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## Hearing slated Friday on defense motion to quash YFZ indictments

Judge Barbara Walther will hold a hearing on Friday concerning a motion to quash the indictments of 10 men from the YFZ Ranch. The defense motion alleges that the grand jury that indicted the men earlier this year was improperly empaneled because the jury did not include enough Hispanic members.

In its filing, the defense alleges that Schleicher County employs a "Key Man" system for selecting grand jurors that discriminates against racial and ethnic minorities.

For its part, the prosecution argues that the "Key Man" system referred to by the defense is actually known as a "Jury Commissioner" system that has been ruled constitutional by the United States Supreme Court. The prosecution further argues that the grand jury selection process in Schleicher County is performed under the supervision of the

court, and raises the question whether the defense motion to quash the grand jury indictments have less to do with the merit of the argument and more to do with delaying the legal process.

*THE ELDORADO SUCCESS* has learned that a number of local citizens have been contacted in recent days by a private investigator who questioned them about their experiences as members of previous grand jury panels.

*THE SUCCESS* has also learned that the prosecution has subpoenaed nine local citizens to testify at Friday's hearing, including four Hispanic citizens and five Anglos.

The prosecution has also called an expert witness, Robert R. Brischetto of San Antonio. Mr. Brischetto has researched and written about Anglo and Hispanic representation and voting patterns.

The defense team's motion to quash

the indictments was filed prior to the Raymond Jessop trial, held here last month. Judge Walther honored the prosecution's request to delay a hearing on the motion until after his trial was over.

Jessop was convicted on a felony charge of Sexual Assault of a Child and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

A second YFZ defendant, Eugene Alan Keate, is slated to stand trial on a similar charge beginning next week. Jury selection in that trial is set to begin on Monday, December 7, 2009 in a makeshift courtroom in the Schleicher County Memorial Building.

As of Wednesday morning, more than half of the 300 people summoned for jury duty have been excused with allowable exemptions.

It has been reported that as many as a dozen residents of the YFZ Ranch are in the jury pool.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Bailey Espinosa goes up and over a Christoval defender as the 8th grade Eagles take on the 8th grade Cougars in a game held in Eagle gym Monday night. Espinosa scored 10 points in the game as the Eagles fell to the visiting Cougars 36-32 in overtime.

## Filing period opens today for county offices

The filing period for election to several county offices began Wednesday and will continue through Monday, January 4, 2010.

Among the races on the March 2, 2010 primary ballots will be County Judge, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner in Precinct #2 and Precinct #4.

Charlie Bradley won a special election in 2008 to fill the County Judge post left vacant by the resignation of Johnny Griffin. Bradley now faces

election for a full term.

Bradley told *THE ELDORADO SUCCESS* on Tuesday that he is seeking re-election.

In fact, every officeholder whose seat is up for election has indicated they are running again. James C. Doyle is seeking re-election as Justice of the Peace while Karen Henderson and Peggy Williams are running for re-election as County Treasurer and County Clerk, respectively.

Likewise, County Commissioners

Lynn Meador and Matt Brown have said that they are seeking re-election.

Filing for a place on the March 2, 2010 primary ballot should be filed with the respective County Chairwomen. Kathy Mankin is the Republican County Chairwoman while Phyllis Sauer is the Democratic County Chairwoman.

Filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$375 while all other offices is \$750.

Individuals may also file by petition, without paying a filing fee.

## Twelve Eagles claim 18 slots on All-District football team

With the elimination of Junction from the State 1A playoffs last week, the District 29A All-District team has been announced.

In all, 12 Eldorado Eagles claimed 18 spots on the team, including eight positions on the 1st Team squad.

The district champion Mason Punchers claimed the most spots on the team, including Most Valuable Player, Joaquin Mejia, Offensive MVP Justin Yonker and Defensive MVP Jeremy Hamilton.

Eldorado's 18 honors were divided up as follows:

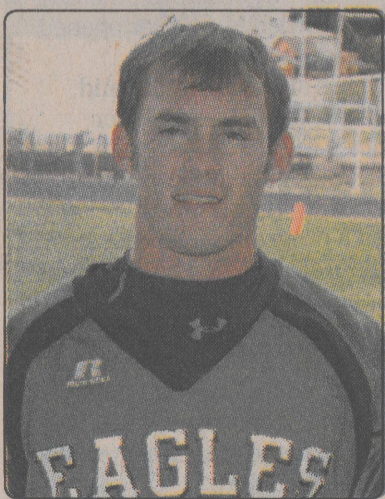
• Wes Brown, 1st Team Running Back, 2nd Team Safety

- Garrett Lux, 1st Team Safety, 2nd Team Quarterback
- Dustin Ramos, 1st Team Split End, 2nd Team Cornerback
- Ivany Sanchez, 1st Team Defensive End, 2nd Team Fullback
- Josh Jurecek, 1st Team Linebacker, 2nd Team Tight End
- Ben Wipff, 1st Team Center, 2nd Team Defensive Tackle
- J.R. Martinez, 1st Team Offensive Guard
- Rudy Sanchez, 1st Team Cornerback
- Anthony Mata, 2nd Team Linebacker
- Francisco Mendez, 2nd Team Offensive Guard

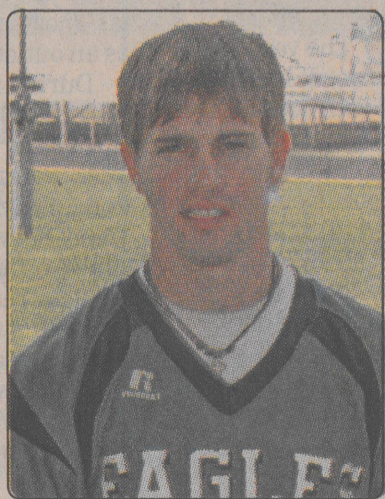
- John Espinosa, Honorable Mention Offensive Tackle
- Nathan Jimenez, Honorable Mention Wingback

All District selections are voted on by the coaches within the district following the end of district play and before the playoffs begin. Coaches nominate their own players but are prohibited from voting for them.

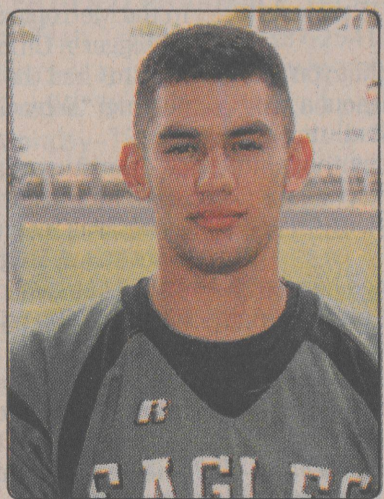
"Each of these young men played well this season and are very deserving of the honors they received," said Eagles head football coach Danny Wilhelm.



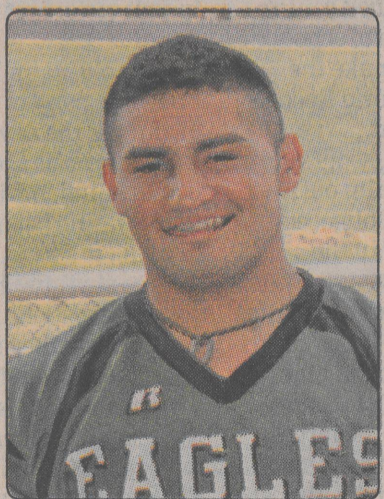
#7 Wes Brown, senior  
1st Team Running Back  
2nd Team Safety



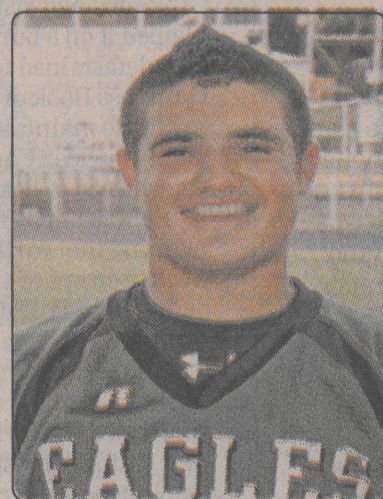
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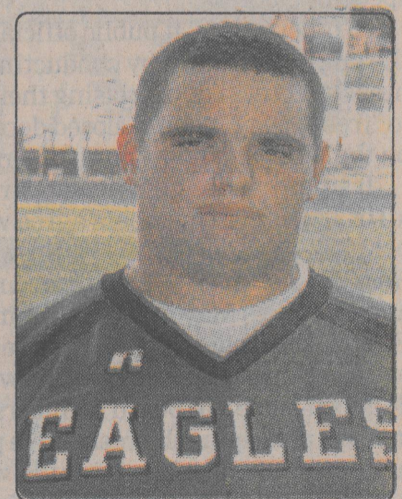
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2nd Team Cornerback



#30 Ivany Sanchez, senior  
1st Team Defensive End  
2nd Team Fullback



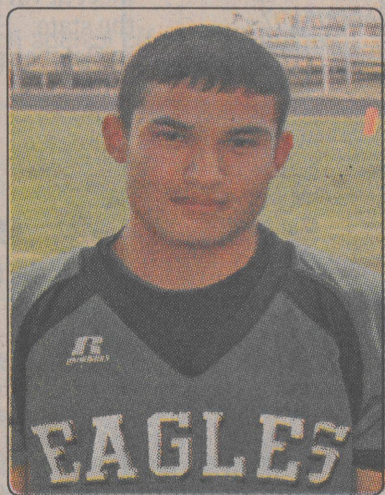
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2nd Team Tight End



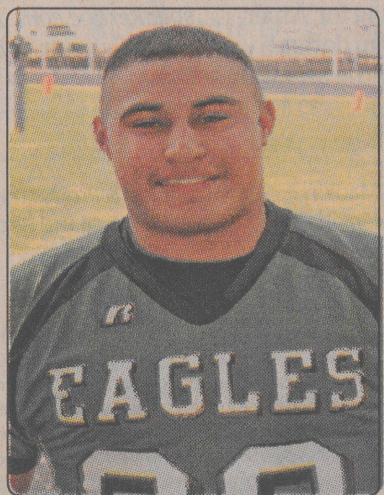
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1st Team Center  
2nd Team Defensive Tackle



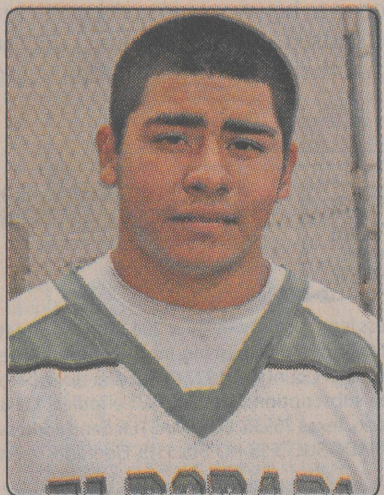
#52 J.R. Martinez, junior  
1st Team Offensive Guard



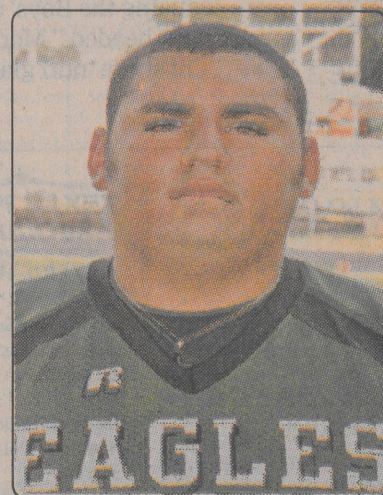
#6 Rudy Sanchez, junior  
1st Team Cornerback



#80 Anthony Mata, junior  
2nd Team Linebacker



#65 Francisco Mendez, sophomore  
2nd Team Offensive Guard



#75 John Espinosa, junior  
Honorable Mention Offensive Tackle



#22 Nathan Jimenez, sophomore  
Honorable Mention Wingback

# Interest high as primary filing period opens in Texas

The filing period to run in next year's Democratic and Republican primaries opens Dec. 3 with an extra helping of political interest. Former gubernatorial hopeful Tom Schieffer is out of the Democratic Party primary race; Houston Mayor Bill White now is considered the leading Democratic candidate for governor; and GOP candidate U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said she will remain in the Senate until after the primary. Gov. Rick Perry and Hutchison have scheduled a debate in North Texas for Jan. 14.

That means Hutchison, if she files to run for governor, will have to maintain her presence in Washington while trying to campaign against Perry in Texas. And it leaves other Republicans hoping to move up the political ladder having to seek their current offices rather than a higher or different one

in the March 2 primary. The deadline for filing to run in the two primaries is Jan. 4.

White is a proven fundraiser and popular mayor who would give the Democrats their best opportunity in years to win statewide office. The other candidates who have said they will enter the primary race for governor are rancher Hank Gilbert, hair products entrepreneur Farouk Shami and humorist Kinky Friedman. All said they intend to stay in the race.

Even if White wins the March primary handily, he will have an uphill race against either Perry or Hutchison. Republicans have won every election for a statewide office since 1996.

## Texas loses military contract

The Pentagon has decided to switch production of Army trucks from Sealy

to Wisconsin, which could mean the loss of \$2.6 billion and 10,000 jobs if Texas politicians can't save the contract for BAE Systems. BAE, which has been making the trucks for 17 years, lost the bid for the contract to the Oshkosh Corp.

Oshkosh had financial help from the Wisconsin governor's office and the support of the state's Democratic congressional delegation. Gov. Perry's office said BAE did not ask for the governor's help in securing the contract. Oshkosh's bid to build 23,000 trucks and trailers over the next five years was about 10 percent below BAE's.

"We never saw this coming — we were completely blindsided," says a top aide to U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a former member of the Senate Armed Services Committee panel with jurisdiction over military vehicles.

## Perry rejects school standards

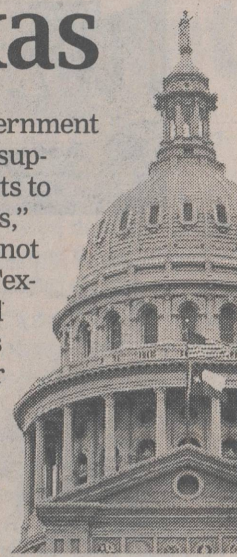
Gov. Perry has told Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott the state should not adopt national standards in seeking federal stimulus money. The U.S. Department of Education is giving preference for Race to the Top stimulus funds to states that adopt national standards and assessments for public school students.

Perry said that Texas is ahead of most states in setting standards for students to be college-ready at high school graduation and that the federal government should not be intruding in Texas classrooms. In a release from his office, Perry said Texas is eligible for as much as \$750 million in Race to the Top funds, but it would cost the state up to \$3 billion to realign its education system to meet the education department's standards.

"The federal government works best when it supports state-led efforts to improve our schools," Scott said. "This is not a state-led effort." Texas has been praised in education circles for its standards for schools and its efforts to measure student progress.

## No extra pay for state retirees

Attorney General Greg Abbott has ruled that retired state workers and teachers are not eligible for a \$500 bonus this year. Last session, the



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling

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## Open meetings should remain open

In Texas the law is clear. Governing bodies must conduct the people's business in public or else face some serious penalties. This statute has protected the public and elected representatives alike for the past 42 years with a basic premise: public bodies should deliberate in public.

The days of making backroom good ol' boy deals in private are a thing of the past because the Texas Legislature outlawed it by passing the Open Meetings Act in 1967, and strengthening it in 1973 after the infamous "Sharpstown Scandal."



Open Meetings

### COMMENTARY

by former Texas Lt. Governor Bill Hobby

Yet, there are some serious and troubling attempts underway that could open the door for that very thing to occur. At least three Texas cities and the Texas Municipal League are endorsing a legal challenge in the courts that will render Texas' Open Meetings laws ineffective. TML, which is supported by your tax money in the form of membership fees, is urging more than 1,100 Texas cities to sign on to a federal lawsuit.

The details of the challenge are stated simply: These public officials claim the Texas Open Meetings Act unconstitutionally restricts their right of free speech under the First Amendment. Of course, they are free to say anything they wish to anyone they wish at any time they wish. However, when they are meeting as a quorum of a governmental body, they must say it in front of the public at an open meeting.

Even more importantly, the First Amendment cannot be a shield to prevent accountability of public officials, but guarantees access to the workings of these governmental bodies just like it does to our courts.

TML wants criminal penalties such as jail time stripped from the law that has protected the public for more than four decades. They believe the current language is too punitive and argue "less restrictive penalties would not only continue to preserve the integrity of the Texas Open Meetings Act but would also recognize the fundamental right of city officials to free speech."

In other words, if public officials break the law in the future by conducting business in secret - i.e., exercising their rights to "free speech" behind closed doors, a slap on the wrist should be punishment enough.

It simply defies logic and apparently not all of TML's own members agree with this position. As reported in The Brownsville Herald, Nov. 21, 2009, TML board member and Mercedes Mayor Joel Quintanilla said, "Either I misunderstood the entire meeting or something is happening. The way I understood it, we all (board members) voted in favor of keeping the restrictive penalties, not lessening them." Quintanilla went on to say, "We didn't want elected officials to get comfortable."

He's not the only one apparently confused by TML's action. Mercedes Commissioner Ruben Guajardo is also quoted as

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## A loud theater voice goes silent

One of the benefits of a college education is the chance that you may take classes from a genius at his or her peak. That was my situation at Baylor when I enrolled in Paul Baker's Drama 106 course. It was held in a fun place. The lobby of Baylor Theater was



by Tumbleweed Smith

### Rolling Along

made of glass, steel and concrete. It had bright colors. You felt some kind of energy and excitement when you entered the building. The class was

held in the theater, an unusual room that had swivel chairs in the middle of it. Stages were in front, behind and on either side. The chairs were in a sunken part of the theater so the stages were at eye level.

Probably no one had more fun than I did during my freshman year. I was certainly not a good student. I started out as a lackluster business major, taking courses that had no interest for me. One night in the dorm during my sophomore year, a friend and I were going over our schedules for the spring quarter and he suggested I take Drama 106. He had taken it the quarter before and said it opened up all kinds of creative thinking. That sounded good to me, since I had never had an original thought in my life. I dropped the history course I had signed up for and went to the theater.

There was something about the way Mr. Baker said the word America. I had never heard it pronounced with such reverence and respect. Just hearing him say that word made me more aware, perhaps for the first time, of what a special and great country we have. He talked about the arts and how art thrives in a civilized society. His words resonated with me and I listened closely to what he had to say. I ended up studying with him for three years, taking courses in playwriting, scene design, acting and directing. Those years changed my life. I did things I had never thought of doing. I drew a picture of an old icehouse. I wrote a song and a poem. I created characters and put them in scenes from my imagination. I was able to look at an object and write down the human characteristics of it. I read about thinking, painting, sculpture and architecture. Frank Lloyd Wright, perhaps the most famous architect in the world, came to the Baylor Theater often because he was designing the Dallas Theater Center, which Mr. Baker opened as an outlet for graduate students.

During my years at Baylor in the mid 50's, Paul Baker and the Baylor Theater rated cover articles in Life, Time, Newsweek, Saturday Review and other publications. Dave Garroway, the first host of The Today Show, had a program on Sundays called Wide Wide World. When he did a segment on Texas, the Baylor Theater took up 11 minutes of the program. The actor Burgess Meredith came down to act the part of Hamlet, which was directed by Charles Laughton. The theater attracted people from Broadway and Hollywood, who came to the theater just to get their batteries charged.

I kept in touch with Mr. Baker. We visited several times in succeeding years. I went to his house and he came to mine. We'd meet at various theater gatherings around the state. He lived a full life until his death in October at the age of 98. I am glad I knew him.

## Uncle Mort on Oxygen...

Uncle Mort, my 96-year-old kin down in the thicket, may have the largest "alibi collection" on the planet.

"I've banked on alibis to wiggle out of predicaments since Hector was a pup," he laughed. "The way I figure it, alibis and fibs are first cousins. Liberal dependence on both keeps us off the slippery slope of outright lies."

I felt yawns coming on as Mort rambled. My eyes widened, though, when he offered an alibi for the Dallas Cowboys' 7-6 football win over the Washington Redskins....

I had heard him offer alibis on thousands of subjects over the years, but this was the first time in memory that he'd made excuses for a win.

He blamed the Boys' poor offensive showing on oxygen deprivation.

"If they had lost, they could've blamed it on a bunch of school kids determined to make the Guinness Book of World Records," my uncle maintained....

My curiosity aroused, I was determined to hear him out.

He was happy to oblige, explaining that earlier in the week, a crowd of 4,626 Arlington eighth-graders gathered at Dallas Cowboys Stadium to learn CPR techniques shown on the giant screen. Guinness officials have confirmed this to be the largest CPR training session ever held, topping the old record by almost a thousand.

"Those kids dang nigh pumped all the oxygen out of the place, causing the Boys' offense to be light-headed," Mort surmised. "I'm shore 'nuff glad that their

### The Idle American



### COMMENTARY

by Dr. Don Newbury

defense sucked it up..."

I attended a high school football play-off game there recently. Add me to the list of people overwhelmed by this \$1.2 billion venue which is billed as the largest covered athletic facility in the world.

It is surreal, commanding more attention than the glitzy ads, or, for that matter, play on the field. And, as cameras pan the stands, smiling, hand-waving fans ham it up for their "15 seconds of fame."

The old claim is that you "can't know the players without a program." At the new Stadium, you can't know the score without binoculars, and, until recent days, there was no permanent American flag to salute....

The stadium indeed has four scoreboards—one for each quadrant. Surely they sent the wrong ones; these seem better suited for a junior high school field. Eyes squint to locate the 'boards marked as "home" and "away." The long and the short of it is that they are tiny in a cavernous place where "big" reigns.

When fans realized that there was no "American flag for America's team," they set up defiant squawks that caught the attention

of team brass.

On Thanksgiving Day, as the Cowboys shellacked the Oakland Raiders on the field, Old Glory was hanging from the rafters in both end zones, and the place was alive with movement, color and excitement....

CPR training or not, this wonder of the sports world takes the breath away.

Everyone should see it. If the thought of donning football pads or band uniforms doesn't compute, maybe you can sign up for CPR training.

Coming to mind is the story of the leather-junged Texan, on a crowded airplane. Nudging the man next to him, he asked, "Where you from, son?" The man answered "Chicago." The Texan, acknowledging the "great lakes up there," boasted that if we "had the great lakes in the Metroplex, it'd be a whole lot bigger'n Chicago." The vexed "victim" had the last word, suggesting: "Why don't you move them?"

Admitting that he didn't know how to get the job done, the Texan was instructed to "get a giant straw." A giant straw? The Chicagoan ended the conversation with this rejoinder: "Put one end of the straw in Lake Michigan, and the other end in the Metroplex. If you can suck half as hard as you can blow, you'll have 'em there in 30 minutes..."

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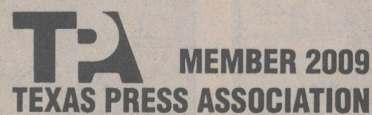


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# DEATH NOTICES

## Leona M. Baker

SAN ANGELO — Leona M. Baker, 71, of San Angelo passed away Monday, Nov. 23, 2009. Leona was born on Oct. 21, 1938, in San Angelo to Clarence "Buddy" and Nellie (Lumpkin) Burleson. She was preceded in death by her father, Buddy; and her husband, Everett "E.C." Baker.

Leona is survived by sons Brandon Baker and wife Mary of Lubbock, Bev Baker and wife Pam of Kingwood and daughter Donna Mack and husband Robert of San Antonio; mother Nellie Lumpkin of San Angelo; one sister, Dorothy Clark of Eldorado; and seven grandchildren.

## Lola Suzanne "Suzie" Byrne

BRADY — Lola Suzanne "Suzie" Byrne, age 56, passed away Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, in Elgin. She is survived by her mother, Bennie Ray Bever of Brady; step-mother Christine Johnson of Rochelle; husband Joe Byrne of Elgin; son Kenton Lucas Byrne of Lewisville; brother Ross

Johnson and wife Ann of Rochelle; sister Holly Griffin and husband Kirk of Eldorado; and her mother-in-law, Mitty Byrne of Lubbock.

She is also survived by several nieces, nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Miers Johnson.

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saying, "The consensus (of the TML Resolutions Committee) was that things were fine the way they were (with the Texas Open Meetings Act) and that trying to reinvent the wheel was not in the best interest of everyone involved. We (the resolutions committee) felt that to change something (in the meetings act) was just not correct. It really wasn't right. The consensus was to leave the Texas Meetings Act the way it is."

I couldn't agree with Commissioner Guajardo or Mayor Quintanilla more. As a member of the public, I am left confused by what is happening, and why. But I do know this. I don't want elected officials to get too comfortable either because I have seen firsthand what can happen if they do.

I hope you will join me in

supporting the idea that the Open Meetings Act should be left intact and open government, without any strings attached, should continue to be the law in Texas. I also urge you to contact your city leaders and encourage them not to join in this effort that could weaken the Texas Open meetings laws.

If clarifications are needed to address modern day changes such as electronic and digital communications, then they should be made at the statehouse - not city hall. And, at a minimum, you should point out to your public servants that any discussion on this or any other issue involving "free speech" should be debated in a public meeting instead of a rubber-stamp style vote to please Austin lobbyists.

*Bill Hobby served as Texas lieutenant governor from 1973-91.*

## Revival slated this weekend at Primera Iglesia Bautista

Primera Iglesia Bautista of Eldorado is inviting the community to attend our Revival Services this Friday the 4th & Saturday the 5th of December 2009 at 7:00 pm. Sunday the 6th will start at 11 am. Also on Saturday the 5th there will be a conference "¿Como Tener Un Matrimonio Extraordinario?" - "How To Have An Extraordinary Marriage?" at 10:00 am in our church annex, 603 Cottonwood, where we invite and encourage married couples and singles to attend, a meal will follow.

Reverend Martin Ortega will be our evangelist and Reverend Fernando DeLuna will be bringing our special music.

Rev. Martin Ortega is currently pastor of Iglesia Bautista

Emmanuel in Midland Texas, President of the Pastor's Conferences to the Hispanic Baptist General Convention of Texas, and Volunteer Conference Leader to LifeWay. He has 23 years in the ministry, 19 years serving as a pastor.

Reverend DeLuna is currently pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Pecos Texas, and has served there seven and one-half years. He used to sing in night clubs until Jesus saved him, now he serves and sings for Christ Jesus.

Time: Friday and Saturday 7:00 PM - El Paso St.

Saturday 10:00 AM Conference - Annex 603 Cottonwood Sunday 11:00 AM - El Paso St.

All services will be bilingual. Come and be blessed!

## Landscape and ornamentals symposium slated Dec. 9 in Abilene

by Steve Byrns

ABILENE — The Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Abilene will conduct the Landscape and Ornamentals Symposium from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. December 9 at the AgriLife Extension office in Taylor County, located at 1982 Lytle Way in Abilene.

"A key feature of this program is that it's split into two concurrent sessions; one deals with landscape and the other with turf management," said Melissa Sturdivant, AgriLife Extension horticulturist in Taylor County. "The two divisions are designed to meet the needs of a wider audience. Those involved with green industries, landscape pest control, vector control, sports field management and golf course maintenance should all find topics to their liking at this event."

Sturdivant said continuing education units from the Texas Department of Agriculture for private, commercial and non-commercial licensed pesticide applicators will be offered (one in laws and regulations, one in integrated pest management and four in general) as well as those licensed with the agency's Structural Division.

Those needing Vector Control continuing education units can earn one credit in laws and regulations, one in integrated pest management and two in the pests category. These were once issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services but are now under the Texas Department of Agriculture's authority, according to Sturdivant. Six continuing education

units will also be available from the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association to accredited professionals certified with the association.

Topics covered during the landscape session will include mosquito control, abiotic factors affecting tree health, termite control options and management of bees in urban settings.

The turf session's topics will include nutrient management in sports fields, integrated pest management options for turf-grass management, weed control in sports fields and aquatic weed control options.

Individual pre-registration by December 4 is \$40 and \$55 thereafter. The fee includes a catered lunch.

For more information and to pre-register, call Sturdivant at 325-672-6048.

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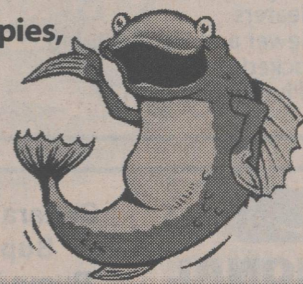
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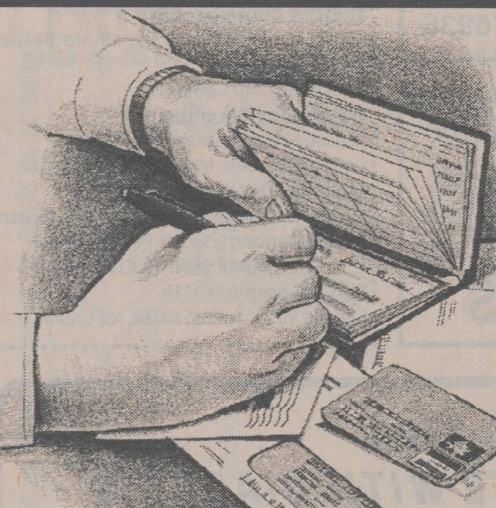
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**THURSDAY December 10th**  
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## TDA celebrates Texas-grown Christmas trees, Poinsettias

AUSTIN — Texas Department of Agriculture Deputy Commissioner Drew DeBerry marked the start of the Christmas holiday season today at the Ronald McDonald House of Austin where Texas growers donated Christmas trees and poinsettias.

"The Ronald McDonald House is a blessing for Texas families dealing with extremely difficult situations," DeBerry said. "We hope these freshly cut Texas Christmas trees and poinsettias will bring joy to families and make this special house feel more like home during the holidays."

At the event, DeBerry encouraged Texans to take advantage of the Lone Star State's choose-and-cut tree farms. Currently, Texas has more than 120 Christmas tree farms producing more than 200,000 trees annually. Sales of Texas Christmas trees generate about \$12 million for the state's economy.

Poinsettias also give the Texas economy a boost. In 2008,

growers sold 3.5 million pots of poinsettias, contributing \$15.7 million in sales and placing Texas fifth in the nation for poinsettia production.

For a list of Texas choose-and-cut tree farms, visit the Texas Department of Agriculture's Web site at [www.PickTexas.com](http://www.PickTexas.com) or the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association Web site at [www.TexasChristmasTrees.com](http://www.TexasChristmasTrees.com).

Evergreen Farms Christmas Trees in Elgin and the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association donated the three Christmas trees for today's event. The Texas State Florists' Association contributed 24 poinsettias. Evergreen Farms also donated \$500 to the Ronald McDonald House of Austin.

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## THE ELDORADO SUCCESS CLASSIFIED ADS

## Lady Eagles lose two games

The Lady Eagles could not catch up to Cross Plains Lady Buffalos on Eldorado home court Wednesday November 25.

The Lady Buffs dominated the game scoring 25 points over all on the Lady Eagles.

Brianah Creek was the top scorer for the Lady Eagles putting 11 points on the board. Creek score included one three point goal.

Ashley Paulson and Audrey Rubio each scored 6 points. Lauren Rubio and Miranda Arispe scored two points each. Audrey Martinez scored 4 points. Score

by quarter: Eldorado 10 14 05 06-35; Cross Plains 17 145 15 14-60.

The Lady Eagles lost to the Eden's Lady Bulldogs 31-36 Wednesday, November 24.

Lauren Rubio was high scorer at 8 points. Miranda Arispe scored 6 points, Brianah Creek score 7. Abby Fuentes and Aubrey Martinez scored 3 points each and Ashley Paulson put 4 points on the board. Also playing were Audrey Rubio, Kadie Niblett, Amy Alvizo and Allyson Jarrett. Score by quarter: Eldorado 06 09 06 10-31; 05 14 05 12-36.

## SCISD School Lunch Menu

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**BREAKFAST MENU**  
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**Monday December 7, 2009**

Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal,  
Choice of Juice, Milk

**Tuesday December 8th**

Waffle Stix/Syrup, Choice Of Juice, Milk

**Wednesday December 9th**

Pig-n-a-Blanket, Choice of Juice  
Milk

**Thursday December 10th**

Cereal Bar, Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Friday December 11th**

Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice  
of Juice, Milk

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**Monday December 7, 2009**

Corn Dogs, Carrot Stix/Dip, Sliced Peaches

**Tuesday December 8th**

Corn Chip Pie/ Cheese Cup,  
Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Chocolate Chip  
Cookies

**Wednesday December 9th**

Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Carrot  
Stix/Dip, Mixed Fruit

**Thursday December 10th**

Turkey & Dressing/Gravy, Hot Rolls/ Green  
Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Peach Cobbler

**WELCOME SENIOR CITIZENS**

**Friday December 11th**

Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Ice Cream

**BASKET LINE**  
Milk & Bread offered  
with each Meal

LUNCH IS \$1.75 FOR STUDENTS

**Monday December 7, 2009**

Chicken Sandwich/Chips, Sandwich Salad,  
Carrot Stix / Dip, Sliced Peaches

**Tuesday December 8th**

Corn Chip Pie/Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans,  
Tossed Salad,  
Chocolate Chip Cookies

**Wednesday December 9th**

Sausage Wraps, Carrot Stix / Dip  
Corn on the Cob, Mixed Fruit

**Thursday December 10th**

Turkey/Dressing/Gravy, Hot Rolls/Green  
Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Peach Cobbler

**WELCOME SENIOR CITIZENS**

**Friday December 11th**

Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Ice Cream

## 7th grade boys drop two games

The 7th grade Eagles boys basketball team lost to Miles 25-37 November 23, 2009.

Scoring for the Eagles were Tres Whitten 19, with (2) 3 point goals. Gabriel Villareal and West Ramon each put two points on the board.

The Eagles also lost to Christoval 15-26 on their home court, Monday, November 29.

Tres Whitten scored 8 points, Jacob Sanchez scored 3 and Gabriel Villareal 4. Also playing where Lucas Santellano, Garret Swinford, Dalton Buchholz, West Ramon, Dominic Ocho, Mark Martinez and Julian Garcia.



8th Grade Lady Eagle Valeria Ortez was top scorer against the Lady Cougars in Monday night's 26-20 win over Christoval 26-20. Ortez scored 10 points in the contest.

## Eagles get 64-42 win over Eden

Dustin Ramos, Mason Baker and Michael Rubio were top scorers against Eden Bulldogs last Wednesday evening on the Bulldog's home court.

Ramos scored 26 points, which included (3) three point goals and eight two point goals. Baker and Rubio each put 12 points on the board with Rubio score including two 3 point goals.

Dylan Dombroski scored 3, Joseph Rubio put up 4, Nathan Jimenez put up one free throw in the first quarter. Ryan Castillo scored 2 in the second quarter.

Briley Ledbetter and Tyler Farmer each contributed 2 in the fourth quarter.

Eldorado took lead by 10 points on the score board in the third quarter and finished with scoring over 20 points over the Bulldogs. Eagles had a solid win over the Bulldogs 64 to 42.

## Eagles boys & girls to compete in Crane's El Ave Tourney

**GAME SCHEDULE**  
Thursday, Dec. 3rd

**OLD GYM**  
Eldorado boys vs. Iraan boys 2pm  
Rankin girls vs. Eldorado Girls 4pm  
Eldorado boys vs. Rankin boys 6pm

**Saturday, Dec. 5th**

**MAIN GYM**  
Crane girls vs. Eldorado girls 12 noon  
Eldorado boys vs. Odessa High JV 2pm  
4pm Girls Championship Game  
6pm Boys Championship Game

**OLD GYM**  
4pm Girls Consolation Game  
6pm Boys Consolation Game

## 7th & 8th girls beat Christoval

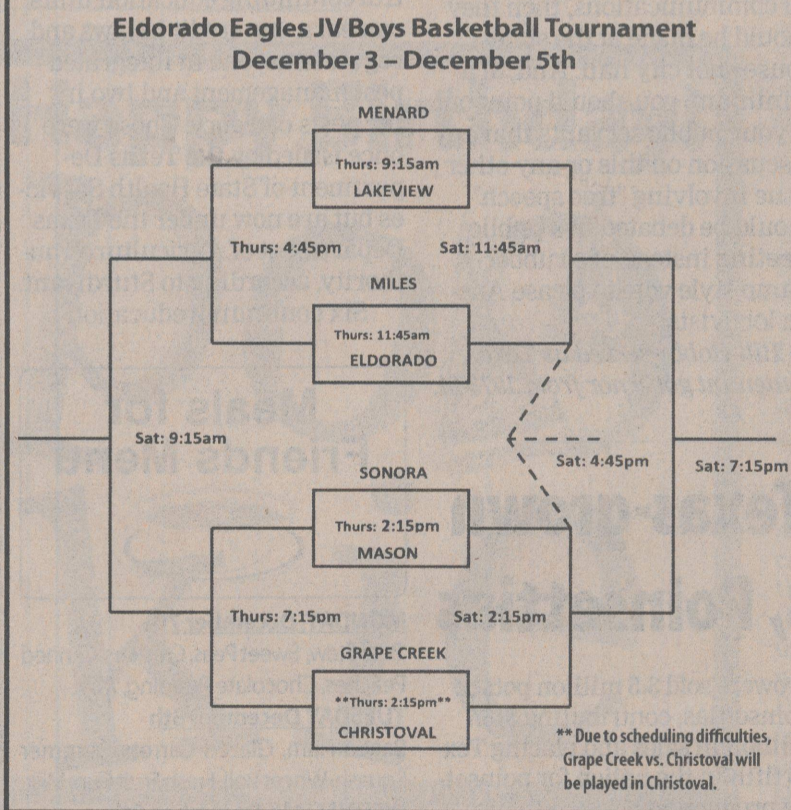
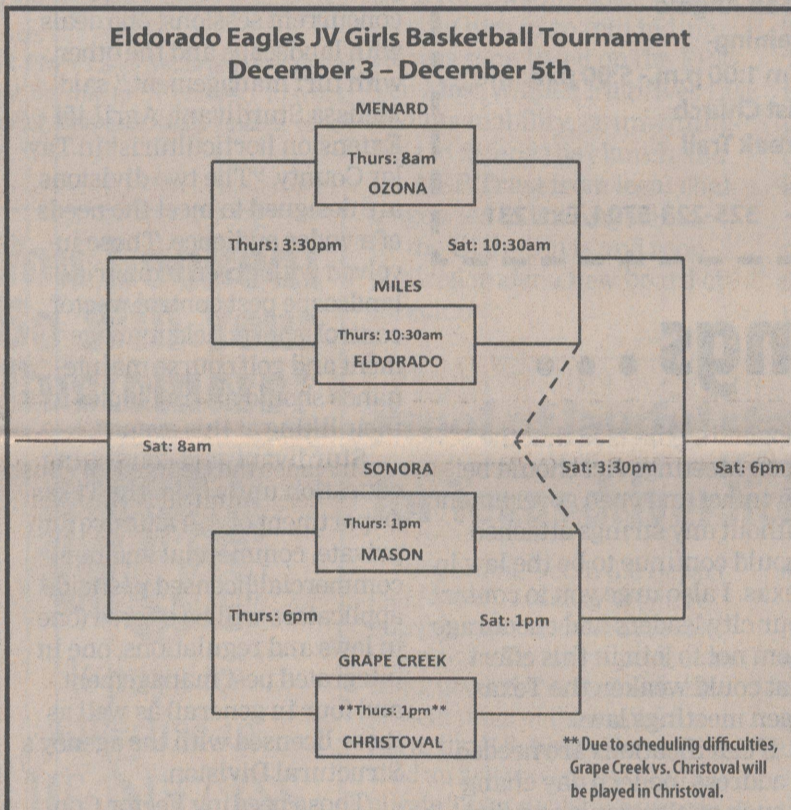
The 7th Grade Lady Eagles came out on top with a 27-21 win over Christoval on Monday, November 30 in the Eldorado High School Gym.

McKenzie McAngus scored 10 points, Ivie Kate Mynatt scored eight 8, Kiarra Trevino and Esme Ruezga each put two points on the board. Katelyn Parson contributed one point in the first quarter.

That same night, the 8th grade girls won a fast moving game 26-20 over the Christoval 8th grade girls

Valeria Ortez put 10 points and on the board. Lisa Olivares and Adriana Rios each put up six points and Maria Reyes completed the win with four points.

Score by quarter:  
Eldorado 07 04 05 10-26  
Christoval 04 04 04 08-20



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## SCMC OFFERS TIPS TO LIVING A HEALTHY LIFE WITH DIABETES

What do one out of every three children born in the United States have in common? Unfortunately, it is the number of children who will face a future with diabetes, if current trends continue. This month, in observance of American Diabetes Month, Schleicher County Medical Center (SCMC) wants to help keep you informed about diabetes and ways to manage the illness.

According to the American Diabetes Association there are 24 million children and adults living with diabetes in the United States. Diabetes occurs when the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. In addition to lowering a person's energy levels, if untreated, diabetes can lead to kidney damage, blindness, serious circulation problems and even result in death.

The cause of diabetes is still unknown, but there are several factors that can increase a person's chances of developing diabetes, such as obesity, lack of exercise and a family history. Fortunately, with a healthy diet, a few lifestyle changes and the right medication (if needed), most people with diabetes can live a long, healthy life.

"If you feel that you are at risk for diabetes, it is important to talk with your doctor or visit Schleicher County Family Clinic to be screened," said Bobby Romatowski, physician's assistant with Schleicher County Family Clinic. "Diabetes can be a deadly disease, if not controlled. The key to living with diabetes is early detection and creating a plan that not only manages your diabetes, but improves your overall health."

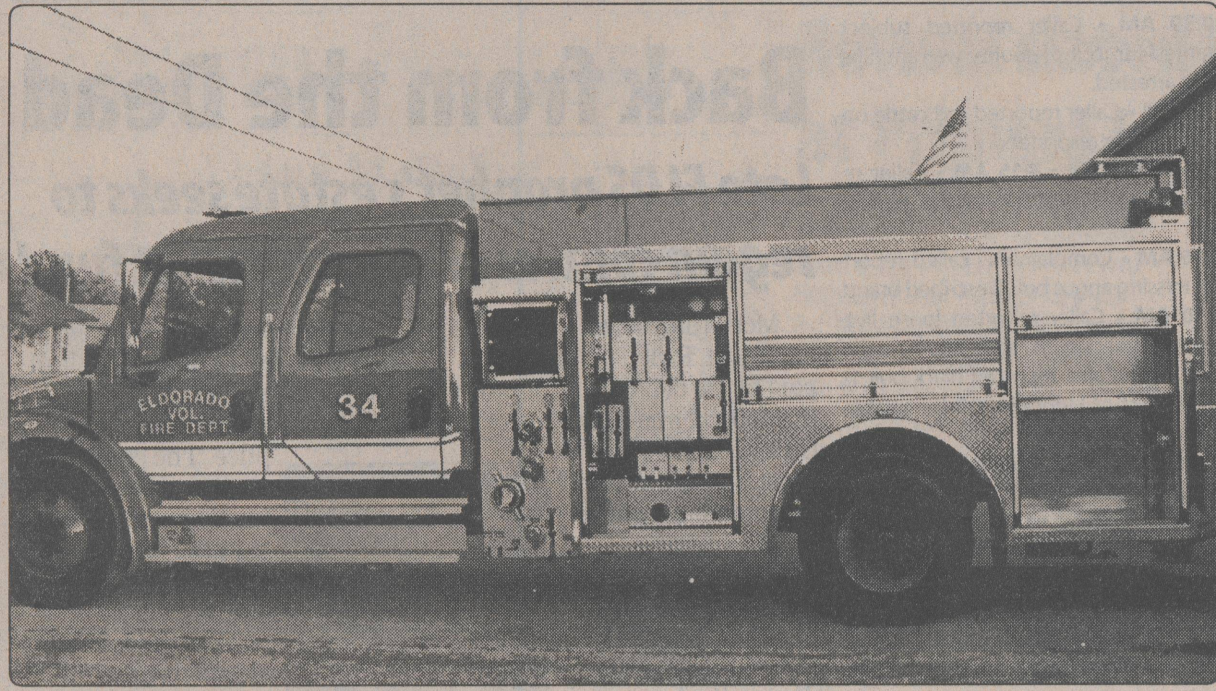
For those at trying to manage diabetes, making a plan is the first and most crucial step to a healthy lifestyle. For example, a plan focused on making better food choices might be to skip second helpings, drink water rather than soda or fruit juice and choose fruits or vegetables as a snack. Regular exercise, such as 30 minutes of walking per day, can decrease the effects of diabetes.

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Unit No. 34 took its place as the Eldorado's newest fire truck recently, replacing two aging units and giving local volunteers a much needed tool in time of trouble. The truck has the capacity to carry extraction tools, pump foam and water.

## Texans get 14 additional weeks of unemployment compensation

AUSTIN — The U.S. Department of Labor has authorized the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to begin processing unemployment benefit claims for the newly enacted 14-week extension of Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Act benefits. Claimants do not need to contact TWC unless they receive a letter with instructions to do so.

This 14-week extension of benefits is part of EUC, which expires on December 31, 2009 unless Congress renews the EUC Act. Therefore, claimants who exhaust regular unemployment insurance (UI) or the previous federal extensions after December 26 will not be able to apply for this new federal extension. TWC estimates that approximately 27,500 claimants will exhaust their benefits the week ending January 2, 2010.

TWC is working with Congress as it considers changing the expiration date of the EUC Act beyond the end of 2009. Because the additional benefits are federally funded, employers will not be charged for claims paid through this extension.

Claimants who currently receive unemployment benefits should continue to request payment as scheduled. Claimants should keep their addresses current by updating them online at <http://ui.texasworkforce.org> or by contacting a UI Tele-Center toll-free at 1-800-939-6631.

TWC and the 28 local workforce development boards remain committed to providing work search assistance, training and other services to unemployed Texans. Thousands of job postings are available on WorkInTexas.com, TWC's on-line, job-matching Web site.

## National Museum of the Pacific War reopens in time for Pearl Harbor Day

FREDERICKSBURG — The National Museum of the Pacific War, a Texas Historical Commission (THC) property operated by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, will host a grand reopening of the expanded museum Dec. 7, 2009. The ceremony will feature remarks from George H.W. Bush, the 41st president of the United States, as an honored guest as well as the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James T. Conway. Accompanying events begin the evening of Friday, Dec. 4 with Fredericksburg's Lighted Christmas Parade and continue through Dec. 7.

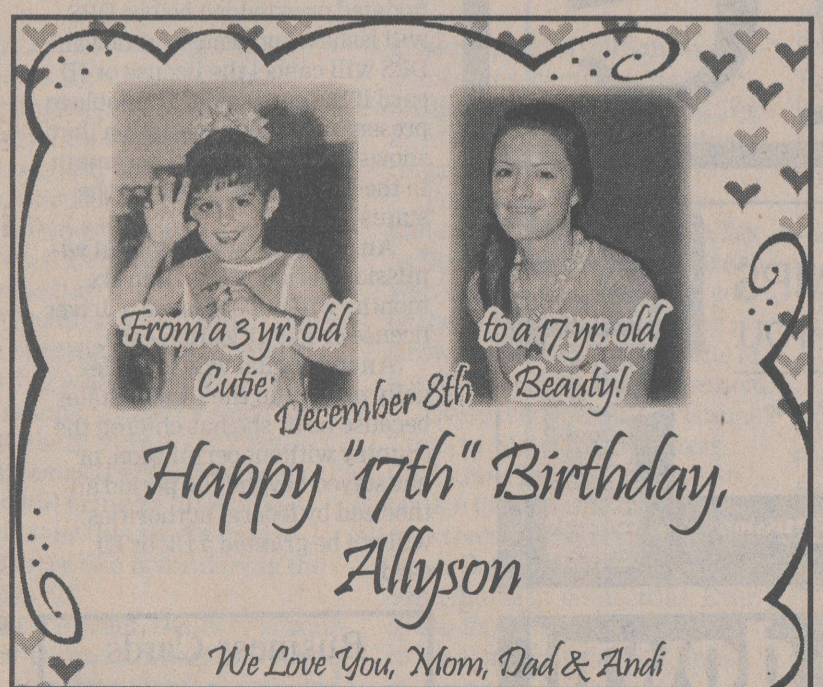
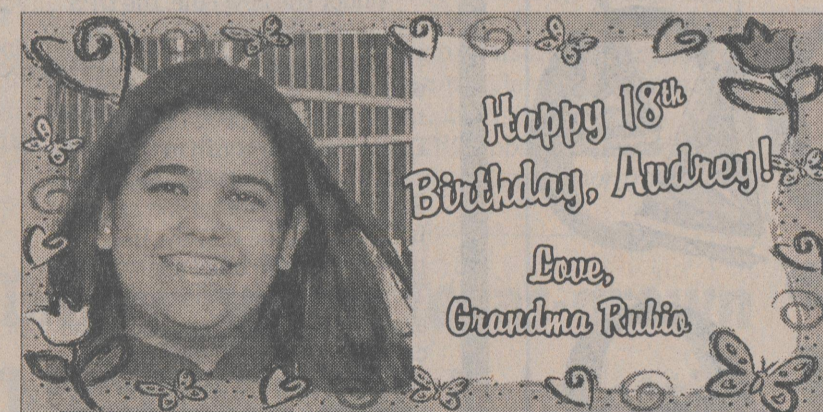
The new 33,000-square-foot

George H.W. Bush Gallery is a comprehensive and engaging collection of the Pacific War Theater of World War II and is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling this story. Planned by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, the facility will also house the Center for Pacific War Studies, a curatorial and research site for the museum's collections. THC Commissioner Tom Alexander was deeply involved in the project, working with the museum and the foundation on the expansion.

The National Museum of the Pacific War is located on a six-acre site in Fredericksburg and

includes the George H.W. Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Plaza of Presidents, Veterans' Walk of Honor and Memorial Wall, Japanese Garden of Peace, Pacific Combat Zone, and the Center for Pacific War Studies.

To learn more about the National Museum of the Pacific War visit [www.PacificWarMuseum.org](http://www.PacificWarMuseum.org). For additional information about the Dec. 7 event visit [www.nationalmuseumofpacificwar.org](http://www.nationalmuseumofpacificwar.org).



### BIRTHDAY LIST DECEMBER

**3rd** Gus Ward, Barry Wheeler, Mariah Aguilar, Garrison Nikolauk  
**4th** Ken Newman, Helen Page, Norris Sauer, Brittney Meyer, Ashley Hartgrove, Marcus Scott, Rick Schwiening, Red Crofoot, Baylee Griffin  
**5th** Tyler David Martinez, Tina Rocha, Denisa Estep, Allene Halbert, Chuck Fitts, Teresa Gamez, Miranda Arispe, Jando Diaz  
**6th** Sarah Mankin, Mike Moore, Charlotte Mobley, Wesley Don Robinson, Carter Edmiston, Adriana Hernandez  
**7th** Mike Manning, Kayla Huff, Ruby Morrison  
**8th** Mace Joy, Allyson Jarrett, Olivia Rutherford, Don Holt, Jaiden Lee Fuentes  
**9th** Rosario Sotio, Becky Saldivar, Doug Kuhlmann, Nora Fuentes, Bobby Andrews, Martha Spinks, Aaron Fuentes, Cherie Sproul, Nora Perez,  
**10th** Rikki Bosmans, Travis Lloyd, Vanessa Covarrubiaz, Stevie Sykes, Nadia Robles, Seth Parker, Mary Grimaldo

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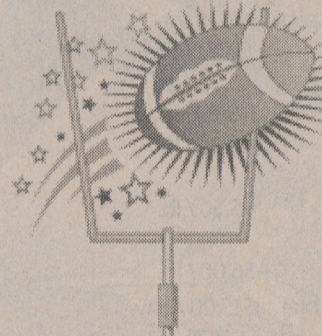
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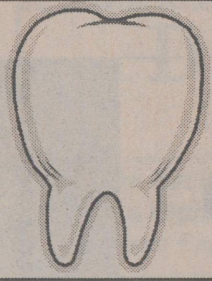
After graduating with a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in College Station, Dr. Burger received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals in Houston. He completed his Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals as well as fellowships in Cardiovascular Disease and Interventional Cardiology. Dr. Burger is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease and Interventional Cardiology.



After graduating with a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania, Dr. D'Agostino received his medical degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia. He completed his Residency in Neurological Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina in Neurological Surgery in Charleston.

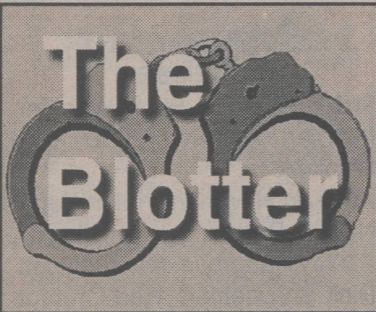
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The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks,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

**ARRESTS**

**NOVEMBER 24** - Navarro, John, male age 18. Offense possession of marijuana. Released 11/25/09 \$1,000. surety bond.  
**NOVEMBER 27** - Warren, Shawn, male age 32. Offense out of county warrant. Released 11/27/09 on bond.

**INCIDENTS**

**NOVEMBER 24 - 6:54 PM** - Complainant contacted officer concerning child custody dispute.  
**NOVEMBER 25 - 7:32 AM** - Variety store alarm sounding, possible rodent inside location. All OK.  
**8:26 AM** - Caller advised SO that he would be burning brush.  
**2:28 PM** - Caller reported a missing person who had recently moved to San Angelo and had not been heard from. Two individuals stated relative had been seen by them personally.  
**5:00 PM** - Caller reported larceny theft, of someone using debit card without permission.  
**7:03 PM** - Complainant reported reckless driver. Officers responded. Everything OK.  
**7:12 PM** - Caller reported a lose black cow on Mertzon Rd. Officer responded unable to locate.  
**NOVEMBER 26 - 6:08 PM** - Caller reported loose livestock. Unable to locate.  
**NOVEMBER 27 - 8:16 AM** - 911 call came in accidentally.

**10:39 AM** - Caller reported subject wanted for out of county warrant. Suspect arrested.  
**7:26 PM** - Caller reported red cattle on HWY. Officer responded.  
**NOVEMBER 28 - 8:15 AM** - Caller reported loose livestock 4 miles east of 224.  
**9:26 AM** - Complainant called reporting missing angus bull. Described brand.  
**9:50 AM** - Caller reported loose livestock. Owner unable to locate.  
**9:58 AM** - Caller reported black bull 11 miles west of Eldorado. Officer unable to locate.  
**10:59 AM** - Caller reported receiving a terrorists threat from unknown female after having terminating a female employee. She wanted the incident to be on record in case anonymous caller followed through on assault threat.  
**2:10 PM** - Complainant asks for officer to stand by while he retrieves belongings.  
**4:27 PM** - Caller requested to speak to an officer.  
**5:07 PM** - Complainant reported a pit bulldog that was loose and wandering around property. Officer notified.  
**NOVEMBER 29 - 3:52 AM** - Caller reported hearing suspicious sounds at their place of work. Officer responded.  
**2:10 PM** - Caller requested to speak to an officer about someone trying to break in home the night before on Village Ln. Officer responded.  
**2:45 PM** - Caller reported a water leak on Denny Rd.  
**3:11 PM** - Caller reported illegal dumping.  
**NOVEMBER 30 - 3:28 AM** - Caller reported child missing after talking with friend on phone. One friend's home checked, child not there. Stated child might be at another friend's home.  
**7:52 AM** - Caller reported accident. Officer responded.  
**9:19 AM** - Caller requested ambulance for female feeling ill. Recently released from hospital. Units dispatched.  
**9:32 AM** - Caller reported a deer caught in fence.  
**12:58 PM** - Caller reported seeing accident on way to San Angelo 10 miles north of Eldorado. Units unable to locate.

**Back from the Dead**

**Late FLDS prophet's estate seeks to regain control of church's trust fund**

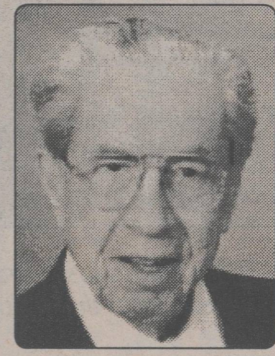
More than seven years after his death, Rulon Jeffs is again part of the debate surrounding the control and operation of the United Effort Plan trust, the one-time financial arm of the FLDS church.

Rulon Jeffs, who was prophet of the FLDS church, failed to name a successor during the long period of ill health that preceded his death on September 8, 2009. Prior to that time the church had been organized as the Corporation of the President of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Jeffs' son, Warren Steed Jeffs, who had assisted his father during his lengthy illness, promptly took control of the church, despite the lack of a formal plan of succession. The new prophet not only found himself in control of the church, but also its financial arm, the United Effort Plan trust fund, estimated by some to be worth more than \$200 million.

But, criminal charges and a series of lawsuits dogged Jeffs, forcing him to go into hiding. He was soon listed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List and his inability, or unwillingness to defend the church and the UEP Trust from legal challenges, led to it being seized by the Utah courts and reorganized under a new board of directors.

In the meantime, Warren Jeffs was sent to prison in Utah after being convicted on two counts of Rape as an Accom-



Former FLDS Prophet  
Rulon T. Jeffs  
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pllice. The charges stemmed from his involvement in arranging and performing an underage marriage.

Warren Jeffs is also facing a similar charge in Arizona and was indicted this year in Schleicher County Texas on a first-degree felony charge of Sexual Assault of a Child.

Now comes word that the estate of Rulon Jeffs, through its executor Leroy S. Jeffs, another of the late prophet's sons, is challenging the authority of the Utah Courts and seeking to regain control of the UEP Trust.

The move comes even as attorneys are eyeing connections between the UEP Trust and the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado.

A series of corporations and trusts have emerged in public filings through which the assets of the YFZ Ranch that once belonged to YFZ Land, L.L.C., have been transferred, first to Texas Heritage Trust, then to Texas Stake of Zion and finally to United Order of Texas. It appears that at one point in time, one or more of the trusts existed inside another of the trusts.

One FLDS observer compared the overlapping trusts and corporations to "Russian nesting dolls."

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## San Angelo family members sentenced in 'Structuring Case' Husband and wife serving prison sentences; children receive probation

LUBBOCK — The last of four family members from San Angelo, Texas, who pleaded guilty in a transaction structuring case was sentenced today, announced U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks of the Northern District of Texas. Jimmy Lee Hughes, who pleaded guilty in August 2009 to one count of misprision of a felony, was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings to three years' probation and ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine. His sister, Alma Faye Hallmark, pleaded guilty to the same offense and was sentenced in September to the same sentence. Misprision of a felony is concealing another's felony offense from law enforcement.

Their father, Bobby Ray Hughes, 74, who pleaded guilty

to conspiracy to structure transactions to avoid reporting requirements and was sentenced in September, is currently serving his 24-month sentence at the Federal Correctional Institute in La Tuna, Texas. He was also ordered to pay a \$40,000 fine. His wife, Shirely K. Hughes, 71, pleaded guilty to a misprision of a felony and is currently serving her six-month sentence at the Federal Correctional Institute in Fort Worth, Texas. She was also ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine.

Bobby Ray and Jimmy Lee Hughes were equal partners in the ownership of H & H Land

Development. That partnership also conducted business under the names of Bob Hughes Oil Co., Hughes Pipe and Supply, and H & H Pipe & Supply, which bought and sold pipe and oil field equipment. Alma Faye Hallmark worked as a paid employee of H & H Land Development, performing administrative and bookkeeping duties. Shirley K. Hughes was involved in the daily banking activity of the partnership and, on a monthly basis, provided business records, including bank statements, to their Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) to prepare their business and personal income tax returns.

The Bank Secrecy Act requires that specific reports be filed with the government by a financial institution and that the financial institution maintain these records. A financial institution must file a Currency Transaction Report (CTR) for each deposit, withdrawal, exchange of currency, or other payment or transfer that involves more than \$10,000. The financial institution in San Angelo that the family used

required its tellers to obtain Bank Secrecy Act information, specifically social security numbers, from customers conducting cash transactions in excess of \$3,000.

In order to avoid these reporting requirements, Shirley Hughes converted numerous third-party checks, made payable to her husband or the business, to bank cashiers' checks, rather than depositing the checks into one of their bank accounts. By doing this, the receipt of those monies wasn't reflected in the Hughes family bank statements which a CPA firm used to prepare their business and personal federal tax returns. Instead of depositing checks that were made payable to her husband or the business, and endorsed by her husband, Shirley K. Hughes would instead purchase multiple lesser-denominated cashier's checks that were made payable to a Hughes family member and subsequently cashed by a Hughes family member.

The case was investigated by the FBI and Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Ann C. Roberts and Jeffrey Haag of the Lubbock, Texas, U.S. Attorney's Office.

## 8th grade boys defeat Miles, lose close one to Christoval

The Eldorado 8th Grade Eagles won a close game against Miles Bulldogs 22-20 on their home court November 23.

Bailey Espinosa scored 8 points in the third quarter and two in the first. JR Garcia, Bobby Martinez, Jose Aranda each scored two point in the first quarter. Justin Estrada scored 6 point. Michael Billbrey scored the only point in the fourth quarter.

Also playing were Adrian Garcia, Reed Hariman and Tyler Martinez.

The Eagles then went on to

lose a close one Monday night against the Christoval Cougars 32-36 in overtime.



Bailey Espinosa scored 10 points, Justin Estrada 2, Bobby Martinez 3, Michael Billbrey 3, Junior Garcia 1 and Jose Aranda 8. Tyler Martinez made a 3 point goal in over time play, but it was not enough to shut out Christoval.

Score by quarters

Eldorado 9 5 8 7 3-32

Christoval 5 2 6 16 7-36

Also playing was Reed Hariman.

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Legislature approved the bonus for retired members of the Employees Retirement System (ERS) and Teacher Retirement System (TRS).

But the \$155 million in payments depended on a ruling from Abbott that the bonus was legal. In his opinion, Abbott said the Legislature's requirement for a conclusive ruling made it impossible to find authority for the one-time payment.

Tim Lee, executive director of the TRS, said it appeared the Legislature wrote the bill to ensure the bonus would not be awarded. The \$500 one-time payment was a compromise. The House had proposed a \$1,000 payment, but the Senate bill had none. The \$155 million will now go into the two retirement funds, which still can't cover their obligations to retirees over the next 31 years.

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