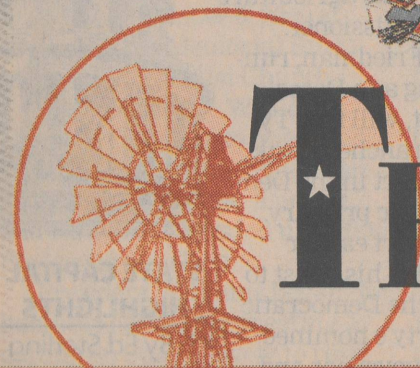




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"THE VOICE OF ELDORADO AND SCHLEICHER COUNTY SINCE 1901"

## Allan Keate sentenced to 33 years in state prison

Schleicher County jurors deliberated five hours last Thursday evening before sentencing Allan Keate to 33 years in prison for his conviction a charge of Sexual Abuse of a Child. As many as 17 YFZ Ranch residents were in attendance for portions of the trial.

Keate was found guilty two days earlier following a week-long trial. And, at his request, the jury was charged with determining a sentence.

The jurors did so after hearing testimony during the trial's penalty phase, which began on Wednesday morning, December 16th. Among those testifying were two former FLDS members Carolyn Jessop and Rebecca Musser. Each of the women left the fundamentalist Mormon faith, but under very different circumstances.

Carolyn Jessop, former wife of YFZ Ranch overseer Merrill Jessop, told of life inside the FLDS community of Short Creek where she lived with other sister wives. Carolyn told the jurors how they shared money, decisions and how she could not dislike what other wives did to correct her children. Carolyn Jessop wrote a best selling book "Escape" which described how she fled with her eight children.

Rebecca Musser also told of life inside the FLDS community. She was married at the age of 19 to former FLDS prophet Rulon Jeffs who was 84 at time of their marriage. She told the jury that when she balked at performing specific sexual favors for the aging prophet, his son Warren Jeffs rebuked her. She later refused to marry the younger Jeffs and left the community following the elder prophet's death in 2002.

Musser was called as an expert witness to document FLDS church and personal records that were kept by families, bishops and the prophet. Musser identified numerous documents she was shown as being part of the archives of the church and explained the necessity of the documentation for heavenly exaltation.

Wesley Hensley, a sergeant in the Criminal Investigations Division of the Office of Attorney General Greg Abbott then told the jury that explored the evidence taken during the YFZ raid looking for proof of Allan Keate's marriages, legal as well as polygamous. He also examined birth certificates of three of Allan Keate's underage daughters who were given in marriage to other men. Two of those marriages were performed

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

*We Wish You A Merry Christmas!* was the grand finale at the 'Twas The Night Before Christmas program presented by Eldorado Elementary 2nd grade classes on Friday, December 18, 2009. (L-R) Ethan Hocutt, Angela Alegria, Laura Suarez, Joe Alex Belman, Mariana Romo, Austin Daniels and Alya Cardona.

## Eldorado Success office to close for week

The Eldorado Success will be closed for the holidays beginning, Thursday, December 24, 2009 and continuing through Sunday, January 3, 2010.

There will be no newspaper on Thursday, December 31, 2009. The Success office will reopen at its normal time on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Success publisher Randy Mankin notes that 2009 is an

unusual year in which there are 53 Thursdays.

"Since we have already published 52 editions, we are going to take advantage of this opportunity and spend some time with our friends and family over the holiday season."

Merry Christmas, everyone and a happy New Year from all of us at The Eldorado Success!



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Friends and family (including YFZ defendant Wendell Neilsen center) watch as Allan Keate is escorted to the Schleicher County Jail following his sentencing last Thursday evening. Keate was sentenced to 33 years in prison following his conviction two days earlier on a charge of Sexual Assault of a Child.

## Brown seeks re-election as County Commissioner in Pct. 4

I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election as Commissioner Schleicher County Precinct #4.

I have been privileged to serve and represent Schleicher County for the past two terms. Schleicher County has made great strides over the past seven years. The court I have served on works well together in serving all of Schleicher County.

We have improved many aspects of the county. Our court has worked to improve our Airport facilities, roads, Civic center, Rodeo arena, Golf Course, Fire & Emergency Services and many other areas that came to

the court's attention during the two terms which I have served.

There is still much work to be done to improve the county for our citizens and keep abreast of state mandates and increasing costs that continue to affect our county and our citizens.

I ask for your continued support. I will always strive to represent my precinct and all the citizens of Schleicher County.

Thank you again for the honor to serve you. I will look forward to speaking with you about your needs and concerns as we enter this election year.

## Jessop's attorney files motion for new trial

Raymond Merrill Jessop's attorney, Mark Stevens of San Antonio has filed a motion for a new trial.

Among other things, Stevens asserts that Jessop's guilty verdict was contrary to the law and the evidence. Specifically, that the evidence was legally and factually insufficient to permit any rational juror to find his client guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Stevens also argues that Jessop's indictment should have been set aside because Hispanics were

substantially underrepresented on the grand jury that indicted Mr. Jessop. He further alleges that Hispanics have been substantially excluded from grand juries in Schleicher County for more than ten years, a violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The motion continues by claiming that the systematic exclusion of Hispanics from grand juries violates Mr. Jessop's right to a representative "fair cross-section" of the community in

the selection of grand jurors.

Stevens also argues that evidence seized during the 2008 YFZ raid should have been excluded. The motion says, "Ranger Brooks Long's affidavit in support of the April 3rd search warrant did not contain sufficient information to support a finding of probable cause...Specifically the uncorroborated tip from the fictitious 'Sarah Jessop Barlow' was no better than an anonymous tip, and was not sufficient to justify a

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## Cuevas & Galindo to perform in All-Region Band

Two EHS band members earned honors recently and will participate in the Region 7 All-Region Band on Saturday, January 16th at 7 p.m. at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

To qualify for All-Region Band, students must play scales and challenging music for a panel of five judges. The judges cannot see the students and do not know who they are or where they are from. They evaluate the students and rank them in chair order. The top students are certified to the All-Region Band. The very top students are certified to Area and get to tryout for the All-State Band.

Timothy Cuevas made 2nd chair Alto Clarinet in the symphonic band. Cuevas will advance to Area contest to be held in Waco at Robinson High School on January 9th to audition for All State Band.

Krista Galindo made 6th chair Clarinet and will perform in the Concert band. Both Cuevas and Galindo will perform at Tarleton State University, January 15th.

Cuevas and Galindo competed at the Region Band Contest held at Howard Payne University in Brownwood on Saturday, December 5.



Krista Galindo and Timony Cuevas will perform in the Region 7 All-Region Band January 16 at Tarleton State University.

# Texas statewide employment rate shows improvement

AUSTIN — Texas' November unemployment rate was 8.0 percent, a decrease from 8.3 percent in October.

The rate, at two percentage points below the national average, validates "the approach we take here in Texas," Gov. Rick Perry said on Dec. 18.

"Over the past two months, while the nation as a whole lost 122,000 jobs, Texas gained nearly 70,000 jobs, which is promising news for those Texans who are seeking employment," Perry said.

Also, according to figures publicized by the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas civilian labor force reached its highest level ever at 12.1 million workers in November.

In other news, the Texas Workforce Commission alerted unemployment claimants about fraudulent e-mail text messages scammers use to illegally

obtain personal identification information. Messages asking for that kind of information appear to originate from the commission, but the commission said it does not ask for personal ID numbers via email.

## Job turnover rate lowest in years

State Auditor John Keel on Dec. 14 released an annual report on state employee turnover for fiscal year 2009.

The report says the statewide turnover rate was 14.4 percent for full- and part-time employees, the lowest turnover rate recorded in the last five years. The rate was 17.3 percent for the year 2008.

Excluding involuntary separations and retirements, the fiscal year 2009 statewide turnover rate was 8.1 percent. This rate, which is often considered more of a true turnover rate

because it reflects preventable turnover, also decreased since fiscal year 2008, Keel's report explained.

Factors that may have had an influence:

- Texas unemployment rates increased from 4.6 percent in fiscal year 2008 to 6.5 percent in fiscal year 2009.

- The average regular, full-time classified employee salary increased from \$32,848 in fiscal year 2005 to \$38,461 in fiscal year 2009.

- Agencies worked to improve retention efforts.

## Bond program to reopen shortly

The Texas Permanent School Fund Bond Guarantee Program, closed since March, will resume functions in the first quarter of 2010 to back bonds issued to pay for school construction, saving school districts millions of

dollars in interest costs.

The Internal Revenue Service informed the Texas Education Agency that it will revise its to allow bonds to be guaranteed up to 500 percent of the cost value of the Permanent School Fund as of Dec. 16. The State Board of Education oversees the fund and sets its capacity.

The Texas Education Agency said it was forced to close the Bond Guarantee Program on March 11 when turmoil in the stock market caused the value of the state's Permanent School Fund to fall dramatically, reducing its capacity to back bonds.

According to TEA, the Bond Guarantee Program has backed more than \$83 billion in bonds since its inception in 1983.

**Friedman to run for ag chief**

Hill Country musician, writer and animal rescue activist Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman ended his candidacy for governor and filed to run for state agriculture commissioner.

Friedman, running as a Democrat, will face Tyler rancher Hank Gilbert in the Democratic primary. Gilbert earlier ended his quest to be the Democratic Party's nominee for governor and filed for the agriculture commissioner when Houston Mayor Bill White

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

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## Health care bill is a tale of broken promises

As the year comes to a close, the American people have seen this Administration and Congress go on a massive spending spree that has sent our national debt skyrocketing and caused our employment rate to plummet. Now they want to put government in charge of our health care. Is it any wonder that a growing chorus of patients and doctors, seniors and hospitals, taxpayers and small businesses are rejecting the Democrats' health bill?

At the beginning of the debate, President Obama made several promises about the bill. He pledged that any legislation would cost less than \$900 billion. We now know that is false. He vowed that it wouldn't add a dime to the deficit. Also false. He insisted that no one who

likes their insurance program today would lose it. Again, false. He claimed that no one making less than \$250,000 would see higher taxes. False.

It is an outrage that this bill will raise taxes in three weeks and continue for four years before the rest of the programs are implemented. That is why I authored a motion to send this bill back to committee and require that everything in it start together. If the programs don't start until 2014, then the taxes should start then, too. Unfortunately, the Hutchison motion was tabled by the majority in the Senate.

Let's walk through the taxes that are set to start in just a few weeks: \$22 billion in taxes on prescription drug manufacturers; \$19 billion in taxes on medical device manufacturers; \$60 billion in taxes on insurance companies. And what comes in 2011, 2012, 2013?? You guessed it, more taxes!

In 2013, the taxes on high benefit plans, (\$149 billion); limits on what can be deducted from income for medical expenses (\$15 billion); and the new Medicare payroll tax impacting individuals who earn more than \$200,000 and couples who earn more than \$250,000 (\$54 billion) take effect.

After years of taxes and increases in health insurance premiums, increases in the cost of prescription drugs and medical equipment, finally, in 2014, Americans then see the rest of the bill become law. But wait! With the rest of the bill also come the mandates and penalties - \$28 billion in taxes on employers and \$8 billion in taxes on individuals.

When Americans asked for reform, they wanted relief from rising costs. Unfortunately, they won't get it under this bill. And that is why my motion was so important. If our motion had been enacted, no taxes would begin unless the American people are able to see something in return.

The time has come to bring Republicans back to the table. I am a champion of legislation that would provide a tax credit worth \$2,000 per individual and \$5,000 per family for the purchase of health insurance every year. Allowing small businesses to pool together to purchase health insurance would increase the size of the risk pool, lower premiums, and give employers more affordable options for their employees. Medical malpractice reform that curbs lawsuit abuse would lower costs by over \$50 billion annually. Using the private sector - not Washington bureaucrats - to reduce costs and increase access is what the American people want and deserve.

It's not too late to give it to them. The key is putting the newest budget-busting bill aside and enacting a true bipartisan agreement that accomplishes our goals in a fair, fiscally accountable way.



## A politically correct Christmas

What follows is a poem I received recently. The author is unknown to me. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did...

"Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck... How to live in a world that's politically correct? His workers no longer would answer to "Elves"... "Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.

And labor conditions up at the north pole... Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul. Four reindeer had vanished, with-out much propriety... Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.

And equal employment had made it quite clear... That Santa had better not use only reindeer. So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid... Were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked stupid!

The runners had been removed from his sleigh... The ruts were termed dangerous by the E.P.A. And people had started to call for the cops... When they heard sled noises up on their rooftops.

Secondhand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened... His fur trimmed suit was so "Uenlightened." And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows... Rudolf was suing over the use of his nose

And had gone on Gerald, in front



of the nation... Demanding millions in overdue compensation.

So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife... Who suddenly said she had enough of this life,

Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a whiz... Demanding from now on her title was Ms. And as for the gifts, why, he'd never had a notion... That making a choice could cause so much commotion.

Nothing of leather, nothing of fur... Which meant nothing for him and nothing for her.

Nothing that might be construed to pollute... Nothing to aim. Nothing to shoot.

Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise... Nothing for just the girls or just for the boys.

Nothing that claimed to be gender specific... Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.

No candy or sweets, they were bad

for the tooth... Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth. And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden... Were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.

For they raised the hackles of those psychological... Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological. No baseball, no football, someone could get hurt... Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.

Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passe... And Ninter 'o would rot your entire brain away. So Santa just stood there, disheveled, perplexed... He just could not figure out what to do next.

He tried to be merry, tried to be gay... But you've got to be careful with that word today.

His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground... Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might... Give to all without angering the left or the right. A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision... Each group of people, every religion;

Every ethnicity, every hue... Everyone, everywhere... even you. So here is that gift, it's price beyond worth... "May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on earth!"

## CAPITOL SOUTH by William Warren

"Twas the night before Christmas, when all across the Hill Only the Dems were stirring, to vote for their bill. They were plotting and scheming to pass their Healthcare in the dark of the night when no one was there.



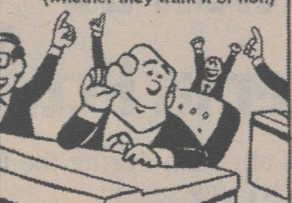
The Republicans were nervous, quivering with dread. While visions of rationing danced in their heads. And Reid at the podium, and I in my chair, Had just demanded the Dems pass Obamacare.



"Now, Schumer! Now, Franken! Now, Durbin and Leahy! On, Landrieu! On, Boxer! On, Chris Dodd and Kerry! Ignore your constituents! Forget elections next fall! Now vote away! Vote away! Vote away all!"



He took to the floor, to his Dems gave a holler, And away they all voted, to spend more tax dollars. And I heard Reid exclaim, as he pushed through the lot, "Government Healthcare to all (whether they want it or not)!"



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# OBITUARIES

## Thomas A. "Tommy" Knight Sr.



Our beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, and friend found peace with his eternal Father on December 19, 2009 at his residence, at the age of 62.

Services were held on Wednesday, December 23rd at Agape Assembly of God with Pastor Neil Miller. Burial followed at the Eldorado Cemetery officiated by Pastor Bud Arendt of The Brushy Top Cowboy Church.

Thomas was born on June 15, 1947 to Calvin and Hattie Knight in Nashville, TN. He was preceded in death by son Terry D. Knight, and brothers David and Wayne Knight.

Thomas enjoyed doing many things with his grandchildren who were the light of his life. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle with his biker friends, but his favorite enjoyment was playing his musical instruments. Tommy enjoyed playing Country Gospel music, and was part of the Brushy Top Cowboy Church band. He loved to minister to everyone through his music and was always inviting people to church. Tommy's legacy of country gospel music will live forever in the hearts of his family, friends, and everyone he touched. He made many friends after retiring from his 37 years in the oilfield. He loved to have

coffee with his friends at T & C, Jo Jo's and his daughter Yvette's cooked breakfast at the Star Stop. He went to his son Anthony's home to enjoy his recliner while his wife Josie went to shop.

Tommy is survived by the love of his life for 30 years, his wife Josie C. Knight, four children Thomas Knight Jr. of Nashville, Anthony Lopez III of San Angelo, Yvette and husband Eddie Rodriguez of Eldorado, Connie Twitchell and Maria Lopez (in law). Grandchildren: Hunter, Cory, Jeremy, Mathew, Madison, Tucher, Preston E. Thomas, Brandon Ray, Anyssa, Eddykah, Kayden (Pa's Chito) and 3 other grandchildren. One great-granddaughter Naveah. Sisters: Earlie Mae Biggs and husband Lawless Brassarb, Debbie Cleavenger and husband Lewis of Joelton, TN. Numerous nieces and nephews.

Special friends Jerry, Gene, Terry and Felix. Special niece Lisa Martinez.

Special Speaker was William Watts of Eldorado, Arkansas. Pallbearers: Thomas Knight Jr., Preston E. Thomas Rodriguez, Brandon Ray Lopez, Curtis Cunningham, Leo Rodriguez and William Watts.

Honorary Pallbearers were all of his oilfield friends. Also, a memorial motorcycle tribute by his biker friends will lead the funeral escort.

Thank you Eldorado, Dr. Barnett, Dr. Prieto, Gina, HOSA, friends and relatives. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my race and now there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me on that day...." 2 Timothy 4:7-8. Pa, we love you and miss you, but, "If we never meet again this side of heaven, we will meet you on that beautiful shore."

## Roy Neal Pippen



Cowboy's greatest fan.

There were not many people that Roy did not extend a helping hand and a warm meal to when needed. Roy loved his God, his Country and his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Roy was preceded in death by his Grandparents, W.L. "Roy" Pippen and Bessie Lee Pippen, by his father John Neal Pippen, one daughter, Rebecca Le-Neal and one son, Travis Caleb Pippen.

He is survived by his loving family, son, Chance Neal Pippen, of Highland, TX; his Daughter, Celeste LaNay Cooper and her husband Joe, of Beach city, TX; His Grandchildren, Gabriel, Nicholais, KateLynn, AshLynn, JosLynn, Sierra, Memoree; his sisters, Carolyn Campbell and her husband Dr. Jack Campbell, of Chirstoval, and Melinda Hunley and her husband Tommy Hunley, of Eldorado, TX; his brother, Jeff Pippen, of Snyder, TX; his nieces, Tara Reynolds and her husband Adam, Leslie Pickett and her husband Charlie and Ashlie Balderas and her husband Jacob; his nephews, Chris Phillips and his wife Madolyn, Austin Hunter, Kyle Hunter and Will Whitten; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins that he adored.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch.

The family would like to extend their sincerest thanks and appreciation to Dr. Daniel Dube and all of the staff at Shannon ICU for all of the wonderful care given to Roy. They would also like to extend their sincerest thanks and appreciation to all of the family and friends who said prayers and expressed their love and support for Roy.

Roy Neal Pippen of Christoval, went to be with his Lord on Saturday, December 19, 2009.

Family visitation was Monday at Johnson's Funeral Home. Funeral Service was Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at Christoval Baptist Church with Rev. Doug Hurt officiating. Interment followed at Christoval Cemetery.

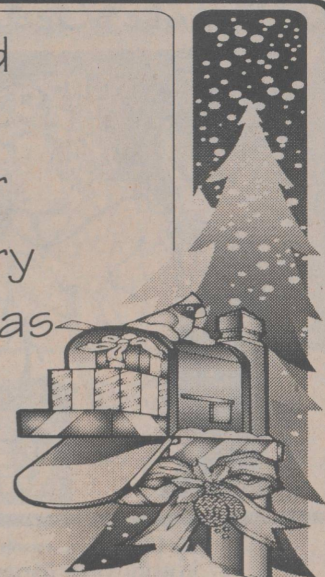
Roy was born February 5, 1953 in Ranger, Texas to John Neal Pippen and Marie Jane Holbert.

He was first and foremost a strong Christian man that loved, and was devoted to his family and friends. He was a proud member of Christoval Baptist Church and knew Pastor Doug Hurt and wife Lori as dear friends. Roy always looked forward to helping construct the sets for VBS and Christmas programs.

Roy was also a cowboy with talents ranging from writing poetry, to making wooden toys for his beloved grandchildren, great nieces and great nephews.

Roy attended Rankin High School and proudly served his country in the US Navy. Roy had a passion for politics and was a Republican. He was the Dallas

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# DEATH NOTICES

## Raye Belle Robertson Boone-Lara

SAN ANGLEO - Raye Belle Robertson Boone-Lara 'Red Bird', age 76 of San Angelo, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009. Funeral service was Monday, Dec. 21, 2009 at Johnson's Funeral Home. Burial followed in Mertzson Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her former husbands Perry H. Robertson and Thomas H. Boone, and her brother, Joe Weldon Causey. She is survived by her husband, Rick Lara of San Angelo, son Cecil L. Robertson of Eldorado; sister Loretta Rush 'Babe' of Comanche; a granddaughter, nieces and other family and friends.

## Delfina Hipolito

SAN ANGELO - Delfina Hipolito, 94, of Eldorado, died Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, in Eldorado. Service is at 2 p.m. today at Primera Iglesia Bautista Church in Eldorado with burial in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements are by Gutierrez Funeral Chapels/North.

Survivors include her daughters, Maria Guana and Louise Mendez, both of Eldorado, and Lucy Campos of Fremont, Calif

# Capital Highlights ...

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announced his candidacy for governor.

Republican Todd Staples, a former state senator from Palestine, Texas, is the incumbent agriculture commissioner. Gilbert lost to Staples in the November 2006 election.

Friedman got 12.44 percent of the vote when he ran for governor as an independent in the 2006 general election.

## Dome to get spruced up in 2010

The State Preservation Board on Dec. 11 announced the Texas Capitol dome will undergo a 10-month repair project in the coming year. Estimated completion date is December 2010.

Workers will paint, fix leaky windows, remove asbestos and rust, and more. The job is not expected to interfere with Capitol tours and other normal activities.

## Earle to run for Lt. Governor

Former Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, a Democrat who retired in 2008 after a 35 years at the post, filed to run for lieutenant governor. Incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, a Republican, filed for re-election earlier in December.

## Keel is named state agency chief

The Texas Facilities Commission named former State

Rep. Terry Keel, R-Austin, as director of the agency, effective Dec. 31.

Keel is a former Travis County sheriff. And, he served as House parliamentarian for then-speaker Tom Craddick at the end of the 2007 legislative session.



*Merry Christmas!*

From our flock to yours, go our best wishes for a picture-perfect season filled with lots of love, laughter, joy, and serenity.

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and a Prosperous New Year!

## It's a New Year's Tradition!

Stop by First National Bank of Eldorado any day between Christmas and New Years and pick up your complimentary can of Black-Eyed Peas. Throughout Texas and most of the American South, it is a tradition to eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day. The tradition dates back to the Civil War and many people believe the meal brings them good luck during the new year.



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This Christmas season, we'd like to join you and yours in a prayer for harmony, understanding and peace. As we give thanks to the Lord, we'd also like to acknowledge all the people who have given to us their friendship and generous support.

**Merry Christmas!**  
and prosperous New Year  
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# West Texas Alumni Football draws local interest

Wanting to relive those high school glory days? The West Texas Alumni Football League offers that opportunity, and more.

Former Eldorado Eagles are forming a team which will compete with other former football teams from across West Texas.

Any graduate of Eldorado High School is eligible to sign up. So far, the Eagles alumni team consists of just over three dozen players, ranging from Keith McCormack, class of '81 to Manny Gonzalez, class of '08. Still, there's room for more.

The games, will be played in full pads and will be full contact. There is a \$75 sign up fee and players must assume their own risk of injury.

So far, Eldorado's alums are slated to play Irion Co. alums at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2010 in Big Lake. The Reagan County alums will play the Ozona alums in the second game of the double header.

The Eagles alumni team is coached by Don Richters and Larry Mitchel. Team captains are Donny Fuentes, class of '89 and

Justin Leggett, class of '97. Practices are held on Sundays at 3 p.m.

For more information, or to sign up to participate in the West Texas Alumni Football league, check out the league website at <http://westtexasalumni.eventbrite.com>.

So, if you were a legend in your own time, or perhaps just in your own mind, there is now an opportunity for you to show off your skills to friends and family who may never have had the opportunity to see you play. Come out and join in the fun!

## Eldorado Eagles Alumni Gridiron Legends

Michael Adame	2002	Mark Fryar	1998	Keith McCormack	1981	Joe Rocha	1996
Jason Brock	2001	Donny Fuentes*	1989	Lonnie Middleton	1999	Mickey Romero	1986
Joey Bullard	2001	Benjamin Gonzalez	2002	Austin "Butch" Nixon	1999	Isaac Saldivar	2001
Clay Butler	1997	Manny Gonzalez	2008	Jay O'Harrow	1986	Jimmy Saldivar	1990
Russell Cathey	2007	Damon Hudson	2009	Jon-Michael Parker	1997	Rudy Saldivar	1992
Kenny Covarrubiaz	2001	Wes Jones	2002	Cole Pina	2002	Steven "Butcher" Saldivar	1986
David Elias	2002	Richmond Adame	2008	Casey Poynor	2000	Casey Snelson	1998
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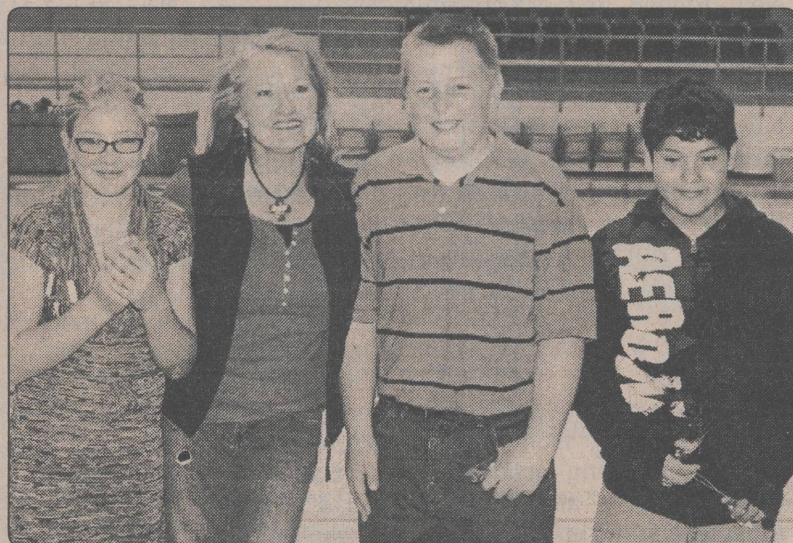
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## 7th grade girls beat IC 29-7

The 7th Grade Lady Eagles basketball team played hard against the 7th grade Lady Hornets from Irion County last Monday evening in the Eagle Gym and earned a 29-7 victory.

Kiarra Trevino scored 14 points against the Lady Hornets scoring 10 points in the first quarter. Jessica Gandar, Taylor Curtis and Melissa Hernandez each scored 2.

Ivie Kate Mynatt and Josie Ledezma each scored 4 points. McKenzie McAngus scored 1. Also playing for the Lady Eagles was Arden Mertz, Katelyn Parsley, Mika Keys, Jaqueline Castro, Stormi Rhinehart, Evelyn Martinez, Melissa Hernandez, Brittney McCulloch, Whitney Perez and Jessica Gonzales.

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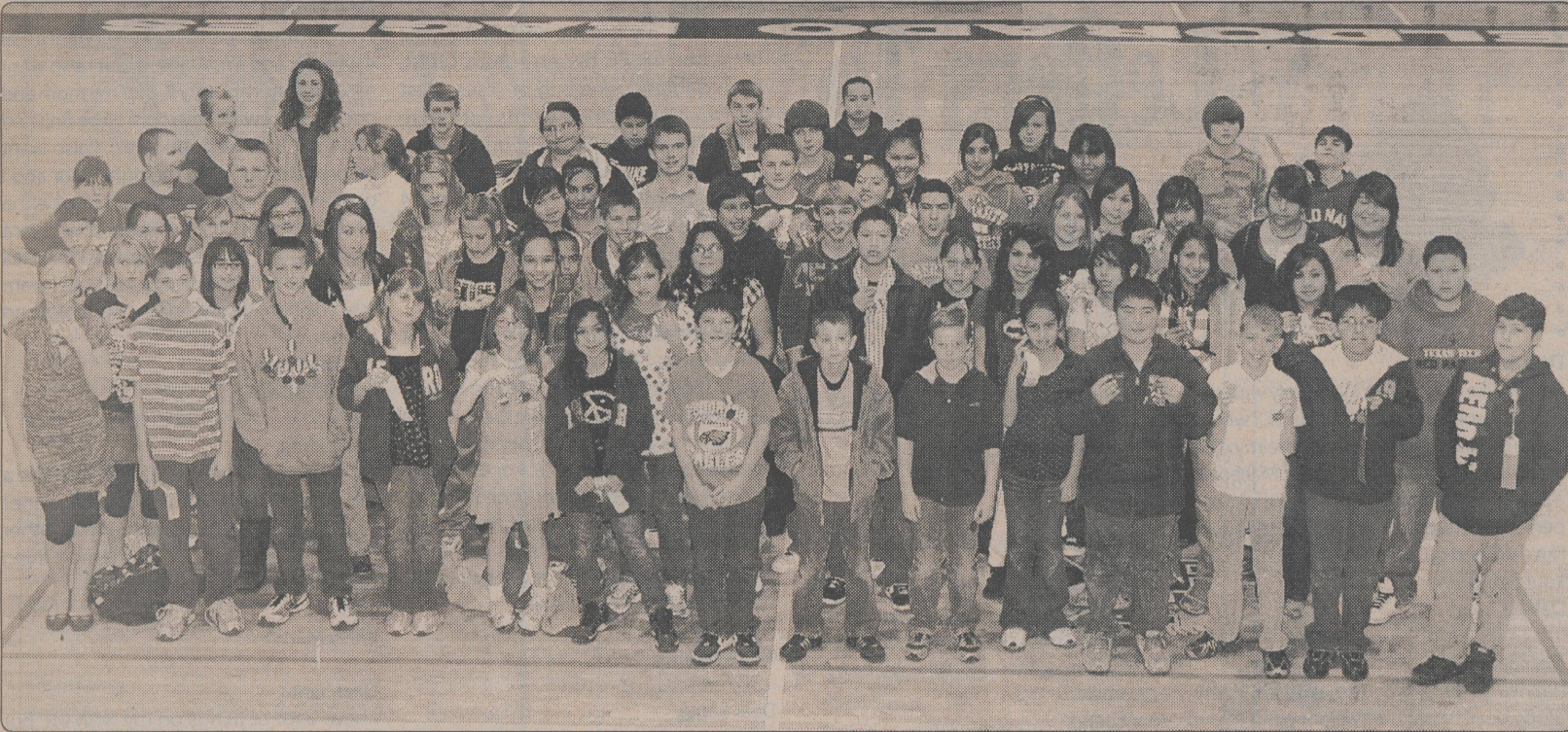
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## EMS scholars bring home 32 gold medals

2009-2010 District Academic UIL Contest was held in Mertzon December 9th and 10th. Schools participating were: Christoval, Eldorado, Fersan, and Irion County. Principal Kara Garlitz and faculty presented medals and ribbons to the teams and individuals December 18, 2009 in the High School Gym.

Thirty two gold medals were handed out to 10 first place teams among the Eldorado Middle School Grades. 20 of the 32 team gold medals went to 6th Graders. Five individual 6th Graders brought home gold medals.

Middle School Principal Kara Garlitz was beaming with pride as she announced each medal and ribbon winner.

**Ready Writing - 6th Grade** - Individual Awards: 5. Danielle Sims; **7th Grade**: 4. Ivie Kate Mynatt.

**Editorial Writing - 7th Grade** - Individual Awards: 5. Evelyn Martinez; 6. Arden Mertz.

**Music Memory - 6th Grade** - 1st Place Team: Kaitlyn Lindsey, Rylea Self, Tara Martinez, Caitlin Dumas, Aaron Santellano. Individual awards: 1. Kaitlyn Lindsey; 2. Rylea Self; 5. Tara Martinez.

**Art Smart - 5th Grade** - 2nd Place Team: Emily Nixon, Chase Mertz, Jordan Stanford, Noah Sorrells, Riley Umphress; Individual awards: 4. Emily Nixon; 6th Grade-Individual Awards: 4. Julie Martinez

**Dictionary Skills - 5th Grade** - 2. Place Team: Davis Hutto, Chase Mertz, Elizabeth Griffin. Individual Awards: 3. Davis Hutto. **6th Grade** - 1st Place Team: Jaime Chancellor, Grant Emmons, Abigail Narvaez. Individual Awards: 1. Jaime Chancellor, 3. Grant Emmons, 6. Abigail Narvaez. **7th Grade** - 3. Place Team: Bre Crofoot, Esme Ruezga, Katelyn Parsons; Individual Awards: 2. Bre Crofoot, 4. Esme Ruezga. **8th Grade** - 2nd Place Team: Reed Hariman, Valeria Ortiz, Obdulia Huerta. Individual Awards: 5. Reed Hariman

**Calculator - 6th Grade** - Individual Awards: 3. Garret Emmons; 7th Grade - 3. Josie Ledezma; **8th Grade**: 4. Madison Albin.

**Listening - 5th Grade** - 1st Place Team: Bryan Baker, Star Foley, Branda Minor; Individual Awards: 2. Bryan Baker, 3. Star Foley, and 6. Branda Minor; **6th Grade** - 2nd Place Team: Rylea Self, Luisa Muniz, Marinda Villanueva; Individual Awards: 2. Rylea Self, 5. Luisa Muniz; **7th Grade** - 3. Place Team: Garett Swinford, McKenzie McAngus, Julian Garcia; Individual Awards: 5. Garett Swinford, **8th Grade** - Individual Award: 5. Bailey Espinosa

**Science I - 7th Grade** - 3rd Place Team: Ivie Kate Mynatt, Arden Mertz, Kiara Trevino; Individuals Awards: 4. Ivie Kate Mynatt, 5. Arden Mertz;

**Science II - 8th Grade** - 2nd Place Team: Obdulia Huerta, Madison Albin, Bailey Espinosa; Individual Awards: 4. Obdulia Huerta.

**Grade Maps, Graphs & Charts: 5th Grade** - 3rd Place Team: Davis Hutto, Clayton Arendt, Kade Creek; Individual Awards: 4. Davis Hutto; **6th Grade** - 1st Place Team: Jaime Chancellor, Grant Emmons, Jake Swindall. Individual Awards: 2. Jaime Chancellor, 3. Grant Emmons; **7th Grade** - 1st Place Team: Tres Whitten, Garett Swinford, Julian Garcia. Individual Awards: 3. Tres Whitten, 4. Garett Swinford. **8th Grade** - 3rd Place Team: Obdulia Huerta, Lisa Olivares, Macy Mikeska; Individual Awards: 4. Obdulia Huerta

**Impromptu Speaking - 7th Grade** - Individual Awards: 1. Arden Mertz, 5. Stormi Rinehart, 6. Lucas Santellano; **8th Grade**: Individual Awards: 4. Meg Reel

**Oral Reading - 5th Grade**:

Individual Awards- 5. Alex Alvarez; 6th Grade: 3rd TJ Hudson, 5. Rylea Self, 6. Deonn Fuentes; **8th Grade**: Individual Awards: 5. Madison Albin;

**Mathematics - 6th Grade** - 2nd Place Team: Garret Emmons, Jose Luis Olivares, Danielle Sims; Individual Awards: 4. Garret Emmons, 6. tie Jose Luis Olivares, 6. tie Danielle Sims; **7th Grade** - 1st Place Team: Esme Ruezga, Tres Whitten, Whitney Perez; Individual Awards: 2. Esme Ruezga, 5. Tres Whitten; **8th Grade** - 3rd Place Team: Pasillas, Michael Bilbrey, Abriana Islas; Individual Awards: 3. Lupe Pasillas.

**Number Sense - 5th Grade** - 1st Place Team: Victor Castro, Franklin Buchholz, Chase Mertz; Individual Awards: 1. Victor Castro; **6th Grade** - 1st Place Team: Garret Emmons, Grant Emmons, Justin Whitten; Individual Awards: 1. Garret Emmons, 2. Grant Emmons, 3. Justin Whitten; **7th Grade** - 2. Place Team: Tres Whitten, Esme Ruezga, Whitney Perez; Individual Awards: 2. Tres Whitten, 4. Esme Ruezga; **8th Grade** - 1st Place Team: Michael Bilbrey, Jackson O'Harrow, Lupe Pasillas; Individual Awards: 1. Michael Bilbrey, 4. Jackson O'Harrow;

**Social Studies - 5th Grade** - 2nd Place Team - Jess Gonzales, Will Mynatt, Chase Mertz; Individual Awards: 2. Jess

Gonzales; 5. Will Mynatt; **6th Grade** - 1st Place Team: Jaime Chancellor, Rylea Self, Rafael Ruezga; Individual Awards: 1st tie Jaime Chancellor; 3. Rylea Self, 6. Rafael Ruezga; **7th Grade**: 3. West Ramon, 4. Dalton Buchholz; **8th Grade** - Individual Awards: 6. Abriana Islas, 3. Place Team: Abriana Islas, Lisa Olivares, Roger Gehrels.

Teacher UIL sponsors are: Katrina Gonzales (Ready Writing), Traci Teaff (5th-8th Editorial Writing, Art Smart), Chris Johnston (5th-8th Music Memory), Bridget Chancellor (5th-8th Dictionary Skills and Calculator), Katrina Gonzales (5th-8th Oral Reading), Debby Griffin (5th-8th Mathematics), Gail Stevens (5th-8th Number Sense), Dawn Whitten (5th-8th Social Studies), Lavonne Espinosa (5th & 6th Spelling), Suzanne Johnson (7th & 8th Spelling), Betty Robinson (5th & 6th Maps, Graphs & Charts), Jessie Rubio (7th & 8th Maps, Graphs & Charts), Jhett Norman (7th & 8th Impromptu Speaking), Christy Meador (5th-8th Listening Skills), Rick Singleton (7th Science) and Danny Williams (8th Science 11)

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# Santa Letters from Yesteryear

Letters to Santa written in 1998 by the Class of 2010

**Mrs Halbert's  
First Grade Class**

Dear Santa,  
I want a 22g, robot, and a toy soldier with a sword. Please bring my brother a monster truck.  
Marcos Medrano

Dear Santa,  
Please let it snow and snow! May I have a baseball and bat and a fire truck. I made a cupcake for you!  
Love, Shane Young

Dear Santa,  
I want to find a puppy in my stocking. I want a toy soldier with a gun. Mom would like a kitten. Dad needs a gun. I wish you could bring lots of snow.  
Luv, Dylan Wilson

Dear Santa,  
My sister and I would love a poodle a Barbie car. I would like to have my own room. My Dad needs a new nintendo ya me. My Mom wants jewelry. Me wants a brown and black puppy. I will leave cookies for you.  
Love, Jacey Sellers

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a computer. My sister wants a Tigger That bounces.  
I love you, Aubrey Martinez

Dear Santa,  
My brother would like a little puppy. I would like to have a kitten. I wish it would snow!  
Love, Victoria Ann Garza

Dear Santa,  
May I have a Barbie and a bear? My Mom wants a ring and my Dad a watch. I will leave cookies for you. I love you!  
Adriana Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I would love to have a doll a cat my mom wants an angel. Dad wants tools.  
Clarissa Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I want to give Rudolph a big hug! I want to give you a new Santa Suit. I would like a free movie pass. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for Rudolph.  
Love, Austin Whitten

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a projector gun I want to give Rudolph a great big hug! Dadze needs a new watch, please. Enjoy the cookies and milk Santa!  
Love, Wes Brown

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dog. We want a batman toy please.  
I Love you, Juan Martniez

Dear Santa,  
May I please have a puppy My brother want a batman toy Do you have a kitten for me?  
Love, Hervey Solis

**Mrs. Gray's  
First Grade Class**

Dear Santa,  
Give me a Kitty for Christmas. Please bring my mom a diadiamond ring. Get my dad a da ring too.  
Love Shelsea Rojas

Dear Santa,  
How is it the North bwl Mrs clause? I want a redsgot tod hors. I want a yellow dog. I want a cat  
Love Jim Chadwick

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD player for Christmas. I also want a remote controlled car. Wovd you bring my Moma diamond necklace? Bring my dad a brand new car. How is Mrs. Claus?  
Meristmas  
Love, Samantha Dominguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a dairy for christmas. My mom wants a candlestick. My dad would like new tools for his work. My big sister will want a new video game. My little sister would like new baby toys for christmas. Santa, how are your elve?  
Love Maureen Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control airplane. wants a Oakley hat for Chrismear. My dad wants a mule beer shoulder mounted and my mom wants a diamond ring. Ho cold is it at tre North Pole?  
Luve Garret Lux

Dear Santa,  
My brother wants some trucks and cars. I want a pink bike for Christmas. please get my mom a ring and my dad a machine. Can you bring my sister a radio? Santa car you bring any baby brother a car, and an airplan?  
Lové Leslie Arispe

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me a for Christmas. Bring my grandma a house. I want a Fun Nailtoo. I want you to bring My MoM a bracelet with a diamond to and brocelet for My stepmom With her name on it.  
Merry Christmas Santa  
love Kadie Niblett

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa and Mrs. Clause. Thanks for all of the toys. This year boat to sail in the water when I take a bath. My brother wants pretend things to play doctor. Bring my mom a calendar and my dad a toolbox.  
Love, Gregory Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mr. Clause doing this winter? How are Rudolf and all the other raindeer doing? I would like a remote control monster truck and a blue bike. I also want wrestler toy. Merry christmas!  
love Juan Medrano  
Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car. I wnat a Leaggo too. Get my dad a truck. Get my moma a nutcracker. I want a small soldier toy. How is Rudolf? I want a puppy. I want a cat and a little elf toy.  
Love Junior Trujillo

How are you and your elves doind? My mom wants a new refrigejtor for Christmas. My brother wnat anther wrestldr toy. I want a new bat cave. Merry Chrismas  
Loves Dylan Dombroski

**Mrs. Curtis'  
First Grade Class**

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? Like I would like a remote control airplan. Please, bring my cousins a sudmarine remote control.  
Love Me, Marty Powell

Dear Santa,  
I love you! I would like a remote control car. Please bring my brother some race cars. Happy New year!  
love, Bailey Minor

Dear Santa,  
How is Vixen? I would like for you to bring me a remote control car. Please bring my mom a necklace. Merry Christmas. I hope you have a good time Santa. I hope there are lots of good kids.  
Kevin Freeman

Dear Santa,  
How aree you? I would like you to bring me a computer. Please bring my sister a CD. I hope you go to all of the children.  
love, Patricia Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
Are you feeling well? I would like for you to bring me a doll. Please bring my mom a ring. Good luck Santa.  
love Alex

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Santa? I would like for my sister to come for christmas. I hope my sister can come for christmas. I hope my sister and I can go to Abilene.  
Gloria Bay Valerio

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolf? Would you bring me a computer? Please bring my mom a cellular phone. Good luck Santa!  
love Timothy Cuevas.

Dear Santa,  
I love you! I would like a computer. Please bring my mom a ring. Merry Christmas.  
love, Martha

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I would like a computer. Happy New Year. Thank you Santa.  
love Mason Baker

Dear Santa,  
How is Blitzen? I would like for you to bring me computer software. Please bring Allen a toolbox. Have a safe trip on the way.  
Emily Espinosa



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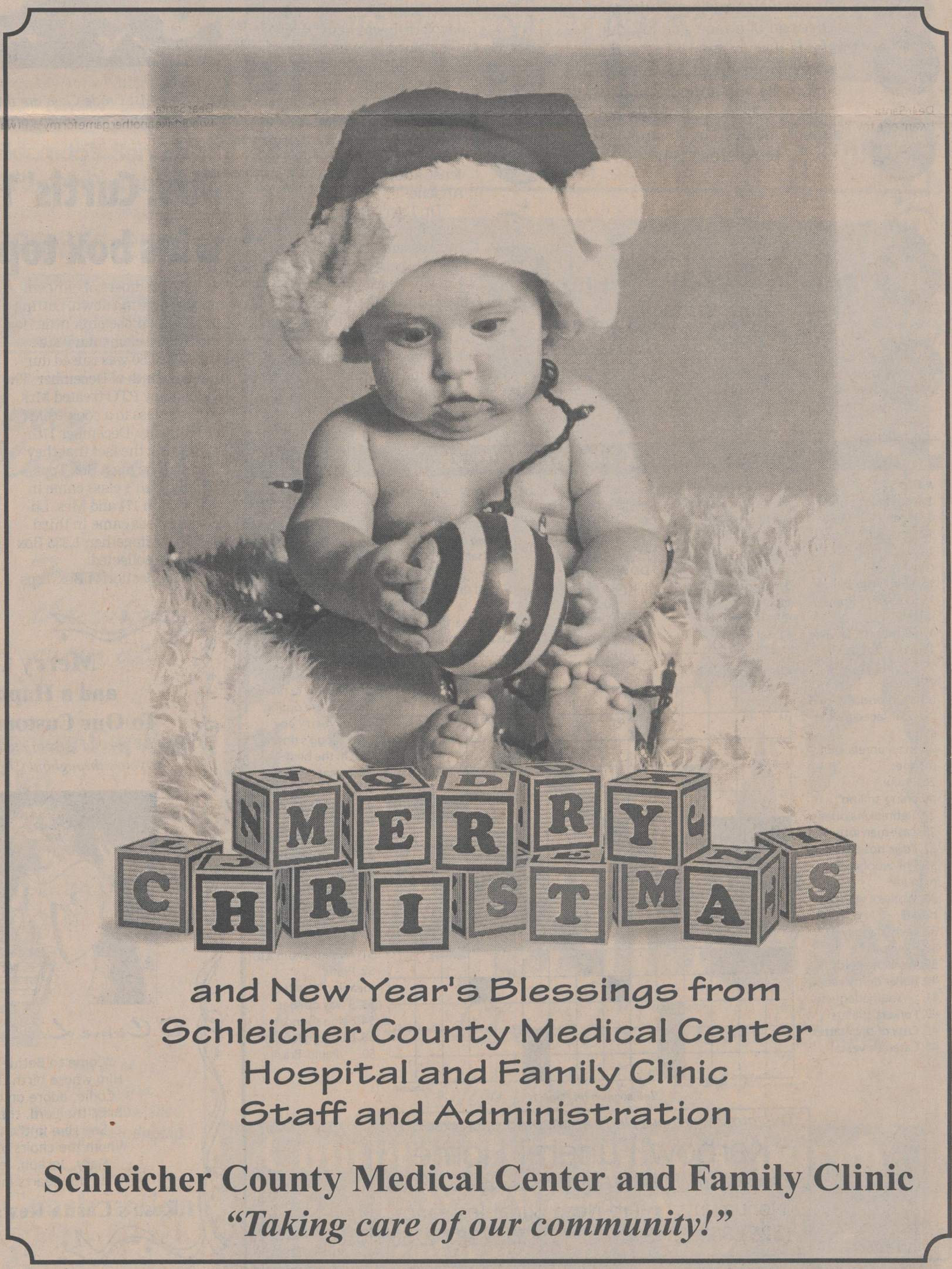
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# Jury sentences Keate 33 years in state prison

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on the same day by Warren Jeffs and witnessed by Wendell Nielsen, Merrill Jessop and her father, Allan Keate. Another of Keate's daughters, a 14-year-old, was given in marriage to Warren Jeffs. All three daughters have reportedly had at least one child since their marriages. Hensley outlined for the jury a pattern for men inside the FLDS faith of one legal wife and other polygamous marriages.

Hensley also determined that the Keate's victim had previously been married to one of Warren Jeffs' brothers. When her first husband excommunicated by Jeffs, she was reassigned to Keate.

Hensley said the victim was only 15 when she and Keate conceived a child.

Hensley said he also discovered among the evidence several letters written by Keate to Warren Jeffs in which he spoke of his relationships with his wives, including the victim. There was another letter from Jeffs to Keate in which the FLDS prophet admonished him to hold hands with his young bride and told her not to be silly. FBI Special Agent Rick Fagan also testified. He confirmed that FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs was on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitive's List. And, he testified that it is federal offense to an underage female across a state line for the purpose of having sex with a minor.

Law Professor John J. Sampson testified that Allan Keate was legally prohibited from marrying the victim so she could not have been his wife at the time the crime occurred.

Thursday began with the replacement of one of Keate's two lawyers. It was noted that Don Payne had become ill the day before. He went to Schleicher County Family Clinic seeking treatment.

Evan Jones of San Angelo replaced Payne at the defense table where he joined lead defense attorney Randy Wilson of Abilene.

Dr. Larry Beall, a Utah psychologist, was put on the stand by prosecutor Eric Nichols to testify about his experience treating victims of sexual assault and the effect on brain development of children. Beall said he also interviewed 21 FLDS members, including 15 boys and six women. He also read the letters from Keate to Jeffs and other documents

provided by the state for Keate's trial.

Beall told the jurors, a common experienced is programmable thinking, with predictable responses in certain conditions. He went on to explain how a child victim is groomed in the beliefs of older trusted church leaders and conditioned from birth with peer-pressure from parents and the prophet, who they are told is their connection to God.

Obedient children are considered faithful, Beall said, while disobedient children are said to be denying God. Under cross examination by defense attorney Evan Jones, Beall said he had not interviewed Keate's victim.

Jones went on to question Beall about \$120,000 in fees paid him by the State of Texas. Beall said the cost included examination of evidence in the Keate's case and nine others.

Jones then asked Beall if he had reached his conclusions

fairly, to which Beall replied, "Yes."

Texas Ranger Danny Crawford was brought in to testify briefly that a check of Keate's background check showed no records of any crimes in any states, making him eligible for probation.

The defense then opened their portion of the penalty phase by calling Kelly Roestenburg, a businessman from Sandy, Utah to testify as a character witness for Allan Keate. Roestenburg noted that he knew Keate for 28 years in his capacity as a machine tool sales and service technician. Roestenburg said he was a Priesthood member of the mainline LDS church and that he had never met any of Keate's wives but knew Keate to be an upstanding man of character. Defense asked Roestenburg if he knew that Keate had been convicted of sexual assault of a minor and he said it did not affect his trust in him. He said he had no problem with Keate's

practice of polygamy, although he didn't participate in the practice.

San Angelo psychologist Jarvis Wright also testified for the defense. He said he found Keate to be nonviolent with no mental defects. Wright added that Keate would be able to obey the law if given probation. He said the chance of Keate re-offending or continuing to give his young daughters in marriage was very tiny.

When questioned by the prosecution Wright said he had not asked Keate about his theology. He said he thought Keate would teach his children to follow the teachings of his church. When the state questioned Wright about conditioning and grooming, Wright stated the practices were well studied.

The two sides then offered their closing arguments.

In her closing argument, state attorney Angela Goodwin told the jury the victim had no choice in getting married, having sex for the first time, or even getting pregnant.

Goodwin revisited Sergeant Hensley's time studying documents in the evidence room, specifically the ones that outlined the story of the Keate household. She then spoke of the testimony of Dr. Sampson and Dr. Beall and how as a father Keate did not protest or resist the prophet's marriage of his own 14-year-old daughter. She also mentioned Roestenburg's testimony and suggested he was protecting his million dollar business by offering a financial friendship.

Goodwin also reminded the jurors that and during the testimony of psychologist Jarvis Wright he stated that, "Keate can make his own choices."

Defense attorney Randy Wilson first response to the jury was "I respect your verdict."

He then said, "Think about the documents."

Wilson reminded the jurors that Keate was a religious man who followed the Doctrine and Covenants of his faith. Wilson asked the jury to look at the photographs, pulling out his magnifying glass. He noted some photos were taken in another state and some did not have dates.

"Has the state proven Keate a risk to anyone?" Wilson asked.

"Allan broke the law," Wilson continued, "but his innate right to worship is protected in the Bill of Rights and the Texas Constitution."

Deputy Attorney General Eric Nichols closed by pointing out to the jury that inside the FLDS faith, a young girl is taught at an early age that the pathway to the Celestial Kingdom involves submitting to her Priesthood head, usually her father and prophet, and having children.

Failure means being denied access to the Celestial Kingdom, Nichols said.

Nichols ended by telling the jurors that they had an opportunity to make a statement that this form of child abuse won't be tolerated.

The jury retired to consider the Keate's sentence just before 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and sent word just after 9:30 p.m. that they had reached a decision.

Keate's 33-year sentence is considerably longer than the 10-year sentence received by Raymond Merrill Jessop on a similar charge, because the jury agreed to an enhancement clause that prohibited Keate from marrying or purporting to marry the victim because of her age. The enhancement came as part of a 2005 law that strengthened Texas marriage laws and raised the penalty for underage marriage.

Keate is the second of 12 YFZ Ranch defendants to be tried since the 2008 raid on the ranch. Michael George Emack, 58, is the next one facing trial. He is also facing a charge of sexual abuse of a child and bigamy. A pretrial hearing has been slated in his case on Thursday, January 7, 2010, with trial set to begin on January 25, 2009.



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Mrs. Curtis' 1st Grade Class are the winner of the Box Top Drive. They collected 216 box tops which earned them a cookie party from the PTO.

## Mrs. Curtis' 1st grade class wins box top cookie party

With members of our community hunting down, cutting, and giving those pink little Box Tops to our elementary students, \$123.50 was raised during the month of December. The Elementary PTO treated Mrs. Curtis's class to a cookie party on Thursday, December 17th, celebrating the fact that they collected the most Box Tops—216! Mrs. Self's class came in second with 174 and Mrs. Luedecke's class came in third with 166. Altogether, 1,235 Box Tops were collected.

The collection of Box Tops will continue through the rest of the school year. Each Box Top brings in ten cents for the elementary school. Log on to bte.com to register and learn about additional ways to earn money for our elementary school. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

On January 7th, 5:30 p.m., the Elementary PTO will meet in the school's cafeteria. This group will be planning future Box Top collection incentives and other activities to support our students. All members of our community are welcome.

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### Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Note for a soprano
  - "Neato," updated
  - Sorrowful notice
  - Place for trash cans
  - Suffix with billión
  - Cookery's Rom-bauer
  - Oktoberfest milieus
  - Deceitful sort
  - "\_\_\_ pig's eye!"
  - Late hours, informally
  - Scar-faced mobster
  - In an unrelaxed manner
  - Prefix meaning "trillion"
  - Tiebreakers, briefly
  - Last-man lotteries
  - Yoga position
  - Philosopher Immanuel
  - Wolfe of whodunits
  - Each, slangily
  - Yawl pair
  - Roller the fields
  - Roller derby venue
  - \_\_\_ snuff(adequate)
  - Porkers' plights
  - Crux of the matter
  - Caterer's vessel

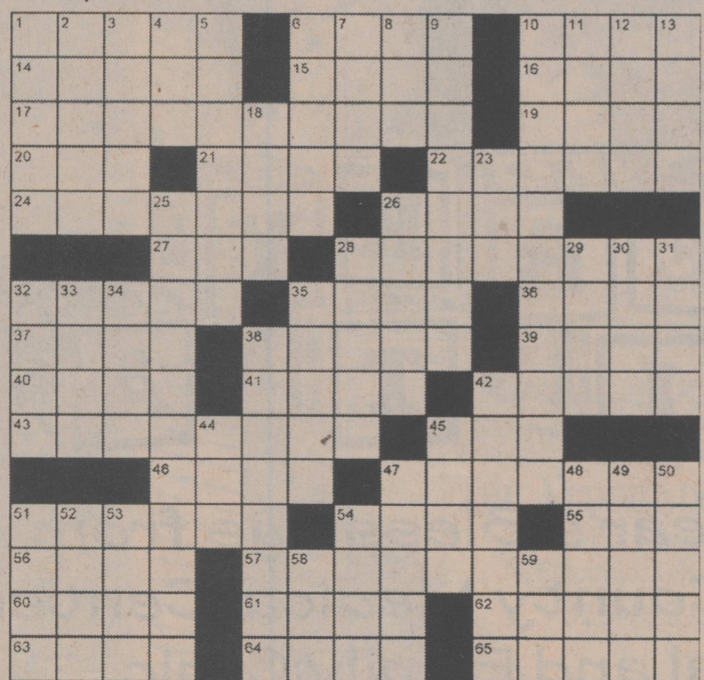
- Arbiter's quality
- Walk like a toss pot
- Two-horse bet
- Navy elite
- Grand \_\_\_ Opry
- PC pro
- Instrument in much Celtic music
- Kitty starter
- Sal's canal

- DOWN**
- It may be kicked
  - \_\_\_ Kristen of "One Life to Live"
  - Gather bit by bit

- Part of HRH
- Young swans
- Kegger, e.g.
- Keep a low profile
- "Chances \_\_\_"(Mathis tune)
- Cost of a phone call, once
- "Mona Lisa," notably

- Con \_\_\_(vivaciously)
- Bowie's model wife
- Scale-button word
- Has a bug
- Op or Pop follower
- Place for a free meal
- Sidekick of early TV
- Mini-serving
- Inert gas
- Estrada or Satie
- Answers to probs.
- Carefree outing
- Mayberry boy
- Kellogg's tiger
- On the blink
- Sweet dessert wine
- Teacher of lipreading
- Rode the bench
- D-Day beach
- Used a Singer
- Arrived at
- Sitcom with a noted coming-out
- Fen flora
- And others, in a list
- Prefix meaning "foreign"
- B'way opener
- Salon sound
- Nest egg letters
- \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil

#### Can Openers



American Profile Hometown Crossword

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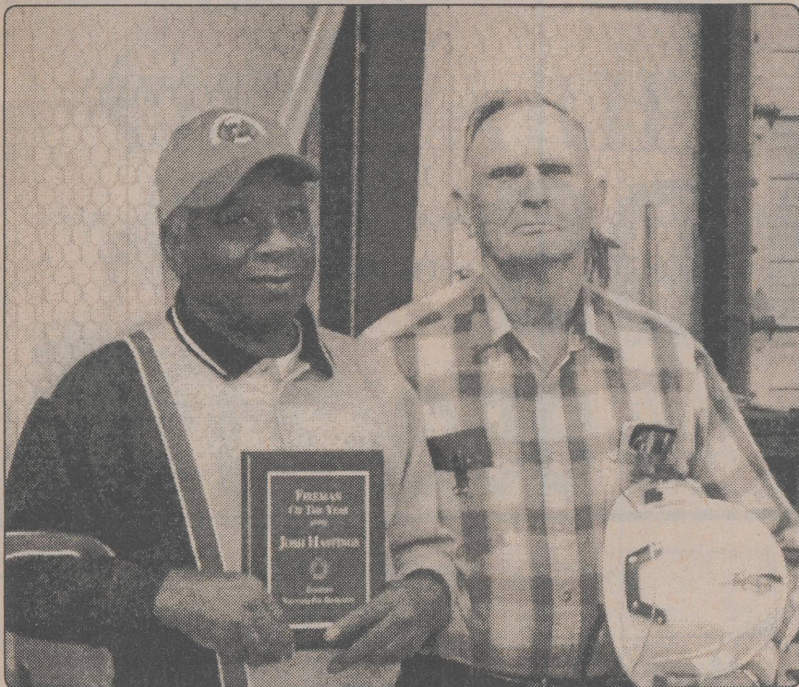


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN  
Josh Hastings (L) was named Firefighter of the Year on Tuesday evening of last week by the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department. He is shown here with Fire Chief Jerry Jones who was presented with a new fire helmet in recognition of his many years of service to the department. The awards were presented during the department's annual Christmas party.

## The Blotter

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**  
**DECEMBER 15** • Dominguez, Andres, male age 26, Offense Citation open container.  
• Fuentes, Rogelio, male age 27, Offense FTA motion to enforce.  
**DECEMBER 18** • Holsey, Valaerie, female age 26, Offense MTR serving time.  
• Corrales, Patricia, female age 41, DWI 1st. Failure to stop at scene of accident.  
**INCIDENTS**  
**DECEMBER 16 - 4:15 PM** • Complainant requested the fire department. Small grass fire on county road 220. Truck back-fired and caused grass to catch fire. Units responded.  
**6:25 PM** • Complainant reported dog had been crying all night and all day on McIntosh Rd., might need to check on welfare of animals.  
**DECEMBER 17 - 10:57 AM** • Caller advised there had been an abandoned van for days on CR 864. Officer responded.  
**11:01 AM** • Caller reported a yellow coated cow with DHE brand missing.  
**11:48 AM** • Caller reported a theft at school, \$1200 value. Officer took report.  
**11:36 PM** • Sutton County reported an abandoned silver van. Officers already know about vehicle and are investigating.  
**DECEMBER 18 - 11:37 AM** • Caller reported subject through crime stoppers. Officers responded and unable to locate.  
**1:14 PM** • Caller reported domestic situa-

tion with relative.  
**1:17 PM** • Caller reported a trailer on her property. Owner was seen removing trailer from property.  
**6:46 PM** • Caller reported minor vehicle accident on Del Rio street. No injuries. Wrecker dispatched. Upon further investigation female sent to ER. Officers assisted.  
**10:57 PM** • Complainant requested to speak to an officer concerning civil dispute. Officer responded.  
**DECEMBER 19 - 7:42 AM** • Caller reported attended death. Hospice of San Angelo attending. Judge notified.  
**1:09 PM** • Caller reported driver drinking. Officer responded.  
**1:59 AM** • Grass fire in Christoval reported.  
**DECEMBER 20 - 1:50 AM** • Caller reported head lighting and attempted to call Game Warden.  
**2:58 AM** • 911 call accidentally dialed. Call was returned and no emergency involved.  
**3:20 PM** • 911 call came in accidentally. No emergency.  
**9:52 PM** • 911 call came in with caller reporting loud arguments coming from neighbors residence fearing the argument would escalate to physical violence. Officers responded and everything OK.  
**DECEMBER 21 - 8:13 AM** • Caller reported a white ford pickup pulling a trailer and trash and rocks were falling out of trailer. Officer responded.  
**9:35 AM** • Caller reported an 18 wheeler driving at a high rate of speed. Officer responded and contacted Tom Green county.  
**11:20 AM** • Caller requested to speak to an officer concerning dog.  
**11:52 AM** • Caller reported ex spouse making harassing calls to place of employment. Officer responded.  
**12:38 PM** • Caller reported finding hunter's clothing in bag.  
**4:05 PM** • Caller requested funeral escort for the next day.  
**4:34 PM** • Caller reported a fire on CR 100. Called back later and fire had been put out.  
**8:00 PM** • Caller reported an abandoned mobile home on 190 east, white in color.  
**DECEMBER 22 - 12:49 AM** • Caller requested permission to leave broken down vehicle at courthouse until being able to get repaired. Stated did not have the money to pay a towing bill.

## WOBP need you!

Eldorado's community theater group, The Way Off Broadway Players, is rehearsing for its upcoming February production of Greater Tuna by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard. The play is a comedy about Texas' third smallest town of Tuna and twenty of its citizens in all of their uproarious glory. The challenge of this play is that all twenty of these characters will be played by only two actors. The WOBP needs people to serve in the following stage and house crew capacities for this production: Set painting; Stage Manager; Assistant Light Technician; Sound Technician; Dressers (for all of those costume changes); House Manager; and House Hostesses. The company is also searching for a person or persons to serve as the Emcee for the performances. If you would like to get involved and be a part of this production, please contact the director, Kara Sue Garlitz at 853-2900.

## Local tax district among 128 to undergo new review process

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs released last week a list of the first set of county appraisal districts (CADs) that will receive a new type of state review, which begins in 2010.

Including on that list are Schleicher, Sutton, Crockett, Reagan and Upton Counties.

The new Methods and Assistance Program (MAP) reviews, required by House Bill 8 (HB 8) passed by the 81st Legislature, will begin in January. They will examine CADs' governance; taxpayer assistance; operating procedures; and appraisal standards, procedures and methodology.

"For the first time since the Property Tax Code was enacted in 1979 all county appraisal districts are subject to review once every two years, and we will work closely with CADs to help them appraise property accurately and according to law," Combs said.

Appraisal districts will receive MAP reviews in alternate years, starting with reviews of approximately half of the CADs in 2010 and the remaining CADs in 2011.

A complete list of the 128 CADs that will receive MAP reviews in 2010, and the 125 CADs that will be reviewed starting in 2011 can be found at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/map/MAPreviews.pdf>

MAP reviews are intended to make property appraisal practices more accurate and uniform across the state. School districts, cities, counties and other taxing jurisdictions set local property tax rates based on the appraisals performed by CADs.

"The Comptroller does not set local property taxes. Tax rates are set by local elected officials to help fund local services and operations," said Debbie Cartwright, Director of the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division. "The Comptroller's role is to assist appraisal districts to comply with the law and generally accepted appraisal practices, to train appraisal review board members and to help property owners understand how to protest their property values if they disagree with the CAD's appraisal."

HB 8 also changed the frequency of the Property Value Study (PVS) for school districts from yearly to every other year. The Comptroller uses the PVS to check the accuracy of local property values reported by school districts for school funding purposes.

Beginning next year, for school districts located in county appraisal districts that are

undergoing a MAP review, local property values reported to the state by the school districts will automatically be used to determine school funding. For school districts located in counties that are not undergoing a MAP review, the PVS will determine whether local values or state-calculated values are used for school funding.

Following a MAP review, a CAD will receive a report containing the Comptroller's recommendations. The CAD will have one year to comply with the recommendations.

"The Property Tax Assistance Division will assist CADs throughout the process, giving them the information, tools and resources they need to improve their operations," Cartwright said.

If a CAD fails to comply with the Comptroller's recommendations within one year, the CAD will be reported to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for enforcement.

More information on the MAP process is available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/map/index.html>.

"We are committed to helping county appraisal districts achieve market-value appraisals; follow legal requirements and generally accepted appraisal standards; and provide superior customer service that enables Texans to understand their property taxes, along with their rights and responsibilities as taxpaying home and business owners," Combs said.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Cub Scouts gathered at the local nursing home and hospital on December 15th to kick off their annual Christmas party. All enjoyed their caroling and the boys enjoyed the treats shared by the nursing home. Their party continued at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall with a dinner and awards ceremony.

## Jessop requests new trial

CONCLUDED FROM PAGE 1  
conclusion that the object of the search is probably on the premises to be searched."

Stevens further claims that Sheriff David Doran spoke with Dale Evans Barlow just prior to the search of the ranch and was told by Barlow that he was in Arizona, and not at the YFZ Ranch.

"A reasonable law enforcement officer would have postponed the search and returned to the issuing magistrate with the newly acquired information..." the motion says.

Stevens motion continues by claiming that Ranger Long "recklessly, and in some instances even intentionally, made material misstatements in, and omitted vital information from, his affidavit supporting the April 3 arrest and search

warrant."

The motion continues to say, "It is now known that the April 3rd criminal search warrant affidavit's 'probable cause' was based entirely on the lies of Rozita Swinton. Ms. Swinton not only lied she violated several Texas statutes..."

A hearing on the motion for new trial has been scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2010 before Judge Barbara Walther in her San Angelo courtroom.

Interestingly, that is the same day a pretrial hearing will be held for Michael George Emack, the third of 12 YFZ defendants facing trial.

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# 'My Best Christmas' theme for Woman's Club December meeting

by Noweita Briggs

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President Myrt Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jill Preston gave a prayer and Noweita Briggs led us in the Pledges to our flags.

President Williams began the business part of our meeting by calling on Susan Lively to read the minutes of our last meeting. Secretary Pat Holt was unable to attend. The minutes were approved as read. President Williams next read a thank you note to the club that was received from Ray Lewis Ballew and also a letter from Laura, one of the girls from the Concho Valley for Girls where our club had visited. In her letter she stated she was going to graduate from college this term. President Williams also read a thank you note from June Williams Davis, daughter of deceased club member Florence Williams.

Roll call was answered with "My Best Christmas." President Myrt said when her baby brother was born, Mary Roden when, her Sunday school class gave her a present; Cathy Niblett when her grandson was born on Christmas day; Susan Lively when her daughter was born; Jerre Holley when Jay was born; Ruth Davis when she got a store bought dress for Christmas; Rene Calcote when Edwin Jackson, who had a red station wagon and had played Santa and passed out toys. Later on Rene said they bought the car; Noweita when she got her first present besides an orange and an apple, those were the depression years and money was scarce. Penny Blank got a cowboy hat, gun holster and pistol-what gifts for a girl!

Nelva Martin gave a financial statement report on both our bank accounts. Myrt continued her business session saying she had paid out expenses and then redeposited the money to our regular account.

Linda Spence had furnished \$50 for a Christmas tree.

Next President Williams reported there were some corrections to the year book.

The study group reminded us to start reminding families about their "Cookie" project. An ad was to appear in our local newspaper concerning this project.

Susan reported on the progress at the Wellness Center and a possible opening date of January 1, 2010. Penny Bland reported she and Bob made a trip to the Museum of the Pacific World War II location which in Fredericksburg, TX. The museum building is 33,000 square feet,

and it tells about the activities of our Marine Corps troops during WWII. It is the only museum in the U.S. that covers our troops being there.

Cathy Niblett made a suggestion our club make a donation to Concho Valley Home for Girls. A motion was made by Mary Roden that our club donate one hundred dollars to the Concho Valley Home for Girls, approval was made by vocal aye from club members.

It was reported a gift basket was delivered to the Gillstrap family which was delivered by Ruth Davis and we wish the family better health.

We will have our January 12, 2010 meeting at the Wellness Center.

We thank Ruth Davis, Program Leader, and the great questions she presented us on the True or False written Quiz she made about the Christmas story and also her great speech.

She was my Sunday school class teacher and her knowledge of the Bible is so great, she always told us something new each time. She can also tell funny stories that are a delight to everyone.

The Memorial Building of the Methodist church was decorated with a Christmas tree as well as our table were covered with red clothes which had red poinsettias.

Refreshments were punch, coffee and delicious finger food. Thanks to the hostesses: Jerri Holley, Penny Bland, Rene Calcote, Noweita Briggs, Ruth Davis, Susan Lively, Pat Holt, and Nelva Martin for the delicious refreshments.

We closed the meeting by reciting our club collect. Our next meeting will be Tuesday at 2:30 pm, January 12, 2010. At that time we will visit the Wellness Center and will meet there.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.



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## A visit with the big guy

Atheris Vanecek, age 2, took the opportunity Tuesday afternoon to explain to Santa Claus that she wants a Red Puppy for Christmas. Atheris is the daughter of Ben and Cayla Vanecek of Eldorado. She met up with Santa in the lobby of First National Bank of Eldorado where stopped over for a couple of hours before hurrying back to the North Pole.

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