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Disaster drill tests response of area's emergency services

Fictional terror plot plays out in Eldorado

It was only a drill, but the 80+ participants who converged on Eldorado last week to take part in the mock disaster took it very seriously. It was, after all, the first opportunity to test an area-wide response to a critical disaster, namely a suicidal terrorist, bent on killing everyone in a packed football stadium.

Under the fictional scenario that played itself out on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, a deranged pilot in a lone crop duster decides to unleash a spray of pesticide over Eagle Stadium during a football game. On his first pass, most of the players and fans in the stadium are exposed to the lethal spray. But, as the pilot banks the plane and lines up for a second try, the plane inadvertently clips a light tower, spins out of control, then crashes into the ground just northwest of the Eldorado city limits. The pilot is killed, but the remainder of his deadly cargo is released into the atmosphere and the poisonous cloud drifts slowly across Eldorado.

It was an unlikely scenario, but so were the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon prior to 9/11.

The drill was carried out under the auspices of the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) and included the participation of 20 agencies, including local city, county and school governments, as well as representatives of police, fire and EMS services from each of the 13 member counties in the Concho Valley Council of Governments. TEEX personnel evaluated the response to the initial threat, then gauged response as local and neighboring emergency personnel set up an Emergency Operations Center and an Incident Command Post. A mobile command center from San Angelo was also employed as was mobile weather equipment from the National Weather Service.

TEEX also monitored how well the various agencies were able to communicate with one another as the mock tragedy grew to include all twenty agencies.

Of course, there was no actual incident, everything was played out as a "desktop" exercise, Sheriff David Doran explains. Still, more than 80 participants from across the Concho Valley were

tested as TEEX members came up with several alternate twists in order to complicate the already difficult task of coordinating fire, rescue and EMS units from across the area.

Under the mock scenario, ambulances from as far away as Mason and Brady were dispatched to Eldorado in order to transport patients to area hospitals. At one point in the exercise, as coordinators struggled to get a couple of buses with paramedics from San Angelo to Eldorado, another fictional tragedy complicated matters when a tanker truck supposedly overturned and exploded near Door Key Lane on U.S. 277 south of San Angelo.

"We found ourselves scurrying to reroute ambulances through Knickerbocker and Mertzon," Sheriff Doran said. "It was just another test to see how well the system would work when an already desperate situation suddenly got worse."

For his part, Doran was joined at the Emergency Operation Center by Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk and Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay, as well as several members of the EMS and Sheriff's Department staff.

Meanwhile, Fire Chief Jerry Jones worked with another group of volunteers at the Incident Command Center, located at the Civic Center.

"It was a pretty good test," Chief Jones said. "It wasn't the real thing, but it was as close as we could make it without shutting the town down for a couple of days."

Jones noted that the mock disaster ended up with a fictional death toll of 45 people, far fewer than authorities first believed they would be facing when the event began.

"We don't ever want to see something like this happen," Sheriff Doran commented after the event. "But if something similar comes along, we will all have a better understanding of the other agencies, what they need, and how they will respond."

Respondents represented police, fire and EMS services from all 13 of the counties that presently make up the Concho Valley Council of Governments.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Personnel from throughout the 13-county Concho Valley Council of Governments gathered in Eldorado last week for a mock disaster that involved a terrorist attack on Eagle Stadium. Here the Emergency Operations Center fields calls and tries to coordinate the response as police, fire and rescue teams from across the Concho Valley converged on Eldorado.

'All The King's Clones' on a comeback tour!

If sequined jumpsuits are wrong, attendees of the second annual "All the King's Clones" Festival in Eldorado on Saturday, January 26, don't want to be right. The event is a lighthearted spoof of the worldwide Elvis impersonation phenomenon, and is meant to both celebrate and investigate this iconic figure. Admission is free to the fun filled gathering of those who love Elvis and his many quirks. Elvis always believed that the fatter you were, the more sequins you got to wear.

Several changes will occur this year from last year's inaugural. Instead of two days, the festival will be held on one day, but with extended hours. Festivities kick off at 11 AM, when vendors open their booths and the Elvi and psuedo Elvi begin to gather. One highlight of the event is dancing by the Lone Star Cloggers of San Angelo, who all deck themselves out in Elvis outfits. Other activities during the day include a jelly donut eating contest, a peanut butter and banana sandwich making contest, Elvis

movies and karaoke Elvis singing, open to all visitors.

A very laid back event; all attendees are invited and encouraged to dress in appropriate garb and join in on the contests and karaoke, etc. Elvis, who it appears will never fade away, will be memorialized here by fans and curiosity seekers alike as they idolize and scrutinize both his successes and his shortcomings. A new addition this year will be a sock hop beginning at 7 PM, reminiscent of the Elvis era.

The gala will be held at the T 9 C Ranch, a new party facility on Rabbit Road, three miles west of the Eldorado, Texas airport. Impersonators, whether they be real or imagined are invited to attend and perform. Both the young and the old Elvi are welcome and will be worshipped and lampooned. The young Elvi think that "keeping a stiff upper lip" is way over rated, while the old think the right cape can be very slimming.

Vendors with Elvis products are especially invited, but all vendors are welcome,

including food vendors. Just remember when talking about food though, that contrary to Elvis' thinking, "more self help ain't the same as helping your self to more." The festival is just one of many activities in and around Eldorado which are sponsored by the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee.

A special guest will be the most important member of Elvis' entourage, Chef Fonier, who prepared fabulous dishes for the King in his starring role. Introducing fried peanut 'n' nanner sandwiches, home style banana pudding, jelly donuts, southern sausage gravy, sweet potato cream cheese pie and other such unhealthy foods was his job. Having learned his lesson, the Chef will give advice on healthful eating habits. For information on any aspect of the event, contact Jim Runge at 325-853-3678 or eoboc@hotmail.com. T 9 C Ranch signs will direct the way to the annual fun filled festival. Detailed directions and other event information can also be found on their website at t9cranch.com.

Relay for Life off to good start!

The American Cancer Society Schleicher Unit invites you to fight cancer by contributing to our second Relay for Life. This overnight celebration of cancer survivorship is scheduled to take place May 16-17, 2008 at the Eldorado High School Track and Stadium.

The Relay has been very successful throughout Texas and we are joining the fight once again this spring. Businesses and individuals can help to meet our goal of \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society by purchasing advertising for a variety of areas that will help the Relay to pay any necessary expenses. The Schleicher Unit is confident with our help we will successfully meet our goal.

What is Relay for Life? Relay for Life is a celebration - a unique, challenging and fun way to raise money for the American Cancer Society and to raise awareness of cancer in the community. Relay for Life is the signature event for the American Cancer Society. More than just a fund-raiser, the event

brings together families and friends to celebrate those who have conquered cancer and to remember those who have not.

How does relay for Life work? Relay for Life is an overnight team event in which walkers or runners compete against each other to raise the most money and to travel the most miles. Participants alternate, ensuring that one member of each team is on the track at all times. Teams consist of 8 to 15 people representing various businesses, civic groups, social organizations, church groups or families. While the Relay for Life is in progress, a community party atmosphere is created by team members camping out and enjoying entertainment, food, games and camaraderie.

Contact Evelyn Gordon at 325-812-4051 for more information on forming a team or making a donation. Also if you are a cancer survivor and would like to participate in the relay's survivor lap contact Evelyn Gordon.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

These local community members met for the first Relay For Life organization party at the Middle School Library, Tuesday evening. Several teams have begun their strategy for fund raisers for this year's relay. They invite you to join them for the overnight celebration on May 16-17 at the Eldorado High School Track and Stadium.

OBITUARIES

Corrine S. Hext



On January 20, 2008, Corrine S. Hext passed on to her heavenly home where she could once again sing, walk and praise her Savior for the many blessings of her life. A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Eldorado at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 26th with Rev. Andy Anderson officiating.

Corrine and her twin sister, Allene were born Christmas Day, 1923 to Carroll and Mary Morgan Sanders in Diboll, Texas. Her father died unexpectedly when they were very small and her grandmother Morgan helped her mother take care of the twins and their older brother Jerroll. Several years later their mother married W.R. Palmer and the family now numbered five children within a year or two of each other. They called Highlands, TX home and the kids often laughed and told stories of their typical childhood mischief with Corrine always claiming her innocence.

Corrine is survived by: sister-in-law, Bobbie Sanders of San Angelo; brother, William and his wife, Adeline of Roanoke, LA and many nieces and nephews. Siblings preceding her in death were Jerroll Sanders, Allene Ochler and Emma V. Pope.

Corrine's marriage to Carl Patton gave her one of her proudest accomplishments—a son, Carl Leon Patton II. He and his family brought much joy and love to her life. During his years at home, she worked at Citizens National Bank & Trust of Baytown. Carl II's death in 1999, after a long-extended illness, was a time of great sadness but it never shook her faith. Her

beloved grandchildren are: Stacy and husband, Steve Jones; Darryl Patton; and Coby Patton. Her great grandchildren are: David Cobb, Jr., Britney Cobb; Derrick Patton, Ashley Patton, Hunter Patton; Jayden Patton and Maritza Patton all from the Baytown-Humble area.

Corrine came to San Angelo to be closer to her mother and brother, Jerroll and family of Eldorado in the early 1960s. She worked at Central National Bank and was elated with her job and new friendships. She met Morris Whitten of Eldorado and they were married in 1973 and shared many happy memories until his sudden death in 1982. She loved his sons: Steve, Ross and Bob and their families—always considering them to be her own. After Morris' death, Corrine began working at First National Bank of Eldorado as Customer Service secretary and always had a smile on her face and was willing to help everyone. She was a very artistic person who loved to paint pictures that would have some special meaning for her friends and family. Always giving, Corrine never asked for anything in return.

Corrine was active at First Baptist Church where she sang in the choir, served as Sr. Adult S.S. Director and made many special friends. One of those friends was Granvil Hext who she wed January 8, 1987 and they shared 20 years of love, laughter, travels and trials until his death October 28, 2007. His daughter, Deanne and husband, Herman Walker and their family and his son, Morris "Butch" and family became the devoted children she grew to love. Always one for fun or a meal at the last minute, she devoted herself to church, Granvil, family and friends. The domino group they played with also loved to fish, so many trips to Amstead, Tow or some other special spot was often in their discussions. Bobbie Sanders, Myrt & D. Williams, Leslie Bassinger and Nevella Sallee remained faithful to her until the end.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Eldorado, the SCMC Nursing Home or any organization of your choice.

Joe F. "Jeff" Miller

SAN ANGELO—Joe F. "Jeff" Miller, 87, passed away Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008. He is survived by his wife, H. Jean Miller; his daughters, Jill Eagleston and husband Mike of Southlake, Texas, and Jan Fuessel and husband Rick of Eldorado, Texas; four grandchildren, Lori Luedtke of Orlando, Fla., Chris Eagleston of Haslet, Texas, Whitney Garcia and husband Chris of Houston, Texas, and Lindsay Wright and husband Ben of Corsicana, Texas; and granddaughter-in-law Barbara Eagleston of Grapevine, Texas; and four great-grandchildren, Connor Luedtke of Orlando, Fla., Camille Eagleston of Haslet, Texas, and Rheily and Addyson Garcia of Houston, Texas. He is also survived by one brother, A. Neil Miller of Bellevue, Wash.; and his beloved "four-legged friend," Jeremiah.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Morris J. and Lillian E. Miller; one brother, San Miller; and grandson David Eagleston.

A memorial service celebrating his life was held Saturday, Jan. 19, at the San Angelo Civic Theatre. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Jeff Miller was born in Tulsa, Okla., on July 28, 1920. He graduated high school in Gainesville, Texas. He served in the United

States Army in the 54th Medical Training Battalion. He then received his bachelor's degree in fine arts and a master's degree in education from the University of Texas in Austin.

He came to San Angelo as the director of the San Angelo Civic Theatre in 1956. The theater at that time was at the corner of Caddo and Mesquite. Mr. Miller produced and directed over 50 plays and musicals during his 11 years tenure with the theater. He also directed the Miss Wool Pageants and many Tex-Ann Style and Talent shows. He also served from 1960 to 1989 as a teacher and administrator with the San Angelo Independent School District. He taught speech at Lee Junior High and was the first audio-visual coordinator of schools.

He loved his family, and in his retirement, he enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, fishing, playing bridge and poker and watching the Cowboys play football.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to Meals for the Elderly of San Angelo or Team David, a foundation formed in memory of his grandson to help support research for melanoma cancer. Team David Foundation, 613 Warrington Lane, Southlake, Texas 76092.

Tips for saying 'I Love You' this Valentine's Day

(SPM Wire) Just because people have been exchanging Valentine's Day cards since the 1840s isn't an excuse for giving your loved one a tired, hackneyed personal message in your Valentine's Day card this year.

Valentine's Day is all about celebrating what makes every relationship special and unique, and saying, "I love you," "I like you," or "I appreciate you" in a way that reflects your personality and style.

Here are some tips from American Greetings valentine writer Nicole Fraser for adding sincerity and flair to your card:

- Don't over-analyze the act. In all honesty, it doesn't take a greeting card writer to get the message just right. "Saying, 'I love you' can be a vulnerable moment for some," said Fraser. "Opening up and revealing your true feelings to someone can bring a lot of relief and peace, but the most important thing to remember is to be true to who you are and the relationship you have together."

- Make the greeting reflect your relationship. If you are in a budding romance filled with fun, your message should reflect that spirit. If you've stood the test of time together, acknowledging your commitment to the relationship is a very personal way to bring in a bit of reality.

- Use lists to get yourself going. Make a list of what you love about the other person, the inside jokes you share, the nicknames you have for one another and the memories you've made together. The list will help you craft a message that fits the two of you. "Anytime you can refer-

ence personal attributes you admire or shared experiences you cherish, you're sure to strike a chord in the recipient," Fraser added.

- Don't worry about how you say it, just say it. It's a romantic greeting, so it only sounds right if it truly comes from the heart. Don't dwell on perfect grammar; your relationship isn't perfect so you don't need to be either. The important thing is that you tell the other person how you feel.

- Sometimes, less is more. Instead of attempting to write original poetry or just copying down the lyrics to your favorite song, keep in mind that a few well-directed and meaningful words often have more of a positive effect than a long ramble. Look at your list of what you love about the other person, and simply write what's in your heart.

- Don't stop after finding the right card. Finding the right card and including the perfect personal message is just the beginning of how you show someone you care on Valentine's Day and all year.

Of course, as with all gifts, presentation is everything, so consider one of these special deliveries for your card this year:

Does your spouse tidy the bedroom in the morning? Play tooth fairy and hide it under the pillow.

Pile on the love with a combination of e-cards and paper valentines for your loved one throughout the day. Show your funny and romantic sides with a mix of valentines. Slip the valentine into a briefcase, purse or house slipper, or tuck it into the morning paper.

Have your card delivered along with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Above all, be yourself when crafting your Valentine's Day note and method of delivery and your loved one is sure to get the message.

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle
by Linda Thistle

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9			8	6	
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ***
* Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.
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Lady Eagles fall to Christoval, Irion County

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 the Eldorado Lady Eagles traveled to Christoval to take on the #11 ranked Lady Cougars.

Christoval's pressure defense would cause 5 early turnovers that were converted to 17 first quarter points to Eldorado's 7. Christoval would then chip in 20 more points to Eldorado's 8 and lead 39 to 15 at the half.

In the third quarter the Lady Eagles scored 12 points to Christoval's 18, still trailing 37-57. The final quarter saw the Lady Eagles continuing to battle but only manage 5 points to Christoval's 19. The final count would see Eldorado falling 32-76.

Friday, January 18, 2008 the Lady Eagles played host to the visiting Lady Hornets of Irion County. The first quarter would see both teams struggle on the offense and Irion County would lead 10 to 8. The second quarter would see

Eldorado force turnovers by Irion County and the Lady Eagles would take a 19-15 halftime lead.

In the third quarter both teams exchanged baskets and Eldorado would tally 13 points to 15 points by Irion County.

The fourth quarter again continued the back and forth contest and the Lady Eagles would commit fouls that allowed Irion County to convert on 12 free throws. Irion County would convert for 5 more points and hold off the Lady Eagles who only scored 9 points.

The final score would see Irion County 47 to Eldorado's 41.

The loss pushes Eldorado's overall record to 10-12 and 1-3 in district play headed into the second half of district competition.

Next action for the Lady Eagles will see the Menard Lady Jackets coming to Eldorado tomorrow for a 5pm scheduled tip-off for the JV followed by the varsity contest at 6:30pm.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN
 Bridget Mitchell looks for a lane to the basket Friday night as the Lady Eagles fell to Irion County. Mitchell ended the night with 10 points.

School Lunch Menu



BREAKFAST MENU

- Monday, January 28**
 Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, January 29**
 Waffle Stix/Syrup, Choice of Juice Milk
- Wednesday, January 30**
 Buttered Toast, Choice of Cereal Choice of Juice, Milk
- Thursday, January 31**
 Pig-n-a-Blanket, Choice of Juice Milk
- Friday, February 1**
 Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal Choice of Juice, Milk

CAFETERIA LINE

- Monday, January 28**
 Pizza, Bread Stix - 5th-12th grade, Carrot Stix/Dip, Mixed Fruit
- Tuesday, January 29**
 Beef Stew/Grilled Cheese, Cornbread, Carrot Stix /Broccoli Tops/Dip, Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Wednesday, January 30**
 Burrito, Corn on Cob, Carrot Stix/Dip, Rosie Applesauce
- Thursday, January 31**
 Chalupa /Cheese Cup, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Sliced Pineapple
- Friday, February 1**
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Sandwich Salad, Baked Chips, Apples

BASKET LINE

- Monday, January 28**
 Corn Dogs, Corn-on the cob Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit
- Tuesday, January 29**
 Chicken Burger/Chips, Pork-n-Beans, Burger Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Wednesday, January 30**
 Crispy Beef Tacos/ Refried Beans, Lettuce/ Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix/ Dip, Rosie Applesauce
- Thursday, January 31**
 Pep. Hot Pockets, Pork-n-Beans Tossed Salad, Sliced Pineapple
- Friday, February 1**
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips Sandwich Salad, Apples

Varsity boys beat Christoval, fall to Hornets

The Warbirds traveled to Christoval last Tuesday evening and brought home a 60-46 victory to bring their district record to 2-0.

Jorge Mata pulled in a third of the Eagles scoring with 20 points on the night.

Lalo Sanchez was the only other Eagle in the double digits with 12 points.

Dustin Ramos and Tyler Dombroski both accounted for nine points while Rance Cathey hit for

seven. Michael Redish found his three points from beyond the arc.

Irion County visited Eldorado Friday night and handed Eldorado its first district loss in a 60-55 contest.

Mata and Sanchez both finished the night with 13 points.

Dombroski and Ramos each accounted for nine, while Redish hit for seven.

Rance Cathey hit all four of his freethrows to account for all

his points.

The loss drops the teams record to 2-1 in district play heading into thier bye on Tuesday.

Eldorado will play host to Menard on Friday.

Eagles JV wins a pair

The Eldorado boys JV squad pulled off a close win in Christoval last Tuesday as they squeaked by the Cougars 37-35.

Josh Hash led the team with 14 points in the contest, while Mason Baker trailed close behind with 13.

Joseph Rubio made four points; Ryan Castillo 3 and Michael Rubio 2.

The JV team pulled off a more dominating victory against Irion County as they rolled past the Hornets 56-37.

Baker led the charge with 17 points and was the only Eagle to find the double digits.

Ryan Castillo and Joseph Rubio both ended the game with eight points.

Michael Rubio and Aaron Parlesy hit for six points, while Ben Wipff found the basket for five.

Rounding out the scoring was Josh Jurecek and Morgan Barker with two each.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN
 Tyler Dombroski dumps off a no-look pass from the point Friday night during Eldorado's 60-55 loss to Irion County. Dombroski ended the night with nine points.

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JV Lady Eagles drop two games

The JV Lady Eagles team took on Christoval on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 before the varsity contest. Both teams would struggle offensively and the score at the half would see Christoval with a sizable lead of 14.

Eldorado would manage only 7 points through 3 1/2 quarters of play before they would mount a comeback.

Eldorado would score 10 points in the final 2:00 minutes but would fall short by final score of 17-26.

The JV team then hosted the Irion County JV Hornets on Friday, January 18th. The Lady Eagles started the contest out turning the ball over on many occasions and were unable to convert on the offensive side of the ball. The JV Lady Eagles could not overcome the early deficit and dropped the contest by final count of 18-63.

OBITUARIES

Jackie Don Harris

ELDORADO — Jackie Don Harris, 69, of Eldorado died Tuesday January 22, 2007 at his residence. Services will be held at 11:00am on Thursday January 24 in the Eldorado Cemetery Chapel. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Capital Highlights...

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whether they were U.S. citizens or legal resident immigrants at the time they entered the military.

Student testing is rescheduled

Education Commissioner Robert Scott moved back the state testing calendar so Texas school students will not take the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exams on the March 4 state-wide primary election day.

"By moving testing dates, we can preserve schools as polling places and maintain a calm, quiet, secure testing environment for our students," Scott said.

Tests scheduled for March 4-6 will be given one day later than

originally scheduled.

About 2.6 million students will be affected.

Texas' role in primaries may rise

Even though the Lone Star State's primary comes a month after the Feb. 5 Super Tuesday primaries or caucuses in 24 other states, a general sense of the importance of Texas in the presidential primaries seems to be improving.

This may be attributed to the fact that no clear frontrunner has emerged for the Democrats or the Republicans.

Texas, second in population among the states, has 34 electoral votes, and may emerge as a key to victory for any of the campaigns.

Kelton and Fromholz to appear at Menard celebration

Joining Elmer Kelton, Steven Fromholz, Kelton, and Pitcox at the 5th Annual Free State of Menard Celebrates Texas Authors and Books, February 15 and 16, 2008, are Ann Thompson, widow of the late great Country/Western star Hank Thompson and James Peyton, internationally recognized chef, restaurant consultant, and cookbook author. Pitcox, KNEL disc jockey, will discuss and sign copies of his book, *Legendary Conversations with a Texas Disc Jockey*.

Two events are planned: A Champagne & Beer Reception and Silent Auction on Friday, February 15 at the ranch home of Jerry and Diana Baker. Beginning at 6:30 pm, the gala reception features a substantial board, with several recipes from James Peyton's four cookbooks. His books and those of all event authors will be available for purchase and signing during the evening.

The Celebration Luncheon and formal book signing, scheduled for 11 am Saturday, February 16, at the Menard Country Club features a menu designed and prepared by Chef Mike Hennessey and Sideoats Bakery and Café. This past year Hennessey was named "Best Restaurant Manager of the Year" by the Texas Restaurant Association and Restaurateur of the Year by the San Angelo Area Restaurant Association. After lunch each author

will address the diners and sign copies of their books. Books will be on sale at the Menard Country Club before and after the luncheon, beginning at 10:30 am.

Admission is by reservation only. Admission price is a suggested donation of \$50 per person for each event. A combination of one each for reception and luncheon is \$90 per person. Reservations are available through Marjorie May Russell at 325.396.4621.

All proceeds benefit the building and operating funds for the Menard Public Library. Sponsor of the events, the Library Club of Menard, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation. All donations are tax deductible.

Steven Fromholz, a native Texan, is a singer, songwriter, guitarist, poet, author, storyteller, humorist, white water river guide, and humorist. He is often heralded as one of the last Texas Troubadours. He considers himself all the above and, of course, a cowboy. Fromholz was named 2007 Poet Laureate of Texas. His song, *Texas Trilogy*, is considered by many to be the best Texas song ever written. Fromholz's books include *The Texas Trilogy* and *When the Sun Hits This Land*.

Known as a songwriter's songwriter, Steven Fromholz's songs have been recorded by John Denver, Lyle Lovett, Willie Nelson, **SEE AUTHORS ON PAGE 6**

Touch of History

by Rene Caloote



Joe Tisdale's sheared goats with coats.

Joe Tisdale provided coats for his sheared goats

Every pioneer family moving to Schleicher County in the early 1900's contributed to the growth and prosperity of this newly formed county in their own way.

Joe and Willie Tisdale were among these pioneer families, hard workers and good neighbors. In 1908 Joe bought one section of ranch land in eastern Schleicher Co., later buying another two sections. This is now known as

Tisdale Lane. The Tisdale's raised their family on this ranch, hiring a governess to teach the children since they were such a long way from a school. Joe and Willie were parents to three daughters, Charlotte, Laura and Ethel, and one son, Albert. Joe had his own unique way of ranching, which worked for him. An example is the goats with coats he put on them after shearing.



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Notice

Angel Food Ministries Pickup Location Change

The Angel Food Ministries pickup location First Baptist Church has changed to Methodist Fellowship Hall this Saturday, January 26 from 11-12 Noon.

HEALTHY WEIGHT FOR A HEALTHY YOU

Schleicher County Medical Center celebrates Healthy Weight Week January 18 thru January 24, 2008. Healthy Weight Week is an annual, national observance that focuses attention on the importance of staying at a healthy weight.

What is it? A healthy weight is different for everyone. A person's weight is based on factors such as genes, food intake, and level of physical activity. Therefore, it is impossible to have one ideal weight that suits everybody. Healthy weight includes lifestyle, eating habits, and good nutrition, combined with physical activity. Eating in a healthy way provides the human body with the nutrients it needs to function, so what a person eats directly affects the body's well-being and a person's quality of life.

How does healthy weight influence a person's life? Being at a healthy weight and eating healthy can enhance feelings of well-being and provide the needed energy to lead a fulfilling life. Maintaining a healthy weight is an important part of self-esteem, because your weight affects your body image, emotions, moods, and physical sensations. A healthy weight can help to reduce your risk for physical and mental illnesses.

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Debunking top health myths even some doctors believe

(SPM Wire) Do you think that you need eight glasses of water a day, that reading in dim light damages your eyes or that eating turkey makes you sleepy? Think again.

In a study entitled "Medical Myths Even Doctors Believe" published in the "British Medical Journal," Indiana University School of Medicine researchers explored some commonly held and untrue medical beliefs.

The researchers studied various myths -- including those seemingly age-old beliefs that people only use 10 percent of their brains and that hair and fingernails continue to grow after we die.

The surprising findings are that all these beliefs were unproven or untrue.

"We got fired up about this because we knew that physicians accepted these beliefs and were passing this information along to their patients; We didn't set out to become myth busters," said the study's co-author Dr. Aaron Carroll, assistant professor of pediatrics and a Regenstrief Institute, Inc. affiliated scientist.

The first belief they explored was that people should drink at least eight glasses of water a day. This advice has long been

promoted as healthful as well as a useful dieting or weight control strategy.

"When we examined this belief, we found that there is no medical evidence to suggest that you need that much water," said Dr. Rachel Vreeman, a pediatrics research fellow and co-author of the new study.

She thinks this myth can be traced back to a 1945 recommendation from the Nutrition Council. But an important part of the Council's recommendation has been lost over the years -- the large amount of fluid contained in food, especially fruits and vegetables, as well as in the coffee and soda people drink each day should be included in the recommended total.

Indeed, drinking excess water can be dangerous, resulting in water intoxication and even death, the study authors note.

Even before Abe Lincoln was told that reading in dim candle light was bad for his eyes, people have believed that reading in dim light causes permanent eye damage. And ever since, generation after generation of parents have thusly admonished children caught reading with flashlights under their blankets.

However, the new study found no evidence that reading in dim light causes permanent eye damage. It is true that eye strain can occur in dim light, causing some temporarily decreased acuity, but after rest the eyes return to their full potential.

And don't worry about falling asleep at the dinner table after gnawing on a turkey drumstick.

Yes, scientific evidence supports that tryptophan, which is contained in turkey, can cause drowsiness. However, turkey doesn't contain an exceptional amount of tryptophan. In fact, turkey, chicken, and ground beef contain about the same amount of tryptophan and protein sources like pork and Swiss cheese contain more tryptophan per gram than turkey.

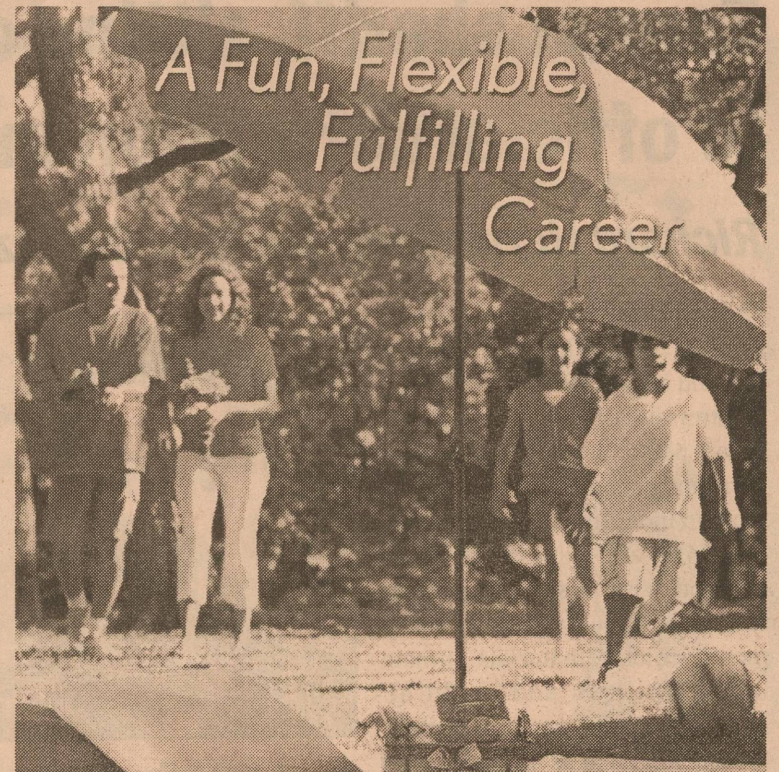
So why do people believe eating turkey makes them sleepy but never feel that way after a burger or pork chop? This myth most likely gained credence because turkey is often consumed during large, heavy dinners. It's the total content of the meal that makes one feel lethargic.

Dr. Vreeman and Dr. Carroll also explored the popular belief that we use only 10 percent of our

brains. MRI scans, PET scans and other imaging studies show no dormant areas of the brain, and even viewing individual neurons or cells reveals no inactive areas of the brain. Metabolic studies of how brain cells process chemicals show no nonfunctioning areas.

This myth probably originated with self improvement experts in the early 1900s who wanted to convince people that they had yet not reached their full potential. With the help of these self proclaimed experts one could tap into the 90 percent of the brain supposedly not being used.

The study also showed that fingernails and hair do not grow after death and that shaved hair does not grow back faster, coarser or darker, among other popularly-held incorrect medical myths.



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Blank screens coming to analog TVs

by David Uffington

If you get TV reception from rabbit ears or an antenna on your roof, the free analog signals that your TV has been grabbing out of the airwaves will no longer exist after February 2009. The government, with the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005, is requiring that all television broadcasting of analog signals cease then. After that date, to get any reception on your older analog TV, you'll need a converter box.

To help with the transition, the government has started the TV Converter Box Coupon Program. The coupons, worth \$40 each, will help defray the cost of the converter boxes, which are expected to cost approximately \$50 to \$70 each. Each household is allowed two coupons, and you have to apply for them.

A massive campaign is currently under way, and will continue right up until February 2009. To encourage people to get their coupons now, it's said that there are a limited number of coupons. The problem is that the coupons are only good for 90 days, and consumers are being forced to make fast decisions.

There are two ways to look at it:

1) It's a long time until February 2009. By then your analog TV might need replacing and you'll end up buying a new digital TV anyway. And surely, knowing that millions of people will be shopping for new ones, televisions during the 2008 holiday season will be on sale at good prices.

2) You might want to go ahead and get a converter because it's supposed to help you get more channels and better reception.

One thing is for certain: By February 2009, your old analog TV won't get any channels. You'll either end up buying a new digital TV, hooking up to satellite or cable service -- or getting a converter box for your old set.

For information or to order your coupons, call 888-388-2009.

Go to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Web site (www.ntiatv.gov) for a list of converter

boxes that are eligible under the coupon program, as well as a list of retailers who are authorized to sell them. You can also get an application for the coupon at www.

dtv2009.gov, or request the coupon by mail: P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208.

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ASU awards degrees to 2007 fall graduates

Angelo State University conferred 318 bachelor's and master's degrees upon 317 graduates during 2008 Fall commencement exercises December 15 in San Angelo, Texas.

Elisa M. Lopez received a Bachelor of Arts degree; Alfredo Munoz, Master of Science degree; Jose J. Munoz, Bachelor of Science degree and Shelia D. Santellano, Bachelor of Science degree.

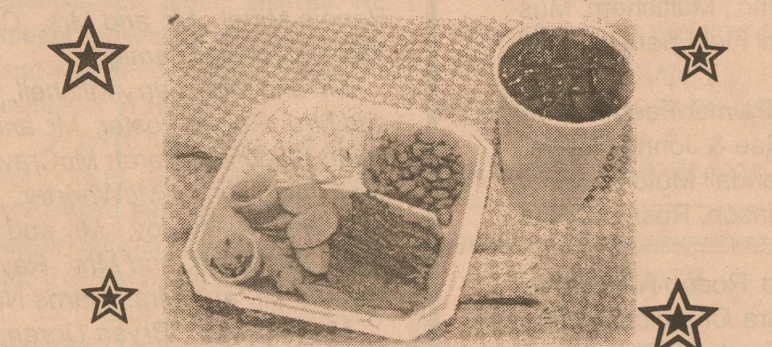
ASU lists honor students for 2007 fall semester

Students achieving the Dean's List for the 2007 Fall semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point

average on a 4.0 scale. Eldorado students that made the 2007 Fall Semester Dean's List were Esperanza Fuentes, Tiffany C. Hernandez, Brittany N. Jennings, Jennifer M. Luedecke, Belinda G. Martinez, Ashley N. Minor, Charissa C. Sheppard and Chandra L. Wanoreck.

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Former sheriff, sitting commissioner plead guilty to official corruption in Bastrop County roundup

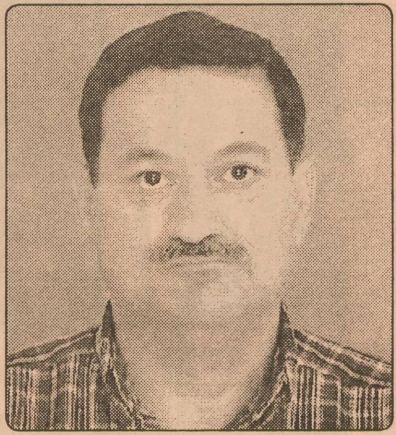
Richard Hernandez, David A. Goertz illegally used county resources for gain

BASTROP — Former Bastrop County Sheriff Richard Hernandez and sitting Precinct 1 County Commissioner David A. Goertz today pleaded guilty to official corruption charges brought against them in indictments handed down last May and July. Both were charged with misusing taxpayer resources, including county equipment, vehicles, materials, inmate labor, facilities and credit accounts, for their personal benefit. Goertz resigned as a condition of his guilty plea.

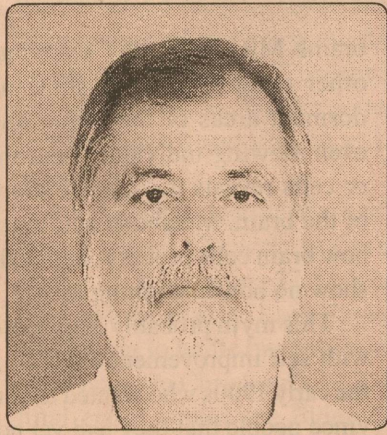
Hernandez, 52, served as sheriff from January 1997 until he resigned last May following the first indictments. Under the plea agreement, he will spend 90 days in jail, serve 10 years probation and forfeit his peace officer's license. Hernandez pleaded guilty to six felony counts, including theft by a public servant, abuse of official capacity and misapplication of fiduciary property. He must pay the county \$16,000 for diverting county money for profit and personal use.

Goertz, 52, took office in January 2005. He pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor charge, abuse of official capacity. His six-month jail sentence is probated for one year. He must pay \$1,499 in restitution to Bastrop County along with a \$1,500 fine. He must also perform 120 hours of community service.

The Attorney General's Special



Former Bastrop County Sheriff Richard Hernandez (L) and current Bastrop County Precinct 1 Commissioner Richard Goertz (R) pleaded guilty on Tuesday to official corruption charges



COURTESY PHOTOS

Investigations Unit investigated the case, headed by Capt. Forrest Mitchell. Assistant Attorneys General David Glickler and Harry White prosecuted both cases at the request of Bastrop County District Attorney Bryan Goertz, who is a distant relative of defendant David Goertz.

The most serious charges leveled against Hernandez stemmed from his scheme with a local car dealer to sell his personal vehicle to eliminate the debt on the vehicle. At the same time, he sold a county sheriff's department vehicle to the dealer for \$13,000, a price well below its current market value of about \$30,000. Then Hernandez, acting as county sheriff, immediately used county funds to purchase his personal vehicle back from the dealer for use as a county vehicle, clearing his debt in the process. Next, he bought back the

himself as a private citizen, later sold this vehicle to a dealer in another county for \$28,500, pocketing the difference.

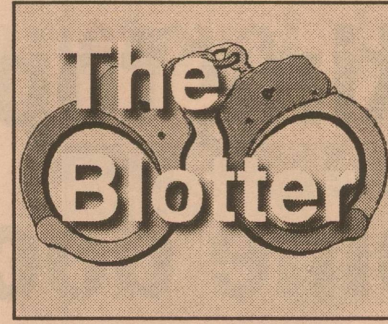
Hernandez also committed theft by using county inmate labor and materials to build large barbecue pits, one of which he sold at 100 percent profit to a local citizen for \$2,000. According to the indictment, Hernandez used county materials such as motor fuel, propane, tools, tires and other items for his personal benefit throughout his time in office.

Both Hernandez and David Goertz routinely used inmate labor to improve their residences, often as on-the-clock county employees oversaw the prisoners. Goertz used inmates on electrical wiring projects in his home, as well as other jobs that benefited him.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Canyon Faull is shown displaying his Champion Gilt during the judging stage for the Grand Champion Gilt. Faull also won the Reserve Champion Gilt Division.



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

ARRESTS

January 16 • Cardenas, Victor Jr., male age 17, offense Reckless Driving. Released.

January 17 • Rodriguez, Emmanuel, male age 19, offense local warrants. Released.

January 19 • Holt, Timothy male age 29, hold for Sutton Co. Monroe, Larry Lee, male age 56, hold for Sutton County.

Sanchez, Eddie Edward, male age 45, hold for Sutton County.

Dominguez, Hugo Juan, male age 38, hold for Sutton County.

Grooms, Nathaniel D., male age 27, hold for Sutton County.

Rodriguez, Albert, male age 18, hold for Sutton County.

Taylor, Veton Houston, male age 40, hold for Sutton County.

INCIDENTS

January 15 • 6:58 p.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer about being threatened. Officer notified.

January 16 • 5:01 p.m. Caller reported a theft of service in gasoline in the amount of \$20.02. Officer responded and subject came back and paid.

• 5:34 p.m. 911 Caller reported a pit bull came after them as they were trying to take out their trash. Officer responded.

January 17 • 10:15 p.m. Caller requested an ambulance to transport elderly man to hospital.

January 18 • Complainant advised Sheriff Office that two Blue Heelers had attached their mothers dog. Officer and Animal Control notified.

January 20 • 2:57 a.m. Caller reported dogs incessantly barking and not allowing anyone in the neighborhood to get any sleep.

• 6:17 p.m. Caller requested a number for San Angelo Police Department.

January 21 • 4:03 p.m. 911 Caller requested ambulance for elderly man with shortness of breath and temperature.

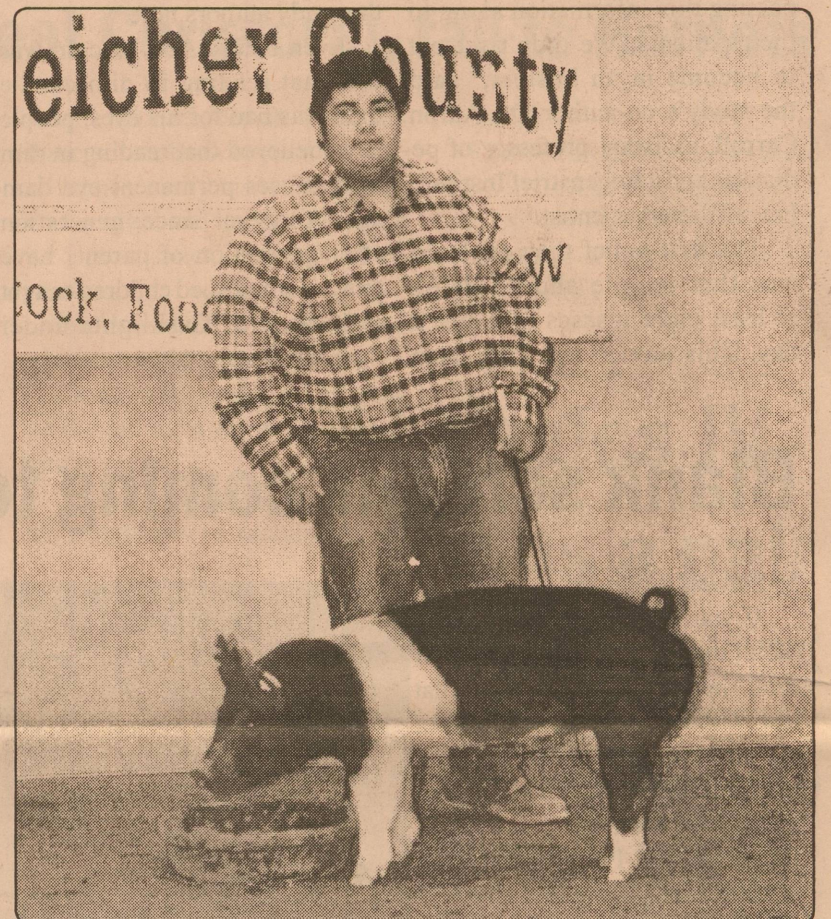


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Jorge Chavez's barrow from the Class 1 Division won the Grand Champion Barrow title at the 4-H Schleicher County Stock and Food Show on January 12, 2008. Chavez's barrows won first place in Class 1 and 2.

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Comptroller Combs schedules webinars to inform taxpayers about revised Franchise Tax

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"Last fall, we presented seminars in 10 cities," Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Now, we are pleased to be able to use technology to keep reaching out to taxpayers across the state to ensure that they are well informed about franchise tax changes. The webinars also offer participants the opportunity to exchange real-time

questions and answers with our franchise tax experts during the presentations."

Participants must register in advance and may choose to view all of the online presentations, or select only the presentations they need. To learn the computer system requirements and to register for the webinars, go to the link on the home page of the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/>.

The initial webinar schedule is:
 Thursday, Jan. 24, and Monday, Feb. 4 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. — Overview of the Revised Franchise Tax
 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. — Total Revenue
 Friday, Jan. 25, and Tuesday, Feb. 5 10 - 11 a.m. — Cost of Goods Sold

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. — Compensation

The Overview of the Revised Franchise Tax presentation will highlight changes made to the Texas franchise tax by the Texas Legislature. The webinar will review the entities subject to the franchise tax, the new tax base, tax rates and reporting options available to taxable entities.

The presentation on Total Revenue will focus on the computation of total revenue, which is the starting point for computing the amount of franchise tax due under the revised franchise tax. The webinar will review all items of revenue that should be included, as well as items that may be deducted from revenue.

The presentation covering Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) will focus on the calculation of COGS, which is a factor that may be used in determining a taxable entity's margin. The webinar will review all allowable expenses that can be included as part of COGS, as well as items that are specifically excluded from COGS.

The session on Compensation will focus on the calculation of compensation, which is a factor that may be used in determining a taxable entity's margin. The webinar will review the definitions of wages and cash compensation, benefits and net distributive income along with the applicable limitations on those items.



PHOTO BY JI. MANKIN
 Lalo Sanchez drove to the hoop Friday night as the Eagles varsity boys fell to Irion County 60-55. Sanchez finished the night with 13 points.

Don't give infants or toddlers cold or cough medicines

(SPM Wire) If your child is less than two years old and has a cold, don't give him or her over-the-counter cold or cough medicines.

So says the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which has issued a Public Health Advisory for parents and caregivers, recommending that such cough and cold products not be used to treat infants and toddlers because serious and potentially life-threatening side effects can occur from such use.

These cough and cold products include decongestants, expectorants, antihistamines, and antitussives (cough suppressants) for the treatment of colds.

There are a wide variety of rare, serious adverse events reported with cough and cold products, including death, convulsions, rapid heart rates, and decreased levels of consciousness.

"The FDA strongly recommends to parents and caregivers that OTC cough and cold medicines not be used for children younger than two," said Charles Ganley, M.D., director of the FDA's Office of Nonprescription Products. "These medicines, which treat symptoms and not the underlying condition, have not been shown to be safe or effective in children under two."

The announcement does not include the FDA's final conclusions about use of OTC cough and cold

medicines in children ages two to 11 years. The agency's review of data for such use is continuing.

The agency plans to issue its recommendations on use of the products in children ages two to 11 years as soon as its review is complete.

Pending completion of the FDA's ongoing review, parents and caregivers that choose to use OTC cough and cold medicines to children ages two to 11 years should:

- Follow the dosing directions on the label of any OTC medication,
- Understand that these drugs will not cure or shorten the duration of the common cold,
- Check the "Drug Facts" label to learn what active ingredients are in the products because many OTC cough and cold products contain multiple active ingredients, and
- Only use measuring spoons or cups that come with the medicine or those made specially for measuring drugs.

The FDA recommends that anyone with questions contact a physician, pharmacist or other health care professional to discuss how to treat a child with a cough or cold.

For more information and the full list of the FDA's recommendations, visit www.fda.gov on the Internet.

Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

8	3	5	6	1	7	4	9	2
6	7	9	8	4	2	5	1	3
4	1	2	3	9	5	7	8	6
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5	8	3	9	7	6	1	2	4
9	2	1	4	5	8	6	3	7
7	6	4	1	2	3	9	5	8

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