of herbicide use for reduced tillage or no-tillage management.



9/8/97 8:30 AM Caller reported that flowers mounted on a saddle were taken from husband's grave. Caller asked officers to patrol cemetery area. 3:02 PM Caller reported a grass fire approx. 12 miles north on Hwy 277. 3:40 PM Grass Fire reported on Old Sonora Rd. 8:30 PM Loose Livestock - Complainant walked in to Sheriff's Office and reported that there was loose livestock 5 miles North Hwy 277. Owner of livestock notified and minor accident was worked.

9/9/97 4:23 PM Caller reported a fire on Huldale Road. 7:05 PM Suspicious Person - Caller reported a suspicious person outside of business. Officer responded and subject was picked up by a vehicle

registered to Mike Byrd Casing Crew, Hamlin, TX. 10:55 PM Assault - Male subject in person advised the Sheriff's Office that another male subject has assaulted him at local apartment complex.

9/10/97 9:44 AM Caller reported that a grass fire had started back up on Huldale Road. Volunteer Fire Department responded. 8:35 PM Suspicious Person - A suspicious person was reported on Village Lane. 4:02 PM Loose Livestock - Caller reported livestock loose on Hwy 190. Owner was contacted. 7:31 PM Assist Motorist - Unlock vehicle. 7:48 PM Unknown female caller claiming to be a sister of male prisoner accused jailer of refusing her brother medical care. Jailer told female caller that Sheriff's Office was not refusing him medical care and that the prisoner's problem was not life threatening and he would not be taken to the E.R. Jailer told female caller that she needed to make payment arrangements with the hospital, and the Sheriff's Office would then make an appointment and take male subject to hospital at that time. Female caller had talked to her attorney and said that the Sheriff's Office could not do that. Jailer requested name and number of caller several times. All the female complainant would say was that the Sheriff's Office would not take male subject to hospital because of who he was. She then hung up the phone. Jailer noted person was very rude.

9/11/97 11:00 AM Officer was dispatched to local business in reference to an unsecured door. 11:00 AM Caller reported a hitch-hiker on North Divide Street. Officer was given information. 2:00 Caller reported that Combined American Insurance salesmen in the area did not have a permit. City of Eldorado confirmed that they had not purchased a permit. Vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers were given to officer. 5:35 PM Larceny Theft on Lea St. Call requested an officer to report a theft at their residence. Officer responded to call. 9:22 PM Loose Livestock - caller reported a white charlay calf was on Hwy 277 North. Owner contacted.

9/12/97 9:00 AM Control Burn was reported to Sheriff's Office in Reynolds Community. 12:52 PM Caller requested an ambulance for mother. EMS was dispatched to location. Officer also responded and female patient was taken to Schleicher Medical Center. 2:28 PM Fire reported on County Road 198 off Hwy 2129. 12:58 PM Disturbance Eldorado Place Apts. - caller reported that music was being played to loud. Officer responded and notified party of lowering the music.

9/13/97 10:45 AM Criminal Mischief - Caller reported that their vehicle had been scratched possibly with a key and requested an officer. 11:55 AM Report of a grass fire on Hwy 915. Fire units were dispatched. 3:51 PM Assist Motorist - Unlock Vehicle.

9/14/97 8:11 AM Caller reported that their daughter is missing. Daughter last seen 9/13/97 about 12:00 PM. Female is 5 feet, brown eyes, brown hair. Last seen wearing night clothes. Mother stated that she had just taken a bath and was going to bed. 8:41 AM Criminal Mischief -

Manager of local grocery store reported criminal mischief, reporting that someone had turned the brakers off to 7 or 8 of the compressors. \$1,500 worth of meat was ruined. 10:54 PM Caller reported finding a females bike on Dorris St. Officer responded to call. 11:16 AM Assist Motorist - Unlock Vehicle with two dogs inside. 12:18 PM Assist Motorist - Unlock Vehicle. 2:45 PM Report of a reckless driver south bound on Hwy 277 North. Officer responded to call. 4:00 PM Possible drunk driver heading North on Hwy 277. Officer located vehicle and reported back that the driver did not appear to be drunk. 8:16 PM Assist Motorist - Caller reported a vehicle parked on the shoulder of the road close to the white line.

9/15/97 9:10 AM Assist Motorist - Unlock Vehicle. 6:00 PM Caller reported two Pit Bull dogs by their residence. Animal Control was called.

9/16/97 9:15 AM Caller reported a fire on County Road 312. Fire units responded. 10:30 AM Assist Motorist - Unlock Vehicle.

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September Pride Spots

The residential Pride Spots for the month of September are Beatrice Martinez, 205 Del Rio and Penny and Sam Whitten, Jr. 604 N Divide. Congratulations to these homeowners!

Birthdays

September
 18th Kirk Curtis
 19th Florence Williams, Chad Storie, Linda Conner
 20th Tevyn Thomas, Miguel Lozano, Shawn Goodrum, Don Richters, Mitzi Sessom, Susan Lloyd, Dean Williams
 21st Danny Curtis, Rosa Irene Robles
 22nd Shelly Speck, Tammy Gardner, Jennifer Nixon
 23rd Vernia Joyce Green, Stacie Olivian, Cathy Niblett, Tina Gazaway, Clayton Sauer, Stacie Saldivar, Taylor Niblett, Hal Whitten, Frances Lipsett, Melanie Corbell, Skeeter Roubison
 24th Lee Ann Lamb, Travis Lively, Mondee Whitten, Rozanna Sauer, Dylon Riojas
 25th Maureen Martinez, John Ben Cawley, Terry Dacy
 26th Jana Kennedy, Brad Thomas, Jennifer Grelle, Martin Herrera, Amulfo Montalvao, Clark Meyer
 27th Travis Meador, Kaelyne Wright, Betty Creel, Mason Parker

Anniversaries

September
 18th Andy and Liz Anderson, Hyman and Gina Sauer
 20th Rita & Dan McWhorter
 25th Mack & Angie Redish
 26th Dan & Nancy Jenkins,
 27th John Ben & Cindy Cawley

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SPECIAL ELECTION
 NOVEMBER 4, 1997

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow a person who holds the office of municipal court judge to hold at the same time more than one civil office for which the person receives compensation."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 43 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to limit the maximum annual increase in homestead appraisals for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. The amendment would also permit the legislature to allow the governing body of a school district to elect to apply the law providing for the transfer of the age-65-and-older school property tax freeze to the person's new homestead, if the move to the new residence homestead occurred before the law took effect.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to limit increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation and to permit a school district to calculate the school property tax freeze applicable to the residence homestead of an elderly person or the surviving spouse of an elderly person in accordance with the law authorizing the transfer of the school property tax freeze to a different homestead regardless of whether that law was in effect at the time the person established the person's homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to authorize counties, cities, towns, and other local taxing entities to grant exemptions or other forms of ad valorem tax relief on property on which approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 104 proposes an

amendment to update the Texas Constitution by deleting duplicate numbering in its provisions and removing certain of its obsolete portions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment eliminating duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 19 proposes an amendment to allow the Supreme Court of Texas to hold sessions at any location in this state. Currently, the court is limited to holding sessions only at Austin, the seat of state government.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the supreme court to sit to transact business at any location in this state."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 39 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the current provision which provides that the board of the Texas Growth Fund may not invest money in a business unless the business has disclosed to the board whether it has any direct financial investment in or with South Africa or Namibia.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing the Texas growth fund to continue to invest in businesses without requiring those businesses to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas Water Development Fund II as a fund separate and distinct from the Texas Water Development Fund. The amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to administer the fund and issue general obligation bonds for purposes of the fund under guidelines set forth in the amendment.

The amendment would also allow the Board to use loan repayments coming into the fund after the end of the fiscal year to make bond debt service payments, and would provide certain conditions for the flow of funds for repayment of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to the authorization to the Texas Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations for water

Eldorado fire fighters to attend gathering in Llano

Firemen from across West Texas and the Hill Country will gather in Llano this weekend to express their appreciation to State Rep. Bob Turner. Several Eldorado firemen plan to be in attendance.

During the last session of the State Legislature, Turner sponsored a bill which made surplus fire fighting equipment from large corporations more accessible to volunteer fire departments.

Previously, corporations and other non-governmental organizations were hesitant to donate their surplus equipment due to liability concerns. Turner's bill lifts the burden of liability from those donors.

A day-long affair is being planned to honor Turner at Llano's fire hall. It's timing coincides with Turner's announcement for reelection.



photo by Kathy Mankin

What's wrong with this picture? Nothing really, only girls in football uniforms and boys in cheerleading outfits. But it was all in fun as EHS students participated in a Powder Puff Football game last week. The game was just one of the many activities that made up a very busy Homecoming week. Who won? Who cares?! It was a lot of fun to watch!

17 years later, Margy Palm's story remains a thriller

Editors note: The following story ran two weeks ago in the Devil's River News and is reprinted here with permission.

By Paul Cornelius,
 Minister of Music and Youth
 First Baptist Church, Sonora

A few Sundays ago, people drove from as far away as San Angelo to First Baptist Church in Sonora. Their drive was rewarded with a story that would send chills up and down your spine. Margy Palm, a former Sun Queen, came to Sonora to share her story of being abducted by serial rapist and killer, Stephen Peter Morin. Morin, also known as The Drifter, had been wanted for a string of rapes and murders of women

across the country. The night before his meeting with Margy in San Antonio, Morin had raped and killed one girl, shot and killed another and had left another tied up in a hotel room. Little did Margy Palm know that on the next day she was to be his next planned victim, or so he thought.

For three hours at a San Antonio K-Mart, Morin waited to stalk his next victim while helicopters circled about the city looking for him. It was there that an unsuspecting Margy Palm would be abducted. That morning, however, Margy had already been preparing for this unanticipated meeting with Morin. She had spent a great deal of time in prayer and Bible study as she sensed the need for God's strength. Later in the day

she would realize just how important those moments with God would be.

Morin pulled out a large handgun and placed it in the side of Margy forcing her into her car while telling her to sit down and place her hands under her legs. He warned her that he had killed and had no problem killing again if she even moved. It was then that God gave Margy the strength she needed to have no fear in this circumstance and that He was in control, not Morin. She then informed Morin, "I'm going to pray for you." He proceeded to curse her and disagree, but she persisted in bowing her head and praying for him. She then felt a boldness from God to take control over the demons that were controlling him. Suddenly, she would describe the situation as if a peace had settled them both in that moment.

Margy was later able to share with Morin of his need for Jesus Christ in his life and he, pulling the car over raised up his hands to God asking for forgiveness. he was immediately changed. Margy then helped put Stephen Morin on a bus to Fort Worth, leaving him with her book of scriptures to read.

Afterwards, Margy Palm began her trip home to her family. When arriving at home she was met by police who had been searching for her. She informed them and her family of her ordeal, later telling the police where they could find Stephen Morin. She told them to look for a man reading a little black book waiting to change buses at the terminal in Austin. Indeed, that was where he was and it was in that terminal Stephen Peter Morin turned himself in peacefully to a plainclothes police officer.

Morin would go on to prison affecting lives, including the warden of the Huntsville Prison, in a positive way for God. He would credit this change in his life to a beautiful, blond-haired woman who was to be his next victim, but God had other things in mind. On March 13, 1985, Stephen Peter Morin would become the first criminal on death row in the state of Texas to be administered the lethal injection. Yet the story of his encounter with God through a bold little lady continues to be told.

In writing this article, many parts of Margy's story were omitted for space consideration. There is no possible way one, other than Margy herself, could tell you in detail the encounter she had with Stephen Morin. The story will become available on tape soon and if you would like more information, please phone 387-2951.

Adult education and ESL classes begin Sept. 22

Adult Education Classes (ABE - Adult Basic Education (Reading, Writing, Arithmetic) and English as a Second Language (ESL) will start on Monday, September 22, 1997 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Classes will also be held on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All classes will be held at the Eldorado Middle School Campus.

For more information contact Thelma Bosman at 853-3642.

Meals for Friends

- Friday, September 19, 1997
 Pork Roast/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Carrot Cake.
- Monday, September 22, 1997
 Pepper Steak, Rice, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Rings
- Tuesday, September 23, 1997
 Chicken Fajita Salad, Lettuce Tomato Cheese, Macaroni Salad, Crackers, Cherry Perfection, Pumpkin Pie
- Wednesday, September 24, 1997
 Frito Pie, Spinach, Wheat Bread, Tossed Salad, Cinnamon Applesauce
- Thursday, September 25, 1997
 Barbecue Chicken, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Apricot Banana Medley
- Friday, September 26, 1997
 Chicken Fried Steak, Baked Potato, Carrots, Vegetable Salad, Chocolate Cake.



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Seventh grade Eagle — Quisto Gonzalez looks for running room against the Menard Yellowjackets last week. Gonzalez scored both of Eldorado's touchdowns.