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Headlines From
Around the World

Foley testifies on Japan post

Former House Speaker Tom Foley is promising to press Japan to cut its trade surplus with the United States if he becomes the new ambassador to Tokyo. Foley appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today for confirmation. He promised to be a very strong advocate for U.S. business and economic interests and vowed to push Japan to open its markets. If confirmed, Foley would succeed Walter Mondale in the Tokyo post.

IRS hearings continue

Testimony continued in Washington yesterday before a U.S. Senate hearing on alleged abusive practices by the Internal Revenue Service. Tax attorney Robert Shrieffer testified that the law gives IRS officials incredible power, including the ability to "take a taxpayer's home by just the signature of the district director alone." The three days of hearings by the Senate Finance Committee began yesterday. Lawmakers are looking into whether the IRS abuses its power by harassing and intimidating working Americans.

Vote on FDA overhaul

The Senate is scheduled to vote this week on legislation overhauling the Food and Drug Administration. The measure is expected to pass with large bipartisan support. The FDA reform bill is a much less drastic overhaul than the one contemplated by the last Congress. Similar legislation has been approved by a House subcommittee but it has not gone to the full House. The measure before the Senate streamlines medical device approval and creates incentives for drug companies to do more research on drugs for children.

African crash probe continues

U.S. and German officials listened to air traffic control tapes from Angola as part of their investigation of a suspected collision between two military aircraft off Namibia. Angola had initially refused to cooperate with investigators, reports from Namibia said. A Western diplomat did not say if the tapes had revealed more information on what happened before the German Tupolev, on its way to Cape Town, and American C-141, headed west to Ascension Island, crashed into the south Atlantic on Sept. 13. Thirty three people were aboard the two planes but only one body has been found so far.

China warns US on Taiwan

China warned the United States and Japan yesterday not to place Taiwan under the umbrella of their new regional security arrangements. In its first official reaction to closer U.S.-Japan security ties announced Tuesday, China said attempts to embrace Taiwan would be regarded as an infringement of its sovereignty and would disturb other Asian nations. China has never ruled out the use of force against Taiwan, which it regards as a rebel province. It harbors deep suspicions that the pact is designed to forestall any military moves against the island.

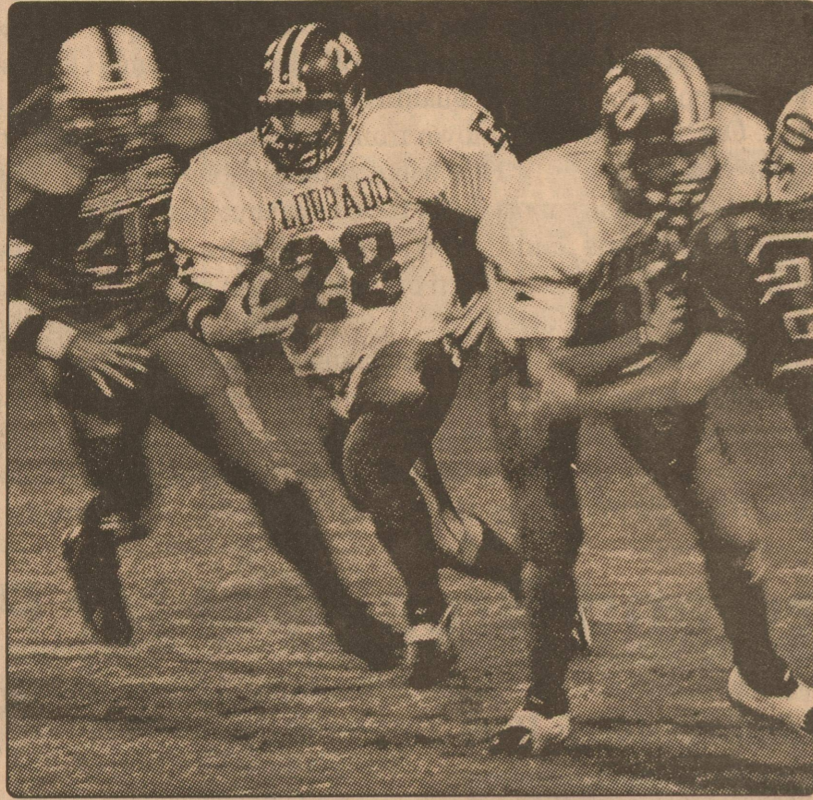


photo by Randy Mankin

Comin' through — Eagles running back #28 Garrett Bowns cuts behind the block of #90 Kyle Hunter and turns up field for a big gain against Sonora last Friday. The Eagles bested the Broncos 20-9.

Eagles topple Sonora 20-9

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 comeback, however died in the face of three goal line stands by the Eagles defensive squad.

Garrett Bowns, nursing a sore shoulder and playing only on offense, notched up 118 yards rushing on the night.

Sonora won the opening coin toss and elected to receive Cory Reeves' kickoff. They then burned 6 minutes of the clock, driving the ball to near the Eagles 25-yard line. That's where Eldorado's defense stiffened and Sonora's drive stalled. The rest of the half was dominated by Eldorado as the Eagles posted three quick touchdowns, all in the second quarter.

Mark Fryar opened the scoring for Eldorado when he caught a pass from Casey Snelson and rumbled 40-yards into the endzone. Cory Reeves added the extra point to

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Lions Club's annual Broom Sale is set for next Wednesday

The Eldorado Lions Club will conduct an all-out drive on Wednesday, Oct. 1st to sell Blind Made merchandise to area residents and local businesses. All items are manufactured by blind and visually impaired workers. The sale is one of the club's largest fund raisers of the year.

The membership of the Lions Club has been organized to provide

friends and neighbors with these quality items. The Broom and Mop Sale will be held at the Gazebo on Main Street, across from First National Bank. Purchases may be made there beginning at 8:00 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

However, those wishing to have their products delivered need only contact a member of the Eldorado Lions Club.

Jury rules against Martinez, finds City didn't discriminate

After a day and a half of testimony in federal district court, a four-woman two-man jury ruled last Thursday that the City of Eldorado did not discriminate against Hector Martinez when it fired him following a failed drug test. After the verdict, Judge Sam Cummings thanked the jurors and dismissed them.

In a written judgement, Cummings noted that Martinez would be required to pay all court costs.

Attorney James A. Kosub represented the city in the trial. He stated that he would be filing a post-trial motion on behalf of the city seeking attorney fees from Martinez.

The dispute between Martinez and the city dates back to August 22, 1994, when Martinez, a city employee at the time, was ordered to report to Schleicher County Medical Center (SCMC) for a random drug test. When the results of that test came back positive for marijuana metabolites, Martinez was fired by City Superintendent Jack Dean.

What followed was a long, and sometimes bitter battle over whether Martinez' rights had been violated.

In documents filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) on October 31, 1994, Martinez alleged that he had been treated unfairly since another employee, Mark Bishop, had been given a second chance after it was learned that he had used drugs.

However, when the city responded that Bishop had been under a doctor's care at the time and that the same doctor recommended against terminating Bishop's employment, EEOC district director Pedro Esquivel dismissed Martinez claim, stating that there was no evidence the city's action had violated statutes.

Martinez, and his wife Connie, filed suit against the city and SCMC in August of 1996, seeking \$1.25 million in compensatory and

punitive damages. At that time, the couple requested a jury trial.

In the months that followed, the city and the hospital district each hired local attorney James A. Kosub to represent them. Before trial began last week, the portion of the lawsuit involving SCMC had been dropped and some of the allegations against the city had been dismissed as well. The only question left to settle in court was whether the city had discriminated against Martinez on the basis of his race when it fired him.

San Angelo attorney Berta Perez Linton represented Martinez and began the trial by calling Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk to the stand. Nikolauk testified that he had asked Randy Mankin, then the city's mayor pro tem, to select "three or four" employees for drug testing. Nikolauk said that he normally made the selections but knew he would be out of town the following Monday when he wanted the tests conducted.

Linton challenged Nikolauk on that and produced several documents for him to read, including the city's drug policy. She noted that the policy stated that the city's Medical Review Officer (MRO)

makes the selection of employees to be tested for drugs. Nikolauk said that while the policy allows the MRO to make those selections, it didn't prohibit the Mayor or any city official from making them.

Linton then questioned Nikolauk as to the sequence of events that took place after he learned that Martinez drug test returned positive.

Nikolauk said as soon as he was notified of the test results by hospital personnel, he contacted City Superintendent Jack Dean and directed him to fire Martinez.

Others called to the stand included Jack Dean, Randy Mankin, Juan Arispe, Carolyn Mayo, Hector Martinez, Vivian Sanchez and Tommy Minor.

Dean testified that he was directed by John Nikolauk to terminate Martinez' employment with the city and did so.

Mankin's testimony focused primarily on the day he ordered Martinez to take the drug test. Stating that he saw nothing wrong with Nikolauk deciding to schedule a drug test, Mankin disagreed with Linton's statement that the Mayor had exceeded his authority under

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County commissioners meet

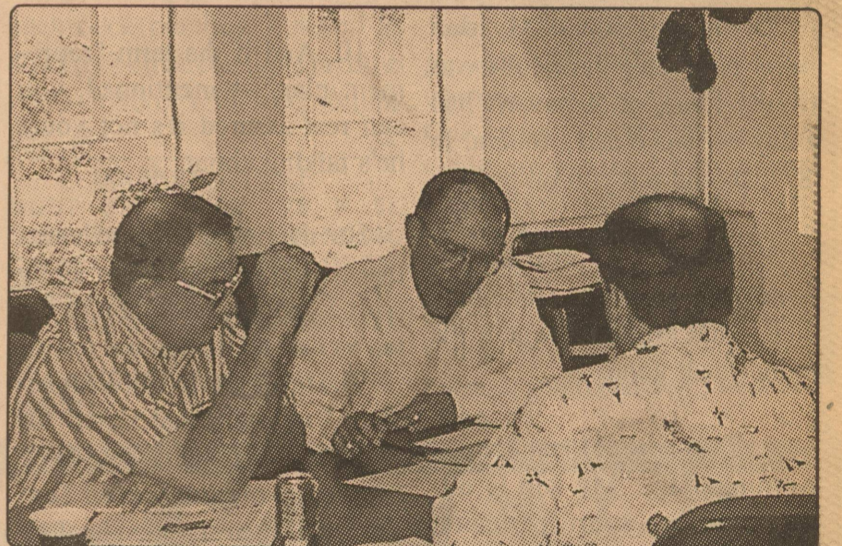


photo by Randy Mankin

Looking over the numbers — Schleicher County commissioners Johnny Mayo (L) and Steve Minor (R) look over ambulance service expenses with EMS budget committee member Ray Ballew during Monday's commissioners court meeting.

Schleicher County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, Sept. 22nd. Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Steve Minor, Ross Whitten and County Judge Johnny Griffin were present. Commissioner Kerry Joy was absent.

The men began the meeting by approving a contract with Kimble County Senior Center to provide meals for the elderly for the local Senior Citizen Center.

Next, the men discussed and approved a letter to all groups and clubs using the county's roping arena. The letter called for the groups to assume more responsibility in caring for the facility. After the discussion, Judge Griffin said he would draft the letter for all commissioners to sign.

The commissioners then appointed the City of Eldorado's Animal Control Officer Julio Narvaez to serve as the County Rabies control Officer.

The men then voted to accept an option allowed them by the State Legislature and claim a portion of filing fees which would otherwise

be forwarded to Austin. Judge Griffin noted that the state had increased some civil filing fees and was directing that increase to fund a program designed to assist women inescapable abusive spouses. In return for collecting the fees, the county will be allowed to maintain a portion of it in the general fund.

Next, the board heard from Schleicher County Appraisal District's Chief Appraiser Ray Ballew who advised them of the need to nominate new members to SCAD's board of directors. The county may nominate five people to the board. The nominees will be voted on by the county, school and city, it was explained.

Discussion then turned to the Schleicher County EMS. Ballew, who serves on the EMS' financial advisory board noted that the ambulance service was purchasing equipment for Advanced Life Support (ALS). Commissioner Whitten and Judge Griffin questioned the added liability exposure



photo by Kathy Mankin

Ouch — This 1988 GMC Jimmy came to rest in a ditch 8 miles east of Eldorado on US Hwy 190 after rolling four times last Friday afternoon. The driver, Thomas Dana William of Ozona, was transported to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated and released.

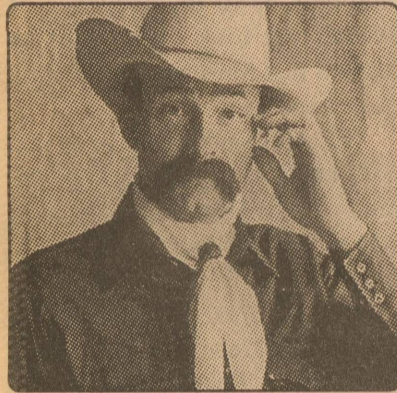
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by Barry McWilliams



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Hints for the hired man



BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

If you are applying for the job as hired man, here is a list of helpful hints to evaluate your potential employer.

1. If the new boss's hat isn't sweat stained, you can pretty much figure who's will be.
2. Phrases like, "My dad never paid me a dime till I was twenty-five", or "I haven't had a day off since dad's funeral in '87", should put you on guard.

3. Expensive equipment doesn't guarantee you'll be paid well. That might be where the money's all gone.

4. This should send up a warning flag, "My son is all-state in every sport in school, president of the senior class, engaged to the banker's daughter, building a hot rod and learning to fly an airplane. He'll be

helping you with the chores."

5. If the words "day off" or "insurance" bring a quizzical look to the boss's face, you better think it through.

6. You may want to reconsider when the new boss says, "I never had any use for dang new fangled gadgets like milking machines, PTO post hole diggers or a round baler. They just breed sloth."

7. It should be a tip off if the prospective employer complains that he can't keep a hired man on the place.

8. Be suspicious if the boss's own dogs run for cover at the sound of his voice.

9. If the boss himself lives in a 1972 New Moon single-wide, don't expect much from his offer of "housing furnished".

10. And if the term "retirement plan" is mentioned, you can rest assured it's not yours he's talking about.

But the best hired man learns that critical skill for gettin' along with a good boss - when to listen to him and when not to.

The most successful arrangement I've seen, that lasted for years, was between a couple of compadres of mine named Tom and Dale. Tom summed up their perfect relationship this way, "Wouldn't nobody else work for Dale and nobody else would hire me. I've got a job for life."

Over the Back Fence
by Randy Mankin

What in the world is going on in Brady? One city official after another has resigned amid controversy swirling around the possibility of missing — or misspent — funds. The latest came this week when the town's mayor pro-tem stepped aside.

I've always liked Brady. It seems like a nice town with friendly people. But some of those friendly folks are losing their patience with their elected officials. One irritated citizen said the town was in dire need of a good money manager. He continued by saying that those sorts seem to be in short supply these days.

Well, it occurs to me the answer to Brady's problems could be near at hand. Nearer than anyone in the town might realize.

You see, my old friend D.W.

stopped by the newspaper office this week and I mentioned Brady's financial difficulties. That's when he reminded me that Billy Sol Estes now resides in Brady.

You remember Billy Sol Estes, don't you? He was an associate of LBJ's and did time in prison for swindling investors. Well, he's out of jail now and makes his home in Brady. And, D.W. thinks he's eminently qualified to rescue the struggling town from its financial ills.

"He's handled more money than most folks have ever dreamed of," said D.W. "I know he could straighten out that mess in short order."

I was pretty sure D.W. was pulling my leg but he persisted. "I'm telling you, he's a changed man. I'll bet he could get Brady whipped into shape in no time."

Well I played along as D.W. continued with his oratory.

"I know Billy would come out of retirement for a challenge like this," D.W. opined. "Besides, it would give him an opportunity to give something back."

When I told D.W. that Mr. Estes probably wouldn't have gotten into trouble if he had been inclined to give things back, he gave me one of his looks and said, "You just don't appreciate true genius."

But his next statement caught me off guard. "You mean you didn't know that I'm kin to Billy Sol?" he asked.

"No, I didn't," I answered, half believing him now.

"Well, it's true. Billy Sol is my second cousin twice removed," D.W. said. Then he winked at me and added, "Once removed by marriage and once removed by the feds!"

A Bed and Breakfast for Pets

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

Some friends were showing us around Rockwall the other day and we wound up at a place called Lailia's Pet Bed and Breakfast.

A couple of years ago, Lailia Ferrell was asked to keep a dog for a neighbor who was moving. Lailia ended up liking the responsibility of taking care of pets while the owners are out of town. Word got around and it wasn't long before Lailia had about fourteen dogs sleeping in the bed with her and her husband Ricky.

The couple soon decided to build a separate facility for the dogs, cats, birds and assorted wildlife people would leave with them. They didn't just build a typical kennel. They created a homey condo for pets.

The building is divided into spacious suites, each with its own special name and decor. There's a Dallas Cowboy suite, a Honey-moon Suite, a Rockwall Suite,

a Southwest Suite and a Sunflower Suite. Each suite is carpeted and has its own private patio. Some have armchairs and fake fireplaces. The Dallas Cowboys suite has blue paint and stars stenciled on the ceiling. A picture of the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders is on one wall.

There's even a Dogwater Tavern and a Doggie Den.

The suites are six by six and come with designer beds, central air and heat, colorful wall art, stereo music and night light. TV is optional at an extra charge. Each suite is cleaned daily. They are brightly painted and have curtains over the windows. Owners are encouraged to bring in a pet's pillow.

If owners don't want a suite, they can rent a single room (four feet square) for ten dollars. Suites are fifteen dollars. Suites with television sets go for thirty dollars a night. Lailia offers pick up and delivery service.

A large fenced in area serves as an exercise yard. The pets are monitored all night and someone is always on the premises. "We play with all the animals," says Lailia. "They get lots of love here."

Dogs can be bathed if necessary and if an animal needs special medical care, the Ferrells can give shots or pills. Some pets like

the place so much they don't want to leave when its time for their owners to pick them up.

The Ferrells have their own pets: dogs Beau and Snuggles, a cat named Tar Baby and a pig named Lucy.

When a dog, cat, horse, bird or something else checks in at Lailia's Pet B&B, the owner fills out a form listing the pet's name, birth date, disposition, medications, foods, ailments, toys and type of bed. Owners must bring the dog's immunization records from a veterinarian and provide food for the entire length of stay. Check out time is noon. Credit cards are accepted. Some owners leave the pets there for months at a time.

Some of her customers come from as far away as Saudi Arabia. The place has facilities for thirty dogs and six cats and has been rented to near capacity since it opened in 1995.

Jury convicts State Senator of weapon violation

AUSTIN - A Travis County jury last week sentenced state Sen. Drew Nixon to 180 days in jail and a \$4,000 fine for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

The jury, which deliberated for two hours, also recommended probation and a \$2,000 fine for Nixon for solicitation of prostitution.

Nixon, R-Carthage, pleaded guilty to both charges stemming from a Feb. 18 arrest during a prostitution sting in downtown Austin. Nixon remains free on bond. Formal sentencing is scheduled for October 1.

Among those to testify for Nixon was Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate.

Bullock served as the last witness for the defense. He spoke about his own battle with alcoholism and asked the jury to spare Nixon from serving jail time, saying, "People of this county and this state gave me a second chance."

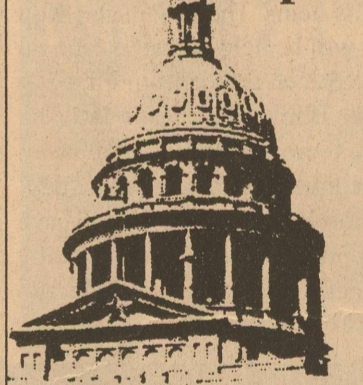
Jurors said testimony, including Bullock's plea for leniency on Nixon's behalf, had little to do with their verdict. Nixon's 1993 arrest in Dallas for unlawfully carrying a firearm, however, did.

Prof's Comments Spark Protest

The Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke to a crowd of 5,000 at the University of Texas campus last week, urging students to boycott the classes of a law professor because of comments he made the week before.

"This turnout today is part of a growing desire among Americans to fight back of inclusion," Jackson

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling

told reporters. Lino Graglia, who has taught constitutional law at the university since 1966, said most black and Mexican-American students can't compete with white students, but those two groups don't look upon failure as a disgrace.

His comments came at a press conference in support of the "Hopwood" circuit court of appeals decision which barred Texas colleges and universities from using race as a factor in student admissions.

Graglia left the campus before students marched to the law school and staged a six-hour sit-in.

In a thousand-word written statement issued by Graglia, the professor expressed regret that his comments had "given rise to misunderstandings and misstatements."

AG Releases Tobacco Letter
Attorney General Dan Morales

made public last week a letter he says will help the state prove the tobacco industry targeted children with advertising.

"Imagine a five-year-old child, who will be a future customer of your cigarettes in the next few years. How can your company begin to attract/tap into this next generation?" the letter asked.

The letter proposing that the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. implement an advertising program geared to children was written by Flanigan Enterprises, a Pennsylvania marketing company, and dated December 9, 1988.

"We have the only document in any of the lawsuits by states against tobacco companies showing they tried to attract very young children," Morales said.

But an R.J. Reynolds spokesman dismissed the importance of the letter, saying it was only a rejected pitch from an outside firm.

Texas is suing the tobacco industry, hoping to recoup as much as \$14 billion in Medicaid spent on tobacco-related illnesses. The case will be heard by a federal court in Texarkana on September 29.

Senate Panel Studies Jail Abuses

At a hearing last week, the Senate Criminal Justice Committee heard concerns relating to a videotape that shows guards at a Brazoria County jail assaulting Missouri prisoners incarcerated under contract with a private firm.

Panel chairman Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, said the hear-

ing was called to discuss safety issues for prisoners and guards.

At the hearing, James Harrington, legal director of the Texas Civil Rights Project, said the videotape reveals what "is played out all too often all across Texas outside the watchful eye of the camera."

Meanwhile, a lawsuit filed on behalf of 37 Missouri inmates alleges abuse in the Brazoria County lockup. The suit seeks unspecified damages and names as defendants the state of Missouri, the company that manages the jail and officials of Brazoria County.

Other Capital Highlights

- Brenda Arnett, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce, announced her resignation last week. Gov. George W. Bush then appointed an eight-member panel to oversee the agency that promotes business and tourism in the state.

- With only days remaining to meet federal requirements to move welfare recipients into work and prepare them to enter the work force, Texas could lose as much as \$25 million in federal grants for falling short of goals.

- State Board of Education Chairman Jack Christie proposed issuing a computer instead of books to every public school student after Education Commissioner Mike Moses said it would cost \$602 million for books needed for fall 2000.

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Our Sympathy

Teresa Bosmans Corley



She was preceded in death by her brother Andy Bosmans and her father Manuel Bosmans.

Survivors include her husband, Eric Corley of Amarillo; a son, Aryn Corley of San Angelo; a daughter, Aimee Corley of Amarillo; her mother, Dora Bosmans of Eldorado; two brothers, Jesse Bosmans of Milwaukee and Jimmy Bosmans of Fort Worth; a sister, Thelma Bosmans of Eldorado; her grandmother Marcelina Ramon of Eldorado; and an aunt Elida Cardenas of San Angelo.

AMARILLO - Teresa Bosmans Corley, 47, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 1997, in Amarillo.

Funeral mass was celebrated Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eldorado. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery. The Rev. Michael Dwyer officiated. Arrangements were by N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors.

Weldon Luther Rutherford Hall

CROWLEY - Weldon Luther Rutherford Hall, 82, died Monday, Sept. 22, 1997 in Crowley.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Sept. 25, 1997 in Laurel Land Chapel of Chimes in Ft. Worth with burial following in Laurel Land Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 30, 1915, in Corsicana as Luther Weldon Rutherford. He was raised in Stamford and was baptized at West Side Baptist Church in a tank by the side of the highway, at the age of 12.

After graduation from high school, he began a career in the cotton compress industry. Later, he worked in the oil industry for many years. During the 1950's he worked for Service Pipeline Co. in Schleicher County. During that time, he joined the Masonic Lodge. He later moved to Crowley to work for the Frigette Corporation. He was an avid sports fan, but his favorite pastime was having his family around him.

He was retired from Frigette Corp. and was a Master Mason.

He married Jewel Stevenson in

Abilene on Nov. 20, 1937. He was preceded in death by his father, James Rutherford of Stamford, his mother Allie Hawkins Rutherford Hall and step-father, H. Stanley Hall, both of Athens, and his brother, H. Stanley Hall, Jr., of Ft. Worth. He made a loving contribution to this world of God's wonderful love and grace.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jewell Stevenson Hall of Crowley; a son, Michael Weldon Hall of Ft. Worth; two daughters, Barbara Hall Dyer of Crowley, Carolyn Ivison and husband Junny of College Station; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; two cousins and many friends and loved ones.

Tripps is new chairwoman of Odessa C of C



Carolyn Tripps

Carolyn Tripps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sticklan, sister of Rick Stricklan of Eldorado recently took the job of chairwoman of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce.

She will serve as Chairman for the next year. She is the second woman to serve the Chamber of Commerce in Odessa.

Eldorado barrel racers among winners at Concho Glory roundup

by Teri Deweber

Three Eldorado residents were among winners named at the Second Annual Concho Glory Racers Roundup Banquet held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at Crossroads Restaurant.

Prissy Paxton of Eldorado took third place in the 40 & Over Barrels division with 98 points. Betty Dusek of Vancourt was first with 166 points, followed by Carol Ford of Mertzon with 120 points.

In the \$1,000 Novice Barrels, Lori Jones of Eldorado and her horse, "Lonesome", took fourth place with 70 points. Cheryl Audas of San Angelo and "Snooky" were first with 118, Dusek and "Star" were second with 107, Donna Thomas of Llano and "Dollar" were third with 72 points and Kay Griffith of Menard and "Cody" were fifth with 48 points.

In the 15 & Under Barrels division, Leigh Ann Neal of Eldorado took fourth place with 34 points. Brandi Lee of Vancourt was first with 167 points, followed by Heather Pfluger of Eden with 132 and Carla Kirkham of San Angelo with 103 points. Ashley Bragg of San Angelo was fifth with 26 points.

Neal and her horse, "Milly", took sixth in the \$500 Novice Barrels division with 50 points. Jones and "Sandy" were tenth with 12 points.

Other winners in that division included Audas and "Little Britches", first with 158 points; Ruby Lee of Vancourt and "Scootabout", second with 146; Lee and "Spider", third with 130 points; Rebecca Meyer of Voss and "Pretty Boy", fourth with 116 points; Helen Mary Clements of Grape Creek and "Prissy", fifth with 72 points, Bobbi Blaneck of San Angelo and "Streak", seventh with 20 points, Audas and "Daddy's Pride", eighth with 16 points; and Audas and "Punkin", ninth with 14 points.

Prissy Paxton rode in the AJRA when she was growing up. After she married, she quit riding to raise her children. She says she did "lots of hauling" while the kids were growing up, but never got to take a horse rself. When the last child left home, Prissy oiled up her saddle and started riding again.

She was lucky in that she had two good horses, "Dunny" and "Little Man", a horse Traci had been riding. "Dunny" has taken Prissy to the third place slot in the 40 & Over division.

Leigh Ann Neal is a 14-year-old Eldorado Middle School student. She marches in the high school band and enjoys basketball, playing point for the team. She is also active on the school's tennis team and won district in doubles last year.

She says she has the most fun when competing on "Millie", "Bonnie" and "High Pockets".

"I enjoy the competition and all the friends rodeo has brought to me," she said.

Lori Jones is married to Ricky Jones of Eldorado and has two chil-

dren, Whitney, 13, and Logan, 8. Her \$500 Novice horse's name is "Sandy" and is an 11-year-old gelding.

"Sandy stayed at my home for only a short while," Jones said, "He has returned to his previous owner, Lana Vines, in San Angelo. Some horse owner combos were just meant to be and Lana and 'Sandy' are one of those."

Dorothea Wright of Robert Lee and her horse, "Caddy", were first in the Limited Amateur Poles and Barrels division with 276 points. Tammy Babb of Grape Creek and her horse, "Smokey", took second place with 220 points; Cindie Teasley of Sonora and "Millie" were third with 176 points; Michelle Thomas of Grape Creek and her horse, "Lucy", were fourth with 114 points; and Kim Holmes of Grape Creek and "Fancy", were fifth with 70 points.

In the \$300 Novice Poles division, Audas and "Snooky" were first with 142 points followed by Betty Dusek of Vancourt and "Star" with 130 points and Clements and "Prissy", third, with

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It's A Girl!



Juan and Ida Garcia are the proud parents of Rachele Kai, born September 10, 1997 weighing 7 lbs. and 20 1/2 in length.

Grandparents are Jesus and Maria Garcia and Alfonso and Billie Mendoza of Eldorado and Abelardo and Alma Fuentes of New Mexico.

Soil & Water Conservation Dist. elects directors Tuesday, Oct. 7th

An election of a Soil and Water Conservation Director to serve Zone Five on the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District is scheduled for October 7, 1997 at Norman Kohls Ranch announced Douglas Buchholz, chairman of the board. The election will be at 10:00 a.m.

State law decrees that to be eligible to vote in a soil and water conservation district director election, a person must own agricultural land within the district where the election is being held. The person must also live in a county all or part of which is in the district and the voter must be

18 years of age or older.

Legal qualifications state that a candidate for the office of a soil and water conservation district must own land in the subdivision he or she represents, be 18 years of age or older and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. The candidate must also live in a county all or part of which is in the district. The Soil and Water Conservation District Directors serve four-year terms of office.

Zone 5 begins at the intersection of Hwy 277 and Hwy 190 includes the area south of 190 and east of 277.

Shop At Home!

Support Eldorado's merchants...they are the lifeblood of our community!

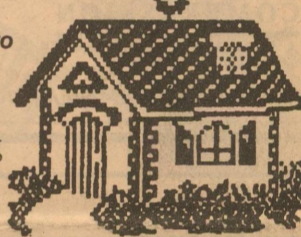


Texaco Star Stop

This month the Chamber of Commerce focuses on Texaco Star Stop. Located at 303 N. Divide, the Star Stop is convenient for those wanting to fill up with gas, pick up a quick snack or stock up on a few last minute essentials before the big game.

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- 26th Jana Kennedy, Brad Thomas, Jennifer Grelle, Martin Herrera, Arnulfo Montalvao, Clark Meyer
- 27th Travis Meador, Kaelyne Wright, Betty Creel, Mason Parker
- 28th Katie Thomson, Nancy K. Woodbury, Victoria Estep, Hope Fuentes, Kati Thomson, Rick Sterling, Caroline Hight, Betty Creel, Bobbie Marshall
- 29th Sylvia Belman, Cindy Cawley, Denny York
- 30th Sherri Freeman, Jack Williams, Christina Rojas, Pansie Jay, Glenda Harris

October

- 1st Lynn Parker, Vicky Esparza, John Kotsch, Andi Sterling, Terry Green, Raymond Spears, Sr., Evan Joiner
- 2nd Buff Whitten, Winnie Griffin
- 3rd Brinna Gamez, Elena Aguilar, Donna Newton
- 4th John Paul Joiner II, David Creek

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September

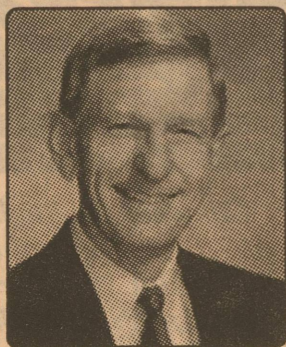
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Eagles varsity downs Sonora 20-9

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make the score 7-0 Eldorado.

Sonora put the ball on the ground on their next drive and the Eagles recovered near the Bronco 34-yard line. From there, Casey Snelson completed a pass to Zach Steele for a first down. Snelson then kept the ball himself and sprinted to the 3-yard line. From there, Garrett Bownds pounded the ball in. Cory Reeves added the extra point to move the score to 14-0 Eldorado with 6:55 left in the half.

Eldorado would find the endzone one more time before intermission when Casey Snelson carried the pigskin in from 5-yards out. Reeves' kick went wide leaving the score at 20-0 Eagles when the first half ended.

While the Eagles offense dominated the first half of the game, it would be the Eagles defense that sparkled in the second half.

The Broncos did find the endzone with 2:00 minutes left in

the 3rd period, but their extra point attempt failed. Twice more, the Broncos would threaten. On both occasions, Sonora had a first-and-goal inside the Eagles 5-yard line. But Eldorado's defense rose to the challenge. With Randy Spears, Armando Villavicencio and Tony Martinez leading the charge, and linebackers Mark Fryar, Dusty Nolen and Casey Poyner flying to the ball, the Eagles stuffed the Broncos on four straight downs and turned them away with out a score.

But a turnover gave the ball back to Sonora and again the defense had to do it all over again. With first-and-goal from the 3-yard line, Sonora pounded the ball into the Eagles defense only to lose yardage on three straight plays. Finally, after seven attempts with no success, Sonora opted to boot a field goal which moved the score to 20-9 Eldorado.

"Our goal line defense unit deserves a great big pat on the back!

What a super job," Coach Fryar said of the two back-to-back goal line stands. "They put a lot of pressure on Dusty Nolen and he came up big."

Late in the fourth quarter the Eagles offense sparked again. With Chad Williams and Lance Mitchel spelling Garrett Bownds, the Eagles picked up their first first-down of the second half with 2:32 left to play in the game. The Eagles would control the ball until the final buzzer.

Following the game, Coach Jim Fryar commented, "We played a great first half on offense and a great second half on defense. One of these days we will put a whole game together."

Bownds led all rushers in the game with 118-yards and a touch-down on 17 carries. Chad Williams gained 21 on 2 carries. Kyle Hunter caught 4 passes for 51-yards, Mark Fryar caught one for 40-yards and a touchdown. Jason Richters

hauled in 1 pass for 11-yards. Defensively, Mark Fryar notched up 13 tackles, Lance Mitchel had 9 tackles, intercepted a pass and forced a fumble. Dusty Nolen tallied 11 tackles and a fumble recovery. Randy Spears had 9 tackles and forced a fumble, Armando Villavicencio recorded 8 tackles and a fumble recovery. Jason Richters notched up 12 tackles and in interception. Kyle Hunter added 10 tackles, Tony Martinez counted for 6 tackles as did Cory Lloyd. Casey Poyner had 8 tackles on the night.

Eldorado's record moves to 3-0 while Sonora's stands at 2-1.

Zach Steele suffered a dislocated elbow during the game and will likely miss a month's worth of action. However, it is possible that Wade Dakan will be returning to the lineup when the Eagles face Ozona tomorrow night.

That game is slated for 8:00 p.m. in Ozona. It will be the first district game for either team.

"This week starts district," commented Coach Fryar, "Now we're playing for keeps."

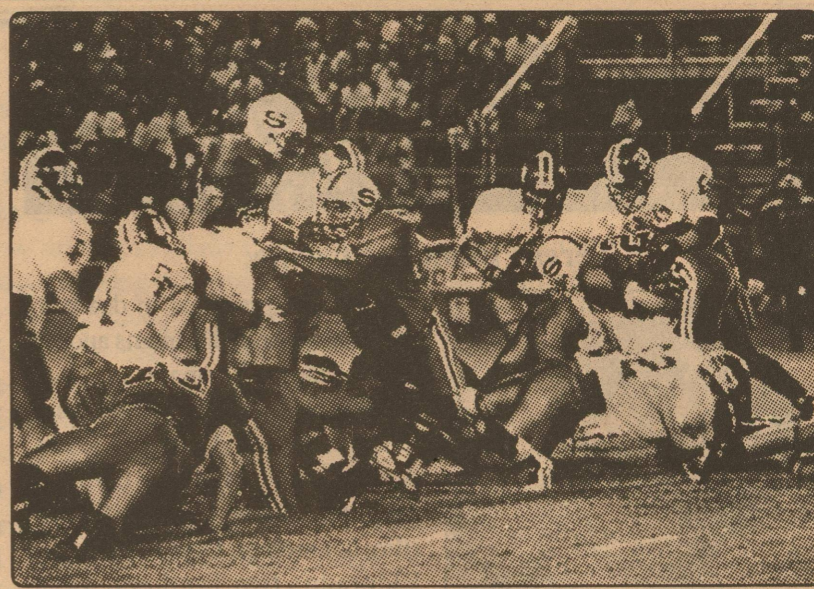


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Oh, no you don't!—A gang of Eagles defenders, including Lance Mitchel and Randy Spears, team up to stop a Bronco ball carrier at the line last Friday night. Inspired play by the Eagles defense was a major factor in the Eagles win.

J.V. topples 2-21 to Sonora

Penalties bedeviled the Eagles Junior Varsity last week as they lost to the visiting Sonora JV. Two Eagles touchdowns were called back when officials yellow-flagged the plays. On one of those plays, Jason Brock hit Joey Bullard on a 40-yard pass play. The second returned score was a 30-yard run by Bullard.

Sonora quickly took the lead in the contest when they ran 50-yards for a score on the first play of the game. Sonora's PAT attempt was blocked by Louis Santellano who ran it back 95-yards to score the 2-points for the Eagles.

The Broncos JV would score twice more in the game. Once when they intercepted a pass to set them up in good field position. Their last TD came on a 10-yard run.

"We moved the ball very well both passing and running," stated

Coach Alan Gillespie after the game, "But, we have to put the ball in the endzone."

Gillespie said his kicking game was improved this week and praised the pass blocking of his offensive line. "We just have to play more consistent on defense and not give up the big plays," he said.

The Eagles JV will host the Ozona Lions JV here tonight. Kickoff is slated for 6:30 p.m. The Lions will field a large team and are expected to run an I-formation offense.

Stephen Valero is questionable for tonight's contest due to a sprained ankle. Jason Escarcega jammed his neck last week and suffered a slight concussion. He will be out this week. Coach Gillespie said Escarcega's condition will be monitored closely and assessed on a weekly basis.

STATISTICS		
ELDORADO		SONORA
15	1ST DOWNS	10
36-177	YDS RUSHING	40-109
6-13-2 102	PASSING	6-16-1 83
4/2	FUMBLES	3/3
4/33	PUNTS/AVG	5-28
7-39	FIELD GOALS	1-1-27 yd
3-0	PENALTIES/YDS	4-30
	TEAM RECORD	2-1

EHS season tickets may use East Gate

SCISD superintendent Hal Porter announced this week that season ticket holders and anyone with SCISD passes attending varsity football games may enter Eagle Stadium through the east gate (between the two gyms). Porter noted this gate would be less congested and could save those ticket holders some time as they enter the stadium.

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9/19	8:00 p.m.	Sonora	20-9
9/26	8:00 p.m.	Ozona*	There
10/3	8:00 p.m.	Roscoe*	Here
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Tony Martinez
Mighty Eagle of the Week

240 lb. Junior, Tony Martinez was one of the "big men up front" who opened holes for Eagles runners and provided protection for the quarterback in last week's victory over Sonora. On the defensive side of the ball, he recorded 6 tackles and was in integral part of the Mighty Eagles defense that kept the Broncos out of the endzone with three superb goal line stands.



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Airin' it out!—JV quarterback Joey Bullard lofts a pass down field during JV action against Sonora last week.

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Dorothy's Movie Time

by Dorothy Dacy

Well, movie fans I'm back from another wonderful vacation (the reason for no review last week), and this trip is worth telling you a little about.

Monroe and I went to Big Bend National Park on a camping trip. We had driven through the area a few years ago in our car and were so impressed by its rugged, natural beauty that we vowed to return. We towed our jeep, packed our camping gear, and headed out for the mountains. I packed blankets, jackets, some cold weather clothes (have we been to Colorado, too many times?), thinking we would need them at night. The first day we arrived in a 105 degree heat with no breeze, set up the tent and campsite, thinking it would cool off after sunset. We were visited after dark (temp still 100 degrees) by a herd of about 15 or 20 wild javelina hogs who opened our ice chest with their snouts and proceeded to eat a pound of bacon, pkgs of cheese, and lunchmeat before we chased them off with a broom. The next morning, Monroe cooked breakfast. As I was sipping coffee, I began to notice birds perching in the trees above us. They were buzzards! Soon, they gathered on the ground all around our table (a few with their wings spread) and just watched us eat. By the time we finished our meal, about 20 of the vultures had gathered to observe our every move (we were thinking Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds").

We left in the jeep (with the doors removed and the only way to keep cool) and explored all over this beautiful park and the Rio Grande river until evening. When we returned to camp (approx. 110 degrees now and still broad daylight), the wild pigs were back. They had rooted up under our tent, knocked all our food off the table set up on the porch, and were eating all our bread, chips, cookies (whatever they could get their hoofs on). We chased them away again and were forced to eat hamburgers with no bread or chips for supper that night. After dark and a cool shower, we retired for the evening (still no breeze and 95 degrees). The 15 to 20 javelinas returned, this time tearing a hole in our tent. When I looked up and saw a pig face with red eyes trying to crawl in bed with us - I grabbed the broom and smacked him across the snout. They retreated for a little while. Then, I heard something crawling under the tent. I grabbed the flashlight and hit it with Monroe's shoe. I think I killed whatever it was, but we never found any dead remains the next day.

We both got up early the next morning with very little sleep, and still close to 95 degrees temperature.

7th grade Eagles fall to Sonora 0-40

Eldorado's 7th grade football squad traveled to Sonora last week and lost 0-40. Coach Benny Lockhart found a silver lining in the defeat, however, praising two of his young players.

"Ross Hodges played a great second half offensively. He completely shut down Sonora's best defensive player," Lockhart stated.

Another player catching the coach's eye was J.L. Mankin. "J.L. played an outstanding game proving that he is a great Eldorado Eagle football player," Lockhart said.

The 7th graders will travel to Ozona this afternoon to take on the Lions 7th graders. "They have a lot of players this year and will be a tough team," Lockhart commented.

One Eldorado player won't be seeing any action, however. Mike Adame will miss the game due to a knee injury.

That's when we decided to end our camping experience and head for a place with air conditioning and a swimming pool. We drove to the Badlands Hotel and Resort at Latjias on the Rio Grande and spent the next few days in comfort, while still exploring the remote and rugged countryside in the jeep.

We also met some very interesting vacationers from Austria (in Europe). We spent our last evening winning and dining with them and learning about the differences in our cultures and life-styles. This father, son and two of their friends were some of the nicest people we have ever met, and we truly enjoyed their company. I promised to say "hello again" in my movie column and send them a newspaper from Eldorado.

So, as you can see, this vacation will be one we won't soon forget.

My movie this week is "Silent Trigger", rated R due to violence and language, and starring Dolph Lundgren.

Looking for a complex action film that shows Dolph Lundgren in a whole new light? "Silent Trigger" isn't it. Instead, we get run-or-the-mill Dolph Lundgren with a few new twists. For one thing, this shoot-em-up has modest budget. For another, Lundgren, playing a hired assassin, pairs with an equally feisty female: Gina Bellman as the spotter who guides him to his target. But what if Lundgren's killer froze during an assignment, only to be rehabilitated three years later for one last job? What if while preparing for that job - he's to take out a limo from atop an unfinished high-rise...he discovers a contract on his own life, and that the assassin may be his partner?

Director Russell Mulcahy ("Highlander") gives us brooding shadows, tense music, and a building security guard whose every action pinpoints him as someone destined to die. But mostly he gives us by-the-book mayhem, frayed around the edges, but with bangs in all the right spots. Think of "Silent Trigger" as junk food: Satisfying while it lasts, forgettable once it's over. This film is locally available at Eagle Video.

Until next week: money is an article which may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except heaven, and a universal provider of everything except happiness.

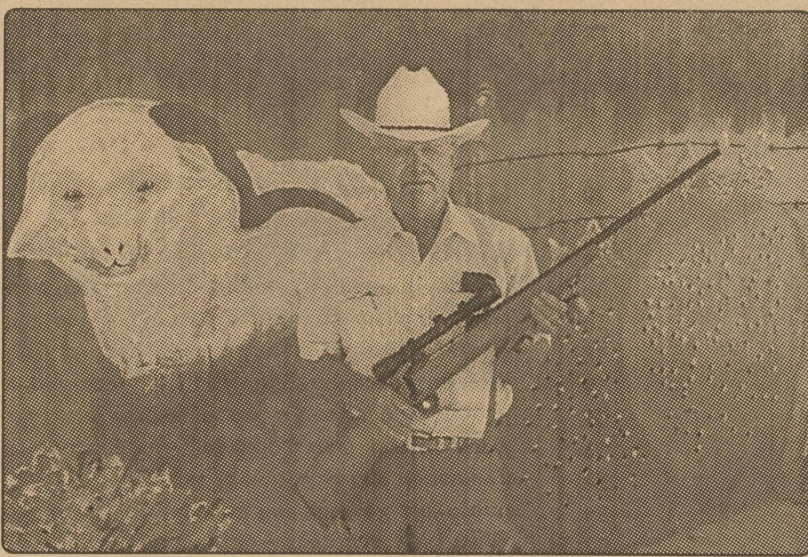


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Orval Edmiston member of Bev. McCormick Post 257 American Legion is holding a Savage 25-06 Deer Rifle w/Scope to be raffled away on December 1, 1997 at the American Legion Room. Donations will go to the post. Tickets can be bought from post members.

Hospital board meeting held

The Schleicher County Medical Center board of directors met Monday evening September 22nd for their regular monthly meeting. Board president Ricky Fuessel was not present and the meeting was chaired by vice president Delia Pina.

On hand for the meeting were representatives of Columbia Medical Center San Angelo, including Greg Angle, the facility's Chief Executive Officer. Others attending from Columbia included Mary Bessinger and Janet Solomon.

Citizens present questioned Angle on topics ranging from HMO's to when Columbia would place a full-time physician in

Eldorado. Angle fielded the questions one at a time noting that: 1) while Columbia isn't affiliated with HMO Blue, it is affiliated with others; 2) Columbia's participation in the Family Clinic has reduced the hospital's overall operating costs; 3) Columbia isn't interested in placing a physician in Eldorado who won't stay.

Delia Pina read aloud a letter written by former board member Elton McGinnes who took issue with a letter written by Angle and published in the Eldorado Success as a letter to the editor. Among other things, McGinnes' letter asked Angle to state if he was sat-

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8th grade falls to Sonora 6-12

The Eagles 8th grade football team went to Sonora last week lost a close game 6-12.

Eldorado drew first blood when Michael Ramirez found the endzone in the first quarter. Then, with time winding down in the opening period, Sonora scored from 53-yards out to tie the game.

That score held until 3:40 left in the game when Sonora capped off a 60-yard drive with another touchdown.

Coach Bob Wanoreck said his team had too many penalties and turnovers last week. "If we can eliminate them...we can be a really good team."

However, Wanoreck lauded the play of his defensive line, "Cole

Pina, Ismael Sanchez, Scott Homer, Chance Behrens and Gary Hanusch did a great job." Wanoreck stated.

The coach also singled out Aaron Fuentes who played defensive back for the first time, Luis Enriquez, Leonel Medrano and Johnny Herrera.

The Eagles 8th grade travels to Ozona tonight to take on the Lions. Coach Wanoreck said of the upcoming game, "If we can eliminate some of our mistakes, we have a good chance of getting our first win."

Commissioners meet, discuss EMS

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the EMS could incur by upgrading their equipment and obtaining an ALS certification.

Ballew wondered if there were enough severe cases in Schleicher County to justify the move up to ALS certification.

Discussion then turned to the structure of the EMS. Ballew told the men that he and the other members of the financial advisory committee had no authority over the EMS and served only to review EMS finances.

"I thought that's why we appointed y'all to the board," commented Whitten. "Our intent was to get some leadership for them."

Judge Griffin told the men he would check with other counties, including Sutton County to see how their emergency medical services were structured.

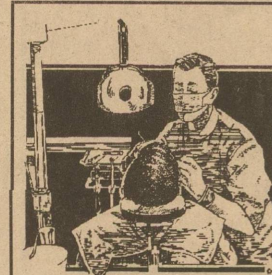
In other business, the commissioners approved an increase in sheriff's fees. The cost to serve a

civil process increased from \$45 to \$50, while writs of execution jumped from \$50 to \$100.

The commissioners also heard requests for indigent care and discussed the county's contribution to its employee retirement fund. Contributions, set at 7% last year, will remain at that level.

The men then voted to set a \$10 per plane or \$10 per hangar fee, whichever is higher, at the county airport. Hangars housing two planes will cost \$20 under this plan. They also discussed disconnecting electrical service from the hangars after noting that some people were using the hangars to house and recharge several golf carts. However, no action was taken on this topic.

Before adjourning, the men discussed at length the amount the county reimburses its employees for travel and meals. Several plans were mentioned, including a \$25 per diem, but the men opted not to change the policy.



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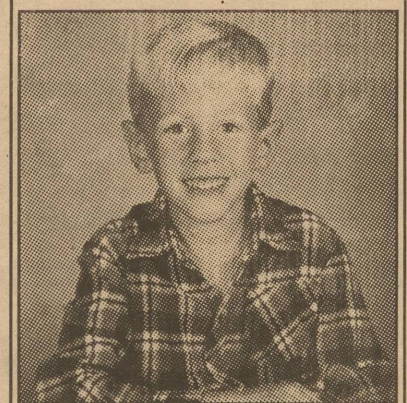
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office. Entries for the drawing will be accepted until December 15th. Headquartered in Riverside, California, Fleetwood is a publicly-traded, Fortune 500 company with fiscal 1997 sales of \$2.87 billion. The Housing Group maintains 28 Manufacturing centers with 43 facilities and employs over 10,000 associates throughout the United States.

Fleetwood became the first U.S. home builder to construct one million homes on August 28, 1997 and is celebrating the milestone by partnering with the local Make-A-Wish Foundation chapter.

On Saturday, September 27, 1997 at A-1 Homes of San Angelo will be having a fund raiser with hot dogs and soda's with the local Make-A-Wish Foundation chapter.

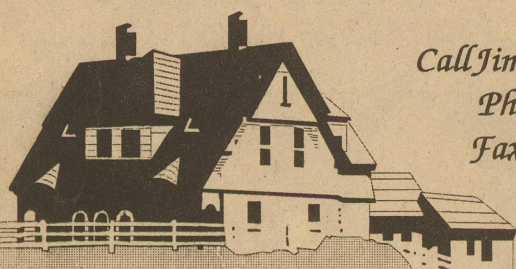
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6th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Adrian Arispe, Scott Cawley, Felix Chavez, William Dykstra, Janet Gardiner, Clara Herrera, Mikinzie Holley, Forrest Holt, Travis Joiner, Lori Loomis, Danny Sanchez, Seth Taylor, Courtney Whitten.

"AB" Honor Roll: Francisco Arispe, Jeffrey Bybee, Dillon Greer, Homero Hernandez, Heather Homer, Jessica Kirchharr, Andrea Leal, Travis Lively, Koda Lozano, Oscar Munoz, April Nixon, Robert (Shay) Parker, Zane Porter, Jeanette Villavicencio, Cole Wilkerson.

7th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Courtney Brown, Jessie Guadarrama, Kimberly Hight, Daniel Iglesias, Georgina Maritz, Toni Martin, Layna Murr, Helen Redish, Courtney Sauer, Leah Wolfe, Nathanael Wolfe.

"AB" Honor Roll: David Cantu, Brandi Davis, Kathryn Gonzales, Ross Hodges, Martha Lively, Santa Lopez, James L.(J.L.) Mankin, Luis Munoz, Bobby Phillips, Hannah Robledo, Jennifer Rodriguez, Blake Snelson, Amanda Wanoreck.

8th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Andrew Anderson, Maria Hernandez, Samatha Smith, Dest Sudduth, Tana Williams.

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Way Off-Broadway Players 1997-98 season to begin



photo by Kathy Mankin

Civil War soldiers — Ben Edmiston and Bryan Sproul star in "Breaking of Bread", just one of the one-act plays to be performed by the Way Off-Broadway Players this fall.

by JoAnn Sproul, Director

The Way Off Broadway Players will open their 1997-98 season with three One-Act plays set in the 1800's. With several new performances as well as some you have seen before, these plays will be among the best Way Off Broadway Players has produced!

The opening date, October 11, will coincide with Eldorado Pride's "Country Box Supper in the Park". As usual the food will be great and it will be served in the Gentry and Meador Park on Main Street.

This event is a little different from previous years. There will be music in the gazebo beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the Eldorado Woolen Mill will be open as well as the Schleicher County Museum. The plays and supper will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The plays will be enhanced by Esther Bunton's set and costume designs which have required many hours of research and work. Way Off Broadway Players is fortunate to have Ester join their ranks! Many others have generously donated their time, expertise, antique furniture and other accents for our use.

"The Bishop's Candlesticks" by Norman McKinnel has a talented cast including Pat Martin, Charlie Bradley, Ilse Williams, Carrie Hill, Becky Lux, Bill Hodges and Jim Martin.

They have made their characters very believable! You will love this play and the message it brings.

"A Big Ol' Dream" feature seven young ladies who sing and act. Although this little piece isn't very long, it is precious. The cast includes Madolyn Joy, Leslie Green, Amy Green, Tana Williams, Haley Edmiston, Mitzi Sessoms and Betsy Green.

"The Breaking of Bread" By William Watson has a cast of two, Bryan Sproul and Ben Edmiston. It is set in the 1800's on a battlefield during the Civil War. Moving and powerful, you will never forget this play!

Dates, times and other information for Theater and Country Box Supper In The Park On Main Street is as follows: October 11 (6:00 p.m. Curtain & 8:00 p.m. Dinner or 6:00 p.m. Dinner & 8:00 p.m. Curtain. Tickets \$17. Other performances will be October 18 at 8:00 p.m., October 19 at 3:00 p.m., October 25th at 8:00 p.m. and October 26th at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for these performances are Adults \$8.50 and Children \$5.00. To order tickets: tickets may be picked up at C.R. Sproul's office on the corner of Highway 277 & North Street weekdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. only! Information and reservations call 915-853-3343 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays.



photo by Kathy Mankin

A basic trauma life support certification for Pediatric is presented to Dr. Debbie Dorie last week by Schleicher County EMS coordinator Victor Belman.

Concho Glory Racers compete

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Open Poles division with 158 points. Ruby Lee was second with 30 points and Rebecca Meyer of Voss was third with 10.

In the 15 and Under Poles, Carla Kirkham of San Angelo was first with 162 points, Brandi Lee was second with 128 points, and Heather Pfluger of Eden was third with 88 points.

Charlie Pfluger was winner of the 10 and Under Poles, with 164 points. Nancy Meyer was second with 112, followed by Jena Teasley with 46.

In the Open Barrels, Ruby Lee was first with 126 points, followed by Shirley Dyches of San Angelo second, with 64 points and Cheryl Audas, third, with 56 points.

Charlie Pfluger of Eden was first in the 10 and Under Barrels division with 166 points. Nancy Meyer of Voss was second with 148 points followed by Jena Teasley of Sonora, who was third with 42 points.

Cheryl Audas was winner of the

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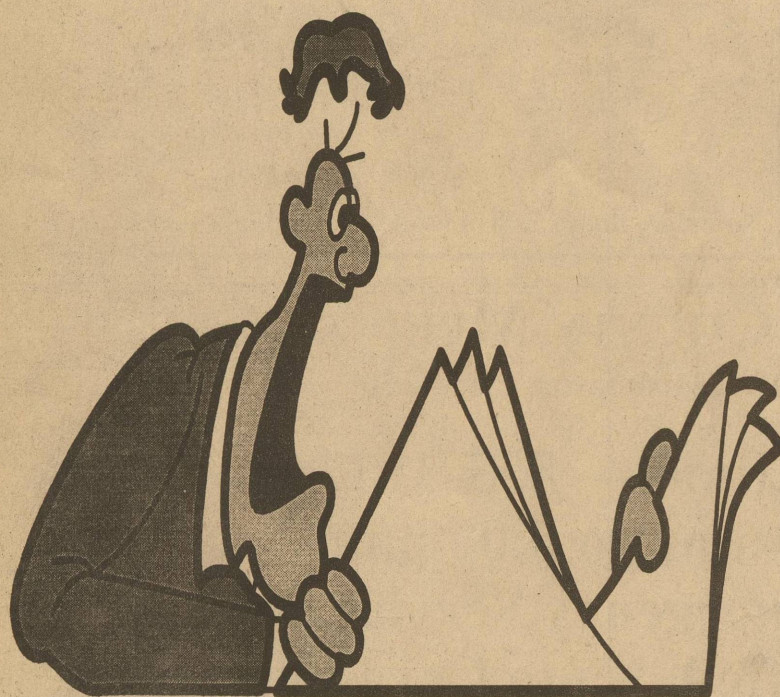
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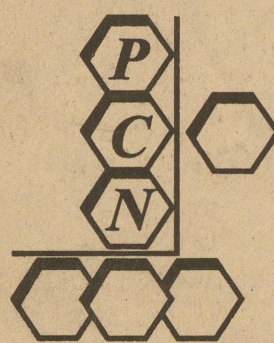
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THE WINGSPREAD

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Homecoming week is lively at Eldorado High School

by Lindsey Griffin

Homecoming week is one of the busiest of the school year. Decorations have to be made, costumes are worn, and spirit is raised to high levels. This year was no different from any other, as things heated up at Eldorado High School.

Annual Homecoming events started on Sunday, September 7, 1977 as Spirit Sisters and Cheerleaders decorated the halls of Eldorado High. A hall decorating competition was arranged by Mrs. Tiffany Harris. The Juniors and Seniors competed against the Sophomores and Freshman. The teams made signs, put up Christmas lights, and even decorated windows in an attempt to win. Coming out on top was the Junior and Senior team.

All during Homecoming week, a daily dress-up is held among all

students. Winning on Monday, September 8, were Luticia Nixon, who was a beautiful Indian maiden, Candice Rivers, who showed up in her best farmer outfit, and Jennifer Rivers, who was dressed in her Cowboy apparel. Taking the honor for best toga on Tuesday was Juan Sanchez. Wednesday, Victoria Mitchel looked the shabbiest in her hobo outfit. Candice Rivers again won for being the best mismatched person. A party will also be held for the class with the most people competing in the dress-up competition.

A Powder Puff football game was held by Student Council on Thursday, September 11. The girls played a thirty-minute flag football. Some of Eldorado High's finest young men cheered them on from the side lines.

Friday the votes were tallied and dresses were made ready for

half time at the Eagle Game. The moment everyone had been waiting for came when it was announced that Ashlie Whitten was our 1997-1998 Homecoming Queen. Ashlie was escorted by senior Jason Richters. Homecoming nominee Andie Sterling was escorted by Mark Fryar. Madolyn Joy, also a nominee, was escorted by Wade Dakan. Junior Duchess was Angela Ballew who was escorted by Andrew Sauer. Evelyn Quintana, sophomore duchess, was escorted by Lance Mitchel. Freshman duchess Vanessa Gonzales,

was escorted by William Robledo.

Ending the full week of activities was the Homecoming Dance. Here students danced to the great tunes produced by the deejay. It also was a time for visiting, eating, and mostly talking about the game.

As Eldorado High School students close out a long week of activities, they hope that next year's Homecoming will be as great as this one. As for the Seniors who will be leaving Eldorado High in May, they will have one wonderful memory of this week.

Title 1 activity for Dads

Eldorado Elementary will be having a Dad's Breakfast again this year on Thursday, October 2, 1997. Breakfast will be served from 6:00 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. in the elementary kitchen. We do have one change from last year - bring your elementary age son or daughter with you! We hope to have the kids take this opportunity to show their dads where their classroom is and tell them about how they spend their day.

This Title 1 activity is being held to encourage dads (or a representative for a student: grandfather, step-dad, uncle, or etc.) to visit the elementary school and to acquaint themselves with other parents in the school system. Mr. Brownlow, the elementary principal, Mr. Nix,

the elementary counselor, have hot coffee, juice and all the fixing for tasty burritos. Your participation in this event will deliver a message to your child that you are interested in them and what they do at school. This will be a time of visitation for the dads, and we will also have the classrooms open for you to look around. We also hope to let you see a little about our Accelerated Reader program.

Mr. Brownlow, Mr. Nix and Mr. Porter will be available to answer any questions you may have about our school system. Feel free to come at any time between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Elem. fund raiser planned

Eldorado Elementary is taking part in a fund-raising effort called Computers for Education. This program will allow our campus to purchase a network printer to be used in our computer lab. Please support our kids in this effort.

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The Club Corner: T.A.F.E.

By Evelyn Quintana

T.A.F.E., like all the other organizations of this school, is exceedingly involved with our students, faculty, and the events of Eldorado High School. T.A.F.E. stands for Texas Association of Future Educators. It may seem to be just for Future Educators, but in reality, it mainly promotes education. At least two meetings takes place per month. Mrs. Thomas, along with Mrs. Vasquez, bring dessert to every meeting. Members in T.A.F.E. do their part in making the meetings a success. In or-

der to go on the trips, members must first earn points. Giving teachers "goodies", doing community services, and working the concession stands go toward earning points.

In October, T.A.F.E. will be traveling to San Antonio to enjoy the Fright Festival at Fiesta Texas. T.A.F.E. is a beneficial organization to participate in because of the facts presented. By joining T.A.F.E., E.H.S. students demonstrate their interest in education, school spirit, and in school activities.

E.H.S. Student Council Named

By Kirk Curtis

There are few organizations at E.H.S. that are as active as the Student Council. The Student Council is responsible for everything from organizing the Powder Puff football game to finding a tiara for the Homecoming Queen.

Responsibility is the key to this organization which is exploding with new faces this year. A few weeks after school started, the student body elected its Student Council Representatives in addition to the officers who were elected last May. The 1997-98 Student Council

Members are as follows:

President - Mary Adame; Vice President - Estella Guzman; Secretary - Sonia Herrera; Treasurer/Reporter - Jeff Parker; Parliamentarian - Evelyn Quintana.

Senior Representatives: Kim Beach, Kirk Curtis, Lindsey Griffin, Anna Loomis, Micah McKinney, Andie Sterling and Ashlie Whitten.

Junior Representatives: Meg Anderson, Kaci Hunter, Juan Montalvo, Victor Saldivar and Jennifer Stafford.

Sophomore Representatives: Patrick Fuentes, Maria Guzman, Hillary Hodges and Sarah Mankin.

Freshmen Representatives: Rikki Bosmans, Vanessa Gonzales, William Robledo and Rocky Robles.

'Poof' goes the Powder Puff

By Mary Adame

September 10, 1997, the first annual Powder Puff took place on the Eagle Football field. The Powder Puff is a flag football game played by girls dressed up as football players and guys cheering them on as cheerleaders. The Powder Puff was due in part to the Eldorado High School Student Council and its officers.

Freshmen and Seniors united together to form the "Hit Squad". Sophomores and Juniors formed the "Regulators". The coaches for the Seniors and Freshmen were Garrett Bownds, Wade Dakan, Beau Sallee, and Randy Spears. The coaches for the Sophomores and Juniors were Mark Fryar, Johnny Mendez, Javy Robles, and Casey Snelson.

The winners of the Powder Puff were the "Hit Squad" with the score of 21-0. The scorers were Victoria Mitchel, Kim Beach, and Meagan Pointer. The Student Council thanks the coaches, players, cheerleaders, EHS coaches, maintenance, and Mr. Newman for the success of the first Powder Puff game.

Leland Lacy

By Tabitha Garcia

Leland Lacy, a Junior at E.H.S. and a native of San Angelo, moved to Eldorado this summer and is now a new addition to the varsity Eagle team. The following is a casual interview in verbatim format:

Q: Where did you move from and what school did you attend?

A: I moved from San Angelo and attended Central High School

Q: In what ways is this school different from your past school?

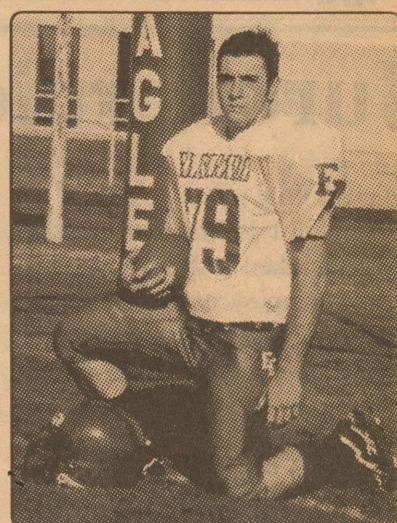
A: It is smaller and the people are more caring.

Q: Did you play football last year and in what other sports did you participate?

A: No, I did not play football last year and another sport that I participated in was weight lifting

Q: Do you like your class schedule?

A: I don't know, it's all right except that I have a lot of freshman classes.



Q: How are the academic demands different in Eldorado than those at Central?

A: In Eldorado they require more classes.

Q: Do you find the students in Eldorado friendly?

A: Very, they are a lot more outgoing.

Q: What curriculum in school in your opinion is more advanced than at Central?

A: There is none

Students at EMS Choose Student Council Members

By Tiffany Case

At the beginning of the school year, the following people were elected to be the Eldorado Middle School student council members:

President - Aaron Fuentes
Vice President - Quisto Gonzales
Secretary - Koda Lozano
Eighth Grade - Tony Fay, Maria Hernandez, Tabitha Lloyd, Elibeth Montalvo.

Seventh Grade - Courtney Brown, Layna Murr, Courtney Sauer, Nathanael Wolfe.

Sixth Grade: Clara Herrera, Mikinzie Holley, Travis Joiner, Lori Loomis.

Fifth Grade: Will Griffin, Danielle Guadarrama, Emily Newman, Selina Rojas.

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Jurors rule in favor of City of Eldorado

the city's drug policy.

Mankin told the court that he had been asked by Nikolauk to select four employees and send them for drug testing. He stated that went to Eldorado City Hall about mid morning on August 22nd and selected four names, one of which was Hector Martinez, from a can, then asked supervisor Juan Arispe to send the four individuals into City Hall to talk to him.

Mankin said that after some time had passed, he realized that Hector Martinez had not come in and questioned Arispe about it. According to Mankin, Arispe told him that Martinez didn't want to come in to see him. Mankin said he then directed Arispe to go for Martinez again and tell him that it was not an option.

Mankin continued that when Martinez did appear, he was unwilling to go take the test. Mankin said the told Martinez that he would be suspended from his job until Nikolauk or Dean returned, if he refused to go. At that time, Martinez left City Hall and appeared to be going to take the drug test, Mankin stated.

Linton then questioned Mankin about Mark Bishop. He replied that he had limited knowledge of

Bishop's case. Mankin said he learned of it at a City Council meeting when Nikolauk explained it to the council. Mankin said that after hearing the details, the council agreed with Nikolauk's decision to keep Bishop on as a probationary employee but that they told Nikolauk that they wanted a zero-tolerance policy from that day forward.

Juan Arispe then testified and corroborated Mankin's testimony concerning the way employees were called for their drug tests. He stated that Martinez did not want to report to City Hall and speak with Mankin.

Carolyn Mayo testified next concerning the City's record keeping. She said she didn't recall the city officially adopting the "zero-tolerance" policy.

Vivian Sanchez then took the stand and said that some years before, when she was serving as a probation officer, she was approached by Jack Dean and asked to administer urine tests for city employees. Sanchez said Dean told her he had three Hispanic employees he wanted to get rid of and that Hector Martinez was one of them.

She stated that she refused to perform the test and met with City

employees to tell them what Dean was trying to do. She said she then received a letter from the city council telling her not to meet with city employees without permission.

Hector Martinez then took the stand and said that all he wanted was to be treated the same as other employees. He denied being reluctant to speak with Mankin and denied being unwilling to take the drug test. And, when asked if he smoked marijuana he answered, "No."

Martinez then said he had no explanation for why the test was positive.

When Kosub cross-examined Martinez he asked if Martinez thought he was fired because of his

race or because he had positive on the drug test. Martinez responded that he felt it was because of the positive drug test.

The next morning, testimony began with Kosub reading deposition into evidence from the lab technician in California who actually performed the drug test.

Next, Kosub called City Councilman Tommy Minor who said he learned of Martinez' drug test at a city council meeting. Minor said that race was never an issue in the firing.

Linton then asked Minor if he had ever been a victim of or witnessed discrimination. Minor replied, "No."

In her closing argument, Berta

Perez Linton told the jury, "Rules are what keep us civilized. We have rules we expect our elected officials to follow. Mr. Nikolauk said 'I am the C. E. O. — I don't have to follow rules.'" She said the law was about treating everyone the same.

In his closing argument, Kosub pointed to Martinez and told the jury, "Some druggies take a gun and rob a store. Some druggies break into your car. Some druggies break into your house. And, some druggies file lawsuits."

After closing arguments, Judge Cummings gave the jury their instructions and they retreated to the jury room at 10:45 a.m. to deliberate. The jury broke for lunch and returned after the noon hour with a verdict in favor of the City of Eldorado.

Judge Cummings thanked the

jurors for their service and dismissed them. He then handed down a judgement for the city and ordered Martinez to pay all court costs.

Martinez has 30 days to request a new trial or to appeal to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Following the verdict, Mayor John Nikolauk expressed his pleasure with the jury's decision. "It's been a long, hard road to get to this point. But I was confident that we would prevail if and when we had our day in court."

Nikolauk extended his appreciation to the city council, city staff and to James Kosub for the patience and determination shown throughout the course of the case.

Kosub said that he expects to be filing motions soon requesting Martinez pay the city's attorney fees. He said the city has spent approximately \$30,000 thus far. He estimates the hospital district spent \$24,000 before their part of the case was dismissed.

Hospital board meets with Columbia reps

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ified with the quality of care delivered at the Family Clinic and challenged him to back it up by bringing seeking treatment for himself or his family in the Schleicher County Family Clinic. McGinnes also contested a portion of Angle's letter to the editor which said the Family Clinic is open 8 am - 5 pm. McGinnes said he could prove that wasn't accurate.

Angle replied that he preferred to respond to McGinnes' questions in person but that he would look into the clinic hours and make sure it stays open from 8 am till 5 pm.

Former board member C.R. Sproul then asked Angle if the next four years at the clinic were going to be the same as the past 12 months.

Angle replied that Columbia had been working diligently to secure a doctor for the clinic. "As far as I can tell, the single issue here is if the clinic will have a full-time physician who lives here in Schleicher County," Angle said. "We will continue working with

our 12 recruiting firms."

"This isn't the 15th of October we're talking about here," Sproul replied. "It's thirteen months later and Columbia hasn't performed. Thirteen months is ample time."

Former board member Jan Blair came in at that point and urged anyone complaining to put their name on the ballot and run for hospital board. She noted that the board has information that isn't generally known to the community. Blair also pointed out that in the most recent election, there was a vacant seat when no one filed to run for the board. She continued by saying that there are good and bad things to be said about Columbia and Shannon.

Following the public discussion, the board went into a lengthy executive session with Columbia's representatives to discuss physician recruitment. When the board emerged into open session, it did so without taking action on the item.

The board then returned into executive session, this time to dis-

cuss real property. Once again, they emerged into open session without taking action.

Next, the board took up discussion of a contract for services with architect Gary Donaldson. Board member Shari Wink had several questions concerning the proposed contract and the council opted to postpone any further discussion of the matter until administrator Jim Roddie could get those questions answered.

The board voted at a previous meeting to negotiate a contract for services with Donaldson. When the contract is completed, and approved by the board, he would begin designing a new wing for the nursing home.

Jim Roddie then updated the board on the Dept. of Justice investigation into Medicare billing practices at SCMC. He noted that he had replied to their initial letter and was waiting for documentation as to the alleged over billing. He told the board he would keep them apprised of his findings.

Among other business, the board received proposals from two auditing firms seeking the hospital district's business. They also received information about a satellite based distance learning service from Texas Tech University known as Health Net.

Before adjourning, the board reviewed and approved the district's financial reports. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

School Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Line

Monday, Sept. 29nd
Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Whole Kernel Corn, Pineapple Chunks, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, Sept 30th
Pork Chopette/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peach Cobbler

Wednesday, Oct. 1st
Beef Stew/Vegetables, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Diced Pears, Cornbread, Iced Cupcakes

Thursday, Oct. 2nd
Corn Chip Pie, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding/Topping

Friday, Oct 3rd
Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Fresh Apple

Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 29nd
Peaches, Pancakes/Syrup, Peanut Butter

Tuesday, Sept 30th
Apple Slices, Eggs, Toast, Jelly

Wednesday, Oct. 1st
Grape Juice, Breakfast Pizza

Thursday, Oct. 2nd
Orange Juice, Biscuits/Gravy, Steak Fingers

Friday, Oct 3rd
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Roll/Cheese Stick

Fast Food Line

Monday, Sept. 29nd
Pepperoni Pizza, French Fries, Pineapple Chunks, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, Sept 30th
Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Peach Cobbler

Wednesday, Oct. 1st
Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Diced Pears, Iced Cupcakes

Thursday, Oct. 2nd
Chili Crispitos, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Veggies/Dip, Chocolate Pudding/Topping.

Friday, Oct 3rd
Same as Cafeteria Line

Meals for Friends

Friday, September 26, 1997
Chicken Fried Steak, Baked Potato, Carrots, Vegetable Salad, Chocolate Cake.

Monday, September 29, 1997
Glazed Ham, Sweet Potato, Cabbage, Hot Rolls, Cookies

Tuesday, September 30, 1997
Fried Catfish, Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Orka Gumbo, Hot Rolls, Apple Cobbler

Wednesday, October 1, 1997
Oven Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Sliced Beets, Rolls, Strawberry Banana Mix, Bread Pudding

Thursday, October 2, 1997
Beef Stew, Stewed Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Crackers, Chocolate Pudding.

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The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom of the County Courthouse.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$109,945.00
- The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$11,154.00.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be two (2) (full-time equivalent).
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is two (2) (full-time equivalent).

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the country, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

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Rampy recalls WWII days as a radio operator and gunner

Editor's note: The following story appeared last week in the Grape Creek Messenger. Pete Rampy lives there now, but he grew up in Eldorado. It is reprinted here for your consideration.

by Teri Deweber

Clarence O. "Pete" Rampy of Grape Creek signed up for the draft, along with a brother and his father, on June 30, 1942. He was eighteen years old, only a month since his graduation from Eldorado High School, and he was about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime.

On July 22, 1942, Rampy was sworn into the Army Air Corp in San Angelo where he remained for ten short days. He was then sent to Sheppard Field in Wichita Falls, where he endured basic training.

Four weeks later, he was shipped to Sioux Falls, S.D. to attend radio school until February 20, 1943, when he was sent to Salt Lake City, Utah and then on to Harlingen.

At Harlingen, Rampy attended gunnery school for six weeks and was sent back to Salt Lake City. From there he was sent back to Texas to Rattlesnake Air Base in Pyote. There, he trained with the



Pete Rampy sits next to the framed medals he was awarded during his World War II days, in his Grape Creek home.

19th Bomb Group, which was the only bomb group of the Army Air Corps at that time.

In less than a year, he had been moved seven times and received training that would prepare him for a tour of duty overseas.

On June 1, 1943, he was sent to Attu in the Aleutian Islands off of Alaska, where he was assigned to a B-25 submarine patrol.

"You could see a hundred feet below the surface of the water from the air," Rampy said, "When those submarines would submerge, we could still see them."

"The cooks would make loaves of bread in the morning and by noon, there'd only be a place about the size of a silver dollar in the middle that wasn't molded. They'd try to camouflage it by making french toast in the evenings, but I've never forgotten the taste and it took me a long time to eat white bread again after the war."

He stayed with the submarine patrol only six weeks and was then sent to Mandalay, Burma.

"My crew was shot down on our 58th mission on January 8, 1944 behind enemy lines," he recalled, "It took ten days to get back to base, even though we were only a short distance from camp. We had to travel at night through the jungle and hide during the daytime."

He said they passed through headhunter camps during the night, and could actually see the shrunken heads they collected.

"They were actually recognizable," he said, "We saw one or two that we knew as some of our buddies."

Rampy said they were "run out" of Burma by the Japanese shortly afterward.

"We went to Sooketeen, India and few the Hump in C-46's," he said, "I completed 202 trips over the hump."

The monsoon season in India made an impression on this West Texas soldier. He said it rained an average of 475" a year from the first

day of Sept. to the first day of June.

"The cooks would make loaves of bread in the morning and by noon, there'd only be a place about the size of a silver dollar in the middle that wasn't molded," he said, "They'd try to camouflage it by making french toast in the evenings, but I've never forgotten the taste and it took me a long time to eat white bread again after the war."

In June, 1944, Rampy was a radio operator and gunner in bombers flying over Southeast Asia. He flew 100 missions while there.

In December of 1944, he was

sent to Chentu, China to fly B-29's over Japan.

"We dropped numerous fire bombs prior to the big atomic bomb," Rampy said, "We did more damage than the two atomic bombs did put together."

Rampy said Chinese civilians would come and work on the base while he was stationed there.

"They (the Chinese) were supposed to be on our side," he said, "But they'd laugh with you, then cut you with a knife when you turned your back."

Rampy said the Chinese civilians would come to work with half gallon or gallon buckets that would hold their lunches. When they'd leave at the end of the day, those buckets would be full of goods that were stolen from the camp.

"They discovered a cave in Kunjing that had enough airplane parts to make 100 planes and enough gasoline to fly them for a year," he said.

He flew only eight missions while in China before the Air Corps sent him back to the states on De-

cember 20, 1944.

In February, 1945, he was stationed at Gore Field in Great Falls, Montana. His new job was to ferry airplanes all over the world and from all but six of the United States.

"Mostly, we flew B-29's off the assembly line in Seattle, Washington to wherever they needed them," Rampy said.

When their planes were delivered, they'd have to locate another airplane to get them back home. He and his fellow soldiers had #2 priority on flights returning to their base. Only the President of the United States and his staff had #1 priority. Those on emergency leave were at #3 priority and those on transfers were at the bottom of the priority list.

"We had just carried a plane to Italy and had gotten back to Casa Blanca, North Africa where there was a commercial flight about to take off," Rampy said, "I threw my papers down and they stopped the airplane and pulled a Brigadier General off the plane. I got cussed for everything I was worth, but I just laughed."

By this time, Rampy had crashed three times: twice in India and once in Burma. All of these crashes were due to the airplanes being shot up badly.

"We had an engine shot out while in formation one time and we couldn't keep up with the others with only one engine so they ran off and left us," he recalled, "We had 21 Japanese fighters on us and we got nine of them before they shot out our final engine and we had to bail out."

He says it was the first time he'd ever parachuted out of an airplane and the next time he did it, someone would have to push him out.

Rampy crossed the Atlantic Ocean seven times and the Pacific Ocean nine times on ferry flights. His worst moment came on his last ferry flight, flying a B-29 to Guam. The landing gear folded and the airplane crashed on landing, killing all crew members except Rampy.

A fellow World War II veteran and friend of Rampy's, George Groff, called him one evening at home and told him he had seen an episode of the television series "Wings" that he thought Rampy needed to see.

After calling the television station and making calls to the television show itself, the Rampy's were able to secure a copy of the epi-



A young Clarence O. "Pete" Rampy poses for a picture during his tour of duty during World War II. Rampy was a radio operator and gunner in the Air Corps.

sode that shows actual footage of the crash in Guam.

"There's one lone figure standing on the tip of the wing who jumps off...that was me," Rampy said.

Rampy has a friend in Junction who years ago was recalling his times during World War II along with Rampy.

"We didn't know each other then," Rampy said, "But he got to talking about being there when that plane crashed in Guam and seeing this guy jump off the wing of the plane and walk away. I told him that guy was me."

Rampy said he served under Alvin Luedecke, the youngest general in the Air Force during the war, who just happened to be from Rampy's hometown of Eldorado.

While stationed in Burma, Rampy was among five "Eldorado boys" stationed in Burma and India that were picked up by Luedecke in his private airplane on a day in 1944.

"He took us to Calcutta, to his headquarters there and fed us a meal," Rampy recalled, "We stayed the day visiting."

Rampy spoke of another General in the war, a leader in the United States' part of this time in

history.

"When General MacArthur left the Philippines, he waded ashore a half a dozen times so the news reporters could get it just right," Rampy said, "I say let the leaders fight the next war...there wouldn't be as many of them."

Rampy says the war caused him to grow up.

"I was just hopin' I'd make it back," he said, "I didn't have too much time to get scared."

Today, Rampy remembers the terrible waste he observed toward the end of the war.

"They used bulldozers to push thousands of airplanes over into the ocean because they said it would cost too much to get them back into the states," he said, "They also punched holes in 55-gallon barrels full of gasoline with an axe."

Rampy says he knows there's still that kind of waste going on in the government today.

On October 16, 1945, Rampy's military career ended with an honorable discharge.

He earned a Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters, an Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, an Asiatic Pacific medal with two bronze stars, a Meritorious Service medal, a Good Conduct medal, a Presidential Citation with two bronze stars, a National Defense medal and a World War II Victory medal.

On Nov. 3, 1945, he married his wife, Clema, who he met while on leave at a midnight movie in San Angelo in 1944.

The couple has lived in Eldorado, Mertzon, Robert Lee, Fluvanna, Millersview and Junction since their marriage. They have lived the last nine years in Grape Creek, where they moved after Rampy retired from 45 years as a ranch foreman.

Mrs. Rampy has worked in a pharmacy, a daycare and a hardware store throughout their years of marriage. They are members of Grape Creek Baptist Church.

They have two daughters, Linda Fritz of Grape Creek and Judy Cathey of San Angelo; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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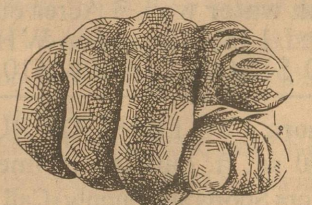
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