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• YFZ defendants appear for arraignment before Judge Walther Defense attorneys ask judge to restrict press coverage, seek information on grand jurors

ELDORADO — Eight residents of the YFZ Ranch appeared for an arraignment hearing Monday in Eldorado before 51st District Court Judge Barbara Walther.

Raymond Merrill Jessop, Merrill Leroy Jessop, Allan Eugene Keate, Michael George Emack, Abram Harker Jeffs, Fredrick Merrill Jessop, Lehi Barlow Jeffs, and Leroy Johnson Steed each appeared with their attorneys to hear a formal reading of charges against them. The men were all indicted by a Schleicher County Grand Jury on charges stemming from the April raid on the YFZ Ranch.

Two other men, Keith William Dutson, Jr., and Wendell Loy Nielsen, were not present for Monday's hearing. Their cases were held over for a later date. Dutson was indicted on a single charge of Sexual Assault of a Child while Nielsen was indicted on three charges of Bigamy.

The remainder of the men are facing charges as follows:

Frederick Merrill Jessop - Conspiracy to Conduct a Ceremony Prohibited by Law;

Leroy Johnson Steed - Bigamy, 2 counts, Sexual Assault of a Child, Tampering with Physical Evidence;

Raymond Merrill Jessop - Sexual Assault of a Child, Bigamy;

Allan Eugene Keate - Sexual Assault of a Child;

Michael George Emack - Sexual Assault of a Child, Bigamy;

Merrill Leroy Jessop - Sexual Assault of a Child, Bigamy;

Lehi Barlow Jeffs A/K/A Lehi Barlow Allred - Sexual Assault of a Child, Bigamy;

Abram Harker Jeffs - Sexual Assault of a Child, Bigamy.

Another defendant who is yet to appear in Schleicher County is FLDS Church prophet Warren Steed Jeffs who is currently in jail in Kingman, Arizona awaiting trial on charges that he arranged and performed the marriage of one of his underage followers to her adult male cousin.

Jeffs was convicted in Arizona last year on two charges of Rape as an Accomplice and was sentenced to two consecutive 5-to-life sentences.

Warren Jeffs stands indicted in Schleicher County Texas on charges of Sexual Assault of a Child and Aggravated Sexual Assault.

Lawyers representing the defendants who appeared Monday, including Mark Stevens, Randy Wilson, Neil Calfas, Brandon T. Hudson, and Stephanie Goodman, presented a series of motions. Among the motions were those asking for more time due to conflicting cases, and a large volume of evidence.

Assistant Attorney General Eric Nichols responded to the questions about the large amount of evidence by explaining that the AG's office has established an evidence room where evidence pertaining to each defendant is grouped and labeled in order to ease the burden on the defendants' lawyers.

It was further noted that attorney Randy Wilson has hired a company to scan documents contained in 400 banker's boxes.

Mr. Wilson also asked for a strict limit on publicity that would have effectively placed a gag order on the press and outlawed reporting of further court

proceedings. Wilson also sought to ban all news photography and video taping both inside and outside the courthouse and on the courthouse grounds.

Wilson pointed to a press conference held by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott after the first round of indictments were handed down, a time when he thought the indictments would remain sealed and kept secret from the public.

Judge Walther explained to Mr. Wilson that photography and video taping is prohibited in her courtroom but that she would continue to abide by the law that allows public proceedings and public information to be openly reported in the press.

Judge Walther went on to point out to Mr. Wilson that some of the defendants, their attorneys and spokespersons had made themselves available to reporters and their cameras.

At one point during the proceedings, FLDS Church spokesman Willie Jessop stood to address the court but was told by Judge Walther that if he wasn't an attorney or a defendant that he should sit down, which he promptly did.

Interestingly, motions asking for a change of venue, previously discussed in court never materialized as the attorneys chose not to offer those motions at Monday's hearing.

Attorney Mark Stevens asked for a list of all grand jurors called in Schleicher County for the past 10 years. He said he wanted to study the demographics of the jurors.

Assistant Attorney General Eric Nichols argued that the lists of jurors should remain in the courthouse. Judge Walther agreed and ordered that Mr. Stevens could examine the lists but could



Merrill Leroy Jessop and Michael George Emack left the Schleicher County Courthouse Monday after arraignment on charges stemming from the April raid on the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado.

not remove them from the courthouse.

Several other motions followed involving corrections to dates and a request to see the personal profiles for the current panel of grand jurors.

Judge Walther ruled that the lawyers could examine the grand jurors' profiles at the Schleicher County Courthouse but that the profiles, like the lists, could not leave the building.

Another round of hearings was then slated for January 12, 2009.

Moving on to an unrelated case, Juan Jesus Martinez plead guilty to a charge of Driving While Intoxicated (3rd or more) and received a six year probated sentence and a term of 10 days in county jail beginning on Friday, December 5, 2008. His driver's license will also be suspended for 2 years.

All other cases, the cases were passed until January 12, 2009 at which time the court will reconvene at 9 a.m. in the Schleicher County Courthouse.

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Holiday Schedule

SANTA LETTERS The Eldorado Success will publish Santa Letters in the Thursday, December 18th edition.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Anyone wishing to place a holiday greeting in the paper is encouraged to call or come by the Success office as soon as possible.

OFFICE CLOSED The Success office will be closed Friday, December 19 through Thursday, December 25th, and there will be no newspaper published that week. We will resume publication with the January 1, 2009 edition.

Texas employers add 23,000 jobs

AUSTIN — Texas' seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment grew by 23,000 jobs in October. Texas employers now have added 230,400 jobs in the past 12 months, for an annual job growth rate of 2.2 percent. The United States recorded 1.1 million job losses during the same period.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 5.6 percent in October, up from 5.1 percent in September and 4.3 percent in October 2007. The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed to 6.5 percent in October, up from 6.1 percent in September and 4.8 percent a year ago.

"The combination of Hurricane Ike and adverse national economic trends has resulted in a one-half percent increase in the unemployment rate in Texas for October," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom

Pauken. "While Texas still has nearly a one percent lower unemployment rate than the rate of the nation, I would expect unemployment rates in Texas to continue to track the national trend upward in the months ahead."

The increase in the number of unemployed (not seasonally adjusted) in the Houston and Beaumont Metropolitan Statistical Areas, which were impacted by Hurricane Ike, represents nearly half of the increase in the unemployed reported statewide.

The Midland MSA experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 3.1 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Odessa MSA was second at 3.7 percent, followed by the Amarillo and Lubbock MSAs at 3.9 percent.

Professional and Business Services gained 12,200 positions in October, for

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Wellness Center Foundation reaches milestone Holiday fund drive and raffle announced

by Ilse Williams

Yes, it has taken a long time-- it is not easy raising half a million dollars for a small-town community project. But we have done it. We can report this week that we have raised the needed money for the construction of the Schleicher County Wellness Center, a little more than \$490,000!

What we now still need is roughly \$60,000 for equipment and furnishing, and overhead start-up costs like insurance, accounting, marketing, etc. That's why we are launching our 2008 Wellness Center Fund Drive and Raffle. Grand Prize for the Raffle is the little log cabin at the First National Bank Park. Chances will be \$5 each. Whether you have already supported the wellness center or not, please consider helping us now to close the deal. What a wonderful Christmas present this would be for the entire community!

Although business donations are not eligible for the drawing, we want to encourage our local businesses, especially those who have waited to see if this center would really be built, to support the project now. A wellness center for this community will give us a better way to prevent cardio-vascular disease, obesity, and diabetes from reaching epidemic proportions in our county. National and Texas health data show clear evidence that regular moderate exercise and a moderate diet does prevent heart attacks, stroke, diabetes, obesity, and even lessens depression. The center will provide a place for weather-sheltered regular exercise as well as much emotional sup-

port for its clients.

Who has supported this project so far? More than 50% (\$ 280,000) of the funding has come from outside grant sources. The largest of these was a \$ 250,000 challenge grant from the San Angelo Health Foundation. The source of these Health Foundation funds was a generous gift years ago from Schleicher County native Myrtle Williams, in honor of her parents William Harden Williams and Mary Eveline Holmes Williams.

In all, \$ 210,000 has been raised from local supporters. Many, many individual citizens have donated to us, several of them very generously. So have local groups, from our elementary-level jump-rope-for-heart participants to the Eldorado Lion's Club, the Eldorado Golf Club, the Eldorado Game Association, as well as the Schleicher County Hospital District, the County, and the City of Eldorado. Business contributions have come from First National Bank of Eldorado, 1st Community Federal Credit Union, Crowder Services, Niblett's

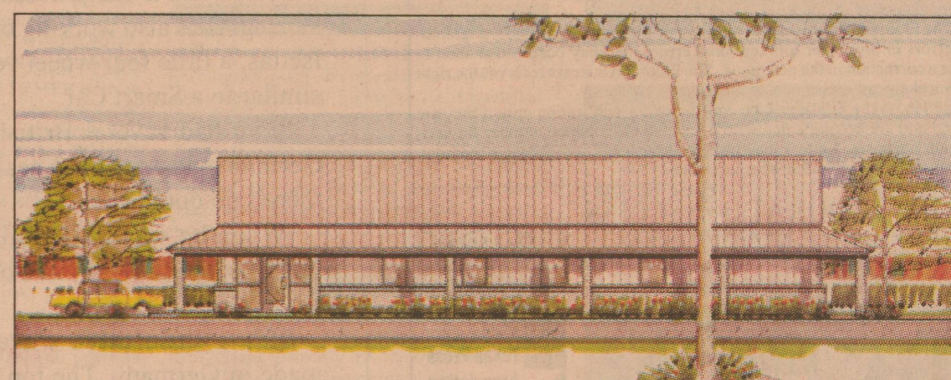
Oilfield Services, and Preferred Management. The lot next to the medical center was donated to the Wellness Foundation by Daniel and the late Debbie Pina. Thank you so much to all of you who believed that it could be done.

The 3,600 sq feet center on the corner of hospital will feature a physical therapy section, an exercise equipment room, a multi-purpose activity center for group exercises and classes, bathrooms with showers, a very small office, and a small reception area.

First plans for the wellness center took shape years ago in the mind of long-term local physician Dr. Jim Bob Brame. Dr. Brame was well aware of the steadily decreasing heart health in our local population, and he knew there was a great need for a local wellness center where patients would find the help to follow up on recommendations of a healthy diet and regular exercise.

During his decades-long practice in Eldorado, Dr. Brame had the assistance

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Artists rendering of how the Wellness Center will appear once it is constructed near the intersection of West Murchison and South West Street.

Lobbyists will love the Obama era

Barack Obama promised the end of the era of lobbying as we know it during the campaign, but the National Marine Manufacturers Association didn't get the message. Nor did the National Automobile Dealers Association. Nor did anyone else who can make a remotely colorable case for getting any precious drops of the bailout money sloshing around Washington.

Obama has banned lobbyists from contributing to his transition committee. No one can work on the transition on an issue that has been part of his lobbying work in the past year. After the transition, no one can lobby the Obama administration for a year on any issue he worked on during the transition.

The Obama team thought of everything, except banning failing executives from firing up their corporate jets and heading to Washington to petition for billions of dollars in federal aid. That's what the CEOs of the Big Three automakers just did. They are only the tip of the spear of a massive lobbying push for an auto bailout that includes auto dealers and suppliers, union officials, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and practically every elected official in Michigan.

The Paulson plan started the free-for-all. Wave around a money clip stuffed with \$700 billion, and you'll attract attention. According to a New York Times article headlined "Lobbyists Swarm the Treasury for Piece of Bailout Pie," "the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and other Hispanic business groups met with Mr. Paulson to push for minority contracts in asset management, legal, accounting, mortgage services and maintenance jobs, like plumbing and masonry."

Billy Graham once said, "I just want to lobby for God." Interest groups lobby for mammon. So their lobbyists are swarming like hyenas to a kill or, simply, self-interested people contemplating the prospect of free money. Top lobbying firms like Patton Boggs, Akin Gump and others have new shops devoted to winning bailout funds.

Lobbyists for business exist to gain whatever tax, spending or regulatory favors they can for their clients. The more Washington taxes, spends and regulates, the more work they naturally have. So it doesn't matter how much Barack Obama abhors lobbying in theory, as long as he favors a bigger, more activist government -- with the second \$350 billion tranche of Paulson's funds, a \$25 billion auto bailout and \$600 billion stimulus bill all on the table -- his Washington is going to team with well-appointed lobbyists.

Obama's economic program has been grandiosely compared to the New Deal. FDR's tax and spending programs -- unsurprisingly -- played political favorites. It is impossible for a government composed of ambitious politicians to wield massive economic powers in an utterly neutral way. "Reporter Thomas Stokes won a Pulitzer Prize for his investigative research that exposed the Works Progress Administration for using federal funds to buy votes," notes historian Burton Folsom, author of the new book "New Deal or Raw Deal?" "Whatever the good intentions, the funds quickly became politicized."

Folsom gave a lecture in Washington making this point the other day. A professor at Hillsdale College, he explained to his cab driver when he arrived that he had flown in from Michigan. "Oh, you're here for the money?" his cab driver replied. No, but he might be the only one.

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"H" and other preparations

A friend of mine, and I use that term loosely, recently offered a suggestion to help curtail and even reverse my increasing baldness.

Nor that I need such a cure. I've never really concerned myself with my retreating hairline. But...some folks apparently don't believe this. My aforementioned friend is one such person.

So, the suggestion came, delivered with a straight face, even.

"All you need to do, Randy, is massage your scalp twice a day with Preparation H."

What, says L...Preparation H!?

"Yes, Preparation H. It is supposed to shrink tissue. So, all you need to do is keep rubbing it in and your bald spot will shrink and the hair on either side will eventually meet in the middle."

Gee, thanks. With friends like that...well, you get the picture.

Others have come up with equally innovative ideas.

When my nieces Holly and Courtney were youngsters, they got their hair cut and styled just in time for the family get together on Christmas Eve. When it came time to open presents, they watched intently as I opened mine. Their giggling should have tipped me off.

What I found inside the beautifully wrapped box, was a plastic baggie full of their recently shorn locks and a box of glue sticks.

Everyone thought it was quite



funny...even me. As I said before, baldness is not an issue with me. Still, I can't help but think my brother, who kept most of his hair years longer than me, was behind the joke.

Actually, I don't have trouble growing hair. It just doesn't grow where it should.

My eyebrows, in my ears, on my back, hair grows fine there. On top of my head...not so much.

My old granddad said that baldness is hereditary, you get it from your kids. He may have been right. Still, I can't help feeling that I actually inherited mine from my dad.

And, it was my father who pointed out that men have trouble growing hair atop their heads for the same reason that women can't grow beards...grass won't grow on a busy street.

Remember, ladies, that's my dad's opinion.

The truth is, my hair didn't start falling out until I got married. No joke there, it's the truth.

My suggestion here is not that

marriage causes hair loss. In my opinion, it's the in-laws.

When I was a kid my hair was blonde, almost white. Then it turned brown and my mother decided that my brother and I should get a burr haircut. That's what they called it in those days, I'm not sure about today's terminology.

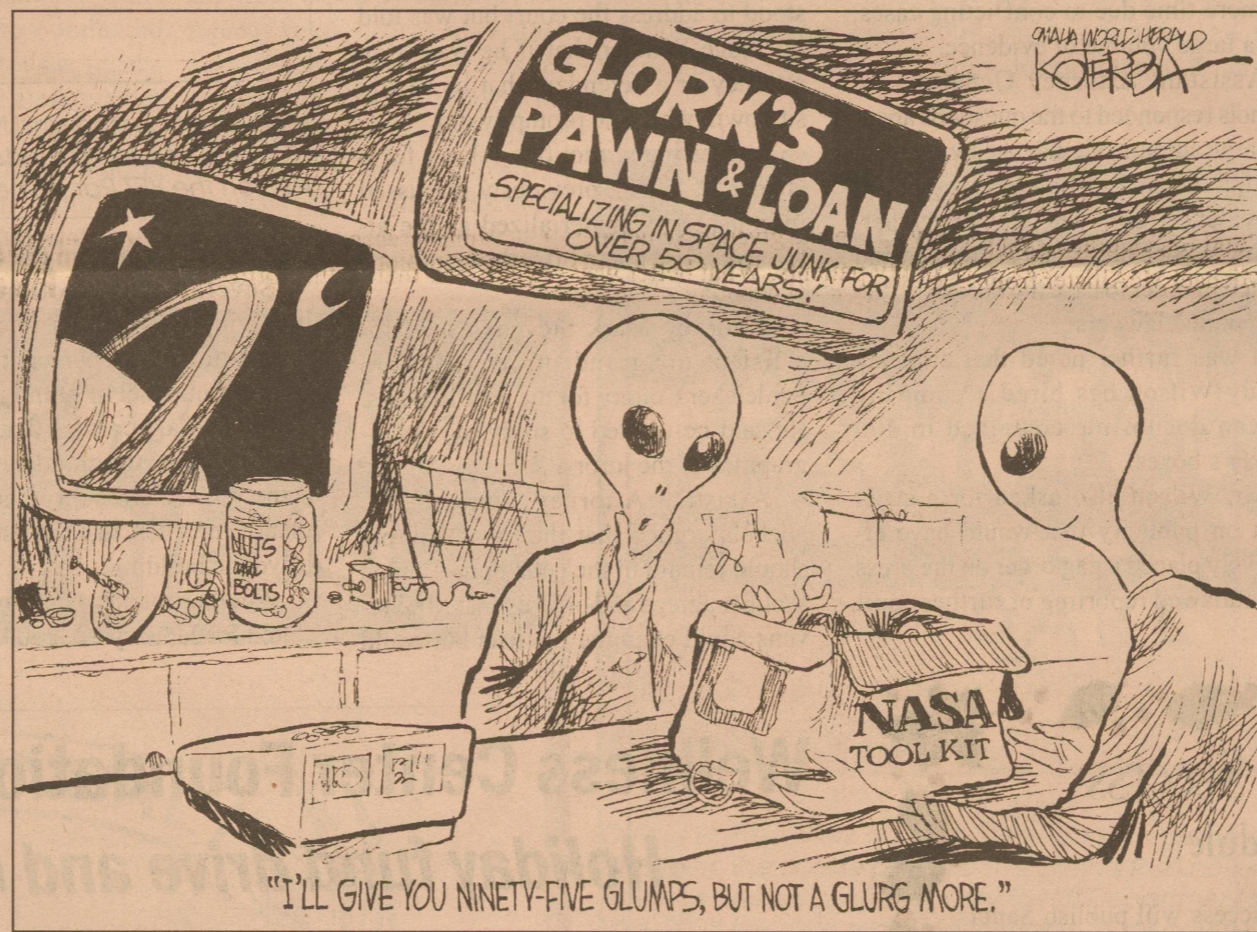
I hated having my hair buzzed off, especially since one of the boys in my class, Jackie Hendon, wore a flattop.

I wanted so badly to grow a flattop, but our barber finally explained to me that I could never wear one because the top of my head is pointed. I'm serious, even the cartoon caricature of me atop this column shows it.

I know he was only trying to make me feel better, but the barber told me that my brain was growing faster than the rest of me. Apparently that did the trick. It doesn't take much to fool a first grader.

Still, the idea must have sunk in and took hold, because when my hair did start falling out I would tell my friends that my peak had finally grown above the timberline.

The truth of the matter is, that all my problems started when I tried parting my hair in the middle. I warn kids today never to part their hair in the middle. Of course, they have no clue what I'm getting at so I answer their puzzled looks by simply pointing at my head.



You'd have to call Bill Herridge a gearhead

Bill Herridge has an insurance agency in Gatesville. He drives around town in an old delivery wagon with the name of his insurance company on it.

"It's a 1929 Model A Ford," says Bill. "It started out life as a two-door sedan. Somewhere along the line it was converted to a delivery hack. I just thought it was a natural for a rolling billboard. I take it to work two or three days a week and drive it in parades."

He has had several unique vehicles including Jaguars and Rolls Royces. He currently has a 1979 Volkswagen Beetle convertible, a 1968 VW Minivan, and a 1957 Triumph TR 3 that he has just acquired and is the process of restoring. He's also working on two Isettas, a little four-wheel vehicle similar to a Smart Car.

"I've had several British and German roadsters. I'm a gearhead, there's no doubt about it."

When he was in the military stationed in Mississippi, he owned a Messerschmitt.

"It's a little three-wheel car made in Germany. The top tilted over and you sat down in it just



by **Tumbleweed Smith**

like you would sit down in a fighter plane and you pulled the top over you and locked it down. It was built by the company that made the airplane."

In 1984 he was in the military reserve and spent some time in Europe. He decided to go on a car-buying trip.

"The dollar was really strong then. It dawned on me that a person could go to Europe, buy up a few used high-end cars at reasonable prices, ship them home and sell them at a profit. So I got three of my buddies together and between the four of us we bought twelve or thirteen cars and shipped them home."

He had a blast running around Europe buying cars. He and his friends rented an Opel sedan and put about four thousand miles on that car in five days. He kept a

Rolls Royce from his buying trip and drove it occasionally. Once when he pulled into his office parking lot another car pulled in beside him.

"It was an attorney from Waco who told me he wanted my car. So I sold it to him."

His first car was a 1952 De Soto. He wishes he still had it. Cars aren't Bill's only passion. He is also a pilot. He also takes foreign visitors around Texas. He also plays a mean bagpipe and demonstrated it to me in the yard of his insurance building.

I noticed a big military van in the rear of the lot. It's the size of a small house. He saw the thing advertised one time and bought it at a bargain price. When he was in the military he was operations officer of an engineering detachment and worked in a van like that. In fact, he was looking at it closely one day and discovered it was the actual van he worked in while serving in the military. He knows all about it and says he could make it operational in just a few hours if he ever needs to do that.

Governor warns clean air rules would 'cripple' Texas

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 24 urged the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency not to pass a proposed framework that would toughen regulations on greenhouse gas emissions.

Examples of greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide, ozone and methane.

Perry said the EPA is planning to reinterpret the federal Clean Air Act in ways that would "cripple the Texas economy."

Concerned that the EPA will take action before President George W. Bush's term of office ends in January, Perry and a group of other governors scheduled a Dec. 2 meeting with president-elect Barack Obama to discuss regulatory concerns.



Perry on Nov. 24 proposed:

- Making alternative energy technologies less expensive to encourage commercial use.
- Removing barriers to innovation and competition.
- Modernizing the national energy grid to support wind and solar energy transmission.
- Facilitating investments in the development of carbon capture and sequestration technologies.
- Removing barriers to investment in nuclear generation that would reduce carbon emissions.
- Encouraging competitiveness, innovation and growth in alternative energy sources.

Filing of early bills continues

Jan. 13 is the start date for the 81st session of the Texas Legislature and March 13 is the deadline for the filing of major bills, so there is plenty of time for every Texan's state rep and senator to attempt to make new laws or repeal or amend existing ones.

As of Nov. 30, Texas lawmakers had filed more than 700 bills to be considered in the coming session. Here are a couple of bills that were filed Thanksgiving week.

SB 321 by Elliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, would require the filing and posting on the Internet of reports of school board candidates' political contributions and expenditures.

HB 345 by Gary Elkins, R-Houston, would require businesses to do more to protect sensitive personal information contained in customer records. SB 327 by Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, is the same as HB 345.

Board limits state budget

The Texas Constitution requires the Legislature to pass a state budget that does not exceed the projected growth of the state economy.

In mid-November, the 10-member Legislative Budget Board unanimously adopted a rate of 9.14 percent for fiscal 2010-11.

The rate reflects the estimated growth rate in the state economy from the 2008-2009 biennium to the 2010-2011 biennium as projected by the Texas Comptroller.

The LBB is required to meet and set the constitutional spending limit prior to every legislative session. It is co-chaired by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, and includes certain automatic appointed members.

They include Steve Ogden, R-College Station, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Warren Chisum, chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and Jim Keffer, chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means; and appointed members, Sens. SEE CAPITAL ON PAGE 5

OBITUARIES

Raqi Pearce Palma



and Ruth Culp Pearce, step-grandfather L. D. "Jelly" Mund and step-grandmother Lucy Kitzmiller.

Raqi Palma passed away on October 15, 2008 at her residence in Kyle, Texas. She was 38 years old.

Misty Raquel Pearce was born on February 3, 1970 in Pecos, Texas to Fred and Jerra Pearce. Her childhood was spent in Pecos and Odessa, and she graduated from Permian High School in Odessa in 1988. She attended North Texas State University in Denton and received her Bachelors in Child Development and Family Studies from Texas Tech University. She went on to receive a Masters in Educational Psychology from the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa.

In 1990 she married her high school sweetheart, Coddie Bloys Dean, and they had one daughter, Asia Hailey Dean, who was born March 9, 1991. Coddie and Raqi were divorced in 1992. In August 2006, Raqi married James Brian Palma in Houston. They moved to Kyle in September 2008.

Raqi was known for her beauty inside and out. She was a great lover of animals and nature. It was not uncommon for Raqi to wander off and pick up trash at a park or on the side of the road. Most of all, Raqi loved her family, especially her daughter Asia. She offered her untiring love, support, and guidance to those around her, whether they asked for it or not. Her dedication to Asia, as well as to others for whom she loved and cared, is a lesson to us all.

Raqi was preceded in death by maternal grandparents W. J. "Coot" and Leslie Brown Worsham, paternal grandparents Roy

and Ruth Culp Pearce, step-grandfather L. D. "Jelly" Mund and step-grandmother Lucy Kitzmiller. She is survived by husband James Palma of Kyle, daughter Asia Dean of Cypress, mother Jerra Worsham Kitzmiller and her husband Jack of McKinney, father Fred Pearce and his wife Marsha of Pecos, mother and father-in-law Alessandro and Betty Palma of Lebanon, Missouri, step-grandmother Norma Lynn Mund of Eldorado, step-grandfather B. M. "Kitz" Kitzmiller of Farmersville, brother Ricky Pearce and his wife Leslie of Caprock, New Mexico and their children Ben and Tim, brother Rory Pearce and his partner Bill Bob Tallent of Houston and their daughter Alexis, step-brother Ron Griffin of Odessa, step-brother Todd Griffin and his wife Suzann of Eldorado, step-sister Shanie and her husband Sean Bowers of New Braunfels and their children Kade and Lyndlea, step-brother Larry Kitzmiller and his wife Ellen of New York and their children Jacob, Christopher, and Jesse, step-sister Julie and her husband Brian Catalano of Plano, and their children Matthew, Andrew, and Jonathan, step-brother David Kitzmiller and his wife Carrie of McKinney and their children Leigh Evan and Davis Anne, and sister-in-law Anna Waterman of Strafford, Missouri and her children Jared and Jacob.

A memorial service was held Sunday morning, October 19th at Rio Vista Park in downtown San Marcos. There on the banks of the beautiful San Marcos River family and friends gathered to remember and to celebrate Raqi's life. Rev. Michael McAllister from the Center for Positive Changes in Houston officiated.

Those wishing to do something in Raqi's memory can make a donation to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244, The SPCA of Texas, 2400 Lone Star Drive, Dallas, TX 75212, or The West of the Pecos Museum, P.O. Box 1784, Pecos, TX 79772. Or alternatively, you can spend an hour picking up trash in a nearby park or along a roadside.

Community Baptist Church of Eldorado will be hosting Concho Grass on Sunday evening for an "Ole Time Blue Grass Christmas", December 14, 2008, 6-7 p.m. Concho Grass was organized in the late 1970's by Nelson McGee. He plays guitar and sings lead and harmony for the band. Nelson is well known among bluegrass fans and a recognized leader of bluegrass activities in Texas. Randy Blackwood started playing with Concho Grass as a teenager, and then played with other groups for several years. Randy rejoined Concho Grass where he continues to play banjo and guitar as well as sing lead and harmony. Ron Gore plays the mandolin

John Kotsch memorial breakfast slated December 16

The elementary campus will be hosting the annual John Kotsch Memorial Breakfast on December 16, 2008; 6:30 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. The breakfast is free of charge and is for the young men of Eldorado Elementary and their dads or a significant male who has had an instrumental part in the young man's life. More information will be forthcoming and will be sent home, as well.

Concho Grass bringing "Ole Time Christmas" to Community Baptist Church

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and sings lead and harmony for the group. Ricky Rogers lives in Grape Creek and plays the dobro for the group. Ricky didn't start playing until he was 45 and has been playing with the group for about a year, also singing lead and bass. Thomas Blackwood was born in 1993 to Randy and Lupe Blackwood and is the youngest of 4 children and is a freshman at Central High School. Thomas plays guitar, bass, piano and saxophone. Come down to Community Baptist Church, 12 E. Warner, Eldorado, TX. Sunday night December 14, starting at 6 p.m. For more information call 325-853-3288

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of a very capable nurse, Mrs. Delia Pina. When Mrs. Pina was killed in a bus accident a few years ago, Dr. Brame's mind was made up. Dr. Brame wanted to acknowledge Mrs. Pina for the years of caring service she had given to Schleicher County patients. What better way than to build a Wellness Center in her honor!

It did not take Dr. Brame long to find out that he could not undertake such a project alone. He knew it would take the whole community and more to turn his dream into reality. Step by step, he was able to move closer to his goal. Today, his Schleicher County Wellness Foundation is a 501 c 3 organization, headed by a board of nine hard-working local volunteer leaders. Since everything that the foundation has done so far was

the result of volunteer efforts, the foundation has had virtually no operating expenses.

We have reached a major milestone now! With everyone's help, we will be able to complete our mission. Please give a special Christmas present to benefit your health and that of the entire community-- or perhaps honor a very special person-- by donating this month to the Schleicher County Wellness Foundation, P.O. Box 353, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

Raffle Tickets (\$ 5 per chance) will be available at 1st Community Federal Credit Union, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, as well as from Board Members Eddie Albin, Christy Meador, Christy Brown, Beverly Minor, Ilse Williams, JD Doyle, Angie Redish, Randy Mitchel, and Richard Mendez.

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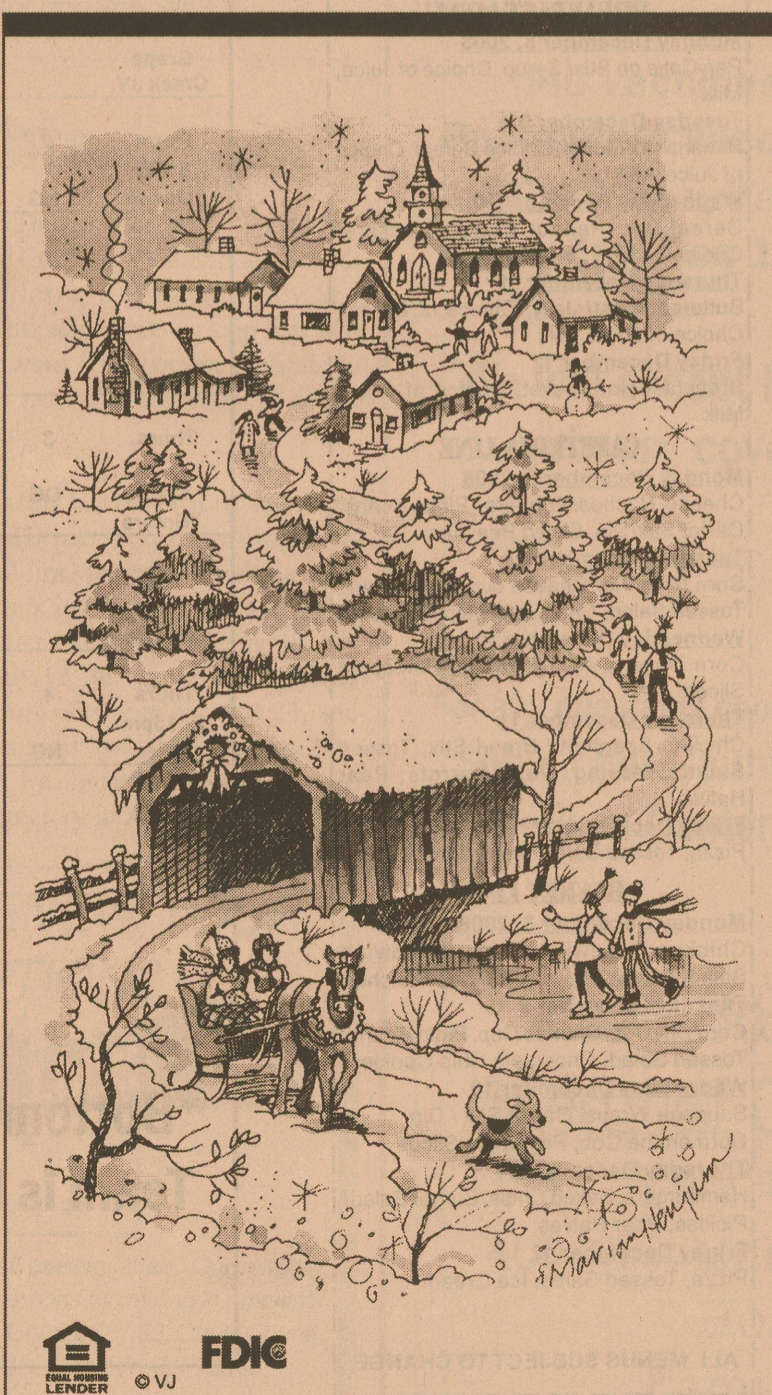
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by Linda Thistle

2	6	9	1		
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 ● Moderate ●●● Challenging ●●●● Hoo Boy!
 Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row, column, and 3x3 box contains all of the numbers from one to nine.
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 See Solution on Page 8

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JV basketball tourney slated here for weekend

The Eldorado Junior Varsity Boys and Girls basketball teams will be hosting a two day tournament starting Thursday at 8:30am. The Eagle Gymnasium and the middle school gym will be the site of multiple games scheduled all day on Thursday and Saturday.

Teams participating in the JV girls bracket are as follows: Christoval, Sonora, Grape Creek JV, Mason, Junction, Winters, Eldorado,

Miles, Rocksprings, Ozona, and Menard. There will be simultaneous games going on in both the new and old gyms. The schedules have changed as of press time to accommodate teams that are still in the regional round of football competition.

Teams participating in the JV boys bracket are as follows: Christoval, Sonora, Grape Creek, Mason, Winters, Lakeview, Miles,

Eldorado, Menard, Ozona, and Rocksprings. The brackets will be posted at the gymnasiums and are subject to change.

Saturday's action will commence at 8am and carry on into the evening. The Eldorado Sports Boosters will be having a concession stand available on both dates.

Come out and support your JV Eagles, Lady Eagles, and Eldorado Sports Boosters!

HOOP SCORES

7th Grade Boys

November 24, 2008

Eldorado 04-04-05-01=14
Miles 02-15-09-04=30

Scoring for the Eagles: Bailey Espinosa 7, Justin Estrada 2, Jackson O'Harrow 5.

7th Grade Girls

November 17, 2008

Eldorado 06-06-02-00=14
Menard 00-00-02-02=04

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: BLisa Olivarez 4, Adrianna Rios 2, Yessenia Ramirez 1, Macy Mikeska 5, Jordan McCulloch 2.

November 24, 2008

Eldorado 05-07-06-08=26
Miles 08-02-04-05=19

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Amber Shipman 2, Lisa Olivarez 2, Adrianna Rios 2, Macy Mikeska 5, Kimberly Sanchez 6, Maria Reyes 11.

December 1, 2008

Eldorado 11-07-04-04=33
Christoval 04-00-00-02=08

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Lisa Olivarez 3, Adrianna Rios 2, Macy Mikeska 4, Kimberly Sanchez 10, Maria Reyes 5, Jordan McCulloch 2.

8th Grade Boys

November 24, 2008

Eldorado 08-09-03-07=27
Miles 09-06-07-14=36

Scoring for the Eagles: Brian Shriver 5, Will Barker 9, Rico Martinez 3, Dylan Ramos 2, Diego Sanchez 8, 3 Point Goal: (1) Martinez.

8th Grade Girls

November 17, 2008

Eldorado 08-06-05-02=21
Menard 06-08-04-02=20

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Miranda Arispe 10, Nikki Herrera 1, Mary Lou Martinez 8, Chasity Willis 3. 3 Point Goal: (1) Arispe.

SCISD School Lunch Menu

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday December 8, 2008
Pan Cake on Stix/ Syrup, Choice of Juice, Milk

Tuesday December 9
Banana Nut Muffin, Choice Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday December 10
Cereal Bar, Peanut Butter Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday December 11
Buttered Toast/ Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday December 12
Breakfast Hot Pocket, Choice of Juice, Milk

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday December 8, 2008
Cheese Nachos/Peppers, Pinto Beans, Carrot Stix/Dip, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday December 9
Corn Chip Pie/ Cheese cup, Mixed Fruit, Tossed Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Wednesday December 10
Corn Dogs, Carrot Stix/Dip, Pineapple Slices

Thursday December 11
Chicken Spaghetti/ Bread Stix, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Peas/Carrots, Pear Halves

Friday December 12
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Ice Cream

BASKET LINE

Monday December 8, 2008
Chicken Sandwich/Chips, Sandwich Salad, Carrot Stix / Dip, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday December 9
Corn Chip Pie/Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies.

Wednesday December 10
Sausage Wraps, Carrot Stix / Dip
Corn on the Cob, Pineapple Slices

Thursday December 11
Hamburgers, Baked Chips, Burger Salad/ Pickles, Pear Halves

Friday December 12
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Ice Cream

ALL MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

JV Girls Basketball Tournament

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		2:15pm OG	W14
Junction	W3	W7	
Thurs. 11am Winters NG	Thurs. 4:00pm Menard OG	Sat. 15	
		9:15am L4 OG	W9
Mason JV-b	W4	W8	
Thurs 12:15pm Miles OG	Thurs. 5:15pm Eldorado NG	Sat. 16	
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		Sat. 10:30am L6 NG	
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		Sat. 11:45am L8 OG	
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3rd Place OG

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		L8	

17 Sat. 7:15pm
3rd Place OG

18 Sat. 7:15pm
Champ NG

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Team is Home

Searching for Miss Teen Schleicher County 2009

ELDORADO — If you are single, and between the ages of 13 and 18, applications are now being accepted for the title of 2009 "Miss Teen Schleicher County!"

Miss Teen Schleicher County will represent the county at the Miss Teen Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas March 20 – 22, 2009.

The young woman selected as "Miss Teen Schleicher County" will become an ambassador from Schleicher County and receive an official title and sash!

The young lady crowned Miss Teen Texas will receive a scholarship and prize package valued at over \$15,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2009 Miss Teen International Pageant.

The American Heart Association is the official charity of the

Miss Teen Texas International Pageant. In 2008, the International Pageants joined the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement and each state titleholder will champion heart disease as a national platform in addition to promoting their own platform throughout the year.

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can help save lives. For more information go to www.GoRedForWomen.org.

The current reigning "2008" Miss Teen Texas is Hilary Elizondo of Corpus Christi, Texas. Hilary is a national spokesperson for DoSomething.org.

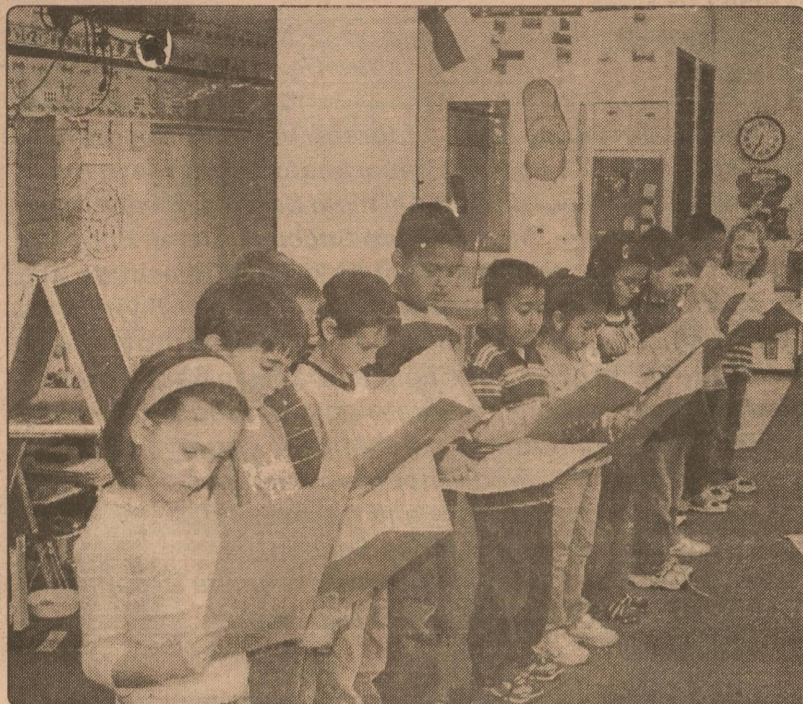
As Miss Teen Texas, and in conjunction with DoSomething.org, she speaks to youth and teens about their power to make a difference. She looks to inspire a "generation of doers".

DoSomething.org provide teens the tools and resources for youth to convert their ideas and energy into positive action (www.dosomething.org).

Teen contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition and no experience necessary!!!)

Teenage ladies living or attending school in Schleicher County interested in applying should write for a bio. form:

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Alternatively, interested parties may call, e-mail, or visit our website for more information: 210.403.0589, Kristin@TexasInternationalPageants.com, Website: www.missteventexasinternational.com



COURTESY PHOTO

Elementary first grade students dismissed for the Thanksgiving holiday with entertainment for their parents. Students read Reader's Theater scripts "Pumpkin All Around" and "Thanksgiving" last Wednesday afternoon. The little actors received rave reviews from those in attendance. Pictured (L-R): Andrea Meador, Taner Swinford, Garrett Hariman, Camron Heard, Emiliano Hernandez, Roberto Perez, Laura Suarez, Esmeralda Hill, Cesar Garcia, Arleia Zamora, Eric Reyes, and Kayla Kotsch.

Texas adds 23,000 jobs

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Utilities employment increased by 2,700 jobs in October, with

62,000 jobs in the past year. Education and Health Services grew by 3,700 jobs this month, adding 34,700 jobs in the past 12 months.

"Texas is in a better position than most other states with continued positive job growth," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. "However, we must remain diligent throughout our state, strategically connecting workers to job opportunities."

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34,300 positions added over the year. Natural Resources and Mining gained 1,600 jobs this month, with 16,500 jobs added since October 2007.

"The Texas unemployment rate rose again this month, but remains far below the national unemployment rate," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Through TWC and the 28 local workforce development boards, job search assistance and training are available to Texas workers."

Teachers, save receipts for tax deduction

HOUSTON — The Internal Revenue Service is advising teachers and other educators to save their receipts for purchases of books and other classroom supplies. They will be able to deduct up to \$250 of such expenses again this year, following recently-enacted legislation.

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (EESA) of 2008 reinstated the educator expense deduction, which had expired at the end of last year. The deduction has been reinstated for tax years 2008 and 2009. Expenses incurred any time during 2008 may qualify for the deduction, not just those since the Act was signed on October 3.

"Many teachers dip into their own pockets for classroom supplies," said Lea Crusberg, IRS Spokesperson. "The reinstatement of this deduction gives educators a tax break this year and next year, and we want them to have the records they'll need to claim it on their returns."

The deduction is available to eligible educators in public or private elementary or secondary schools. To be eligible, a person must work at least 900 hours during a school year as a teacher, instructor, counselor, principal or aide.

An educator may subtract up to \$250 of qualified out-of-pocket expenses when figuring adjusted gross income (AGI). This deduction is available whether or not the taxpayer itemizes deductions on Schedule A.

Qualified expenses are non-reimbursed expenses paid or incurred for books, supplies, computer equipment including related software and services, other equipment, and supplementary materials that are used in the classroom.

The IRS suggests that educators keep records of qualifying expenses in a folder or envelope with a label such as "Educator Expense Deduction," noting the date, amount and purpose of each purchase. This will help prevent a missed deduction at tax time.



COURTESY PHOTO

Following a Thanksgiving feast in Kurtis and Candi Homer's pasture, kindergarten students such as Nautika Pina enjoyed grinding corn in the same way Indians did centuries ago. Other activities included making beaded necklaces, drawing Indian pictographs, playing traditional Indian games, and studying Indian artifacts as well as hunting for arrowheads.

Capital Highlights...

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Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, John Whitmire, D-Houston; and Reps. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, and Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

TEA chief joins task force

The Texas Education Agency announced Nov. 25 that Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott has been selected to serve on a 10-member presidential transition task force to develop education recommendations that could be carried out during the first 100 days of the Obama administration.

The task force was created by the Council of Chief State School Officers, a geographically and politically diverse group that will forward its recommendations to the next U.S. secretary of education.

Mattox buried in state cemetery

Former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, 65, died of a heart attack in his sleep at his home in Dripping Springs on Nov. 19. His body lay in repose in the Texas House Chamber on Nov. 24, and thousands paid their respects. Mattox was buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin on Nov. 25.

Meals for Friends Menu



- MONDAY DECEMBER 8th**
Beef Stew, Sweet Peas, Crackers, Canned Peaches, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
- TUESDAY DECEMBER 9th**
Baked Ham, Glazed Carrots, Summer Squash, Wheat Roll, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk
- WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10th**
Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce, Mashed Potato, Corn, Wheat Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Sugar Cookie, Milk.
- THURSDAY DECEMBER 11th**
Chicken Fried Steak w/Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange, Milk.
- FRIDAY DECEMBER 12th**
Fried Catfish, Corn Tomato Casserole, Seasoned Spinach, Dinner Roll, Fruited Gelatin, Milk.

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Please return stolen items

Dear Editor:
On Wednesday November 26, 2008 there were two bags hanging on the door of the Second Hand Rose for a customer, when called to verify items were received was told they were not.
I would like to have whoever took these Husky Liners (floor mats) Drivers Front, Passenger Front, and Rear Full Length for a 2003-2008 Dodge Quad Cab, the Jacket and Shirt return them to the Second Hand Rose or call me at 226-5680 to return them no questions asked. The items were costly and need to be returned to the rightful owner.
If anyone has any information please call me at 325-226-5680.
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Card of Thanks

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Christmas trees arrive at State Capitol

AUSTIN — The Texas Tree Growers Association delivered three Christmas Trees to the Texas State Capitol today. The trees were delivered to the North Steps of the Texas Capitol by the horse drawn Gelbe Rose (Yellow Rose) Carriage.

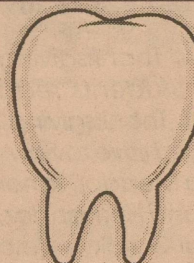
One of the trees has been designated as an "Angel Tree" and will be decorated with gift tags for dozens of foster children under the care of Child Protective Services. Visitors to the capitol can then donate to help these children during the holiday season.

"Christmas is a beautiful time of year, and this is a great Texas Christmas tradition," said Nadine Craddick, wife of Speaker Tom Craddick. "The Angel tree is extra special because so many Texans embrace it and give so that these children can experience a Christmas as close to normal as is possible in difficult circumstances."

The trees were delivered by Marc and Twyla Nash, owners of the Elgin Christmas Tree Farm. Marc is the incoming president of the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association. Three generations of the Nash family involved with growing Christmas Trees were represented. They delivered the trees to Nadine Craddick, Assistant Secretary of State Coby Shorter and Patsy Spaw, Secretary of the Senate.

"One of the many things a Christmas tree symbolizes is the faith and hope of mankind," Shorter said. "My wish is that this tree — in some small way — contributes to a season of peace and renewal for all Texans."

The Angel Tree will be placed outside the Capitol Grill in the Capitol Extension. Two other trees will be placed in the Governor's Reception Room and the Lt. Governor's Reception Office.



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Deer smugglers from Texas, Minnesota, sentenced to prison

AUSTIN, Texas — A Texas man and a Minnesota man were both sentenced to federal prison terms yesterday for illegally transporting white-tailed deer across state lines.

On Nov. 24 in Plano near Dallas, Federal District Judge Richard A. Schell sentenced Robert Eichenour, owner of Circle E Ranch in Grimes County, Texas, to 18 months in federal prison. Eichenour must also serve 36 months probation after his release from prison and pay a \$50,000 fine. Brian Becker of Minnesota was also sentenced to 33 months in federal prison and 36 months probation after his release.

During the probation period, neither man will be allowed to sell deer. The equipment used by both

during their illegal endeavor was also forfeited. Both men were convicted of felony violations of the federal Lacey Act, which prohibits the transportation of illegally captured or prohibited animals across state lines.

The two men were caught on Oct. 22, 2006, in a smuggling sting operation conducted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Special Operations Unit and United States Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agents. Eichenour and Becker were caught smuggling 14 white-tailed buck deer from Minnesota to Eichenour's ranch in Grimes County.

Investigators say the plan was for Eichenour to bring in hunters and sell hunts for the trophy Minnesota bucks. After a lengthy in-

vestigation it was determined that, over a four year period, Becker and Eichenour had smuggled in approximately \$300,000 worth of white-tailed bucks. Other investigations continue involving people Eichenour did business with as a permitted deer breeder in Texas.

"Texas game wardens and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agents continue to work together to deter illegal trafficking in wildlife across our state and across America," said Col. Peter Flores, TPWD Law Enforcement Division director. "The illegal trade may be perceived to be profitable for some, but the price to pay is high when they are caught, and we hope that this type of penalty will deter those who would engage in the illegal wildlife trade."

The lead investigators for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department were the late Sgt. Adam Chrane and Sgt. Brad Chappell, both investigators in a TPWD special operations unit that focuses on large scale cases which cross regional lines. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was represented in the case by Special Agent Mike Merida. The federal prosecutor was Assistant U.S. Attorney Shamoil T. Shipchandler in Dallas.

During the sentencing phase, former TPWD employee Brian Richards was called to testify about the threat of disease associated with the smuggled deer. Richards is currently employed by the U.S. Geological Survey as a Chronic Wasting Disease specialist.

Angels Waiting For Adoption



The Angels are waiting for adoption on Christmas Trees in Eldorado at First National Bank, Super S, Duckwall and Dollar General. Go into any of these places and select an angel and take it shopping with you. Gift wrap that angel and take it to the Resource Center. They will get the gifts to the right child.

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1. Relating to method
6. Places to shape up
10. Hit the mall
14. Center of action
15. Bottle part
16. Whipped up
17. International agreement of 1972
19. Toledo's lake
20. Hockey miscreants
21. Jimmy's veep
23. Living or dead follower
24. Court order
25. Zippy comeback
29. Senator Gramm
30. Long or Block: Abbr.
33. Send to Siberia
34. Baby-sitter's hand-ful
35. Cpl. or Sgt.
36. Champ in 5 different weight classes
40. "To a ..." poem
41. Gen. Robert
42. Picture falsely
43. Van __ Waals forces
44. Eggs order
45. Sacred songs
46. Auto grille protectors
47. Source of funds in D.C.
48. Cash in

DOWN

1. Physics calculation
2. Viva-voce
3. Boxer Oscar Hoya
4. Wee workers
5. Barber, at times
6. Dummy Mortimer
7. Carrots' go with
8. Tread the boards
9. Air a message?
10. Got a whiff of
11. Lyricist Lorenz
12. Jim Davis comics dog
13. Jury member, in theory
18. Patronize UHaul, say
22. Be out of sorts
24. Pod member
25. Do a groundskeeper's chore
26. Radiate, as confidence
27. Cereal pitcher Tony, e.g.
28. Ending with pay or plug
29. Nosy sort: Var.
30. As a whole
31. Curtain fabric
32. Silver streaks
34. Plantation units
37. New and improved
38. Not in plain view
39. Org. for teachers
44. Specimen for an assayer
45. Cracker spread
46. Beer drinker's pro-tusion
47. Singer's asset, slangily
48. Lopsided win
49. "Well, did you ___?"
50. Chip's cartoon mate
51. Kebab holder
52. "Zip ___ Doo-Dah"
53. Get bushed
54. Oklahoma city
55. Poor marks
58. Tokyo, formerly

Shaker Stuff

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Bedlam and Holiday Shopping

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Forget the prognostications about how holiday spending is supposed to be at record low levels this year. If my own experience is any indication, well... welcome to bedlam!

Now by definition bedlam is "...a state, place or scene of uproar or confusion," but the word itself is far more colorful once you know its history.

To help you fully grasp the



"I Didn't Know That"
by Karlen Evins
(Why We Say The Things We Say)

picture, this word we use to refer to all things chaotic and confusing, was once (quite literally) a hospital for the mentally insane.

Originally St. Mary's of Bethlehem was a priory, located in London, and dating back to the early 13th century. It's mission: to care for the mentally deranged.

Over time, "Bethlehem" (taken from the Hebrew word meaning "House of Bread") was shortened and slurred, (as is too often the case) into the word we today call "bedlam."

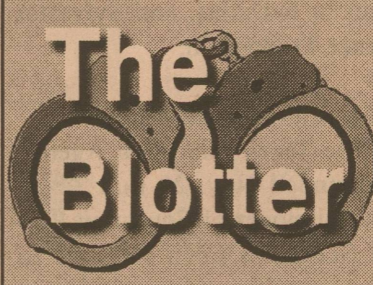
To arm you with its history (to impress your friends at holiday gatherings), Bedlam became a property of the crown in the late

1300s. Since then, its royal ownership has reverted back to the city of London.

By the 16th century, the word "bedlam" gained popularity with the common public when Bible translator William Tyndale, penned the phrase "bedlam mad" in his "Pathway to the Holy Scriptures." Ever since, bedlam has become synonymous with all things mentally unstable, used to describe a state of insanity.

By the 18th century, tourists were allowed to visit Bedlam for a penny a pop, to observe and even taunt its inmates. Sadly, history reports that visitors were even allowed to bring long sticks with which to encourage more action and activity, (a custom, we have fortunately, not ascribed to the word, helpful though it might be come holiday shopping time).

Karlen Evins, author "I Didn't Know That" welcomes your feedback at www.karlenevins.com



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 will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Boxer is brown with white on his chest and his name is Kilo.

November 26 • 4:47 pm Complainant reported she had items taken from residence. Officers responded.

November 28 • 9:57 am Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.

November 30 • 4:47 am Caller reported hearing shots fired in West Eldorado. Units responded. Unable to locate shooter.

7:15 am Caller reported a calf walking down 277 south about a mile past BJ's Officer responded.

December 1 • 12:55 am Caller hit a deer and needed blue form. Officer responded.

3:45 pm Caller requested an officer. Officer responded.


December 2 • 11:36 am Caller requested an officer at location because of stolen lawn mower. Officer responded.

2:35 pm Complainant requested to speak to an officer concerning a civil issue. Advised to speak to Judge Doyle.

2:46 pm Complainant came to the Schleicher county sheriff's office to speak to officer.

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1. Application from Langford Wind Power, LLC for an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes.
2. Creation of Schleicher County Independent School District Reinvestment Zone Number One pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 312.0025, in order to implement the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes with Langford Wind Power, LLC, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.

Citizens may sign up to speak at the public hearings. For more information contact the Superintendent at (325) 853-2514.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids, addressed to the Schleicher County Commissioners' Court will be received by the County Clerk, until 10:00 a.m. December 8, 2008 when such bids will be opened and possibly awarded in the Commissioner's Courtroom for:

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

Way Off Broadway Players Board of Directors and all persons who are now or who want to be involved in the activities and productions of that organization are invited to attend a meeting, at the Tom Ratliff Theater on December 9 at 5:00 PM.

This is a re-organization meeting, and everyone is invited to attend.

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Eldorado Spotlight



The Spotlight Camera found members of the EHS Junior Class collecting trash along U.S. Hwy. 277 last week as part of a community service project. Students participating included: (L-R) Juan Medrano, David Tirado, Krista Galindo, Ram Perez, Victoria Garcia, Robbie Young and Aubrey Martinez.

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Elementary Goes Purple

by Maria Hendryx

Students, teachers, and staff members proudly wore their purple last Wednesday to show their pancreatic cancer awareness support. The campus worked with Lisa Lux, who is working with PanCan in Ft. Worth in order to raise awareness of this devastating disease. One of Mrs. Lux's goals is to get as many photos of purple donning people and banners and take them to Congress in order to lobby for more funding for pancreatic cancer research.

Kami Lux, a first grade student in Mrs. Curtis class, recently lost her grandfather to pancreatic cancer. Consequently, the class took on a service learning project, using their writing and computer skills to send notices home, encouraging everyone to wear purple on this particular day.

Mrs. Lux and elementary teacher Nell Edmiston spoke to the students and faculty and shared

their stories of how they lost loved ones to this devastating disease. They offered suggestions to both students and teachers on how to live healthier lives, such as eating the right foods and exercising, and refraining from smoking.

According to PanCan, pancreatic cancer is the most underfunded, under-recognized and least studied disease among the known cancers, even though it is the fourth leading cause of cancer related deaths in the country. Pancreatic cancer research receives less than 2 percent of federal cancer research funds. Mrs. Lux has joined the fight to bring more awareness by going to Congress and encourage them to support the recently introduced National Plan to Advance Pancreatic Cancer Research Act of 2008. This recent initiative is an historic action that could address the exceedingly high mortality rate of the most deadly cancer in the United States.



Eldorado Elementary students and teachers turned out in purple on Wednesday, November 26th to show their support for the Pancreatic Cancer awareness campaign in hopes of stopping the deadly disease.

PHOTO BY MARIA HENDRYX

USDA to Conduct Request for Referendum on Pork Checkoff Program

ELDORADO — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced today that it will conduct a Request for Referendum Dec. 8, 2008, through Jan. 2, 2009, among eligible producers and importers of hogs, pigs, pork, and pork products. This process will determine if producers want a referendum on the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order, commonly known as the Pork Checkoff Program. Participation is voluntary, and only individuals who desire a referendum on the Pork Checkoff Program should submit a request.

USDA will only conduct a referendum on the order if at least 15 percent of the total number of eligible pork producers and importers request a referendum. The total number of producers and importers eligible to participate in the Request for Referendum is approximately 69,446; therefore, at least 10,417 eligible producers and importers must request a referendum. If necessary, the referendum will be conducted within one year after the results of the Request for Referendum are announced. If results of the Request for Referendum indicate that a referendum is not supported, a referendum would not

be conducted.

Producers and importers who were engaged in pork production or in the importation of hogs, pigs, pork, or pork products between Jan. 1, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2007, and were at least 18 years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2007, are eligible to participate.

For producers, the Request for Referendum will be conducted at the USDA County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices where their administrative farm records are maintained. For producers not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to participate will be provided at the County FSA office where the person owns or rents

land. Forms may be obtained at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketingPrograms>.

In order to vote, Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation, where applicable, such as a sales receipt, veterinary bill, feed bill, copies of grower contracts, cancelled check or proof of payment must be returned in person, by mail, or by facsimile to the appropriate county FSA office by the close of business Jan. 2, 2009. Form LS-54-1 and supporting

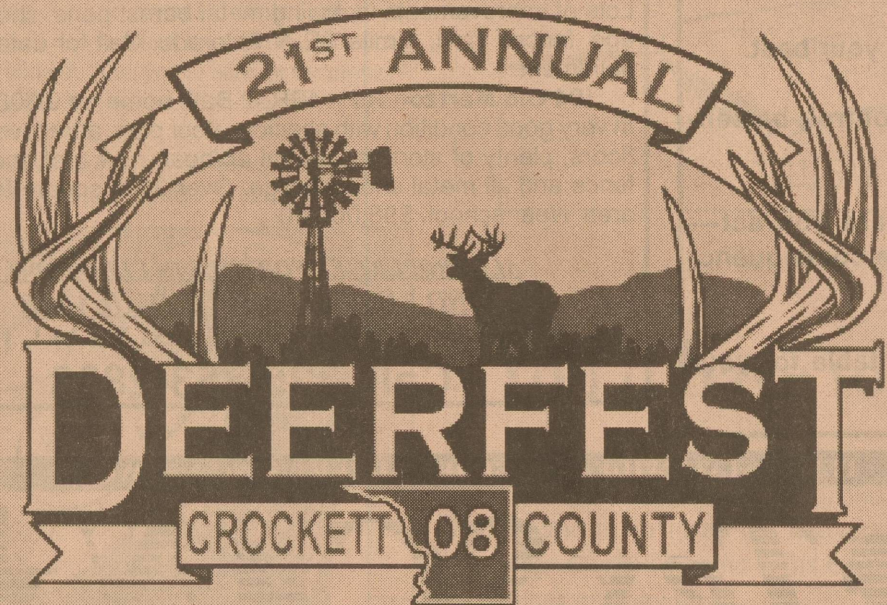
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LS-54-1 and accompanying documentation, such as Customs Form 7501, can be returned in person, by mail or by facsimile. Forms returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Jan. 2, 2009, and received by Jan. 9, 2009. It is recommended that the form and supporting documentation be mailed via an

express service.

Eligible producers may obtain form LS-54-1: Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Request for Referendum from the Schleicher-Sutton/Val Verde County FSA office either in person, by mail or by facsimile. The Schleicher-Sutton/Val Verde County FSA office is location and mailing address is: PO Box G, Eldorado, TX 76936; the phone number is: 325-853-3535 and the fax number is: 325-853-2824.

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Officer Lt. Fred Dietz and the Eldorado Fifth grade class completed a 10 week D.A.R.E. course this week. The course gives each student the knowledge and the power to say no to drugs and violence. The Schleicher County Sheriff Department sponsors the course. On Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008 the class received recognition for completion of the course and was presented their certificates by Sheriff David Doran. Three students, Rylea Self, Jose Olivares and Suitarra Martinez each read their essays and was presented a medal by Officer Dietz for winning the D.A.R.E. Essay contest.

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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Shaker Stuff

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