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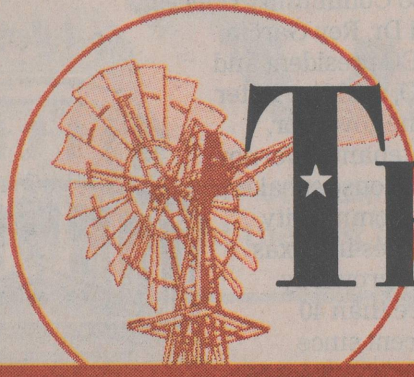
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First YFZ trial opens with lengthy jury selection process

A pool of 153 prospective jurors gathered Monday, October 26, 2009, at the Schleicher County Memorial Building as jury selection got underway in the long-awaited trial of Raymond Merrill Jessop. The 38-year-old resident of the YFZ Ranch is accused of sexually assaulting an underage girl whom the State of Texas alleges was also one of his polygamous wives.

Initially, 300 Schleicher County residents were summoned to appear for jury duty, but a number of them were excused ahead of time because of their age, health, or status as a full-time student. Nineteen more were excused shortly after jury selection began. Randy Mankin, publisher and editor of *THE ELDORADO SUCCESS*, was the very first prospective juror to be excused.

After a break for lunch, the remaining members of the jury pool were called back to the courtroom where they were seated in rows of 18. Judge Barbara Walther then explained to them that in the upcoming trial, the burden of proof lies with the State of Texas. The defendant never has to prove their innocence, she said. She then advised the prospective jurors to keep in mind as they were questioned by lawyers for both sides that there are no wrong answers so long as the answers are truthful.

The attorneys for the prosecution and defense then began asking a series of questions requiring a show of hands from the jury pool. Assistant Attorney General Eric Nichols began the process by asking how many people in the jury pool were related by blood to the defendant, Raymond

Merril Jessop prompting seven YFZ Ranch residents to hold up their blue juror cards. One of the seven is believed to be the defendant's half-sister.

Raymond Merrill Jessop was indicted by Schleicher County grand jurors on July 22, 2008 after evidence gathered during the YFZ Ranch raid in April of that year was presented to the grand jury panel. He was indicted again on August 21, 2008 on one count of bigamy.

Documents filed earlier with the court indicate that Jessop is legally married to one woman and "spiritually married" to another eight "plural wives."

The call that prompted the raid on the YFZ Ranch is now widely believed to have been a hoax and more than 400 children removed from the ranch by state child welfare officials were returned to the ranch when the Court of Appeals ruled that the state had exceeded its authority in removing all the children.

Defense efforts to exclude evidence seized during the raid from being used in a series of upcoming trials were rejected by Judge Walther who found that state law enforcement officials acted properly to support child welfare officials. And, that while carrying out that duty, law enforcement officers allegedly saw several under aged girls who were pregnant or who had already given birth.

Raymond Merrill Jessop is the first of a dozen YFZ Ranch defendants to go to trial. Some of the others include his father, Frederick Merrill Jessop, his brother, Merrill Leroy Jessop as well as Warren Steed Jeffs, prophet

and spiritual leader of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

But, before a trial can begin, a jury must be empaneled and questioning of prospective jurors the went well into the night on Monday.

Among questions asked of the 134 remaining on the panel were:

- How many have not heard of this case. (None)
- How many have not read The Eldorado Success. (22 including all 17 YFZ residents)
- How many have personal, moral, religious or philosophical views that prevent them from sitting in judgement of another person in a criminal case. (1)
- How many could not "put in a box" things that they have seen or heard about the FLDS so they could participate as a juror and decide the case on evidence. (13)
- How many could not serve because of life experiences since the case involved sexual assault of a child? (13)
- How many jurors or their family members were victims of a sexual crime. (15)
- How many were members of First Baptist Church of Eldorado? (15)
- How many objected to the statement that everyone has the right to their religious beliefs? (2)
- How many jurors or family members worked or volunteered for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. (5)
- How many would not be willing to consider a sentence of two years probation if the defendant was found



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Raymond Merrill Jessop, center, the first man to face criminal charges stemming from last year's YFZ Ranch raid, goes through security as he enters the courtroom following a recess during the second day of jury selection on Tuesday.

guilty? (37)

Defense attorney Mark Stevens then told the jury pool that he had filed a document with the court asking for probation since his client has never been convicted of a felony in any state. Stevens went on to note that

he has asked the court to direct the jury, in case they find Jessop guilty of the charge, they may recommend that the defendant be granted probation.

Stevens then asked how many of the prospective jurors had heard of-

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THE JUDGE



Judge Barbara L. Walther serves the 51st Judicial District of Texas, including Schleicher, Irion, Sterling and Coke Counties as well as part of Tom Green County.

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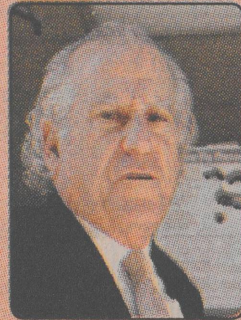
Eric Nichols, Assistant Attorney General of the State of Texas, serves as lead prosecutor in all the YFZ cases including that of Raymond Merrill Jessop

PROSECUTION



Stephen Lupton serves as District Attorney for the 51st Judicial District of Texas which includes the YFZ Ranch in Schleicher County.

DEFENSE



Gerald Goldstein, a partner in the firm of Goldstein, Goldstein and Hilley of San Antonio, leads a team of defense attorneys representing several YFZ defendants.

DEFENSE



Mark Stevens, an attorney from San Antonio is representing Raymond Merrill Jessop in the first of the YFZ trials.

County Commissioners hold first ever meeting at Civic Center

The Schleicher County Commissioner's Court meeting was held Monday, Oct. 26, 2009 at the Civic Center.

The court was moved due to the trial of Raymond Jessop. The Commissioner's Courtroom was being used by attorneys. County Clerk Peggy Williams' office was also closed on Monday due to the trial.

County Treasurer Karen Henderson filled in as recorder of the minutes at Monday's meeting.

The Sheriff Department budgeted a new police car for the 2010 year, but

the department was needing extra transportation to haul prisoners to Judge Walther's 51st District Court in San Angelo in 2010. The court discussed purchasing a used vehicle.

Sheriff Doran located a used van locally and the court voted to purchase the vehicle if the price did not exceed \$8,300. The van is a 14-passenger 2003 Ford E-350 van with 51,900 miles. The van will have to be retrofitted with a prisoner cage, radio, strobe lighting and graphics. The extras will be another \$4,100.

By order of the court the Sheriff Department will purchase a new police vehicle through the TASB Buy Board.

County Extension Agent Cody Bundick spoke to the court also about hiring part time help as needed until the January Stock Show. The commissioners approved his request.

No bids for goods or services were called.

The court then approved a resolution to add courthouse personnel to various bank signature cards.

Judge Charlie Bradley then informed the court about the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant that would provide funds to replace items such as courthouse windows and make the courthouse more energy efficient. The commissioners approved pursuing the grant.

Also, the court approved the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley vendor agreement.

Judge Bradley then advised the court that the county's 2008 audit

must be completed before the county's credit card limit could be raised to \$50,000. County Clerk Peggy Williams requested the increase in the limit due to expenses revolving around the upcoming trials.

The court approved having auditors Jones, Hays and Marshal start on the audit.

Present for the meeting was Commissioner Matt Brown, Johnny Mayo and Kirk Griffin. Commissioner Lynn Meador was absent.

Sonora Middle School principal arrested, charged with having 'improper relationship' with student

by Ben D. Taylor
The Devil's River News

On Friday, October 23, 2009 local and state law enforcement agencies executed an arrest warrant for Erbey G. Valdez. The Sonora Police Department stated in a media release that the arrest was made after a "lengthy and detailed investigation."

Valdez, middle school principal for Sonora, was charged with the offense of Improper Relationship between Educator and Student. This is a second degree felony and is punishable by two to 20 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000.

The School District has placed Valdez on administrative leave with pay pending further investigation.

Additional restrictions placed on Valdez during the investigation state that he cannot be within 200 feet of school property or school activities. Sonora ISD superintendent Don Gibson stated that "we are following the letter of the law. Our attorney is taking the lead on this."

Gibson has reassigned Brandon Duncan, the high school assistant principal, to act as interim middle school principal.

"Brandon is a certified administrator and is qualified to serve as principal on all grade levels".

Gibson added that, "The staff has been so good to continue with what they have been doing. It is hard on them and the students, but the staff has done a tremendous job supporting Brandon."



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met Monday in the Civic Center. It was their first-ever meeting in the facility.

Law enforcement agencies arrest 81 suspects in drug cartel sweep

AUSTIN — More than 200 Texas Department of Public Safety agents, troopers, pilots and Texas Rangers took part in an Oct. 21 sweep targeting the La Familia Michoacana criminal cartel resulting in 81 arrests in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and Austin areas.

The law enforcement work was done in coordination with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Reported as seized in the sweep: 220 pounds of methamphetamine, 23.1 pounds of cocaine, 1 gallon of liquid methamphetamine, \$960,000 in cash, 54 guns, 53 vehicles, 1 jet ski, 1 recreational vehicle and two all terrain vehicles, the DPS reported.

Earlier this year, Mexican

authorities arrested 27 public officials in the state of Michoacan with suspected ties to La Familia, the DPS reported.

RRC creates new division

The Texas Railroad Commission, the state agency that regulates the energy industry, last week approved the creation of a new Alternative Energy Division. Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones provided the impetus.

Jones said the new division will focus on existing alternative energy currently under the commission's jurisdiction and will provide a platform for development of alternative energy forms such as compressed and liquefied natural gas.

Scratch-off to benefit vets fund

A new \$2 lottery ticket, The

Veterans Cash Scratch-Off, will go on sale Nov. 9.

Proceeds from ticket sales, expected to about \$8 million in its first year, will benefit the state's Permanent Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

The lottery ticket will provide "a secure revenue stream to fund critical services and programs for veterans and their families. Our veterans have already paid the price, now it is time for Texas to honor their sacrifice," said State Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio.

Van de Putte and state Rep. Chris Turner, R-Arlington, announced the debut of the new game on Oct. 19.

Sunset review list is released

State Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, the newly appointed chair of the Sunset Advisory Commission, last week

released the names of 28 state agencies to be reviewed in 2010-2011.

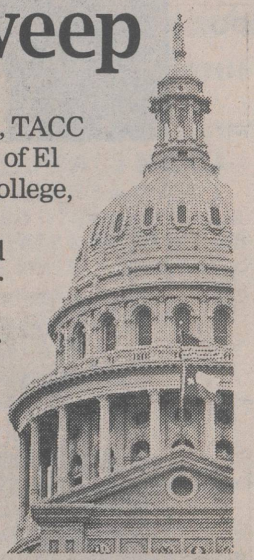
A few of the agencies on the list are: the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, the Texas Department of Information Resources and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The 12-member commission reviews policies and programs of more than 150 state agencies.

Community college enrollment is up

Enrollment increased by 65,000 at Texas community colleges this fall — an 11 percent increase — the Texas Association of Community Colleges reported last week.

Dr. Richard Rhodes, TACC chair and president of El Paso Community College, and Dr. Rey Garcia, TACC president and CEO, said in a letter to the governor, lieutenant governor and House speaker that community colleges in Texas have grown by more than 40 percent since 2000, like "adding the equivalent of seven Texas Tech universities or four Universities of Texas at Austin to the state's higher education system capacity."



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

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Laws of the Universe vs. ObamaCare

If only the laws of the universe didn't make it impossible to conjure something out of nothing. In a magical world free of such encumbrances, Democrats would be spared the bother of hiding the inevitable costs of ObamaCare.

The latest gambit of Democrats in both the Senate and House is to take roughly \$250 billion out of health-care reform — for Medicare payments to doctors — and spend it in a separate bill. This instantly makes ObamaCare

appear cheaper, although its impact on the federal budget will be precisely the same. This isn't even competent three-card monte. It's the logic of the spend-thrift who has maxed out on his Visa and MasterCard, but thinks it's frugal to put a new \$6,000 Samsung 65-inch LCD flat-screen TV on his American Express card instead.

Every year, Medicare payments to physicians are supposed to fall. Congress always temporarily defers the cut. The House version of ObamaCare deferred it for 10 years, a reason it had so much red ink. The Baucus bill deferred it for only the first year (at a cost of \$10.7 billion), then pretended Congress would subsequently cut doctor payments a drastic 25 percent. Without this otherworldly assumption, the Baucus bill would increase the deficit by roughly \$150 billion over 10 years.

Why stop there? If all the subsidies and other costs are removed and passed separately from the Baucus bill, it becomes a \$900 billion deficit-reduction measure, and ObamaCare can be advertised as the world's most affordable entitlement.

The intractable truth is that getting millions of new people health insurance is not costless. New insurance regulations intended to benefit the sick and uninsured will increase premiums for everyone else. Supporters of the Baucus plan implicitly respond, "Well, yes, that's why the bill has subsidies." But the subsidies are tightly limited to keep from exploding the deficit.

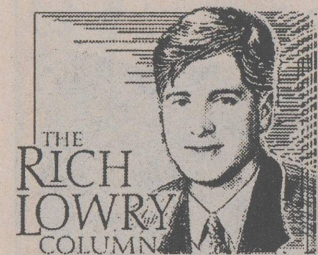
If the subsidies go up, the new taxes will have to go up. And those are already causing a revolt on the left. In a revelatory moment, the unions argue that a tax on insurance companies offering high-priced "Cadillac" insurance plans will be passed along to consumers and hit the middle class. In this, they embrace a long-standing conservative argument that corporations don't pay taxes, their customers do. Perhaps for the first time ever, the head of the AFL-CIO thinks Milton Friedman has a point.

This is the choice: Either premiums for middle-class people go up with limited compensating subsidies, or generous subsidies are funded with even more hidden middle-class taxes, or — most likely — some noxious combination of both.

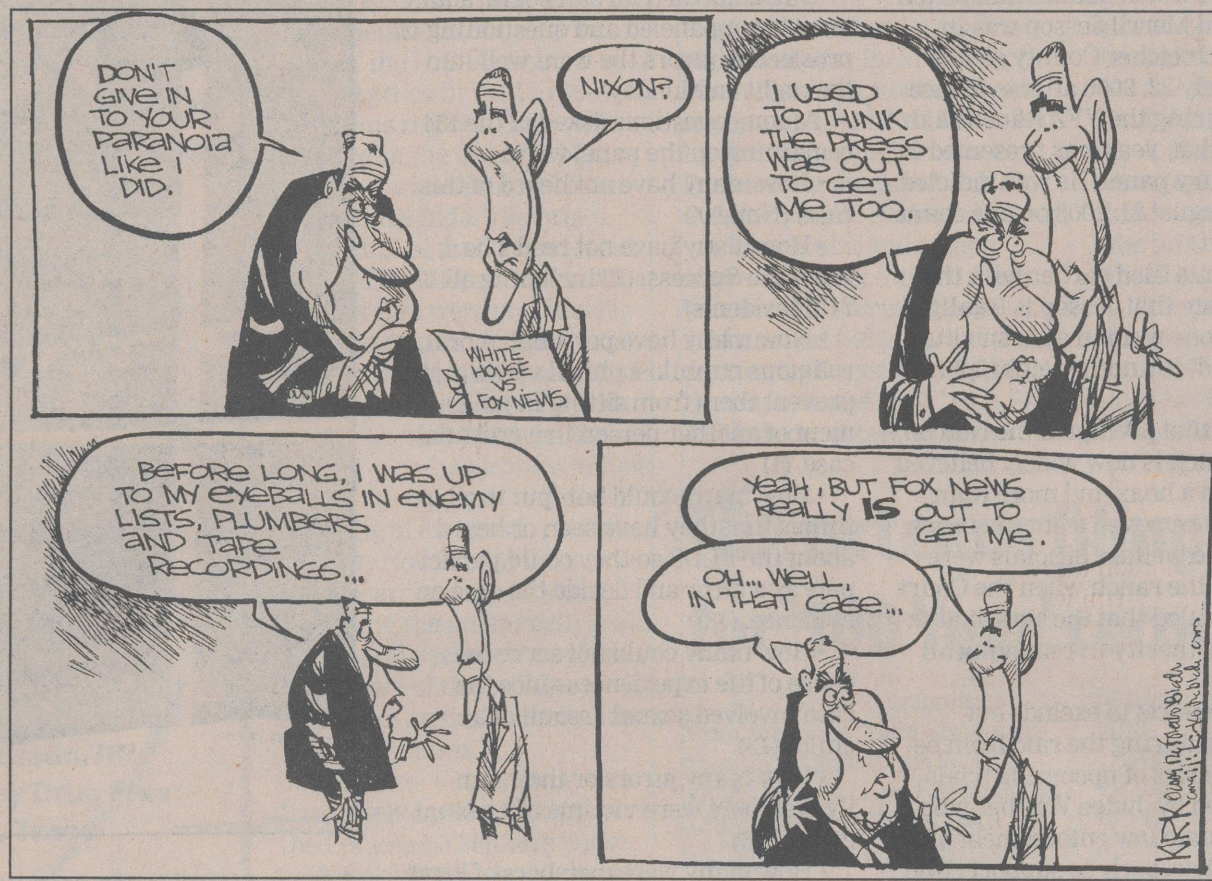
Any of these choices is wrong politically. Democrats must, then, deny there's a cost to most people and hide it however they can. At the same time they attempt to stuff a massive new entitlement inside the politically necessary constraint of a deficit-neutral price tag of less than \$1 trillion. They are like the movers who can't fit the couch through the door frame and keep backing it up and trying it a different way.

It's not going to fit. For that, blame the laws of the universe.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2009 by King Features Synd., Inc.



THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN



Innocent until proven guilty

The first of a series of YFZ Ranch trials is getting under way in Eldorado this week. Three hundred people, including me, my mom and my son, were summoned for the jury pool.

That should come as no surprise when you consider that 300 represents almost a sixth of the registered voters of Schleicher County.

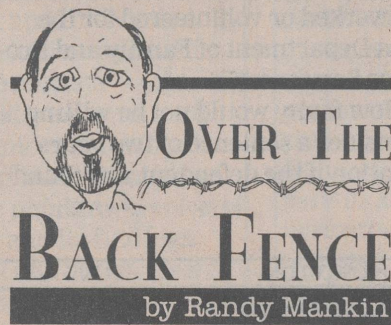
Actually my son J.L. was called twice. His middle name, Langly, was spelled differently on each of the two summons. And, both variations were automatically excused when he advised the clerk that he was enrolled full-time at Angelo State University.

My mother was also excused from service as were several other people who are over 70.

I, on the other hand, had no such excuse and, despite being confident that neither the defense nor the prosecution wanted me on the jury, I reported as ordered.

By my count, only 153 of the original 300 were left by the time the actual jury selection began. Having participated in one other such process and having seen a few others, I tried to sit fairly close to the front.

After the judge delivered her initial welcome and preliminary remarks, she offered an opportunity for individuals to come forward and discuss the reasons they felt they should be excused from the jury pool. My position near the front of the room meant I got to go first.



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Judge Walther had me state my name for the record and then asked me to make my case. She listened as I explained that as owner, publisher and editor of the Eldorado Success I have researched and written about the FLDS community to which the defendant belongs for nearly five years. When I also mentioned that I had editorialized and published opinion pieces concerning the story, she raised her hand to stop me. The judge then asked if defense or the prosecution objected to me being excused. When neither did, she told me I was excused, making me the first one out the door.

I've told you all this, not to boast about being excused, although I was happy I could get back to work, but to say that the job facing the remaining members of the pool was daunting.

As I write this on Wednesday morning, I am still not sure if a panel of 12 jurors and two alternates will be seated. I hope it will happen, but it is far from certain.

If and when a jury is empaneled, then the real work begins.

Raymond Merrill Jessop, is charged with sexual assault of a child. The victim is alleged to be one of his nine polygamous wives. He is also accused of bigamy under a separate indictment and will be tried on that charge at a later time.

The defense wants there to be no mention of polygamy or plural marriage during the upcoming trial. The lawyers say it would be unfairly prejudicial.

So far, the prosecution, and more importantly, the judge, has disagreed.

Then there is the question of freedom of religion. What does it really mean and how does it apply in this case. Everyone it seems has an opinion on the matter, here is mine.

Yes, we have freedom of religion in this country, which is as it should be. We are free to be Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, Wiccans, Druids or Atheists.

If I chose to, I could become a sun worshiper like the Aztecs and Incas, and be free to carry out all the ceremonies and rituals. Free, that is, until the moment I try to throw a virgin into a volcano.

My religious freedom stops the moment it impacts another person, especially a person who is too young to make an informed choice.

That's my opinion, and that's why I won't be on the jury, and that, too, is as it should be.

CAPITOL SOUTH by William Warren



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DEATH NOTICES

Mary Edna Ory

ELDORADO - Mary Edna Ory, 96, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009. Service is at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at First Baptist Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include nieces and nephews.



FLDS spokesman Willie Jessop (Left) was not allowed to accompany defendant Raymond Merrill Jessop (Right) into the courtroom on Monday. He continued to protest the decision and was finally allowed in on Tuesday after he demanded to know why he wasn't being allowed to enter.

CASA training slated Nov. 9

Another session for Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) training will begin on Monday, November 9. Court Appointed Special Advocates work to ensure that children removed from abusive homes do not suffer further abuse due to the overburdened court system. There is great concern about the availability of CASA volunteers for court caseloads in the Concho Valley and we continue to remain in dire need of volunteers to represent children from this region, specifically in Concho and Crockett counties. We currently have around 100 children in need of a CASA.

If you are interested in becoming a CASA, you must be at least 21 years of age, complete a screening interview and criminal background check, and be willing to make a 12 month commitment. The average CASA dedicates an average of 15-20 volunteer hours per month. The next date for the 30 hour training will occur Monday thru Thursday evenings November 9th through November 16th from 5:00-9:00 pm. If you are unable to attend the group training, an independent, self-paced study is also available. Please call 653-4673 or email dmccooy@cactomgreen.org for an application.

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• CASA volunteers are asked to visit, at least monthly, with the child/children to whom they are assigned.

• The CASA must read the records and files of the court, Child Protective Services, school, hospital, etc.

• The CASA volunteer is taught how to interview, research, and evaluate facts and circumstances of the child's life.

Please call 653-HOPE (4673) for more information.

County Agent's Update
by Cody Bundick

Major stock show entry night slated

If you are going to any major stock shows this year, the entry night will be Tuesday November 3rd then again Thursday November 5th. From 5-7 pm, individuals wanting to enter major stock shows will come by the County Extension office and fill out forms and receive information about each show they are entering.

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Jury selection in first YFZ trial

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FLDS members Carolyn Jessop and Rebecca Musser. Most if not all of the 17 YFZ Ranch residents indicated that they knew the two women who are named on the state's witness list.

Judge Walther then asked 36 jurors to stay and be interviewed by the attorneys and sent the remainder home after instructing them not to speak to any members of the media, read any newspapers or watch TV. They were told to return to the court at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

Juror interviews continued throughout the day on Tuesday as different groups of jurors were called in for questioning. At one point, FLDS spokesman Willie Jessop, who had previously been denied entry to the courtroom, demanded to be shown a document signed by Judge Walther that would bar him from entering. Shortly after that, the DPS officers who were guarding the door, allowed Jessop inside where he remained for over a half hour before emerging to speak to the press.

He said he didn't know if Judge Walther even knew he had been denied access to the courtroom.

In another development, the judge denied the defense motion to prohibit the mention of polygamy during the upcoming trial.

Defense attorney Mark Stevens argued that it would be "highly prejudicial" to allow the subject to be raised. He said the issue wasn't relevant to the single sexual assault charge the state is bringing against Raymond Jessop.

But, Jessop is accused of bigamy in a separate

indictment and Deputy Attorney General Eric Nichols argued that the condition under which the alleged victim was living at the time of the crime (with eight other wives) was relevant to the state's case. He said it is proof of the element of the crime.

Juror interviews continued into the night on Tuesday and began anew on the next morning. They jury selection continued as *THE SUCCESS* went to press just before noon on Wednesday.

Attorneys for both sides have indicated that the trial could last over a week, once jury selection is complete.

Sexual Assault of a Child is a second degree felony with a term of no less than two years and not more than 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. A defendant can also be placed on probation under community supervision.

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Meals for Friends Menu

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TUESDAY November 3rd
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WEDNESDAY November 4th
Turkey Tetrazzini, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Raspberry Pears, Milk.

THURSDAY November 5th
Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Coleslaw, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.

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by Linda Thistle

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by Syllas Politte

The Eldorado Eagles are riding their first win streak since 2007 after defeating the Cougars 46-14 Friday in Christoval.

The Cougars came into the contest winless on the season, but you wouldn't have been able to tell by their opening drive. Christoval's "go-to" back Aris Solwin capped a 75-yard drive with his first score of the night.

With Eldorado trailing 7-0 they went to their own workhorse, Wes Brown. It took Brown and the Eagles' offense only three plays to strike back with a score of their own.

Brown carried the ball all three plays of the series and scored on a 21 yard run. He finished the night with 16 carries for 210 yards and 3 touchdowns.

The game was tied 7-7 after the first quarter, but the Eagles found their stride in the second. With Brown having equipment issues, backup running back Rudy Sanchez ran the ball several times on the Eagles second possession.

Sanchez's hard running and shifty moves paid off with his first of two scores on a 2 yard run. After a successful kick by Ivany Sanchez, the Eagles led 14-7.

Later in the second quarter quarterback Garrett Lux tossed a perfect ball to his tight end Josh Jurecek. Jurecek made the catch and scampered into the end zone for his second receiving touchdown of the year.

The 14 yard touchdown pass gave Eldorado a 20-7 lead at the half.

Eldorado started the third quarter by pounding the Cougars defense with their rushing attack. Thanks to a pair of turnovers by the Cougars the Eagles scored three touchdowns in a span 1:30.

Wes Brown found pay dirt on two 34-yard runs sandwiched with a 34 yard touchdown run by Nathan Jimenez. It was Jimenez's first rushing score of the year.

Late in the third quarter Christoval QB Justin Chipman threw a perfect pass to his receiver.

Rudy Sanchez quickly hit the receiver and everyone "assumed" the play was over. The Cougars had other plans. The receiver pitched the ball to Solewin for a 40-yard hitch-and-

pitch touchdown.

That was the final score for the Cougars. Eldorado tallied one more TD in the fourth quarter on a five-yard run by Rudy Sanchez to give the Eagles a 46-14 victory.

With the win Eldorado keeps their playoff hopes alive.

"We did the things we had to do to win," Head Coach Danny Wilhelm said. "We believe we can make the playoffs."

Among all the excitement many Eagle fans never noticed Junior linebacker Josh Jurecek carted off the field. Jurecek was taken to the hospital for observation where he was diagnosed with a concussion and neck sprain.

Jurecek will miss next week's game for sure and be re-evaluated for the final game. Luckily for the Eagles the return of Ryan Castillo couldn't have come at a better time.

Castillo finished the game with no tackles, but his presence was encouraging to his teammates.

"Having Ryan back gives us another guy teams will have to account for when they play us," Injured linebacker Miles Mikeksa said.

The next team to play Eldorado will be Irion County. The Hornets are coming off their first win of the season against Menard last week.

"We have to take care of business if we want to reach our goal of making the playoffs," explained Wilhelm.

Beating Irion County could possibly set up a showdown for the third and final playoff spot next week against Rocksprings.

This will be the final home game of the year for the Eagles. That means several things to Eldorado fans.

The Eagle senior football players, cheerleaders and band members will all be recognized before the game. At half time, the Mighty Eagle Band will perform their annual light show.

Everyone should try to make it to the stadium this week and cheer on the Eagles. If you can't make it, KLDE will broadcast live with Kerry Joy, Syllas Politte and a mystery announcer at 7:15 pm.

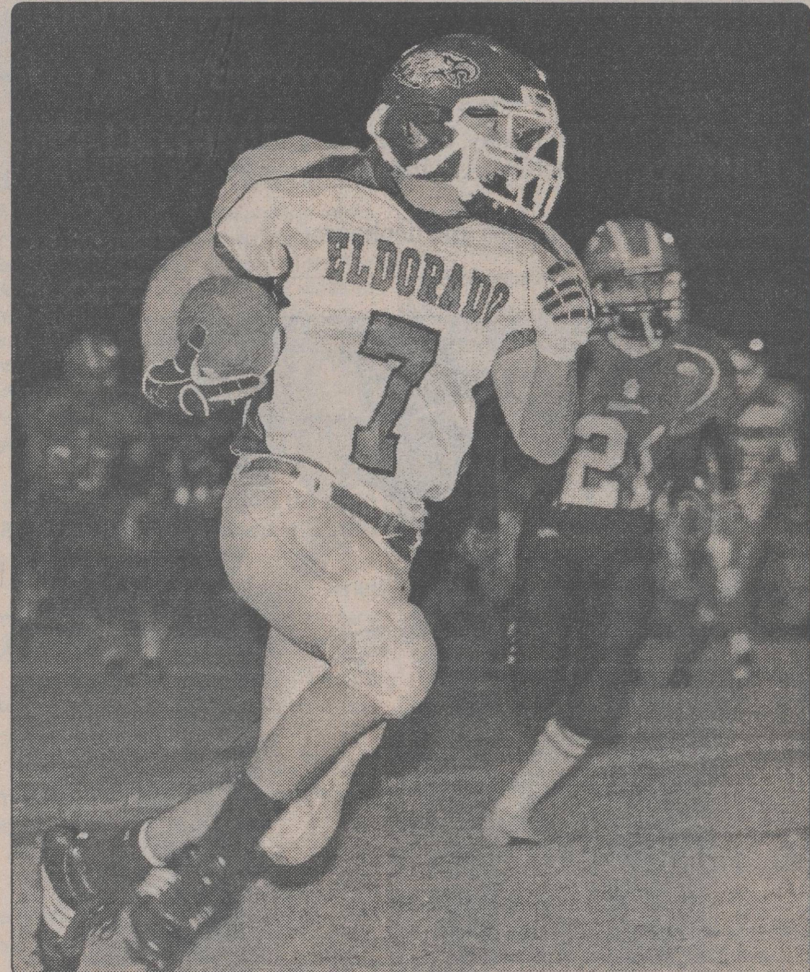


PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN
Wes Brown has over a 1,000 yards rushing this season already. He surpassed the prestigious mark last Friday night in Christoval where he carried the ball 16 times for 210 yards and three touchdowns. The performance only served to validate his selection as the Built Ford Tough Player of the Week following the Eagles last game against Menard.

Mighty Eagle Band makes finals at Area contest in Groesbeck

by Syllas Politte

The Mighty Eagle band traveled to Groesbeck, last Saturday to compete in the Area D U.I.L. Marching Competition. The Eagles were one of twenty bands competing Saturday Afternoon.

Eldorado was the 6th band to perform during the preliminary competition. Fourteen other bands would compete after them for a spot in the final ten.

Area D was composed of bands from four regions. Eldorado competed in Region 7 and sent the most bands to compete.

Region 7 bands competing were Santa Anna, Menard, Mason, Tolar, Junction, Santo, Winters and Eldorado.

Region 8 bands consisted of Itasca, Riesel, Italy, Holland, Axtell, Bartlett and Iola.

Region 26 and 18 would make up the other 5 bands competing. Thrall, Thorndale and Somerville represented Region 26 while Shiner and Flatonia were

from Region 18.

After all the bands had competed for the day, the judges would tally the scores to see who would compete for a birth in the State Marching Contest. Five judges score the bands during competition. Three judge music and two judge marching.

The stadium announcer would begin naming the bands to perform. It would not take the Mighty Eagle Band long to hear their name called.

Eldorado would be the first band to perform during the evening finals. Nine bands followed the MEB vying for one of the coveted 4 spots to the State Marching Contest.

At the end of the night, four names would be called to compete at the Alamodome in San Antonio for a chance to be the 1A High State Marching Band Champions. The stadium announcer would again begin to read a list of names.

Thorndale... Tolar... Somerville... and... Itasca. The Mighty Eagle band would not be advancing to the next level.

The students, directors and parents who all traveled the 5 hour trip were disappointed, but Eldorado was represented by one of the best in the state.

Lets put this in perspective. The Pride of the Divide boasted a 26 straight division 1 rating at U.I.L. marching contest, a Top 10 finish at the Area D marching contest and several young musicians ready to come back next year for #27.

Congratulations to all the Mighty Eagle Band members, Mr. Barker and Mr. Johnson and all the parents and fans. It was an honor to sit in the stand as the Mighty Eagle Band took the field.

Make sure you congratulate all of the people who made this a special marching year. Be sure to make to the game this week as the MEB will be performing their annual light show.

I am sure it will be a bright halftime show this week, but nothing compared to the glow of this reporters face when he heard that the MEB was one of the best in the state.

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The compositions were unveiled with the opening of the gallery on, October 20, 2009, the National Day on Writing.

Gallery curators, Shelly Self at Eldorado Elementary School, Jennifer Lilly at Eldorado High School and Katrina Gonzales at Eldorado Middle School invite and encourage submissions to the Top of the Divide Gallery of Writing which will include writing from Schleicher County. Students from Eldorado Elementary, Middle, and High Schools will submit writing as well as residents of the county.

As a Local Partner Gallery in the National Gallery of Writing, Top of the Divide Gallery of Writing will join NCTE (<http://www.ncte.org>) in celebrating composition in all its forms and demonstrating how integral writing has become to daily life in the 21st century.

All sorts of writers—students, teachers, parents, grandparents, service and industrial workers, managers, business owners, legislators, retirees, and many more—and all forms of composition from kindergarten picture messages to YouTube videos to short stories, emails, journal entries and more will be featured in the National Gallery of Writing (<http://www.galleryofwriting.org>).

Locally, we invite writers from all walks of life and all ages to submit your writing to our Top of the Divide Gallery of Writing. Go to <http://galleryofwriting.org/galleries/84515> and follow the directions for submission. If you need assistance, please contact Shelly Self at Eldorado Elementary, Katrina Gonzales at Eldorado Middle School, or Jennifer Lilly at Eldorado High School.



Eldorado students took part in National Writing Day on October 20th by writing on the sidewalks around the school courtyard. Here 6th graders are shown doing their part.

Eldorado Middle School Honor Roll 1st Six Weeks

HONOR ROLL

5th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Clayton Arendt, Franklin Buchholz, Mathias Buitron, Sydney Covarrubias, Jess Gonzales, Davis Hutto, Joe David Marquez, Luis Miguel Martinez, Michael Mungia, Will Mynatt, Emily Nixon, Noah Sorrells, Zelenia Vasquez.

"A-B" Honor Roll: Alexandra Alvarez, Branda Gail Arispe, Marisa Arispe, Alyia Barker, Victor Castro, Paige Corrales, Kade Creek, Bernardo Cruz, Canyon Faull, Starlynn Foley, Jonathan Fortenberry, Miriam Garcia, Katya Gonzalez, Elizabeth Griffin, Trace Hariman, Gisselle Hernandez, Andrealynn Martin, Hudson Martin, Ana Martinez, Chase Mertz, Branda Minor, Raymond Parsons, Jesse Ramon, Marcos Ramon, Jay Ruiz, Arantza Sanchez, Jordan Stanford, David Stutes, Leroy Torres, Riley Umphress

6th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Jaime Chancellor, Danielle Clark, Garret Emmons, Grant Emmons, Cade Ledbetter, Kaitlyn Lindsey, Tara Martinez, Abigail Narvaez, Jose Luis Olivares, Sasha Sanchez.

"A-B" Honor Roll: Lucy Adwell, aitin Dumas, Deonn Fuentes, Junior Gonzalez, T. J. Hudson, Christian Martinez, Johnathan Martinez, Julie Martinez, Heather Moreno, Luisa Muñoz, Justin Ochoa, Veronica Ortiz, Luis Ortiz, Strait Pridemore, Michael Rios, Tito Rios, Rafael Ruezga, Aaron Santellano, Rylea Self, Jaxon Sheppard, Yesenia Sias, Jake Swindall, Marinda Villanueva, Maritza Villanueva, Justin Whitten.

7th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Brittney McCulloch, Arden Mertz, Ivie Kate Mynatt, Esmeralda Ruezga, Tres Whitten.

"A-B" Honor Roll: Dalton Buchholz, Jaqueline Castro, Breana Crofoot, Taylor Curtis, Estephania Estrada, Jessica Gandar, Alexis Garcia, Julian Garcia, Jessica Gonzalez, Tori Guerrero, Carlos Guzman, Martin Iglesias, Evelyn Martinez, McKenzie McAngus, Dominique Ochoa, Whitney Perez, Stormi Rinehart, Garett Swinford

8th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Madison Albin, Michael Bilbrey, Reed Hariman, Jordan McCulloch, Lupe Pasillas.

"A-B" Honor Roll: Jose Aranda, Mark Brower, Eva De Hoyos, Bailey Espinosa, Elizabeth Estrada, Justin Estrada, Sergio Garcia, Emilio Garza, Roger Gehrels, Obdulia Huerta, Abriana Islas, Bobby Martinez, Macy Mikeska, Jackson O'Harrow, Elizabeth Olivares, Yssenia Ramirez, Mikayla Ramon, Adriana Rios, Amber Shipman

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NOVEMBER

1st Dawn Fay, Sam A. Whitten, Paul Harvey Martinez, Amy Newton, Lanis Mikeska, Danielle Wagner, Janis Wilkerson, Evan Joiner, Daisy Mikeska, Lalo Sanchez, Samantha Powell, Oscar Robles Jr., Rachel Fernandez

2nd T.J. Rodriguez, Marian Bland Overstreet, Joe Robert Barajas, Marina Castillo, Lupe Herrera, Tonya Robinson, Aaron Parsley, Victoria Garza, Jessie Rubio

3rd Alison Sproul, Cameron Cammack, Danielle Guadarrama, Rosa Herrera, Sloan Lovette, Rachel Garcia, Bill Green

4th Julie Holley, Brittany Jennings, Red Griffin, Claude Spencer, Ridge Ann Sudduth, Jeff Chancellor, Sonia Mills, Walter Powell, Jr. Martina Almazan, Ricky Jalomo, Andrew Conteras, Stormi Chacon

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EMS Eagles Fall to Christoval

The Eldorado Middle School Eagles came up short this past Thursday, October 22, 2009 when they hosted the visiting Christoval Cougars.

The contest would begin with Eldorado taking the opening series and scoring early on a 60 yard touchdown pass. Bailey Espinosa would connect with Michael Bilbrey on a nice pass play that resulted in six points. Eldorado's two point conversion attempt would prove unsuccessful.

Both teams would exchange series and right before the half ended Christoval would score on a sweep play around the right side and also use the same

play for the two point conversion. Christoval would lead 8 to 6 at the intermission.

The third would see Eldorado march down the field chewing up most of the third quarter. Eldorado would have a first and goal situation from Christoval's 10 yard line but the Cougars defense rose to the occasion and limited the Eagles just two yards. The Eagles subsequently turned the ball over on downs to Christoval.

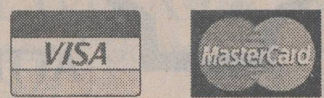
Christoval would give Eldorado hope with 2:30 remaining in the contest on a fumble. Eldorado however would be stopped short on a 4th down attempt and Christoval would kneel away the remaining minute on the clock.

The overall record for the EMS Eagles falls to 3-2-1 on the season. Today the EMS squad will travel to Merton to take on the Hornets with a scheduled kickoff at 5:30pm. Good Luck EMS Eagles!!

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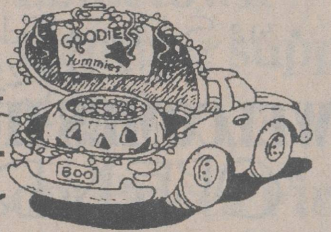
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Three women from the YZF Ranch (at right) were in a group of prospective jurors who were waiting Tuesday to be allowed back into the courtroom where they would take part in the jury selection phase of the Raymond Merrill Jessop's trial.

Capital Highlights . . .

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End of toll fine program in sight

Motorists who have not paid delinquent tolls may still take advantage of the Texas Department of Transportation's offer to reduce violation fees.

They have until Nov. 30 to pay up. In return for payment of all outstanding tolls, TxDOT says it will waive 90 percent of the administrative and collection fees accrued. To receive the fee reduction, customers must also open a TxTag account and keep it in good standing.

Changes to reduce wait times

The DPS is doing something to reduce wait times for residents applying for licenses or

for renewing them.

As of Oct. 29-30, those motorists who want to reinstate suspended or revoked driver's licenses or obtain copies of their driving record, instead of showing up at the DPS office will instead submit their required documentation online or by mail.

Giant school aid fund recovers

The Permanent School Fund overseen by the State Board of Education apparently is mirroring the recovery generally seen in the financial markets.

The fund was down to about \$16 billion last spring, but it is now around \$22 billion, the Texas Education Agency announced Oct. 23.

The fund, established in 1854, helps pay for textbooks and other educational expenses.

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

October 20 - Luna, Miguel, male age 18, offense-warrant. Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.

October 21 - Hernandez, Javier, male age 17, offense-warrant, burglary of a vehicle. Released on bond.

October 23 - Lira, Daniel, male age 44, offense Driving While License Suspended. Released on bond.

October 27 - Torres, Luis Manuel, male age 33, offense Driving While Intoxicated. Release on bond.

INCIDENTS

October 21 -11:54 am Caller reported 3 black cows near Hwy. 190 West near County Road 119.

-7:21 pm Security alarm activated at store. Dispatcher notified key holder.

October 22 -2:30 am Caller reported a disturbance involving herself and estrange husband and girl friend at a bar in San Angelo. Caller has been receiving harassing phone calls from the girl friend and feels threatened. Dispatcher advised complainant to file charges in San Angelo since the altercation happened there and advised complainant to go home, lock the doors and call 911 if there was trouble. Dispatcher also advised the caller to come in to the Sheriff Office later in the morning and discuss the matter with an officer on duty.

-12:55 pm Caller on Warner requested an officer about a burglary. Officer responded to call. Party was not sure if tailgate on a trailer was taken or stolen.

-1:53 pm Caller reported a goat out on Hwy. 277 north.

-2:30 pm Deputy reported cow near highway and attempted to contact owner. Added livestock to database.

-2:41 pm Caller reported one goat on side of road past cotton fields near tank batteries. Matter handled, related to previous call.

-4:05 pm Complainant reported an unauthorized crop duster spraying their field. Officer referred him to FAA.

October 23 - 12:17 am Caller reported a loud truck parked in front of their home. Requested an officer.

-1:42 am Caller reported a prowler near their residence and requested an

officer. Officer responded and was unable to locate anyone.

-8:13 am Officer stopped subject for driving while license suspended.

-11:00 am Subject requested an ambulance for child unconscious. EMS responded and took subject to SCMC. Officers responded also.

-4:07pm Subject reported goats in the road on Wheat Street.

-6:22 pm Caller requested to speak with officer in reference to a civil matter with their son-in-law.

-8:42 am 911 hang up. Dispatcher dialed and caller said it was an accidental call. No duress or disturbances were heard.

October 24 - 9:33 pm Caller reported a suspicious person. Officer responded and found subject to be OK.

-1:36 pm Riding mower left in middle of street. Owner stated unit ran out of gas and will be taken away.

-2:05 pm 911 Call. Child would not respond or give phone to adult in background. No distress in voices.

-2:21pm 911 Call same child.

-2:27pm 911 Call same address and child voice. Not in distress.

-2:45 pm 911 call. Same address and child.

-4:20 pm Complainant requested animal control for a loose dog that is known in the neighbor hood to be aggressive.

-4:34 pm Complainant reported loose vicious dog. Officer and animal control responded.

-8:55 pm Complainant requested an officer to check on a suspicious vehicle parked in front of their home running with lights off. Officer responded.

-11:43 pm Complainant requested an officer in reference to a bike that was found on their property. Officer responded. Bike was a mountain bike.

October 25 - 1:13 pm Caller reported damage to a grave marker. Dispatcher directed complainant to cemetery worker.

-13:58 pm Caller requested officer. Deer caught in fence. Officer unable to locate.

-11:53 pm Caller requested an ambulance for their husband who had a severe headache earlier. Officer and EMS responded and took subject to ER at SCMC.

October 26 -8:11 am Contractor reported saw, gas operated generator and two 4 inch threader and air compressor stolen.


-12:00 pm Disturbance reported at City Hall.

-7:24 pm Caller requested an ambulance for a man having trouble breathing. Ambulance and officers where dispatched to location.

October 27 - 10:34 am Caller requested an ambulance for man who had fallen.

-4:08 pm Caller reported a airplane flying extremely low to the ground. Investigation revealed the it to be a crop duster.

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 1. Fifth Avenue retailer
 5. Get bent out of shape
 9. Co-conspirator of Brutus
 14. Pavlova of ballet
 15. Get well
 16. Popular theater name
 17. Personalized-letter-generation function in word processors
 19. Working mom's helper
 20. Short-tempered
 21. "ER" and "CSI," for two
 23. Suddenly bright stars
 24. Control on a church instrument
 27. Happy hour order
 28. Like dessert wines
 29. ___ Lilly of pharmaceuticals
 30. Legendary name in baseball announcing
 33. Stock or bond
 35. Raised area of the skin, caused by cold or fear
 38. Wanders about
 41. Face decoration for a brave
 45. Docs' org.
 46. "I ___ return!"
 48. "This instant!"
 49. Like a junk bond
 52. Spain's ___ del Sol

54. Make from scratch
 55. Make a surprise visit
 56. Face on a fifty
 57. Get two government paychecks, say
 61. Explorer ___ deLeon
 62. Super model Benitez
 63. Domino shape: Abbr.
 64. Feeds the kitty
 65. Cub scout groups

66. ___ 51 (rumored UFO site)
DOWN
 1. Walton who founded Wal-Mart
 2. 1921 Literature Nobelist ___ France
 3. Daredevil Evel
 4. Zesty dip
 5. Part of Miss Muffet's meal
 6. ___ Lingus
 7. Scott Joplin tune
 8. Fraternity brother-to-be
 9. TV host O'Brien
 10. Name of two presidents
 11. Legislative bodies
 12. Give solace to
 13. "___ takers?"
 18. Everest and Rainier: Abbr.
 22. Lab maze runner
 23. Where many vets served
 24. Is in the hole
 25. Subscriber's option
 26. Indy 500 locale
 28. ___ Blo fuse
 31. Carnival worker's guess
 32. ___ Cabos, Mexico
 33. Fuse unit
 34. Mud bath spot
 36. Like badly worn tires
 37. WWW address
 38. Cheerleader's shout
 39. Letter after Xi
 40. Tramp
 42. Illegal trader
 43. On the nasty side
 44. Former rival of Pan Am
 46. Mind junior
 47. Paid attention to
 50. "Therefore ..."
 51. Director David of Harry Potter movies
 52. Potter's TV rank: Abbr.
 53. La Scala offering
 55. Cops' unions
 56. Transcript fig.
 58. Grand ___ Opry
 59. SEAL's mil. branch
 60. School org.

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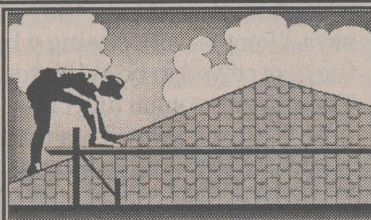
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Eldorado Spotlight

The annual 4-H Food Show was held Tuesday night at the First Baptist Fellowship Hall. These six 2nd graders all entered their favorite recipes. The are (L-R) Kathryn Shipman, Samantha Lozano, Andrea Meador, Codee Meador, Emmie Mynatt and Kami Lux.
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Wes Brown displays the "Built Ford Tough Player of the Week" trophy he received last week in recognition of his outstanding play during Week 6 of the football season. The trophy was presented at last Friday's pep rally before the Christoval Game. The school also received a trophy commemorating the honor.

Symposium and art exhibit to focus on battles of the Red River Indian War

CANYON, Texas — "The Red River War: A Clash of Cultures on the Southern Plains" sets the stage for Phase III of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Red River War Battle Sites Project with a day-long symposium at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum (PPHM) on Nov. 7, featuring leading scholars, tribal members, authors, archeologists and museum experts. A unique collaboration between historians and archeologists from 1998 through 2003 led to exciting new discoveries about well-documented events of the Red River War and helped to redefine the history of the American West during Phase I of the THC project.

The Red River War of 1874 pitted Southern Plains tribes against the U. S. Army in a series of battles in the Panhandle-Plains region. The conflicts resulted in the defeat of Native Americans and removal from their homelands. The project identified and documented many of the historic sites of the conflict that were previously lost or forgotten. Artifacts discovered along with research of the military records of the National Archives during Phases I and II of the project, contributed to a new and greater understanding of events surrounding the war. Now, Phase III carries the research a leap forward, providing the public with a wider range of perspectives about the impact of this military campaign on the history of the Southern Plains.

Panelists — including William Voelker, who serves on the Comanche Nation's Historic Preservation Committee, Dr. Daniel Gelo, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Texas at San Antonio, who has a special interest in the culture of the Indians of the Southern Plains, and internationally recognized author and historian T.R. Fehrenbach — join THC archeologists, museum staff and academic experts for an important and lively discussion to enhance public awareness of the project and its findings.

Panelist and author Brett Cruse of the THC's Historic

Sites Division recalls some of the highlights and emerging real stories from nearly a decade of excavating and analyzing area battle sites.

"It was fascinating because it really brought to light that these weren't just two opposing groups in military battles — the personal artifacts brought a human element to it," he says. "People were fleeing what they perceived to be evil forces. These were women and children running away from their homes, not just Indian warriors fighting U.S. Army troops, but fathers protecting children and elders. It made us look at the battle and the entire war differently."

The symposium coincides with the PPHM's major art exhibit, "A Running Fight: The Red River War in Art," which assembles depictions of events leading up to the Red River War by such renowned artists as Frederic Remington, Nick Eggenhofer and W. Herbert Dunton.

"The exhibit and symposium document the Red River War and tell stories about U.S. soldiers and Indian warriors across the Texas Panhandle during 1874 and 1875," said Dr. Jeff Indeck who is Chief Curator

and Curator of Archeology at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. "The Red River War ended a way of life for Indians as nomadic, bison-hunters on horseback. The symposium and art exhibit look back on the events of the Red River War with the perspective of various cultures and 135 years of time."

The symposium begins at 8:30 a.m. and is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. The art exhibit runs through Feb. 14, 2010. Continuation of Phase III of the Red River War Battle Sites Project includes launching a first-of-its-kind virtual travel guide through the Texas Plains Trail regional network of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program. Expected in the fall of 2010, the guide will encourage visitors to explore the region and area museums that tell the story of the Red River War. Plans also include developing online educational resources for researchers and classroom teachers as well as interpretive displays for area museums.

This program is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Wednesday November 4th
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Thursday November 5th
Cereal Bar, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk

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Wednesday November 4th
Spaghetti Sauce/Garlic Bread, Green Salad/Dressing, Sweet Carrots, Pear Halves

Thursday November 5th
Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Carrot Stix/Dip, Pineapple Slices

Friday November 6th
Bar B Q on a Bun, Baked Chips, Slice Pickle, Orange Halves

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Wednesday November 4th
Turkey/ Cheese Sandwich, Chips Carrot Stix/Dip, Pears Halves

Thursday November 5th
Chef Salad/Dressing, Diced Ham/Cheese Cup, Crackers(8), Pineapple Slices

Friday November 6th
Bar B Q on a Bun, Baked Chips, Pickle Slices, Orange Halves

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