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Attorney General Abbott in attendance as jury selection begins in Keate trial

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott was in attendance Tuesday as jury selection began in the trial of Allan Eugene Keate, 57, who is accused of Sexual Assault of a Child, a first degree felony.

Keate is the second of 12 defendants to come to trial since the 2008 raid on the YFZ Ranch. His alleged victim is said to be one of his polygamous wives. Their wedding took place when she was only 15. The union produced a child whose DNA is being entered into evidence by the prosecution to prove sexual contact between the couple.

The journey leading up to Keate's trial has not been without its twists and turns. After last year's indictments, defense attorneys initially argued that the various YFZ defendants should be tried together,

something which Judge Walther rejected. The judge also refused to suppress evidence seized during the YFZ raid when defense attorneys argued that Texas law enforcement agencies had used a hoax phone call to stage the raid.

Then last week came a hearing on whether to quash the indictments of the YFZ defendants on the grounds that the Schleicher County grand jury that considered the cases did not include a sufficient number of Hispanic members.

But, before the hearing could begin last Friday, defense attorneys Mark Stephens and Gerald Goldstein produced two more surprises.

For his part, Stephens confronted Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran and questioned why his client, Raymond Merril Jessop, had not

been brought from the Tom Green County Jail to courtroom. Doran responded to the lawyer by saying that Stephens had not asked to have his client brought to court and told Stephens that it was his responsibility to let the Sheriff's Office know if he wanted his client in court.

Jessop was convicted last month on a charge of Sexual Assault of a Child and was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was transferred two weeks ago to the Tom Green County Jail where he awaits another transfer to the Texas Department of Corrections.

The biggest surprise of the day came when defense attorney Gerald Goldstein offered a motion to disqualify Judge Barbara Walther from presiding over the hearing to quash the indictments. He noted that the judge had participated in the grand jury selection process and she might be called as a witness.

With that, the judge announced that she had anticipated the motion and that another judge was on stand by and Friday's court session ended abruptly.

But, when the court reconvened Monday afternoon, it was Judge Walther who took the stand. She announced that Judge Dean Rucker, the presiding judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial Region of Texas, had declined to appoint another judge to take her place. Judge Walther also announced that she would not be a witness in the hearing.

With that, the hearing began. And, as requested by defense attorney Mark Stephens, Raymond Merril Jessop was in attendance, albeit in handcuffs, leg irons, and an orange jumpsuit provided by the Tom Green County jail.

Despite subpoenaing a number of witnesses to testify, the defense called only two of them to the stand, Robert R. Brischetto of San Antonio, an expert on ethnic populations and their statistical representation on juries, and Schleicher County Clerk Peggy Williams.

For its part, the prosecution team also called an expert witness, Dr. William Smith, a retired mathematics professor from Texas A&M University.

Brischetto and Smith, at the prompting of the respective legal teams, offered conflicting views on the representation of Hispanic citizens on Schleicher County grand juries for the past 20 years. In the end, the men's statistical disagreement seemed to hinge on the difference between qualified Hispanic voters, as listed by the Census Bureau and registered Hispanic voters that appear on the county's voters roll.

Another point that arose were the number of citizens with Hispanic surnames who may or may not be of Hispanic descent.

Brischetto explained that he had hired a private investigator to contact former grand jurors in the community in order to gather information. When asked by prosecutor Eric Nichols how many of the 1,273 Latino citizens were registered to vote, Brischetto replied that 73 percent were. He could not say, however, exactly how many of the 344 unregistered Latino citizens were actually ineligible to vote.

For her part, County Clerk Peggy Williams was asked by defense attorney Gerald Goldstein to go over a list of people considered for grand jury duty and quizzed her as to why



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott arrived in Eldorado Tuesday morning, shortly before jury selection began in the Allan Keate trial. Keate is the second of a dozen YFZ defendants to come to trial since the YFZ raid. He is charged with Sexual Assault of a Child, a first degree felony. If convicted, Keate could face 99 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Death reported at YFZ Ranch

Barbara Steed Jessop, 56, died at the YFZ Ranch on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. She was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle at 7:15 p.m. that evening. He reports the death was from natural causes. Dr. Lloyd Barlow was in attendance.

Ms. Jessop was the third plural wife of YFZ Ranch overseer Frederick Merril Jessop. She was the mother of

14 children including YFZ defendant Merril Leroy Jessop.

She gained prominence as the mother of one of the last of the YFZ Ranch children to be returned from state custody following the 2008 CPS and law enforcement raid on the ranch. The child, a 14-year-old girl, was allegedly given in marriage to FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs when she was only 12.

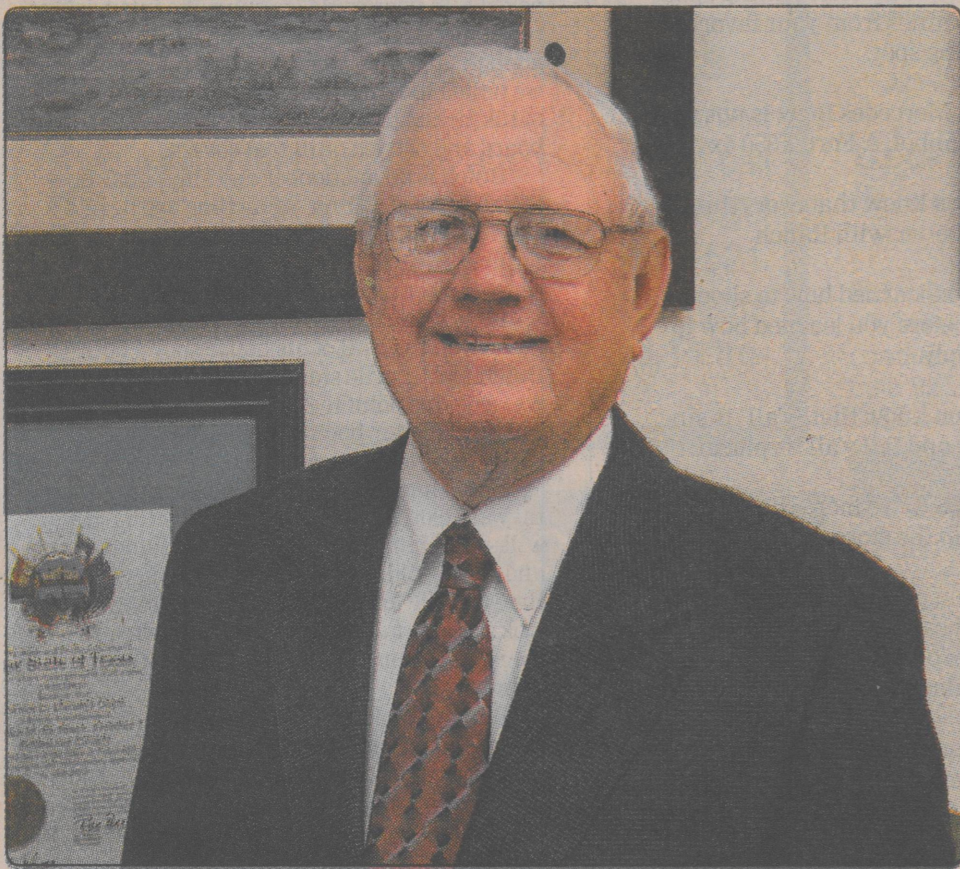


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Schleicher County Justice of the Peace, James C. Doyle

Doyle seeks re-election as J.P.

I am announcing my bid for re-election for the office of Justice of the Peace, of Schleicher County. I will have served 16 years at the end of 2010. I have enjoyed working for the citizens of Schleicher County and I consider it an honor to serve you. You have spent thousands of dollars for my training and I would like to continue working for you.

My office has improved our collections to the extent that we turn over approx. \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 dollars a month. When I took office in 1995 they were turning in \$1,000.00 a month, to the County Treasurer. The County is allowed to keep approx. 60% and the remaining portion goes to the State of Texas as court costs.

The money my office collects just helps keep your taxes lower because

the county can use these funds to operate on rather than use tax dollars.

I make myself available to the Sheriff's Office, Texas Rangers, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Game Wardens, and any citizen 24 hours a day. We hold court every morning and set bonds on defendants who were arrested during the previous evening.

My office handles a large number of Small Claims and Justice Court cases, where people have a past due account or other legal problems, for the various business establishments in the county.

I have enjoyed serving you and I look forward to another 4 more years.

Sincerely,
James C. (Jimmy) Doyle

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City Council hears citizen's complaint

The Eldorado City Council Monday, December 7, 2009 for their regular monthly meeting.

Mayor John Nikolauk led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance and councilwoman Stacy Haynes offered a prayer before the meeting begun.

Velma Mata was the first to speak as she addressed a complaint she had filed three years ago against her neighbor, Mr. Floyd West. Her original complaint included a large metal storage container, abandoned vehicles and an unoccupied mobile home that joins her property near the corner of Dorris Avenue and Divide Street.

Ms. Mata said the City sent Mr. West a letter dated November 29, 2006 in regard to the complaint. She pointed out it has been three years and a week and Mr. West has not complied.

Mayor Nikolauk apologized to Ms. Mata and said the City let the matter slip. Mayor Nikolauk said their code enforcement officer Maggie Lloyd would look into the matter and take action where it was needed.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo told the council Mr. West did move the storage building from Ms. Mata's fence line. As to the vehicles, the law will not let the city touch them if they have an up to date registration and plates. Ms. Lloyd told the council she has asked the Sheriff Department for

ownership information on several vehicles and has been denied the information. Mayor Nikolauk suggested the code enforcement officer put the request for ownership in writing to the Sheriff.

As for the unoccupied mobile home, it was noted that the structure is grandfathered but is still out of compliance with the city's housing codes.

Superintendent Floyd Fay reported water line connections on East Street and Hwy 190 East were pulling apart and City crews were in the process of repairing them. He also reported the landfill was closed due to rain last week, but has since reopened. In the gas department a check meter orifice plate was replaced. Fay also reported that city crews have been fighting grease build up in sewer lines due to cold weather.

In other business, the council approved the November 9 minutes and reviewed the city's current bills.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then informed the council that 2009 tax revenue is ahead of last year. She said she has moved several funds to higher interest rate accounts.

The council approved First National Bank's request for placing a three-foot-wide sidewalk next to the southern wall of the 1907 Bank Building,

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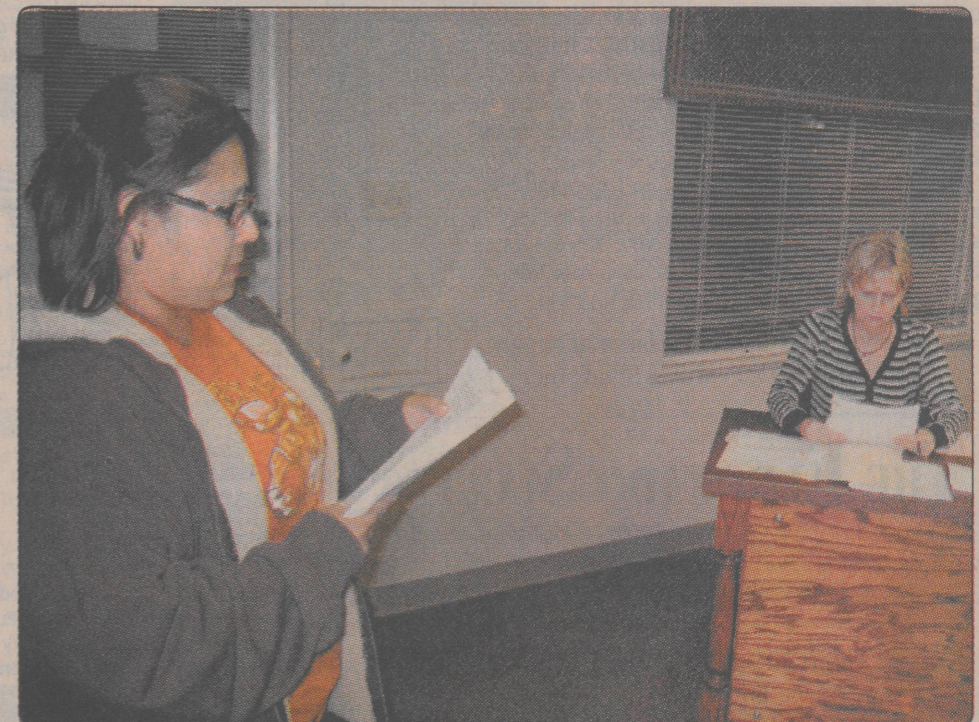


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Velma Mata spoke to the Eldorado City Council Monday evening concerning a complaint filed three years ago about a neighbor's property.

Education Commissioner criticizes federal standards initiative

AUSTIN — Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott, in an Austin American-Statesman interview Dec. 2, suggested the White House is moving toward a federal takeover of public schools.

Scott said the Obama administration's "Race to the Top" initiative to develop common math and English standards for the nation's public schools is evidence of a takeover effort.

He expressed fear that some day federal education funding for Texas could rely on the state's participation in common standards.

The Race to the Top program, authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, is a competitive grant program to encourage and reward states that implement education reforms in four areas:

- Enhancing standards and

assessments;

- Improving the collection and use of data;
- Increasing teacher effectiveness and achieving equity in teacher distribution; and
- Turning around struggling schools.

The U.S. Department of Education will award \$4.35 billion in Race to the Top funding in two phases, with Phase 1 funding awarded in spring 2010 and Phase 2 funding awarded by Sept. 30, 2010. Texas' share could be as much as \$700 million.

White joins race for governor

Houston Mayor Bill White, a Democrat, announced his candidacy for governor on Dec. 4. White's last day as mayor will be Jan. 2. He has served six years at the post and cannot run for a

third term because of term limits.

The San Antonio native is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Texas School of Law. President Bill Clinton appointed White Deputy Secretary of Energy in 1993 and he served in that capacity until 1995.

Upon White's announcement, rancher Hank Gilbert of Tyler ended his candidacy for governor and instead will run for agriculture commissioner on the Democratic ticket.

Financial openness is recognized

The Texas Comptroller's office has launched a new "Leadership Circle" program to spotlight local governmental bodies that have opened their financial records to the public.

The state agency set gold, silver and bronze achievement standards to rate

governmental bodies on their level of transparency.

A score sheet checks for financial transparency features including budgets posted online for the current fiscal year; details within the check register; ease of access to the documents; creative use of charts or visual images to make data more understandable; instructions on how to submit a public information request; and the availability of contact information for current locally elected officials.

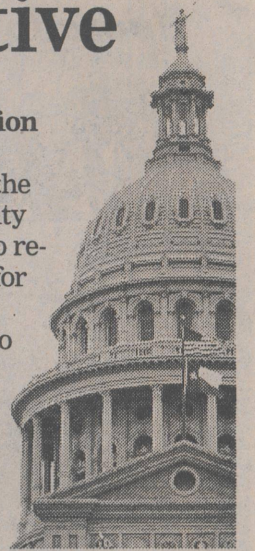
And, Combs' agency is collaborating with graduate students from the University of Texas' LBJ School of Public Affairs, the Texas Municipal League and Texas Association of Counties to develop a template that will allow local governments to more easily add financial documents to a Web site.

TxDOT toll violation program ends

Nov. 30 marked the end of an opportunity for toll road users to reduce violation fees for unpaid tolls.

TxDOT offered to waive 90 percent of administrative and collection fees accrued in return for payment of all outstanding tolls.

Late-payers also were required to open a "TxTag" account and keep it in good standing to receive the fee reduction.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

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Democrats Waist Deep in the Big Muddy

Otto von Bismarck at one point called the prospect of Germany waging preventive war against other European powers 'committing suicide out of fear of death.'

Little did the Iron Chancellor know that he was forecasting 21st-century Democratic political strategy. Democrats so fear the consequences

of failing to pass ObamaCare that they've convinced themselves that embracing \$370 billion worth of tax increases and more than \$400 billion worth of Medicare cuts is good for them.

This will long make for a compelling case study in the Annals of Abnormal Political Psychology.

Tax hikes undid Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton (Bush lost his presidency, Clinton his congressional majority), and Medicare cuts undid Speaker Newt Gingrich (taking the air out of his "Republican revolution"). All of those figures undertook their foolhardy exertions in order to reduce the deficit. Democrats will ingest their double dose of taxes and Medicare cuts on behalf of legislation that almost certainly will increase an already \$1 trillion deficit. It's fiscal pain for no fiscal gain.

If Democrats can't afford failure on this course, what makes them think they can afford success? They created a hellish dilemma for themselves by refusing to scale back their bill once it became persistently unpopular.

As it stands now, the sprawling monstrosity of Democratic health-care reform violates almost every major reassurance President Barack Obama has made about it. Its latest iteration, the Reid bill in the Senate, costs more than \$1 trillion over 10 years when fully implemented; bends the cost curve up; covers abortion; and knocks people out of their current coverage.

For all that, it only covers half the uninsured. Republican Sen. Tom Coburn counts no fewer than 11 studies that say provisions in the bill will raise premiums. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, a family of four headed by a breadwinner making \$66,000 annually still would pay almost 10 percent of its income on health insurance - even after it gets a federal subsidy.

If Obama meant his major promises about health care, he'd start over. But all his soothing words were just sugar to make the medicine of a vast left-wing project go down in a center-right country.

The White House has lived up to its promise of "post-partisanship" in only one sense. It's wielding health care as a wedge issue against its own side, forcing moderates like Arkansas Sen. Blanche Lincoln into possibly career-ending votes out of fear of an aroused liberal base.

Democrats desperately want to keep the health-care debate from dragging too far into next year. Obama plans to pivot onto jobs and deficit reduction come January. This shift will be even more ludicrously incredible if he's still occupied with creating a new entitlement set to grow at 8 percent a year and cost \$2.5 trillion during its first 10 years of full operation. As Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin said, in an understatement, in 2010 the health-care debate becomes "more complex."

When they elected Obama, most voters wanted competence, bipartisanship, sobriety and responsibility. On health care he's 0-4, but the only option the Democrats have is to keep going. In fear of death, they'll risk suicide.

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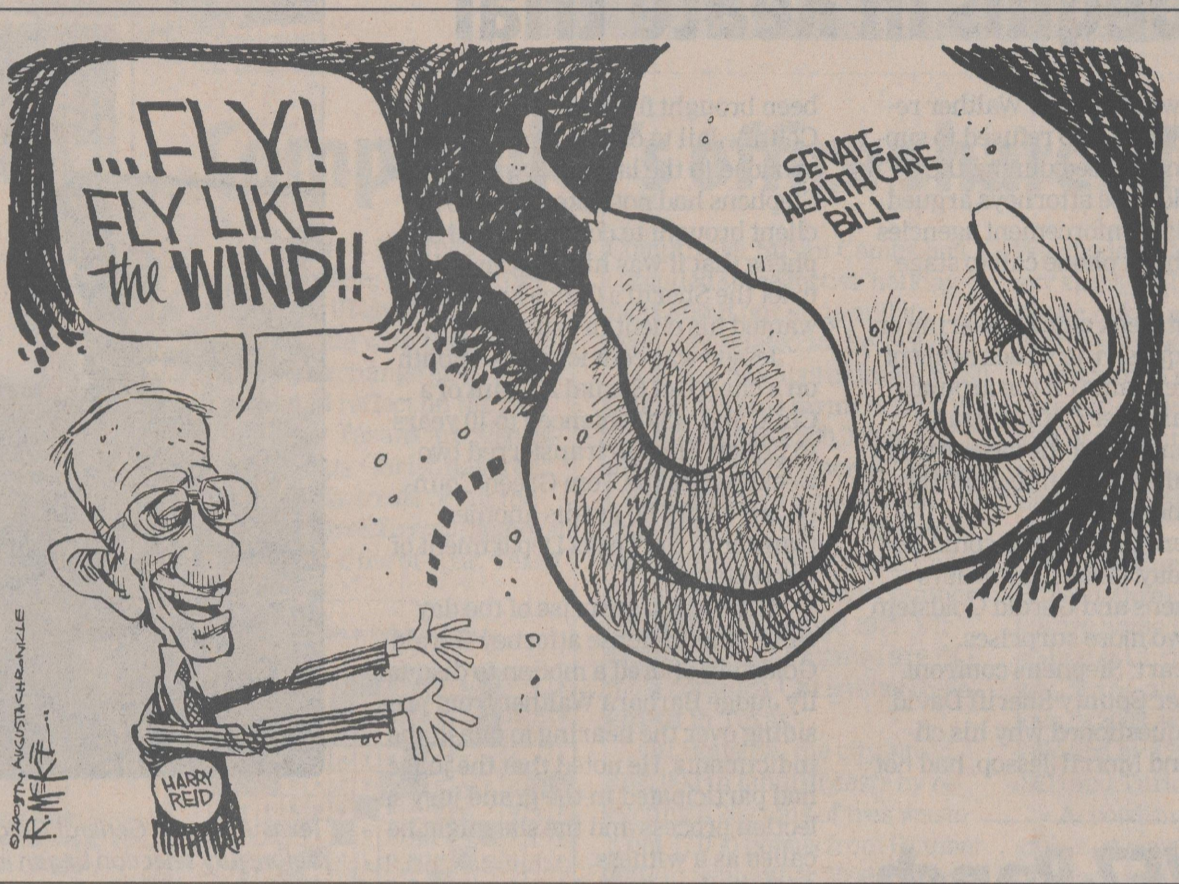
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You might be a Texan if . . .

The following article found its way into my e-mail inbox this week. I can't argue with most of it.

You might be a Texan if...

- It doesn't bother you to use an airport named for a man who died in an airplane crash.
- You use the phrase "fixin' to" almost daily.
- Someone you know has used a football schedule to plan their wedding date.
- You've ever been excused from school because the livestock got out."
- You can properly pronounce the town Mexia, Waxahachie, and Mesquite.
- You know exactly what calf fries are, and eat them anyway.
- You can recall rainfall totals by the year they happened easier than you can remember your mother's birthday.
- You think that people who



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

complain about the wind in their states are sissies.

- You know that the true value of a parking space is not determined by the distance to the door but by the availability of shade.
- You have owned at least one belt buckle bigger than your fist.
- A bad traffic jam involves two cars staring each other down at four-way stop, each determined to be the most polite and let the other one go first.
- When you hear a tornado siren, you go out and look for a funnel.
- Your "place at the lake" has

wheels under it.

- You aren't surprised to find movie rental, ammunition, and bait all in the same store.
- You're favorite fishing spot is 300 miles from your favorite hunting spot.
- A Mercedes Benz is not a status symbol. A Ford F350 4x4 is.
- You know that everything goes better with Ranch.
- You learned how to shoot a gun before you learned how to multiply.
- You know that "y'all" is singular and "all y'all" is plural.
- You drive more than 50 miles to go to the store.
- You place your hand over your heart when you say the Pledge of Allegiance to the flags... both flags.
- You rank Tom Landry right up there with Sam Houston, Davy Crockett and George Strait.

CAPITOL SOUTH by William Warren



Butch Moody lives it up in The Valley

I continually make a study of characters, people who live life to its fullest and have fun every day. Some people look like characters but are not. Some people don't look like characters but are. Butch Moody of Harlingen fits both categories; he looks like a character and is one.

Our visit started out at his real estate office.

We got into a quiet place and he told me all kinds of stuff. He looks like a giant; 275 pounds and six and a half feet. He wears western hats with five and six inch brims, big belt buckles and boots that come up to his knees. Of course he tucks his pants legs into the boots.

The belt buckle he was wearing has what looks like the rear end of a cylinder on a fully loaded .38 caliber pistol embedded into it. When he turns the cylinder, it clicks.

"I own 28 pairs of boots," says Butch, "and 27 hats. Almost that many belt buckles. I dress like this every day except when I'm officiating a high school football game. On those days I wear low quarters."

Every once in awhile a rambunctious player will accidentally collide with him on the field. After the play, someone will ask Butch if he would like anything. His standard reply is "Bud Light." When he goes into a steak place he tells the waitress to "just wipe its butt and cut off its horns and bring it to me." Sometimes he orders a hindquarter.

He started telling me about his house. "It's got slot machines, crap tables, a wet bar and a fabulous stereo system. The walls are full of trophy animals." Intrigued and curious, I asked him if we could continue the interview at his home. He said "yep" and off we went. Sure enough, it is a well-equipped party house. When we pulled into his driveway he opened the door of his pickup to show me the rosewood dashboard and ostrich quill seat covers.

Butch is an auctioneer and stays busy doing all sorts of selling. Some time ago he had a band and wrote music. One of his songs reached number 35 on the top 100 list. He is also a reserve policeman.

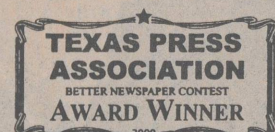
He is a dead ringer for Charlie Daniels. A picture on the wall of his house shows both Butch and Charlie standing side by side. When I was asked to point to the real Charlie, I pointed to Butch. "Everybody does that," he says. "You really can't tell us apart."

Butch has Charlie's cell phone number and they are close friends. Occasionally Charlie will sneak into Harlingen, stay in Butch's house and shoot wild hogs on Butch's ranch. One-time Charlie told Butch "You're my twin. You look like me, talk like me and walk like me. I've heard that everybody on earth has a twin. I've found mine."

Butch's real name is Bueford Charlie Moody. Sometimes he'll walk into a place where Charlie Daniels is playing, go backstage and even the security people will think he's the real Charlie Daniels. Maybe Charlie should see if he could pass for Butch.



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Eldorado's future leaders

Local Tiger Cubs (the first level of Cub Scouts) worked on their Tiger Cub badge by visiting the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department last week. The young scouts learned how volunteer firemen and emergency personnel are so essential to our community.

Joey Jones gave a tour of the fire department equipment and ambulances. The boys and their parents enjoyed the tour. The young scouts included: (Front L-R) Mason Hutto and Jacob Politte; (Back L-R) Braedon McCants, Tanner Capps, Levi Sullivan, Marshall Faull, Jose Figueroa and Hunter West.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN



SBoE revises graduation plans and updates ethics policies

AUSTIN - The State Board of Education today gave preliminary approval to revisions to two high school graduation plans to bring them in line with the Recommended High School Program.

This spring, the Texas Legislature eliminated some specific course requirements students must complete for the Recommended High School Program (RHSP), which is the graduation plan followed by most Texas public school students.

Legislators eliminated the requirement that students take a one-semester health class, a one-year technology applications class and reduced the amount of physical education classes high school students must take by one semester. By doing so, students are given more flexibility to take elective courses. Students who entered ninth grade in the 2007-2008 school year and beyond are still required to earn four credits each of math, science, English and social studies.

Because students sometimes

transfer between graduation plans, the board took preliminary action to align the 22-credit Minimum High School Program and the 26-credit Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) with the 26-credit Recommended Program.

These changes include:

- Eliminating the requirement that students take a health class;

- Eliminating the requirement that students take a technology applications class;

- Reducing the number of physical education credits required from 1.5 to one credit;

- Increasing the number of elective credits to 7.5 for the minimum plan and 4.5 for the DAP.

In addition, under all three graduation programs, students will be allowed to earn up to four credits for athletics. Team sports and individual sports will be replaced with four new courses.

Board members also added courses that may be taken for math, science, fine arts

and speech credit. A Career and Technical Education class called Professional Communications could now be taken for speech credit under this proposal.

The board approved three courses that students will be able to take for math credit under the Minimum High School Program and the Recommended High School Program. Those are: Mathematical Applications in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Engineering Mathematics; and Statistics and Risk Management. Students will be able to take Engineering Mathematics and Statistics for Risk Management under the DAP.

Additional classes will also be available for science credit. Students following the Recommended and DAP programs could receive science credit for classes such as Engineering Design and Problem Solving, Advanced Biotechnology, Advanced Animal Science, Advanced Plant and Soil Science and Food Science.

To comply with new legislative requirements, the board also added a fine arts credit to the Minimum plan.

All of these changes are subject to review and final approval at the Jan. 13-15 board meeting.

The board, which already had one of the most stringent ethics policies in state government, also revised ethics policies that govern board members and those bidding for work with the board or contracting with the board. Board members are now required to annually report all businesses in which they hold a substantial interest. This will provide transparency in determining whether any potential conflicts of interest exist.

The board also revised a disclosure requirement to bring it into alignment with the rules of the Texas Ethics Commission. The rule now requires those doing business with the board to disclose if they have spent more than \$250 during the preceding four years on a board member.

Previously, the board's rule had a \$50 disclosure requirement, which caused a disparity with Ethics Commission requirements.

The board adopted new English language arts and reading materials, which will make 2,200 new products available for use in Texas classrooms next fall. The state expects to spend about \$465 million on these materials over the next year. The board refused to purchase a statewide license offered by one publisher.

Because the value of the Permanent School Fund has rebounded to almost \$22 billion, the board voted to transfer \$60.7 million to the Available School Fund, which provides funds to public schools. Earlier this year, it appeared unlikely that funds would be available for this transfer because of the downturn in the market.

Income tax filing assistance for military personnel serving abroad

DALLAS - If you are in the military stationed abroad or are in a combat zone during the tax filing season, you may qualify for certain automatic extensions related to the filing and paying of your federal income taxes.

"If you are serving in a combat zone or in a contingency operation--or are hospitalized as a result of an injury received while serving in such an area or operation--you qualify for extensions of deadlines," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "The deadlines for filing tax returns, paying taxes, filing claims for refund, and taking other actions with the IRS are extended to at least 180 days after you leave the designated combat zone or contingency operation."

Sanford said military members can notify IRS directly for requests of combat zone relief for extensions of deadlines through a special e-mail address: combatzone@irs.gov.

Taxpayers in the military or naval services on duty outside of the United States and Puerto Rico on the due date of your income tax return, you are allowed an automatic 2-month extension to June 15 to file your income tax return. Please note, this automatic extension is an extension to file your tax return, not an extension of time to pay any tax owed by the regular due date of the return. In such situations, interest is charged on any taxes owed from April 15 to the date the taxes are paid.

You can also request an additional 4-month extension by filing Form 4868, Application For Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Tax Return, by June 15. Be sure to check the

box on Line 8 'out of the country' on the form.

To assist you in making accurate and informed decisions, the IRS has a dedicated web page, Tax Information for Members of the Military, which provides questions and answers on combat zone tax provisions and Publication 3, Armed Forces' Tax Guide. The web page and publication includes instructions on how members can 'self-identify' to advise the IRS of their combat zone status.

In addition, the IRS has partnered with the Armed Forces Tax Council (AFTC) to provide outreach to military personnel and their families. The AFTC consists of the tax program coordinators from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. The AFTC oversees the operation of the military tax programs worldwide, and serves as the main conduit for outreach by the IRS to military personnel and their families.

Military personnel and their families may also take advantage of the IRS military-based Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Trained VITA volunteer assistants are able to address military-specific tax issues, such as filing deadlines when outside the United States, combat zone tax benefits, and the Earned Income Tax Credit guidelines.

As with all our programs, Taxpayer Advocate Services (TAS) is available to assist taxpayers who are experiencing problems in their dealings with the IRS. TAS can be contacted by calling 1-877-777-4778.

Thank you for serving our country.

Meals for Friends Menu



MONDAY December 14th
Chicken Strips w/Cream Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Juice, Milk.

TUESDAY December 15th
Hamburger Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Lettuce, Tomato & Onions Sliced, Bun, Carrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.

WEDNESDAY December 16th
Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Mandarin Orange, Milk.

THURSDAY December 17th
Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Corn bread, Banana Pudding, Milk.

FRIDAY December 18th
Turkey with Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Corn Bread Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner roll, Cabbage Salad, Pumpkin Pie, Milk.

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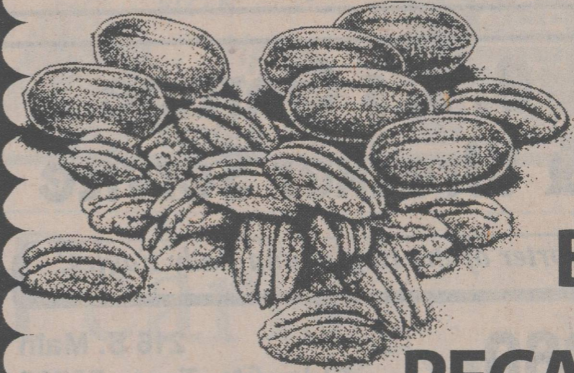


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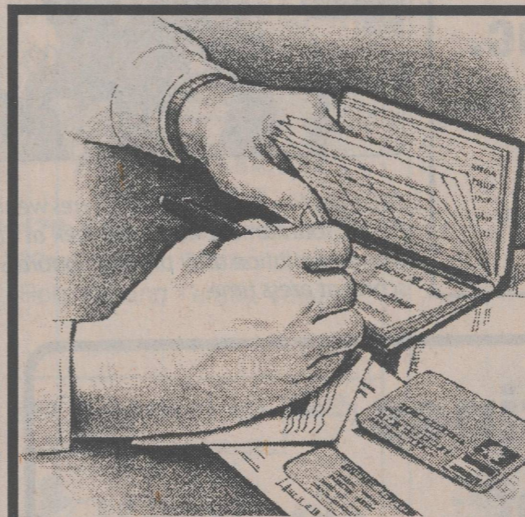
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 JV Lady Eagle #14 Alex Guzman went up for a shot and was fouled by a Lady Lion. Guzman made the first point of the game for Eldorado from the free throw line. The Lady Eagles lost to Ozona and placed 4th in the Eldorado JV Tournament, Saturday, December 5. The Success did not have the scores at press time.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
 JV Eagle player #34 Domingo Torres went up for a shot against Menard in during the JV Tournament held last week at Eldorado High School Gym. The Eagles won Consolation after playing Sonora Saturday. The Success did not have the scores at press time.

Eagles win pair at Crane Tourney before bad weather ends play

The Eldorado varsity boys' team traveled to Crane last Thursday to begin the opening round of play in the Crane tournament. The first round game for the boys would see them pitted against the Iraan Braves. Eldorado would jump out to a 23 to 7 lead after one quarter of play behind the sharp shooting of Dustin Ramos from behind the three point line. Mason Baker, Joseph Rubio, Dylan Dombroski, and Ryan Castillo would round out the starters for the contest. Iraan would crawl their way back into the contest with aggressive defense that threw the Eagles off of their game. The Eagles would get into foul trouble and three starters would be forced to the bench with 2 or more fouls each. The break at halftime would see Iraan taking a four point halftime lead. Eldorado would battle into the fourth quarter with both sides seeing lead changes. Eldorado would manage to fight throughout the contest and prevail in the final seconds with a 64 to 62 win. The second round action would take place later in the evening with Eldorado taking on Rankin's Red Devils. The Rankin team would not be ready for the resurgent Eagles who survived a first round scare from Iraan. Eldorado would jump out to 21 to 5 lead after one quarter of play. Eldorado's Eloy Bustos, Michael Rubio, Anthony Mata, Briley Ledbetter, Nathan Jimenez, and David Luna would all see action after the starting five took control of the contest. Eldorado went on to a resounding 61 to 45 victory over the young Rankin team. Eldorado was slated to return for action on Saturday but the inclement weather cancelled any remaining action for the Eagle team. Eldorado has now posted three wins in a row after dropping the first two contests of the season. The Eagles will have traveled to Rocksprings as of press time to play the Angoras. Results to the Rocksprings game will be available in next week's report. Today the Eldorado Eagles will be traveling to Water Valley to play in a tournament with their first round against district rival Menard. The contest was scheduled to begin sometime after 3:30pm in Water Valley's main gym. **GO EAGLES GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

8th grade girls b-ball results

Eight Grade Lady Eagles suffered a disappointing loss in Mason against the Lady Punchers, Monday, December 7. Eldorado 22-Mason 30. Mikayla Ramon led the Lady Eagles scoring 8 points. Adriana Rios put 4 points on the board and Macy Mikeska, Eli Estrada, Kimberly Sanchez and Maria Reyes all put 2 points each on the board. The score by quarters for the Lady Eagles was 6-4-8-4 = 22. The score by quarters for Mason was 5-7-6-12 = 30.

7th grade girls win big over Mason

The Eldorado 7th Grade Lady Eagles traveled to Mason Monday evening and came away with a big win scoring 29 points over Mason Lady Bulldogs. Kiarra Trevino put 14 points on the score board for the Lady Eagles. Jessica Gandar, Taylor Curtis, Evelyn Martinez all put up 2 points. Ivie Kate Mynatt and Josie Ledezma each score 4 points. The Lady Eagles scored 12 points in the first quarter, 4 in the second and in the second half 13 more points. The Lady Mason Bulldogs scored 7 total points.

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Tuesday December 15th
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Wednesday December 16th
 Pig-n-a-Blanket, Choice of Juice Milk

Thursday December 17th
 Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday December 18th
 Cereal Bar, Peanut Butter Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk

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Monday December 14, 2009
 Chicken Burgers, Lettuce/Pickles, Chips, Pineapple Slices

Tuesday December 15th
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Wednesday December 16th
 Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Corn on the Cob, Sliced Peaches

Thursday December 17th
 Hamburgers, Baked Chips, Burger Salad, Apple Halves

Friday December 18th
 Cheese Pizza, Carrot Stix/Dip, Cookies

BASKET LINE
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Tuesday December 15th
 BBQ Sauce/Pickles, Chips, Mixed Fruit

Wednesday December 16th
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Thursday December 17th
 Hamburgers, Burger Salad/Pickles, Baked Chips, Apple Halves

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Congressman Mike Conaway asks, "Where are the jobs?"

WASHINGTON, D.C. - New unemployment numbers were released last Thursday indicating that over 11,000 Americans lost their jobs in the month of November, with the unemployment rate at 10%. Congressman Mike Conaway (R-TX-11) made this statement following the announcement: "Today's announcement just reinforces

what I've been saying: we must stop the out-of-control spending and the attempted government take-over of our health care system, financial services system, and the auto industry and focus on creating jobs.

"Yesterday, President Obama held a 'jobs summit' at the White House in an attempt

to convince the public that job creation is a priority for his administration. The numbers prove that the Democrats ill-advised economic policies are not working, and it is my hope that we can work together in a bipartisan manner toward a fiscally conservative, common sense plan to lower the deficit and get Americans back to work."

TxDOT kicks off annual 'Don't Drink and Drive' campaign

According to traffic safety experts, the daily death toll from drunk driving crashes during the Christmas and New Year's holiday period is significantly more than during the rest of the year. During December in Texas, on average, more than 2,400 alcohol-related traffic crashes occur, resulting in 80 fatalities on Texas roads and highways.

This year, TxDOT and Santa's reindeer have an important message for Texas drivers—don't drive if you're tipsy, buzzed or "Blitzen"; call a cab or get a sober ride home instead. For the 12th consecutive year, TxDOT is sponsoring a holiday-themed public education campaign to remind Texans not to get behind the wheel if they've been drinking. The campaign runs thru January 1, 2010. Department of Public Safety, Texas Alcohol Bureau Commission and local law enforcement

officers will be working extra hours to get drunk drivers off the roadway.

You can become a fan of Santa by going to <http://www.facebook.com/santaintexas> and clicking on the "Become a fan" button. Santa is also active on MySpace, and he has posted his first blog of the season at <http://www.myspace.com/santaintexas>. If you are not already a "friend" of Santa on MySpace, visit the link and add him to your list of friends!

In Texas during December 2008, more than 39,000 traffic crashes injured 20,000 people and killed 313 more. Alcohol was involved in 85 of those fatalities.

The five-day period around Christmas in 2008 accounted for 65 percent of the alcohol related fatalities in December.

Of the 3,468 fatalities on Texas roads in 2008, 975 were the result of alcohol-related crashes.

This makes alcohol a factor in 28 percent of the fatal crashes in Texas.

DWI Costs

Bail, fines, court costs, attorney fees, insurance rate hikes, surcharges to keep the driver's license and probation costs aren't on anyone's wish list. A DWI arrest and conviction can cost between \$5,000 and \$24,000 or more.

Advice To Avoid a DWI: Let Someone Else Take the Reins.

Even a little holiday cheer can impair your driving. Plan ahead if you plan to drink alcohol.

Designate a sober driver before festivities begin.

Keep cab company phone numbers handy if your city has cab service, and dial one when you're ready to leave.

Look into alternate rides

home, such as public transportation, pedicabs or seasonal safe ride home programs.

Make arrangements to call someone you trust to pick you up.

Spend the night where you are.

Step up and step in—don't let "deer ones" drive if they've been drinking.

Volunteer to be a designated driver and you won't need any mistletoe.

Bottom line: Never get behind the wheel if you've been drinking.

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12th Damon Kelly, James Avila, Adrienne Gamez, Justin Whitten, Randa Powell, Linda Fuentes, Elaine Hinojosa, Kassie Tyler, Joshua Jurecek

13th Karen Holley, Elizabeth Niblett Lloyd, Maggie Middleton, Darci Graves, Juan Espinosa

14th Eric McGinnes, Bobby Newton, Matt Lloyd, Becky Lux, Mayci Page Lloyd

15th Alexia Goodman, Gene Garland

16th Chase Mertz, Stephen Grelle, Kevin Freeman, Virgilio Escobar Jr., Stephen Whitten, Jason Clark

17th Dylan Ramos, Micaela Gonzalez, Anita Robles, Chelci Rodriguez

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Saturday, January 23, 2010 at Angelo State University in the ASU University Center and the ASU Science and Mathematics Labs. Participants must pre-register. Check in begins at 9:00 AM and the program concludes at 5:00 PM. For more information and obtain registration

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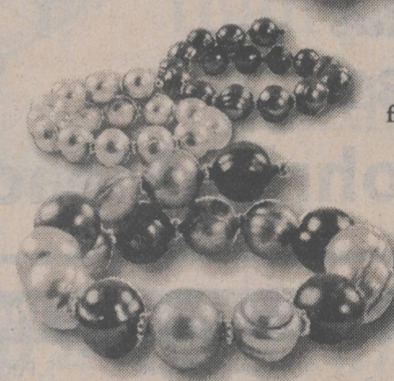
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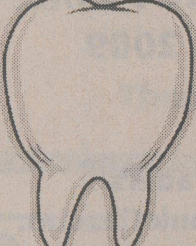
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The Blotter

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

ARRESTS

DECEMBER 1 • Martinez, Joy, 18 year old female. Offense assault class C misdemeanor. Released time served/citation. 12/02/09.
• Sanchez, Daniel Rios, 20 year old male. Offense minor in possession of alcohol. Released 12/04/09 \$1,000 surety.
DECEMBER 3 • Mejia, Andrew Gusman, 22 year old male. MTR DWI warrant. Released 12/04/09.
DECEMBER 6 • Jessop, Raymond Merrill, male age 38. Brought in for hearing. Transferred back to Tom Green County 12/8/09.
DECEMBER 8 • Merwin, Jerry Lee, 66 year old male. Offense violation of probation warrant evading motor fuel tax. No bond.

INCIDENTS

DECEMBER 1 - 5:54 PM • Medical Emergency. Patient refused EMS and police escort against advice.
7:44 PM • Complainant requested help for someone on HWY 277 S who had an unsecured load of wood fall out of pick up.
DECEMBER 2 - 4:56 AM • Caller requested assistance with flat tire. Was

on his way to San Angelo to go to dialysis. Called back saying he had received ride to San Angelo.

7:51 AM • Caller found baby car seat and other items at roadside park. Officer responded and brought seat to S.O. to be added to found property.

10:12 AM • City employee requests stand by while carrying out civil duties, due to previous threats.

7:20 PM • Complainant requested to speak to an officer in reference to some problems with a troubled juvenile. Officer responded.

9:10 PM • Caller requested an officer, call was disconnected unable to contact by phone. Officer responded.

11:55 PM • Parent concerned about child. Officer responded.

DECEMBER 4 - 6:25 AM • Superintendent Collins stated that the school will be delayed until 10:00 AM. The busses will run at 9:00 AM.

6:46 AM • Caller requested help, ran out of gas. Wrecker called.

8:00 AM • Caller reported a south-bound white explorer hit a patch of ice and lost control. She did not see it leave roadway. Officer responded.

9:17 AM • Caller reported 2 vehicle accident. No injuries, both vehicles off roadway.

9:53 AM • Caller reported truck slid off roadway. Assistance en route.

1:04 PM • Caller reported loose livestock on side of roadway. Unable to locate owner.

3:51 PM • City gas plant alarm activated. City called and said they had someone out there working.

4:38 PM • Caller reported they had found missing dog. The animal had been shot to death. Officer responded.

8:55 PM • Caller reported seeing smoke coming from business. Unsure as to whether it was heater or fire. No one there. Officer responded and mistaken identity.

DECEMBER 5 - 10:24 AM • Caller reported conducting a controlled burn.

DECEMBER 5 - 12:17 PM • Caller is doing clean up around trailer and stated city landfill is unusable due to flooding. Requested to use city dumpster.

12:44 PM • Caller reported illegal parking. Officer contacted owner and asked owner to move vehicle.

12:48 PM • Caller reported sewer problem to city.

4:12 PM • Complainant reported a reckless driver in a black SUV pulling a small trailer on HWY 277 N. Officer responded.

DECEMBER 7 - 8:06 AM • Caller reported stolen phone and requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

8:51 AM • Caller requested police escort. Officers responded.

DECEMBER 8 - 7:30 AM • Caller has information she needs to forward concerning FLDS activity with child.

10:20 • Caller reported fraud using identity theft. Over \$800. on utility bill. Officer responded.

Jury selection continues . . .

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1
specific people were not chosen. The list dated back to 2000. In most cases Ms. Williams said she could not recall why individuals were not selected for grand jury duty but did note that on one occasion a Hispanic woman was dismissed because she had a criminal conviction and on another occasion a teacher had a school scheduling conflict.

Monday's marathon session ended well after 10 p.m. with Judge Walther handing down a terse, two-word ruling, "Motion denied."

Security, which had been relatively lax during the pre-trial hearings, was beefed up Tuesday morning as prospective jurors made their way into the makeshift courtroom inside the Memorial Building.

Most members of the jury pool brought with them a completed questionnaire. The 18-question survey which the prosecution and defense teams went over while the members of the jury pool were sent on a lunch break.

Among the 18 questions answered by the prospective jurors were these:

1. How long have you lived in this county?
2. Have you ever served in any branch of the military? If yes, what branch? If yes, were you honorably discharged?
3. Please list the organization to which you belong, in which you participate, or in which you have ever held any office. For example, service clubs, governmental bodies, unions, professional organizations, volunteer activities, educational groups, political parties or political groups.
4. Have you ever served on a grand jury?
5. Have you ever been called as a witness in court or given a statement in any legal proceeding?
6. Do you have any close relatives or friends who are at the present time, or in the past employed by any state or federal agency, district attorney, lawyers, judges or employed in any job within the legal profession. If yes, list the names, relationships and occupations.
7. Have you ever had any legal training?
8. Have you or any close relatives or friends ever been the victim of a crime?
9. Have you ever been a witness to a crime, or ever been questioned by a law enforcement officer about a crime?
10. Have you ever filed a complaint against someone with law enforcement?
11. Have you or any close relatives or friends ever been charged with or accused of a crime?
12. Have you or any close relatives or friends ever worked in law enforcement, such as for a

police department, county sheriff, highway patrol, or the attorney general?

13. Have you or do you have any close relatives or friends who have ever worked as a probation officer, parole officer or in the prison system?

14. Have you ever participated in "posting" or "replying" on any internet sites or "blogs"? If yes, please list the name or "handle" you post under and specifically which sites or "blogs" upon which you post or reply.

15. Have you participated in any activity related to the care, transportation, feeding, housing, or clothing of any members of the FLDS?

16. Have you had any contacts or dealings with any person you understood at the time or now understand to be living at the YFZ Ranch in Schleicher County, Texas?

17. Have you had any contacts or dealings with any person you understood at the time or now understand to be a member of the FLDS?

18. Please state your religious preference. State which church or synagogue you attend, if any.

As the jury selection process got underway Tuesday, Deputy Attorney General Eric Nichols explained to prospective jurors in the Allan Keate trial that Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott was in attendance to witness the jury selection process.

Nichols addressed concerns about the cost Schleicher County must bear for the ongoing criminal proceedings. He explained that the State of Texas is picking up the tab and told the few jurors who raised their hand to express their concerns that he would visit with them individually about the process.

Defense attorney Randy Wilson explained to the jury pool that they must not confuse his client's silence with guilt. He noted that the 5th amendment of the Constitution protects individuals from having to testify against themselves.

As the jury interviews continued, several prospective jurors were dismissed. Both sides agreed to end for the day and return at 9 a.m.

The jury selection process continued Wednesday morning with Attorney General Greg Abbott still in attendance. Judge Walther stopped the voir dire (prospective juror interview) process several times to admonish the defense attorneys that they were asking questions that were outside the scope she found to be acceptable.

Jury selection continued as THE SUCCESS reached its print deadline. Occasional updates will be posted on the newspaper's website at www.myeldorado.net and will be emailed directly to subscribers to the newspaper's E-Delivery edition.

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1. Salary maxes
5. DJ Freed
9. Sport played with shotguns
14. Help in a holdup
15. Classic cleanser brand
16. Hardly eager
17. "Lisa"
18. Bad day for Caesar
19. Ordered set
20. Uruguayan resort
23. 1980s TV's "Remington"
24. Minimal amounts
28. Many ER cases
30. Odin or Thor
31. Onetime Pan Am rival
32. Hard shot
36. Vega's constellation
38. Floral keepsakes
39. Algonquian-speaking people
42. ___-bitty
43. London lavs
44. Not sharp or flat
45. Capote, on Broadway
46. Shoot the breeze
47. Surfacing stuff
49. Disney's Dwarfs, e.g.
51. "Piece of cake!"
56. 2001 Destiny's Child

DOWN

1. Counselors' workplaces
2. More or less
3. Tubular pasta
4. Solid, liquid or gas
5. Put up with
6. Weigh down
7. Explorer Tasman
8. Rhinoplasty site
9. On the calendar
10. "M*A*S*H" locale
11. It can be bent or lent
12. ORD guesstimate
13. Lord's Prayer adjective
21. Greeting at a luau
22. ___-kettering
25. "Turf," to a diner
26. Packer's string
27. Full of back talk
29. The John B of song, e.g.
30. Grain for grinding
32. Revue bits
33. Anglican bishop's topper
34. Go on the fritz
35. Blue hue
37. "___-hoo!"
38. Memorial designer Maya ___
40. Student of Socrates
41. Classic column style
46. End a shutdown
48. Stage digressions
50. Kind of 25-Down
52. Slugging pitcher Owings
53. Model's asset
54. Raced at the Olympics
55. Lamb piece
57. Elder or alder
58. Part of YTD
59. Israel's Eshkol
60. "Thar ___ blows!"
61. San Francisco's ___ Hill
62. Surgeons' sites, briefly

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City Council

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facing the city-owned Gentry Park. It was noted that the bank purchased the old bank building a few years ago and plans to do a major renovation on the inside of the building. Moisture from the park has caused the building's southern wall to shift. Councilwoman Stacy Haynes, who is employed by the bank, abstained from the vote.

The council then voted to let the City Secretary and Superintendent to choose a new uniform company. Carolyn Mayo informed the council the current uniform supplier is not upholding the terms of their contract.

Ms. Mayo also noted that several individuals have expressed an interest in the old garbage truck and fire truck. She told the council that the vehicles will put up for bids at the first of the year.

Christmas longevity pay and 2010 holiday and council meeting schedules were approved.

In closing the council voted to cast their 132 votes for Mayor John Nikolauk for election to the Schleicher County Appraisal District board of directors.

Mayor John Nikolauk presided over Monday night's meeting with council members Stacy Haynes, Stan Meador, Dora Bosmans, Jon Cartwright, and Dorothy Dacy in attendance. Council member Richard Mendez was absent.

The next meeting of the Eldorado City Council is slated for 6 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2009 in the council chambers at City Hall.

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Comptroller's office shares Texas holiday facts

AUSTIN — During the holiday season, people across our state will gather together and celebrate with friends and family to exchange gifts, offer thanks and reflect on the past year. Many Texans are also expected to buy Christmas trees, bake holiday treats or hit the roads to travel. To commemorate this special time of year, Texas

Comptroller Susan Combs has compiled some festive holiday facts about our state and its economy related to the season.

- Texas has approximately 150 Christmas tree farms across the state producing 200,000 trees annually on 2,500 acres. Texas Christmas tree growers contribute \$12 million each year to the state's economy. Christmas trees have been grown commercially in Texas since 1977. Virginia and Afghan pines are the most common Christmas trees grown in Texas.

- In Houston, the city saved \$185,000 in landfill costs by recycling 5,800 tons of tree waste from 47,000 homes from October 2007 to September 2008. Seventy-nine tons of this tree waste was from Christmas tree recycling.

- In 2007, Texas producers contributed 75 million pounds of pecans toward the record United States total crop of more than 385 million pounds.

- The Neiman Marcus Christmas Book was first published in 1926. Neiman Marcus is headquartered in Dallas.

- The Collin Street Bakery in Corsicana has been baking the world-famous DeLuxe fruitcake since 1896, the recipe for which was brought over from

Wiesbaden, Germany. The bakery ships its Texas fruitcakes, pecan cakes and other delicious pastries to 196 countries.

- In 2008, 5 million Texans traveled during the Christmas and New Year's season, with 4.5 million traveling by car. Only California had more holiday travelers.

- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, three places in the country are named after the main course of Christmas dinner: Turkey, Texas, was the most populous in 2008, with 456 residents, followed by Turkey Creek, La. (361) and Turkey, N.C. (272).

- More than half of Texas consumers (55 percent) hope to spend more or the same on the holidays this year, an improvement from 43 percent last year. Texas consumers anticipate spending \$1,380 over the holiday season, or 21 percent higher than the national average of \$1,145.

- Three in four Texas consumers plan to use cash, checks or debit cards to pay for their gifts, compared to 65 percent nationwide. Only 23 percent of Texans expect to use credit cards.

- More than 60 percent of Texans expect to shop at discount/value department stores and 50 percent plan to shop via the Internet.

- Gift cards are expected to be the top gift for the sixth year in a row, with 67 percent of Texas consumers planning to buy an average of six gift cards for presents this year.

Capital Highlights

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About \$3 million in late tolls remain owed by roughly 140,000 toll road users, TxDOT said.

Abbott defends Texas pledge words

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Dec. 1 filed a brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit defending the constitutionality of the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

A pending case claims the use of the words "under God" in the pledge violate the separation clause in the First Amendment.

Lottery discourages tickets for kids

The Texas Lottery on Dec. 3 announced it has joined with the National Council on Problem Gambling and McGill University in discouraging adults from purchasing lottery tickets for children.

"Holiday tickets with festive artwork and winter themes are always popular as stocking stuffers, but the games are designed with adults in mind. You must be at least 18 years old to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket," said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief.

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