

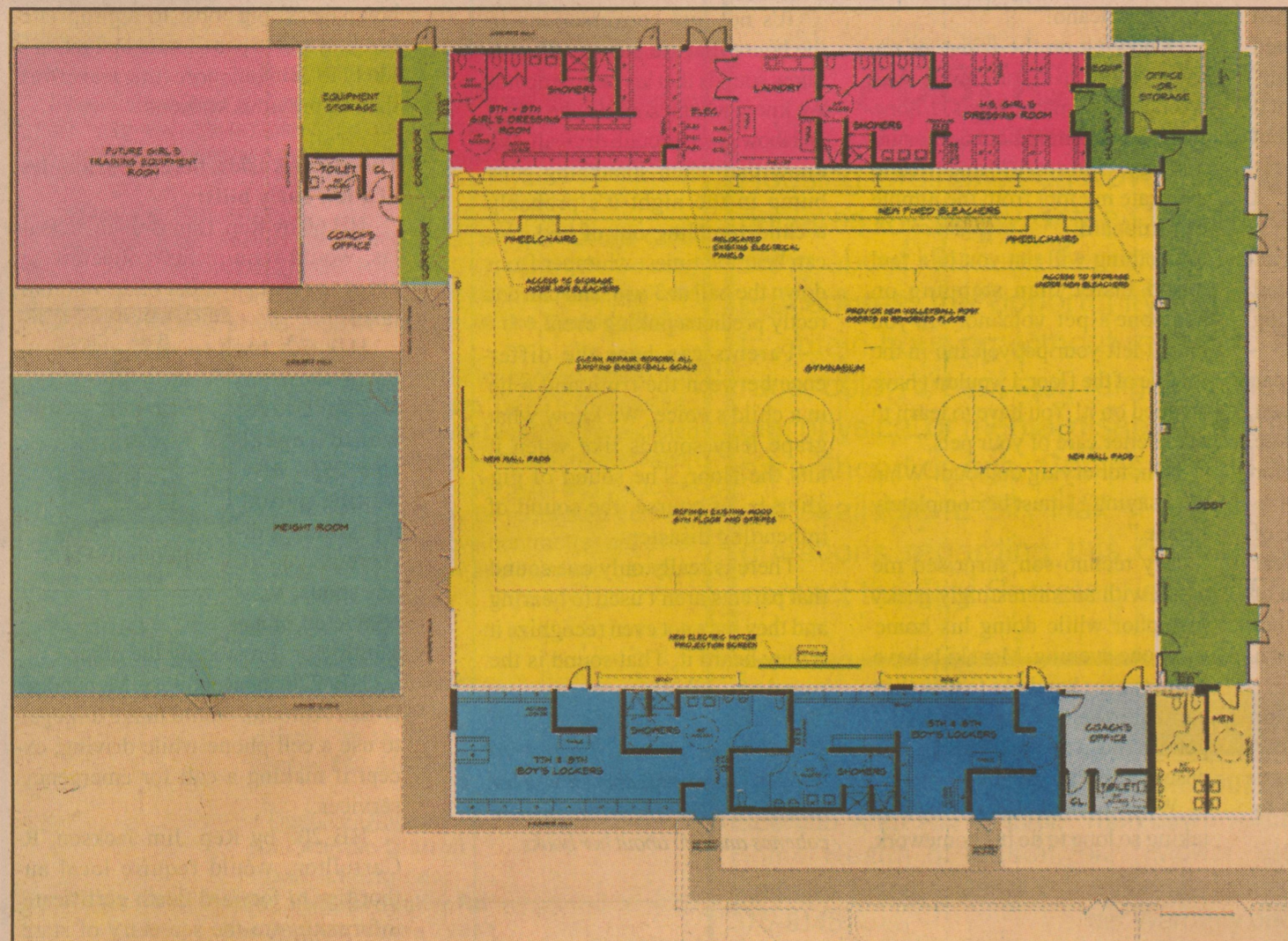
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Middle School Gym Renovation Project

## School board approves plan to renovate M.S. gym

### Trustees want to attract wind farm to county

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees finally got to see the final drawings for the Middle School gym remodeling project. Larry Harvey, representing ChapmanHarvey Architects, Inc. presented the final drawings Monday night during the board's monthly meeting. The board approved the plans and voted to proceed to the engineering stage and choose a bidding method.

The plan includes major upgrades of the dressing rooms and restroom facilities in the gym.

In other business, the board congratulated EHS band director Jerry Barker for the Mighty Eagle Band's successful marching season and the band's 25th consecutive Division I rating.

Board president Kurtis Homer asked Mr. Barker if the board needed to consider purchasing any band equipment. Mr. Barker told the board the band could use some new marching drums and horns.

The board then recognized the EHS FFA Leadership Team. Agriculture teacher Bryan McCollum advised the trustees that three Ag students Charli Swinford, Anna Sanchez and Kairos McCollum participated in the District FFA's Leadership contest held November 10 in Wall. The Eldorado team scored the highest in the Ag Skills Division. The team, which includes alternate Ashby Ragsdale, will advanced to the area contest in Big Springs.

Superintendent Billy Collins then reported on the 2007-2008 Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for Schleicher County. All campus' met the AYP audit, Collins said.

Accountant Don McKee of San Angelo then met with the trustees and presented the school's annual audit for the 2007-2008 budget year. McKee was pleased with the district's financial records and noted no deficiencies during his report.

Dan Casey representing Moak Casey and Associates was present on behalf of Langford Wind Power, LLC to present copies of an application he has submitted to the Texas Comptroller's office.

The company is seeking a deal by which a school tax abatement could be arranged for a wind farm on the Schleicher/Irion/Tom Green County lines.

Mr. Casey told the board the application for appraised value limitation on qualified property under the state's tax code will be approved by the Texas Comptroller when the district officially votes to establish a reinvestment zone within the district.

The board voted to proceed with a resolution and hold a public hearing on establishing a reinvestment zone.

Only 10 percent of the proposed wind farm is planned for development in Schleicher County. That turns out to be a total of eleven 1.5 megawatt wind turbines in the county with a cost of \$33 million.

The company estimates that only one new job will be created when the entire project is completed in the three counties.

State law allows the school district to limit the appraised value of the project to \$10 million for 8 years with revenue being paid directly to the school district through the reinvestment zone. That's outside of the district's tax collections and shields the money from recapture under the state's Robin Hood plan.

Mr. Casey told the trustees the project could be delayed due to a shortage of wind turbines.

Moving on to other business, the board approved several TASB legal updates. During this agenda item, trustee Leanne Higgins asked several questions about the physical activity requirement and health, curriculum on parenting classes.

The trustees the approved the financial reports. There were no budget amendments.

Finance director Ray Ballew told the board 60% of school's portion of the 2008 property taxes had been collected in October.

The board next voted to move the December board meeting to December 15 and then went into Executive Session to discuss personnel. No action was taken on the matter when the trustees returned to open session.

Trustees present for Monday night's meeting included Leanne Higgins, Berta Nicholson, Kurtis Homer, Lupe Sanchez, Kirk Jones and Robert Jay. Trustee Jan Wanoreck was absent.

## Grand Jury hands down nine more indictments

Schleicher County grand jurors met Wednesday, November 12, 2008 and handed down nine indictments against four defendants associated with the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado, according to a statement issued that afternoon by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

"One of the three defendants was indicted for conducting an unlawful marriage ceremony involving a minor, which is a third-degree felony," Abbott stated. "A second defendant was indicted on three counts of third-degree bigamy. The third defendant was indicted on four charges: first-degree felony bigamy, second-degree felony bigamy, third-degree felony bigamy, and tampering with physical evidence, a third-degree felony."

"The fourth defendant, Warren Jeffs, was indicted on a first-degree felony count of aggravated sexual assault," Abbott continued. "Today's sexual assault charge is in addition to Jeffs' July 2008 indictment for sexually assaulting a child."

"To date, 12 people associated with the polygamist compound in Eldorado have been indicted as part of the ongoing

and continuing criminal investigation," the Attorney General said.

"I want to thank the Texas Rangers, who are the leading this investigation, and the criminal investigators with the Office of the Attorney General, for their outstanding work on this case," Abbott added. "For months, dedicated men and women from our Cyber Crimes, Fugitive and Special Investigations Units have literally been living in San Angelo, commuting home to their families on weekends. I also want to thank Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran for his assistance with this matter."

"Today's charges reflect a cooperative effort between the Texas Attorney General's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Rangers, 51st Judicial District Attorney Steve Lupton, and the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, Richard B. Rope. Because law enforcement authorities are still reviewing the arrest warrants issued today, further information about the indictments cannot be released at this time," Abbott concluded.

## Eldorado Ministerial Alliance to host annual community-wide Thanksgiving service

by Kathleen Inman

Sunday November 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Eldorado will be having its annual community Thanksgiving service. The Ministerial Alliance has served Schleicher County for well over 20 years. Rev. Steve Rowe of First United Methodist Church of Eldorado is the alliance's president this year. He organized this year's service with the help of several other pastors in the community, including Rev. Andy Anderson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Eldorado, who has been involved with the alliance for the past 12 years.

The Ministerial Alliance holds regular events, not only to raise funds for the needy, but to minister to the community as well. As for fundraisers, the alliance reaches out to the community during the Thanksgiving Service and the annual Ice Cream Fellowship each summer.

The alliance also sponsors the yearly Easter Sunrise Service. This year a new event was added, a community-wide Trunk or Treat Festival held during Halloween.

Additional ministries carry on throughout the year, but especially during the holidays as the alliance strives to provide food and shelter for the needy.

There are guidelines that help to



Christopher Inman

make sure all families in need have access to help. However, being a small community in a large county places limitations on what can be done.

The ministry offers various assistance to the needy, including help with utility bills, providing a little food when needed, or lodging and gasoline for stranded travelers.

This year's Thanksgiving Service will feature guest evangelist Christopher Inman from Haltom City. He is the middle son of Community Baptist

Church pastor Don and his wife Kathy. The Inmans moved to Eldorado in March of this year.

Christopher will also be bringing the Sunday morning message at Community Baptist Church 11 a.m.

Christopher is married to Rustie and they have four children: Charity 5, Bethany & Noah (twins) 4, and Joshua Lane 2. He is currently an associate producer for Tammy Lane Productions. He also studied for a year and a half at Criswell College in Dallas.

Christopher has taken two trips overseas in which he traveled to Africa and India in the summer of 2007 and 2008. While overseas in 2007, the trip lasted a month while they filmed a Mission Reality film that is currently in negotiation as to release dates. The trip during the summer of 2008 was shorter as they revisited some of the same leper colonies, orphanages and churches.

Christopher is a veteran of the US Marine Corps, having served in Operation Iraqi Freedom 2004-2005. His testimony can be seen on the Internet at tammylane productions.com.

Christopher has experience working with youth as well as drama teams, children's group homes, but evangelism

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Lady Eagles player Aubrey Martinez drives to the bucket during the Lady Eagles game with Rankin last Tuesday. The Eldorado girls defeated the Lady Devils by a score of 53-46.

# Detroit Comes Begging

One of Barack Obama's acts of courage as a presidential candidate, his campaign maintained, was to give a speech in Detroit excoriating the auto industry for its carbon-emitting sins. Obama noted how the industry had long played "typical Washington politics" by hiring an "army of lobbyists" to get its way.

Well, Obama hadn't been president-elect for more than 72 hours before he suggested that auto-industry executives descending on Washington to plead for a bailout might get it. Can we save corporate dinosaurs that have been mismanaged for decades? Yes, we can!

The auto companies argue that they have been caught up in the credit crunch, and therefore deserve a piece of the financial bailout. General Motors' sales dropped 45 percent in October. Ford and GM lost nearly \$15 billion in cash between July and September, and GM says it might not have enough cash to operate by early next year.

But this crisis is only the punctuation mark on decades of decline. Once a market-dominating behemoth, GM had 50 percent of the U.S. market in the 1960s. It is down to almost 20 percent now. U.S. consumers have long been voting against U.S. automakers. Now, they'll be asked to put their tax dollars at risk to preserve the very companies from which they don't want cars.

The bailout would be of the United Auto Workers as much as of the automakers. It's the UAW that saddled the Big Three with unsustainable labor costs and obligations to retirees. Detroit has desperately been trying to get out from under this burden, but Ford still lost \$1,467 per vehicle in 2007, while GM lost \$729 and Chrysler lost \$412. Where the UAW doesn't reign, the industry thrives. Toyota and others profitably manufacture almost 4 million cars in nonunionized states in the South.

The case for the bailout is that the job losses from a GM going down -- 100,000 directly, and many more indirectly -- would be too painful to bear, and the government would be left holding the bag on GM's pensions. This line of reasoning conceives of GM essentially as a job programs and welfare agency.

A bailout of the automakers would signal a new era of government protection from competitive failures. Every other troubled business would show up in Washington.

The Paulson financial rescue obviously created a dangerous predicament. But the financial system is uniquely fragile. Banks that are otherwise sound, and have been run profitably for decades, can go under in a panic. Wells Fargo, which took an equity injection under duress, shouldn't be confused with GM.

Washington Post business writer Steven Pearlstein suggests a compromise: Only commit government funds if the auto companies taking them go bankrupt. A bankruptcy court can reduce the obligations to retirees, make it possible for Chrysler and GM to pare back their unnecessary dealerships, and scale back wages and benefits. Top management should be fired. All of this can be set in a "prepackaged" bankruptcy that won't disrupt operations.

But that probably makes too much sense. We're a long way from the 1950s, when G.M. President Charles Wilson said, "What is good for General Motors is good for the country." In a bailout nation, it's the opposite.

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# Listen and you will hear...

## Laura on Life



by Laura Snyder

The things you hear in a house full of children are sometimes quite bizarre. Many times the sound bites are things you might hear on a cartoon that has some irreverent character spewing nonsense at their wide-eyed audience. Sometimes the sounds in my house are based simply on the times.

My 12-year old, who is a big fan of technology, was tired when he woke up this morning. I greeted him cheerfully, because nothing catastrophic had happened this morning to put me in a foul mood...yet.

"Good morning, sweetie!" I chirped.

He rubbed his eyes as they adjusted to the hall light and replied with a grunt, "My brain is having trouble booting up."

Always ready for witty repartee, even before the sun had risen, I answered in his techno-language, "Well then, we might have to reformat your bedtime."

As I moved to the other side of the room to nudge my seven-year old, I stepped on a random pile of cardboard lying amongst the other little boy paraphernalia strewn across the floor.

This child, who is almost impossible to rouse in the morning, heard the sound of crunched cardboard and immediately sat up to assess the damage.

Looking at me with accusing eyes, he stated, "You just squashed my pet volcano!"

Knowing on the fringe of my mind that this statement was wrong on so many levels, I nonetheless, stammered out an unsure apology, "I'm sorry?" and tried to extricate my foot from the jumble of cardboard.

Nothing will put you in a foul mood faster than stepping on someone's pet volcano. "If you hadn't left your pet volcano in the middle of the floor, I wouldn't have stepped on it! You have to learn to take better care of your pets."

"Oh, for crying out loud! What am I saying? I must be completely insane."

My techno-son surprised me again with an interestingly geeky metaphor while doing his homework one evening. Most kids have some excuse handy as to why they can't do their homework, but I gotta hand it to this boy. His excuses are pretty creative.

When I asked him why he was taking so long to do his homework,

he said with a straight face, "This is the time of night when my mind switches from DSL high-speed to dial-up."

Again, trying to communicate with him in his native language, I said, "Well, if you don't download an essay onto that paper PDQ, I'm going to disconnect you from your PSP for a week!"

It's not just conversations in the house that are bizarre. Parents know sounds that lay people do not. We know what it sounds like when an elbow goes through drywall. We know that when something goes bump in the night it's probably a child tumbling out of bed. We can hear the tiniest whimper from down the hall at 3 a.m. and can correctly predict a puking event.

Parents can hear the difference between the truth and a lie in a child's voice. We know what grape jelly sounds like when it hits the floor. The sound of giggling is, of course, the sound of impending disaster.

There is really only one sound that parents aren't used to hearing and they may not even recognize it if they heard it. That sound is the sound of... silence.

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# Rush to file bills for upcoming session begins

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Lawmakers filed more than 500 bills Nov. 10-14 in advance of the 81st session of the Texas Legislature, which convenes Jan. 13.

With dynamic national and world economic conditions on the table, lawmakers' big jobs, to appropriate funding and to pass a state budget, are likely to demand more time and effort than in previous sessions.

## Those issues aside, here are examples of a few early bills:

HB 60 by Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, would require tax collectors to accept partial payment of ad valorem taxes.

HB 72 by Ryan Guillen, D-San Diego, would repeal the 60-day waiting period for issuing a divorce decree, if one spouse was convicted of assaulting or threatening the other.

HB 220 by Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, would make it illegal to use a cell phone while driving, except if making a call for emergency services.

HB 208 by Rep. Jim Jackson, R-Carrollton, would require local authorities to forward death certificate information to the secretary of state so the names of the deceased may be purged from lists of eligible voters. The bill also adds language to existing law to deny voting privileges to people who cannot prove citizenship. Another bill, HB 47 by Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston, would tighten voters' eligibility by requiring documented proof of home address to be presented at polls.

SB 29 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, would redefine bullying to include "expression through electronic means." Another bill, HB 18 by Rep. David Leibowitz, D-San Antonio, would create an anti-bullying hotline for school children to use.

SB 84 and SB 85, both by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, would require the Texas Education Agency and the Department of State Health Services to create a suicide prevention program for high schools. The program would include training for high school counselors, teachers, nurses, administrators, and other staff, and for law enforcement officers and social workers who regularly interact with high school students.

SB 259 by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, would curb the operation of a concrete crushing plant within 440 yards of a public park, playing field or business where people work outdoors.

SB 297 by Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, would give in-state tuition rates at public colleges and universities for certain veterans, their spouses and children.

## Grand jury indicts YFZ suspects

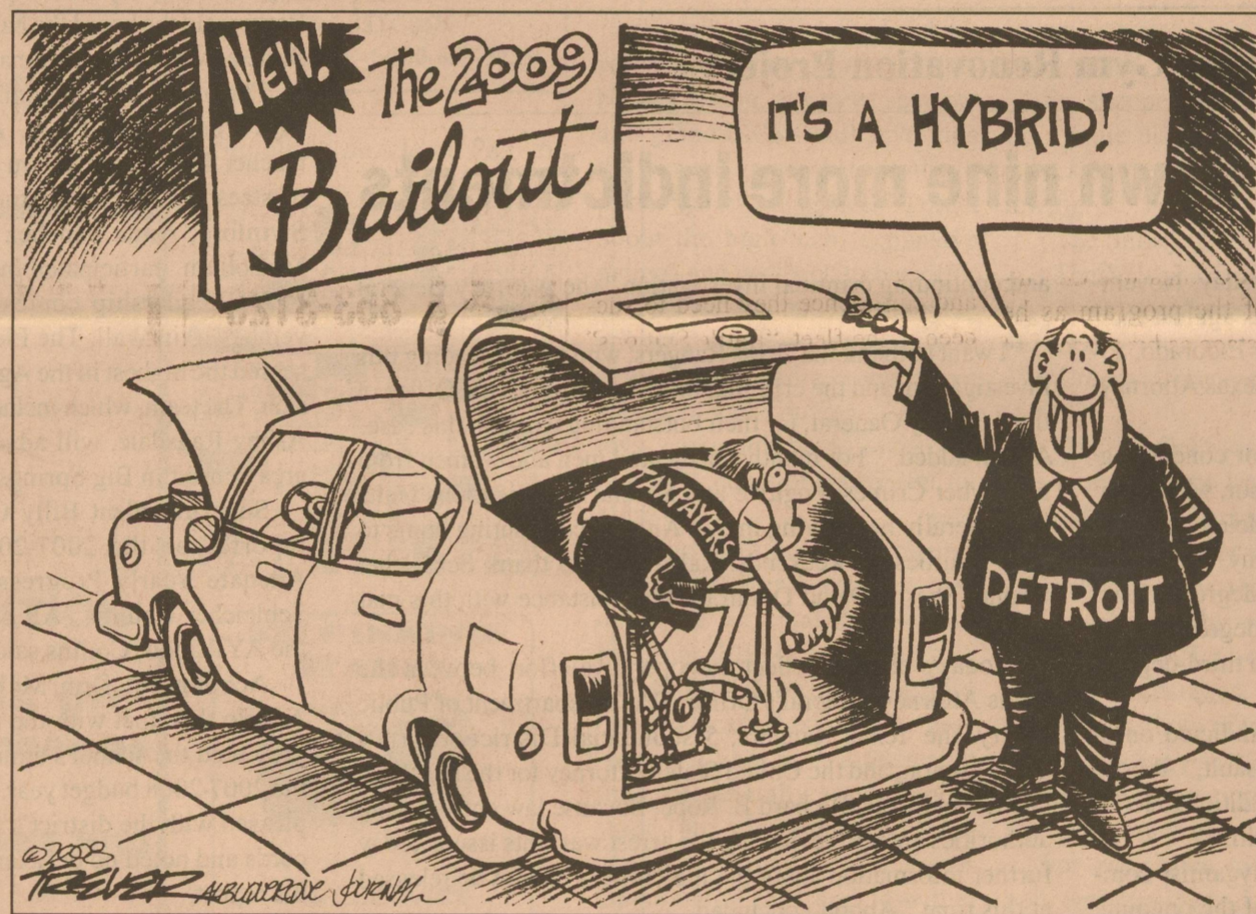
A Schleicher County grand jury in Eldorado on Nov. 13 issued felony indictments against four defendants associated with the YFZ Ranch, the home of a breakaway sect of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said one defendant was indicted for conducting an unlawful marriage ceremony involving a minor, a third-degree felony. A second defendant was indicted on three counts of third-degree bigamy. A third defendant was indicted on three felony charges of bigamy and a felony charge of tampering with physical evidence.

The fourth defendant, sect leader Warren Jeffs, was indicted on a first-degree felony count of aggravated sexual assault. Jeffs also was indicted in July for sexually assaulting a child.

To date, Abbott said, 12 people associated with the compound have

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# Tumbleweed's Top 40

I started my daily radio program, THE SOUND OF TEXAS, on August 1st, 1969. We had just placed a man on the moon and Texas had a lot to do with that effort. I wanted to explore the Texas spirit, flavor and character and see what the Texas mystique was all about. I decided to report on the state's small towns, unique events, characters, storytellers, history and folklore and tell how Texans have fun. I had freelanced feature programs on Texans to NBC Radio's Monitor, which aired on weekends. It was a worldwide broadcast and the producer of Monitor told me he had some good response to my reports in South America and Africa.

The intention was to sell the series to a number of West Texas radio stations. The original name of the series was Tumbleweed, chosen because it's such a strong West Texas symbol. People started calling me that and I adopted the name.

When the program began, I was news director of KHEM Radio in Big Spring. I had been in radio and television news for nine years and always wanted a business of my own. Of all the news duties I had, I enjoyed doing feature



by Tumbleweed Smith

stories the best. Right after the moon landing I got five sample programs ready and sent them to 65 West Texas radio stations. I rented a box at the post office and expected it to be full of mail from stations wanting the program. The response was underwhelming. Only one station bought the series. KZZN in Littlefield. At least I had a network of two stations, one in Big Spring and one in Littlefield.

That's when I knew I was going to have to get busy. Through phone calls and friends in the business five stations had bought the series by the end of the year. I quit my job and hit the road, knowing my wife and two young sons had all the faith in the world in me. It was an exciting time. Six months after the program started I began selling it to stations outside of West Texas. I traveled 100,000 miles a year the first couple of years, telling radio station managers and owners they could have something on their

stations that was fun, clean, non-threatening and not important.

It's still fun 40 years later. I wake up every morning chomping at the bit to get in the studio and produce a program or write a column. I love traveling Texas and interviewing fascinating people. I've done one record, two books and a dozen or so cassettes and CD's on Texas humor. My latest one, just out, is called TUMBLEWEED'S TOP 40 and features my favorite program from each of the 40 years the series has been on the air. It was not easy picking one show from the 260 shows in a year. I tried not to use any material that had been on previous cassettes or CD's.

Looking over the list in front of me, it is packed full of fun stuff and features some of the best storytellers and characters in the state. I use my very best material in speeches and some of those stories and people are featured on this CD. I'm almost afraid to start mentioning some of the people on it because I'd want to mention all of them. They are all great. There is talk of it being a Grammy nominee in the history category. The 2-CD set is available at my website, [tumbleweedsmith.com](http://tumbleweedsmith.com). \$15.

# DEATH NOTICES

## Perfecto Robledo Gauna

SAN ANGELO - Perfecto Robledo Gauna, 64, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2008, in a local hospital. Service was held Monday in the Schleicher County Cemetery Chapel with a private family burial at a later date. Survivors include his wife, Irene Gauna; brother Ernesto Gauna; sisters Victoria Batrez, Yolanda Gandara and Alice Soria, all of Colorado; sons Manulito and Carole Gauna of Colorado and Marco and Tonya Gauna of Eldorado; and daughter Silva Potter, also of Colorado.

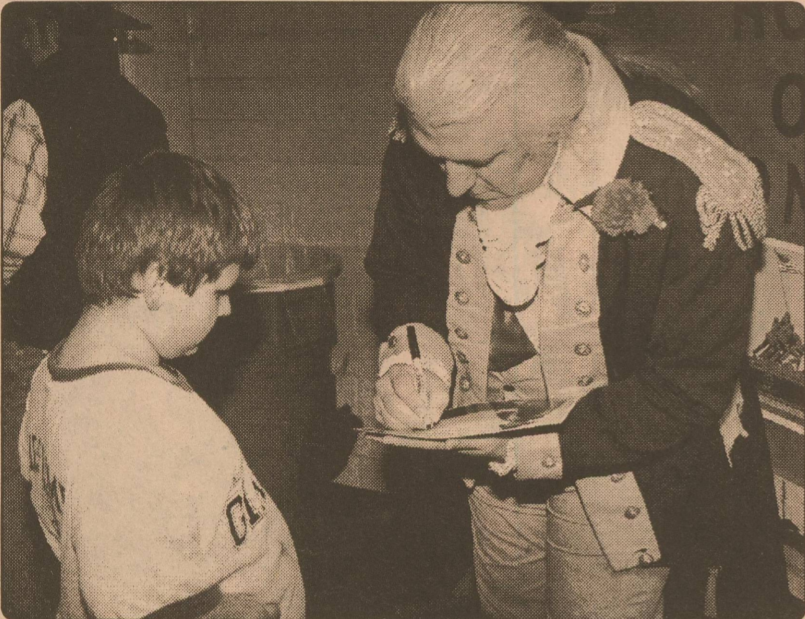


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Mark Collins autographs a photo for Eldorado Elementary student Byron Aycock following last Thursday night's Veteran's Program in which Collins portrayed George Washington. Collins has played the Revolutionary War general and first President on numerous occasions and even appeared in the History Channel's "American Revolution" mini-series.

## Elementary students pay tribute to nation's veterans

by Maria Hendryx

The high school auditorium resounded with patriotism as Mrs. Joella Parker's third and fourth grade music students, guest speakers and performers paid tribute to the many men and women who have given of themselves to defend our country. Among the pieces performed by the students were: "God Bless the USA," "The Ballad of the Green Beret," "TAPS," and "Battle of New Orleans". The First Baptist Church Hand Bell Choir added to the evening's ambience with their performance of "A Star Spangled Celebration" and "America the Beautiful", which was accompanied by the 3rd and 4th grade students. "The Battle of New Orleans" provided entertainment as it was played out by Blue Coat Kade Creek, Red Coat Franklin Buchholz, Alligator Jonathan Fortenberry, and soldiers Valarie Geuea and Artie Escobar. All the branches of the military were recognized as students Davis Hutto, Marcos Ramon, Canyon Faull, and Raymond Parsons displayed each branch's flags as their respective

songs were performed by their peers. A memorial wreath and POW/MIA flag was displayed by Rebecca Hernandez, Chase Mertz, Franklin Buchholz, and Elizabeth Griffin as the Roll of Honor was read by Mr. Weldon Jenkins.

Mr. Mark Collins was the culmination of the program as he entered the stage as his persona of George Washington, speaking to the audience of how our nation was built on Biblical principles and how George Washington was a fervent prayer warrior. Washington would pray for four hours daily, but when the Revolutionary War was at its peak, he increased his prayer time to five hours per day. He further explained how, during the Revolutionary War, faith and perseverance overcame obstacles such as hunger, lack of supplies, and illness, leading to victory over the British.

Community members who participated in the program included Mr. Jimmy Martin, Mr. Weldon Jenkins, Mr. Buff Whitten, Mr. Phil Edmiston, Mr. Bob Parker, Mrs. Dawn Whitten, pianist; and Rev. Joe McGee.

## Game Association to hold officer election on Nov. 25

The Eldorado Game Association will be electing new officers and directors at its next meeting on November 25 at the Schleicher County Airport at 6:30 p.m.. Anyone wanting to serve is encouraged to attend. All positions are up for election. Several board members and officers are leaving, so volunteers are needed to fill the vacancy in order to continue having an annual game dinner.

## Eldorado student to get out early for Thanksgiving holiday

Students and teachers will be dismissed at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday November 19 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes will resume Monday November 24 at the regular time.

## HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE



### Garrett C. "Clark" Meyer

ELDORADO — Navy Seaman Recruit Garrett C. "Clark" Meyer, son of George P. "Philip" Meyer of Eldorado, Texas, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Meyer completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations"

is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Meyer is a 2008 graduate of Eldorado High School of Eldorado, Texas.

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# Lady Eagles open season with 2-0 record

by Syllas Politte

The Eldorado Lady Eagles basketball team is off to an early 2-0 record. Several of coach Jesse Rubio's squad is back from last season. Last Tuesday, November 11, the Lady Eagles had the season and home opener against the Rankin Lady Devils.

The Lady Eagles stormed out to an early 15-1 first quarter lead and never trailed. The final score was 53-46 in favor of Eldorado. The Lady Eagles were led in scoring by Junior Guard Aubrey Martinez. Martinez finished the night with 15 point, 3 assists, 8 steals, 2 rebounds. Also scoring in double figures and leading the team in rebounds was senior Forward Haley Higgins. She scored 11 points and recorded 6 boards. All but one Lady Eagle scored on the night. The down side to the night was that the Lady Eagles recorded 31 turnovers and only shot 38 percent from the charity stripe. Coach Rubio said, "Those are areas of our game we will need to work on to be competitive."

Last Friday evening the Lady Eagles traveled to Comstock to take on the Lady Panthers in another non-district contest. The Lady Eagles improved on the things they needed to while maintaining the same scoring output. Eldorado only recorded 23 turnovers and increased their free throw percentage to 50 percent. This game was much like the last. The Lady Eagles won every quarter and remained unbeaten with a final score of 55-31. Martinez and Higgins again led the team in scoring

with 13 and 12 respectively. The rebound leaders went to two new faces on the varsity team in junior post Kadie Niblett and freshman guard Brianah Creek. Niblett finished the game with 8 and Creek had 7.

This year's Lady Eagle team is very athletic. If they can come together as a team and focus on basketball, they will contend for the district title.

"I think we will surprise some people who are underestimating us," explained Coach Rubio. "We're picked fourth in the district, but if these girls play like they can we can beat any one."

These early games are crucial to the Lady Eagles building confidence and learning to play together.

The team will be back in action today as they head to the San Saba tournament to take on the Liberty Hill Lady Panthers at 1 p.m. Though the Lady Eagles are 1-0 against Lady Panther teams this season, Liberty Hill has made several playoffs runs in Class 3A. It will be a good test for the Lady Eagles. Their side of the bracket is full of tough teams like Early, Hamilton and St. Andrews.

The Lady Eagles will play at 9 a.m. Friday morning if they win or 5:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

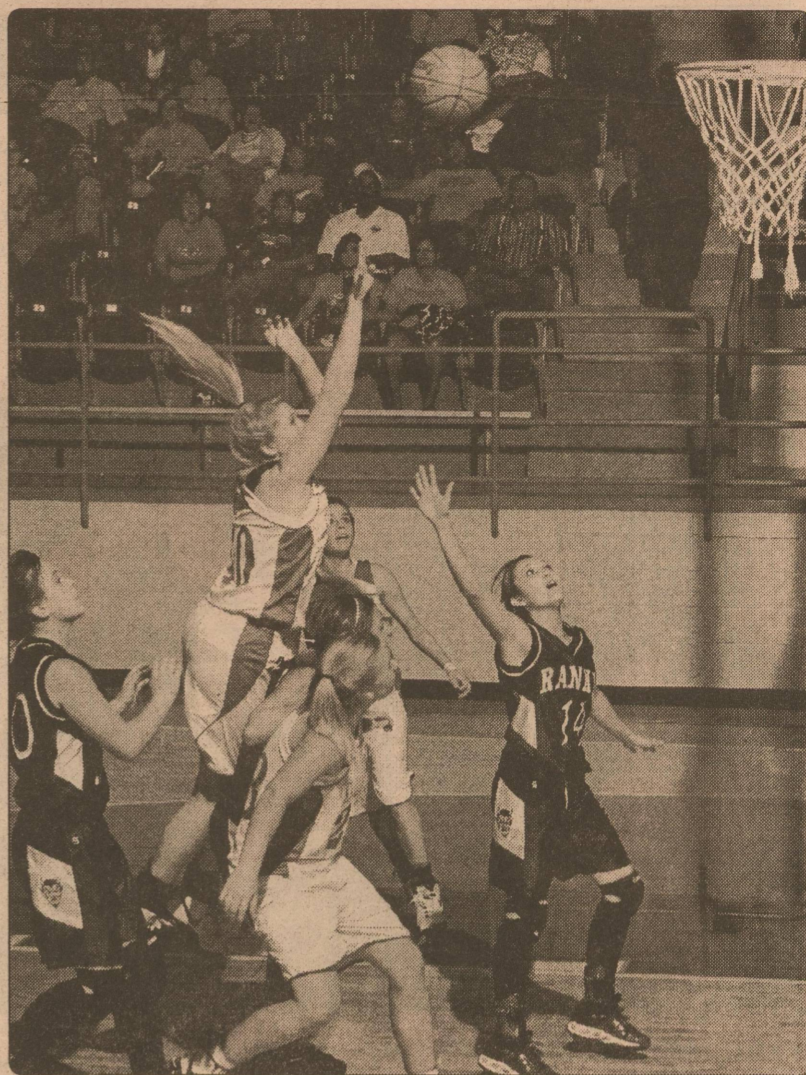


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN  
 EHS junior Kadie Niblett goes to the bucket as the Lady Eagles take on the Rankin Lady Devils in Eagle Gym here on Tuesday, November 11, 2008. The Lady Eagles won the contest by a score of 53-46.

## ELDORADO EAGLES BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Sat.	Nov. 1	Home	Comstock (Scrimmage)	TBA		TBA	
Sat.	Nov. 8	Home	Sonora (Scrimmage)	TBA		TBA	
Mon.	Nov. 10	Away	San Saba (Freshmen)	6:00			
Tues.	Nov. 11	Home	Paint Rock (JVG Only)	6:00			
Thurs.	Nov. 13	There	Comstock	TBA		TBA	
Th-Sat	Nov.20-22	Away	San Saba Tourn.			TBA	
Th & Sat	Nov. 20 & 22	Away	San Angelo LV (Tourn)	TBA			
Fri.	Nov. 21	Away	Eula				6:00
Tues	Nov. 25	Home	Eden	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Tues	Dec. 2	Away	Grape Creek	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Th-Sat	Dec. 4-6	Away	San Saba Tournament				TBA
Th-Sat	Dec. 4-6	Home	Eldorado JV Tourn.	TBA	TBA		
Tues.	Dec. 9	Home	Rocksprings	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Th-Sat	Dec. 11-13	Away	Water Valley Tourn.			TBA	TBA
Mon.	Dec. 15	Home	Lohn			6:30	8:00
Fri.	Dec. 19	Home	Comstock	TBA		TBA	
Mon-Wed	Dec. 29-31	Home	Eldorado Tourn.			TBA	TBA
Fri.	Jan. 2		Open				
Tues.	Jan. 6	Away	McCamey	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Fri.	Jan. 9	Away	Menard	5:00		6:30	
Fri.	Jan. 9	Home	Robert Lee		5:00		6:30
Tues.	Jan. 13	Home	Miles	5:00		6:30	
Tues	Jan. 13	TBA	TBA		TBA		TBA
Fri.	Jan. 16	Away	Christoval	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Tues.	Jan. 20	Home	Mason	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Fri.	Jan. 23	Away	Irion County	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Tues.	Jan. 27	Home	Menard	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Fri.	Jan. 30	Away	Miles	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Tues.	Feb. 3	Home	Christoval	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Fri.	Feb. 6	Away	Mason	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Tues.	Feb. 10	Home	Irion County	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Fri.	Feb. 13	Away	Menard		5:00		6:30
Tues.	Feb. 17	Home	Miles		5:00		6:30

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# Curbing Holiday Weight Gain

Courtney Barbee CEA-FCS  
Texas Agrilife Extension Service

It's that festive and joyful time of year again... the holiday season! The holidays are a time to celebrate and spend time with family and friends alike. However, the holiday season and winter months often bring more high calorie "party" and "comfort" foods to the table and less physical activity which can result in weight gain. "Weight gain associated with the holidays can contribute to overall increases in body weight as we age" says Texas Agrilife Extension Service agent Courtney Barbee CEA-FCS.

To help curb holiday weight gain, Courtney first suggests that you concentrate on family, friends, and reasons for celebrating the holiday rather than what kind and how good the foods served will be. In other words, shift the focus of your holiday celebration away from food and more on the people you are celebrating with. Use these tips to make your holiday celebrations a little easier on your waistline:

- Plan before you feast. If you are going to a holiday party, don't go on an empty stomach.



## County Agent's Update

by Courtney Barbee

Skipping meals may cause you to overindulge on high calorie, high fat foods. Instead, eat small amounts of healthful foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables, cereal, yogurt, or a small wrap or sandwich before the event. Once you arrive at the party, take a look at the foods being served and decide what you will eat ahead of time. Also, consider if there will be a main meal later in the day. This will help you maintain control of your eating while still enjoying your favorite foods.

- Avoid extra calories from drinks. Alcoholic drinks and other holiday favorites such as eggnog may taste great but provide lots of extra calories and few nutrients. In fact, one 6 oz. glass of wine has 150 calories, while an 8 oz. glass of eggnog provides 350 calories! In addition, regular sodas contain on average, 140 calories per can. Consider skipping these high calorie beverages, or limiting yourself to just one small glass so that you can save most of your calories for the main meal or appetizers.
- Control yourself at the table.

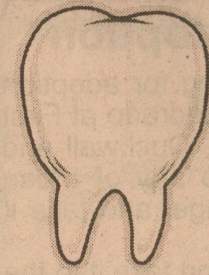
When sitting down at the table for the main meal, remember to keep your portion sizes in check. Choose small portions of the foods you want to eat then take your time and enjoy your meal. Remember to take small bites, chew slowly and savor your food. Once you have finished eating, get up from the table. If you remain at the table, it will be easy to continue eating. Instead, offer to clean the table or put away leftovers. Once the work is done, suggest a walk outside or a fun game to take the focus off of food. Another good tip is to avoid being near the buffet table at parties which can lead to over eating as well.

- Be a healthy helper. One way to ensure that a healthy option will be available at the party is to offer to prepare and bring a dish. Your host will appreciate your help and you will have one dish that is a healthy alternative. If you are in the kitchen preparing foods, also be conscious of all of those tiny tastes you sneak when no one is looking. For example, that taste of sugar cookie dough packs 40 calories and that lick of frosting adds another 25 calories! The calories from these tiny tastes can add up quickly.
- Stick to your routine. The holiday season can be challenging for anyone trying to maintain their weight but especially so for a person trying

to lose weight. Do your best to stick to your routine during the holiday season. Continue to be physically active as much as possible, ideally for 30 minutes five days per week. Maintain your healthy eating habits at home by focusing on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein sources, and low-fat or fat-free milk products.

Use these tips to curb holiday weight gain while still enjoying your favorite foods in moderation. Remember to focus on friends and family and stick to your routine!

For more about food and nutrition topics, contact your local Texas Agrilife Extension Service office at 325-853-2132.



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been indicted as part of an ongoing criminal investigation.

Federal, state and local governmental officers entered the compound last spring and took into custody more than 300 children who resided there. The children were placed in temporary foster care for about two months.

### Program for veterans announced

Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 10 announced the creation of the Texas Veterans Leadership Program to help those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to re-enter civilian life.

The program, headed by Texas Workforce Commissioner Tom Pauken, will help veterans with job training services, resources and employment referrals.

In August, Perry called on the Texas Legislature to provide in-state tuition to all qualified veterans, their spouses and dependents. The tuition waiver could save veterans and their families up to \$8,100 a year if they take 30 semester credit hours at a Texas public university, Perry said.

## Meals for Friends Menu



**MONDAY NOVEMBER 17th**  
Baked Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Italian Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange Half, Milk.

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18th**  
Ground Beef with Vermicelli, Pinto Beans, Flour Tortilla, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit Cup, Milk.

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19th**  
Baked Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potato, Dinner Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie, Juice, Milk.

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20th**  
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## Safety first at Elementary campus

Mornings are a very busy time at the Eldorado Elementary campus, and parents have been doing a tremendous job of keeping traffic moving smoothly. In order to keep all students safe, parents are urged to follow a few simple procedures. While students are being dropped off in the horseshoe area, parents are reminded to park in the center teacher parking area only and not

in the visitor area, should they need to walk in the building.

Parking in the visitor area creates a problem as the vehicle is backing out. The driver's view of the small children is not at its best, placing children at risk. The visitor parking area is to be used after morning traffic has subsided, and all children have been dropped off at school.

## HONOR ROLL

## Eldorado Elementary Honor Roll 2nd Six Weeks

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#### Mrs. O'Harrow's Class

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Honor Roll: Ram Barajas, Mari-sol DeLuna, Courtney Espinosa\*, Micaela Forlano\*, Julian Gandar\*, Riley Jones\*, Kamren Turner, Alexis Vallejo.

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Honor Roll: Hope Barajas\*, Christina Estrada, Jackie Lozano\*, Jose Moza\*, Julio Narvaez\*.

### THIRD GRADE

#### Mrs. Emmons' Class

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Honor Roll: Austin Alvin, C.J. Covarrubiaz, Emelie Estrada\*, Hannah Fortenberry, Mercedes Ochoa, Alyssa Rinehart.

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Logan Wong.

#### Mrs. Self's Class

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Honor Roll: Ashley Dumas, Faith Kotsch\*, Wiley Martin, Michelle Martinez, Kegan McCollum\* Amalio Villanueva\*.

### FOURTH GRADE

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Honor Roll: Branda Gail Arispe, Marisa Arispe\*, Jonathan Fortenberry, Gisselle Hernandez\*, Luis Miguel Martinez\*, Jay Ruiz\*, Jordan Stanford..

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Symptoms of type 2 diabetes may include but not limited to:

- Slow-healing sores or cuts
- Itching of the skin (usually around the vaginal or groin area)
- Frequent yeast infections
- Recent weight gain
- Velvety dark skin changes of the neck, armpit and groin, called acanthosis nigricans
- Numbness and tingling of the hands and feet
- Impotency

Type 2 diabetes is usually not diagnosed until health complications have occurred. Most often, there are no diabetes symptoms or a very gradual development of the above symptoms of type 2 diabetes. In fact, about a third of all people who have type 2 diabetes do not even know they have it.

Contact the Schleicher County Family Clinic or your provider if you have any of the above type 2 diabetes symptoms. If you have further questions about type 2 diabetes, it is important to get diabetes testing and start a treatment plan early and prevent serious diabetes complications. WebMD Medical Reference [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com)

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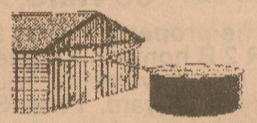
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23rd Carolyn Gilstrap, Cissie Horton, Jaaken Jurecek  
24th Tim Vasquez, Darlene Hardesty, Tucker Clark, Sonia Mills, Chris Goodrum, Lolly Saldivar, Rusty Goodrum, Chris Kuykendall, Michele McCravey, George Mata  
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**"Honor our Veterans" theme for November Woman's Club meeting**

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, Nov. 11th, 2008 at twelve noon in the Methodist Fellowship Hall. Theme for the annual Thanksgiving meeting was, "Honor our Veterans". Club President Myrt Williams welcomed twelve members and eleven guests to our special meeting. Mary Roden next gave our opening prayer and Noweita Briggs led us in pledges to our flags. President Williams next called on Secretary Pat Holt to read the minutes of our last meeting. They were approved as read. Treasurer Nelva Martin next gave her report. Next we enjoyed a lavish luncheon which was prepared by Mary Grimaldo. Our tables were decorated with special red table cloths, blue napkins and patriot cutlery and table centerpieces featuring an American flag in the center of the arrangements.

Besides our special guest speaker, Mary Legett, there were nine Veterans who live in Schleicher County and some of their family members. Program Leader Cathy Niblett next introduced Mary. Topic of her program was "Veteran Heroes." She and her husband have two sons Brandon and Briley. Brandon is now serving in the armed forces as a helicopter pilot. Mary is a good friend of Ester Bunton, former club member. Part of Mary's very special presentation was through Internet connection during our meeting, she had arranged for Brandon to appear on screen to us, all the way from Iraq. Brandon was a very special internet guest and answered questions from Mary as well as several club members. The very thought of talking and seeing someone in Iraq, during our meeting had this reporter in awe.

Mary said it was special that today's military men and women can be in close contact with family and friends due to the Internet. Each veteran attending our meeting introduced themselves and gave us a brief overlay of their military time. We thank the veterans for serving our country and also for coming to our meeting. Veterans in attendance were A.L. Roden, Tyler Rubledo, Floyd Fay, Michael Kent, David Ray Doran Jr., Jeremy Thiers, Steve Rowe, Jerry Felver, and Charlie Niblett. We also thank Ester Bunton, former club member, for making it possible for Mary to be our guest speaker.

Following our very special program, we continued our business meeting. President Williams called on Secretary Pat Holt for her report, which was approved as read, and for Treasurer Nelva Martin to give her report. New business included an invite by Mary for members of our club to join her this time next year in San Angelo for a Veteran's Day Luncheon for wives and family from there and for us to bring a veteran into Angelo for their Veteran's program. Under old business President Williams reopened our previous discussion about our Christmas gift giving practice. The decision was to exchange an ornament as we have been doing in the past. The decision was approved by vote.

We closed our meeting by reading the Club Collect.

Our next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. in the Methodist Fellowship Hall on December 9, 2008.

Hostess for the meeting will be the last half of our membership list beginning with Elenor Pena. A special treat will be a book review given by Ruth Davis.

**Fun kids' gifts for under \$50**

(StatePoint) High food and gas prices aren't taking a break this holiday season, so how can parents and grandparents still give kids the toys and games that are sure to put smiles on young faces? Forget about the high-tech, expensive gizmos and go "back to basics."

This season, holiday shopping is being made easier thanks to some popular online stores where shoppers can find great classic toys, games and books under \$50, that offer hours of enjoyment for kids.

"Now more than ever, parents and grandparents want to pass down the toys that they remember from their childhoods," said Ken Moe of Back to Basics Toys (www.BacktoBasicsToys.com). "Toys that have passed the test of time are generally easy to understand, provide great play value, and deliver a certain fun factor. Open-ended toys and toys that help foster life skills will always be popular."

Indeed, toys made from natural products have been gaining popularity, as have toys that require no batteries. Parents love them

because these toys encourage open-ended, imaginative play.

For shoppers who want to give affordable classic toys, Back to Basics Toys recommends the following:

- The Slinky (\$7.99)
  - The Viewmaster (\$13.99)
  - Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots (\$22.99)
  - Creepy Crawlers Workshop (\$29.99)
  - Original Colorforms (\$34.99)
  - Jumbo Tinker Toys (\$35.99)
- And in these tough economic times, the retailer is offering shoppers the chance to win a \$100 shopping spree by entering the Back to Basics "Toys of Our Lives" online sweepstakes, where you can share a photo of your favorite classic toy for a shot at the prize. For more information visit www.backtobasicstoys.com.

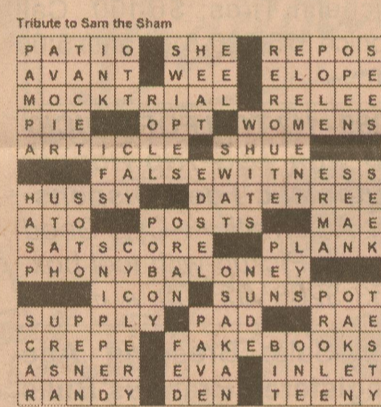
For affordable gifts that are both entertaining and educational, The Scholastic Store online (www.ScholasticStore.com) has an extensive selection of books and toys that are so much fun kids won't even notice they are learning. From gifts for the child who's

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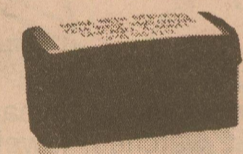
- "The Planet Earth" book series (\$5.99 each)
  - The Dr. Seuss Beginner Alphabet Cards (\$10.99)
  - "The 39 Clues: The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan" (\$12.99)
  - "Make Your Own Angel Ornaments" the "book plus" activity book from Klutz (\$16.95)
  - Create Your Own Pop-Up Books (\$17.95)
  - The Bill Nye the Science Guy Science Kits (\$29.95)
- "Holiday giving can include more than high-tech gadgets for kids," said Hope Van Winkle, of The Scholastic Store. "Toys and books that challenge kids to think top the list for the best holiday gifts - not only do kids have the most fun with them, parents and grandparents feel good about giving them."

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