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FNB dedicates new park on Main Street

First National Bank of Eldorado has been a landmark in the community for more than a hundred years. On Tuesday, October 9, 2007, the bank's directors, officers and personnel hosted a dedication service at the corner of South Main Street and West Gillis, where the bank's second building formerly stood.

FNB President Hyman Sauer welcomed all in attendance then set about recognizing a number of the present and former officers and directors.

"In December 1906, several men met and started the process to organize The First National Bank of Eldorado," Sauer told a crowd of approximately three hundred people. "Paper work was signed on January 1907 and our first building was built across the street."

Sauer went on to outline FNB's progress from fledgling bank to modern mainstay of the area economy.

"From 1907 to 1909 our first president was Moses McKnight," Sauer said. "He obviously did a good job as we have been able to continue what he started."

Sauer went on to recognize McKnight's grandson, Tom Davis, and great-grandson Jeff Davis.

McKnight died in 1942. In all, seven men have served as president of First National Bank of Eldorado. W.B. Silliman, the founder of Eldorado and long-time civic booster, served as the bank's second president from 1909 to 1919.

Silliman was succeeded by J.B. Christian who held the office until 1952. Christian's grandson, Joe Charles Christian was in attendance for Tuesday's ceremony.

Ed Hill served as president from 1952 to 1963 when he was succeeded by Leslie Baker.

Baker's career at FNB spanned more than 50 years. His daughter, Danelle McCormack, also worked at FNB for a number of years. She, too, was in attendance Tuesday.

Jo Ed Hill, son of the bank's fourth president, would become its sixth. He held the office until his retirement in 1994. Jo Ed Hill, his wife Mary Jo, sister Sarah McCravey and niece Jeanne Snelson, were all in attendance.

Hyman Sauer followed Jo Ed Hill as FNB president, the job he continues to hold today.

Other current and former officers, directors and employees recognized during the event included: Ed Meador, Lynn Meador, Raymond Mittel, Frances Peters, Bob Helmers, Steve Chandler, Marta Sue Oliver, Jeanne Snelson and Shirley Joiner.

The event took place in and around a newly completed pavilion located in the new park. Snacks and refreshments were served.

Vice President Mason Vaughan offered his appreciation to Hyman Sauer for his leadership prior to awarding dozens of door prizes.

Participants were encouraged to sign up for the door prizes, which were awarded in three age divisions: children, youth and adults. Judy Christian won the Grand Prize, a large flat-screen television set.

Among the current bank employees who participated in the event were: Shirley Joiner, Mason Vaughan, Stacy Haynes, Deanne Walker, Carolyn Mittel, Helen Ledbetter, Linda Gonzalez, Kim Griffin, Angie Redish, Caroline Hight, Nora Perez, Roxanne Arispe, Glenda Harris, Michelle McCants, Lupe Herrera and Mary Jenkins.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

First National Bank of Eldorado President Hyman Sauer (R) recognized Jeff and Tom Davis (L-R at Left) great-grandson and grandson respectively of FNB's first president Moses McKnight, who served from 1907 to 1909. Sauer went on to recognize all the men who served as the bank's helm, and a number of their descendants and relatives in attendance. The event took place in the newly completed park, located on the corner of Southwest Main and West Gillis, where the bank's former building stood until it was demolished this year. FNB built the new park and dedicated it for use by the people of Eldorado as part of its year-long 100th Anniversary celebration.

County works on road without bidding job Commissioners learn of case backlog in county court

Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin explained to Success reporter Kathy Mankin on Tuesday that he contacted an attorney in regard to adding County Road 300 paving to the county's ongoing paving projects.

The judge said that the project could be added as a change order without calling for bids. However, a review of the state's change order statute reveals that a contract may be amended up or down by no more than 25 percent of its total bid price.

The county's current paving project was bid at \$103,331.20 and previous a change order totaling \$10,437.20 added County Road 100 to the project.

On Monday, September 24, 2007 the commissioners voted to hire 90 West Contractors to make repairs to County Road 300 for the sum of \$60,304.00 despite the fact that the item was not on the agenda. Neither was the subject on the October 9th agenda.

Work on the road has already begun.

In other business County Clerk Peggy Williams advised the commissioners of a visit from Jim Merchant with the Department of Public Safety, who pointed out a 33 percent drop in completed criminal cases. The bottleneck is apparently caused by a number of unfiled cases in the County Attorney's office.

Ms. Williams said she has no control over the number of unfiled cases saying that she wanted the commissioners to understand the predicament. Judge Johnny Griffin also expressed concern about the backlog.

For his part, County Attorney Raymond Loomis' says that cases are being properly handled by his office. The DPS concern is a technical one, he said, involving multiple charges against a single defendant where a case is being held awaiting a disposition or plea arrangement in another case. Loomis continued by saying that the DPS is addressing this

matter with a number of other counties and offered his assurance that his office is running more smoothly than when he took office.

EMS representative T.J. Rodriguez spoke to Schleicher County Commissioners about purchasing a new ambulance. According to Rodriguez, the EMS has accumulated \$50,000.00 from past

sales tax revenues given to the organization by the county towards purchasing a new ambulance. Rodriguez told the court he has located a new ambulance for \$121,705. Rodriguez also stated the ambulance that has been with the service the longest would be traded in and that the EMS would be asking the county

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Former wife of YFZ leader tells her story

"Escape" a book by Carolyn Jessop, former polygamous wife of YFZ Ranch leader Merrill Jessop, was released to the public this week. The book is a dramatic first-person account of life inside the ultra-fundamentalist FLDS church, and one woman's courageous flight to freedom with her eight children.

Carolyn Jessop says that she was eighteen years old when she was coerced into an arranged marriage with a total stranger: a man thirty-two years her senior. Merrill Jessop already had three wives. But arranged plural marriages were an integral part of the FLDS heritage.

Over the next fifteen years, Carolyn says that she had eight children and withstood her husband's psychological abuse and the watchful eyes of his other wives who were locked in a constant battle for supremacy.

Carolyn's every move was dictated by her husband's whims, she says. He decided where she lived and how her children would be treated. He controlled the money she earned as a school

teacher. He chose when they had sex. She says she could only refuse—at her peril. For in the FLDS, a wife's compliance with her husband determined how much status both she and her children held in the family.

Miserable for years, Carolyn says she wanted out but knew that if she tried to leave and got caught, her children would be taken away from her. No woman in the country had ever escaped from the FLDS and managed to get her children out, too. But in 2003, Carolyn chose freedom over fear and fled her home with her eight children. She had \$20 to her name.

"Escape" reveals a world tantamount to a prison camp, created by religious fanatics who, in the name of God, deprive their followers the right to make choices, force women to be totally subservient to men, and brainwash children in church-run schools. Against this background, Carolyn Jessop's flight takes on an extraordinary, inspiring power. Not only

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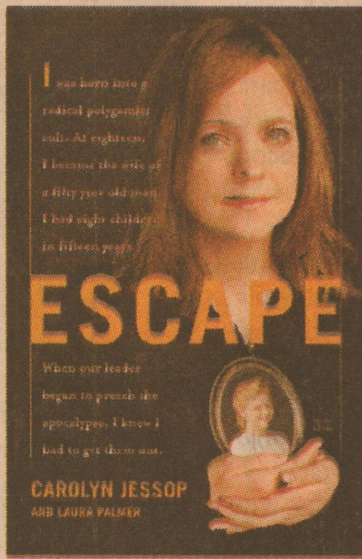


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Here come the Eagles!

Eagles captains Manny Gonzalez, Luis "Chomper" Huichapa, Louie Buitron and Tim Maskill took the field Friday for the coin toss. The Eagles defeated Bronte 27-7 in District 16-1A action

Bush Makes Cuba Criticism Easy

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque couldn't take President Bush's speech at the U.N. General Assembly, so he walked out.

Cuba's U.N. mission said it was "a sign of the profound rejection of the arrogant and mediocre statement by President Bush." Havana's government-controlled press parroted the statement. "Cuba Condemned Bush's Infamy," said a headline in the newspaper Juventud Rebelde.

What was so infamous?

Bush said: "In Cuba, the long rule of a cruel dictator is nearing its end. The Cuban people are ready for their freedom. And as that nation enters a period of transition, the United Nations must insist on free speech, free assembly and, ultimately, free and competitive elections."

If the walkout was a sign of anything, it was a sign of the profound rejection of anything resembling democracy by the Cuban regime.

Cuba is in the privileged company of nations like Burma, Iran and North Korea that consider it offensive to hear that liberty of expression and multiparty elections are good things. In fact, the governing systems in those countries have as their foundational premise the rejection of those political values.

Which explains Perez Roque's anger. By definition, the disappearance of the regime in which he is foreign minister is necessary for Cubans to enjoy basic human rights of expression and political participation. Once that regime disappears he will find himself out of a job or -- who knows? -- on trial.

No wonder he finds unacceptable the mere mention of "free speech" or "competitive elections."

It used to be that in defending itself -- defending the indefensible -- the Cuban regime was reduced to boilerplate.

Cuban individuals who dared utter criticism were *gusanos*, worms. Those who organized in opposition in the United States were the "Miami Mafia."

Yawn.

Havana also loved to accuse the United States of conducting a "genocidal blockade," making it seem as if the U.S. refusal to trade with Cuba was an act of war, with American warships "blockading" the Cuban coast so that no food and medicine could get in, causing a "genocide" of Cuban citizens.

They still use that kind of propaganda. But now they have another, more powerful weapon, and they don't have to lie.

The Cuban government can now say -- and did say, after the walkout -- that the president of the United States of America authorized torture and tried to hold prisoners indefinitely without charges.

It's what the Cubans and North Koreans of the world have been doing for decades. But when they can say (truthfully!) that the United States does it too, it shifts the attention from their own misdeeds to the misdeeds of the United States.

One of the most disgraceful failures of the Bush administration is that it has taken us to a place where the world's most despotic regimes can accuse the United States of violating basic rights -- and make it stick.

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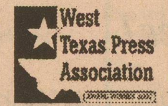
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It was one for the ages

A true Dallas Cowboys fan can tell you exactly where he was, and what he had eaten for lunch on the day the Cowboys lost the Ice Bowl to Green Bay in 1967.

To this day I remember watching defensive tackle Jethro Pugh as he tried desperately to carve through the ice with his cleats in hopes of gaining some footing. But, it wasn't meant to be.

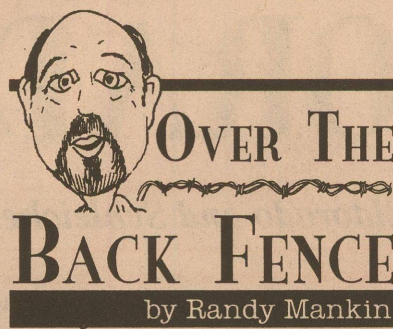
Green Bay's center Ken Bowman and right guard Jerry Kramer buried Pugh as quarterback Bart Starr sneaked across the goal line with the game winning touchdown.

That was the 1967 NFL Championship Game, and actually pre-dates the Superbowl.

Then there's the 50 yard TD pass that rookie quarterback Clint Longley threw to Dallas receiver Drew Pearson to win the 1974 Thanksgiving game over the Washington Redskins. Longley was called into action when Cowboys star quarterback Roger Staubach was sidelined with an injury.

The following year, Longley sucker-punched Staubach in the team's locker room and he was promptly traded to San Diego where he sank into obscurity. Meanwhile, Staubach stayed in Dallas until his retirement, earning a place in the NFL Hall of Fame.

Speaking of sucker punches, in 1987 Eagles head coach Buddy Ryan ordered quarterback Randall Cunningham to fake a kneel down at the end of a game the Eagles



were winning handily. Cunningham then lofted a TD pass to run up the score and pour salt on the wounds of Cowboys fans everywhere.

Or, how about the time we learned that Tom Landry, the only coach the Cowboys ever had, up until that point, had been unceremoniously fired by the team's new owner, Jerry Jones.

Let me add here that I have developed a grudging respect for Jones, but I will never forgive him for the way he handled Landry.

Everyone, myself included, knew it was time for Landry to go. In fact, he probably stayed five years longer than he should have. But you simply don't fly in from Arkansas one day, announce to the world that you've bought the Dallas Cowboys then let a legend like Landry learn from TV reporters that he's out of a job.

That was bad form, Jerry Jones, very bad form.

Having said that, however, Jones learned quickly, and his teams hung three Super Bowl banners inside Texas Stadium. That's one more than Landry's teams managed.

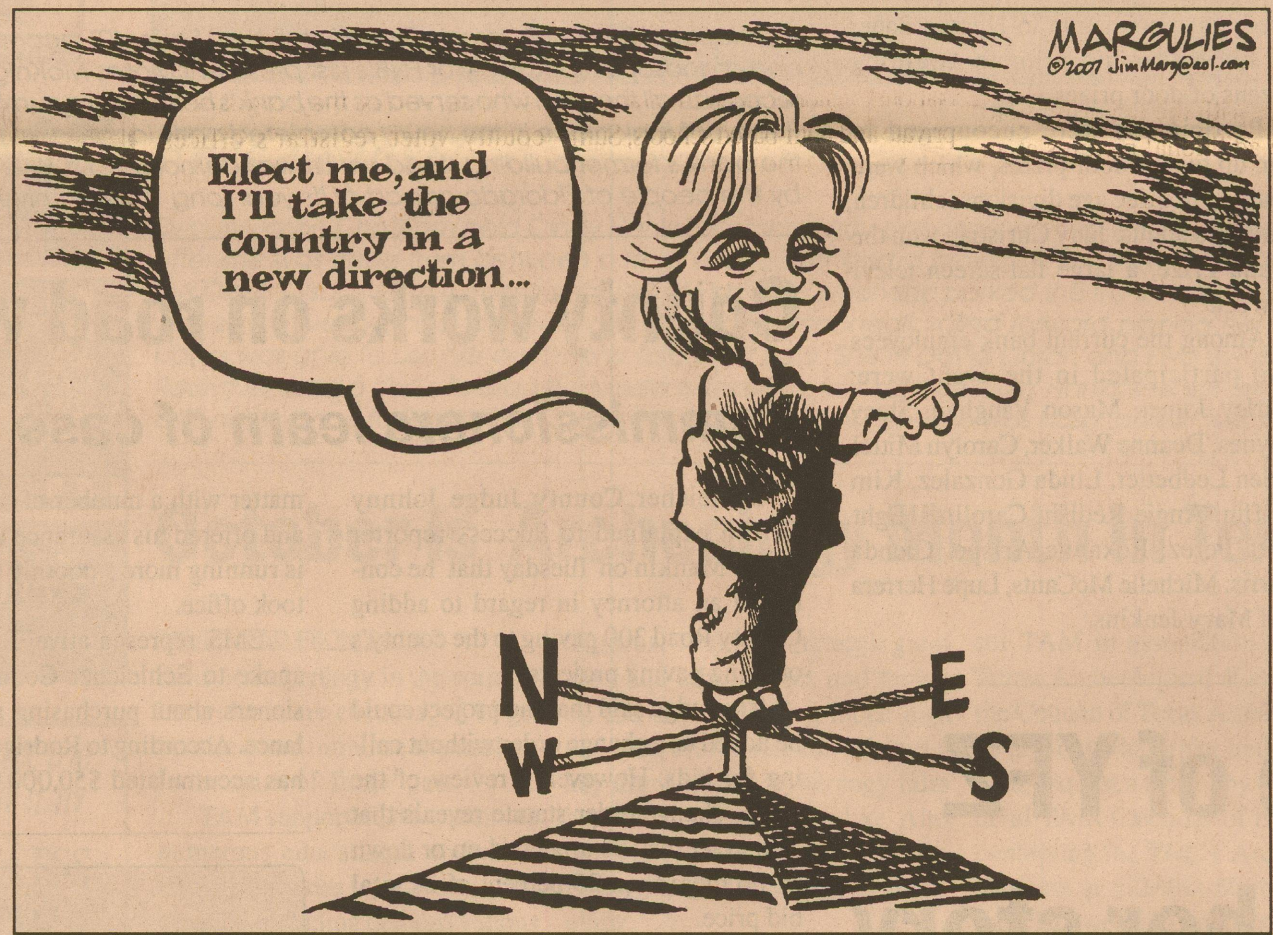
Another memorable moment destined to find its way into Cowboy lore was this week's 25-24 come-from-behind win over the Buffalo Bills on Monday Night Football.

Quarterback Tony Romo threw five, count 'em, five interceptions, two of which went for touchdowns. Another of the errant passes lead to a Buffalo field goal. Then, after Dallas managed a field goal of its own, the Bills returned the ensuing kickoff 103 yards for another TD.

But with time winding down, the Cowboys found themselves only down by eight. As he had at the end of the first half, Tony Romo, orchestrated a masterful drive to get within striking distance. Then, he threaded the needle to connect with Patrick Crayton for a touchdown with 20 seconds left.

What followed can only be described as the most frustrating, yet exciting finish I can recall to a Cowboys game. When a two point conversion failed, Dallas was forced to attempt an onside kick, which it miraculously recovered. Then came three passes, two of which were complete and two field goal attempts, both of which were good, but only one of which counted because Bills coach Dick Jauron called a time-out only moments before the first kick attempt was snapped.

Somehow, in defiance of the odds and human reason, the Cowboys pulled out a 25-24 win, to join the ranks of unforgettable Cowboys moments.



A Long Time on the School Board

Tommy McMullan has been a school board member longer than anyone else in Texas.

"This will be my 55th year," says Tommy. "I've been on it since 52."

He is on the school board in the Liberty County town of Devers. The district has 164 students in grades kindergarten thru 8th. Tommy knows all the students and calls them by name when he makes his weekly visit to the school.

"I don't go over there to check on anything or anybody," says Tommy. "I just go to see the kids. Most of them will hug me when they see me. I just brag on them and tell them what a good job they're doing in school. And they are. I'm telling them the truth. In the last ten years we've got an exemplary rating four times. We would have made it this year if one more student had passed the statewide test."

Tommy loves to visit with the kindergarten kids.

"I go in and read with them.



by **Tumbleweed Smith**

They start reading early in our little school. I sit down with them and listen to them and help them if they need it."

Tommy, a retired rice farmer, has lived in Devers (population 416) all his life.

"I went to school in Devers and I finished here. We had a high school. The school was built in 1932. We didn't have running water. We had a big ole round pot-bellied stove in each room."

The district has three buildings now. The newest one bears Tommy's name. Some time ago, Tommy had heart surgery and was recuperating in a nursing home. He had some visitors.

"Two school buses full of kids came to see me. I hugged every

one of them."

Tommy has had few opponents in his 17 school board elections and he's not planning to step down anytime soon. The average length of time someone spends on a school board is about six years. He has served continuously since 1952. The state legislature recognized him when he reached the 50 year mark on the board.

Police don't patrol the halls in the Devers schools. The town's mayor, Edna Johnson, is the cafeteria cook.

"She's the best cook in Devers," says Tommy. Tommy got in trouble when he was in the first grade.

"We had rest time every day. Miss Wise was my teacher. I was running around and wouldn't lie down, so she tied me to a big pine tree outside. And why my mother came up to school that day I don't know. She just walked right past me and never said a word. So I stayed tied to the pine tree for a while. Everything I got in school I deserved."

TYC moves inmates from troubled facility

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The Texas Youth Commission removed 197 male inmates confined at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center in Bronte and transferred them to other facilities on Oct. 2.

Recent audits of the facility, near San Angelo, operated by the private firm GEO Group Inc. raised concerns about the safety and welfare of inmates.

On Oct. 1, TYC acting executive director Dimitria Pope determined the facility was in an advanced state of disrepair, that programming and rehabilitation efforts were not being pursued, and the overall health and safety of the youth housed there were in jeopardy. She ordered the transfer of the youths.

The state canceled its \$8 million annual contract with GEO Group and an investigation has begun.

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Disaster declaration is approved

President George W. Bush on Oct. 3 approved a federal disaster declaration for Bexar, Harris, Jones, Kendall, Medina and Taylor counties to help address severe flooding and wind damage caused by Tropical Storm Erin.

The declaration covers damages incurred Aug. 14-20, when a foot or more of rainfall was recorded in portions of the state, contributing to six deaths, plus road closures, flooded homes and more than 100 high-water rescues.

Gov. Rick Perry on Oct. 3 said individuals and families who are not covered by insurance can apply for financial assistance, temporary housing, tax relief, legal services, crisis counseling and unemployment assistance.

President vetoes kids' health bill

President Bush on Oct. 3 carried through on his promise to veto legislation he said would be too costly and would have made health coverage available to families that are not needy enough.

The federal SCHIP bill was crafted to increase funding for state children's health insurance programs and expand it to cover more families that make too much money to qualify for Medicaid but still cannot afford health insurance.

Funding for SCHIP under the vetoed bill would have totaled \$35 billion over five years. The president has an alternative plan that would increase current funding by \$5 billion over five years.

Members of the U.S. House are counting votes to see if there are enough to override Bush's veto.

Texas ranks lowest among the 50 states in making health care available to its poorer citizens.

Texas awards first wind leases

The Texas General Land Office on Oct. 2 awarded the first four bid leases for offshore wind power in U.S. history.

"The Texas Wind Rush is on, and the pioneers are staking their claims," Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said.

The leases, awarded to Louisiana-based Wind Energy Systems Technology, allow work to begin on the construction of meteorological testing towers on the tracts.

Once the wind farms are operational, the lessee will pay the state's Permanent School Fund a minimum of \$132 million over the 30-year life of the leases.

Nutrition programs move to TDA

USDA nutrition programs formerly administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission moved to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

SCISD Safe & Drug Free Schools Information Session

The 2nd annual Safe & Drug Free Schools Information Session is slated for Monday, October 22, 2007 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Eldorado High School Library.

Speakers for the event will be Kelli Thorp from Sonora who will speak on Internet Safety, Raquel Torres with the (BCFS) Baptist Child & Family Services of Del Rio will be holding Parenting Classes; Van Dodd with the Perm-

ian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Region 9; and, Calton May, a substance abuse counselor and probation officer from San Angelo who will speak on gang and drug awareness.

This program is open to all SCISD parents, students and community members.

Child care will be provided, door prizes will be presented and refreshments will be served.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

This lovely doll could be yours! Activity Director of Schleicher County Nursing Home is holding a doll donated by Laura McMillan, a nurse at Schleicher County Nursing Home. The doll is "Sarah" by the German Artist Monika Peter-Leicht for Masterpiece Gallery. The doll is a limited edition of 350. The doll will be given away during the 2nd Annual Bean Cook-Off held at the Nursing Home Courtyard, October 27, 2007. So if you want to purchase a chance for the doll contact Sara Hugh, Barbara Perez or Annie Arispe at the nursing home. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

By Glenda Harris

Beta Sigma Phi kicked off the new year with the first meeting held on September 11th in the home of Barbara Jackson. Following the reading of the last minutes and the treasurer's report we discussed our money making projects for the upcoming year. The projects we do during the year is what gives the opportunity to do things in the community such as Christmas at the nursing home and to give two scholarships to two local seniors at the end of the year.

We have added a new project this year and we hope the community will support us and take advantage of an excellent Christmas gift. We have scheduled to do portraits in November which will be back in time for a great Christmas gift and we promise they will be economical for everyone. Look forward to more information coming soon.

In November we will also be having our annual bake sale at the Eldorado Game Association Dinner to be held the first weekend of the month at the Civic Center, south of Eldorado on Hwy. 277.

Refreshments were served by Barbara Jackson.

Our second meeting was held at the Club Room at the Memorial Building on September 25th. Dorothy Dacy read the minutes of the last meeting and Kim-et Nelson gave the treasurer's report. She also

reminded our local dues will be due at the next meeting.

We reviewed our portrait plans and have set November 10th as the date to our pictures. We will also use the afternoon of November the 11th if necessary. Our photographer will be Eldorado's own J.L. Mankin of West Texas Photography.

Following the program on the benefits of walking by Kim-et Nelson she then served us refreshments of chips, dips and brownies.

The third meeting was held October 8, 2007 in the Women's Club Room at the Memorial Building. Five members repeated the Opening Ritual.

Recording Secretary Dorothy Dacy was absent so we did not have the reading of the last minutes. The treasurer's report was given by Kim-et Nelson.

The first item of business was the upcoming portraits that we will be doing November 10th. The price for the setting will be \$20.00 and it will include an 8 x 10 picture with the opportunity to purchase additional pictures at an additional price.

This is going to be our biggest money making project for the year and hope it goes well. This helps us give two scholarships to seniors at graduation time.

Also we will have our annual bake sale which includes casseroles, cakes, pies and other goodies at the Game Association Dinner.

Following the close of the business meeting the cultural program was given by Glenda Harris, which included refreshments provided by the hostess.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 22 unless there is a conflict with the annual food show. Telephone girl Mary Nolen will call with details at a later date.

Mittel receives \$2,500 scholarship

Eldorado High School graduate Kristin Mittel has won a \$2,500.00 college scholarship from the Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation (ECSF). She is one of only 61 High School students for the 2006-2007 program. Mittel is majoring in Human

Development and Family Studies at the College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University, in Lubbock. She was awarded this scholarship for her academic achievements, participation in school and community activities, and her essay.

Capital Highlights...

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Online sex offenders are arrested

Investigators with Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's Cyber Crimes and Fugitive Units arrested 14 convicted sex offenders who illegally created profiles on the Web site MySpace.com.

After receiving a subpoena from Attorney General Abbott earlier this year, MySpace.com provided investigators with a list of registered sex offenders who use the site.

Registration deadline is upon us Oct. 9 is the voter registration

BIRTHDAY LIST

- OCTOBER**
11th Becky Moore, Brittani Romero, Steven Pina, Bessie Jones, Ty Williams, Kimberly Scott Thomas, Jack Griffin, Catlyn Ward, Nathan Mungia
12th Timothy Maskill, Nancy Doyle, Victoria Box, Sam Jenkins, Eddie Hill
13th Wayne Sims, Emalie Nixon-Key, Sue Russler, David I. Olivian, Sammye Mayo Ruppeck, Frances Moreno
14th Joe Bailey, Jennifer Crowder, Misty Harris, Anna Espinosa, Wayne Sims, Jennifer Arevalo, Sam Hernandez, Lidia Perez
15th Eva Jo Sessom, Eugene Bradshaw, Maggie Lee Issacs, Kristen Stubbs, Marcos Ryan Ramon, Aliyah Hernandez
16th Antonio Garcia, Don Robinson, Jessie Jenkins, Michael Caulder, Amanda Manning
17th J.B. Barker, Debbie Ballew, Shay Parker, Laura Francis, Elizabeth Hidalgo
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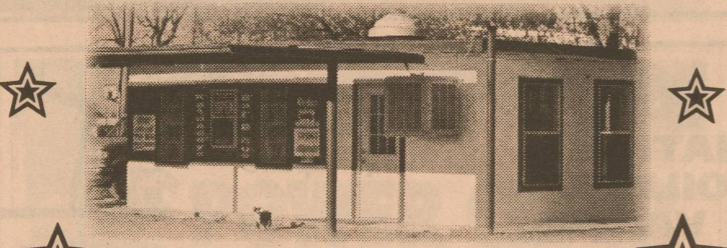
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Winner of this week's
 \$100 drawing is Manuela
 Espinosa, shown here
 accepting her prize from
 Helen Ledbetter.

Judy Christian was the Grand Prize winner Tuesday during the First National Bank of Eldorado Park Dedication. She won a 32-inch flat screen TV. Numerous other prizes were awarded. Refreshments were served as a crowd of about three hundred people turned out to help celebrate FNB's Centennial year.

Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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 ★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ Hoo Boy!

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.
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Eagles run over, around and through Longhorns

Try as they might, the Bronte Longhorns just couldn't find any answers for Eldorado's potent running game last Friday night as the Eagles rolled to a 27-7 victory. The win was the second of the season for the Warbirds and the first in its District 16-1A schedule.

"I'm very proud of our kids after that win. It was a good win and they deserve it," Head Coach Johnny Burleson said. "We played well on both sides of the ball out there. Our defense did a great job of shutting down their offense. Louie Buitron was around the ball all night making tackles."

The Eagles defense stuffed Bronte's rushing attack allowing only 36 rushing yards on 25 carries and 85 yards on ten completions.

Offensively the Eagles out-distanced the Longhorns on the ground, rushing for 330 yards on 46 attempts and passing for another 65.

"Both of our tailbacks had big games for us," Burleson said. "Pedro Garcia and Wes Brown showed up to play."

Garcia managed 82 yards on nine rushes and two touchdowns. Brown finished the night with 100 yards on 14 attempts.

Dustin Gauna also made an impact on the field, accounting for all of the Eagles' receiving with 65 yards on three catches and a

touchdown. Ivany Sanchez also managed to score going 62 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries.

"We just have a good fit this season between our team and the scheme," Burleson said. "We are extremely fast as far as team speed goes."

Eldorado now turns its eyes north to Sterling City.

"They lost several of their good players from last year," Burleson said. "They have been struggling all season, but in this district you can never let your guard down."

Sterling City is 0-5 so far this year. They have already faced Bronte and Forsan in district play falling to the Longhorns 26-0 and 53-7 against Forsan.

"We need to just get better at what we do," Burleson said. "We will be a force in our remaining district games if we can control the ball better."

"We have been waiting for this game for a year. We have a team that is eager for each and every district win," Burleson added.

The game is slated for 7:30 p.m. in Sterling City. Fans are encouraged to make the trip to support the Eagles in their quest for post-season play. If you are unable to make the trip you can tune into KLDL 104.9 FM for live game coverage.



Pedro "Petey" Garcia found an open lane around the left end of the line of Scrimmage last Friday night as the Eagles cruised to a 27-7 win over the Bronte Longhorns.

Upon Further Review

by J.L. Mankin

Last year's October 20 edition of the *Sterling Courier* spun a tale about a Sterling City football team — and its coaching staff — that was more concerned with teaching "life lessons" than winning football games.

The *Courier* began its story with a statement, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The article proceeded to tell how the Sterling City Eagles handed Eldorado a 56-0 thumping while at the same time avenging a 78-12 loss the Sterling City junior varsity had suffered a night earlier at the hands of Eldorado's JV squad.

The *Courier* went on to explain how Coach Chris Bearden decided that a 42-0 win over Eldorado wasn't nearly enough to satisfy his team's thirst for revenge. So, with time dwindling in the contest, Bearden "went for the jugular," — *The Courier's* words, not mine.

Bearden used his three second-half timeouts, called two inside kicks and a fake punt in order to run up the score, embarrass the Eldorado team in front of its home fans and "teach a life lesson."

With no time left on the clock, Sterling City fans then showed their support for Bearden's tactics by unfurling a giant banner emblazoned with the words, "When you mess with one of us, you get the rest of us."

I mention all of this, not to gin up excitement about Friday night's game in Sterling City, but to offer some context.

With Eldorado traveling to Sterling City this week, and with most of the team made up of mem-

bers of the JV squad that won there last year, I can't help but wonder if Coach Bearden or perhaps the *Sterling Courier* is offering any words of wisdom this week.

Eldorado is 2-3 on the season and 1-1 in district. Sterling City is 0-5 on the season and 0-2 in district play. So far this year they have been outscored 223-24.

Shakespeare said, "What is past is prologue."

We'll see Friday night if the lessons of last year were taken to heart, and by whom.

As for me, I want the Eldorado Eagles, win or lose, to demonstrate class and sportsmanship. I feel this way, not out of a sense of compassion for Sterling City, but because that's how I would like to be treated.

Jr. High Eagles on a two game winning streak

The Eldorado Jr. High football team is currently on a two game winning streak following back to back victories over Christoval and Bronte. The young Eagle squad has overpowered their last two opponents and held them scoreless in their respective contests on the gridiron.

The Eldorado team posted a 24-0 shutout over Christoval only to be followed by a 22-0 shutout over Bronte. The Eldorado Jr. High will play host to the visit-

ing Sterling City Eagles today at 5:30pm.

Coach Broussard and Rubio have been very proud of the effort and drive exhibited by the team. The Jr. High football team has started out sluggish early in both contests only to respond with strong second half performances.

The two game winning streak pushes the Eldorado Jr. High record to 3-1 overall and a perfect 2-0 headed into the third week of district play.

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School Lunch Menu

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, October 15
Pan Cake on Stix/Syrup, Fresh Banana, Choice of Juice, Milk

Tuesday, October 16
Banana Nut Muffin, Choice Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, October 17
Cinnamon Rolls, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday, October 18
Buttered Toast/Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, October 19
Cereal Bar, Peanut Butter/Jelly Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, October 15
Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Chips, Green Salad, Carrot Stix/Dip, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, October 16
Corn Chip Pie/Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookies

Wednesday, October 17
Sausage Wraps, Carrot Stix/Dip, Seasoned Potato Wedges, Pineapple Slices

Thursday, October 18
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Sandwich Salad, Pear Halves

Friday, October 19
Pepperoni Pizza, Dip, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Apple Halves

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, October 15
Corn Dogs, Cole Slaw, Carrot's Stix, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, October 16
Corn Chip Pie/Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookies

Wednesday, October 17
Ham & Cheese Hot Pockets, Cucumber Salad, Fresh Broccoli Tops/Dip, Pineapple Slices

Thursday, October 18
Chicken Spaghetti, Green Peas/ Hot Rolls, Mixed Green Salad/Dressing, Pear Halves

Friday, October 19
Pepperoni Pizza, Dip, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Apple Halves



County Agent's Update

by Cory Stevens

Hutto places at State Fair

Davis Hutto of the Schleicher County 4H club recently competed at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. Davis shows meat goats. He placed third in his class with a 74 pound goat that he and his family raised. The third place award also qualified Davis for the premium sale.

Davis has been showing at jackpot shows for the past couple of years, and has done very well. He has won numerous classes, been awarded showmanship awards, and really become a very good shooter. Davis is really looking forward to his first year competing in the "majors". Good job Davis!!!



COURTESY PHOTO

Daniel Robledo made a rare double eagle on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 30, at the Eldorado Golf Club. After his tee shot on the par five third hole left him 200 yards from the green, he pulled a hybrid club out of his bag and knocked the ball in the hole for a two. It's the only double eagle in memory on that hole. Witnesses were Danny Halbert, Keith McCormack, Tommy Hunley, Clayton Sauer, and David Robledo.

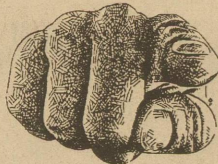
Cooking class slated Sunday

Contact the Extension Office this Sunday if you or your youngster would like to participate in cooking classes. They will be held at the civic center from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM this coming Sunday, October 24. PLEASE call and pre-register at the extension office by Friday. 325-853-2132. If there is no answer, leave a message telling me the child's name and age.

Sheep and goat validation

Sheep and goat validation will take place this coming Saturday, October 13th from 8:00AM until 12:00noon at the Eldorado High School Ag. Shop. Again, call 853-2132 for more information.

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Carolyn Jessop's "Escape"

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Jon Krakauer, author of *Under the Banner of Heaven* and *Into Thin Air* said of the book, "Escape provides an astonishing look behind the tightly drawn curtains of the FLDS Church, one of the most secretive religious groups

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- Wednesday, October 17**
Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce, Mashed Potato, Corn, Wheat Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Sugar Cookie, Milk
- Thursday, October 18**
Chicken Fried Steak w/Cream Gravy, Mashed Potato, Mixed Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange and Milk
- Friday, October 19**
Fried Catfish, Corn Tomato Casserole, Seasoned Spinach, Dinner Roll, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

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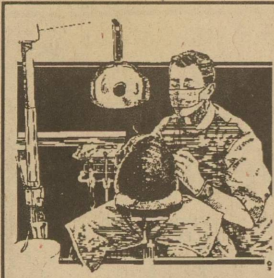
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Allyson Jarrett, Josh Jurecek,
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Bailey Minor, Marci Minor,
Lourdes Pasillas, Cruzita Trujillo

10th Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Wes Brown,
Timothy Cuevas, Dylan Dombroski,
Emily Espinosa, Audrey Rubio
"85 & Above" Honor Roll:
Hunter Alvizo, Ryan Castillo,
Kaela Crofoot, Krista Galindo,
Victoria Garza, Adriana Hernandez,
Javier Hernandez, Patricia Her-
nandez, Tanja Hibbs, Garrett Lux,
Aubrey Martinez, Maureen Marti-
nez, Marco Medrano, Kadie Niblett,
Dustin Ramos, Hugo Rios,
Ivany Sanchez

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Isidro Granados, Meg Griffin,
Claudia Pasillas, Corie Williams
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Kevin Dykstra, Mark Garcia,

Gabriel Gomez, Haley Higgins,
Marcela Huerta, Brent Martinez,
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Kirsten Stubbs

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Leslie Cruz, Misti Daniels,
Tyler Dombroski, Erika Estrada,
Maygen Eubanks, Manny Gonzalez,
Lorenzo Hernandez, Chelsey Hill,
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no, Clark Meyer, Michael Redish,
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chez, Lalo Sanchez, Rhapsody Sw-
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Crofoot, Estephanie Estrada,
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Ivie Mynatt, Abby Nolen, Whitney
Perez, Stormi Rinehart, Esmer-
alda Ruezga, Tres Whitten, Ka-
meron Wike

"A-B" Honor Roll: Dalton
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Jessica Gandar, Elizabeth Guer-
rero, Tori Guerrero, Melissa
Hernandez, Martin Iglesias, Mika
Key, Josie Ledezma, Evelyn
Martinez, TonyRey Martinez,
McKenzie McAngus, Cody Mc-
Cormack, Dominique Ochoa,
Katelyn Parsons, West Ramon,
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Kiara Treviño

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"A" Honor Roll: Madison
Albin, Odette Barrientos, Ad-
dye Chatham, Obdulia Huerta,
Abriana Islas, Elizabeth Olivares,
Lupe Pasillas, Yssenia Ramirez

"A-B" Honor Roll: Bobby
Aguero, Michael Bilbrey, Taylor
Carter, Eva De Hoyos, Bailey
Espinosa, Elizabeth Estrada,
Brittany Galan, Tyler Martinez,
Macy Mikeska, Marcela Muñiz,
Jackson O'Harrow, Megan Reel,

Adriana Rios, Amber Shipman

7th Grade
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pe, Camron Capps, Ryan Espi-
nosa, Lane Griffin, Mary Lou Mar-
tinez, Blaine Mitchell, Avery Nolen,
Jessica Pasillas, Austin Stapp

"A-B" Honor Roll: Will Bark-
er, Cesar Cruz, Shelby Daniels,
Lori Escobar, Eric Estrada, Diego
Gloria, Kasey Gonzalez, Edward
Hernandez, Colten Jackson,
Rudy Montez, Brian Shriver, Mar-
cus Perez, Dylan Ramos, Hector
Reyes, Diego Sanchez, Stacey
Valeriano, Luis Vazquez

8th Grade
"A Honor Roll: Robert Chavez,
Brianah Creek, Abby Fuentes,
Oscar Robles

"A-B Honor Roll: Sierra Aris-
pe, Maddi Bilbrey, Ivan Cardenas,
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for another \$50,000. Judge Griffin
instructed Rodriguez to check into
the Buy Board before they county
starts the bidding process. No other
action was taken.

Commissioner Matt Brown,
Kirk Griffin and Johnny Mayo
were present for the first half of
the meeting. Commissioner Lynn
Meador was present for the last
hour.

The court voted not to grant
exemptions for goods in transit.
House Bill 621 allowed counties to
opt out of the exemptions of goods
in transits by a certain date. The
decision to tax goods in transit will
require appropriate notices to be
run and a public hearing be held.

The court also approved renew-
ing the county's \$350 dues with
the Association of Rural Counties
in Texas dues in the amount of
\$350.00.

The commissioners then ap-
proved, by order of the court,
County Treasurer's Karen Hender-
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The commissioners also okayed
payment of the monthly bills, and
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blade, based on David Wilkerson's
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involving methods, but definitely
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program. A fellowship meal will be
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aged to attend.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Spanish appetizers
6. Run off at the mouth
10. Fight for breath
14. In pieces
15. U2 vocalist
16. Up to the task
17. City near Dayton
18. ___ JAIL (Monopoly square)
19. Dirtbag
20. Greet the judge
23. Buddhism sect
24. ___-totsy
25. Far East boat
29. "Shut up!"
32. Cookie some-times eaten inside-out
33. Bone-chilling
34. Philosopher Lao-__
37. One way to advertise
41. Not fresh
42. Non-imaginary numbers
43. Quickly, briefly
44. Engraving tools
45. Messy place
47. Dickens's Heep
50. Whole lot
51. Beat a difficult situation

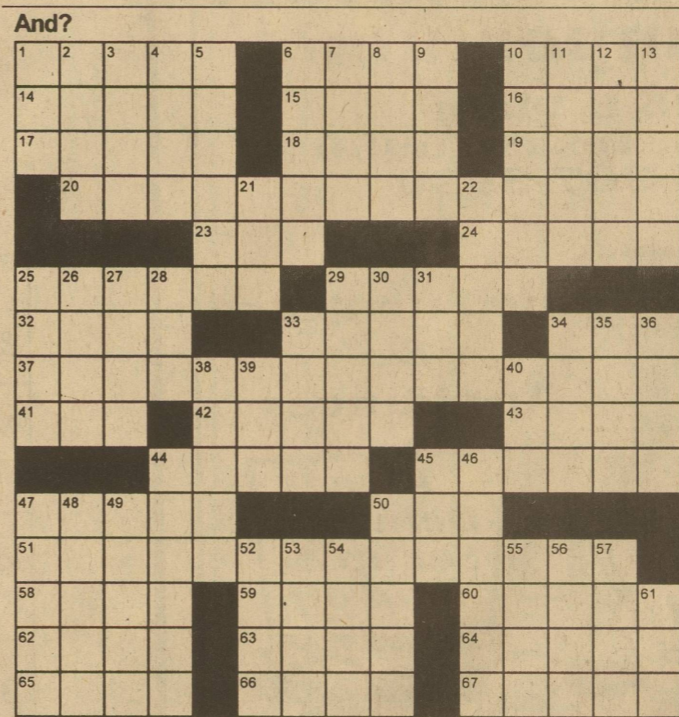
58. Like much folk mus.
59. In charge of
60. Graceland name
62. Actress Russo
63. Unloading site
64. Show one's pearly whites
65. Mideast's Gulf of ___

66. Whirling water
67. Vacancy sign

DOWN

1. Bill add-on
2. Pals of Tarzan
3. Have dog breath?
4. Oratorio highlight
5. Anthem section
6. Compressed-air
7. Aerial stunt
8. Voting no on
9. Timely benefit
10. Big goon
11. More or less
12. Insulting re-marks
13. Of no impor-tance
21. Place to kick

22. Big Indian
25. Artsy Manhattan area
26. Fast-shrinking Asian sea
27. Patch up
28. Green bean, for example
29. String section members
30. Bellicose god
31. Long or Peeples
33. List-ending abbr.
34. Hardy heroine
35. BA or ERA
36. Catch sight of
38. Straight: Prefix
39. One-eighty
40. Hang back
44. Bum out
45. 2B or SS
46. Overrun
47. Part of UV
48. Rose up, in dialect
49. Lamebrained
50. Towel material
52. "Uh-uh!"
53. "Metamorpho-ses" author
54. Can't do without
55. "Blondie" boy
56. Diabolical
57. Some flooring
61. Get firm



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SCISD board seeks input on rollback

A public forum concerning SCISD upcoming rollback election was held on Monday, October 8. Several people were present as Superintendent Billy Collins explained the need for additional tax dollars with a "Powerpoint" demonstration.

Ilse Williams advised the board after seeing Superintendent Collins' presentation that she would be "delighted" to pay local taxes in order to help with repairs and improvements at the school.

The trustees received no other comments from the public regarding the rollback issue.

A public hearing was then held on the Financial Integrity System of Texas. Superintendent Billy Collins told the board that SCISD's rating was "Superior."

The trustees then met with Ilse Williams, Christy Brown and Christy Meador concerning the need for a wellness center in Eldorado.

Board President Kurtis Homer and Superintendent Billy Collins advised the board that it would be legal for the school to contribute to the wellness center according to the school's attorney. Collins also explained that the facility would be beneficial in helping to recruit teachers.

Darlene Huckaby, SCISD PEIMS Coordinator was recognized for an excellent job of reporting personal student information with no errors reported on the database. It was noted that the database is used to secure state and federal funds, making accuracy of the utmost importance.

Superintendent Collins also reported that the school's enrollment was 643 as of Monday, October 8, 2007.

Finance Director Ray Ballew then presented the district's financial reports, which were reviewed and approved by the trustees.

The board then approved a shared services agreement with Menard Special Education Cooperative. Approval was also given to a transfer student from Sonora.

The SCISD Textbook Committee for 2007-2008 was named and the state legal laws TASB Policy Update 81 got a thumbs up from the trustees.

The board then called for bids for the sale of a used 33 passenger bus.

The trustees then went into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters, and to eat their meal.

Trustees present were Leanne Higgins, Berta Nicholson, Jan Wanoreck, President Kurtis Homer, Lupe Sanchez and Robert Jay.

Principals Kara Garlitz, Scotty Carman and Maela Edmonson were also present for the meeting. So was Reagan County High School Principal Ralph Traynam, who was on hand as an observer as he worked to complete educational requirements.



W.R. Word "Hamburger Bill" as he appeared in younger days in a photo taken in 1899.

Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

Eldorado's Main Street

Main Street in downtown Eldorado was the place to be in the 1920's and early 1930's. Some old timers say you had to get to town early to get a good parking place.

In the first block of Main St. on the right side going south you would see the grand old Eldorado Hotel on the corner. Men's clothing, including cleaning and pressing, was available at Joe Williams Clothing Store. The next store was Wheeler Grocery Store followed by Donald Royster and Chan Whitten's drug store. The 1907 First National Bank building was an outstanding addition to the block, and who could forget the TK Jones theater structure, run by Hicks Hall. Everyone watched western movies on Saturday after noon. Leaman Department Store stood next offering lots of bargains, and what man did not need a haircut at Dogie Finley's Barber Shop. The last store on that block offered

everyone some thing sweet at Ben Hext Confectionery Shop.

Across the street in random order you might find Gulf Service Station run by Keno Ogden. Mrs. Haynes Confectionery Shop, Ray Boyer's Electric Store, Greasy Sweatt Saddle Shop, and Evans Real Estate.

The most memorable of these early day businesses was "Hamburger Bills" located where the First National Bank stands today. In Bill Word's little café, hamburgers were sold for five cents, and you really got your nickel's worth. These big tasty burgers were served with relish and onions on a piece of oil paper. Some say the secret to the wonderful taste of the burgers was the day old bread that Bill put in the meat.

The old pie tin case was saved from the little café, and can be seen at the Schleicher County Museum.

Wear Yellow on October 17

On Wednesday, October 17, Elementary students and staff are encouraged to wear yellow.

Elementary Counselor Kathy Newman has continued Character Count's for the second year with color coded pillars that represent six ethical cores of Character. The six cores are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

The Yellow Pillar represents "Respect" and will be the focus for the Wednesday's October 17

Character program.

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There will be theme baskets on display at school and the home game October 26th. The baskets will be given away in a drawing with tickets selling for \$1.00 each or six (6) tickets for tickets for \$5.00.

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Jackie Harris

Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

9	6	3	7	2	1	4	8	5
5	4	1	9	6	8	2	7	3
2	8	7	3	4	5	1	9	6
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7	1	4	6	5	9	3	2	8
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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

And?

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Refugio County Commissioner pleads guilty to felony for engineering election fraud scheme

Precinct 4 Commissioner Raymond Villarreal resigns under plea agreement

REFUGIO – A sitting Refugio County Precinct 4 commissioner pleaded guilty Tuesday to felony election fraud charges in Refugio County and will also plead to an associated misdemeanor charge next week. Commissioner Raymond Villarreal, 57, admitted to tampering with governmental records during the March 2006 primary election. Last February, a Refugio County grand jury indicted Villarreal for violating state law as a candidate for the county commissioners court.

Under today's plea agreement, Villarreal pleaded guilty today to one count of tampering with a governmental record, a state jail felony. Villarreal will also plead guilty to possessing the ballot of another person, a Class B misdemeanor. He will serve 90 days in jail, be placed on five years probation, immediately resign his position on the commissioners court and pay a \$1,500 fine. He will pay an additional \$1,000 fine on the possession-of-ballot charge and may be obligated to pay restitution to the county for theft of services.

"Today, a county commissioner admitted to tampering with state documents during an election," said Attorney General Greg Abbott. "Texans will not tolerate candidates or activists who violate the law in order to illegally influence the outcome of an election. We are grateful to Refugio County District Attorney Michael Sheppard and Sheriff Earl Petropoulos for their

assistance with this case." Attorney General Abbott added: "Free and fair elections are critical to the success of our democratic system. We will continue to prosecute criminals who commit election fraud."

Villarreal was indicted after the Refugio County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation and filed a complaint with the Texas Secretary of State's Office, which referred the case to the Office of the Attorney General.

The Attorney General's prosecutors determined from the initial sheriff office's investigation that Villarreal had developed a complicated scheme to influence the outcome of the 2006 Democratic

primary in Refugio County. According to investigators, Villarreal obtained numerous mail-in ballot applications and took these to various residents around the county for their signatures. Villarreal then filled in the address block of these in-county voters with out-of-county addresses that belonged to his supporters.

As a result, when the county elections office mailed absentee ballots to those voters, the ballots were not mailed to the addresses where the voters would receive them during the mail-in ballot period. Instead, the ballots were mailed to the homes of Villarreal's friends and supporters, who notified him when the ballots arrived

by mail. Then, Villarreal picked up the blank ballots, which he took to the "original" applicants inside the county. According to the investigation, those voters marked the ballots in his presence.

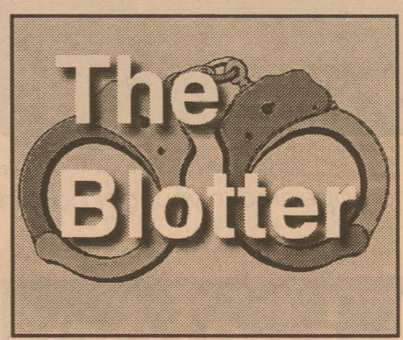
The conclusion of these charges is the latest in a series of recent election fraud prosecutions. Last June, five Starr and Hidalgo County residents were indicted in Brooks County on various charges of voter fraud for their conduct during the 2006 election cycle. A grand jury returned felony indictments against the five defendants in an investigation that began with a complaint filed by Starr County Elections Administrator. That case is ongoing.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Constitutional Amendment Election-Tax Rate Rollback Election(SCISD) held on November 6, 2007 will be tested on October 18, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at 1 North Cottonwood St., Schleicher Memorial Bldg., Elections Administrator Office, Eldorado, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the vote's cast for all offices and on all measures.

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Elección Sobre Enmiendas A La Constitución-(SCISD) Elección para ratificar el valor de impuestos adoptados que se llevara a cabo el 6 de noviembre 2007 se probara el 18 de octubre, 2007 a las 10:00 de la mañana en Calle Cottonwood al Norte 1, Edificio Memorial del Condado de Schleicher, Oficina de Administradora de Elección, Eldorado, Texas para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Brenda Mayfield
Elections Administrator, Schleicher County
Administradora de Elección, Condado de Schleicher



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

October 5 • Sanchez, Franklin, male age 17, offense Burglary of a vehicle. \$1,000 Surety Bond.

October 9 • Martinez, Joy B., female age 18, offense Reckless Driving.

• Danford, Liana R. female age 17, offense Reckless Driving.

INCIDENTS

October 2 • 5:02 p.m. Hospital requested an ACLS transfer to San Angelo.

October 3 • 3:14 a.m. Motion detector alarm was set off on business. Officer responded and found

business OK.

• 4:32 p.m. Crockett County Sheriff Officer requested assistance from Eldorado's Volunteer Fire Department. All units responded.

October 4 • 10:05 a.m. Caller requested officer assistance to jump start a vehicle.

• 11:08 a.m. Subject requested an officer in regard to a theft. Two officers responded.

• 11:42 a.m. Ambulance requested to residence for a fall victim.

• 4:38 p.m. 911 call for an officer. Kids playing in the street. Officer notified and was unable to locate.

October 5 • Caller requested an officer. Truck had hit a phone line. Phone company notified.

• 11:18 a.m. 911 Caller requested an officer to ranch on FM 2129. Caller was pinned between a tractor and grain auger. Officers responded.

• 2:14 p.m. Caller requested an officer to investigate damage to fence on 402. Officer met with complainant. Subject stated work was done on the adjacent ranch and the fence between the ranch and neighbors ranch had been accidentally damaged by an excavator.

October 5 • 3:14 a.m. Motion detector alarm was set off on business. Officer responded and found

was doing the work and settle on fence.

• 6:00 p.m. Complainant advised ex-wife failed to meet ex-husband in front of Law Enforcement Center with children for court ordered weekend.

• 10:08 p.m. Complainant reported water tower at Hill and Pecan overflowing. Officer and on-call City employee notified.

• 11:09 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle parked between Kenny and Mary Streets. Officer notified and unable to locate.

• 11:41 p.m. 911 Caller reported a black cow on Hwy. 277 North. Officer notified.

October 6 • 1:31 a.m. Caller reported 5 year old granddaughter was staying at their home. Child father kept calling to go pick daughter, but grandmother said father was drunk and did not want to let the child leave with him. Subject requested to speak with an officer.

• 1:36 a.m. Caller reported daughter's grandmother (mother-in-law) did not want to give him his daughter. Requested to speak with an officer. Officer notified about problem. Officer spoke to grandmother. She stated the father was drunk and did not want to let the child go.

• 11:42 a.m. Subject filed a report on someone using their phone number for possible illicit purposes or outright identity theft.

• 12:03 p.m. Caller reported they had backed into another vehicle and requested an officer. Officer responded and no injuries.

• 1:27 p.m. Caller complained of a Late 60's or 70's model Ford pickup hot rodding along N. West Street heading to South Divide. Officer notified.

• 3:22 p.m. 911 call reported two horses on the highway 8 miles out on 190 East. Officer responded.

• 6:25 p.m. Reckless driver reported on Hwy. 277 North.

• 7:20 p.m. Controlled burn reported 3 miles West.

October 7 • 8:07 p.m. Complainant reported possible juveniles driving a Nissan X-Terra, tan or gray in color around the courthouse square.

• 8:32 p.m. Caller requested an officer to their residence in reference to a hit and run while out of town. Officer responded.

October 8 • 7:55 a.m. Caller reported someone had left the gate open and several head of sheep entered the bar ditch near the highway.

• 4:45 p.m. Controlled burn reported.

October 9 • Caller reported a pit bull outside their home chasing their neighbors.

SUMMARY OF ROLLBACK ELECTION FACTS

A vote of "YES" will enable SCISD to raise an additional \$500,000 to INVEST IN FACILITIES throughout the district at the lowest cost to SCISD taxpayers:

- The Elementary School Building
- The High School Building
- The Junior High Gym
- Other Areas Concerning Public Safety and Protection of SCISD Property

The \$0.13 cents obtained by the passage of a ROLLBACK Election offers the following advantages over a BOND issue:

A \$2 million bond issue financed over 10 years would require the district to pay approximately \$500,000 to \$600,000 in INTEREST COSTS over the term of the bonds. In addition, there would be fees for bond attorneys and other parties that would increase those costs.

The district would be able to substantially improve current facilities and utilize a "pay-as-you-go" approach that would not require a lengthy commitment into the future.

TAXPAYERS OVER THE AGE OF 65 WOULD NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL TAXES AS A RESULT OF THE ROLLBACK BUT WOULD HAVE THEIR TAXES REDUCED PROPORTIONATELY FROM THE \$1.37 RATE DOWN TO THE \$1.17 RATE. This would not be the case with a Bond Issue.

The additional thirteen cents is "equalized" by the State. School districts are guaranteed that each penny of local tax will be "enriched" to a certain level. This thirteen cents would result in approximately \$70,000 in additional STATE FUNDS for the district. There is no "equalization" for tax levied for bond issues.

Again, we would like to state that our goal in acquiring this additional revenue is to do the very best we can to provide adequate, safe, and durable facilities for our students that, at the very least, conform to all current Code Regulations.

When taxpayers ask why the district specifically needs this revenue, the answer is that it is time to REINVEST IN OUR FACILITIES and this is most cost-effective way to do it.

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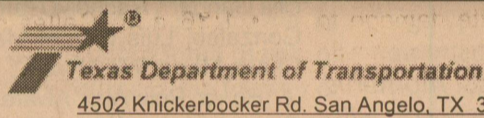
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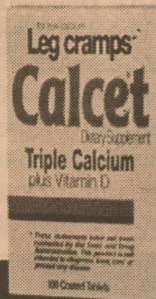
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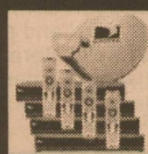
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Deputy Jason Chatham held Cindy Hanks as emergency personnel moved in to assist moments after she was freed from between a front end loader and a grain drill. Hanks was working with the Clovis Olsack farm 4 miles southwest of Eldorado when she parked the front end loader then walked between it and the grain drill. The loader reportedly rolled forward pinning her leg. Ms. Hanks was able to use her cell phone to call for help. Sheriff David Doran and EMS volunteer T.J. Rodriguez used a chain to drag the loader backward, freeing the victim. Hanks was transported by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where she was hospitalized over night.

October is Archeology Month in Texas

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tions of archeology in the country. Individuals are encouraged to get involved and immerse themselves in the spirit of Texas' past.

TAM supporters have planned numerous educational and entertaining activities for this year's celebration including demonstrations of native crafts and technologies,

lectures, tours of archeological sites and laboratories and hands-on activities including mock digs and rock art replication. Always a key draw are the archeology fairs happening in locations like Alto, Brownsville, Del Rio, Denton, El Paso and Texarkana to name a few.

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TAM in association with the Texas Archeological Society and the Council of Texas Archeologists. To find out what's planned for your area, request a free copy of the colorful TAM Calendar of Events by contacting the THC's Archeology Division at 512/463-6096 or visit the THC web site to download the calendar.

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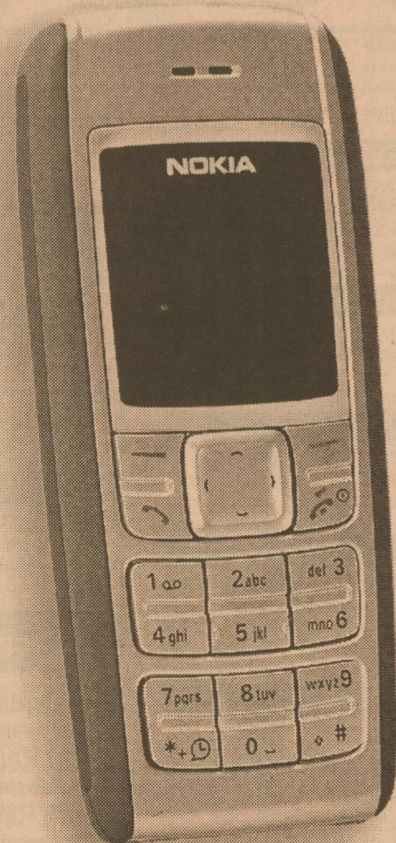
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