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Headlines From  
Around the World

### Iraq still at odds with US

Iraq continues to denounce a U.S. demand that United Nations inspectors be given full access to presidential palaces. The Iraqi government today accused Washington of trying to create a fresh crisis. U.N. monitors returned to Iraq last Friday after Baghdad reversed an Oct. 29 decision banning Americans, who Iraq accused of spying, from taking part in inspections. As the inspectors went about their work, the government newspaper al-Jumhuriya declared that presidential palaces and other designated areas would be off limits.

### Iowa septuplets arrive

Bobbi McCaughey delivered septuplets this week in Des Moines, Iowa. The mother said on "Dateline NBC" Tuesday night that she felt "sheer terror" when her doctor first told he she was carrying seven babies. "At first, it was like, 'God, why have you done this to us,' like it was something that was wrong." But McCaughey said she and her husband, Kenny, gradually grew used to the idea. "It took only a few weeks for the shock to wear off," she recalled, and then she accepted it as a gift. The septuplets were born last Wednesday in Des Moines and the mother went home Sunday. The babies still have several weeks in the hospital ahead of them.

### APEC summit concludes

An economic summit marked with concern for Asia's financial woes ended on an optimistic note Tuesday. President Clinton and other leaders of Pacific Rim nations wrapped up the two-day summit in Vancouver where they discussed South Korea's appeal for a \$20 billion bailout and the impact of Monday's collapse of Japan's fourth-largest brokerage. Despite those problems in the region, a statement issued as the summit ended said long-term prospects for growth in Asia are "exceptionally strong."

### Ship breaks, crew rescued

A Portuguese air force helicopter rescued 21 crewmen Tuesday from a Panamanian cargo vessel torn in two by violent storms off the mid-Atlantic Azores Islands. But the Portuguese navy said the ship's stern did not appear to be in immediate danger of sinking and nine other crewmen would remain on board in an attempt to save it. The rescued men were part of a 34-strong, mainly Italian, crew who took refuge in the stern of the stricken MSC Carla after it broke apart in gales that whipped up 30-foot waves. The bow broke away from the rest of the ship but remained afloat.

## Hospital voluntarily gives up Medicare certification

Bowing to pressure from a Texas Department of Health (TDH) inspector, the board of directors of Schleicher County Medical Center voted unanimously last week to voluntarily terminate the hospital's contract with Medicare.

In an emergency meeting held Thursday afternoon, November 20th, and with the threat of an involuntary suspension looming large, the board took the advice of a hospital consultant and directed administrator Jim Roddie to notify regulators that the hospital would voluntarily give up its certification on Dec. 31, 1997. Board members Ricky Fuessel, Delia Pina, Shari Wink, Judy Christian, Bertha Castillo and Randy Mankin were present for the meeting. Board member Bobbie Sanders was absent.

"This may not be that big a

deal," Roddie told board members. He noted that by voluntarily giving up its Medicare certification SCMC's hospital could re-apply for certification much sooner than if an involuntary termination had been imposed on it by regulators.

The facility's problems with Medicare began in April when a TDH inspector cited SCMC for failing to maintain a physician in or near the hospital to supervise physician assistant (PA) Shelly Singleton. Both the doctor and the PA were being provided by Columbia Medical Center in San Angelo. Columbia won a contract to staff the local clinic and emergency room last year when they outbid Shannon Hospital.

The inspector returned in July and wrote the facility up again noting that the PA was admitting

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## Commissioners court meeting

Schleicher County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 24, 1997. The meeting was called to order shortly after 9:00 a.m. by County Judge Johnny Griffin. Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Jr., Ross Whitten and Steve Minor were present for the meeting. Commissioner Kerry Joy was absent.

The meeting began with the reading of the minutes from the

previous meeting. The minutes were amended and approved by the men.

Next, the commissioners court considered a request for private road work on the Jimmy O'Harrow Ranch. Road superintendent Clay Burleson noted the work would involve hauling "six or eight loads of caliche and doing a little blading." The request was ap-

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## Review committee opts to keep book in library

A committee set up to review a middle school library book questioned by Smokey Taylor at a recent school board meeting has determined that the book should remain in the library.

Taylor was notified in writing by SCISD superintendent Hal Porter of the committee's ruling. Porter also outlined the steps by which Taylor could appeal the committee's decision to the school board.

Taylor complained at a school

board meeting two weeks ago that a book his 12 year-old son had checked out of the Middle School library contained offensive, vulgar and sexually explicit words and phrases.

At the board's urging, Taylor filed a formal complaint which triggered the committee review. Committee members Julie Griffin, Debbie Griffin, Jill Preston, Kay Creek and Berta Nicholson unanimously agreed that the book should remain in the library.

## Columbia terminates contract with Schleicher County Medical Center

Representatives of Columbia Medical Center in San Angelo appeared at the Schleicher County Hospital District's board meeting Monday evening and announced Columbia was terminating its contract to operate the Schleicher County Family Clinic.

Mary Bessinger, Columbia's Chief Operating Officer read aloud a letter from CEO Greg Angle in which he advised SCMC administrator Jim Roddie that Columbia would terminate its management agreement with SCMC effective 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, 1997. Angle's letter noted that the decision to end the contract was based on the interpretations of the Medicare surveyor who inspected SCMC.

A Texas Department of Health inspector has cited SCMC on three separate occasions beginning in April of this year, finding fault with the way Columbia's doctors and physicians assistant (PA) admitted patients to and transferred patients from the local hospital. The inspector said that the PA was being inadequately supervised by a physician.

Eventually, pressure on SCMC by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), which administers Medicare funding, prompted SCMC to voluntarily terminate its Medicare contact. Board members directed their administrator Jim Roddie to reapply for Medicare certification as soon as possible. They also sent word to Columbia that they expected Columbia to reimburse SCMC for any revenue it could lose while await-

ing Medicare recertification.

Mary Bessinger, Linda Ross and Keith Butler, all employees of Columbia met with the SCMC board in a closed door executive session before emerging into open meeting Monday night to make the startling announcement that Columbia was walking away from its contract to operate the Schleicher County Family Clinic and staff the hospital emergency room.

SCMC board president Ricky Fuessel stated only that he would acknowledge receiving the letter from Bessinger and moved on to other business. At that point Bessinger, Ross and Butler left the meeting.

After the meeting, Fuessel said that SCMC would be exploring its options in the next few days. "We're going to have to supply the

clinic and emergency room with a physician in a very short time," Fuessel stated. "We'll be meeting again next Monday night. Maybe by then we'll have a better idea of what lies ahead."

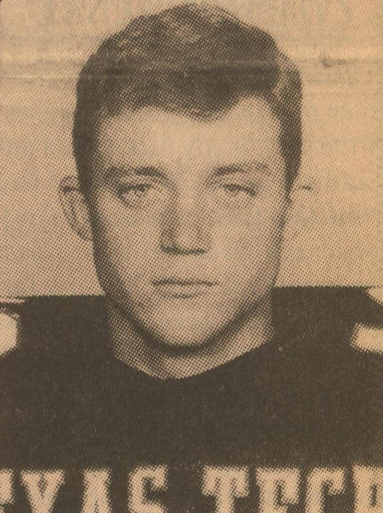
One possibility that could lie in SCMC's future is a deal with Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Shannon courted SCMC a year ago and appeared to have clinched a deal to operate the Schleicher County Family Clinic before Columbia expressed an interest. During recent months as Columbia struggled to find a full-time physician and dealt with disgruntled citizens at hospital board meetings, Shannon's president Lawrence Leonard continued to maintain that he was interested in pursuing a deal with Schleicher County Medical Center.

## Bownds named to District VI Academic All-American team

Lubbock - Texas Tech junior Reagan Bownds was named to the 1997 District VI CoSIDA Academic All-America Football Team as selected by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America. Also making the team with Bownds was teammate Keith Cockrum, also a junior.

Texas Tech was one of five schools to place two members on the squad, which consists of 24 players. To be eligible for the team, players were required to possess at least a 3.20 overall grade point average and have completed at least three semesters of eligibility. Those named to the district team advance to the national ballot. District VI is comprised of schools in the states of Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Bownds, a 5-10, 190 pound safety from Eldorado, Texas, has accumulated a 3.83 grade point average in his major of Agriculture Business. He has played in all 10 games this season and is ninth on the team in tackles with 50. He has



Reagan Bownds

one tackle for loss, one fumble recovery and has caused one fumble on the season.

"We are proud of the academic efforts of all of our students, particularly Keith and Reagan," said Athletic Director Gerald Myers. "These guys are what the team students athlete is all about. They work hard on the football field and in the classroom. They are outstanding role models are a perfect example of the type of students athlete we have here at Texas Tech"

## Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison cancels Eldorado visit

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison won't be coming to Eldorado after all, that according to her aide, Margaret Lauderbach.

Lauderbach said conflicts in Hutchison's schedule had forced her to cancel appearances in Eldorado and Sonora slated for Dec. 5th. Lauderbach said the Republican senator would likely reschedule the visit for "sometime in the spring."

## Search for missing plane....

by Walter L. "Bud" Buckner, The Llano News

An extensive search for a missing plane is centered in the Texas Hill Country according to the wife of the missing pilot.

Texas A&M geology professor Norman Tilford, 62, left Bryan, Texas Thursday evening, November 13, 1997 on his way to Van Horn. His plane was last seen on radar near Georgetown later that night.

His wife, Debbie, told The Llano News that he apparently changed course because of bad weather in the Burnet-Llano County area and had not been heard from since that time.

She has issued a wide appeal to area ranchers and hunters to help with the search in a wide area from Georgetown to Van Horn.

"He had 40 years experience as a pilot," Mrs. Tilford said. "He was a Corpsman in the U.S. Navy and had food, water and camping gear aboard his aircraft when he left Bryan. He is most capable of taking care of himself and we just hope he can be found soon."

He was on his way to Van Horn to meet his class for a field trip. Anyone with information may call the Civic Air Patrol at 512/869-34499 or the Tilford home in Bryan 409-693-2903.



photo by Kathy Mankin

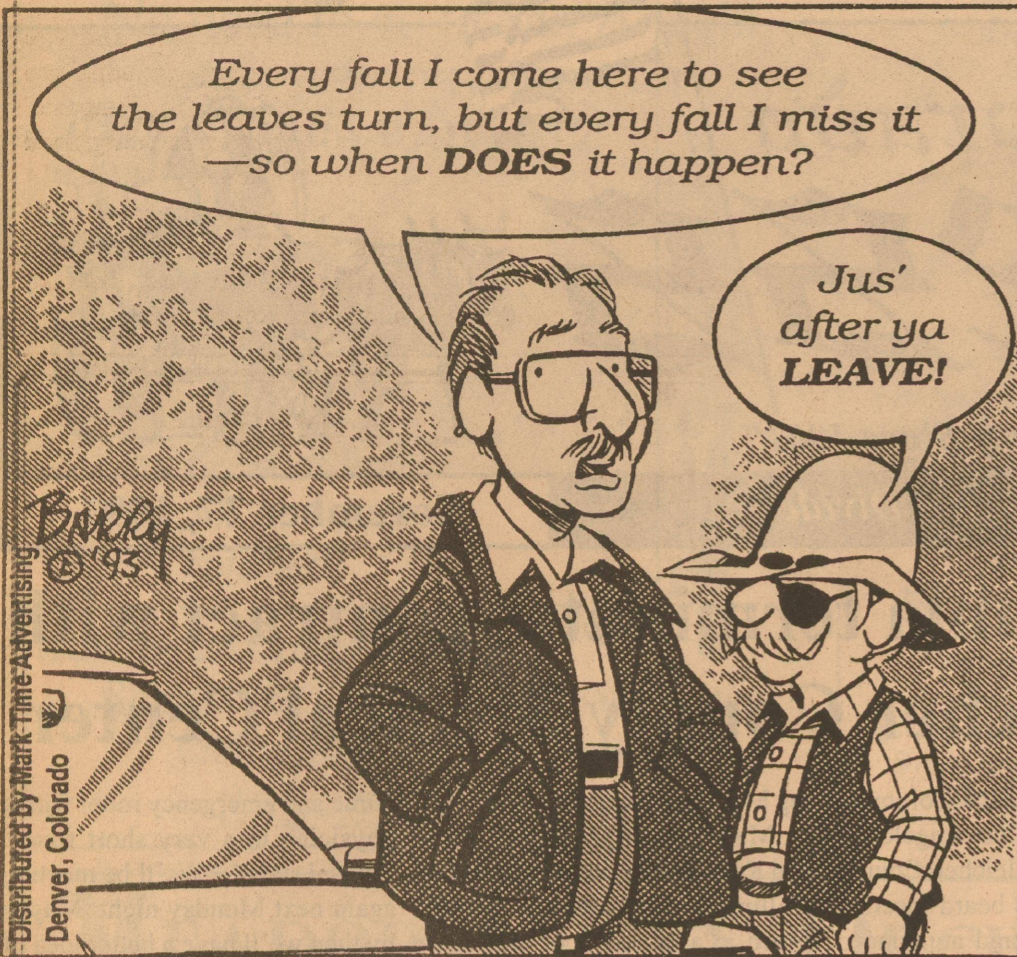
Pilgrim's progress — Terry Green portrayed a pilgrim woman named Susannah White for 2nd graders this week. Green told the students a story as she illustrated it on the blackboard.

## NOTICE

The Eldorado Success office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27th and Friday, Nov. 28th in observance of Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

**BUCKSHOT**

by Barry McWilliams



*Over the Back Fence*

by Randy Markin

A few years ago, an elementary school teacher in Ohio named Mrs. Brown gave her students a Thanksgiving assignment. They were to tell her, in a short sentence or two, what made them thankful.

"I tknfl 4 my hom," wrote one young man named Kyle.

"I am not thankful for to much," said a girl named Savanah. "My frends Sindy and Hether hav mor nic things lik dolls and cumputr gams."

While many responded that they were thankful for their parents, one youngster said he was glad his mother and dad were no longer living together. "Daddy use to hit Mom alot. Now its beter," he said.

A girl named Karan took two pages to complete the assignment. She mentioned her parents, brother, pastor and Sunday school teacher. She went on to include her dog and cat and finished by saying she was most thankful for Jesus.

Karan's penmanship was superb, her spelling perfect and her grammar flawless. But, near the bottom of the second page the teacher found scribbled, "PS my mom helpd me wit this an i am thankfl fore that to"

Often in today's world, we become so obsessed with our day-to-day lives that we overlook the things that are truly important. Thanksgiving offers us the oppor-

tunity to put things in perspective and say thank you to the Lord who created it all in the first place.

One of Mrs. Brown's students, a girl named Ashley, realized this and wrote. "I thenkfall god is good to me and give me good parnts who luv me."

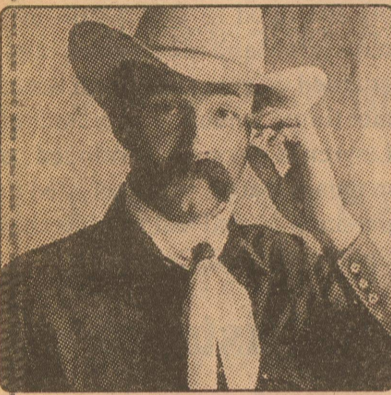
Mrs. Brown posted these responses on the internet where I found them. I am thankful to her for taking the time to share them.

Oh, I almost forgot, there was a boy named Billy who wrote, "I m tankfl for my dad. he is a good cook. I am thankfl for the ten condiments."

May this Thanksgiving find you and yours safe, healthy and happy. May each and every home know peace and joy this holiday season.

**The Dreaded Blue Box**

**BAXTER BLACK**



**ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE**

I had just finished loading 184 seven foot steel T-posts, old ones, by the way, in my pickup and unloading a mere 24 bales of hay from the front section of my gooseneck stock trailer. It was a hot, humid afternoon in early fall when the dead branches begin to stick out of the cottonwood greenery and the garden starts goin' to hell and no one cares. I could almost smell the cumin from Ramon's #6 Combination Plate being distilled in my sweat from lunch earlier. Then I saw the blue box.

The dreaded blue box. It was still in the stock trailer. It needed moved.

The blue box is a metal tool box I have had since I bought my first set of made in America side cutters thinking they would last longer. I have now realized that all side cutters have the sharpness longevity of fresh fruit. They should be thrown out about as often as you

empty the trash barrel in the shop. Anyway, over the years the blue box has become my chain holder. It will hold four or five good log chains. I have always said that a hundred pounds of salt weighs more than a hundred pounds of anything else. But a 10 by 10 by 18 inch metal tool box full of log chains is harder to carry than a sheet of plywood in a hurricane.

There are other things that can stimulate a similar sinking feeling, i.e. the same cow prolapsing for the third time, somebody commenting that my horse seems to be favoring his left front, or the bedside phone ringing in the deep of night.

I don't know exactly what it is about the old blue tool box that I dread. I've heaved it, moved it, loaded it, dropped it, pushed it and cursed it through a lifetime succession of jobs and homes, horses and kids, and ups and downs.

Maybe it's not because it's heavier than God's own anvil, clumsier than an ostrich in a Porta Potty, or uglier than a '58 Buick. No, maybe it's because I realize it's gonna outlive me a long time.

By its earthly clock I'm just a temporary passerby while it will still be here when men are walking on Pluto.

I have thoughts of storing my chains in a gunny sack, takin' the ol' tool box to the dump and reestablishing the peckin' order in my life. But everytime I get as far as step one, I see it layin' there like a concrete loaf of bread, like a two hundred pound rattlesnake and the dread sweeps over me in a wave.

So, I let it lay, or move it if I have to. I've come to realize there are some things you just can't do anything about.

**Garry Mauro announces his candidacy for Governor**

**AUSTIN** — Four-term Land Commissioner Garry Mauro announced his candidacy for governor last week in Bryan. "Fifty weeks to victory, my friends," Mauro told supporters.

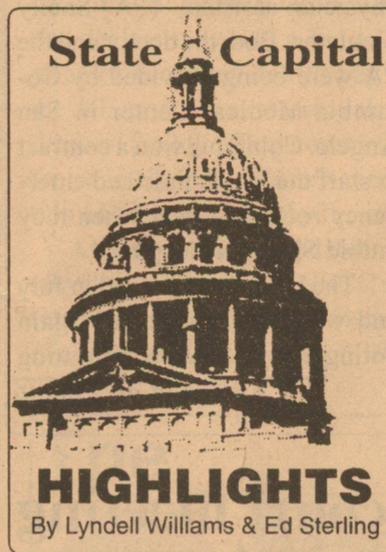
The 49-year-old is the only Democrat so far to challenge incumbent Republican Gov. George W. Bush. Mauro said his platform would include:

- Eliminating the 6.5 percent motor vehicle tax and compensating with higher "sin" taxes on tobacco, mixed drinks and liquor;
- Ensuring that HMO patients can choose doctors;
- Enforcing clean air standards and clean up toxic waste;
- Investing \$2 billion for school buildings, technology and a \$5,000 pay raise for teachers;
- Enforcing the 22-student limit on class size;
- Putting more police on streets; and
- Ending early release for felons.

But the centerpiece for Mauro's campaign will be his "Texas Families First" plan that would put more money into the pockets of taxpayers. "I believe the families of Texas deserve to be protected from the tax man on the basics of life --- no sales tax on shelter, transportation, food or medicine," he said.

Mauro ties the cost of his education proposal to an estimated 4.3 percent annual growth rate --- a projected \$7.6 billion --- in state revenues over the next biennium.

However, Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-



Mount Pleasant, has questioned Mauro's proposal, saying the \$7.6 billion is probably closer to \$3 billion or \$3.5 billion "in actual general revenue discretionary money." If so, Mauro's projections are indeed optimistic.

Ratliff is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and former chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

**Recertification Dropped**

Jim Nelson, chairman of the State Board for Educator Certification, said he will abandon a plan that would require current teachers to recertified every five years.

"I didn't know people felt so strongly about lifetime certification and the meaning of it," Nelson was quoted in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Nelson's 15-member board will vote Jan. 9 to change the proposal

requiring all Texas teachers to take 150 hours of training over five years to maintain their teaching licenses.

The board continues, however, to favor renewal requirements for new teachers who obtain licenses after the vote.

**PUC Files Legal Brief**

The Public Utility Commission of Texas filed a brief last week asking a federal court in Wichita Falls not to overturn a section of a federal law that keeps Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. out of the long-distance business until it has competition for local service.

The commission said the restriction is needed to protect consumers.

The brief is directly opposite to one filed by Attorney General Dan Morales, who argued that consumers would benefit if Southwestern Bell could enter the long-distance market.

**Doctors Fight Takeovers**

A group of doctors and nurses in Texas is organizing to push for a moratorium on for-profit takeovers of hospitals, insurance plans, HMOs and physicians' practices.

The Texas Ad Hoc Committee to Defend Health Care lists Dr. Ron Anderson, CEO of Dallas' Parkland Hospital, among its early supporters.

The group plans a series of teach-ins and meetings in hospitals, clinics, HMOs, nursing and medi-

cal schools to discuss health-care trends in Texas.

A similar ad hoc committee in Massachusetts had more than 2,000 signatures on its "call for action" earlier this year. The doctors rebelled against what they call the "industrialization of medicine."

**Other Capital Highlights**

Austin real estate broker Gary Dugger is the first Democrat to declare his candidacy for Texas Railroad Commission. Dugger, a political novice, whose father, Ronnie, founded the Texas Observer, pledged to make the agency more accountable to voters. He said the commission is too close to the oil and gas industry and "a blatant gentlemen's club."

The Texas attorney general's office has sued a Harlingen nursing home in the death of a patient who wandered away from the facility and was found dead. The lawsuit against Retama Manor Nursing Center accused the home of inadequately supervising 75-year-old Gloria Valadez. The attorney general's office is seeking civil penalties of up to \$10,000.

State District Judge John Dietz of Austin has refused to block rules approved by Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer that will require workers' compensation insurers to return \$195.3 million in surplus premiums to policyholders. Dietz refused to grant a temporary injunction blocking the new rules because insurers had failed to show they would probably win the suit.

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**A Celebration of Life**

*Rolling Along With*



**Tumbleweed Smith**

I have a friend who answers some of my questions. Yesterday I asked him why death should require a religious service and why there needs to be a sermon when someone passes away. He told me it was an old tradition, that the preacher tries to intercede on behalf of the deceased to do what he can to make sure the dead person gets into heaven.

I see.

My neighbor Tommy Hutto passed away the other day at the age of 85. He was a renowned quail hunter, an ex professional baseball player and a veteran of World War II.

Tommy was on my radio program a few years back. I went with him on a quail hunt. I tape recorded sounds of the hunt: the birds, the dogs, the walking in the grass, the shotgun blasts, Tommy's loud voice urging his dogs to work the birds.

Then I interviewed Tommy about bird hunting.

The day after Tommy died, his daughter called and told me the family was planning a "celebration of life" service for Tommy. She wanted to know if I would play that program as part of the service. I said sure.

It was one of the most beautiful tributes I've ever seen. His daughter and son spoke about how Tommy had taught them

about the outdoors and how to appreciate nature. Tommy's hunting friends went to the podium and told of humorous incidents Tommy was involved with over the many years they had hunted together. Photos of Tommy were displayed and a six minute video of his life's highlights was shown. The service was not religious but it was spiritual.

We hear so much about dysfunctional families these days we hardly hear of the functioning ones. Tommy certainly had one of those. His sister in law gave some very moving words about how Tommy had helped her and her mother over some hard times. She said she was glad her sister Ginny had married Tommy and how much fun they all had together.

Many of his friends family and neighbors were on hand for the service, which took place in the retirement center where Ginny now resides. It was a service of love, respect, honor. There was not a

single prayer spoken. There were few tears. It was a celebration of life and it was beautiful.

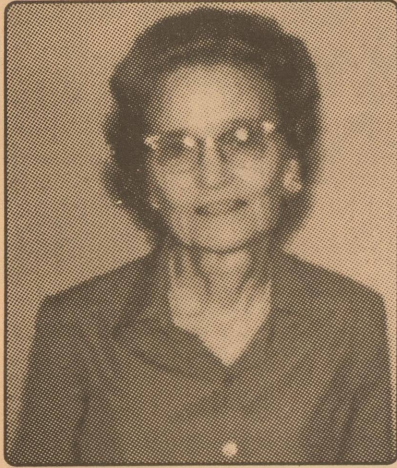
When it came my turn to be at the podium I talked about it being an appropriate day to pay tribute to Tommy: the opening day of quail hunting season. I played portions of Tommy's recorded voice talking about dogs he had owned, when he shot his first quail and why he liked to hunt. Interspersed with his voice were some of the sounds I recorded on that hunt years ago.

It meant a lot to me to be invited to be a part of such an outstanding program. I'm glad his son and daughter and all the other survivors decided to do it. There was no formal funeral. Friends went by the funeral home to pay their respects the night before the celebration of life service.

Tommy was cremated. His ashes were dropped from an airplane over the ranch where he hunted.

# Our Sympathy

## Wilma Ola Milligan Topliffe



ELDORADO - Wilma Topliffe, 86, passed away Thursday, Nov. 20, 1997, in Eldorado. Services were held Saturday, Nov. 22, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. George Lumpkin and the Rev. George Cantu officiating. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Wilma Milligan was born to Robert and Myrta Milligan on Dec. 1, 1910, in Coleman County near Rockwood. Her father farmed and ranched in that area and at an early age Wilma learned the ranching business. At the age of 7 Wilma drove 30 head of cows to water every day.

In 1923 her family moved to Schleicher County where her father had bought a ranch north of Eldorado. While attending school in Eldorado, Wilma lived in town with Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Doty during the week and helped Mr. Doty

### Earnest H. Sellers

ARTESIA, N.M. - Graveside services were held Monday, November 17, 1997 at Woodbine Cemetery for Earnest H. Sellers of Artesia. Sellers, age 74, died at his home November 13.

Revs. Wayne Allmon of Roswell and Scotty Martin of Artesia officiated.

Born July 7, 1923, in Breckenridge, Texas, to Earnest Howard Sellers, Sr. and Effie Butler. He married Jackie McClelland on June 3, 1955, in Lovington, New Mexico.

The couple came to Artesia from San Angelo, Texas, in 1956. Also, they had been a resident of Eldorado, Texas. The couple then went to El Paso, Texas in 1963 before coming back to Artesia in 1975.

Seller was a retired truck driver for Farah Manufacturing and a member of Hermosa Drive Baptist Church and the Moose Lodge. He was also a veteran and served in the Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife of the family home; daughter Kandy Lopez of El Paso; sons Eddie Sellers of Odessa, Texas and James Sellers and Larry Sellers both of Artesia; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## Birthdays

- November**  
 27th Jose Venegas, Virginia Fuentes, Arch Nixon, Rosa Cardenas  
 28th Kimery Garcia, Dora Beach, Martha Lee Meador, Pat Martin  
 29th Jim Glidden, Charles Kellogg, Abbie McCormick, Marie Spinks, Asa Nixon  
 30th Mary Buchholz, Victoria Fuentes, Imogene Newport, Abbey Hartgrove  
**December**  
 1st Joe Sanchez, Solia Rojas, Taylor Baker, Samantha Smith  
 2nd Norma Butler, Lupe Sanchez, Rita Meador, Johnny Bownds  
 3rd Gus Ward, Barry Wheeler  
 4th Ken Newman, Helen Page, Norris Sauer, Brittini Meyer, Ashley Hartgrove, Marcus Scott  
 5th Tyler David Martinez, Tina Rocha, Denisa Estep, Allene Halbert, Chuck Fitts, Teresa Gamez, Nicolas Giovannitti  
 6th Sarah Mankin, Debra Swinson, Mike Moore, Charlotte Mobley, Wesley Don Robinson, Carter Edmiston

## Anniversaries

- November**  
 27th Longino & Golla Pina  
 28th Roger & Debra Swinson, Domingo & Delia Pina  
 29th Mike & Nancy Sproul  
**December**  
 1st Jackie & JoAnn Heffernan

in his store. On the weekends she helped her father with the ranch work.

She graduated from Eldorado High School and then attended the University of Texas and graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor of journalism degree. She was a member of Theta Sigma Phi and Kappa Tau Alpha. Wilma taught school at Rudd and Bailey Ranch Schools in Schleicher County and at John H. Reagan in San Angelo.

She married E.H. "Top" Topliffe in 1938 at the Milligan Ranch and they moved to Baytown where both of their daughters were born. In 1944 Top and Wilma moved to Eldorado and purchased the butane gas business.

Through the years, Wilma was active in the Methodist Church, the Women's Club and the Schleicher County Public Library. The three most important things in her life were God, family and friends. She exemplified these in her life every day.

Wilma is survived by her husband, E.H. Topliffe; two daughters, Martha Ellen Tucker and her husband, Roger, of Big Spring and Myrta Ann Overby and her husband, Curt, of Plentywood, Mont.; two grandsons, Rex Tucker and his wife, Amy, of Midland and Keith Tucker of Odessa; and one sister, Roberta Ratliff of Roswell, N.M. She was blessed with care and love from many devoted friends.

The family requests memorials be sent to the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado or the Eldorado Public Library. The pallbearers will be Hal Whitten, Elton McGinnis, Gene Jones, Bob Lovelace, Jo Ed Hill and David Powell.



Boxed in — These Headstart students are boxing up goods to share with less fortunate neighbors on Thanksgiving. They are (L-R) Abigail Ussery, Ramon Medrano, Brittany Arredondo, Eric Estrada and Zachary Taylor

## Eldorado Woman's Club news

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club was held at the Bluebonne on November 11, 1997 at 12:30 p.m.

Club members enjoyed a Thanksgiving luncheon of turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings.

Following the luncheon, Program Leader, Pauline Burkhalter, introduced Mr. Kenneth Richardson as guest speaker. Mr. Richardson spoke on patriotism, related some of his experiences while serving his country in the army and recited several patriotic poems. His program was well received by club members.

A short business meeting followed the program. Plans were

made for the December meeting which will be held in the Rudy Sprigarelli home. Members are to bring a coffee mug to exchange during the Christmas party.

22 members and two guests answered roll call by naming a most admired public figure.

The meeting was adjourned with the reading of the Club Col-lect.

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**HEALTH CARE CLINIC OF ELDORADO**  
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 To schedule an appointment, please call  
**1-800-530-4143, extension 3235**  
**It's important**  
 Although women should get an initial mammogram by age 40, it's especially crucial for older women to have regular screenings because the risk of developing breast cancer increases with age. Women ages 40 or above should have annual screenings, because early detection is a key factor in successful treatment.  
  
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## It's A Girl!

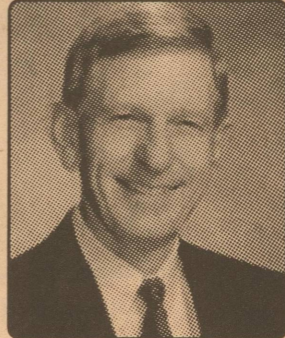
Tara Renee Youngblood was born November 11, 1997 in Fredericksburg at 4:53 p.m. She weighed 9 lbs, 6 ozs. and 21 inches long.

Welcoming her were her parents Joey and Robin Youngblood. Grandparents are Susie (Wagoner) and John Nichols and Eunice and Lester Duecker and Joe Youngblood. Great-grandparents are Damon and Nancy Wagoner, Bobby and Margarite Youngblood and Sandy Nichols.

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**Playing keep-away** — 7th grade Eagle Heath Andrew moves the ball in for a shot against Ozona as two 7th grade Lions try to take it away in Ozona last week.



# Hoop Scores



**Coach Rutherford's 8th Grade Girls November 13, 1997**  
Eldorado 35 - Ozona 47

Scoring for the team were: Brittany Key 1; Marina Lozano 1; Tabita Lloyd 7; Mitzi Sessom 6; Gentry Newman 2; Kristina Prater 2; Lee Ann Neal 3; Jackie Crawford 2; Samantha Smith 8 (Top Scorer); Jessie Calcote 2; Also playing were: Whitney Edmiston, Andrea Robles, Hallie Greer, Christi Belman, Melisas Mejia, Stephanie Mercado, Tana Williams, Mandi Daniels and Elibeth Montalvo. Scores for each quarter are 7 points scored in 1st quarter, 11 points scored in 2nd quarter, 5 points scored in the 3rd quarter and in the final quarter 12 points were put on the board.

**Coach Wanoreck's 8th Grade Boys November 24, 1997**  
Eldorado 27 - Sonora 41

Scoring for the team were: Ramon Barajas 5; Thomas Ballew 3; Wes Jones 1; Jimmy Joe Rodriguez 6; Michael Ramirez 2; Leonel Medrano 2; Tony Fay 6; Johnny Herrera 4; Benji Gonzales 7 (1-3 pointer). Also playing were: Dest Sudduth, Aaron Fuentes, Juan Diego Guzman. Scores for 1st quarter 10; 2nd quarter 12; 3rd quarter 4 and in the 4th quarter 11 points were made.

**Coach Lockhart 7th Grade Boys November 24, 1997**  
Eldorado 31 - Sonora 32

Scoring for the team were: Bobby Phillips 6; Ray Buitron 2; Buddy Greer 3; Benji Gonzales 9 (tied for Top Scorer) Ryan Adame 9 (tied for Top Scorer) and Nathanel Wolfe 2. Also playing were Buddy Greer, Heath Andrew, Matt Greenwood, J.L. Mankin and David Cantu. Scores for each quarter 11 points 1st quarter; 3 points in 2nd quarter; 4th points 3rd quarter and 13 points scored at the end.

**Coach Rutherford's 8th Grade Girls November 17, 1997**  
Eldorado 26 - Grape Creek 24

Scoring for the team were: Mitzi Sessom 8; Kristina Prater 2; LeeAnn Neal 2; Samantha Smith 14 (Top Scorer); Also playing were: Tana Williams, Brittany Key; Jessie Calcote; Marina Lozano; Tabita Lloyd; Whitney Edmiston, Andrea Robles, Christi Belman, Stephanie Mercado, Mandi Daniels and Elibeth Montalvo.



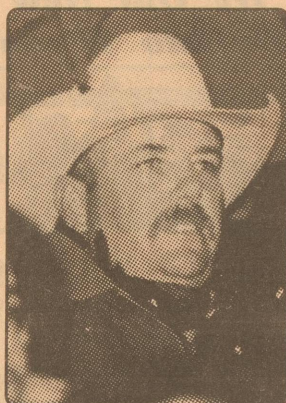
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Mitzi Sessom brings the ball down the court as the 8th Grade Lady Eagles fell to Ozona's 8th grade girls last week.



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**Easy does it** — Ray David Buitron lines up a freethrow in 7th grade basketball action this week.

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## W. Texas prospect show set for Dec. 13, in Ozona

The annual West Texas Prospect Show will be held in Ozona on Saturday, December 13th. Classes will be offered for market lambs and meat goats only this year - no Angora goats. To be eligible to show, exhibitors must be official 4-H members or members of FFA. There will be no limit on the number of animals each exhibitor may enter. Entry fees are \$10 per head, with the fees being used to cover the cost of awards. Entries

are not due ahead of time. Exhibitors will fill out entry cards upon arrival at the Prospect Show on December 13.

In the Market Lamb Show, either ewes or wethers may be shown. Only classes for finewool and finewool cross lambs will be offered. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be named in each breed.

In the Meat Goat Show, only mutton goats will be eligible for entry. A Champion and Reserve

Champion meat goat will be named.

Awards will also be given for Champion & Reserve Champion Jr. and Sr. Lamb Showman and Champion and Reserve Champion Jr. and Sr. Goat Showman.

For more information on the Prospect Show schedule or rules, contact your local County Extension Agent or call Miles Dabovich, Crockett County Extension Agent at 915-392-2721.



## Eldorado golf news... Turkey Shoot Tourney

The Turkey Shoot held on November 22, 1997 was a lot of fun and we had a large group of golfers show. This was our last scheduled tournament of the year.

Champion Flight Winners:  
Score 55 1st - O'Harrow, Roe, and Thomas;

Score 55 2nd - J. Bailey, Abbott, and Lee

Score 56 3rd place - Clark, Cartwright, and Finley.

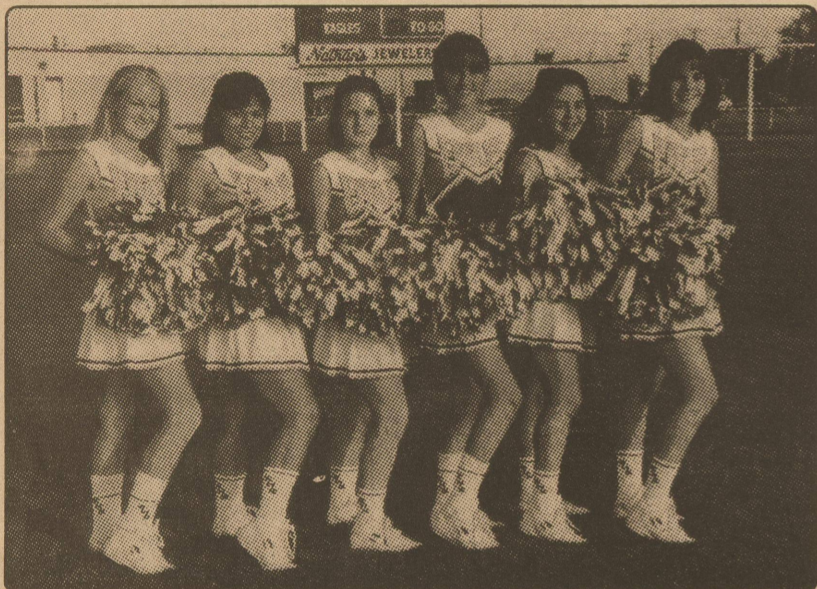
First Flight  
1st Reeve, Hinajosa, Crippin

with a score of 58; 2nd V. Gutierrez, C. Gutierrez, Peters, score 59; 3rd Craven, M. Freitag, J. Scott scored a 61.

Third Flight

1st place - Lozano, Aguiar, suia with score of 63; 2nd place - Monro, Van Court, Haines scored 54 and lastly B. Freitag, Cook, Speck.

The Golf Club members would like to express their appreciation to everyone involved with the tournament and for Mabel Freitag.



Two, four, six, eight — The 1997-98 EHS junior varsity cheerleaders are (L-R) Ashley Barton, Dee Martinez, Brandy Nixon, Ashley Holt, Vanessa Gonzalez and Lindsay Beach.

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12	Bryan Sproul	OB/LB	65	Anthony Leal	RG/DT
21	William Robledo	OB/LB	68	Adrian Dominguez	RG/LB
28	Blake Leggett	WR/R	70	Issac Saldivar	RT/DT
31	Louis Santellano	OB/SC	73	Patrick Fuentes	RT/DT
33	Kenny Covarrubiaz	OB/S	74	Kary Gibson	LT/DT
40	Alberto Fuentes	RT/DT	77	Gary Gibson	RT/DT
44	Coby Edmiston	WR/H	79	Matt Curtis	RT/DE
44	John Ray Espinosa	OB/LB	80	Davis Ray Rodriguez	WR/SC
45	Asa Nixon	OB/DE	82	Steven Valero	WT/SC
50	Rocky Robles	C/DE	88	Sammy Cabrera	WR/R
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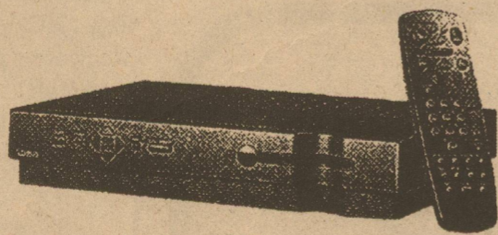
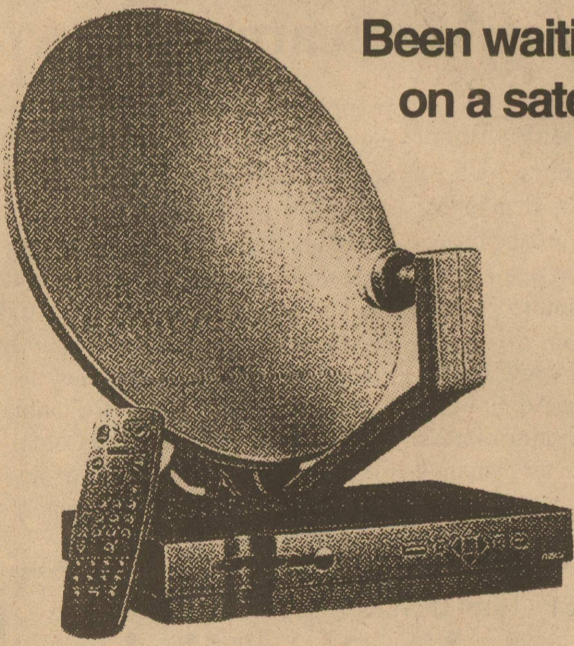
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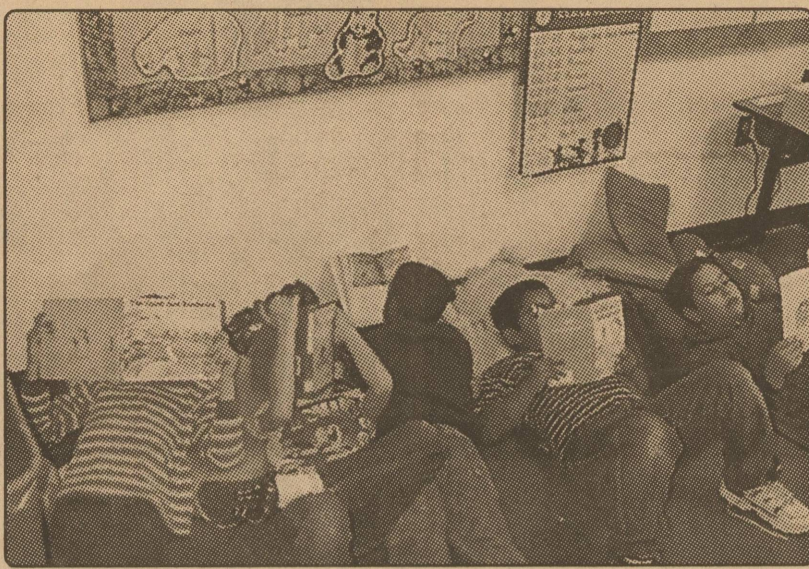
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**Bookworms** — Second graders (L-R) Clayton Sayer, J.P. Joiner, Michael Redish, Jorge Chavez and Steven Trevino take part in a Read-A-Thon held in the Elementary School on Monday.

## FSA news - COC election set

The Schleicher County FSA Committee election will be held this year on December 1, 1997. Ballots have been mailed to producers and their spouses. If you did not receive a ballot and you should have received one, please come by the office at 510 South Divide to request one. The ballots will be counted Thursday, December 4, 1997 at 9:00 AM at the Schleicher County FSA Office.

The candidates for LLA 1 are Matt Brown, Robert Buchholz, Cindy Cawley, Pierce Holt, and Pat Jackson; for LAA 2 are Mike Lux, Lanis Mikeska, Connie Harbour, and Mitch Jurecek; for LAA 3 are Claire Powell, Ray Willoughby, Brian Edmiston, and Norris Sauer. The candidate that receives the most votes will be

elected to serve as the COC member, the second most votes serves as the first alternate of that LAA, and the third most votes serves as the second alternate for the LAA. The duties of County FSA Committee member include:

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- keeping the State FSA Committee informed of county conditions.
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- participating in county meetings as necessary
- performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee.

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

## TX teachers encouraged by SBEC decision

Austin - The state's largest educator's group welcomed the announcement by the chairman of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) that the board will reverse its earlier proposal requiring current teachers to renew their certificates every five years.

Mr. Nelson made his surprise announcement at a hearing in Amarillo, Monday November 19, 1997 that was attended by teachers and administrators. It is one of many the board is conducting statewide to hear first-hand from those who will be most affected by the board's proposals.



## Dorothy's Movie Time

by Dorothy Dacy

A very special "thanks" to all my movie review readers who have called or come by in person to tell me how much they miss my weekly column. As you've guessed by now, I've given it up. After three years and a half years, I felt it was time. Randy and Kathy have encouraged me to do articles from time to time (of my own choosing) and to provide information on my family, grandchildren, vacations, etc.

Monroe's mother (and the best mother-in-law anyone could ask for) has recently moved to a nursing home in Fredricksburg. Her daughter, Jean, is a nurse there and can take care of Mary Charles every day. Still, this was a difficult decision for all involved, and I'd like to share this story from the November issue of "Guideposts" magazine.

"The x-rays are negative your mother is going to be okay," the calm, professional voice on the phone said when I called Mom's nursing home long-distance. I was confused by the impromptu reassurance. WHAT X-RAY? AND WHY wouldn't MY MOTHER BE OKAY? I had called just to say hello.

Before I could get any answers I found myself on hold while someone fetched Mom. In that short but amazingly interminable wait I was swept up by a damburst of worry. HAVE MY OLDER BROTHER AND SISTER SHIELDED ME FROM

SOMETHING? WHY WOULD THEY X-RAY HER IF NOTHING WAS WRONG? I wanted to pray, but I was too busy worrying. At last the nurse said, "Hang on, she's on her way."

"Wait!" I shouted, and demanded an explanation.

It all came out. Mom had been dancing when she took a spill and sprained her wrist. The nurse was new and had confused me with my brother, who had already been apprised of events. I felt myself sag with relief. All I could say was "DANCING?"

When Mom got on the line she had little recollection of having hurt herself, though she allowed she might have been overdoing it. (In fact, she had been jitterbugging at a birthday party for another patient on her Alzheimer's unit.) "You know me, she said, "Always on the go." Just like my imagination. When the nurse said everything was okay I immediately assumed something was wrong. Instead of reaching for faith, I reached for worry. Often I am quick to assume the worst, but if I allow myself to trust God then I must believe He wants only the best for me.

LORD, TEACH ME TO TURN TO YOU RATHER THAN TO MYSELF IN MOMENTS OF CRISIS...Edward Grinnan

Until next time: Lord, may you bounty teach me greatness of heart. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!



**Notin' like a good book** — Darci Bick, a second grader at Eldorado Elementary participated in a Read-A-Thon held Monday morning.

## SCMC loses Medicare contract

Continued from Page 1

and transferring patients without documented evidence of a physician's evaluation. Then in October, the inspector cited the hospital a third time, pointing again to the way patients were admitted and/or transferred by the P.A.

That was the final straw for the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) which administers Medicare's funds. A letter demanding SCMC voluntarily surrender its contract with the government and

reapply for certification was received by Roddie last week and a special meeting of the board was called.

In all, the board met three times last week before finally agreeing to the termination. But when they did so, they directed Roddie to promptly reapply for recertification. They also wanted Roddie to notify Columbia that they (the board) wanted Columbia to reimburse SCMC for any money it might lose while reapplying for certification.

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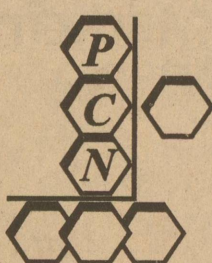
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**Marching Esparzas** — Four members of the Esparza family were in the Mighty Eagle marching band when it advanced to State recently. They are (L-R) Macario, Vicky, Pascual and Xochitl Esparza.

## The Esparza/Eagle Band

by: *Tiffany Case*

Out of 86 members of the Eagle marching band, four of them were Esparzas. Macario, Vicky, Pascual, and Xochitl Esparza all played a major part in the band this year. Macario, Pascual, and Xochitl all played the trombone, while Vicky played the piccolo. Macario and Vicky are going to graduate this year, but Pascual and Xochitl will still be eligible to play in the band next year.

For close to five months, the four Esparzas worked hard with the band. All of them came to school for two weeks during the summer to rehearse with the

band. In addition to the work they did in the summer, every Tuesday they attended marching practice.

In the end, all of their hard work paid off when the band advanced to state. When asked how she felt when she found out that the band advanced to state, Vicky said, "I was happy because this is my senior year."

At state, the band played well enough to get eighth place out of thirteen bands. Even though the band did not win the competition, they were proud to have gotten to go in the first place.

## College entrance exams slated

by *Kirk Curtis*

Time is running out for high school seniors planning to attend college to take the essential exams for college entry. Most colleges and universities require that incoming freshmen take either the SAT I or the ACT prior to submitting their application.

The TASP must also be taken by all students before acceptance into a college or a university. There are certain provisions for students who have taken the ACT and/or TAAS test that can exempt them from the TASP exam. If a student is unsure if he or she is exempt, please consult Mrs.

Hodges for more information. TASP tests will be administered only on February 28, 1998, with the deadline for registration being January 30.

Students are advised to register as early as possible for these examinations so as to eliminate unnecessary late registration fees and ensure students reserve a position at the test center of their choice.

Eldorado High School has been registered to administer the ACT only on April 4 and has not been registered to administer the SAT. Test dates and registration deadlines are available at Mrs. Hodges' office.

## Kids Kampus country trip

by: *Evelyn Quintan and Alana Oliver*

On Friday, November 14, the Kids Kampus children were taken by their sponsor, Mrs. Wink, on a trip to Christoval to visit Mrs. Meir's ranch. The children took this trip to learn more about the wilderness of which, they had been studying about for the past couple of weeks. They have been studying about the Native American way of life and the pictographs that were painted on cliff rocks. Along with four P.A.L. members and their sponsors the group walked along backwood trails, found flints, and had a chance to eat trail mix.

The children enjoyed the trip and came back to Kids Kampus to roast

frankfurters. P.A.L. members that helped the kids in roasting the franks were Tiffany Case, Renee Edmiston, Vicky Esparza and Candice Rivers.

## It's debatable!

by *Jackie Barrera*

One of this year's UIL debate team member is sophomore, Evelyn Quintana. When asked what debate is about, Evelyn said that it is an area where you compete in a meet and your main goal is to try to prove your issue right from wrong.

The competition is between one team who is affirmative and the other who is negative on the topic about environmental issues. To prepare for the competitions the members read information on their positions and information.

Other members of the debate team are: Kirk Curtis, Beau Sallee, Lonnie Middleton, Daniel Sanchez, Louis Martinez, and Kate Kosub.

## Math and Science meet held

by *Tabitha Garcia*

On Saturday, November 16, several E.H.S. students participated in the annual San Angelo Central Math/Science Meet. In the Calculator Contest, the Eldorado team placed third overall in the tenth grade division. Larry Nicholson placed third, Brandy Nixon placed fourth and Jess Martin placed eleventh.

In the twelfth grade Calculator Contest, Renee Edmiston placed fourth.

In the Science Contest, Eldorado placed second overall. In the twelfth grade division, Lindsey Griffin placed second, Kirk Curtis placed sixth, and Renee Edmiston placed seventh. Top

Senior Chemistry Score was Lindsey Griffin. In the tenth grade division, Jess Martin placed first, Haley Edmiston placed second, and Brandy Nixon placed fourth. Top tenth grade Biology was Jess Martin. Top Sophomore Chemistry was Haley Edmiston and Top Sophomore Physics was Haley Edmiston. Overall Top Biology was Jess Martin and Overall Top Chemistry was Lindsey Griffin.

In the Computer Science Contest, Kirk Curtis placed tenth in the senior division.

The Mathematics team placed fourth overall. Jess Martin placed sixth and Larry Nicholson placed seventh in the sophomore division.

## Eldorado High School Teacher conference periods

by *Vicky Esparza*

The high school principal, Ken Newman, would like to inform the parents when the high school teachers have their conference period. If any parents wish to be informed of their child's progress, grades or problems with any of the courses he or she is taking, Mr. Newman asks that you contact the teacher and set up an appointment with that teacher.

Teresa Baker.....	2:06	-	2:51	p.m.
Angela Case.....	2:06	-	2:51	p.m.
Alan Gillespie.....	2:06	-	2:51	p.m.
Tom Gray.....	2:55	-	3:40	p.m.
Tiffany Harris.....	11:54	-	12:29	a.m.
Candace Henry.....	9:42	-	10:27	a.m.
Robert Jay.....	9:42	-	10:27	a.m.
Amy McCown.....	11:54	-	12:39	p.m.
Chris McCravey.....	2:55	-	3:40	p.m.
Gina Muela.....	9:42	-	10:27	a.m.
Sherrie Pierce.....	8:53	-	9:38	a.m.
Paige Ragsdale.....	11:54	-	12:39	p.m.
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Don Richters.....	8:53	-	9:38	a.m.
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Su Scott.....	1:17	-	2:02	p.m.
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## EMS tryouts for dist. band

by: *Vicky Esparza*

Last Saturday 17 band students from Middle School traveled to Ballinger for district tryouts. Of those students who tried out, 15 placed in either of the two bands. These students will perform a concert this coming Saturday in Llano and the concert will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Llano High School auditorium. Placings were as follows:

**Symphonic Band:** Clarinets: Christi Jo Belman (2), Samantha Smith (6), Christina Reddish (12) and Andrea Robles (15). Trumpets: Mitzi Sessom (1), Maria Hernandez (8), and Tana Williams (9).

**Concert Band:** Flutes: Gentry Newman (2) and Brandi Davis (7). Clarinets: Kathy Gonzalez (2), Quisto Gonzalez (3), and Leah Wolfe (11). Trumpet: Kimberly Height (4). French Horn: Michael Ramirez (2).



photo by Kathy Mankin

**Would you look at that** — Jeanie Olivarez and Brittany Olivarez (foreground) check out a hedgehog in Mrs. Case's (background) room. She and other parents took part in an Open House at the High School last Thursday evening.

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## Elementary Read-out held

by *Trisha Martinez and Candi Saldivar*

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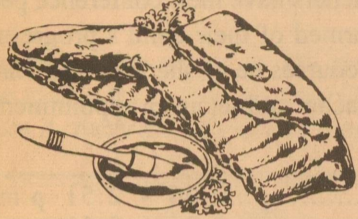
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Egor the Eagle, my mom & dad, my teachers, my class, my church - Jessie Valero;  
Mrs. O'Harrow, mom & dad, for food, Pilgrims, I am thankful for God - Jorge Mata;  
For mom & dad, for my family, for Pilgrims, for Eldorado, for church, for Mrs. O'Harrow - Marybell Fuentes;  
My mom & dad, church, houses, Eldrados, God, Mrs. O'Harrow, Eagles, Mrs. Beach, and friends - Franky Sanchez;  
My house, my family, my teacher, God, and to read - Pedro Garcia;

My family, my mom & dad. I am thankful for Mrs. Sessom - Heather Brook;  
My brain & my heart - Michael Villavicencio;  
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My teachers, & my family - Clark Meyer;  
My mom & dad - Abigail Salazar;  
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My family & my cousins - Erika Estrada;  
My family & Jesus - Matthew Hill;  
My teachers & my house - David Ramirez;  
My family & my brothers & sisters - Nadia Santellano;  
My mom & dad, & sisters & my teachers & my glasses - Diana Heranandez;  
For reading, playing football, going to church, turkey & mom & dad - Mr. Morio Gorzo;

For my family, nature, God, Eagles, & Mrs. Beach - Daniel Sanchez;  
Mrs. Sessom, Mrs. Gutierrez, Mrs. Edmiston, Mrs. Beach, Mrs. O'Harrow & pizza - Lance Hernandez;  
My family, my house, my food, my body, & my church - J.P. Joiner;  
1. My mom. 2. My dad. 3. My brother. 4. My family - Manny Gonzalez;  
For God & my family & friends & the land - Michael Redish;  
For God, church, houses, families Thanksgiving - Natasha Rana Fuentes;  
For God, friends, family & church - Rosa Linda Rios;  
Mrs. Sessom, my school, my parents, Jesus, & Mrs. Parker - LiAna Danford;  
For food, Mrs. Sessom, & family - Austin McBroom;  
My food, & my friends, & I am thankful for Chelsey, I'm thanful for Mrs. Sessom - Leslie Cruz;  
I am thankful for three things. My family, my friends & for God -

Chelsey Hill;  
My mom, my dad, my food, my house, Miss Sessom - Darci Vick;  
I am thankfl for God, my family, my dog, I'm not in the hospital, I'm healthy, and I hav a frand name J.P. - Clayton Allan Sauer;  
I am thankfl for God, food, family, Mrs. Sessom, brothers, dog, Peace, and church - Jorge Chavez;  
My family, my Church, my teacher Mrs. Sessom, my granma & granpa & my house - Kassandra Lynn Tyler;  
Thankful for pizza, God, Egor, mom, dad, & my brothers & sisters. My grandmothers too - Joy Martinez;  
Thankful for my dogs, I like to read books, I love my family. I can see for with my syes - Nancy J. Hernandez;  
Thankful for mom & dad, God, food, Eagles and teachers - Leo Aguirre.  
Thankful for my church, water, brains, teachers & family - Luis Huichapa;  
Thankful for mom & dad, my family, God, church, & teachers - Steven Trevino.

**County commissioners meeting held**

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proved with the notation that the work would be billed out a regular rates.

The court then called for bids for a transport load of diesel fuel and a transport load of unleaded fuel for the road department. Bids will be opened at the next regular meeting on December 8th.  
DPS trooper Robert Bybee met with the commissioners next to discuss the purchase of a new computer. Bybee noted that the computer he had been using had malfunctioned and asked the county's help in acquiring another. Bybee said that he didn't like doing paperwork and that a computer would speed up the process and allow him to spend more time on patrol.

After discussing the price tag for the purchase, the commissioners authorized the acquisition.  
Commissioner Mayo noted the county had purchased a radar unit, a hand held intoxolizer and a video tape machine for the DPS in recent months. He then asked Bybee if it was customary for county government to make such purchases. Bybee noted that each county handles things differently and said he appreciated the assistance he had received from Schleicher County.  
Next, the commissioners took up the question of year-end bonuses for county employees. Since public entities aren't supposed to award Christmas or any other type of bonus, Schleicher County each year avoids the issue by making "salary adjustments". This year, as in past years, the commissioners agreed to

make a one-time salary adjustment for its employees. The adjustment is based on years of service with the county at \$50 per year up to 10 years, making the maximum salary adjustment \$500.  
Discussion then turned to the purchase of a new copier for the county clerk's office. Representatives from Xerox were on hand to discuss an updated system with the court and did so at length. However, County Clerk Peggy Williams was out of town, so the men delayed a decision until they could confer with her.  
The men next learned that U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, who had planned to visit Eldorado in December, had cancelled due to a conflict in her schedule.  
They reviewed and approved the county's bills before adjourning.

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**Tuesday, Dec. 2nd**  
Beef Tacos/ Cheese, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Cherry Vanilla Pudding  
**Wednesday, Dec. 3rd**  
Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Pork & Beans, Pineapple Slices, Brownies  
**Thursday, Dec. 4th**  
Fish Strips, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Cole Slaw, Chocolate Cake/Icing  
**Friday, Dec. 5th**  
Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Lemon Pudding
- Breakfast**  
**Monday, Dec. 1st**  
Peaches, Pancakes/Syrup  
**Tuesday, Dec. 2nd**  
Grape Juice, Breakfast Pizza  
**Wednesday, Dec. 3rd**  
Pear Slices, Eggs/Toast/Jelly  
**Thursday, Dec. 4th**  
Orange Juice, Biscuits/Gravy/Steak Fingers  
**Friday, Dec. 5th**  
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Roll/Cheese Stick
- Fastfoods**  
**Monday, Dec. 1st**  
Chili Dogs, Pork & Beans, Applesauce, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, White Cake/Icing  
**Tuesday, Dec. 2nd**  
Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Cherry Vanilla Pudding  
**Wednesday, Dec. 3rd**  
Chef Salads, Crackers (8), Pineapple Slices, Brownies  
**Thursday, Dec. 4th**  
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Eldorado Middle School band members performed in with the District Band Symphonic and Concert bands in Llano on November 22nd. They were: (Front L-R) Kimberly Hight, concert - trumpet; Kathy Gonzalez, concert - clarinet; Leah Wolfe, concert - clarinet; Christina Redish, symphonic - clarinet; Brandi Davis, concert - flute; Back (L-R) Michael Ramirez, concert - french horn; Quisto Gonzalez, concert - clarinet; Andrea Robles, symphonic - clarinet; Tana Williams, symphonic - trumpet; Miltzi Sessom, symphonic - trumpet; Cristie Jo Belman, symphonic - clarinet; Maria Hernandez, symphonic - trumpet; Gentry Newman, symphonic - flute; Samantha Smith, symphonic - clarinet; Dest Sudduth, concert - baritone.



## 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.

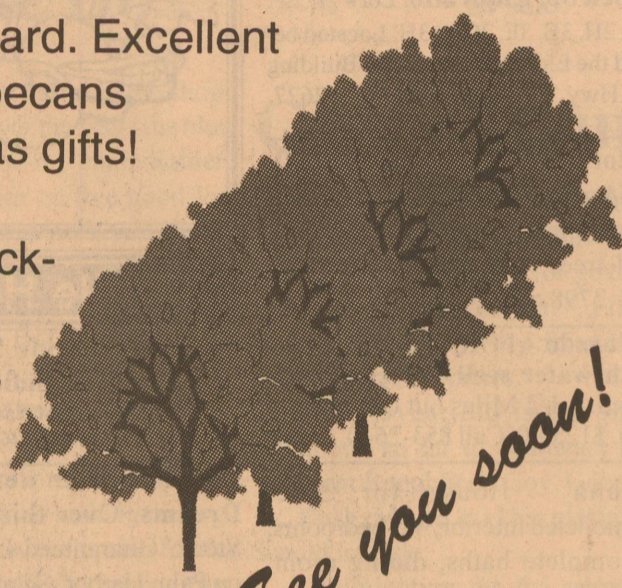
In its five years of existence, the waste tire recycling program has eliminated more than 600 illegal tire dumps containing nearly 20 million used tires. In the first six months of 1997 more than 208 million pounds of scrap tire material were diverted to recycling markets.

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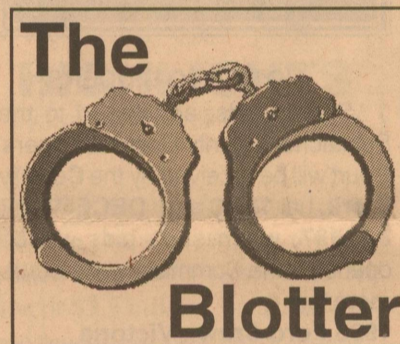
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 11-17-97 Machuca, Steven S., male age 25, arrested by Schleicher Sheriff's Office for Failure To Appear and Driving While License Suspended. Still being held.  
 11-19-97 Theis, Kevin D. male age 23, arrested for Public Intoxication, released to Irion County Sheriff's Office.  
 Thompson, Shannon D., female age 22 being held for Sutton County Sheriff's

Office. Arrested for possession Control Substance and possession of Marijuana.

11-20-97 Fleming, Jimmy D., male age 47, arrested by Schleicher County Sheriff Officer for Burglary of Habitation. Still being held.

Fleming, Kelly J., female age 21, arrested by Schleicher County Sheriff's Officer for Burglary of Building. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

11-21-97 Magallan, Isacc, male age 18, Tom Green Sheriff's Office hold for Tom Green County Sheriff Office still being held.

11-22-97 Martinez, Maribel M., female age 22, arrested by Schleicher County Officer on DPS warrants \$572.00, released fines paid.

11-23-97 Robertson, Robert E. male age 35, arrested by Irion County Officer, Driving While Intoxicated (1st offense). Released to Irion County.

Mendez, Jaun M., male age 18, ar-

rested by Schleicher County Sheriff's Officer for Public Intoxication. Released on citation.

11-24-97 Nerio, Carlos R., male age 22, arrested by Department Of Public Safety for Traffic Offense total \$442.29. Still being held.

### Reports

11-18-97 Request for ambulance on 911 to local residence.

11-19-97 Caller phoned Sheriff's Office and stated that they had hit a deer and requested this office to contact a wrecker to tow in vehicle.

11-20-97 Assist Motorist - Unlock vehicle.

Caller requested an officer to put a deer out of it's misery, that had been hit by vehicle. Game Warden contacted and reported to Sheriff's Offices shot fired.

Caller requested an ambulance. Stated that their child was having trouble breathing. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

Doctor requested an ambulance for a patient transfer to San Angelo hospital. EMS 2 responded.

Larceny Theft - Gas drive off in Christoval reported blue Chevy pick-up with RV. Amount \$7.85. Unable to locate.

11-21-97 Assist Motorist - Caller requested that an officer to help them unlock vehicle.

Caller requested an officer to San Antonio Street for a Civil Stand - By.

Assist Motorist - Request for an officer to unlock vehicle.

11-22-97 Complainant requested an officer to go to Field St. They spotted kids going into the residence. Subject stated that the kids (2) had BB guns. Officer made contact with juveniles. They stated they were hunting birds and that they had not entered the residence.

Grass Fire - Caller requested Fire Dept. for a grass fire at ranch. 2 units of Sheriff's Dept. and 3 Fire Dept Units were sent. Subject advised fire was out and told all units to disregard.

11-23-97 Caller reported to Sheriff's Office that their vehicle had broke down and that someone will come to tow away.

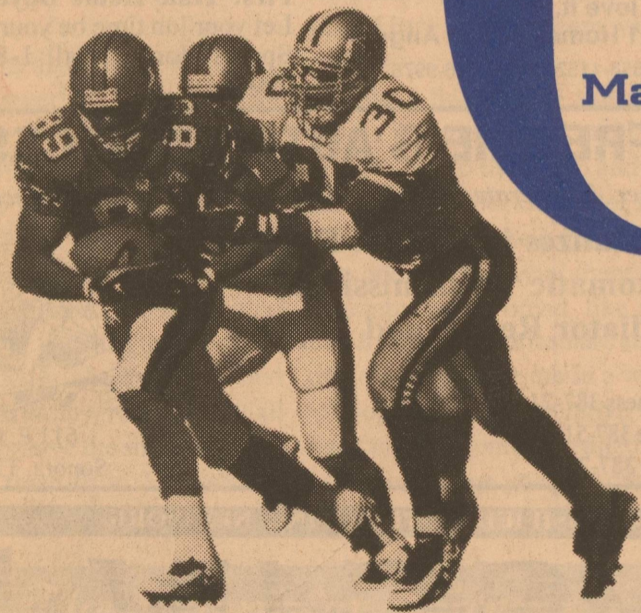
Caller reported that there will be a control burn of Johnson Grass out in the center of a field.

Theft - Caller reported that someone had stolen a baby goat from their back year. The goat is described as very young, still on the bottle, male, white with black flank. Was last seen approx. 6:00 p.m. this date.

11-24-97 Vehicle Accident - Caller reported a vehicle accident on N. Divide and Fields. There were no injuries reported. Two officers responded to accident scene.

Suspicious Person - Caller phoned and reported a suspicious person on Robertson. Caller stated that they heard a shot fired shortly after seeing the subject. Officer responded and found nothing to be at the location or any suspicious person.

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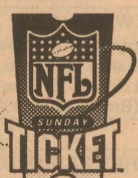
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