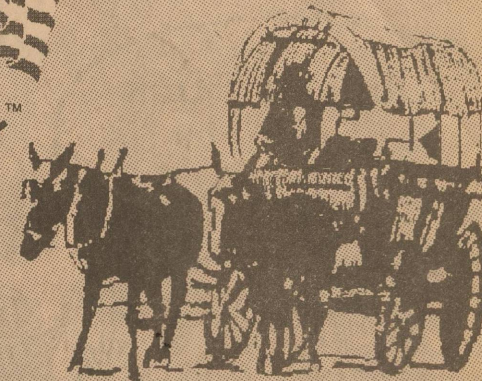


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Headlines From Around the World

Jury gets Nichols case

Jurors at the second Oklahoma City bombing trial began deliberating the fate of Terry Nichols on Tuesday. In their closing arguments, opposing counsel hand portrayed him quite differently. The defense said he was a gentle family man while the prosecutors claimed he was an enraged killer lashing out at his government. Jurors were admonished by the judge to set aside concerns over public opinion. Unlike jurors who convicted Timothy McVeigh of murder and conspiracy and then sentenced him to death for the April 19, 1995, bombing, the panel deciding whether Nichols is guilty of 11 identical charges have more options. They may consider second-degree murder or manslaughter charges, neither of which carry the death penalty.

Black farmers confront Clinton

President Bill Clinton convened a session on the future of small farms yesterday while a group of black farmers took the opportunity to highlight the backlog of discrimination complaints against the Agriculture Department. Although the closed-door session at the White House was billed as a round table on the economic concerns of all small farmers, it was overshadowed by the slow progress the department is making in resolving the bias complaints.

Dollar falls, Asian stocks rise

Japanese stock prices jumped Wednesday following a surprise announcement from Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto of a tax cut proposal intended to jump start the economy. The Nikkei fell 166.93 points to 15,818.28. On Wall Street, the Dow industrials finished up 53.72 at 7,976.31.

Clinton delays deportations

Administration officials announced yesterday that President Clinton has delay implementation of tough deportation rules covering up to 20,000 Haitians who fled the military regime that was later forced from power by an American-led peacekeeping force. The president granted protection to the Haitians via a seldom used executive authority, a senior administration official stated. "This provides the legal basis for the temporary stay for these individuals," according to the official.

Scientists measure to Moon

One astronomer described the operation as a "scientific slam-dunk," after scientists pinpointed how many inches separate the Earth and its moon...15 billion, give or take an inch. Scientists used mirrors on the moon and telescopes that fired lasers from Earth to come up with what a University of Michigan astronomer called one of the most accurate scientific experiments ever undertaken. The work, published in several journals, is done by physicists with an interest in Einstein's theory of relativity and what it has to tell about gravity, he told reporters Tuesday.

63rd annual livestock and project show held

The annual Junior Livestock, Food and Project Show was held Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13 at the Exhibit Building.

Creative Arts Entries lined the Show Barn on Thursday, December 11 with entries from Mrs. Pierce's arts class. Mrs. Barbara Earwood from Sonora once again served as the Art Show Judge. She took time to explain to the art students how she judged each piece.

Judging the livestock show again this year was Ed Miller. The Meat Division was the largest with over 100 goats. There were about 60 lambs, 35 pigs, 8 heifers and 2 steers.

The Dog Show, a Schleicher County tradition, was held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Lucy, owned by Leggetts and shown by Corie Williams took Best Overall and Best Dressed in the Sub-Junior Division. Best Groomed went to Shelby, owned by Logan Jones. Best Dressed and Best Groomed in the Junior Division went to Allison Reynolds' dog, Sally.

Saturday morning the selection of the grand champion lamb, goat,

and pigs were announced. Madolyn Joy's lamb took the Grand Champion title and Lindsay Beach's lamb received Reserve Grand Champion. Aston Murr's meat goat took the Grand Champion banner while Haley Edmiston's goat was the Reserve Champion. In the Market Swine Division Kayla Kohls' entries captured both the Grand Champion and Reserve titles.

Showmanship was awarded to Madolyn Joy Senior Division and Junior Division Courtney Brown and Haley Edmiston.

Winners in the Food Show Division were as follows:

Senior - Best of Show - Candy - Andie Sterling's Chocolate Carmel; Cookies - Ginger Reynolds; Pie - Clay Whitten's Pecan Tassies; Cake - Blueberry Almond Cheesecake Tunnel; Yeast Bread - Kate Kosub's Cinnamon Rolls. **Junior Division** Best of Show went to Courtney Sauer's Cake a Coconut Pineapple cake; Cookie - Frank Edmiston's Almond Fugde Top Shortbread. Yeast Bread - Gentry Newman's Cinnamon.

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photo by Kathy Mankin

Champion Lambs — Madolyn Joy (R) and Kim Beach (L) show off their Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion lambs at the Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show last Friday.

Bownds and Fryar win spots on Class 2-A All-State football team

Garrett Bownds and Mark Fryar were named to the Class 2-A All-State Honorable Mention team Tuesday. Bownds, the Eagles leading rusher this year, was named to the All-State Honorable Mention Offensive squad as a running back. Fryar, leading tackler for the Eagles won a spot on the All-State Honorable Mention Defensive team as a linebacker. Both are seniors this year.

Bownds gained 1,466 yards on the ground this year, carrying the ball 163 times in 10 games. He tallied 52 yards receiving and saw duty in the Eagles defensive backfield where he notched up 9 solo tackles and 61 assists. Bownds was also the Eagles punter this season.

Fryar was the Eagles field general on defense. Playing the middle linebacker position, Fryar made 16 solo tackles and tallied 96 assists. He made 11 tackles behind the line of scrimmage and forced 3 fumbles. He intercepted one pass and recovered three fumbles and earned 6 coveted



Success file photo

#28 Garrett Bownds



Success file photo

#21 Mark Fryar

black dots for "big hits" during the season.

On offense Fryar was the Eagles third leading rusher with 266 yards and was the 4th leading receiver with 167 yards and 3 TDs on 9 catches.

It is the first time since 1994 that an Eldorado player has been named to the prestigious squad. In that year, Eric McGinnes was selected to the Honorable Mention All State team as a defensive end.

Christian seeks Pct. 2 post

I am announcing my candidacy for County Commissioner of precinct 2. I am 53 years old and a native of Eldorado. I lived here until 1967 when I joined the Air Force. I spent eight years in the service, and entered into private business as an electrical engineer. I have been in business for myself since 1984. Judy and I moved back to Eldorado in 1993 so we could be closer to my parents, and we brought her parents (Dexter & Doris Jay) with us.

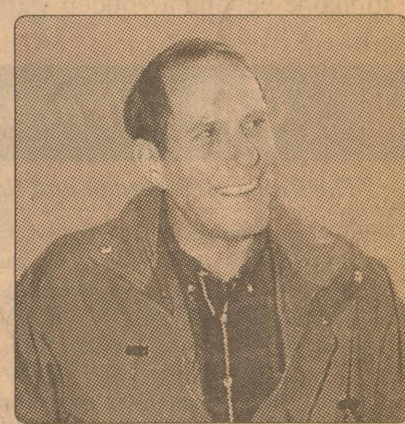


photo by Randy Mankin

Joe Christian

I am involved in computer sales/support and ranching. Judy owns and operates the Second Hand Rose, and is active in various community organizations. We are members of the Community Baptist Church.

taught me the principals of accounting and finance. My dad taught me that a man is only as good as his word. These are the skills that I will utilize if elected.

The military taught me leadership and my business experience

Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.

Joe Christian

NOTICE

In observance of Christmas, the Success will not publish an issue on Thursday, Dec. 25th. We will resume publishing on the following week. Merry Christmas to all!



photo by Randy Mankin

Appeal denied — School board member Eddie Albin (R) offers his thoughts during a public hearing called to decide the fate of a middle school library book challenged by Smokey Taylor. The trustees voted 5-2 to deny Taylor's appeal, keeping the book in the library. Also pictured are school trustees Steve Sessom (L) and Berta Nicholson.

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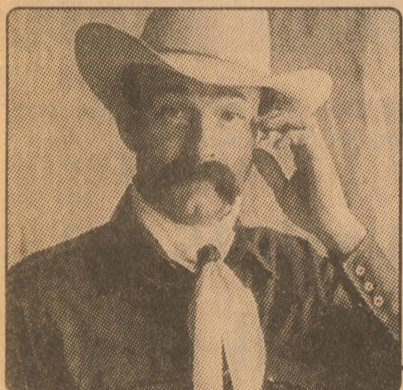
by Barry McWilliams



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How do you know it's Christmas

BAXTER BLACK



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

So, how do you know it's Christmas?

'Cause the sheep can always tell.
They follow a little tradition and have for quit a spell.

On Christmas Eve around midnight, the sheep, wherever they are
All rise in quiet unison and fixate on a star.

And from their stirring comes a sound, a chuckling Tra, La, La
That weaves and builds itself into a soft melodious BAA

Which carries like a dove's lament when nights are very still
As if they're calling for someone beyond a yonder hill.

The legend herders passed on down attributes this tradition To one late night in Bethlehem. A heavenly petition

Wherein a host of angels came and lured them with a song. The herder's left in haste, they say, and stayed gone all night long.

Well, sheep don't do too well alone. They've never comprehended
... that on that night they waited up, the world was upended.

So, now when daylight shortens up and nights get long and cold

I make my check at midnight like we've done since days of old

And if I find the flock intent and standing all around
I listen for the heavenly host above their throaty sound

And scan the dim horizon in an effort to discern
The sign the sheep are seeking, that their shepherds will return.

And I am but a watchman in this drama that replays
Around the earth this time of year, and so I stand and gaze

And though I see no special star or hear no sweet noel,
I know it must be Christmas, 'cause the sheep can always tell.

Over the Back Fence

by Randy Markin

Dear Santa:

I know you remember me. I'm the one who always left milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve.

It's been a long time since I last wrote to you, and I know you're really busy this time of year, but I saw something on TV this morning that made me think of you.

A girl named Catherine in Oregon is extremely disappointed that she won't be getting a Beanie Baby for Christmas. According to the news story, her parents informed Catherine a few days ago that the Beanie Baby she wanted was in short supply and that even Santa wouldn't be able to find it.

Undeterred by her parents lack of faith in your ability, Catherine decided to plead her case directly to you. But, her letter to you somehow ended up at a TV station in Portland, prompting the news report.

The reporter said she didn't understand

how a simple little toy like a Beanie Baby could be in such demand. After all, she noted, the tiny dolls are nothing more than a bag filled with imitation beans.

Yet, the toys have become a sensation, to the point that some are considered to be collectibles. One Beanie Baby, a Princess Di commemorative, was selling for as much as \$2,000.

Meanwhile, back in Portland, Catherine is placing her hope in you and your elves.

Her story prompted me to recall all the toys you brought to me when I was a boy. My favorite was a red fire truck. I'm sure you remember it.

That year you made a pre-Christmas visit to Abilene and I stood in line with lots of other kids waiting for the opportunity to talk to you. When I climbed into your lap and told you I wanted a fire truck, you smiled. There was a twinkle in your eye and I knew instantly

that you understood.

On Christmas morning, there it was under the tree. Not just any fire truck, either. Oh no, you managed to bring the very same one I had seen in the Montgomery Ward catalog. The same one I had been hoping for.

It was bright, shiny red and it was...well, it was perfect.

Since Catherine's letter was intercepted by a TV station, I don't know if you ever received it. I know that you subscribe to the Eldorado Success so, I enclose this letter to you.

I hope you can find Catherine the Beanie Baby she wants. And, I hope it means as much to her as a bright red fire truck.

Yours truly,
Randy

P.S. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Please, tell Rudolph I said hello.

Sen. wants insurance companies to disclose sales areas

AUSTIN --- State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, last week urged insurance companies to release information on where they sell policies. Doing so, he said, would make the case for or against "redlining" --- a practice insurers who refuse to sell policies for homes in areas they consider risky.

After a meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee, Ellis said he believes it is difficult for homeowners to find affordable insurance in low-income urban neighborhoods.

"I think the industry would be better served if they took the position to release this information and let the chips fall where they may," he told *The Dallas Morning News*.

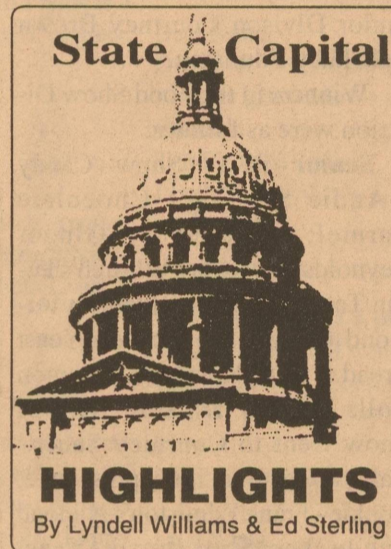
Charity Judah of the Southwest Insurance Information Service said, however, that sharing the information "would be the same as the Dallas Cowboys sharing their game plan with the Carolina Panthers."

In August, insurance companies sued the Texas Department of Insurance to prevent the release of information showing where companies are selling their policies. A court order to keep the information confidential was issued and remains in effect.

The confidential data shows sales practices by individual companies in ZIP codes across the state.

Grand Jury Indicts Estes

Billy Sol Estes of Brady and Mei Kwong of Houston have been indicted by a Brown County grand



State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling

jury in Brownwood on felony tax evasion charges.

They are accused of using a not-for-profit alcoholism treatment center in Abilene as a corporate shell to evade state taxes on a motel and check-cashing business they own.

In April, after an investigation by the Texas Rangers and the Texas Comptroller's office, the financial, computer and business records of the companies were seized.

A one-time confidant of President Lyndon Johnson, Estes was sentenced to 15 years in prison in 1965 for swindling millions of dollars in agricultural loans involving non-existent fertilizer tanks.

Panel Probes Bingo Conflict

A special panel of legislators, prosecutors, gambling opponents, Texas Department of Public Safety personnel and state lottery officials are investigating whether Las Ve-

gas-style gambling machines are cutting into charitable bingo proceeds. The panel will report to Gov. George W. Bush by May 1.

At a public hearing last week, Mike Pitcock, chief of enforcement for the Texas Lottery Commission, said bingo hall operators are flouting state law by installing Las Vegas "eight-liner" gambling machines in special rooms inside or near the halls to attract bingo players.

As a result, bingo proceeds have fallen 20 to 30 percent, prompting some charities --- which rent the halls but get none of the money from the gambling machines --- to consider giving up charitable bingo. If charitable groups complain, Pitcock said, they are told to take their games elsewhere.

Bullock Names Panel

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock last week said the U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to reconsider a California ban on affirmative action programs means Texas and other states must solve the issue on their own.

"We need to find a solution that fits Texas and Texas' philosophy of fair play and equal opportunity over strict preference guidelines," Bullock said.

To move toward that goal, Bullock asked outgoing Houston Mayor Bob Lanier and state Sens. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin; Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; Rodney Ellis, D-Houston; Frank Madla, D-

San Antonio; and Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant to review affirmative action policies and programs.

Meanwhile, Lanier, who had been mentioned as a possible candidate for Texas attorney general, said he will not run for the office. Lanier's third and final term as mayor of Houston expires in January.

Other Capital Highlights

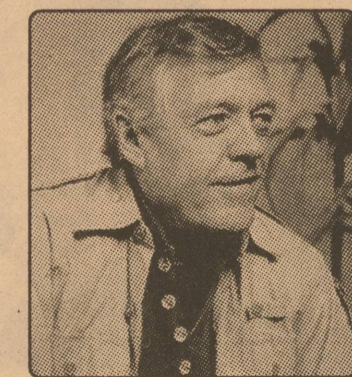
• State Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, announced he will not seek re-election in 1998. Berlanga, 49, a businessman and real estate broker, did not specify why he will leave the office he has held for 21 years. In a later statement, Berlanga said he wants to return to private life because he has accomplished much of what he set out to do.

• The Independent Bankers Association of Texas is supporting the state banking commissioner's attempt to block NationsBank from introducing interstate branch banking in Texas. NationsBank has asked federal regulators for permission to branch into Texas directly from its Charlotte, N.C. headquarters. "NationsBank wants to play here, but they don't want to pay here," Chris Williston, IBAT president, said.

• U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm last week announced he will chair Carole Keeton Rylander's campaign for state comptroller. Gramm, R-College Station, said Rylander's is the only race in which he plans hands-on involvement.

The Birthplace of 4-H

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

them to let their sons enter the contest. He told the farmers they should let the youngsters own the corn and sell it as a further inducement.

Mr. Marks went to the schools of the county, circling in his car to attract attention. Since there weren't many cars at the time, the young boys were fascinated with the new vehicles. Mr. Marks gave

them rides.

He formed a Corn Club and instructed the boys as to planting and cultivating practices. He visited them to check on their progress.

The day of the corn show, October 8, 1908, 43 boys gathered with their corn. Judges considered the length of the ear, straightness of the rows and how well it was filled out. The prize for first, second and third places was fifty cents off on the price of a hat.

A button with an ear of corn on it was given to each boy who entered. The button allowed them to get a free ice cream cone, go to a movie and ride some carnival rides. Mr. Marks made sure the kids had plenty of motivation to come to town that day besides just to enter the corn show.

Tom Marks took some of the youngsters by train to the 1908 State Fair of Texas and entered their corn there. One of the boys won a blue ribbon and 17 pears that

weighed 25 pounds. The boys took a dollar with them for spending money. Most of them came home with a dime.

The Corn Club in Jacksboro evolved into the 4-H CLUBS OF AMERICA. The cloverleaf is the emblem of 4-H. Initially there were only three leaves representing head, hand and heart. The familiar phrase was taken from a Rudyard Kipling poem, "Children's Song." The 4th H for health, was added in 1909. 4-H now has more than 5 million members in 88 countries. It is open to boys and girls between 9 and 19 years of age. The organization has exchange programs so youngsters can experience life in a far away place.

Mr. Mark's home in Jacksboro has been made into a 4-H museum. It is visited by people from all over the world. The house is where the first meeting of the Corn Club took place.

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Open Letter to the Public

Parents and Patrons of Schleicher County Independent School District,

I am going to say that in all the years I have been in this business, I have never worked in a community that is more supportive of the school or has had more concern for its children than Eldorado. These are wonderful children, and we want very much to be the type of school you envision.

The issues recently discussed in the Called Meeting of the SCISD Board of Trustees, on December 10th, are very complex. These issues are stated to be a conflict between our moral values as a community and the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. I do not see the issue being that, nor do I see the issue being that the school is becoming a pit of decadence and depravity. The First Amendment was included in our Constitution to protect my rights as an individual parent/community to establish an environment where my children will be exposed to those values which I feel are important, and I will not surrender that right to anyone. I do not presume or do I want teachers to carry that responsibility for you as a parent/guardian.

The world of information is exploding at a rate that is unbelievable and our children have access to that information via modern technology. We, in your school system, play a very important part in that doorway to this world of information. When a child in our school opens a book or a Web Page that has information on it that they do not understand or have not been exposed to, and that child turns to their teacher to ask the question, "What does this mean?" I expect that the teacher will then say that those are issues that you need to discuss with your parents. We are our partners in trying to channel their thought all the trash to what is usable and acceptable; however, no other person can totally agree with me on what is usable and acceptable. Therefore, we desire to include you, as the child's parent/guardian, in that process by pointing them in their quest for answers to the experts in these subjects, which is you. We cannot block this world from your/our children, but we can teach them that when they encounter new thoughts to seek your wisdom. To me the greatest value, we as educators, can teach is that you as parents are a source of information that they can count on. We teach children, that in this world of information, one must be mature enough to be able to read through inappropriate language and to discern, in literature, what is valuable/useful from what is not valuable/useful in regard to language or material. We teach children that because a word or thought appear in print that they do not have to accept as true or appropriate, and that some words in print are unacceptable. We teach children that they are able to do

this, but even the most mature reader seeks insight from other sources when their thought processes have been awakened by information. We teach children that when this occurs you, as their parents/guardians, are one of the first sources they should turn to.

The people you have in your school system are good people, and they take very seriously their role in the lives of all the children they come in contact with. We, in your school system, are aware of the fact that your child will model many traits they see in us. Therefore, the most important trait we must exhibit is that their parents and their teachers work together.

The First Amendment to the Constitution is not the enemy in this scenario, but it is the force that connects the school to the parent. The people (School Board Members and staff) in the positions of trust in your schools want nothing more than to be your advocate and a small part in the responsibility of developing your child into a mature adult.

Interesting points for your consideration:

- You as a parent, under the policy EFA(LOCAL), may restrict your child from any book in the school libraries. All that must be done is to submit a list of titles or authors that you do not want available to your child and that request will be honored.

- The Book in question has been on the shelves of the Middle School Library for three years, and during that time it has been checked out by one student once and another student three times.

- The Book in question was rated for students in grades 7 through 12. Mrs. Debbie Griffin, SCISD Librarian, has blocked this book from any inappropriate grade levels.

- The Book is currently not available in the EMS Library since it was damaged.

- The policy, under which challenged materials are handled, EFA(LOCAL) is currently under review for possible revisions by the SCISD Board of Trustees.

- I will share my personal beliefs with you at any time, as Hal Porter. However, as the SCISD Superintendent, I must protect you and your child from any source that would impose their ideas as they only way. I do this by equal access through the First Amendment and teaching your child to always consult you about the words, knowledge, or ideas they encounter.

I would like to reiterate that I am very proud to be a part of such a great community and school system. Also, I have been honored to serve with the SCISD staff and Trustees in very short time that I have been here. These are people that have a sincere desire to serve you and your children in the most productive way possible.

Sincerely,
Hal Porter
Superintendent of Schools.

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:

In the recent discussions about whether or not we should have books in our school library that contain vulgar and profane words, I wonder if we have considered what the children might think about it. In the Standard Times on Sunday, December 7th, 1997 there was an editorial pertaining to children's comments about profanity. I received permission to quote their editorial. I hope you will read it.

Jo Callison

Culture, cursing, children

Among the many changes in American society over the past couple of decades is that profanity has become more commonplace.

The Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune recently asked children their views on swearing, and more than 10,000 responded. The general tone of their comments was that most children are offended and embarrassed when someone, especially an adult, swears in front of them and consider it unnecessary.

A few of the comments stand out for their insight and because the way cursing affects them was expressed so effectively. Consider this letter from 12-year-old Beth Ames: "How has such a great civilization stooped so low as to swear in front of future generations? What will the presidential campaign for 2015 be like? Vote for Anderson. She'll lower the f— taxes. Anderson kicks f—a—."

And this one from fourth-grader Elyse Lewis: "When I hear swearing, I feel like I'm shrinking."

It turns out that what's coming

out of the mouths of babes these days sometimes is a lot more thoughtful than that from adults' mouths.

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Washington's Order Against Profanity

The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice hitherto little known in our American Army is growing into fashion. He hopes that the officers will, by example as well as influence, endeavor to check it and that both they and the men will reflect that we can little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our army if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this it is a vice so mean and low without any temptation that every man of sense and character detests and despises it

(Signed) George Washington

Fellow Citizens,

This is one of many men that probably every child respects and admires. Why can't a person such as General Washington be used in critical thinking and reasoning for "some" of the student population instead of using the nasty mouthed boy that is in the book? As a friend mentioned to me this last weekend: To use the profanity and vulgar language of the book to "reach" someone (as the other side argues) made him think of the ridiculous argument that to teach a person not to kill...you need to shoot someone.

The people arguing for the book (per the committee's report to me, there were at least 5 copies gathered for consideration) may try to use First Amendment rights as a defense for keeping the book around our children. (I heard rumblings of that sort at the first meeting with the board). All one has to do is look around and think about how our society maintains order. Our society does not have pure, unrestricted freedom of speech.

For example, a person can not yell "I've got a gun!" in a busy airport lobby. Nor can one go around yelling "Fire! Fire!" in town when there is no fire. You can not walk down a school hall speaking foul and indecent language. You also can't go around offending people with foul or indecent language (ask one of our law officers about that...it's called disorderly conduct).

The main reason our society does not tolerate these acts is because to do so would lend chaos and disorder to its own existence. I could give more examples such as our libel laws, slander and defamation of character laws, but I'll stop here.

I disagree wholeheartedly with the committee's written comment: (verbatim) "Because Eldorado Middle School encompasses fifth through eighth grade and a wide range of reading levels, the consensus of the group was that all of the Middle School should benefit from the Middle School Library collection". In my opinion, the character and innocence of our children are damaged when they accidentally run across what I consider "trash" in our school system. Especially when the only reason they check out the book is because there's a "cool" picture on the cover (in my son's case...he knew I had a Harley like the one on the book. He knows now that you can't judge a book by its cover).

I want to congratulate Steve Sessom and Phil McCormick on their stand against the objectionable type of material. As future board positions open for election, I hope this community will insure that the votes of these men will not be in the minority if and when similar moral issues arise.

This is also an opportunity to announce my candidacy for my school district's board position whenever the election for that position comes about. I will do my best to reflect the sentiments of how I think the majority of this community feels on such issues. (I am correct, aren't I?), when I say this is still a country where the majority rules.) This voice for the majority will be used in all matters, especially those matters regarding moral behavior and profanity.

Thanks for your time. Until we meet again, I remain

respectfully yours,

Lee R. (Smokey) Taylor

Birthdays

December

- 18th Felipe Montalvo, Brenda Greer
- 19th Jay Ray Holley, Mario Avila, LaTasha Newton, Jill Preston, Mary Lozano
- 20th Lanese Stewart, Stormi Sessom, David Overstreet, Meredith Peaslee, Domingo Pina
- 21st Codybill Whitten, Edward Robinson, Ashley Mittel, Jesse Lynn Barajas, Angela Ballew, Jesse Barajas, Norman Smith,
- 22nd Marvin Clark, Todd Overstreet, Holly Rae Romero, Julian Martinez
- 23rd Marci Minor, Manuel Pina, Jacey Sellers, Josh Jones
- 24th Joyce Whitten, Anna Loomis, Sammy Prater, Doug Garvin, Travis Lloyd, Doug Garvin, Jennifer Cheatham,
- 25th Stacy Paged, April Robinson, Sonny Dean, D'Ann Kuhlmann, Heliodoro Sanchez, Makenzie McCravey, Justina Saunders
- 26th Ashley N. Ramos, Victor Pina, Irene Reynolds
- 27th Veronica Ussery, Ashby Ragsdale, Jim Chancellor, Garrett Lux, Juan Sanchez
- 28th Ruby Nell Farris, Dee Jay Garvin, Tracy Sellers, Kate Kuhlmann, Abigail Ussery, Juan Sanchez
- 29th Cynthia Caldwell, Laura Hill, Howard Ledbetter, Wilson Page, Allison Reynolds
- 30th Chandra Wanoreck, Mary Farmer, Briley Ledbetter, Lori Jones, Elmer Garlitz, Holly Ford, Tip Finley, Chandra Wanoreck
- 31st Christy Arendt, Gabriel Avila, Garrett Bownds, Lance Jones, Christy Robinson, Jack Dean, Larry Hamilton, Douglas Ray Box

Anniversaries

December

- 15th Richard & Gloria Kent
- 21st Mr. & Mrs. Cary Baker
- 22nd W.R. & Edwina Taylor, Weldon & Mary Jenkins
- 24th Robert & Pansie Jay
- 25th Claude & Jessie Jenkins
- 26th John & Rita Meador, Bob & Stacy Page
- 28th Danny & Janet Curtis, Joe & Sonja Key, Jackie & Jo Ann Heffernan, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Roubison, Shari & Harvey Wink
- 29th Sam & Cynthia Caldwell
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November 24, 1997
Eldorado 67- Robert Lee 37
Scoring for the Eagles: Zach Steel (2)-3 points, total 19, 1 rebound, 2 steals; Jason Richters total points 4, 3 rebounds, 2 steals, (1) 3 pointer; Kyle Hunter total points 15 (top scorer), 1-3 pointer, 4 rebounds, 4 steals; Michael Mayo total points 8, 12 rebounds, 1 steal; Dusty Nolen total points 2, 8 rebounds, 1 steal; Anthony Pina total points 7, 1 rebound, 3 steals; Juan Montalvo total points 4, 4 rebounds, Joseph Wink total points 4, 1-3 pointer, 4 rebounds, 1 steal and Juan Sanchez total points 4, 1 rebound, 2 steals.

Eldorado Tournament
November 29, 1997
Eldorado 46-SA Central 53
Scoring for the Eagles: Zach Steele 14 points, 2-3 points, 3 steals; Jason Richters 4 points, 12 rebounds; 1 steal; Kyle Hunter 15 points (top scorer), 1-3 pointer, 11 rebounds, 1 steal; Michael Mayo, 6 points, 9 rebounds; Dusty Nolen 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; Anthony Pina 4 points, 1 steal; Mark Fryar 1 point, 5 rebounds, 1 steal.

EAGLES BOYS

Eldorado Tournament
November 29, 1997
Eldorado 71-SA Lakeview 58
Scoring for the Eagles: Zach Steele 20 points, 1-3 pointer, 1 rebound; 4 steals; Jason Richters 7 points, 5 rebounds, 6 steals; Kyle Hunter 4 points, 5 rebounds, 8 steals; Michael Mayo 24 points (top scorer), 11 rebounds; Dusty Nolen 3 points, 1 rebound; Anthony Pina 9 points, 2 rebounds, 5 steals; Mark Fryar 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals; Joseph Wink 2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals.

Ballinger Tournament
December 4-6, 1997
Eldorado 42-Sonora 65
Scoring for the Eagles: Zach Steele total points 10, 3 steals; Jason Richters total points 6, 7 rebounds, 3 steals; Kyle Hunter total points 8, 8 rebounds, 1 steal; Anthony Pina total points 11, 2 rebounds; Mark Fryar total points 3, 1 rebound; Juan Montalvo 1 rebound, 1 steal; Juan Sanchez 1 steal; Casey Poynor total points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals.

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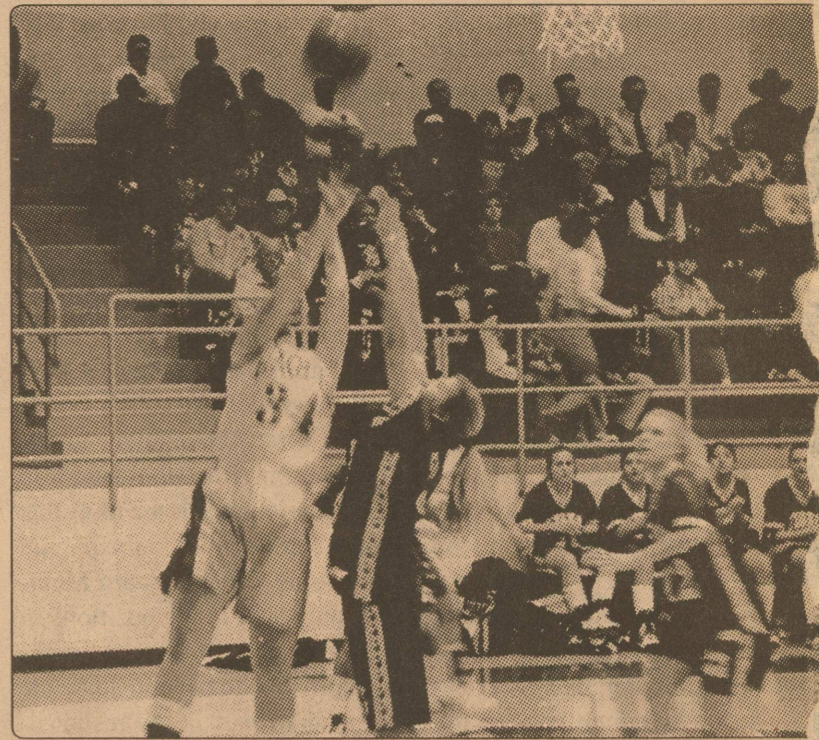


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Two points — Stormi Sessom puts up a shot over an Ozona defender during the Lady Eagles first district game of the season. Sessom was the leading scorer for the Lady Eagles with 17. Ozona won the game 36-32.

LADY EAGLES

Wylie Tournament
Dec. 11-13
Eldorado 44-Snyder 48
Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Stormi Sessom- 9 (Top Scorer), Makenzie McCravey- 9 (Top Scorer), Victoria Mitchel- 8, Kayla McCravey- 7, Ashley Finley- 5, Kimberly Jones- 4.
3-point goals: Mitchel (1), M. McCravey (1), K. McCravey (1).

LADY EAGLES J.V.

December 9, 1997
Eldorado 36-Miles 25
Scoring for the Eagles were: Sarah Mankin- 11 (Top Scorer), Megan Poynor- 7, Cayla Jeffery- 5, Dee Martinez- 4, Ashley Barton- 3, Jennah Richters- 2, Lindsey Beach- 2, Lycynda Halbert- 2. 3-point goals: Poynor (1).

Eldorado 55-Hawley 54
Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Stormi Sessom- 17 (Top Scorer), Victoria Mitchel- 12, Makenzie McCravey- 11, Ashley Finley- 9, Kimberly Jones- 4, Angela Ballew- 2. 3-point goals: M. McCravey (2).

Eldorado 70-Goldthwaite 61
Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Victoria Mitchel- 24 (Top Scorer), Makenzie McCravey- 14, Ashley Finley- 13, Stormi Sessom- 12, Angela Ballew- 7.
3-point goals: M. McCravey (2), Mitchel (1).

December 15, 1997
Eldorado 14-Ozona 40
Scoring for the Eagles were: Sarah Mankin- 6 (Top Scorer), Lycynda Halbert- 5, Jennah Richters- 2, Ricki Bosmans- 1.

EAGLES JV BOYS

December 9, 1997
Eldorado 50 - Miles 55
Scoring for the Eagles were: Joey Bullard- 24 (Top Scorer), William Robledo- 6, Ben Edmiston- 7, Kenny Covarrubiaz- 6, Asa Nixon- 2, Clay Whitten- 2, Jeff Stafford- 3.

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7TH GRADE BOYS

December 15, 1997
Eldorado 37-Christoval 21
Scoring for the Eagles were: Buddy Greer- 13 (Top Scorer), Bobby Phillips- 9, Ryan Adame- 4, Quisto Gonzalez- 9, Heath Andrew- 2. Also playing were: Landon Nixon, Ray Buitron, Nathanael Wolfe, J.L. Mankin, Matt Greenwood, and David Cantu.

8TH GRADE BOYS

8th Grade Boys
December 11, 1997
Eldorado 39-Eden 3
Scoring for the Eagles were: Luis Enriquez- 8 (Top Scorer), Ramon Barajas- 6, Thomas Ballew- 2, Wesley Jones- 6, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez- 2, Leonel Medrano- 6, Tony Fay- 6, Johnny Herrera- 2, Will Whitten- 1. Also playing were: David Elias, Benji Gonzales, Michael Ramirez, Juan Diego Guzman, Aaron Fuentes, and Dest Suddeth.

December 15, 1997
Eldorado 30-Christoval 42
Scoring for the Eagles were: Tony Fay- 8 (Top Scorer), Thomas Ballew- 2, Aaron Fuentes- 5, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez- 7, Luis Enriquez- 2, Leonel Medrano- 2, Benji Gonzales- 4.
3-point goals: Fuentes (1).



Warming up for the big concert — Eldorado Middle School musicians practice shortly before taking the stage for Sunday's Christmas Band Concert. They are (L-R) Tim Martinez, Jennifer Rodriguez, Liza Sanchez, Lilly Vallejo and Mandi Armstrong.

photo by Kathy Mankin

Eldorado Woman's Club news

The Woman's Club met in the home of Shine Spigarelli on December 9th at 2:30 for the regular December meeting.

Twenty three (23) membes answered roll call with "Why I still believe in Santa Claus."

Following a short business session, Imogene Edmiston gave a reading in memory of Winnie Helen Ratliff titled "The Night Before Christmas - Texas Style." Jo Callison presented two poems titled "Yes, Virginia, There is A Santa" and "The Angel" by Nancy Keith. The readings were well received by club members.

In deeping with the Christmas theme of "My Cup Runneth Over," members participated in a coffee mug exchange and trade.

Refreshments of Christmas goodies and snacks were served by the Hospitality Committee Chairman, Myrt Williams and Florence Williams and Jerre Holley.

The next meeting will be on January 13th in the club room of the Memorial Building at 2:30 p.m. The theme for the January meeting is "Then and Now."



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1997 All-District Band members include (L-R) Gerard Barerra, Tiffany Case, Kasey Griffin, Mary Adame, Sabrina Samuels, BreeAnne Davis and Kirk Curtis.



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1997 Region Band members are (L-R) Sarah Mankin, Juan Montalvo, Kasey Griffin, Tiffany Case, Sabrina Samuels, Kirk Curtis and BreeAnne Davis

Woolen Mill gala planned

The annual stockholders meeting for the Eldorado Woolen Mill will once again be held on New Year's Eve in the Memorial Building! The revelry will start at 9 p.m. and continue until past midnight.

Invitations are being mailed to shareholders this week. The theme for this years event will be the

Wild, Wild West. A gambling parlor featuring casino type games with crooked dealers and shady characters will provide the entertainment! Those attending are asked to dress "formally western."

Princess Gruben is serving as chairman of the decorations committee and Beverly Minor is designing the invitations. Woolen Mill board members as well as community volunteers will also be helping with the party. An auction will be held at midnight so that everyone can spend their play money!!!



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Andie Sterling was named the EHS Band Sweetheart during the band's annual Christmas Concert Sunday afternoon

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Blanch Barr celebrates 100th Birthday

Blanch Sloan Hunt Barr celebrated her 100th Birthday Sunday, December 14, 1997 at Schleicher County Nursing Home along with numerous family members and friends from the community.

Blanch had several cakes with balloons to share with her many friends and family members. At the party there were friends from Kerrville, Austin, San Antonio, Mission, San Angelo, Kingslad, Brady, Coleman and near Houston. Then there were the phone calls from Washington D.C. (not the President), Arizona, California, Oklahoma and Missouri.

In attendance from Eldorado were Blanch's daughter Mrs. Lester

Nixon; granddaughters and sons - Laura Nowlin, Lester Paul Nixon, Reuben Nixon; great granddaughters - Luticia, Jennifer, Brandi, Landon and April.

Blanch was born in Tecumseh, Oklahoma in 1897. Married Lee Hunt in 1915. Blanch was an orphan, raised by relatives till shw was 18.

Blanch lived in Wichita Falls for many years where she went into the Pentecostal church. She taught Bible and has been noted in her lifetime for helping many people and teaching them the goodness of God's love and love for her children.

She had seven girls and one boy. Two of the girls have passed away. Lee Hunt the father of all her

children passed away in 1947. She then married Bill Barr in 1949. He died in 1953. She has been a widow these forty four years, is still pretty sharp - though medications for pain keeps her down some.

Her favorite saying is " Only one life-It'll soon be past-Only what we've done for God will last.

Blance's education was very limited, but until the last few years she could tell some very interesting tales of the past - of Indians in

Oklahoma-the first cars-of the days when only the most immodest women would wear a dress that exposed her ankles. Of real poverty, of going to a dentist to have a tooth pulled for \$.50, of walking several miles across town to save the buse fare of \$.05.

She loves flowers, plants and things that grow.

And her family has really grown. She now has 8 children (2 gone); 26 grandchildren; 49 great grandchildren; 40 great great grandchildren and 9 great great great grandchildren. Who could have done more in a hundred years.

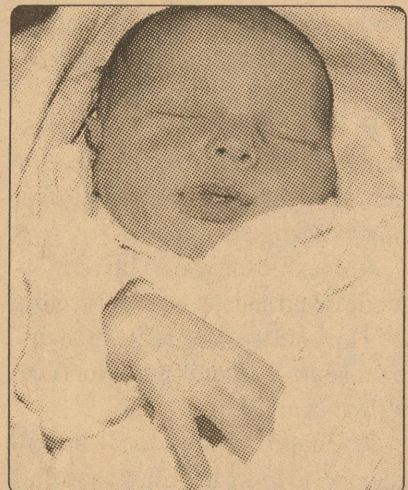
She has been a good mother. Though she never had a chance to know God in her younger years. she has known enough to teach her children honesty, thrift, love for people, cleanliness and to always live in such a way as to rise above what we were. An honorable name was of much more value in those days when a man's name was his bond.

The world around her has been a better place because of her 100 year stay. May the Lord continue to bless her life.



Starting her second century — Blance Barr marked her 100th birthday Sunday at Schleicher County Nursing Home. On hand for the occasion were her daughters Jonell Muir (L) and Mrs. Lester Nixon (R).

It's A Boy!



Welcomed with twinkling lights of this holiday season was Justin Reed Whitten, December 12th, 1997, at 11:14 a.m. Justin weighing 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and 19 inches long was welcomed by his brother Tres and parents Stephen and Mondee Whitten.

Grandparents are Steve and Kori Whitten of Lubbock, Sheri Whitten of Austin and Steve and Kim-et Nelson of Eldorado.

You're Invited to Christmas Open House December 23, 1997 10:00 AM - 4 PM Schleicher County Clerks's Office

FUMC plans Christmas Eve service

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado. The service will be at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 24.

It will be a service of lessons and carols, followed by the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Come and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child through this special worship service.



Rev. Walt Griggs addresses the SCISD board of Trustees to express his concerns over a Middle School library book.

School board denies book appeal

Continued from Page 1

A motion to deny the appeal was made by trustee Eddie Albin. The motion received at least two seconds and passed by a vote of 5-2. Trustees Ilse Williams, Berta Nicholson, Eddie Albin, Ruby Minor and Tip Finley voted in favor of the motion. Trustees Steve Sessom and Phil McCormick voted against.

As soon as the vote was taken, the meeting adjourned without any public statement from the board.

After the meeting, Taylor, flanked by several supporters announced his candidacy for the school board, "as soon as the district I live in is up for election." He also speculated that recall petitions might be circulated with the aim of removing board members who voted to deny the appeal.

Following the meeting, trustee Berta Nicholson commented, "Some of us are just more tolerant." She noted that language

which one person might find offensive doesn't necessarily offend others. "What offends you, I might think was OK, and what you think is appropriate could offend me," she stated.

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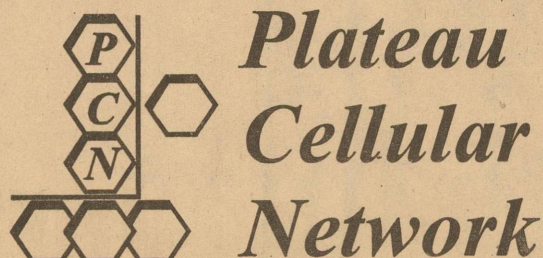
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Hospital board meets, discusses staffing clinic

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of directors met Monday night and moved quickly to staff the Schleicher County Family Clinic and provide physician coverage for the hospital emergency room.

By a unanimous vote the board authorized administrator Jim Roddie to negotiate contracts with Dr. Cleon Nunnally and Dr. William McCrae. The board had previously hired physician assistant Shelby Singleton. Prior to the vote, the board met in executive session with the two doctors.

The need to hire doctors became more pressing less than 24-hours before the meeting when Columbia Medical Center ended its contract to staff the Family Clinic and cover the emergency room.

In other business, the board discussed reapplying for Medicare certification and directed the hospital's staff to give priority to having an application submitted before January 15, 1998.

The hospital voluntarily terminated its existing Medicare contract after government inspectors found fault with the way patient admissions and transfers were being handled.

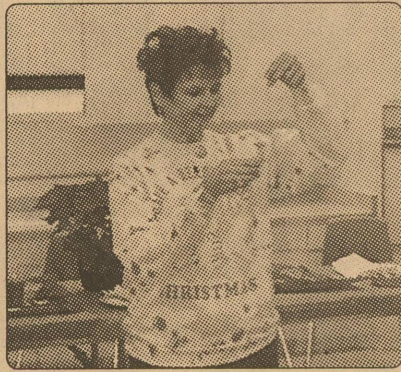


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Saying goodbye — Maggie Middleton bid her co-workers farewell at a reception held in her honor last week. The ESL teacher at Eldorado Elementary resigned last week and will be moving to Ft. Collins Co.

When the hospital board informed Columbia by letter that they felt Columbia was responsible for the situation, the San Angelo hospital abruptly cancelled its contract and told the board it would cease operations in Schleicher County a 11:59 p.m. on December 14, 1997.

Few in town even noticed the transition, however, since the local board moved quickly to hire Drs. Nuannally and McCrae on an interim basis until a longer term contract could be worked out. The two physicians had recently been hired by Columbia to staff the clinic and both had come to Eldorado just as the dispute between SCMC and Columbia developed.

In other business, administrator Roddie informed the board that the nursing home had recently undergone its annual inspection. He noted the inspectors cited four deficiencies but said that they were very minor infractions that had already been rectified. "All in all I'd say it was a very good report," Roddie stated.

Kameron Wike hospitalized for brain ailment



Kameron Wike

Tiny 14-month old Kameron Wike of may be facing emergency brain surgery very soon. Recently, doctors found an "arteriovenous malformation" inside the young girl's skull.

She is being taken to Parkland Childrens Hospital in Dallas for evaluation and possible surgery.

The daughter of Wesley & Erica Wike of Eldorado, Kameron is the granddaughter of Billy Joe & Rosa Pina of Eldorado. Her other grandparents are Felix & Donna Aguilar and Rex & Ursula Wike of San Angelo.

The girl's father is employed by an oilfield contractor in Ozona, but the family has no insurance.

A trust fund to help defray some of the anticipated medical bills has been established at First National Bank of Eldorado. Anyone interested in donating may do so by making a deposit to the Kameron Wike Fund.

The family requests everyone to remember Kameron in their prayers.



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1997 Area Band Qualifiers are (L-R) BreeAnne Davis, Kirk Curtis and Tiffany Case. They competed at the Regional Band contest held in Ballinger last week. Area band contest will be held in Waco in January.

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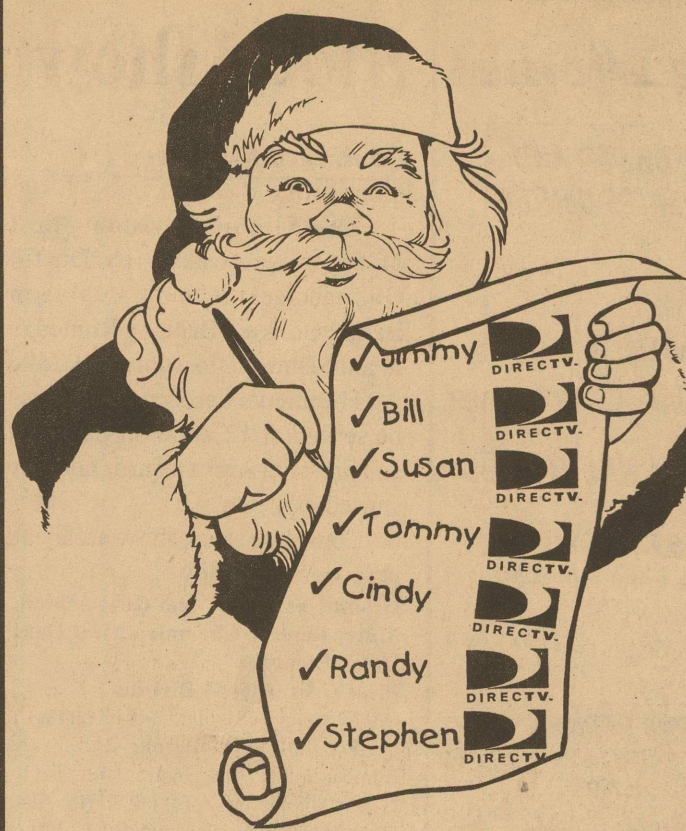
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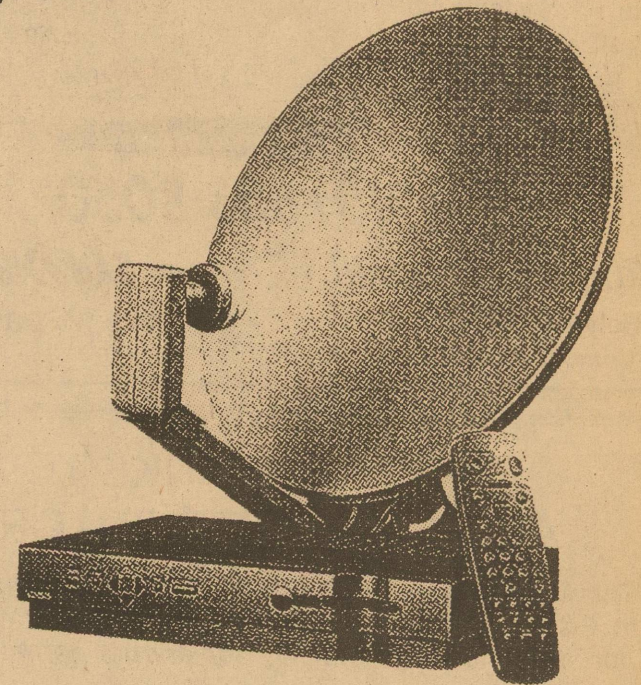
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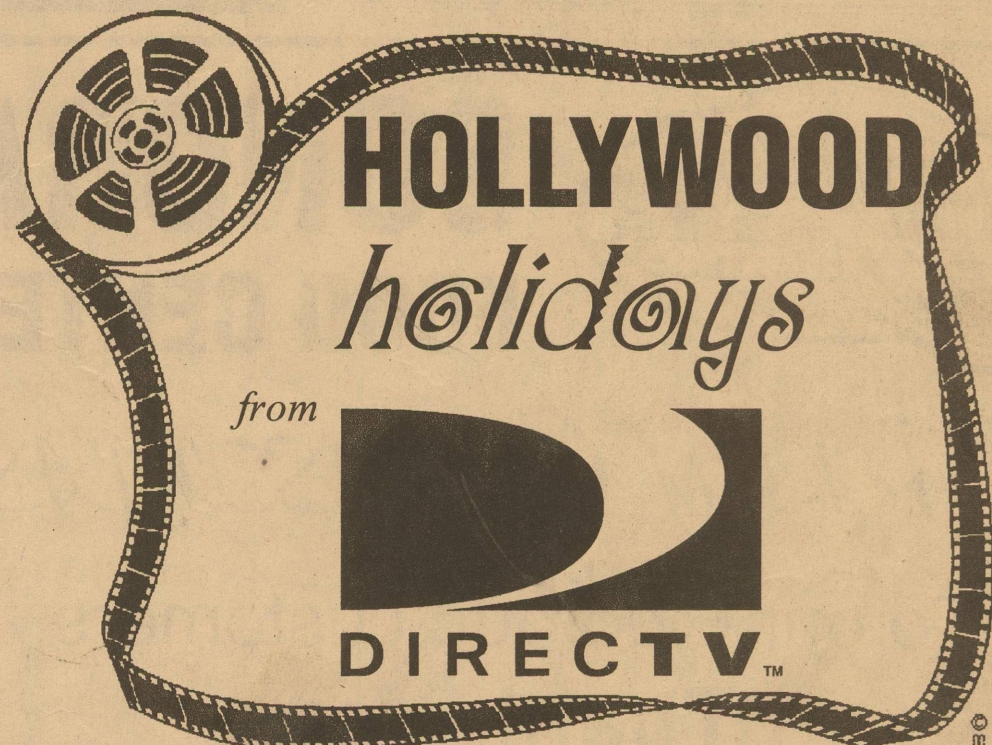


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Sub-Junior's Division - Best of Show was Cake - by Dustin Gauna; **Best Candy** - Mason Baker; **Cookie** - Brittany Romero's Peanut Butter Blossoms and Cake

The annual barbecue lunch was served at 12 noon on Saturday and presentation of awards and sale started at 1 p.m.

Complete stock show are listed below are as follows:

Grand Champion Meat Goat Ashton Murr; Reserve Champion Meat Goat Haley Edmiston

Meat Goat Class 1 Division (Show weight 63 pounds - 81 Pounds)
1st Haley, Edmiston; 2nd Frank Edmiston; 3rd Neal Higgins; 4th Taylor Baker; 5th Holley Ford; 6th & 7th Allen Dykstra; 8th Levona Lloyd; 9th Courtney Brown; 10th Hillary Hodges; 11th Levona Lloyd; 12th Holley Ford; 13th Kevin Dykstra; 14th Mason Baker. 1st Place Meat Goat Class 1 show weight 80 pounds.

Meat Goat Class 2 Division (Show weight 82-89 pounds)
1st Haley Edmiston; 2nd Frank Edmiston; 3rd Courtney Brown; 4th Haley Edmiston; 5th Allison Reynolds; 6th Taylor Baker; 7th Lauren Brown; 8th Levona Lloyd; 9th Ginger Reynolds; 10th Allen Dykstra; 11th Kaleb Murr; 12th Haley

Higgins; 13th Levona Lloyd; 14th Haley Higgins. 1st Place Meat Goat Class 2 show weight 83 pounds.

Meat Goat Class 3 (Show weight 91-105 pounds)
1st Ashton Murr; 2nd Ben Edmiston;

3rd Courtney Brown; 4th Frank Edmiston; 5th, 6th, & 7th Allison Reynolds; 8th Ben Edmiston; 9th & 10th Ginger Reynolds; 11th Neal Higgins; 12th & 13th Catherine Lloyd; 14th Tabitha Lloyd. 1st Place Meat Goat Class 3 show weight 99 pounds.

Meat Goat Class 4 (Show weight 106-114 pounds)
1st Kayla Kohls; 2nd Kayla Kohls;

3rd Lauren Brown; 4th Layna Murr; 5th & 6th Lauren Brown; 7th Ginger Reynolds; 8th Kaleb Murr; 9th Neal Higgins; 10th Allison Reynolds; 11th Ginger Reynolds. 1st Place Meat Goat Class 4 show weight 113 pounds.

Meat Goat Class 5 (Show weight 119-144 pounds)
1st Layna Murr; 2nd Ben Edmiston;

3rd & 4th Courtney Brown; 5th Lauren Brown; 6th Ashton Murr; Neal Higgins; 8th Ross Hodges; 9th Levona Lloyd. 1st Place Meat Goat Class 5 show weight 130 pounds.

Grand Champion Lamb - Madolyn Joy Reserve Grand Champion Lamb - Lindsay Beach

Champion Finewool Lamb Lindsay Beach; Reserve Champion Madolyn Joy

Finewool Lamb Class 1 (Show weight 93-98 pounds)
1st Lindsay Beach; 2nd Madolyn Joy;



The next Lassie? Corie Williams (R) shows of Lucy, the Best of Show in the best dressed dog category as the dog's owners Bryce and Briley Leggett offer their congratulations. Corie won the Showmanship award in the Dog Show.

3rd Kim Beach; 4th & 5th Madolyn Joy; 6th Whitney Edmiston; 7th Nancy Cawley. 1st Place Finewool Lamb Class 1 Show weight 97 pounds.

Finewool Lamb Class 2 (Show weight 100-109 pounds)
1st Lindsay Beach; 2nd & 3rd Madolyn Joy; 4th Kim Beach; 5th Scott Cawley; 6th & 7th Dest Sudduth; 8th Scott Cawley. 1st Place Finewool Lamb Class 2 show weight 107 pounds.

Finewool Lamb Class 3 (Show weight 111-121 pounds)
1st & 3rd Madolyn Joy; 2nd Kim Beach; 4th Dest Sudduth; 5th Clay Whitten; 6th Joseph Wink; 7th Clay Whitten. 1st Place Finewool Lamb Class 3 show weight 115.

Champion Finewool Cross - Madolyn Joy; Reserve Champion Finewool Cross - Madolyn Joy

Finewool Cross Class 1 (Show weight 98-111 pounds)
1st Scott Cawley; 2nd Brittany Key; 3rd Lindsay Beach; 4th Whitney Edmiston; 5th Logan Jones; 6th Brittany Key. 1st Place Finewool Cross Class 1 show weight 98 pounds.

Finewool Cross Class 2 (Show weight 112-117 pounds)
1st & 2nd Madolyn Joy; 3rd Ridge Ann Sudduth; 4th Nancy Cawley; 5th, 7th & 8th Dest Sudduth; 1st Place Finewool Cross Class 2 show weight 117 pounds.

Finewool Cross Class 3 (Show weight 118 - 140 pounds)
1st & 2nd Madolyn Joy; 3rd & 5th Nancy Cawley; 4th Whitney Edmiston; 6th Joseph Wink; 7th Clay Whitten; 8th & 9th Scott Cawley. 1st Place Finewool Cross Class 3 show weight 118 pounds.

Champion Medium Wool Heavyweight Whitney Edmiston Reserve Champion Medium Heavyweight Dest Sudduth

Medium Wool Class 1 Division (Show weight 71-100 pounds)
1st, 2nd & 6th Thomas Ballew; 3rd, 4th & 5th Michael Ballew. 1st Place

Medium Wool Class 1 show weight was 89 pounds.

Medium Wool Class 2 Division (Show weight 107-134 pounds)
1st Whitney Edmiston; 2nd & 3rd Dest Sudduth; 4th Melissa Andrews; 5th Michael Ballew. 1st Place Medium Wool Class 2 show weight was 107 pounds.

Grand Champion Steer Lindsey Griffin Reserve Champion Steer Will Griffin

1st Lindsey Griffin; 2nd Will Griffin. 1st Place Steer show weight was 900 pounds.

Grand Champion Breeding Heifer Lindsey Beach Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer Levona Lloyd

Class 1 Division
1st Lindsey Beach; 2nd Kim Beach; 3rd Gary Hanusch; 4th Lindsey Beach.

Class 2 Division
1st Levona Lloyd

Grand Champion Market Swine Kayla Kohls Reserve Champion Market Swine - Kayla Kohls

Class 1 Division
1st Gary Hanusch; 2nd Jessica Freeman; 3rd & 4th Jessica Robertson; 5th Lonnie Middleton; 6th Kary Gibson, 7th Gary Gibson.

Class 2 Division
1st Kayla Kohls; 2nd Mark Bybee; 3rd Frank Edmiston;

4th Haley Edmiston; 5th Cory Lloyd; 6th Wade Dankins; 7th Lauren Holt; 8th Gary Hanusch;

3rd haley Edmiston; 4th Micah McKinney; 5th Ryan Fryar; 6th Ryan Cathey; 7th Renee Edmiston.

Class 4 Division
1st Kayla Kohls; 2nd Mark Fryar; 3rd & 4th Gary Hanusch; 5th Frank Edmiston;

6th Forest Holt; 7th Ashley Holt; 8th Will Griffin, 9th Meg Griffin.

Farm Service Agency news

The Schleicher County FSA office would like to remind producers that they must certify their forage crops timely to be eligible for NAPO (Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) assistance.

The final date to report small grain forage and other winter forages such as ryegrass are required to report by the earlier of 15 days prior to the onset of harvest of the

specific crop acreage or May 1st. Harvest includes both grazing and mechanical.

Since Congress did away with the Emergency Livestock Feed Program, NAP has been placed in the Federal Register for native forage. Regulations for this program have not been written as of this date. The committee is making plans to apply for a NAP Area Designation once the regulations are published. The final certification date for native forage is July 15th. As soon as we receive any information, we will get it out as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please drop by 510 South Divide or call 853-3535.

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

Bid Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids, addressed to the Schleicher County Commissioners' Court will be received by the County Clerk, until 10:00 a.m. DECEMBER 22, 1997, when such bids will be opened in the Commissioner's Courtroom for: 1993 Ford Crown Victoria Vin # 2FACP71WOPX187259 (May be seen at Sheriff's Office)

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Just like the book — Maggie Middleton's elementary ESL class read a book this semester called "Night Tree". The characters in the story decorated a tree with fruit & popcorn and watched as the animals came to eat from it. The class decided to do the same thing and decorated this tree about a mile north of Eldorado. The class includes: Chance Meyers, Ricky Garza, Melissa Garza, Juan Garcia, Adrian Figueroa, Heather Powell, Luiz Almazon, Emmanuel Rodriguez and Shaun Dominguez.

Christmas tree thoughts

by Dorothy Dacy

What would December be without a touch of indoor greenery? Ancient Egyptians observed the winter season by bringing green branches into their homes. The Romans decorated their houses with evergreens in mid-December and decorated trees with silver balls on the shortest day of the year.

Medieval Christians celebrated the Feast Of Adam and Eve on December 24 by festooning an evergreen with apples. Then, around the fifteenth century, this Paradise

tree was incorporated into Christmas pageants. Someone had the inspired idea of adding candles, signifying the light of Christ. Suddenly, the muted green tree was aglow. No longer just a symbol of nature renewing itself, here was a new tree and a new light, the promise of eternal life. Christianity had transformed a pagon idol into a triumphant reminder of the birth of Christ and the rebirth of mankind.

Sometimes, in the swirl of the holidays, we lose sight of what we are celebratin. But--tall or small, full or spindly, real or synthetic--Christmas trees can hold truly blessed moments. Reprinted from Guideposts magazine, December 1997.

Until next time: If Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under the tree.



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Top two — Haley Edmiston (L) had the Grand Champion meat goat at the Junior Livestock Show last week while Ashton Murr (R) had the Reserve Grand Champion. They are pictured here with the stock show judge.

State tire recycling program to end

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) will end its scrap tire recycling program on Dec. 31, 1997. The program was not continued by the legislature and so as of Jan. 1, 1998, there will be no state recycling fee added to the purchase of each new tire. The current fee is \$2 for a new automobile tire, \$3.50 for a new truck tire and \$1 for each used tire. Beginning Jan. 1, 1998, tire dealers may add a fee to the price of tires they sell to pay for the delivery of tires to a recycler or disposal facility. The amount of the

fee is solely at the dealer's discretion and not regulated by the state.

Although state-mandated tire recycling will end, the TNRCC will retain authority over the disposal of used tires. Effective Jan. 1, 1998, landfills may accept split, shredded or quartered tires. In recognition of a continuing problem, approximately \$9 million has been appropriated to the TNRCC for the cleanup of nearly 300 existing waste tire dumps.

Tire dumping is still illegal. To prevent unauthorized dumping, a registration and manifest system will continue to track used tires

until they are recycled.

Because the recycling program will end and fees will be discontinued, there will be no state funds available to pay scrap tire transporters and processors who have been picking up waste tires and delivering them for recycling under the current program. Local governments are encouraged to get involved in tire recycling for many uses, such as playground material, road construction, and landscape mulch. Shredded tires can be used as daily cover or in leachate collection systems in landfills.

Another recently developed use tire are recycled. In the past two years there has been a 50 percent increase in their use in landfills and a 64 percent jump in the use of tire derived fuel. Over the past year the tire recycling rate in Texas was 94 percent.

In tis five years of existence, the waste tire recycling program has eliminated more than 600 illegal tire dumps containing nearly 20 million used tires. In the first six months of 1997 more than 208 million pounds of scrap thire material were diverted to recycling markets.



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It pays to recycle — Susie Ramirez' Head Start students are showing off recycled Christmas Cards they made to deliver to nursing home residents. The students are (clockwise from foreground) to take Marissa Gonzales, Eloy Bustos, Cruzita Trujillo, Brooke Guerrero and Luis Ruben Vasquez.

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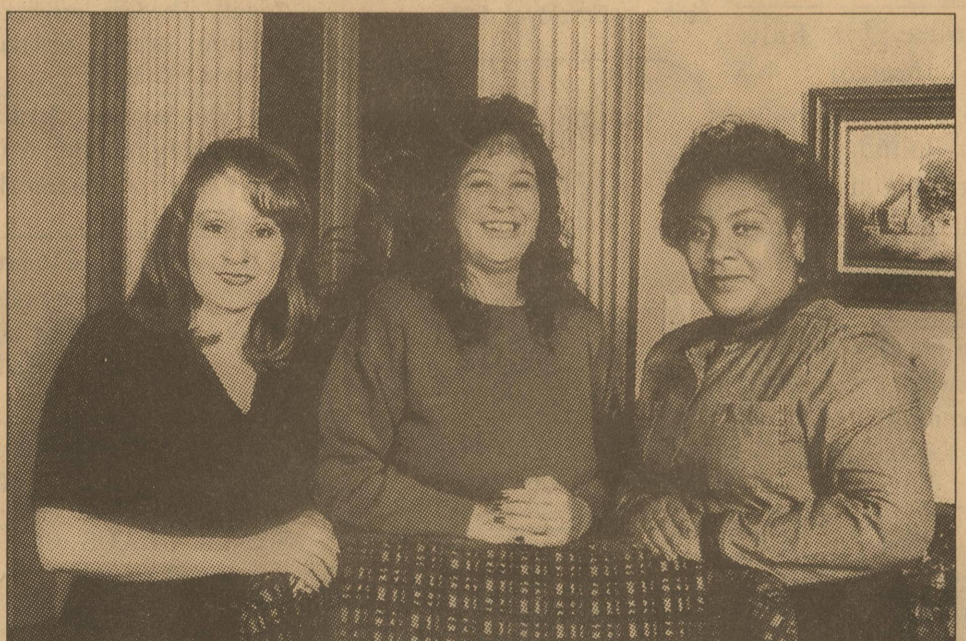
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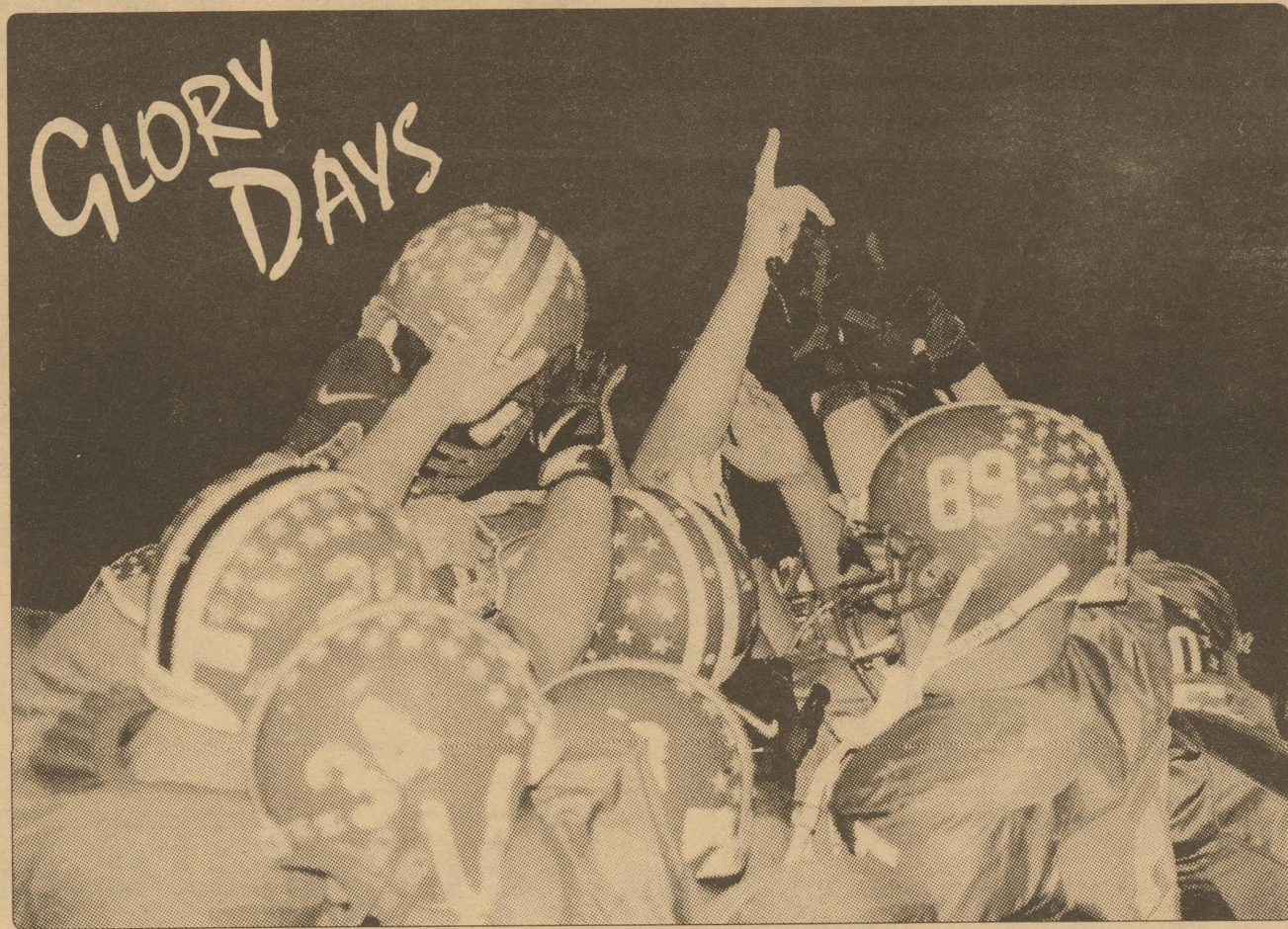


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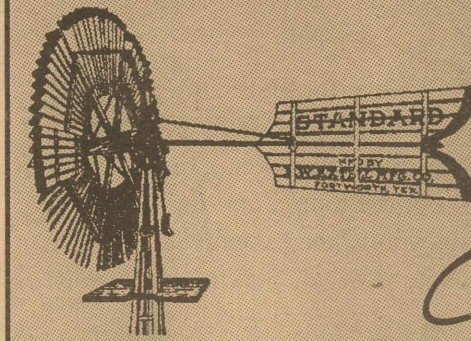
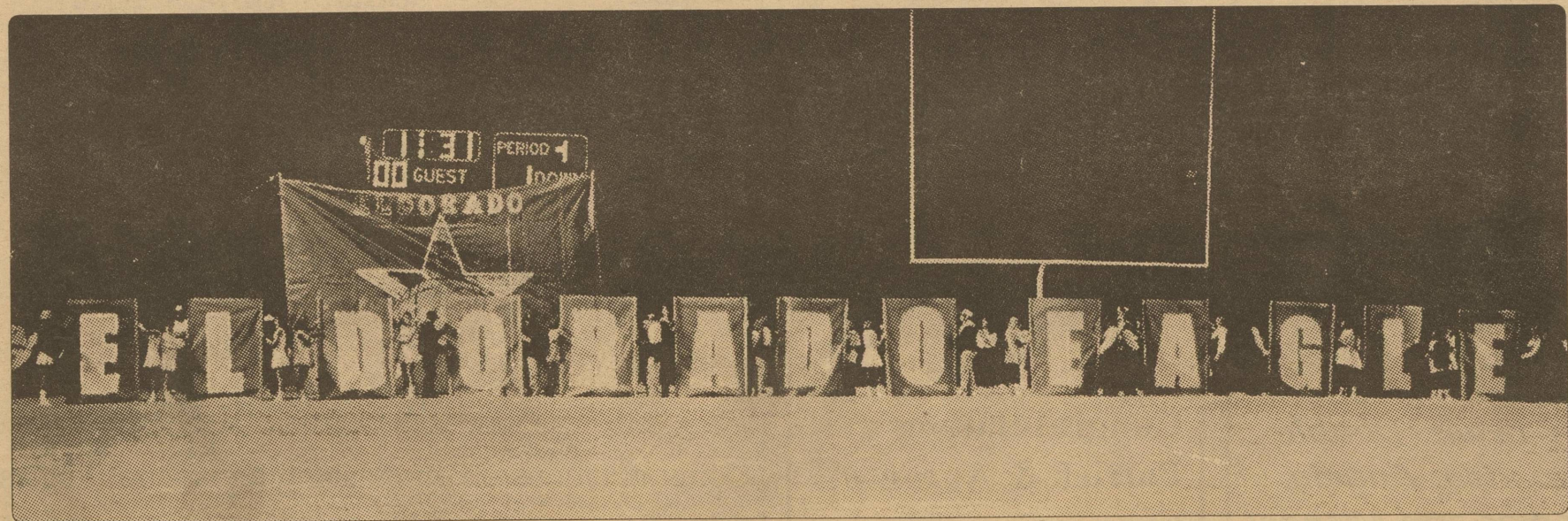
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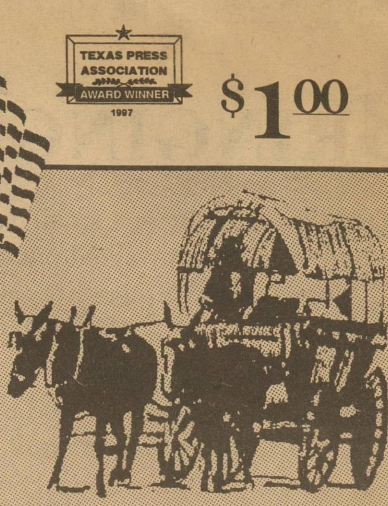


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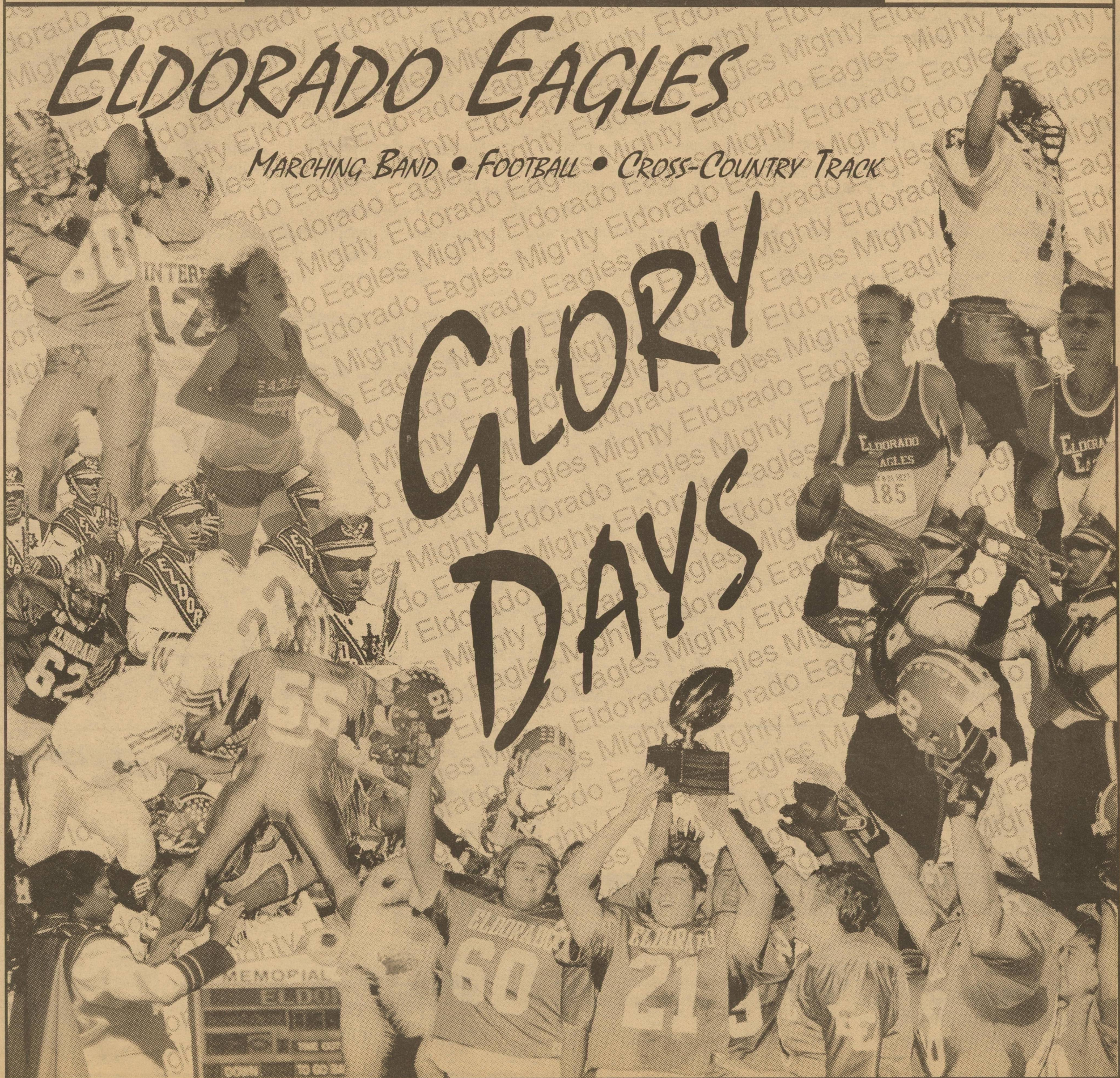
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GLORY DAYS



BRINGING GLORY TO A SMALL TEXAS TOWN

Once upon a time in a small Texas town, a group of young men walked out on a playing field. They were met there by a coach who challenged them to be all they could be. "If you play for me," the coach told them, "you'll work harder than you've ever worked in your lives."

The coach spoke of teamwork, commitment and excellence. He reminded them that winners never quit and quitters never win.

At about that same time in that same small town, a band director called her young musicians together. She reminded them that they were members of a band with a long history of excellence. Then, she set before them a goal, "If you work hard and do your best, then this is the year we go to State!"

The band members listened as she outlined the upcoming marching season. Practice, practice and more practice would be the drill for the next few months. But practice, they knew, was the key to victory. And victory was something the band understood very well.

Meanwhile, on the outskirts of town, a group

of lonely runners suffered through sweltering heat. While most athletes can listen to the cheers of supporting fans, cross-country runners have no such luxury. They conduct their business in near anonymity. The season for them promised no Friday night lights, few cheering supporters and fewer headlines.

But their coach had challenged them, also. They, too, would spend countless hours preparing for a few minutes of competition. Those who persevered, however, could do great things, he told them.

So it was that a small town in Texas was privileged to watch as its football team, marching band and cross-country track teams set about the task of winning. And, as victory gave way to victory a sort of mania swept over the town. Signs and banners popped up everywhere.

Talk at the local coffee shop soon turned from the lack of rainfall to an abundance of pride in the local kids. A simple question like, "Did ya' see that catch?" would prompt a two-hour long discussion on the finer points of precisely run pass patterns. Not to mention goal

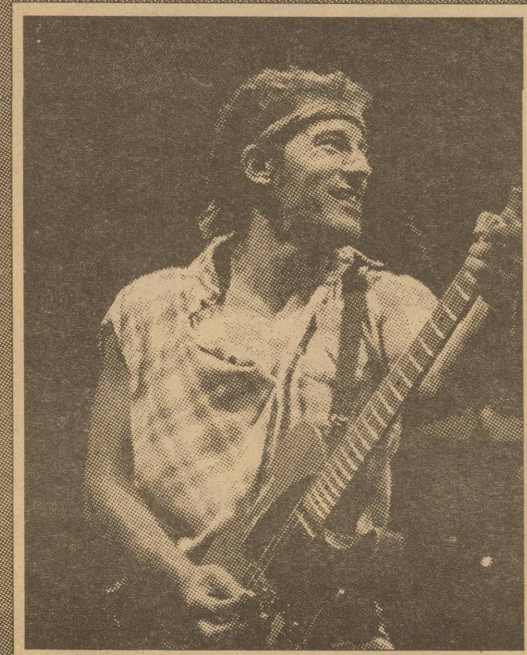
line stands.

At half-time of every football game, the marching band would take the field and amaze the fans with their clock-like precision. As the bass drums beat out the tempo and the flag corps accented the band's intricate maneuvers, the young musicians honed their playing skills and readied themselves for contest.

Meanwhile, the cross-country runners kept their routine by running and running...and winning.

You know by now that this tale doesn't have a storybook ending. Neither the band, the cross-country squad or the football team brought home a state title. What they did bring to the community, however, was a sense of wonder at all they had accomplished.

Looking back upon this triumphant autumn will get easier for the young people in this story. Years from now, time will have stripped away the disappointment they each felt when their spectacular seasons ended. Perhaps then they can marvel with the rest of us at their glory days.



*Glory days...
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Glory daaaaays*

---"Glory Days" chorus by Bruce Springsteen


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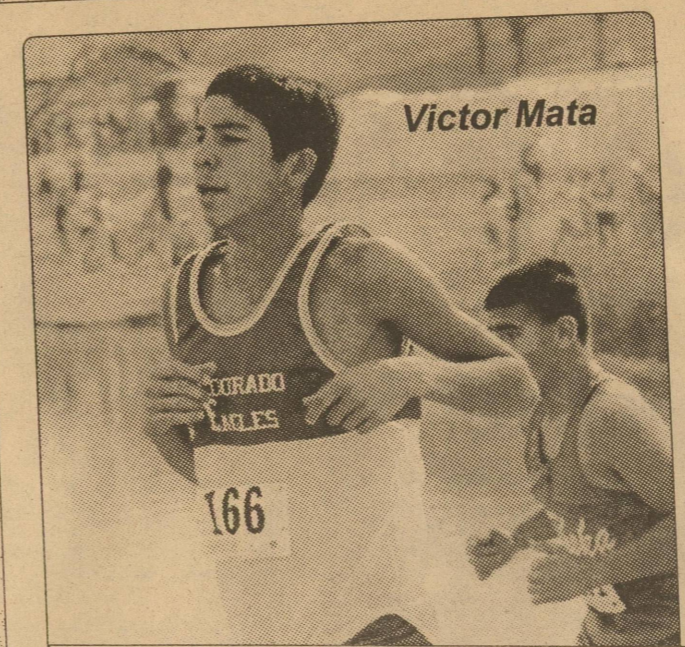
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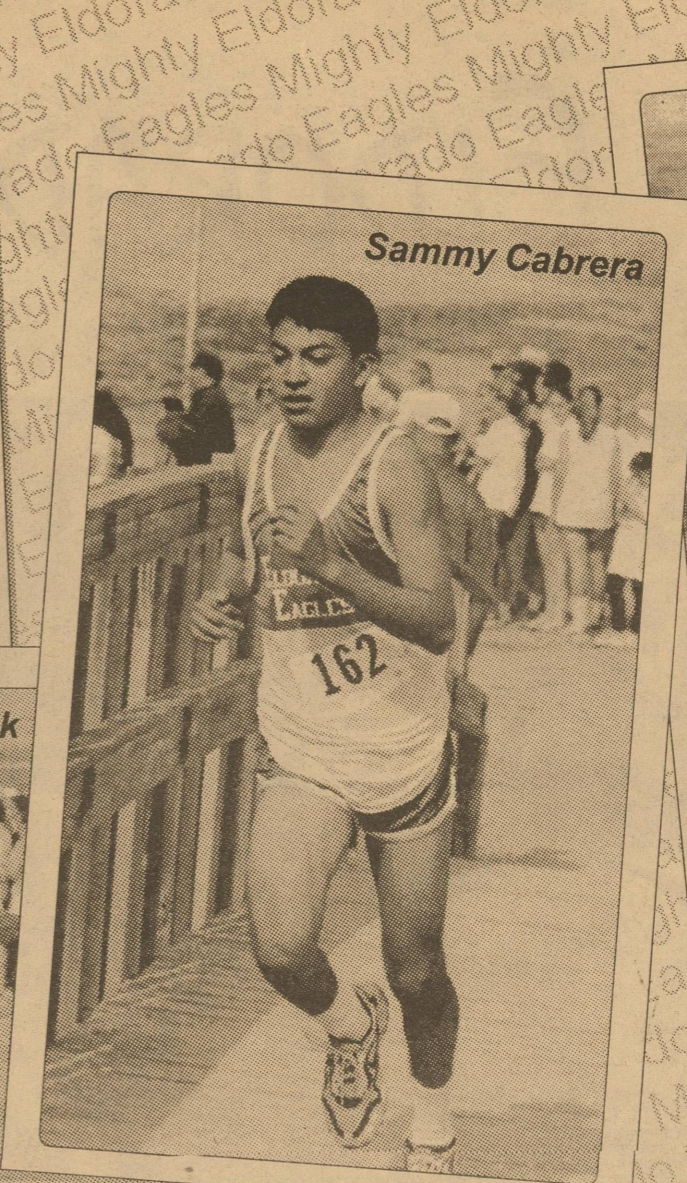
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It's been a great season and you've been an important part of it!



Love ya,
Mom, Dad,
Ginger and Jana



Victor Mata



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Johnny Lee Arispe




Joseph Wink



Great job, Eagles! Congratulations on an outstanding season in Football, Cross-Country and Band! We're very proud of you!

Ray Lewis, Debbie, Amanda, Angela, Thomas and Michael Ballew

Saluting the Mighty Eagle Band on an outstanding year.

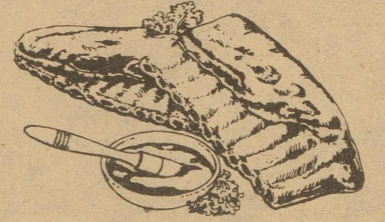


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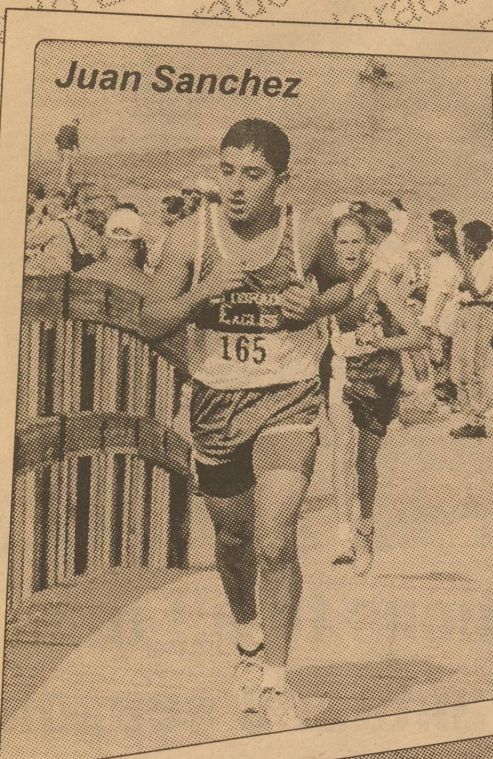
 Congratulations Eagles Cross-Country, Band & Football on an outstanding season!



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Congratulations on an outstanding season, Eagles. We are very proud of all the kids in the Band, and on the Football and Cross-Country Teams



Juan Sanchez



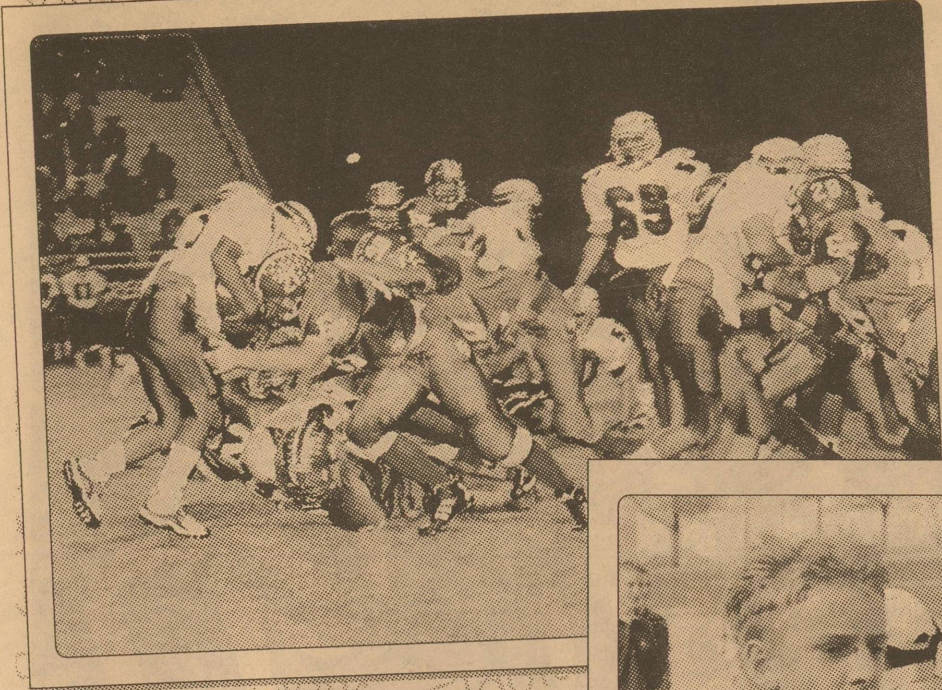
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Congratulations
Joyce Speck

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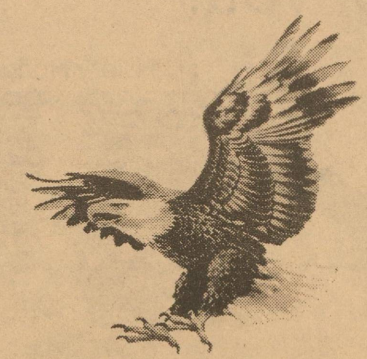
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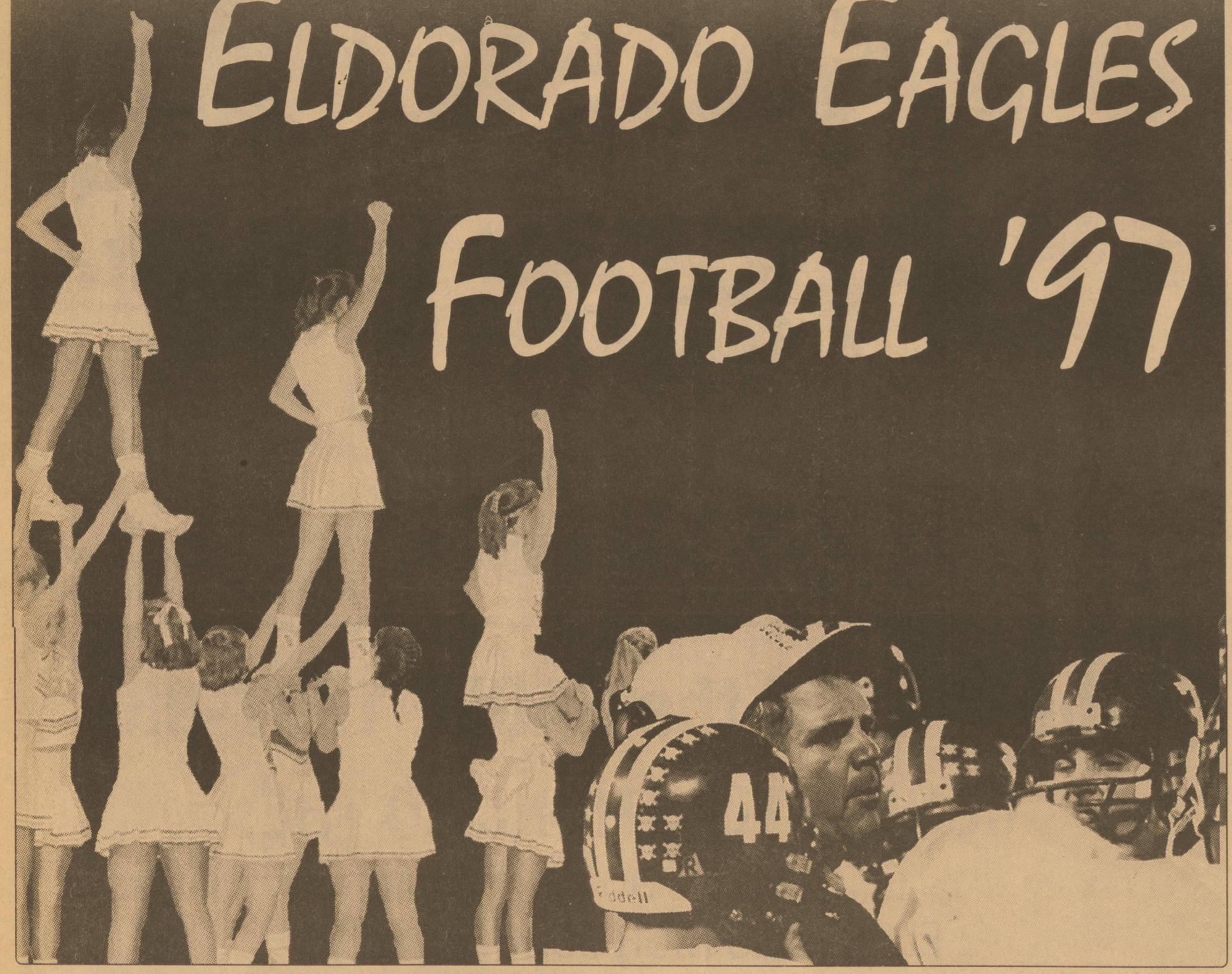
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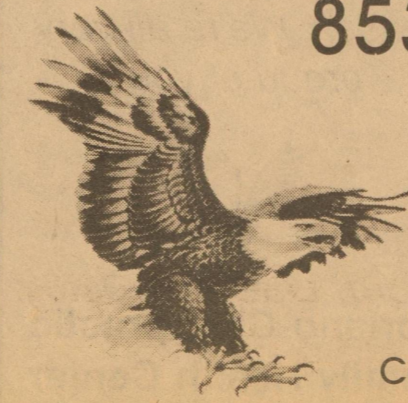
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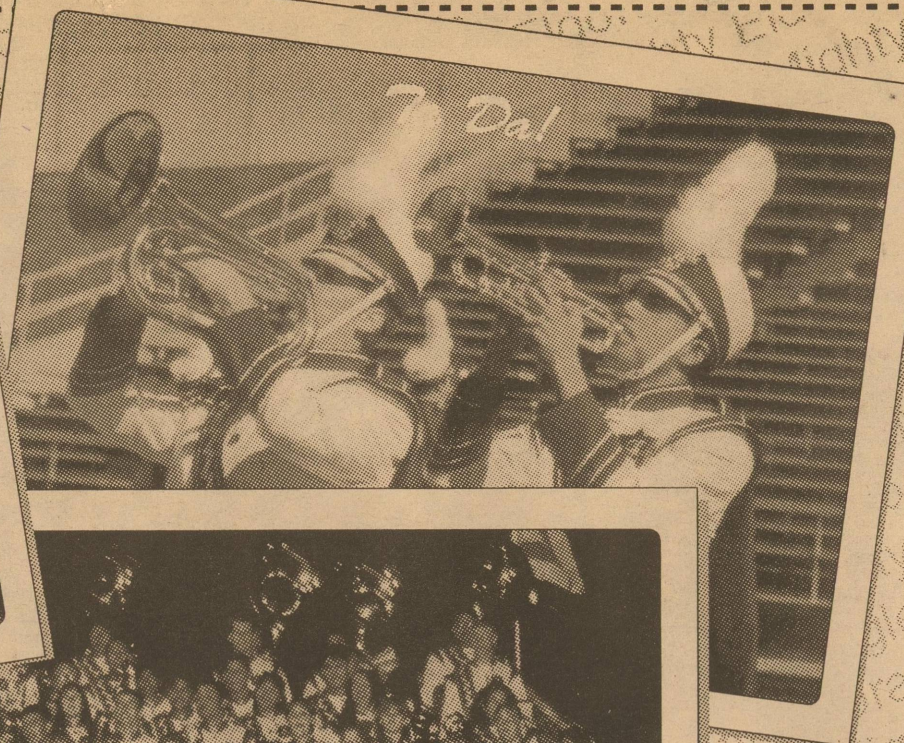


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7 Dal



Um pa pa Um pa pa



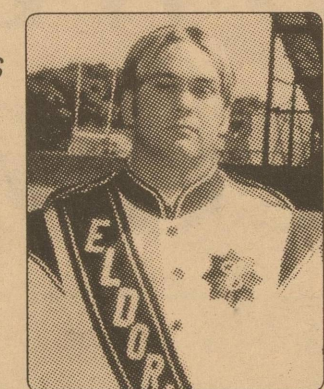
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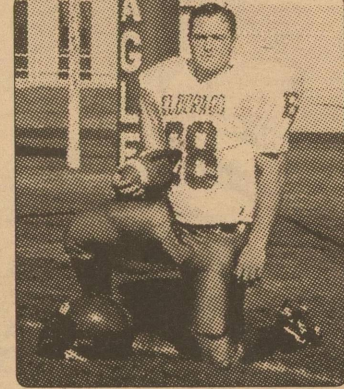
The Glory of young men is their strength...

You are #1 on our team. You make us proud.

We love you. Mama, Daddy, Grandmommy, Jennifer, Stacey & families



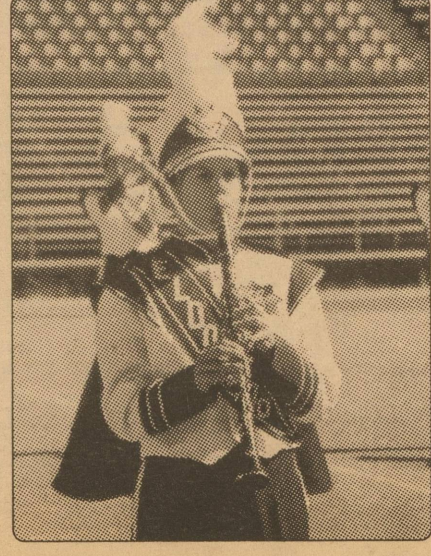
Congratulations, Beau for a great Senior year, so far.



The Best is yet to come! Love You, Mom



To Cari, Lesli, Amy and Betsy, You are all four winners in our eyes. God richly blessed us by sending all of you. Love, Mom and Dad

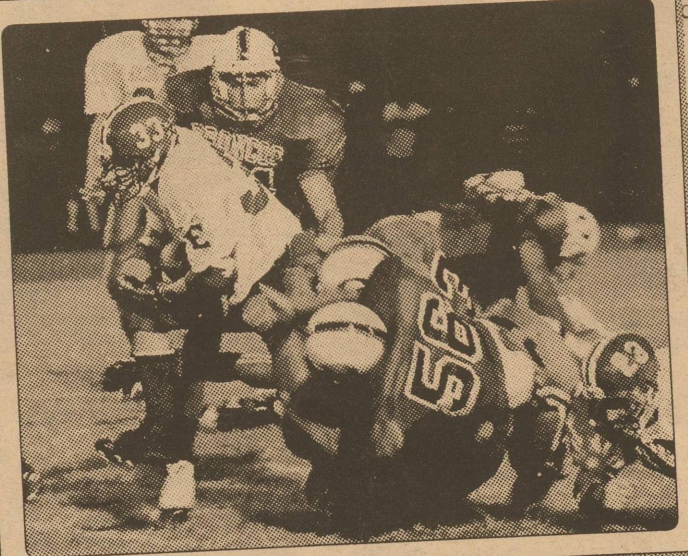


Sam, We are very proud of you

Love, Mom, Dad & Wesley Nana & Pop

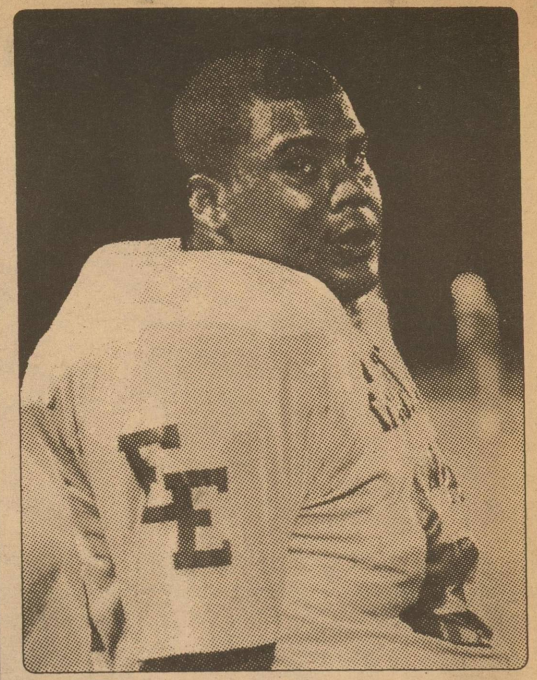
Eagles upend Junction 34-14

For a brief moment last Friday night, it appeared that the forecast might have been correct. When Junction returned Eldorado's opening kick-off 94 yards for a TD, the predictions of a "too close to call" slugfest almost seemed reasonable. Almost...but not for long. Because on Eldorado's possession, the Eagles took the drive to 80 yards while the clock. The highlight came when quarterback Snelson connected with receiver Kyle Hunter on Hunter, leaping high-prised defender brought down near the five yard line. Then, with 5:28 remaining in the opening quarter, Garrett Bownds found paydirt from 2-yards out. Reeves added the extra point to the score at 7. From there on in it was a rout. Except that...



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

EHS-exes returning for the Eagles annual Homecoming game. The evening's spectacular performance by the playing representatives, Scott and Mary Adame crowned Ashlie White as the EHS Homecoming Queen. Before and after festivities, the fans in the stadium were treated to a tremendously hard hitting football game between the Eldorado Eagles and the Menard Yellowjackets. Eldorado won the coin toss and elected to receive the ball on the opening kickoff. The Eagles' defense held the Yellowjackets to a 35-0 lead over the Ozona Lions last Friday night. The score came with 10:18 remaining in the 3rd quarter, and represented the first period in any game this season. "I just ran to the sideline and looked for the ball," Mitchell said.



Eagles shutout Ozona Lions, extend winning streak to four

The Eldorado Eagles defeated Sonora 20-9 to finish their non-district schedule undefeated. The game, played in Sonora, looked to be a runaway as Eagles jumped to a 20-0 lead before half. But a tenacious Sonora team, eager not to lose its homecoming game came fighting back in the second half. That would be a comeback, however died in the face of three goal line stands by the Eagles defensive squad. Garrett Bownds, nursing a sore shoulder and playing only on offense, notched up 118 yards rushing on the Sonora kickoff. The minutes of the game near the Eagle where Eldorado and Sonora's of the half was quick touchdown and quarter. Mark Fryar of for Eldorado when from Casey Snels 40-yards into the

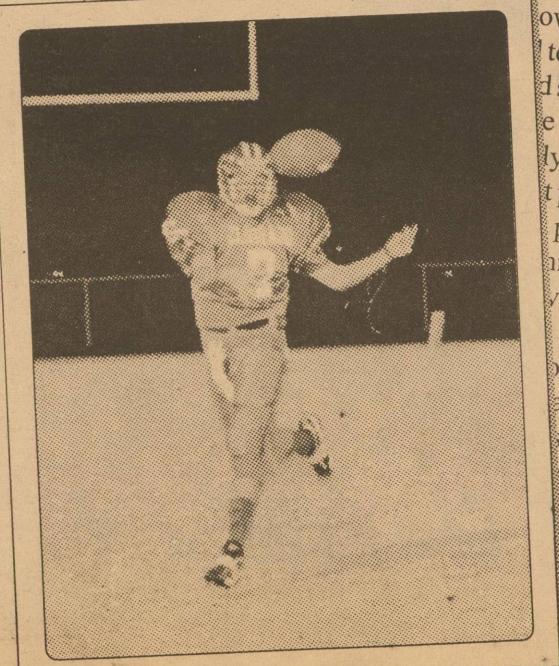
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Sophomore running back away. Lance Mitchell hauled in a pass. The game coming, a who won elected put its But the early w the first Eagle Villay Casey had deep



Eagles furrow Plowboys 21-6

The Eldorado Eagles hosted the Plowboys last Friday night touchdowns on offense, and special teams while the Plowboys into the defense and special teams to control and posted two touchdowns the opening quarter. The initial came at 5:32 in the first quarter when sophomore linebacker Poynor stepped in front of a punt and carried it 80 yards for a touchdown. Reeves booted the extra-point through to give Eldorado a 7-0 lead. The Eagles defense continued to shine on the following possession when they held Roscoe and forced a punt. But Eldorado's offense sputtered, too. That's when the defense held Roscoe to a 30-yard punt. The Eagles' defense held Roscoe to a 30-yard punt. The Eagles' defense held Roscoe to a 30-yard punt.

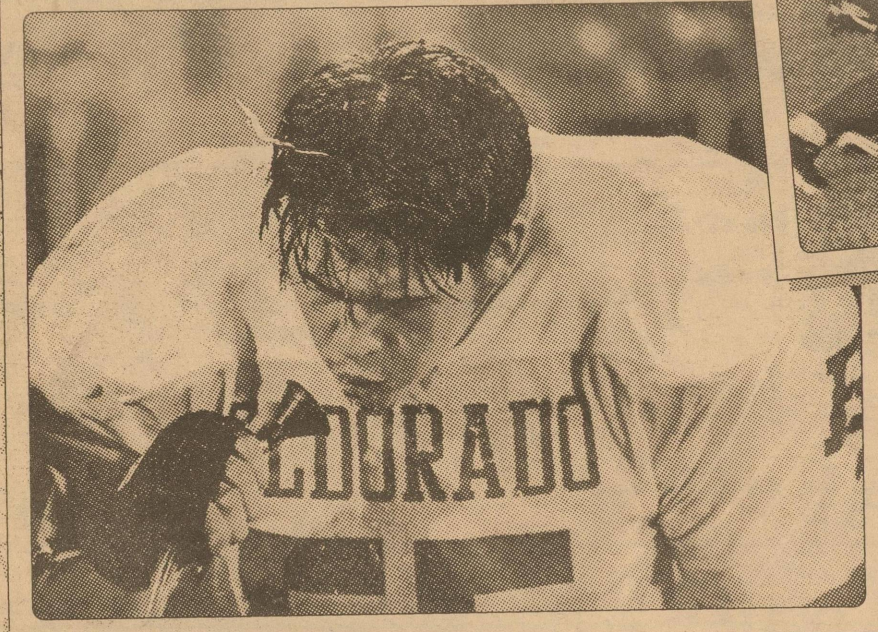


Eagles maul Bulldogs 30-7

With no time remaining on the clock, Randy "Nate" Spears slammed over the left side of the Eagles line to put the finishing touches on a 30-7 win over the Coahoma Bulldogs. "It felt pretty good," said the 6' 2" 260 lb. lineman after the game. "I was surprised when Coach called a time out so I could run the ball."

At one point, it appeared Spears had been stopped a yard short of the goal line, but he squared his shoulders, lowered his head and bulled his way across for the score. Cory Reeves added the extra point and the jubilant Eagles celebrated a 6-0 record into the locker room.

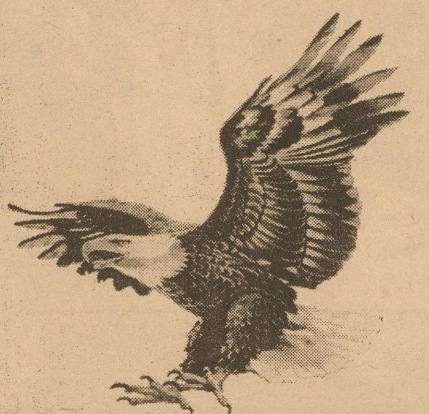
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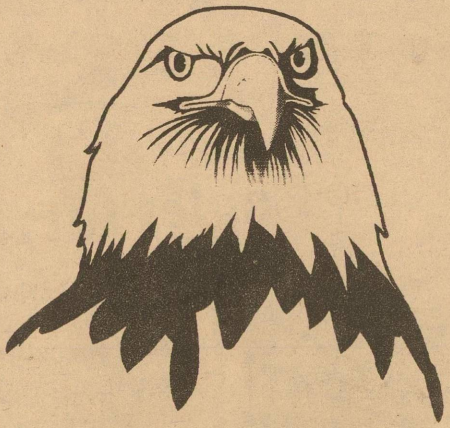
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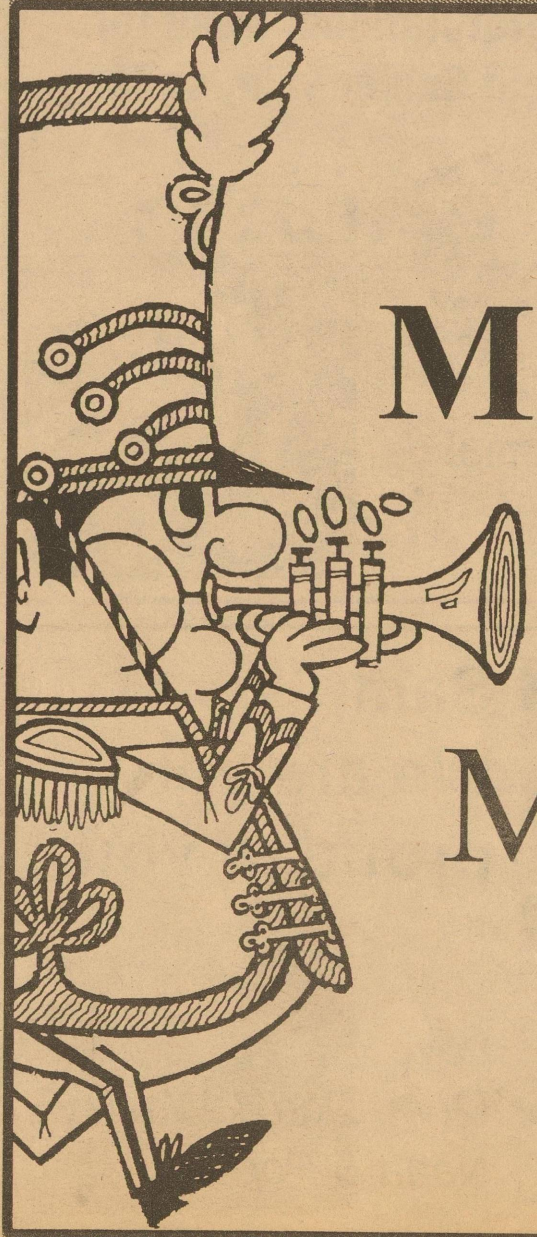
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Mighty Eagle Band advances to State Marching Contest in Mesquite

The Mighty Eagle Marching Band is one of only three bands advancing to the State marching competition in Mesquite, Texas next Monday from the AA Conference of the Area B Marching Contest held in Pennington Stadium in Bedford, Texas last Saturday.

The Eagle Band, under the field direction of Drum Major Mary Adame turned in an almost flawless performance under very difficult conditions. With winds gusting above 25 mph and the temperature falling into the lower 40s, the band took the field at 7:37 pm to present it's show for a crowd estimated to number at 7,500.

Performing the theme from "The Cowboys", "Tennessee Waltz" and "Simple Gifts" from "Appalachian Spring" the band wowed the crowd...and the judges who selected the Eagle band along with...

Seymour, Mason, Hamlin, Godley and Callisburg.

The Eagle band will march at 12:28 pm in Memorial Stadium in Mesquite next Monday.

The Mighty Eagle Band is directed by Gina Muela. Assistant directors are Thomas Hollingsworth and Kara Sue Garlitz.

Band members are: Alto Saxophone: Jaclyn Crawford. Baritone: Gerard Barrera, Kirk Curtis, Leonel Medrano and Asa Nixon.

Clarinets: Kristy Adame, Jerrie Arispe, Cristie Belman, Deborah Cantu, Kayla Case, Vanessa Gonzalez, Hillary Hodges, Angela Kelly, Brittany Key, Tabitha Lloyd, Ginger Reynolds, Andrea Robles and Samantha Smith.

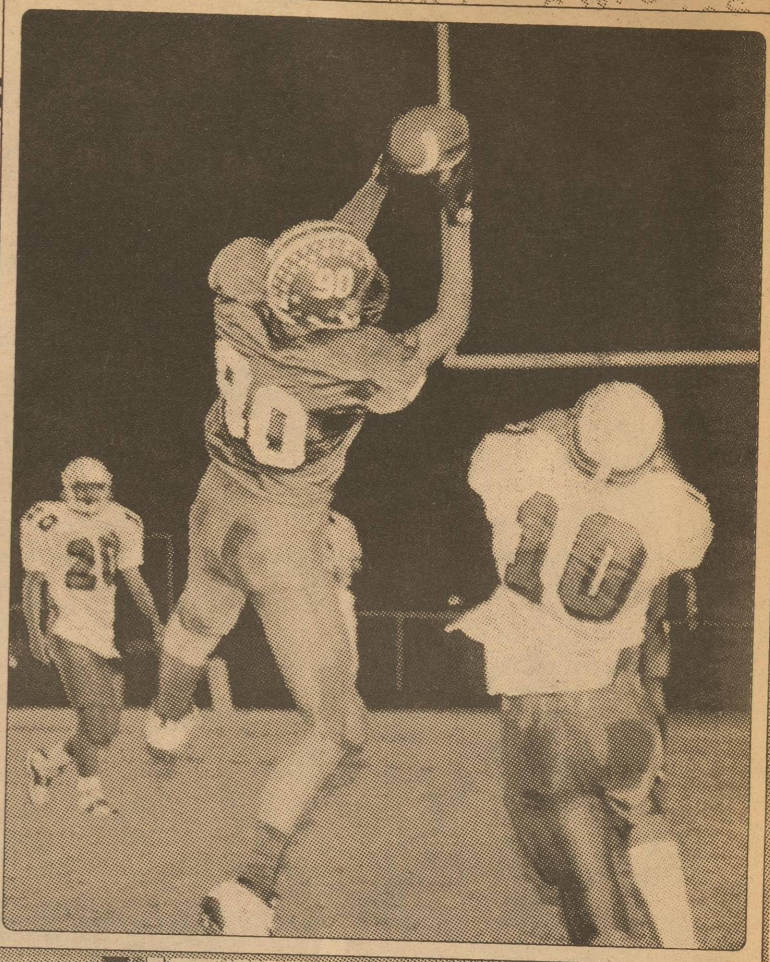
Flags: Andrea Aguilar, Meg Anderson, Tiffany...



Thunder and lightning... Eldorado Eagles hammer Wall Hawks 35

It was a beautiful night, not a cloud in the sky, when the Wall Hawks took the field against the Eldorado Eagles last Friday evening. But by the time the first quarter had expired, the Eagles thunder and lightning offense had pummeled Wall for 28 unanswered points, leaving the Hawks looking for a storm cellar.

Garrett Bownds provided the spark that ignited the Eagles scoring frenzy came midway through the opening period when defensive back Jason Richters scooped up a Hawk fumble to give Eldorado the ball. Then, Bownds slammed through a huge hole in Wall's line and carried the ball for an apparent touchdown. But officials ruled Bownds knee touched at the 1 yard line, setting up a first and...



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Angie & Johnny Bownds

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Love,
Dad, Mom & Jennah

Eagles coast to 50-7 win over Forsan

The Eldorado Eagles continued their winning ways in Forsan last Friday evening by defeating the Buffaloes 50-7. The victory assured the Eagles of a berth in the State Playoffs for the first time in 10 years.

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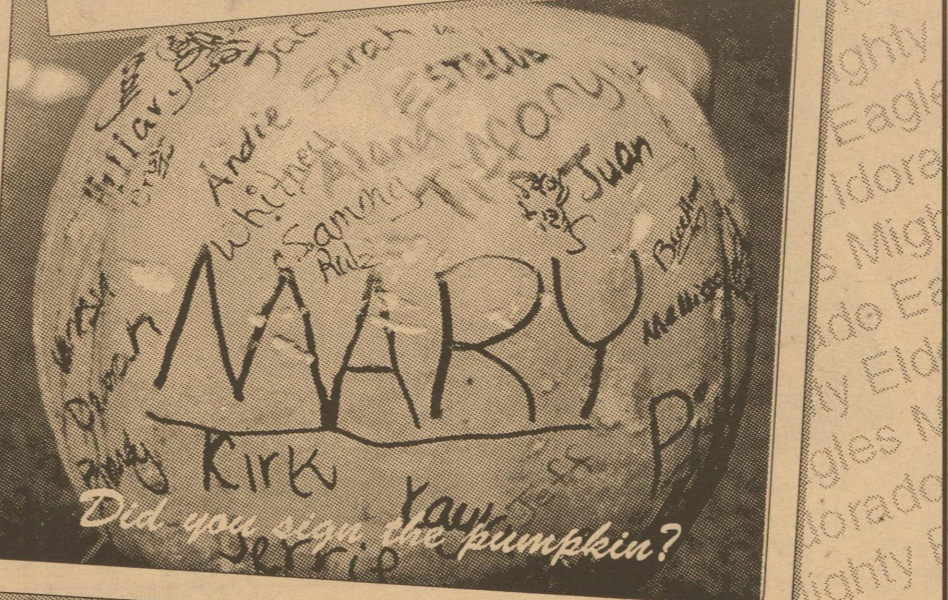
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Bring home the trophies



Did you sign the pumpkin?

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many groups and individuals who made the 1997 Marching Band season a memorably successful one.

- The SCISD School Board and Eldorado community for your much appreciated support.
- Mr. Porter, Mr. Newman, Mrs. Griffin and the Middle School and High School faculty and staff for your encouragement from week one to our final performance.
- A BIG thank you to the Schleicher County Volunteer Fire Department, Sheriff's Department and EMS for all those loud and exiting "Welcome Home" escorts.
- To the Parents- Thank you for allowing us to "borrow" your kids for all those long road trips and rehearsals and for always cheering us on at every performance and competition.
- Our Band-Aiders organization - You are the best support system anyone could ask for and thank you for always being there to make our season a success.

Most importantly - to the students who make up the Mighty Eagle Band. You believed in yourselves and you made it happen. Thank you!!!

Sincerely,
Gina Muela
Tom Hollingsworth
Kara Sue Garlitz

Way To Go Football, Band & Cross-Country. We're Really Proud Of You Sam, Penny & Courtney Whitten



Eagles football, cross-country and band, we're extremely proud of all of you. Congratulations on an outstanding year. Eagle Dairy Mart

We've enjoyed watching you all year long. Now we're saying, congratulations Eagles Football, Band and Cross-Country. You've made us very proud! Ken, Cathy, Gentry and Emily Newman

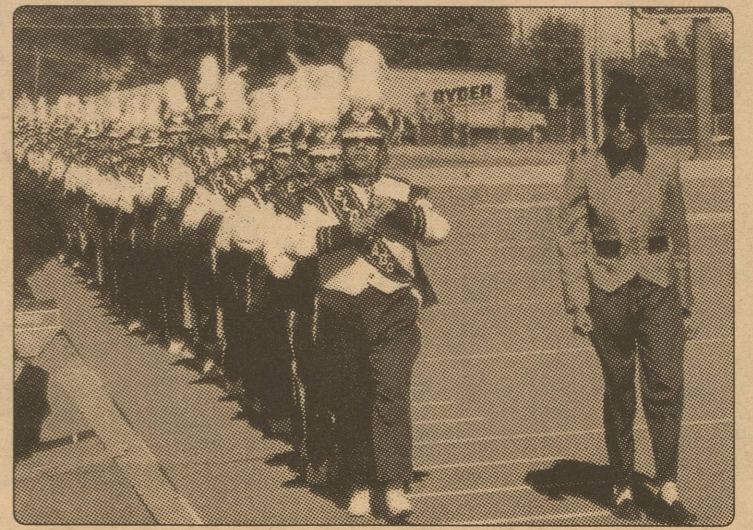


Tony: From all of those who love you most...Congratulations on a great season! Love, Veronica, Tony Rey, Dee, Moma and Dad

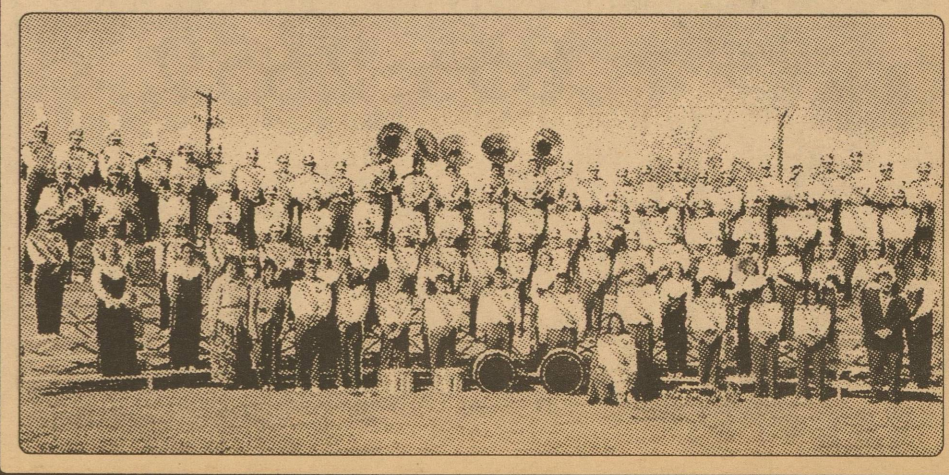
Congratulations, Mighty Eagle Band. You are the Best of the Best! Gina Muela



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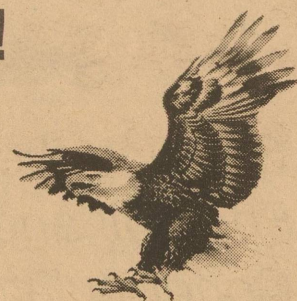
Congratulations to all the E.H.S. band students and athletes who represented us so well this fall. Your hard work and determination made us all very proud of you. We simply say, "Thanks for the memories."

Randy & Kathy Mankin



Congratulations!

Eldorado Eagles Band, Football and Track. You've had great seasons and we're very proud of you!



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District 8-AA Champs Eldorado defrosts Blizzards 22-15

The Eldorado Eagles capped off a perfect regular season and claimed the District 8-2A championship by defeating the Winters Blizzards last Friday night, 22-15. The game, which was one of the few in the state matching two undefeated teams, drew lots of media attention to Eagle Stadium and was a standing-room-only sell out.

As has been the case all season long, the Eagles defense was impressive. Allowing only 9 first downs and yielding a mere 25 yards on the ground, the Eagles

lied 95 yards on 12 carries and Mark Fryar added 57 yards on 5 carries. Through the air, quarterback Casey Snelson completed 6 of 16 passes for 88 yards. Zach Steele hauled in 3 of those passes for 43 yards.

The Eagles began the game by kicking the ball to Winters. On the third play from scrimmage, Whittenburg fumbled the ball and Kyle Hunter recovered it for the Eagles deep in Blizzards' territory.

That brought four straight Garrett Bownds runs and a touchdown. Cory Reeves added the extra-point and the Eagles

and dragged three would-be tacklers into the endzone with him. Snelson found Jason Richters open on a fade pattern for the 2-point conversion and the Eagles led 15-8.

The Eagles again drove the ball to the Blizzards' 12 but penalties pushed Eldorado backward, bringing up a 3rd down and 30 with 3:00 left in the third quarter. That's when Bownds took the ball and raced around right end and for a TD. Reeves kick was good and the Eagles led 22-8.

Winters went

in front of a Whittenburg pass with time running out to secure the win and give the Eagles the ball near mid-field.

Casey Poynor and Garrett Bownds each had 11 tackles for the Eagles. Mark Fryar and Armando Villavicencio each counted for 9 stops. Dusty Nolen was in on 8 tackles while Randy Spears and Jason Richters each tallied 7 stops. Lance Mitchell notched up 6 tackles. Zach Steele had 5 tackles and an interception. Kyle Hunter was in





Congratulations Eagles Football and Cross-Country on an outstanding year!

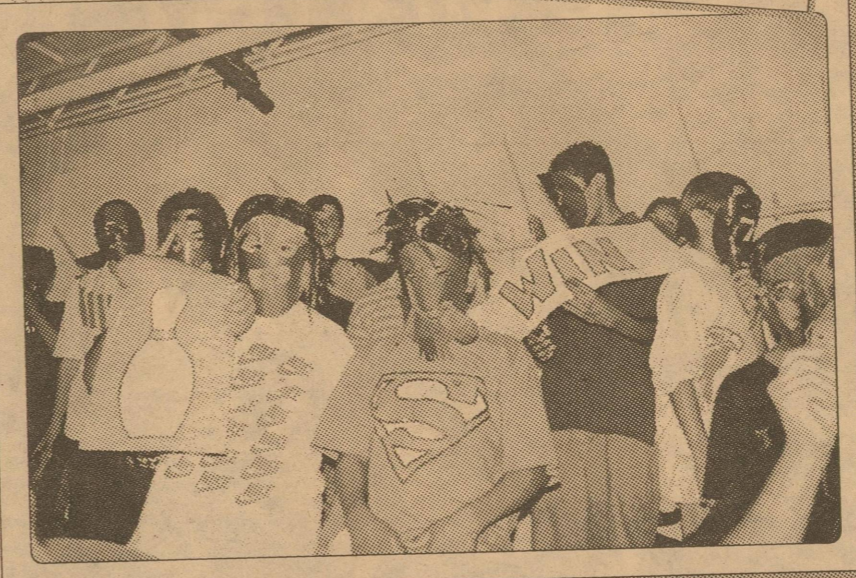
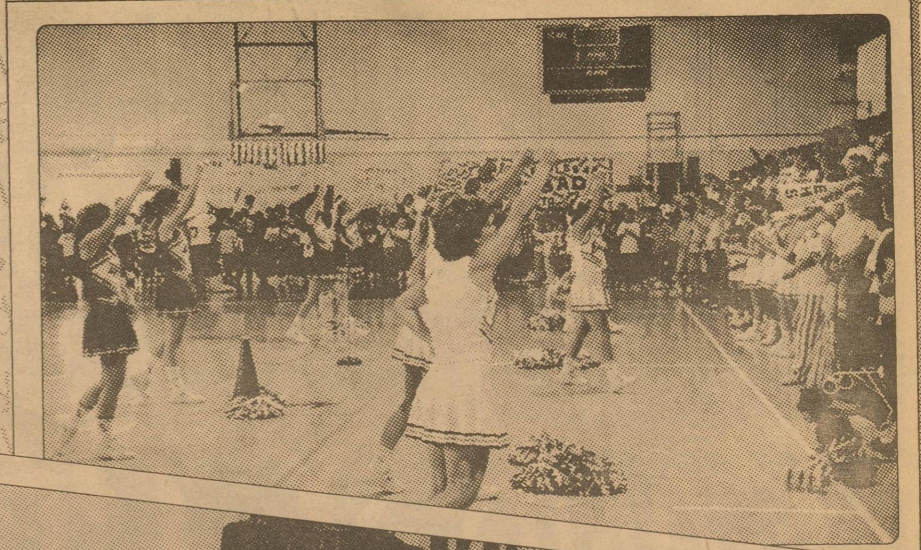
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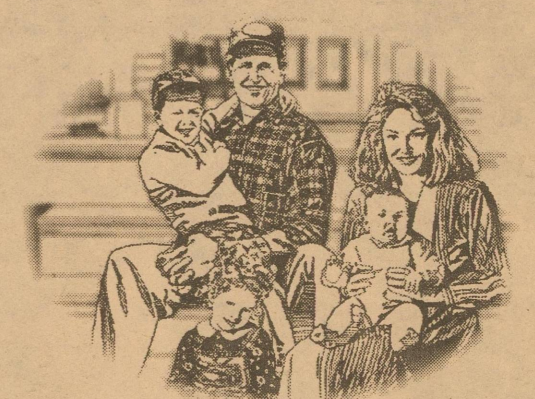
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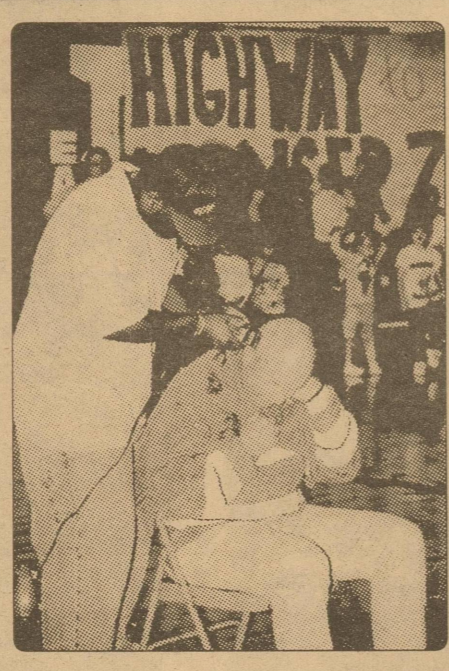
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Congratulations to everyone,
Scott and Mickey McGregor



A Band of Brothers

by Beau Sallee



Every Friday night,
beneath the towering lights,
A band of brothers,
linked together,
Form a bond that none other
can break apart,

We have grown very close,
in the tight games the most,
But none could ever match us
because they couldn't catch us.
We have a lot of different players
and the diversity makes us elite,
I hope we play together
through December
and never face defeat.

There is a great love for each other
in this band of brothers,
and that's what makes us strong,
But we haven't reached our full potential,
nevertheless, don't worry, it won't be long.
We have great talent
that the good Lord gave us,
and with his help from defeat He'll save us,

Casey can sling it with the greatest of ease,
and Garrett can run it,
where and whenever he may please,
There is nothing greater than the offensive line,
if we work our tails off the team will be fine,

Our corps of receivers
will do what they have to,
They are the best in the business,
they are the few.
We have the best coaches,
no doubt about that,
Look at our record,
and look at the stats.

We have Eggs, and we have Toast,
and with these plays, we burn most,
No, they are not something we eat,
they are passes, that keep us from defeat,
Yes, Coach Fryar made up these plays
to make the defense hurt,
I say hey, what ever works,
even though they are drawn up in the dirt.

Though our offense is good,
I'm glad we're not one sided,
There they are!
The Eagle D has been sighted.
They pose a threat to any team,
they are the piece
that completes our dream,
Our defense is more solid
than a supported steel wall,
No offense in the STATE
could make it fall,
You know I've heard them say,
"Defense Wins Championships",

It is the factor that everyone talks about,
it is the saying that is on everyone's lips,

There is a lot of faith
and a lot of Pride in our Eagle defense,
They have a knack for finding the ball,
it has become their sixth sense.
They make the other players
throughout the game see spots,
No, it wasn't just a good hit,
it was **A BLACK DOT!!!**

We all have something this year to be proud for
but the season isn't over, not for 6 games more,
We've worked our whole lives
to accomplish a certain goal,
There are more footballs out there to be won,
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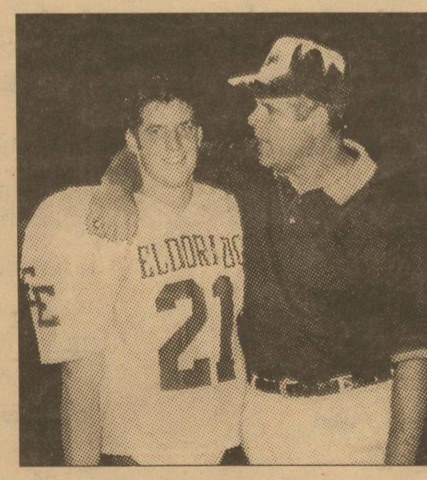


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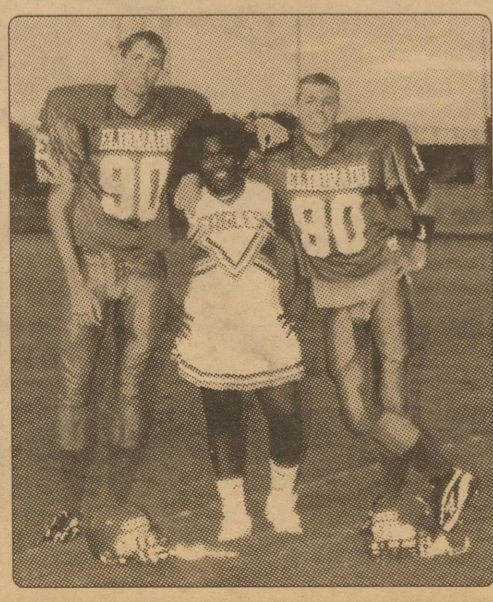
Mark Fryar
Sr. Captain #21

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Mom & Dad

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Thanks for the good times!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Jeremy, Jeannie and Sara



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1997 Season Summary

3,302 total yards offense
20 rushing TDs
13 passing TDs
6 defensive TDs
2 punt return TDs

Eldorado		Opponent
146	First Dows	89
359-2217 yards	Rushes - Yards	348-987 yards
72-148-7-1085	Comp - Att - Int - Yds	51-142-13-516
41-39 yd. avg.	Punts	
12	Fumbles Lost	17
112-825	Penalties	73-432
282	Points Scored	89



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You've made us proud all year long! Congratulations, Eagles Football, Band and Cross-Country on a fantastic season!

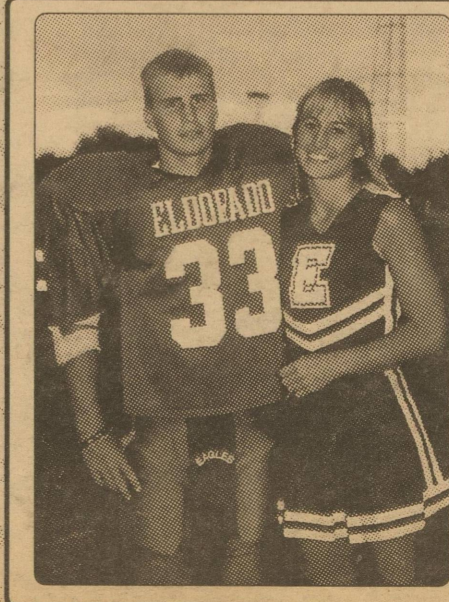
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