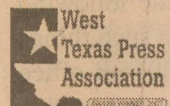


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Headin' for Paydirt



Eagles receiver Dustin Gauna hauled in this pass and headed for the end zone on Friday night in Stealing City. The Eldorado Eagles scored 48, first half plus three more in the second half as the Warbirds coasted to a 48-0 victory over the Eldorado is 2-1 in district play and 3-3 on the season.

U.S. Supreme Court to hear

The United States Supreme Court agreed Monday to hear an appeal of a 2004 money laundering case that originated with a traffic stop here in Schleicher County. By taking the case the court has agreed to decide if merely hiding drug money laundering in Humberto Fidel Regalado Cuellar, a citizen of Mexico, was convicted of money laundering in Federal District Court by Schleicher County Deputy Sheriff Kevin Herbert after he observed Cuellar driving slowly in a 70 mile-per-hour zone. Cuellar was also seen to be swerving, causing Herbert to suspect the driver might be intoxicated, according to court documents.

Herbert, who was soon joined by DPS Trooper Danny Nuñez and Schleicher County K-9 officer Jason Chatham, After Chatham's drug dog Brutus alerted behind the front seat of Cuellar's white Volkswagen. The officers located a removable panel that covered a hidden compartment. Inside the compartment the lawmen found several bundles of cash, wrapped in duct tape and secured inside blue WalMart bags. The bundles were each labeled with various dollar amounts that later proved to correspond to the amount of cash in cash.

drivers

For Texas students, the most part of their journey to and from crossing the street to board a school bus after exiting one. During the 2006 school year, no students were killed in this critical part of their journey to and from school, but passing motorists pose the greatest danger to students.

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Wow, I really missed out on a lot of exciting stuff in 2007!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

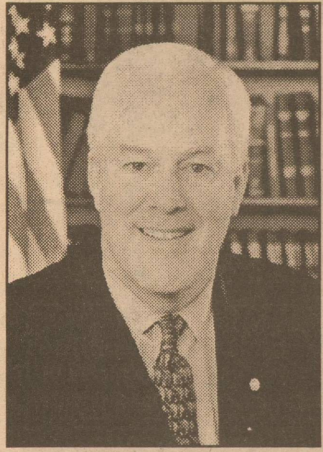


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Rip Ford: May He Rest in Peace

The unique Texas we know today grew from the dreams of determined settlers and the courage of brave men and women willing to risk their lives for their chosen land. History barely records many of their names. Others became legends. Somewhere in between are leaders of yesteryear who have since faded from our history's front page.

One such forgotten giant was a Texas Ranger who earned the unforgettable nickname of "Rip." John Salmon Ford first served with the Rangers during the Mexican War in 1847. One of Ford's duties



Commentary by U.S. Senator John Cornyn

was recording the death of Americans killed in the war. After each name in the ledger, as a sign of respect, he wrote "Rest in Peace." As the number of death notices increased, he eventually shortened the phrase to "RIP," and a nickname was born.

Most early Texans came here for opportunity, fortune, adventure or escape. Following dissolution of a broken marriage in Tennessee, John S. Ford rallied to the call for Texas' independence. He arrived here in 1836, too late to join Gen. Sam Houston at San Jacinto, but his subsequent career in Texas public life will never be duplicated.

While service as a Texas Ranger propelled him to fame, that represented only one part of his storied life. At different times along the way, Ford was a doctor making house calls in San Augustine and Shelbyville, a legislator in Austin, a newspaper editor, surveyor, political leader, Indian fighter, explorer and historian. And he served as mayor of two cities, Austin and Brownsville.

Rip Ford was, as historian T. R. Fehrenbach wrote, "...the only man in Texas history who was involved in a major way in every action or controversy of the time." He was a hard charger who "...instinctively went where the action was."

He was at the forefront during Texas' push for statehood and later for secession, becoming a political adversary of Sam Houston in the process. Ford commanded Confederate soldiers and cavalrymen from horseback in the final land combat of the U.S. Civil War, winning the Battle of Palmito Ranch near Brownsville. He later led Texas Rangers defending the state's borders.

"He had a smile that radiated strength; this, his optimism, his energy, his gusto and exhilaration aroused in others not envy but a self-confidence that made them aware of their own possibilities," wrote Stephen B. Oates, editor of Ford's memoirs. He was also known to long "for the saddle and the wild life of a volunteer ranger."

He brought to Texas a spark—a fearless and dogged personality—that helped sculpt the image of Texas as it emerged during its formative years as a republic and as a state. With it, though, came flaws and prejudices common even among legends. Their adversaries called the early Texas Rangers "Los Diablos Tejanos"—the Texas Devils. One writer described them as "saviors to Texans, devils to their enemies."

Ford helped define a breed of early Texas leaders who recognized that when adversity or opportunity arose, so must their willingness to seize the challenge and meet it head on. Their take-charge style created a template for Texas leaders for generations to come.

Texas was settled by men and women from all walks of life, who shared one quality: courage. For some, their individual valor is well recorded by history. The service of others will join with those of their colleagues to form a collective record of grit, ability and accomplishment. It is a legacy well worth preserving.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee.

Imus and the Teddy Bear

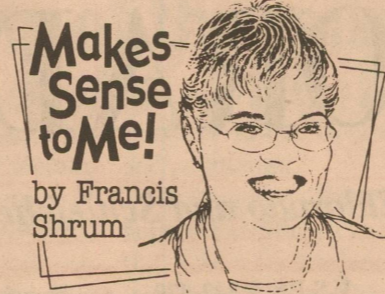
Don Imus, radio's shock-jock, has been saying things for years that are intended to make his point with brash disregard for common courtesy. He just happened to finally say in public something that was not only morally but politically repulsive, and he paid a price for it.

It was akin, for Imus, to being sentenced to 15 days in a Sudanese prison, listening to mobs cry out for blood, because you allowed your students to name a teddy bear in honor of their deity.

Recently, an English teacher who actually suffered that fate and Don Imus were both given back their freedom. What a contrast in human behavior. The school teacher was let out of prison. Don Imus went back on the air.

Don Imus, by his own admission, has lived anything but an exemplary lifestyle. He's suffered a wide range of physical and behavior addictions -- the most unfortunate being his appetite for spouting insults and filthy language on the public airwaves. Equally unfortunate is that the American public has enabled the latter addiction to the point he forgot it needed controlling.

After a long and colorful run of insulting dialogue -- which earned him the dubious title of "equal op-



portunity offender" -- in his dotage he happened to comment that a major women's basketball team looked like "nappy-headed hos."

Everyone will agree that was an ugly thing to say and, apparently, it was the political straw that broke the camel's back. They fired the old guy.

Imus is, however, not a stranger to falling down and getting back up. In fact, while in very public exile, he threatened to sue CBS over the five-year, \$40 million contract he signed just before his racial faux pas. He settled for an undisclosed amount in August.

It is my personal feeling that if Imus never spoke another word in public, we wouldn't be any the worse off. However, like Martha Stewart, Bill Clinton and Richard Nixon, to name just a few of those who got good and dirty and then punished a little, America seems poised to love Don Imus all the more.

Meanwhile, the unfortunate teacher in Khartoum, Sudan, who let her students name their class teddy bear after Muhammad won't be welcomed back with open arms to the Islamic community where she was teaching. In fact, she was lucky to escape with her life -- protesters staged demonstrations demanding the death penalty for her "offense." Gillian Gibbons, however, apologized. "I have great respect for the Islamic religion and would not knowingly offend anyone... I am very sorry that I will be unable to return to Sudan."

Imus, on the other hand, given free access to the media community that had sentenced him to a few days off, wasn't nearly so contrite nor conciliatory. Upholders of political correctness everywhere sighed when he said, "Dick Cheney is still a war criminal, Hilary Clinton is still Satan, and I'm back on the radio."

I wonder what Imus would have named the teddy bear.

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Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

If you've ever suffered from thermostat wars at your office, you might be interested in the following fact: Those who research such things conducted a study in 2004 on office temperatures. The results showed that workers were less productive and made more mistakes when office temperatures dropped from 77 F to 68 F.

Anyone who has read her works will not be surprised to learn that it was 19th-century novelist Jane Austen, one of the most widely read and best-loved writers in British literature, who made the following observation: "There certainly are not so many men of large fortune in the world as there are pretty women to deserve them."

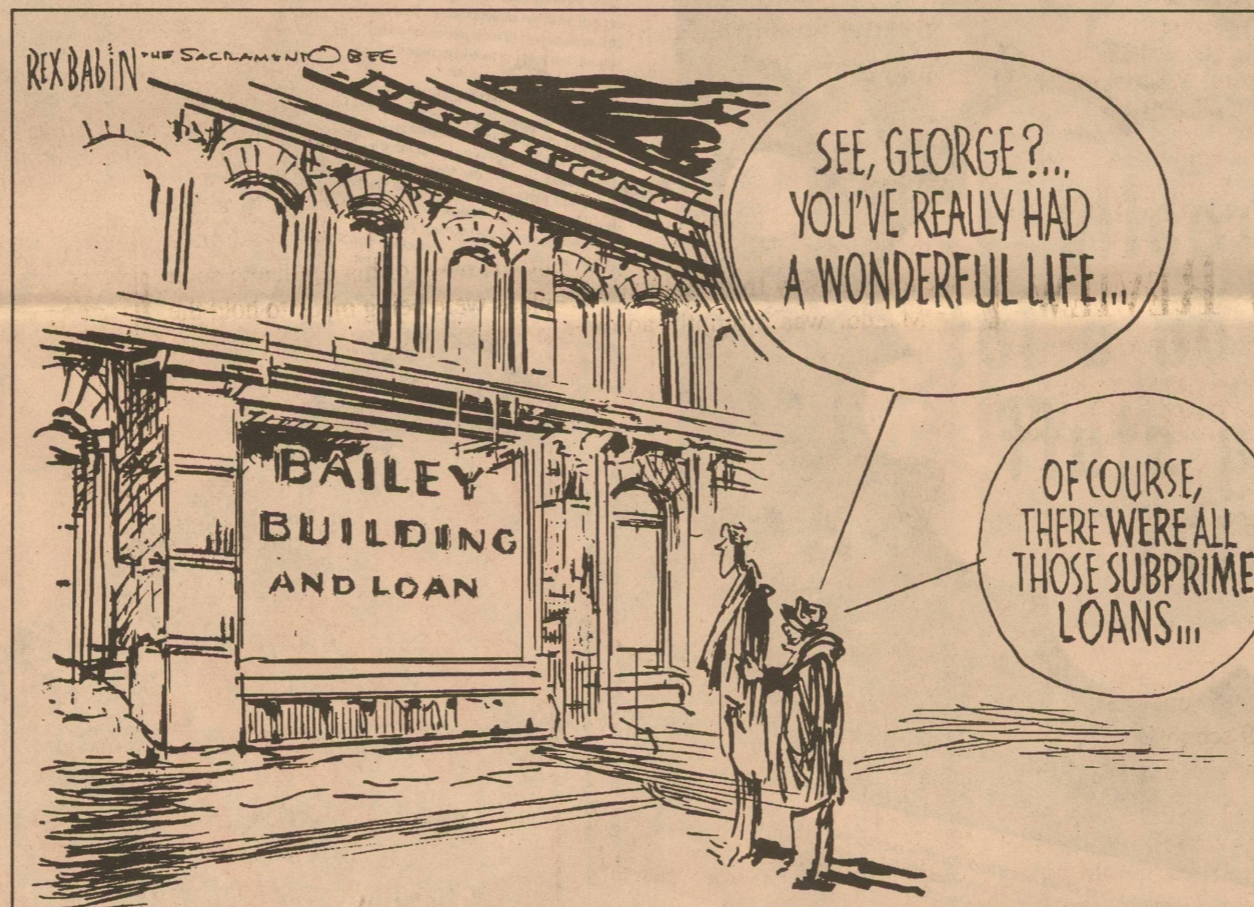
You might be unsurprised to learn that the word "mortgage" shares the same Latin root meaning as the terms "rigor mortis" and "mortician." "Mortgage" literally means "death pledge."

Records indicate that in 1925, movie stuntmen (and yes, they were all men in those days) earned \$7 to \$8 per day for basic stunts. They got extra pay for certain activities, though; jumping from an airplane to a train was worth \$150, for instance. Any stuntman who parachuted out of an exploding plane would get \$500, and it was worth \$1,500 to crash a plane into a house or a tree. Considering the state of technology and safety standards of the day, it's no wonder that between 1925 and 1930, 55 people were killed while performing movie stunts, and another 10,000 were injured.

Every year the town of Brevard in North Carolina celebrates its unusual local fauna with an entire festival dedicated to white squirrels. Yes, squirrels.

Thought for the Day: "An ostentatious man will rather relate a blunder or an absurdity he has committed, than be debarred from talking of his own dear person." -- Joseph Addison

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Seeing the Big Balloons



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

Woody Kupper, a friend of mine from Odessa. It's always fun to run into someone you know when you're away from home.

We went to the area where the balloons were being inflated. Huge nets had been placed over the balloons, tethered down by sandbags. Ronald McDonald, Scoo-Be-Doo and Snoopy were in the process of becoming giant-size. We were not alone. Thousands of people for blocks around stood in line to view the balloons. I've never seen so many baby carriages or dogs on leash.

That night we saw a play in the off-Broadway West Side Theater. Its title was My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm in Therapy. We laughed all the way through it. The morning of the parade we were up at 5:30 and walked to the parade site. We landed at 65th and Broadway and joined a group of people in a festive

mood. We quickly bonded. More than three million people lined the parade route. After the 90-minute parade, the crowd surged onto the streets. Cars didn't get to drive on them for at least an hour until the people settled down to enjoy the rest of Thanksgiving Day. We had lunch at Park Café. Instead of the two hours or more we usually spend around the Thanksgiving Day table, we finished our turkey dinners in about 20 minutes.

Walking in New York City is easy because it's flat. No hills to climb. We walked about seven miles a day. We went to the World Trade Center site, the top of the Empire State Building, Grand Central Station, the Museum of Modern Art and Bloomingdale's. We rode the subway and took a cab when we got tired of walking.

New Yorkers are interesting to watch. They walk and talk fast and are smartly dressed. Girls wear boots up to their knees. Guys wear black leather coats. They pay no attention to traffic lights. If there are no cars coming, they walk on red. New York City has the rhythm of America. You hear several languages and know you're in a unique, stimulating place. You feel alive.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ASTRONOMY: How many major stars make up the Big Dipper?
2. GEOGRAPHY: The tiny country of Djibouti lies on which continent?
3. POLITICS: Which leader of a foreign government has the nickname "El Jefe Maximó"?
4. BUSINESS: What company produced the Frisbee?
5. INVENTIONS: When was the transistor invented?
6. LITERATURE: What was the name of the attorney introduced in a series of books by Erle Stanley Gardner?
7. MEDICAL: What is the medical name of the condition called "shingles"?
8. U.S. STATES: What is Wyoming's nickname?
9. MEASUREMENTS: What is the closest metric equivalent to an acre?
10. MOVIES: What actor provided the voice of Woody in the animated film "Toy Story"?

ANSWERS

1. Seven
2. Africa
3. Fidel Castro
4. Wham-O
5. 1947, Bell Telephone Laboratories
6. Perry Mason
7. Herpes zoster
8. Equality State
9. Hectare
10. Tom Hanks

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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

In 2007 we lost many dear friends and loved ones. Obituaries for the following individuals appeared in The Eldorado Success during the year.

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William David "Dub" Slaughter
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Clara Lloyd Scherz
Mildred Inez Burleson
James Lynn Freitag
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Ervey F. Hill, Jr.
Reta Conaster Villanueva
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Rodolfo Pina Iglesias
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May Runge Kisko
E.L. "Buck" Kent
Faye Watson

As reported Jan. 18, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

City Hall, Memorial Building Burlarized

Armando Moreno, 19, of Eldorado is in Schleicher County jail, charged with two counts of burglary of a building in connection with break-ins at Eldorado City Hall and the Youth Arcade, located in the basement of the Memorial Building. Two male juveniles are also implicated in the crimes.



Jr. Livestock Show Held

The 72nd annual Schleicher County Livestock, Food, and Project Show was held last weekend in the Civic Center. The show went from a two-day show down to a one-day show this year and was held on Saturday, January 13, 2007. There were a total of 43 students showing animals this year including fifteen lambs sixty-two meat goats, ten steers, thirty-four barrows, ten gilts, four breeding goats, and five Angora wethers.

As reported Jan. 25, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Meador appointed to seat on Eldorado City Council

The Eldorado City Council met on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 and voted to appoint Stan Meador to fill the unexpired term of Toni Sudduth, who resigned her seat when she moved away from Eldorado. Meador was promptly administered the oath of office and then welcomed to the council by Mayor John Nikouak.

As reported Feb. 1, 2007 in The Eldorado Success



FNB Eldorado recognized for 100 years of services

Curt Nelson, senior vice president of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas came to Eldorado last week to recognize FNB's 100 years of service and to honor its shareholders, officers and employees for their dedication to the community. Nelson met Wednesday, January 24th with First National Bank's president Hyman D. Sauer and presented him with a formal resolution from IBAT denoting the bank's century of service to Eldorado and Schleicher County.

Jeffs taken to hospital for emergency treatment

Warren Jeffs, the jailed leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints received emergency medical treatment Sunday morning, according to a story in The Spectrum and Daily News from St. George, Utah.

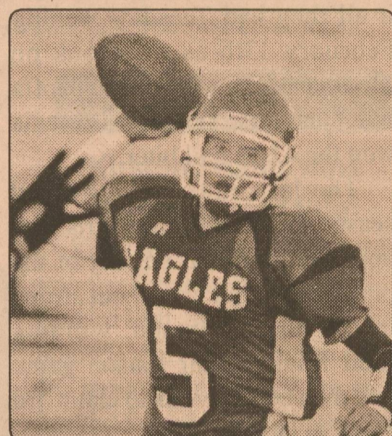
Jeffs, who once prophesied that he would die in prison, was transported by Fire and Rescue of Hurricane, Utah at about 6:30 a.m. to the Dixie Regional Medical Center in St. George where he was kept for several hours as he underwent treatment.

Jeffs was returned to his cell at about 10:00 a.m. after doctors cleared him to return to the Purgatory Correctional Facility.

Elvis wannabes and near misses descend on Eldorado

Some of them looked like Elvis...sort of. Others only looked like Elvis if you squinted really hard and turned your head just right. But most of them didn't look like Elvis at all. Not the young Elvis, the Las Vegas Elvis, the skinny Elvis or the fat Elvis. Not even Elvis if he had lived. But it didn't matter. Everyone had fun and that was the point of the whole exercise at the first annual "All the King's Clones" festival held last Saturday and Sunday in the Memorial Building.

As reported Feb. 15, 2007 in The Eldorado Success



Hernandez dies in rollover

David Hernandez, 19, of Eldorado, died of injuries sustained in a one-vehicle rollover Sunday morning, February 11, 2007. The accident occurred six miles south of Eldorado shortly after 6 a.m. as a group of Eldorado teens were headed home from a trip to Mexico.

The driver, Frank Wipff, 19, reportedly fell asleep as he drove northbound on U.S. 277. The 1996 Ford Explorer belonging to Manuel Hernandez, drifted off the right side of the roadway then overturned and rolled multiple times before coming to rest on its side.

Local students were stunned by the news of his death and soon plans were being made to hold the funeral service in Eagle Gymnasium on Wednesday afternoon.

With Thanks To Our Neighbors & Friends At Year's End

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SC officials take oath of office

Schleicher County's newly elected and reelected officials gathered Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007 to take their official oath of office.

Lynn Meador is the only one taking the oath for the first time. He was sworn in as Commissioner for Precinct #2. Others taking the oath of office included Matt Brown, Commissioner for Precinct #4, County Judge Johnny Griffin, Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle, County Clerk Peggy Williams and County Treasurer Karen Henderson.

As reported Jan. 11, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

School board extends superintendent's contract

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday evening, Jan. 8, 2006 and voted to extend Superintendent Billy Collins' contract by one year, through the 2008-09 school year.

The action came after an executive session for the discussion of personnel items. Collins told the Success afterward that he is pleased with the extension and was excited that he would have the opportunity to continue serving at the helm of SCISD for two more years.

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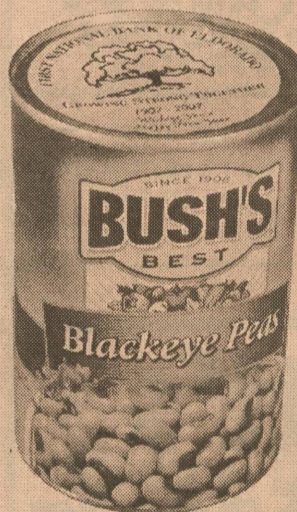
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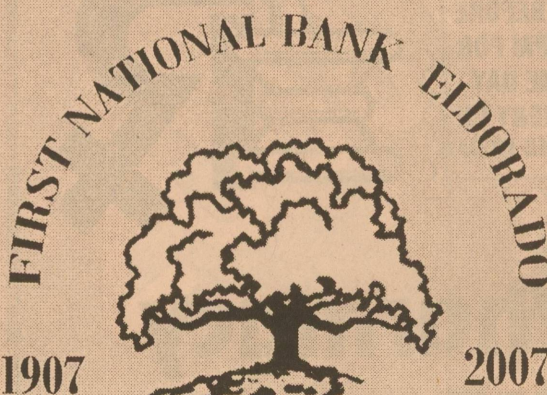


It's a New Year's Tradition!

Throughout Texas and most of the American South, it is a tradition to eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day. The tradition dates back to the Civil War and many people believe the meal brings them good luck during the new year.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: *

* Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!

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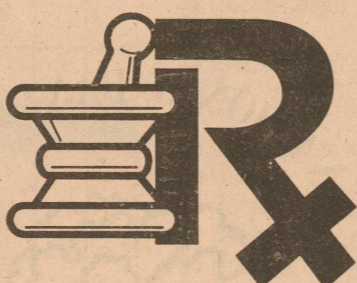
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As reported Feb. 15, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Lady Eagles fall to Medina in Bi-District game

The Eldorado Lady Eagles gave it all they had Tuesday evening, February 13th as they took on Medina in the state 1A playoffs, but it just wasn't enough as Medina won the 42-39 nail biter.

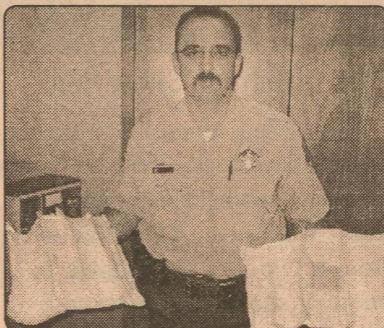
The loss ended a whirlwind season for the Eldorado girls who appeared to be all but out of the playoff hunt but closed out strong in the regular season, winning their final regular season game and then two play-ins to claim 3rd Place in District 27A.

3.4 pounds of meth seized on US Hwy. 277

Javier Reyna Marquez, 38, of Piedras Negras, Coahuilla, Mexico was arrested Saturday, February 10, 2007 and two large packages of illegal methamphetamine were seized during a routine traffic stop on U.S. 277 some 9 miles north of Eldorado.

Schleicher County Deputy Jason Chatham became suspicious after pulling Marquez over. Chatham reports that the asked fro and received permission to search Marquez's 1994 Toyota.

Before searching the car, however, the deputy patted down Marquez as a matter of safety. That's when he detected the bundles of methamphetamine taped to Marquez's legs.



As reported Feb. 22, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Covarrubiaz pleads guilty to stealing more than \$4,900.00 from City Hall

Maria Louisa "Mary Lou" Covarrubiaz, 33, pleaded guilty Wednesday, February 14, to theft of more than \$4,900.00 from the City of Eldorado.

Covarrubiaz worked for the City of Eldorado as a utility billing clerk. She took maternity leave during July of 2006. It was at that time that city personnel discovered the missing funds.

In return for the guilty plea, Covarrubiaz received a 5-year probated sentence with deferred adjudication. She was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of the theft.

As reported Mar. 1, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Wreck claims life of Eldorado man

Matthew Steele Russell, 21, of Eldorado, died Monday morning, after rolling a white 1998 Ford pickup truck on Schleicher County Road 302, approximately two miles north of Eldorado.

Russell was ejected from the pickup as it rolled. He was found lying face down 200 feet from where the truck came to rest.

A white Ford pickup matching the description of the one driven by Russell had earlier crashed through the doors of the Tres Amigos Convenience Store in Christoval where video surveillance equipment recorded the driver stealing cigarettes and lighters before speeding away.

Acting on information received of an early morning break-in at a Christoval convenience store, lawmen returned to the scene of the accident after daylight, where they found a number of cigarette lighters that had survived the fire. The lighters bore the name of Tres Amigos Convenience Store. A number of partially burned cigarette packs were also located.



Sanchez named Defensive MVP on All-District squad

EHS junior Lalo Sanchez was named Defensive Most Valuable Player on District 27-1A All-District boys team.

First teamers from Eldorado were seniors Drew Bosmans and Zach Hash. Second teamers from Eldorado were Russell Cathey and Sammy Estrada, both seniors and Jorge Mata, a junior. Tyler Dombroski of Eldorado was named to the Honorable Mention Team

Other Honorable Mentions went to Thomas Saucedo, Jared Click, Johnny Martinez-Menard; Adrian Padilla, Travis Hohensee and Kyle Schwertner-Miles; Will Miller, Stephen Rosas and Scott Fulcher -Irlion County and Chris Housley, Jacob Lytle and Caleb Reigle of Christoval.

As reported Mar. 8, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Rash of accidents

Anyone who ventures onto any of the highways passing through Schleicher County these days will tell you that traffic has increased dramatically in the past few months. And, unfortunately, so have the number of traffic accidents. A recent rash of accidents has tested the stamina of Eldorado's volunteer first responders while at the same time stretching the resources of their departments.

Last week, Eldorado experienced another round of mishaps, including three major traffic accidents over a four day period, beginning with a fatality rollover on County Road 302 that claimed the life of Matthew Russell, 21, on



As reported Mar. 15, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

National Guard offers to help city demolish buildings

The Eldorado City Council met Monday evening, March 12, 2007, with Sgt. Jim Levine of the Texas National Guard. Levine offered help with troops and heavy equipment to demolish buildings within the city considered to be a health hazard or a place where illegal activity, such as drug use and/or trafficking, occurs.

A recent survey indicated that there are presently 55 houses or buildings within the city that could be considered as health hazards or as attractive to illegal activity. A number of the structures have not been occupied for several years and it is believed that they have become so run down that it is unlikely that they will be renovated or repaired.

Jeffs indicted yet again

Warren Jeffs, jailed leader of the FLDS church faces yet another felony charge this week, after a federal grand jury in Salt Lake City indicted him on a charge of Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

The charge came down Wednesday morning, March 7, 2007. It carries a possible penalty of five years in jail and a \$250,000 fine.



As reported Mar. 29, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Pechacek and Swyter advance to State Solo & Ensemble contest

On Saturday, February 10, 2007 at UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest held at Brownwood at Howard Payne University. Rhapsody Swyter and Janelle Pechacek each received a first division rating and are advancing to State.

As reported Apr. 5, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Fun for all at Elgoatarod

Helicopter rides were the new attraction at this year's Elgoatarod. A seven-seat whirlybird owned by Good Times Helicopter Company of Naples, Florida carried hundreds of people up and over Eldorado and on slightly longer flights to the YFZ Ranch.

The otherwise carefree weekend was marred by one controversial setback. Jim Runge reports that all 73 entrants in the Chigger Races tested positive for steroids, resulting in the disqualification of the entire field.

As reported Apr. 12, 2007 in The Eldorado Success



Haynes & Joiner promoted to new posts at FNB

Stacy Haynes was promoted to Vice President by the board of directors of First National Bank of Eldorado at their March board meeting.

Shirley Joiner was elected to the Board of Directors of First National Bank at the annual stockholders meeting in February. She joined First National Bank in 1982

4 EHS students advance UIL academic Regionals

The Eldorado High School Journalism Team took the gold at the District UIL Academic Meet. The competition was held over a span of two days, March 27 and 28, 2007.

On March 27, 2007 in Christoval Corie Williams received a third place medal in Prose. Brittany Jennings was first in Editorial Writing. Katherine Johnson was 1st in Feature Writing and 2nd in News Writing. Marcela Huerta was 3rd in News Writing. All will advance to Regional UIL Academic Meet on April 13 and 14.

As reported Apr. 19, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Lady Eagles capture District 2-1A softball crown

The Eldorado Lady Eagles softball team swept aside a late season challenge from the Winters Lady Blizzards last Friday night to capture the District 2-1A championship in an 11-5 win on the Lady Blizzards' home field.

MEB earns Sweepstakes

The Mighty Eagle Band traveled to Llano on Tuesday, April 10th for the U.I.L. Concert and Sight Reading Contest and returned home that evening with the coveted Sweepstakes Award after garnering Division 1 ratings in both events. The scores, combined with the Division 1 the band received last Fall in the Marching Contest, were enough to secure the Sweepstakes trophy.

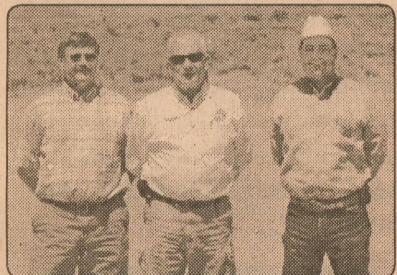


As reported Apr. 19, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Lane shoots 158, wins district golf tourney

Eldorado High School Golf Boys Team ended their season 3rd in District. Cash Lane won first place in the individual category. He shot a 79 both days ending up with a score of 158. Cash Lane will advance to Regionals in Abilene next week.

As reported Apr. 26, 2007 in The Eldorado Success



Lawmen gather in Utah, compare notes on Jeffs

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran traveled to Utah last week where he met with Washington County, Utah Sheriff Kirk Smith and Rick Wheeler, the newly elected sheriff of Custer County, South Dakota.

The lawmen met in St. George, Utah where they spent much of their time comparing notes and exchanging information concerning communities of Warren Jeffs' followers located in their separate jurisdictions.

Cathey brothers win 11A boys doubles championship

Brothers Russell and Rance Cathey took District 11A Boys Doubles April 10-12, 2007 held at Central High School.

The Catheys beat Rotan's duo of Stefan and Cameron Cox 7-5, 5-7, 6-1. The team had a bye in the first round, then in the second round beat West/McDonald of Irion County 7-6, 8-6, 6-6. In the semi-finals the pair beat West/Ellis of Miles 5-7, 6-0 and 6-1.

As reported May 3, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Jeffs follower purchases Lockney implement plant

Word reached Eldorado this week that Samuel C. Fischer, one of Warren Jeffs loyal followers, has been busy acquiring property, including a manufacturing facility, on the Texas South Plains. Fischer is in the process of purchasing a 176,368 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in Lockney, Texas. The site formerly housed the Tye Company, a farm implement manufacturer.

A phone call to a Lubbock real estate agent on Tuesday confirmed that Fischer has signed a contract to purchase to facility.

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Callison claims more medals at Senior Games

Eldorado's John Callison brought home three more medals Sunday from the State Senior Games in Kerrville. The 81-year-old placed 1st in Basketball 3-pointers and Horseshoes. He took the Silver medal in Basketball Free Throws. The win moves his medal total to 55 since he began participating in the Senior Games at age 60.

As reported May 10, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Moving on Up

Janie Mitchell will take over the helm of the Schleicher County Appraisal District next month when she moves up to take over the post of Chief Appraiser from Scott Sutton. Sutton notified the district's board of directors a few months ago that he would be leaving his post this summer. Mitchell has worked for the district 12 years and is licensed as a Registered Texas Assessor and a Registered Professional Appraiser



As reported May 17, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Tornado warning packs Memorial Building

A tornado warning on Wednesday afternoon, May 9th, sent Eldoradoans scurrying for cover. As many as 300 people showed up at the Memorial Building and dozens of others went to the hospital and nursing home, looking for cover. A visual sighting of a twister was reported southwest of town on FM 2129 and a rapidly rotating wall cloud was seen passing south of town a few minutes later. Heavy rains and small hail pelted much of the county.

As reported May 24, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

EHS names honor grads

Eldorado High School named seven members of the Class of 2007 as honor graduates. Kristin Mittel, Summa Cum Laude, and Brittany Jennings, Magna Cum Laude, are the school's top graduates.

Other honor graduates include, Tiffany Hernandez, Felipe Martinez, Jr., Abel Montalvo, Ridge Ann Sudduth, and Kassaundra Tyler, all Cum Laude graduates.

As reported May 31, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Masked thief grabs \$5,000 bank deposit

A ski-mask wearing bandit made off with a bank bag containing more than \$5,000 in cash and checks Sunday night from the driveway of First National Bank.

Super "S" Foods' clerk Deena Day appeared at the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 11:10 p.m. Sunday evening to report that she had been robbed as she attempted to deposit the store's receipts in the night depository at the bank. Lawmen promptly fanned out across town but never saw the robber

As reported June 7, 2007 in The Eldorado Success



Beetle Flambé

A 1998 Volkswagen Beetle was a total loss last Thursday when it caught fire a mile north of Eldorado on U.S. 277. The driver, Madeline Higdon, 18, of Sonora, reported that she was driving southbound when the car's brake light came on. She told Deputy Jason Chatham that the brakes seemed to be locking up as she pulled over on the shoulder of the roadway.

As reported June 14, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Jones appointed to SCISD board of trustees

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday, June 11, 2007 and voted to appoint Kirk Jones to the seat left vacant by the resignation last month of long-time trustee Jo Helen Kotsch.

As reported June 21, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

City Council adopts zoning map

The Eldorado City Council met in special session Monday, June 18 after failing to have a quorum at their regularly scheduled meeting last week. Their first item of business was to vote unanimously to adopt a zoning map. It was noted that no one came forward at a public hearing last week to question the proposed map.

The new zoning map divides the city into four districts, Residential SF, Residential MH, Commercial and Flood Plain. The residential portion of the map is divided into two areas, one for conventional housing "SF", and a second for mobile homes "MH."

As reported July 5, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Judge rules Jeffs' traffic stop was legal

Utah district judge James Shumate ruled Friday that the traffic stop that led to the arrest of fugitive FLDS prophet Warren was legal. The decision allows prosecutors to use evidence seized during the stop in Jeffs pending criminal trial.

Jeffs, who leads the 10,000 member Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, stands accused of being an accomplice to rape. He allegedly arranged a marriage between a 14-year-old girl and her 19-year-old cousin then presided over the couple's wedding ceremony.

As reported July 12, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Kirsten Stubbs wins THSRA roping title

Kirsten Stubbs of Eldorado won the Breakaway Roping at the Texas High School Rodeo held June 11-16 in Abilene. She placed 4th in the First Round, 5th in the Second Round and 3rd in the Short Round to win the average with a time of 8.2 seconds on three calves. Her times were 2.5, 2.6 and 3.1 seconds respectively. The victory also means a THSRA State Title for Kirsten.



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As reported July 19, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Pastor Steve Rowe to lead local Methodist church

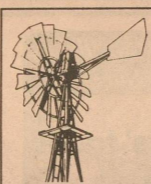
First United Methodist Church of Eldorado would like to introduce you to Pastor Steven Rowe and his wife Trish. Steve was appointed to serve FUMC beginning in June of this year. Prior to this Steve had been serving another United Methodist Church in West Texas for the last five years and has a wide range of experiences to share with the people of Eldorado.

As reported July 26, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Success earns top honor at WTPA summer convention

The Eldorado Success on Saturday claimed the coveted Sweepstakes Award at the 77th annual convention of the West Texas Press Association, held this year in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The newspaper competed in the Better Newspaper Contest hosted each year by the WTPA. The Success won 1st Place honors in News Writing and, Sports. The newspaper also earned 2nd Place awards in Editorials and 3rd Place honors in Column Writing, Advertising and General Excellence. Points garnered in the individual categories were enough to give The Success the win in the overall Sweepstakes category in the Small Weekly Division.



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As reported Aug. 2, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Eldorado man killed in rollover

Rodolfo Iglesias, 54, of Eldorado died Saturday, July 28, 2007 of injuries sustained when the 2000 Chevrolet flat-bed pickup he was driving overturned about a half-mile west of Eldorado on County Road 412 (Rabbit Road).

Iglesias was driving westbound on CR 412, when his truck left the roadway and rolled. The vehicle crashed through a fence before coming to rest in a pasture on the north side of the road. Iglesias was reportedly ejected from the truck during the accident.

As reported Aug. 9, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

3 locals implicated in Meth Ring

Three Eldorado residents were included in a list of thirty-three suspects indicted by a Tom Green County grand jury on June 5th of this year.

The list remained sealed for several weeks as area lawmen rounded up many of the accused.

John Swinford, 37, of Eldorado was arrested on July 20th by Schleicher County officers and charged with Engaging in an Organized Criminal Activity, a first degree felony.

Rebecca Simmons, 33, of Eldorado was arrested on July 30 By Sheriff David Doran for Engaging in an Organized Criminal Activity, a first degree felony.

Meanwhile, former Schleicher County Jail inmate and former Schleicher County employee Mark Patrick Franke, 42, of Eldorado remains at large following his indictment for Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity, a first degree felony enhanced to carry a 25-99 year or Life sentence.

As reported Aug. 23, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Heavy rains inundate area

Torrential rains swamped much of Schleicher County on Thursday and Friday of last week. Totals ranging from 8 to 11 inches were reported across the County as Tropical Storm Erin deluged Central and Southwest Texas.

Perhaps the most significant damage was discovered Saturday morning when residents of northern Schleicher County reported the surface had been washed off a highway bridge on County Road 302.

Water had clearly crested the bridge by several feet, leaving dead sheep and goats hanging high in nearby trees. Fortunately, there were no human casualties.

As reported Aug. 30, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Eldorado gets its first commercial radio station

Eldorado's first and only radio station goes on the air in early September. KLDE will be broadcasting at 104.9 on the FM dial.

It was announced last week that KLDE will be broadcasting Eldorado Eagles football games live beginning with the Eldorado-Mason game on Friday, September 7th. KLDE will also broadcast the Eagles road games enabling local fans to keep up with all the action even when they can't make it to the out-of-town games.

As reported Sep. 13, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

1st Community customers target of internet scam

Bogus email messages purporting to be from 1st Community Federal Credit Union have been showing up in computer inboxes.

The fraudulent emails urge customers to click a link in order to receive an important message from 1st Community. Clicking the link apparently allows a computer virus known as a "Trojan Horse" to be installed on the users computer.

Jury selection now underway in Jeffs' trial

District Judge James L. Shumate began the arduous task of selecting jurors last Friday to determine the guilt or innocence of FLDS leader Warren Jeffs on two counts of rape as an accomplice.

Jeffs stands accused of using his power over his followers to coerce a 14-year-old bride into marrying her 17-year-old cousin. Jeffs then allegedly pressured the girl into having sex with the groom against her will and over her repeated objections.



As reported Sep. 27, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Jeffs found guilty on two rape charges

A jury on Tuesday convicted FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs on two counts of felony rape as an accomplice after a week-long trial before 5th District Judge James L. Shumate in St. George, Utah.

Jeffs was faced down in open court by 21-year-old Elissa Wall, who testified that Jeffs had used his position of leadership within the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to order her into a marriage when she was only 14-years-old. Her mate, also chosen by Jeffs, was her 19-year-old first cousin, Allen Steed.

As reported Oct. 18, 2007 in The Eldorado Success



U.S. Supreme Court to hear local cash seizure appeal

The United States Supreme Court agreed Monday to hear an appeal of a 2004 money laundering case that originated with a traffic stop here in Schleicher County. By taking the case the court has agreed to decide if merely hiding drug money from law enforcement officers constitutes money laundering.

Humberto Fidel Regalado Cuellar, a citizen of Mexico, was convicted of money laundering in Federal District Court in Lubbock. He was stopped on July 14, 2004, by Schleicher County Deputy Sheriff Kevin Herbert after he observed Cuellar driving slowly in a 70 mile-per-hour zone. Cuellar.

During a subsequent search, officers located a removable panel that covered a hidden compartment. Inside the compartment the lawmen found several bundles of cash, wrapped in duct tape and secured inside blue WalMart bags. The bundles were each labeled with various dollar amounts that later proved to correspond to the amount of cash in each bundle. In all the officers located \$83,000 in cash.

Eagles cruise to 48-0 win over Sterling City

The Eldorado Eagles made short work of District 16-1A foe Sterling City Friday night as they rolled to a 48-0 victory. The first half of the game had some wondering if the UIL should consider implementing a 40-point mercy rule, or give referees the power to declare a TKO.

The lopsided win pushed Eldorado to a 2-1 district record and 3-3 on the season.



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As reported Oct. 25, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Mighty Eagle Band wins 24th consecutive Division "1"

The Eldorado High School Mighty Eagle Band won its 24th consecutive Division "1" Superior rating Saturday at the Region VII West Zone Marching Contest in Brady.

The 61-member band was the second to take the field, following a much smaller Miles band. In fact, the Eagle Band was the largest of the ten bands competing in the Class A division.

The band performed "Phantom of the Opera," "Go, Go Joseph," "Memories," and "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Commissioners eye options for covered roping arena

Schleicher County Commissioners met with Chandra Eggemeyer of the Texas Department of Agriculture, as well as John Perkins and Randy Verner from the USDA Rural Development office in Ozona, concerning the possibility of building a covered rodeo arena.

The group discussed options for obtaining grants to cover an estimated \$400,000.00 price tag.

As reported Nov. 1, 2007 in The Eldorado Success



Up in Flames

Fire units responded to a blaze at the home of Mike Blaylock, some 9 miles north of Eldorado on C.R. 302 (Old San Angelo Highway.) The fire irtually destroyed the home's interior before emergency units arrived.

Eagles in 3-way tie for lead in District 16-1A

The Eldorado Eagles kept their playoff hopes alive with a 42-28 victory over Irion County Friday night.

Eldorado scored on three Manny Gonzalez runs in the first quarter to give the Warbirds a commanding lead.

"We just played a good game out there," Burleson said. "Defensively we knew they live for the big play. So we just kept pressure on the quarterback and tried to turn everything back inside where the help was."

EHS Boys head to Regional Cross Country Meet

The Varsity Boys Cross Country Team placed 1st at the District 11A District Meet held at Hamlin Country Club on Tuesday, October 23, 2007. The boys team will be advancing to the Regional Meet on November 3 in Arlington. Ramirez, Baker, Hash and Parsley qualified for Regional as individuals runners, also. Teams are judged on totaled low time scores. The top three teams and top 10 individuals qualify for advancement to the Regional level.

Eldorado JV Boys placed 1st place as a team. 1. Zack Brame, 20:25.2; 2. Morgan Baker, 20:38; 4. Jorge Medrano, 21:15.5; 5. Michael Rubio, 21:23.6; 6. Robert Jenkins, 25:02.0.

As reported Nov. 8, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Court documents reveal Jeffs attempted suicide

Documents unsealed this week and last by Utah District Judge James Shumate revealed that Fundamental Mormon leader Warren Jeffs tried to kill himself while awaiting trial in the Purgatory Correctional Facility in Utah.

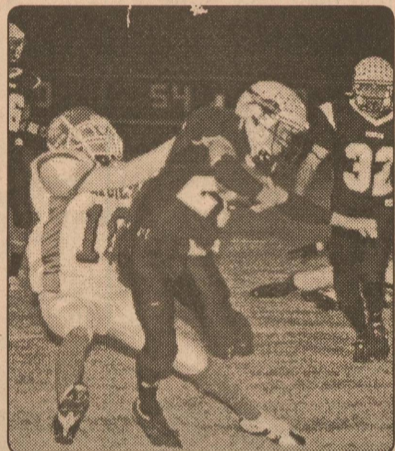
Jeffs tried to hang himself on January 28th, then tried to kill himself again a few days later by banging his head against a wall.

Jeffs was taken to Dixie Regional Medical Center where he underwent a competency review.

Only days before, the embattled leader of the FLDS Church confessed to his brother Nephi during jail visit that he was not the prophet. Instead, he directed his followers, including his own family, to look to church bishop William E. Jessop.

Not only did Jeffs order his brother to write down and distribute his confession, he also directed that a video tape of the meeting be made available to anyone who wanted to see it.

"They will see that I voice these words myself," Jeffs is quoted saying in transcripts released by the court on Tuesday.



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Schleicher County voters approve school tax rate

Schleicher County voters approved a measure Tuesday allowing the school district to set a tax rate of \$1.17. That amounts to a 14 cent tax increase, while still lowering the rate by 20 cents from last year.

SCISD Superintendent Billy Collins said he was pleased with the outcome of the election. "Now we can get to work and fix some of the things we've been telling people we would fix if they would let us have the money," Collins stated

As reported Nov. 15, 2007 in The Eldorado Success



1st Community opens new office on South Divide

Employees and board members of 1st Community Federal Credit Union gathered around last Thursday as Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk cut the ribbon, officially opening the credit union's new Eldorado office, located at 107 S. Divide.

Eagles defeat Miles for share of District crown

The Eldorado Eagles finished up their regular season in style Friday night as they coasted to a 42-14 victory over the Miles Bulldogs.

The win would send the Eagles seniors one last win as they played their last-ever game in Eagle Stadium. It would also set them on a collision course with state ranked Roscoe. The two teams will play this Saturday in he Bi-District round of the State 1A Playoffs.

"What a way to end the season," Coach Johnny Burleson said.

As reported Nov. 22, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

Williams & Chavez receive 4H Gold Star Awards

Corie Williams and Jorge Chavez of Eldorado received the distinguished Gold Star Award last week at District 7 Gold Star Banquet in Abilene.

The Gold Star Award is the highest county level award a 4H member can achieve.

Judge Griffin uses R-word

Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin acknowledged last Wednesday that he is considering retirement in the near future, but declined to say exactly when he would be stepping down from the post he has held since 1979.

The news came during a special called meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court. It served to confirm weeks of speculation and rumor that the long-serving judge was planning to step down.

Jeffs gets 2 consecutive 5-to-life sentences

Warren Jeffs, the imprisoned leader of the Fundamentalist LDS church won't be getting out of jail anytime soon. He was sentenced Tuesday afternoon to two consecutive 5-years-to-life terms in Utah state prison after being convicted on two counts of Rape as an Accomplice.

Utah 5th District Judge James Shumate, prior to the sentencing, denied a defense motion to set aside the conviction.

Roscoe Plowboys end Eagles storybook season

The Eldorado Eagles playoff run was cut short Saturday as they fell to Roscoe 69-18. The Eagles reeled off six district wins in a row to take a share of the district 16-1A title before losing in the bi-district round of the state playoffs.

"We had a great year," Burleson said. "I think it was a huge step forward for this program. I see good things coming on the horizon."

As reported Dec. 6, 2007 in The Eldorado Success

EHS places 4 members on All-Region Band

Four Eldorado High School Band members will participate in the All Region Band to be held on January 18th in Stephenville.

Rhapsody Swyter made 1st chair flute and Timothy Cuevas 3rd chair Bass Clarinet in the symphonic band.

Leslie Cruz made 3rd chair Bass Clarinet and Krista Galindo 8th chair B-flat Clarinet in the concert band.

YFZ Ranch finally gets sewer permit from TCEQ

Four years after the former Red Cheek Ranch was acquired by a fundamentalist Mormon sect from Utah and Arizona, and nearly three years after the group applied for a wastewater permit, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has signed off on the project.

The move paves the way for construction to resume on a large wastewater plant on the northeast corner of the 1,791 acre ranch.

Local FSA office avoids closure

The Farm Service Agency office in Eldorado will remain open while offices in Ozona, Sonora, Junction and Menard will close, an agency spokesman announced this week.

In fact, business may pick up a bit for the local office as those customers who once used the Sonora office will now have their cases assigned to the FSA office here in Eldorado.

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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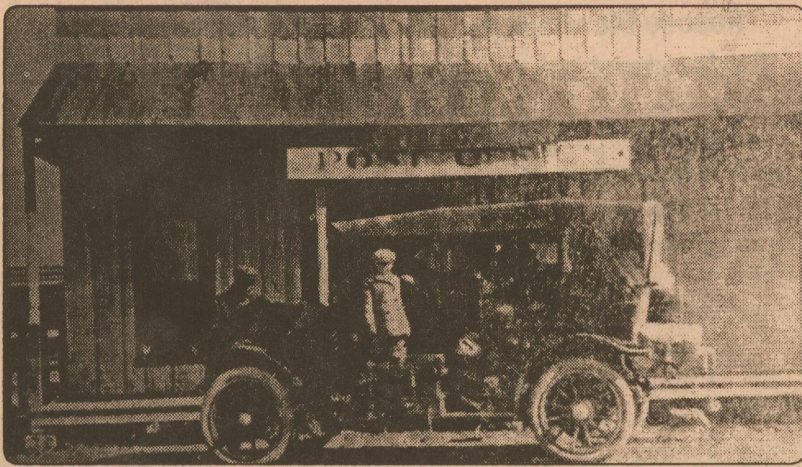
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One of the first automobiles used to carry mail from San Angelo to Eldorado is shown in this photo above, which was taken in 1911.

Eldorado gets a Post Office

June 11, 1895, The U.S. Assistant Postmaster General sent W.L. Gray a form concerning the location of the proposed post office.

"The proposed office shall be called Wallick (which is crossed out and above it is written Eldorado.) It will be situated in the S.W. quarter of section 49, Block A in the County of Schleicher, State of Texas. It will be on route #50485, being the route from Sonora, TX to San Angelo, TX on which mail is carried six times per week from San Angelo. The name of the nearest office is Sonora, its distance is

25 miles in a southern direction. The name of the nearest office on the other side is Christoval, its distance is 25 miles in a northern direction. The name of the other nearest office is Ft. McKavett, its direction is 40 miles in an eastern direction."

The new post office was to supply a new town site of about 50 people. The statement was signed on June 19, 1895 by Willie Louis Gray.

A lot of folks are probably glad the name Eldorado was given this new town, instead of Wallick.

Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

The coming of the railroad

W. B. Silliman had high hopes of having a railroad through his newly founded town of Eldorado in 1900. A railroad would promote the development of this remote area considerably. Transporting supplies and commodities by freight wagons was difficult and slow on rough dirt roads.

A railroad through Eldorado to Sonora looked like a possibility in 1909 when the Orient reached San Angelo.

Citizens of Schleicher County united and appointed a committee to represent the county in dealing with the railroad promoters. The first committee members were M.B. McKnight, W.W. Barber, W.B. Silliman, W.F. Ford and E.A. Nall. A second committee was appointed to raise bonus for the railroad. Serving on this committee was J.S. Pelt, E.A. Nall, John Roach, Sol Mayer, J. Keeney, J.E. Dayton, O.C. Roberts and Lee Williams.

Despite the \$100,000 raised by subscription, the deal with the Orient fell through. The Orient felt the

investment was not feasible for this remote area due to lack of traffic and population.

Schleicher County had new hope for a railroad in 1929 when the Santa Fe Railroad System leased the Orient. The Panhandle and Santa Fe agreed to lay lines through Schleicher County if the county would provide right of way and \$20,000 bonus. No money was to be paid until the railroad was completed through the county.

The proposal was readily accepted, and Schleicher County assessed tax money for the project.

The rails reached Eldorado town site on March 10, 1930. The Eldorado Success reflected the joy of the citizens by this quote in the paper:

"The 100,000 raised in December 1909 and contracts signed to have work started by January 1, 1910, was a happy event in the life of Eldorado, only to wither and decay, but from its roots has at last sprung a real railroad, one that can whistle, toot, and make a rumbling noise as it approaches our city."



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Stone artifacts found in Schleicher County by Dan and Rita McWhorter offer compelling archaeological evidence of pre-historic habitation of the area.

Early Indians of Schleicher Co.

These stone tablets are among the many artifacts and bone fragments found in Schleicher Co that support the archeological evidence that pre-historic, hunting and gathering human habitation lived in this area thousands of years ago.

Hundreds of man made rock and dirt mounds, found in this area, were also built by early human habitation. One theory is the mounds are remnants of large fireplaces, and another theory is that they were built as a pedestal for worship. Some of the smaller mounds could also have been used as pits for drying sotol (yucca like desert plant). The sotol bulb was dried, crushed and used like flour by the Lipan-Apache Indians of the Edwards Plateau.

Spanish explorers in the 16th century found the Jumano Indians

living in this region. They were receptive to efforts to convert them to Christianity. Fray Juan de Salas and Father Juan de Ortega did some Missionary work among the Jumano's in the 1630's. By the 1700's, the Jumanos disappeared. The Lipan-Apache Indians culture had moved in from the north. The Lipan's were, for the most part, friendly to the Texans helping them with their battle against Mexico.

The Comanche Indians dominated the region by mid-eighteenth century. There were many raids on the early pioneer settlers made by the Comanche, capturing children and stealing cattle.

By the end of the 19th century almost all of the Indians were gone. Some went to Mesquero Reservation in New Mexico and some went to Oklahoma.



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(L-R) Ernest Sweatt, J.B. Christian and Claude Meador watched as wool was turned into yarn at the Eldorado

The Eldorado Woolen Mill

Joe Muller Christian received his degree from Texas Tech University in Textile Engineering, and his dream was to someday own his own woolen mill. His father, Joseph B. Christian helped make this possible when together they had a stone building erected in Eldorado, and in 1941 The Eldorado Woolen Mill had it's grand opening.

The grand opening was the celebration of all times. A huge parade, with five bands leading, started the day. 5,000 people at-

tended the event to hear Governor W. Lee O'Daniel speak, and enjoy free barbecue. Early day Schleicher County pioneers were the guests of honor.

Thousands filed in and out of the mill during the day to inspect the intricate wool carding, spinning and weaving machinery.

After WWII started the mill made regulation army blankets for the government. The mill was the first woolen blanket factory to be built in Texas.

IT'S NEW YEAR'S TIME

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