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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 unloose a spray of pesticide over Eagle Stadium luring 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 but 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 olice, 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 ersonnel 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

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

"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 Govern-



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 'nana 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!

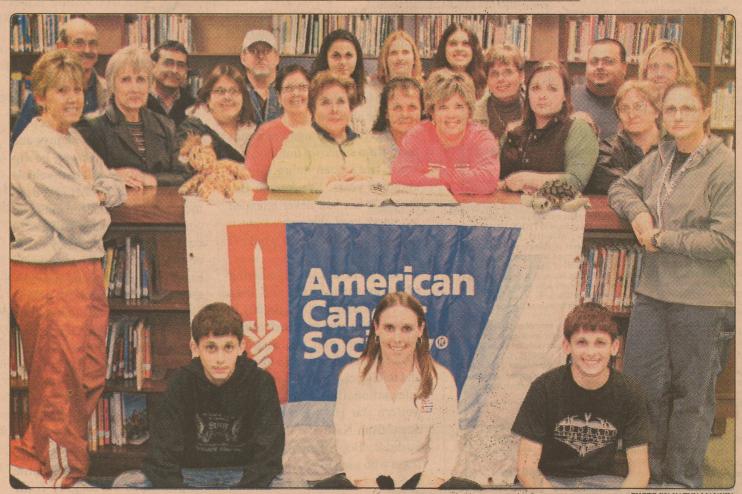
The American Cancer Society Schleicher Unit invites you to fight cancer by contributing to our second Relay for Life. This overnight celebration of cancer survivorship is scheduled to take place May 16-17, 2008 at the Eldorado High School Track and Stadium.

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 aise 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

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.



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.

Two good candidates this time?

What we have after Iowa and New Hampshire is the possibility of a presidential race between two candidates who are charismatic, honest and thoughtfully moderate.

It might make for a November the likes of which baby boomers have never seen.

Counting from 1968, the first election in which boomers voted, we had Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Poppy Bush, Bill Clinton and now W. himself. None combined charisma, intellectual honesty and moderate politics. And these are just the



winners. Remember George McGovern, Gerald Ford, Walter Mondale, Michael Dukakis, Bob Dole, Al Gore and John Kerry?

That's 40 years

and 10 elections in which, more often than not, both candidates disap-

pointed.

Is this the end of the streak of awfulness?

Among Republicans, Mitt Romney and Fred Thompson are paint-by-numbers conservatives, with their soporific talk about guns and lower taxes. Can't they think of something fresh, 20 years after Ronald Reagan left office? Rudy Giuliani might be a strong leader and moderate in domestic issues, but in the international arena he is capable of performing the improbable feat of making the United States even less respected than it is now. Ron Paul? As radical in his own way as George McGovern.

That leaves John McCain and Mike Huckabee. The latter has his own quiet brand of likability (the first fundamentalist with irony, somebody called him), and seems more pragmatic than the stereotypical Christian conservative. But people who reject the basics of modern scientific thought cannot be called thoughtful.

Over on the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton has constructed a public persona so opaque, even posttears, that it is no longer possible to tell what she is or is not. And John Edwards has converted himself into a Democratic version of Mitt Romney, mouthing platitudes stale since Hubert Humphrey.

Which leaves Barack Obama. And the possibility of Obama versus McCain in November.

The Democrat's appeal is that he has the power to recast the image of the United States abroad and at home. An Obama presidency will make America less race-conscious -- we will look at him and see him as the president, not just as the black president. Overseas, the recasting is even more necessary, but is Obama too eager to run around the world embracing dictators?

McCain, too, has the power to make this country be itself again, with his principled stand against torture, his refusal to play immigrant-basher along with most other Republicans. Even war opponents who are honest will admit (at least to themselves) that his support for the Iraq surge is born of honest conviction. But I keep thinking back to his "Bomb Iran" moment, singing it to the tune of the Beach Boys' "Barbara Ann." And I wonder what making light of such a grave affair says about the man.

They both bear watching. As does the exciting possibility that for the first time, millions of Americans will know what it feels like to vote for a presidential candidate they actually like, instead of the lesser of two evils.

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Where was Gomer when we needed him?

First off, could we get some help for Angelo R. Mozilo?

Mozilo, the former head of Countrywide Financial, is being kicked out on the street with a measly \$112 million severance package, despite having successfully presided over the destruction of the nation's largest independent mortgage lender.

This man is used to losing billions of dollars. He could run through \$100 million during a bad weekend in Vegas.

In the name of compassionate conservatism, it's up to the federal government to lend a hand to a man who through no fault of his own -- well, OK, it was totally his fault -- finds himself out of a job and struggling on the wrong side of the Forbes magazine list of 400 richest Americans.

For some reason, I used to think of Countrywide and Citigroup and Merrill Lynch CEOs as being smoother versions of tightfisted Old Man Potter in "It's a Wonderful Life."

Now I realize I had the wrong model: They're more like Gomer Pyle -- without the financial acumen

True, they sound and dress a lot better than he does, but I don't think Gomer, unlike the Citigroup chief, would have had to write

ADon Flood

down \$22 billion because of bad loans and investments.

You could have trusted CEO Pyle to say: "Well, g-o-o-o-o-o-l-l-y! Twenty-two billion dollars is a lot of money. We better be careful."

Which these guys weren't.

Among the financial instruments that got them into trouble was something called "no doc" -- or no document -- loans, which, as one Web site puts it, are for people "who cannot prove income in the traditional sense."

Ah yes, that would be "traditional" in the sense of pay stubs, income-tax returns, bank balances and all those other tiresome documents I had to provide when we applied for a loan.

For our first loan, we had to prove we were worthy of the honor of paying -- Caution: Younger readers may keel over when they see this figure -- a 13.5 percent mortgage.

Absolutely true, as is this story from another application.

My credit record was clean, except for one transgression. Eight years before I had a late payment on a utility bill.

You might think they'd look at this and say, "Big deal."

Nope. I was told to type up a letter explaining the reason for the one late payment.

Since it had been eight years, I no longer had any idea why I was late, so I made up something.

That's right. To prove I could be expected to honor my obligations, I lied.

I imagined the process going like this:

LOAN COMMITTEE MEMBER: Wait until you get a load of this guy. He expects us to loan him money even though only eight years ago he had a late payment.

CHAIR: Good grief, another deadbeat!

But at some banks it was more

LOAN COMMITTEE MEMBER: This guy has no job, no assets and it's rumored he might be dead. He wants \$500,000.

CHAIR: What kind of lousy house can you buy for 500 grand? Give him a million.

You see, Gomer Pyle would have known better.

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WE'VE BEEN MONITORING YOUR NEWS BROADCASTS and ARE CONCERNED ABOUT EARTH'S, EVIDENTLY, MOST IMPORTANT INHABITANT, BRITNEY SPEARS

A Private Texas Songwriters' Festival

Bill Worrell is an extremely successful but unassuming artist who lives on a place by the Llano River in Mason County. He calls his place the New Art Studio and calls himself the King of New Art. There is a real community named Art, Texas just north of him.

Every December Bill throws a party for about 400 of his closest friends. He feeds and entertains them from sundown until the wee hours. He's been doing this for eighteen years. I've known Bill for years but had never attended his party until this year. I put it on the calendar early so I wouldn't miss it.

The event is really a gathering of Texas songwriters and singers. A building on the grounds is turned into a miniature auditorium with a stage and professional sound system for the performers and folding chairs for the audience. Internationally known country western star Hal Ketchum came down from Nashville to perform. So did Jay Boy Adams of Comfort, Texas who used to be with ZZ Top and now has his own band, The Roadhouse Scholars. You can hear them Wednesday nights at



Tumbleweed Smith

STEAKNITE in Waring, Texas.
Years ago Jay Boy decided air travel was a little clumsy and expensive for bands, so he fig-

expensive for bands, so he figured some type of road vehicle would be a better way to get band members, their instruments and equipment from place to place. So he started designing fancy motor homes for musicians. Now he has a fleet of them and provides ground transportation for people like Celine Dion and others of that caliber. If an individual or group doesn't like what he has on hand, he'll design one especially to their liking. He has three plants around the country that converts motor homes to the individual preferences of successful musicians.

I got to meet George Ensle (pronounced Ensley) of Austin. He performed his song, A Texas Thang, which might become the state's official anthem. The song

mentions our clear blue sky, the "howdy" wave to strangers, chicken fried steak, Bluebell ice cream, sawdust dancehalls and the Luckenbach moon. It goes on about the painted sunsets, hill country rain, the gulf coast breeze, King Ranch pickups and old Cadillacs, blue bonnets and longhorns and a cowgirl on a cuttin' horse. George has three steady gigs and performs when he's not doing his day job. He's a licensed architect.

Musicians aren't the only interesting folks at Worrell's party. The woman supervising the food for the 400 guests is Linda Finch, who flew a restored Lockheed Electra 10E completely around the equator. She flew the same route and in the same type aircraft as Amelia Earhart, who disappeared in the Pacific during her attempt to become the first person to circumnavigate the world along the equator. During Linda's two and a half months journey she stopped in 18 countries. A movie about Linda's flight is in the works. Linda has a nursing home in Gonzales, Texas and is designing a line of clothing appropriately called "Amelia Earhart."

Inspectors told to focus on metal bridge component

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Last summer, the Interstate 35 West Mississippi River bridge collapse in Minneapolis woke people up.

Inspection crews fanned out across each state and assessed the condition of bridges under

their care.

The Texas
Department of
Transportation
ran bridge safety inspections
and declared
Texas bridges
safe.



Now, U.S.

Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters has told Texas and the other states to address how changes in bridge weight, capacity and bridge conditions might affect "gusset plates." Gusset plates and girders hold up certain bridges. They work like a hub and spokes. Peters' directive suggests inspectors should take a closer look at gusset plates when calculating load capacity on the nation's 13,000 steel truss bridges. Texas has more than 300 of them.

According to TxDOT, there are only six bridges in Texas like the one that collapsed in Minnesota and all of them have either been inspected within the last year or are scheduled for replacement.

Guv calls for nominations to hall

Gov. Rick Perry is calling for nominations of outstanding women for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame, coordinated by the Governor's Commission for Women, includes among its many inductees Lady Bird Johnson, educator and lawmaker Barbara Jordan, Gov. Ann Richards, rancher Hallie Stillwell, Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper reporter Caro Crawford Brown, musician Lydia Mendoza, and newspaper publisher and presidential cabinet member Oveta Culp Hobby.

This year's categories for nominees are leadership, historic preservation, health, physical fitness, education and performing arts.

An independent panel of judges will review the nominations and the governor will induct the women the panel recommends into the 2008 Hall of Fame at an awards ceremony in the fall.

Nominees must be native or current Texas residents, their noted achievement must have significant ties to Texas, and they must have been involved in the noted achievement during the past 12 months.

In related news, a 1986 Texas Women's Hall of Fame inductee, former State Rep. Wilhelmina Delco of Austin, has been named by House Speaker Tom Craddick as a member of the Texas Ethics Commission. Her term, effective immediately, will end in November 2011.

AG withdraws benefits opinions

Attorney General Greg Abbott withdrew two letter opinions released in 2006, disqualifying certain veterans from receiving college tuition exemptions available under the Hazlewood Act.

The San Antonio-based Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of six Gulf War veterans who are now U.S. citizens.

The veterans were denied the Hazlewood exemption because they were legal residents but not U.S. citizens at the time they entered the military.

After Abbott vacated the opinions, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopted temporary rules to provide that qualified veterans are eligible for the Hazlewood exemption

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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: sisterin-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 she devoted herself to church, 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

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 all honesty, it doesn't take a greet- have more of a positive effect than may 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 was willing to help everyone. you have together." She was a very artistic person who loved to paint pictures that would have some special meaning for her

the choir, served as Sr. Adult S.S. Director and made many special 8, 1987 and they shared 20 years of love, laughter, travels and trials unand 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, Granvil, family and friends. The domino group they played with also loved to fish, so many trips 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" States Army in the 54th Medi-Miller, 87, passed away Saturday, cal Training Battalion. He then Jan. 12, 2008. He is survived by his received his bachelor's degree in wife, H. Jean Miller; his daughters, fine arts and a master's degree in Jill Eagleston and husband Mike of education from the University of Southlake, Texas, and Jan Fuessel Texas in Austin. and husband Rick of Eldorado, and his beloved "four-legged ordinator of schools. friend," Jeremiah.

and grandson David Eagleston.

A memorial service celebrating his life was held Saturday, Jan. 19, requests that memorials be made at the San Angelo Civic Theatre. to Meals for the Elderly of San Arrangements were by Shaffer Angelo or Team David, a foun-Funeral Home.

Texas. He served in the United Southlake, Texas 76092.

He came to San Angelo as the Texas; four grandchildren, Lori director of the San Angelo Civic Luedtke of Orlando, Fla., Chris Theatre in 1956. The theater at Eagleston of Haslet, Texas, Whit- that time was at the corner of ney Garcia and husband Chris Caddo and Mesquite. Mr. Miller of Houston, Texas, and Lindsay produced and directed over 50 Wright and husband Ben of Cor- plays and musicals during his 11 sicana, Texas; and granddaugh- years tenure with the theater. He ter-in-law Barbara Eagleston of also directed the Miss Wool Pag-Grapevine, Texas; and four great- eants and many Tex-Ann Style grandchildren, Connor Luedtke of and Talent shows. He also served Orlando, Fla., Camille Eagleston from 1960 to 1989 as a teacher and of Haslet, Texas, and Rheily and administrator with the San Angelo Addyson Garcia of Houston, Texas. Independent School District. He He is also survived by one brother, taught speech at Lee Junior High A. Neil Miller of Bellevue, Wash.; and was the first audio-visual co-

He loved his family, and in his He was preceded in death by retirement, he enjoyed reading, his parents, Morris J. and Lillian crossword puzzles, fishing, play-E. Miller; one brother, San Miller; ing bridge and poker and watching the Cowboys play football.

In lieu of flowers the family dation formed in memory of his Jeff Miller was born in Tulsa, grandson to help support research Okla., on July 28, 1920. He gradu- for melanoma cancer. Team David ated high school in Gainesville, Foundation, 613 Warrington Lane,

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

(SPM Wire) Just because ence personal attributes you admire 1840s isn't an excuse for giving recipient," Fraser added. your loved one a tired, hackneyed tine's Day card this year.

way that reflects your personality other person how you feel. and style.

and flair to your card:

can be a vulnerable moment for some," said Fraser, "Opening up and revealing your true feelings to

· Make the greeting reflect your relationship. If you are in a budding romance filled with fun, friends and family. Always giving, your message should reflect that your card this year: Corrine never asked for anything spirit. If you've stood the test of time together, acknowledging your Corrine was active at First commitment to the relationship is Baptist Church where she sang in a very personal way to bring in a bit of reality.

friends. One of those friends was Make a list of what you love about Granvil Hext who she wed January the other person, the inside jokes you share, the nicknames you have for one another and the memories til his death October 28, 2007. His you've made together. The list will daughter, Deanne and husband, help you craft a message that fits the Herman Walker and their family two of you. "Anytime you can refer-with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

BIRTHDAY LIST

JANUARY

24th Charles Pfluger, Cole

Wilkerson, Jan Wanoreck, Tommy

25th Mali Rios, Richard Gibson,

26th Tiffany Hernandez Patricia

Richters, Logan Jones, Katie

Kidd, Robert Valero, Kenneth

Isaacs, Robert E. Isaacs, Juanita

Buitron, Tara Holley, Deborah

Kellogg, CaTina Widdon, Kevin

Wideman, Tristen Barajas, Sunni Cate McCormick, Reed Hairman, Varonica Mejia, Clarissa

29th Blake Snelson, Rvan Mathis.

Dennis Droll, Frank Barajas,

30th Trisha Martinez, McKayla

Ann Adame, Lacy Finley Jemmott,

Louise Radle, Michael Faull,

Antonio Mejia, Sutairra Martinez

31st Shonda Ferguson, Louann Clark, Shea Polite, Linda

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people have been exchanging or shared experiences you cherish, Valentine's Day cards since the you're sure to strike a chord in the

• Don't worry about how you personal message in your Valen- say it, just say it. It's a romantic greeting, so it only sounds right Valentine's Day is all about if it truly comes from the heart. celebrating what makes every Don't dwell on perfect grammar; relationship special and unique, your relationship isn't perfect so and saying, "I love you," "I like you don't need to be either. The you," or "I appreciate you" in a important thing is that you tell the

· Sometimes, less is more. In-Here are some tips from Amer- stead of attempting to write origiican Greetings valentine writer nal poetry or just copying down Nicole Fraser for adding sincerity the lyrics to your favorite song, keep in mind that a few well-di-• Don't over-analyze the act. In rected and meaningful words often ing card writer to get the message a long ramble. Look at your list just right. "Saying, 'I love you' of what you love about the other person, and simply write what's in your heart.

· Don't stop after finding the someone can bring a lot of relief right card. Finding the right card and peace, but the most important and including the perfect personal thing to remember is to be true to message is just the beginning of and always had a smile on her face who you are and the relationship 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

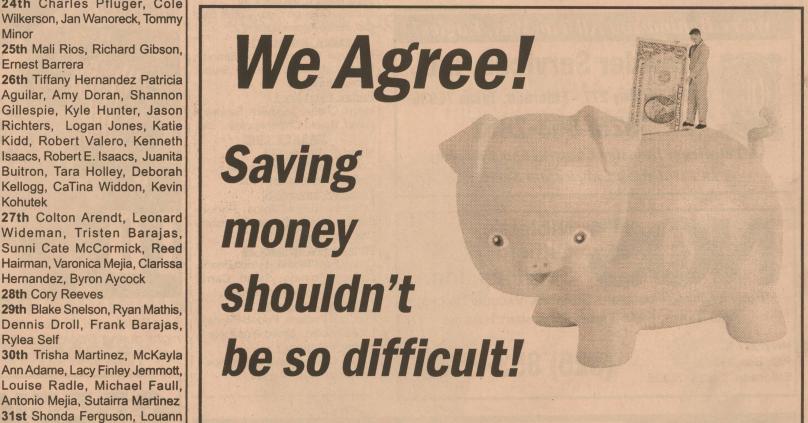
> Does your spouse tidy the bedroom in the morning? Play tooth fairy and hide it under the pillow.

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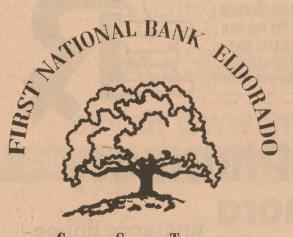
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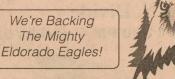
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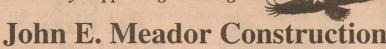
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Lady Eagles fall to Christoval, Irion County •

to Christoval to take on the #11 take a 19 - 15 halftime lead. ranked Lady Cougars.

were converted to 17 first quarter by Irion County. points to Eldorado's 7. Christoval

continuing to battle but only man- 9 points. age 5 points to Christoval's 19. The final count would see Eldorado County 47 to Eldorado's 41. falling 32 – 76.

Lady Eagles played host to the vis- district play headed into the seciting Lady Hornets of Irion County. ond half of district competition. The first quarter would see both teams struggle on the offense and will see the Menard Lady Jackets Irion County would lead 10 to coming to Eldorado tomorrow for 8. The second quarter would see a 5pm scheduled tip-off for the JV

School Lunch Menu

Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of

Waffle Stix/Syrup, Choice of Juice

Buttered Toast, Choice of Cereal

Pig-n-a-Blanket, Choice of Juice

Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal

CAFETERIA LINE

Pizza, Bread Stix - 5th-12th

Cornbread, Carrot Stix / Broccoli Tops/Dip, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Burrito, Corn on Cob, Carrot Stix/

Chalupa /Cheese Cup, Spanish |

Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad,

Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Sandwich

BASKET LINE

Chicken Burger/Chips, Pork-n-Beans, Burger Salad, Chocolate

Crispy Beef Tacos/ Refried Beans

Lettuce/ Tomato Salad, Carro

Pep. Hot Pockets, Pork-n-Beans

Tossed Salad, Sliced Pineapple

Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips

Salad, Baked Chips, Apples

Corn Dogs, Corn-on the cob

Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, January 30

Stixs/ Dip, Rosie Applesauce

Thursday, January 31

Friday, February 1

| Sandwich Salad, Apples

Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milkk

Monday, January 28

Tuesday, January 29

Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, February 1

Choice of Juice, Milk

Monday, January 28

Carrot Stix/Dip, Mixed Fruit

Beef Stew/Grilled Cheese,

Wednesday, January 30

Dip, Rosie Applesauce

Thursday, January 31

Sliced Pineapple

Friday, February 1

Monday, January 28

Tuesday, January 29

Chip Cookies

Tuesday, January 29

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Thursday, January 31

Wednesday, January 30

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 the Eldorado force turnovers by Irion Eldorado Lady Eagles traveled County and the Lady Eagles would

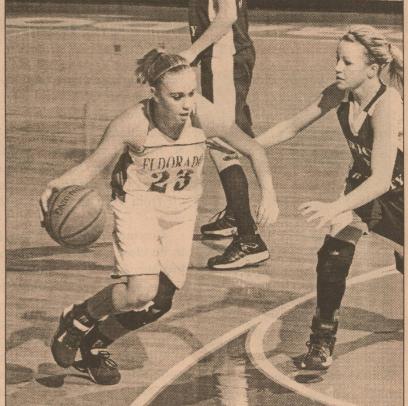
In the third quarter both teams Christoval's pressure defense exchanged baskets and Eldorado would cause 5 early turnovers that would tally 13 points to 15 points

The fourth quarter again conwould then chip in 20 more points tinued the back and forth conto Eldorado's 8 and lead 39 to 15 test and the Lady Eagles would commit fouls that allowed Irion In the third quarter the Lady County to convert on 12 free Eagles scored 12 points to Chris- throws. Irion County would contoval's 18, still trailing 37-57. The vert for 5 more points and hold off final quarter saw the Lady Eagles the Lady Eagles who only scored

The final score would see Irion

The loss pushes Eldorado's Friday, January 18, 2008 the overall record to 10-12 and 1-3 in

> Next action for the Lady Eagles followed by the varsity contest at 6:30pm.



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.

Varsity boys beat Christoval, fall to Hornets

The Warbirds traveled to Chris-seven. Michael Redish found his his points. toval last Tuesday evening and three points from beyond the arc. brought home a 60-46 victory to bring their district record to 2-0.

the Eagles scoring with 20 points contest. on the night.

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

Dustin Ramos and Tyler Dom- hit for seven. broski both accounted for nine points while Rance Cathey hit for his freethrows to account for all

Friday night and handed Eldorado thier bye on Tuesday. Jorge Mata pulled in a third of its first district loss in a 60-55

> Mata and Sanchez both finished the night with 13 points.

Dombroski and Ramos each accounted for nine, while Redish

Rance Cathey hit all four of

The loss drops the teams record Irion County visited Eldorado to 2-1 in district play heading into

> 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 squeeked 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.

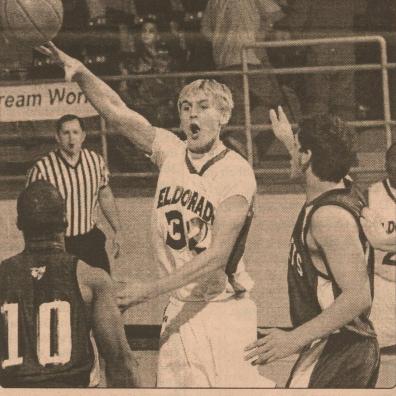
Baker led the charge with 17 points and was the only Eagle to find the double digits.

Ryan Castillo and Joseph Rubio both ended the game with eight

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.



Tyler Dombroski dumps off a no-look pass from the paint 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 ½ 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

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.

()BITUARIES

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 be affected. time they entered the military.

Student testing is rescheduled

testing calendar so Texas school students will not take the Texas Skills exams on the March 4 state- seems to be improving. wide primary election day.

places and maintain a calm, quiet, Republicans. secure testing environment for our students," Scott said.

2008, are Ann Thompson, widow

Conversations with a Texas Disc

pm, the gala reception features

the evening.

Diana Baker. Beginning at 6:30 deductible.

Hennessy was named "Best Res- Hits This Land.

taurant Manager of the Year by the

sociation. After lunch each author

Kelton and Fromholz to

appear at Menard celebration

the 5th Annual Free State of Me- be on sale at the Menard Country nard Celebrates Texas Authors Club before and after the luncheon,

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star Hank Thompson and James ed donation of \$50 per person for

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disc jockey, will discuss and sign available through Marjorie May

a substantial board, with several Texan, is a singer, songwriter, recipes from James Peyton's four guitarist, poet, author, storyteller,

cookbooks. His books and those of humorist, white water river guide, all event authors will be available and humorist. He is often heralded

for purchase and signing during as one of the last Texas Trouba-

11 am Saturday, February 16, at the Laureate of Texas. His song, Texas

and Books, February 15 and 16, beginning at 10:30 am.

copies of his book, Legendary Russell at 325.396.4621.

Joining Elmer Kelton, Steven will address the diners and sign Fromholz, Kelton, and Pitcox at copies of their books. Books will

originally scheduled.

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Texas' role in primaries may rise

Even though the Lone Star Education Commissioner Rob- State's primary comes a month afert Scott moved back the state ter the Feb. 5 Super Tuesday primaries or caucuses in 24 other states, a general sense of the importance of Assessment of Knowledge and Texas in the presidential primaries

"By moving testing dates, we fact that no clear frontrunner has and prosperity of this newly formed teach the children since they were can preserve schools as polling emerged for the Democrats or the county in their own way.

among the states, has 34 electoral Tests scheduled for March 4-6 votes, and may emerge as a key to In 1908 Joe bought one section of will be given one day later than victory for any of the campaigns.

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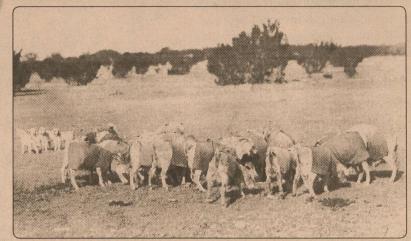


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Joe Tisdale's sheared goats with coats.

Joe Tisdale provided coats for his sheared goats

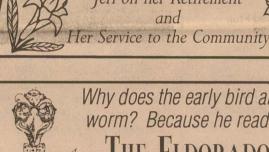
Every pioneer family moving Tisdale Lane. to Schleicher County in the early This may be attributed to the 1900's contributed to the growth on this ranch, hiring a governess to

> hard workers and good neighbors. Ethel, and one son, Albert. ranch land in eastern Schleicher of ranching, which worked for him. Co., later buying another two An example is the goats with coats sections. This is now known as he put on them after shearing.

The Tisdale's raised their family such a long way from a school. Joe Joe and Willie Tisdale were and Willie were parents to three Texas, second in population among these pioneer families, daughters, Charlotte, Laura and

Joe had his own unique way

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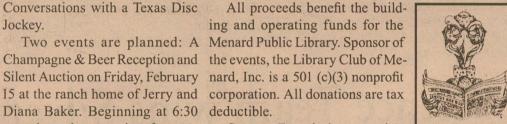
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Steven Fromholz, a native

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dours. He considers himself all The Celebration Luncheon and the above and, of course, a cowboy. formal book signing, scheduled for Fromholz was named 2007 Poet

Menard Country Club features a Trilogy, is considered by many to menu designed and prepared by be the best Texas song ever writ-Chef Mike Hennessey and Sideo- ten. Fromholz's books include The ats Bakery and Café. This past year Texas Trilogy and When the Sun Known as a songwriter's song-Texas Restaurant Association and writer, Steven Fromholz's songs Restaurateur of the Year by the have been recorded by John Den-San Angelo Area Restaurant As- ver, Lyle Lovett, Willie Nelson, **SEE AUTHORS ON PAGE 6**

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Authors due at Menard book festival

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Michael Martin Murphy, and Hoyt discuss and autograph his latest fic- a Texas legend about an embit-Axton, among many. Willie Nelson tion releases: Hard Trail to Follow tered father who swore to kill the recorded Fromholz's "I'd Have to is a January 2008 releases from town that killed his son. Copies of be Crazy" with Fromholz singing Forge Books. In this, the seventh Kelton's autobiography, Sandhills backup. The record went to num- novel in Kelton's acclaimed Texas Boy: The Winding Trail of a Texas ber two nationally and garnered Ranger series, Andy Pickard (Bad- Author, will also be available for the Fromholz two double-platinum ger Boy, as he was known in his purchase and signing. records. Fromholz claimed the youth) leaves his fiancée's farm in number one."

known and most loved authors, will Eye of the Hawk, was inspired by

Tracy Pitcox, a KNEL (Brady) song was "too weird to make it to north Texas to track the man he be- disc jockey. A member of the lieves killed his friend, Sheriff Tom Heart of Texas Country Music Elmer Kelton, one of Texas' best Blessing. Kelton's February release, Association, Pitcox was instrumental in founding the Heart of Texas Country Museum and building a facility to house the memorabilia he had collected over a lifetime. Legendary Conversations with a Texas Disc Jockey is a compilation interviews Pitcox conducted with over eighty Country music legends, including George Jones, Dolly Parton, Tom T. Hall, Ray Price, Ferlin Husky, Willie Nelson, and Kris Kristofferson.

Ann Thompson, widow of the late Hank Thompson, discuss and sign copies of Hank's autobiography, My Side of Life. Married for thirty-seven years, the couple was inseparable.

James Peyton, internationally recognized chef, restaurant consultant, and cookbook author; Peyton's specialty is the cuisine of Northern Mexico. Recipes from his books will be featured at the Friday evening reception, with Peyton on hand to meet guests and discuss various aspects of cooking.



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Meals for Friends Menu

Monday, January 28

Beef Tips, Rice, Cooked Carrots, Cornbread, Fruit Cup w/Strawberries & Banana, Lemon Meringue Pie, Milk

Tuesday, January 29

Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Bread, Chunky Mixed Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, January 30

Grd. Beef Steak. Macaroni & Cheese, Corn w/Peppers, Hot Dinner Rolls, Carrot Salad, Applesauce, Milk

Thursday, January 31

Vegetable Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Pear Half w/Cottage Cheese, Vanilla Pudding, Milk Friday, February 1

Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Carrot Raisin Salad, Gelatin w/Fruit, Milk.

Food results listed for 2008 Schleicher County Jr. Livestock, Project & Food Show

Best of Show Ribbons were given to entries baked by Franklin Buchholz, Rylea Self and Corie

Franklin Buchholz's Yeast Bread entry Apricot Cream Cheese Kringle was the Best of Show in the Sub-Junior Division. Rylea Self Yeast Bread entry Caramel Sticky Rolls won the Best of Show in the Junior Division and Corie Williams Cake entry Tapioca Cake won Best of Show in the Senior Division.

First place winners in the Sub-Junior Division

are Payton Whitten-Cakes, Will Mynatt-Pies, Colton Arendt-Candy, Elizabeth Griffin-Cookies and Franklin Buchholz-Yeast Bread.

First Place winners in the Junior Division are Robert Chavez-Cakes, Megan Powell-Pies, Clayton Arendt-Candy, Lane Griffin-Cookies and Rylea Self-Yeast Bread.

First Place winners in the Senior Division are Corie Williams-Cake, Blake Chatham-Candy, Robert Buchholz-Cookies and Haley Higgins-Yeast Breads.



Eldorado High School UIL Academic participants are: Front (L-R) Kadie Niblett, Claudia Pasillas, Meg Griffin, Emily Espinosa, Isidro Granados; Back (L-R): Ryan Castillo, Jorge Chavez, Dylan Dombroski, Dustin Ramos, Wes Brown and Hunter Alvizo. Not pictured is Tyler Dombroski, Timothy Cuevas and Christy Venegas.

EHS Science Team wins Silver at Ozona UIL Academic Meet

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. St. Pete neighbor 6. Bronx Zoo house-

10. "Serpico" author

14. April 1st baby,

15. Pinball flub

16. Bit of pond scum 17. 1971 Richard

Thomas film

20. Days gone by 21. Ernie of the links

22. Iced drink brand

23. Line to Ben-Gurion

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27. Wild child 30. Glitzy wrap

31. Not so congenial

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34. Egg __ yung 37. 1975 Al Pacino

40. Chang's twin 41. City near Dayton 42. Hunter S. Thomp-

son's journalism style

43. Critter in a hobby farm 44. Teen's wall hang-

45. Compadre of

Fidel _me?"

49. Troubadour's instrument 50. A whole bunch

52. Bard's nightfall 53. Palm fruit

57. 1992 Billy Crystal 2. Surface figure 60. Idyllic spot 61. Fixes, as a fight 62. Bird-related

65. Nosy sort

64. Blunted blade

63. Prefix with com-

short

DOWN

4. Was a noodge to 5. Set a price at 6. The Beatles' "Any Time (absolute

1. Rain-delay rollout

10. Assigns work-3. Ensigns-to-be, for ers to 11. He replaced O'Connor

12. Nixon's first veep 13. "Cosmos" astronomer 18. Wine bottle daworst) tum

8. Slippery

9. Cave man's time

All-Day Film Festival

19. "Oedipus 24. Eco-friendly Dr. Seuss character 25. In a way, colloquially 27. Ocean motion

28. Business school subj. 29. Diana of "The Avengers" 30. Suit well

32. Slugger Ramirez 33. Grain fungus 34. Courier 10 italic,

35. Move like The Blob 36. __ about (approximately) 38. "Likely story!" 39. Steep drop 44. Like a 97-lb. weakling 45. Hale-Bopp, for

one 46. Huge crowd 47. 1958-60 automotive flop 48. __ T-shirt contest

49. Buy alternative 51. Cohort of Kent and Olsen 52. Upper hand 54. Not "fer"

55. "Not !" 56. Sicilian peak 58. Headstone letters

59. Thumbs-down vote

See solution on Page 10 This crossword puzzle is sponsored each week by:

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The Science Team placed 2nd. Jorge Chavez. Medalists were Jorge Chavez,

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A station and broadcast from an existing tower on the outskirts of

Eldorado with an antenna height of 50 meters. Copies of CENC's

application, amendment and all related material are on file for public

PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 12, 2007, an application was filed with the Federal Communi-

cations Commission for the assignment of the license for KLDE(FM), 104.9

MHz, Eldorado, TX, from Darby Advertising, Inc., whose sole officer and

owner is Kent D. Smith, to Tenn-Vol Corp., whose sole officer and owner is

Danny R. Boyer. A copy of the application and related material are on file

inspection at 204 SW Main Street, Eldorado, Texas.

BRINGING IN.

Number Sense Team placed ence. vitational Academic Practice Meet 3rd. Medalists were Jorge Chavez, on January 11, 2008. Thirteen Tyler Dombroski, Isidro Granados,

Also competing individu-Tyler Dombroski, Hunter Alvizo, ally in the Ozona Academic UIL Timothy Cuevas and Dylan Dom- Meet were: Tyler Dombroski and Jorge Chavez each participated in Science. Chavez received a 6th

place ribbon in Science. fin participated in Mathematics Applications Sponsor. and Number Sense.

Claudia Pasillas participated in Computer Applications and received a 6th place ribbon, Mathematics and Number Sense.

Hunter Alvizo and Dylan Dombroski each competed in Science. Timothy Cuevas competed in

Computer Applications and Sci-

Ryan Castillo, Wes Brown, Emily Espinosa, Kadie Niblett, Meg Griffin, Claudia Pasillas and Dustin Ramos competed in Spell-

> Christy Venegas competed in Computer Applications.

Teachers/Sponsors: Angela Case-Science and Spelling Spon-Mathematics, Number Sense and sor, Tom Gray: Mathematics and Number Sense Sponsor, N. Martinez: Informative Speaking Spon-Isidro Granados and Meg Grif-sor and Paige Ragsdale: Computer



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you need eight glasses of water a a useful dieting or weight control no evidence that reading in dim other imaging studies show no day, that reading in dim light dam- strategy. ages your eyes or that eating turkey makes you sleepy? Think again. we found that there is no medical occur in dim light, causing some or cells reveals no inactive areas

School of Medicine researchers study. explored some commonly held and untrue medical beliefs.

myths -- including those seeming- an important part of the Council's contained in turkey, can cause the help of these self proclaimed ly age-old beliefs that people only use 10 percent of their brains and that hair and fingernails continue fluid contained in food, especially amount of tryptophan. In fact, being used. to grow after we die.

all these beliefs were unproven or each day should be included in the tryptophan and protein sources death and that shaved hair does not

"We got fired up about this passing this information along to the study authors note. their patients; We didn't set out Inc. affiliated scientist.

was that people should drink thusly admonished children caught day. This advice has long been their blankets.

(SPM Wire) Do you think that promoted as healthful as well as

In a study entitled "Medical evidence to suggest that you need temporarily decreased acuity, but of the brain. Metabolic studies of Myths Even Doctors Believe" that much water," said Dr. Rachel after rest the eyes return to their how brain cells process chemicals published in the "British Medi- Vreeman, a pediatrics research full potential. cal Journal," Indiana University fellow and co-author of the new

traced back to a 1945 recommenda-The researchers studied various tion from the Nutrition Council. But ports that tryptophan, which is reached their full potential. With The surprising findings are that the coffee and soda people drink contain about the same amount of ger nails and hair do not grow after recommended total.

because we knew that physicians can be dangerous, resulting in turkey. accepted these beliefs and were water intoxication and even death,

to become myth busters," said told that reading in dim candle or pork chop? This myth most the study's co-author Dr. Aaron light was bad for his eyes, people likely gained credence because Carroll, assistant professor of pe- have believed that reading in dim turkey is often consumed during diatrics and a Regenstrief Institute, light causes permanent eye dam- large, heavy dinners. It's the total age. And ever since, generation content of the meal that makes one The first belief they explored after generation of parents have feel lethargic. at least eight glasses of water a reading with flashlights under also explored the popular belief

"When we examined this belief, age. It is true that eye strain can even viewing individual neurons

And don't worry about falling She thinks this myth can be gnawing on a turkey drumstick.

recommendation has been lost over drows in ess. However, turkey experts one could tap into the 90 the years -- the large amount of doesn't contain an exceptional fruits and vegetables, as well as in turkey, chicken, and ground beef like pork and Swiss cheese contain grow back faster, coarser or darker, Indeed, drinking excess water more tryptophan per gram than among other popularly-held incor-

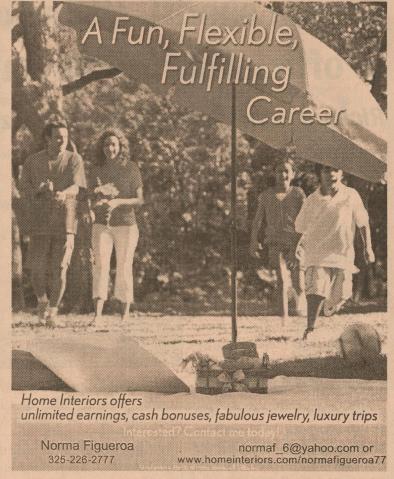
So why do people believe eating turkey makes them sleepy but Even before Abe Lincoln was never feel that way after a burger

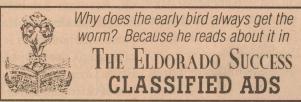
Dr. Vreeman and Dr. Carroll that we use only 10 percent of our

However, the new study found brains. MRI scans, PET scans and light causes permanent eye dam- dormant areas of the brain, and show no nonfunctioning areas.

This myth probably originated asleep at the dinner table after with self improvement experts in the early 1900s who wanted to con-Yes, scientific evidence sup- vince people that they had yet not percent of the brain supposedly not

> The study also showed that finrect medical myths.







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Blank screens coming to analog TVs

the airwaves will no longer exist after February 2009. The government, with the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act sion 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 The coupons, worth \$40 each, will degrees upon 317 graduates during Munoz, Master of Science degree; help defray the cost of the con- 2008 Fall commencement exer- Jose J. Munoz, Bachelor of Science verter boxes, which are expected cises December 15 in San Angelo, degree and Shelia D. Santellano, to cost approximately \$50 to \$70 Texas. each. Each household is allowed two coupons, and you have to apply for them.

tinue right up until February 2009. 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 San Angelo.

ary 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.

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your TV has been grabbing out of plication for the coupon at www. (c) 2008 King Features Synd., Inc.

of 2005, is requiring that all television broadcasting of analog signals ASU awards degrees to 2007 fall graduates

Angelo State University con-

Elisa M. Lopez received a Converter Box Coupon Program. ferred 318 bachelor's and master's Bachelor of Arts degree; Alfredo Bachelor of Science degree.

A massive campaign is currently under way, and will con- ASU lists honor students To encourage people to get their coupons now, it's said that there for 2007 fall semester

Students achieving the average on a 4.0 scale. Dean's List for the 2007 Fall semester have been announced the 2007 Fall Semester Dean's by Angelo State University in List were Esperanza Fuentes, Tif-

1) It's a long time until Febru- List, students must be enrolled Belinda G. Martinez, Ashley N. tain a 3.25 or better grade point Chandra L. Wanoreck.

Eldorado students that made fany C. Hernandez, Brittany N. To be eligible for the Dean's Jennings, Jennifer M. Luedecke, full-time at ASU and must main- Minor, Charissa C. Sheppard and



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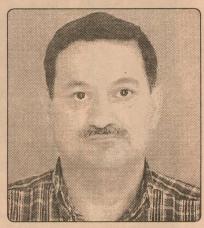
Former sheriff, sitting commissioner plead guilty to official corruption in Bastrop County roundup

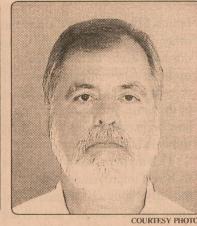
Richard Hernandez, David A. Goertz illegally used county resources for gain

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 Investigations Unit investigated the more expensive county vehicle to improve their residences, often first indictments. Under the plea agreement, he will spend 90 days and forfeit his peace officer's license. Hernandez pleaded guilty to six felony counts, including Bryan Goertz, who is a distant relatheft by a public servant, abuse tive of defendant David Goertz. of official capacity and misapplication of fiduciary property. He eled against Hernandez stemmed must pay the county \$16,000 for from his scheme with a local car diverting county money for profit dealer to sell his personal vehicle and personal use.

January 2005. He pleaded guilty sheriff's department vehicle to the to a Class A misdemeanor charge, dealer for \$13,000, a price well abuse of official capacity. His six- below its current market value of month jail sentence is probated about \$30,000. Then Hernandez, for one year. He must pay \$1,499 acting as county sheriff, imin restitution to Bastrop County mediately used county funds to along with a \$1,500 fine. He must purchase his personal vehicle back also perform 120 hours of com- from the dealer for use as a county munity service.





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

case, headed by Capt. Forrest Mitch- from the dealer for the original of Bastrop County District Attorney Sheriff. Hernandez, representing jobs that benefited him.

The most serious charges levto eliminate the debt on the vehicle. Goertz, 52, took office in At the same time, he sold a county vehicle, clearing his debt in the The Attorney General's Special process. Next, he bought back the

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himself as a private citizen, later sold this vehicle to a dealer in an- week's activity by the Schleicher County ing 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, Driving. Released. tools, tires and other items for his personal benefit throughout his manuel, male age 19, offense time in office.

Both Hernandez and David Goertz routinely used inmate labor as on-the-clock county employees ell. Assistant Attorneys General \$13,000 selling price. However, oversaw the prisoners. Goertz used in jail, serve 10 years probation David Glickler and Harry White he purchased this vehicle as an inmates on electrical wiring projprosecuted both cases at the request individual, not as Bastrop County ects in his home, as well as other



The Blotter is a summary of the previous other county for \$28,500, pocket- 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

January 17 · Rodriguez, Emlocal 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.

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

Taylor, Vetton 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.



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.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN Jorge Chavez's barrow from the Class I Division won the Granc 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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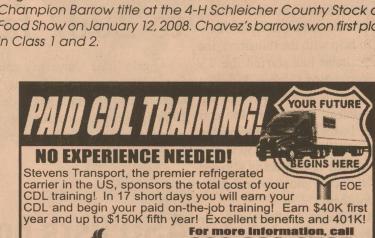
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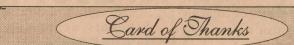
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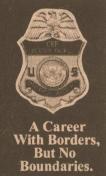


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nars in 10 cities," Comptroller state.tx.us/. Susan Combs said. "Now, we are pleased to be able to use technol- is: ogy to keep reaching out to tax- Thursday, Jan 24, and Monday, Feb. 4 payers across the state to ensure 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. — Overview of the that they are well informed about Revised Franchise Tax franchise tax changes. The we- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. — Total Revenue binars also offer participants the Friday, Jan. 25, and Tuesday, Feb. 5 opportunity to exchange real-time 10 - 11 a.m. — Cost of Goods Sold

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seminars will be scheduled for for the webinars, go to the link on the home page of the Comptroller's

Franchise Tax presentation will focus on the calculation of COGS, learn the basics and more dur- Participants must register in highlight changes made to the which is a factor that may be used ing four online seminars hosted advance and may choose to view Texas franchise tax by the Texas in determining a taxable entity's by the state Comptroller's office all of the online presentations, or Legislature. The webinar will margin. The webinar will review on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 24 select only the presentations they review the entities subject to the all allowable expenses that can and 25, and Monday and Tues- need. To learn the computer sys- franchise tax, the new tax base, be included as part of COGS, as day, Feb. 4 and 5. Additional tem requirements and to register tax rates and reporting options well as items that are specifically available to taxable entities.

The presentation on Total Rev-"Last fall, we presented semi- Web site at http://www.window. enue will focus on the computa- will focus on the calculation of The initial webinar schedule starting point for computing the that may be used in determining amount of franchise tax due un- a taxable entity's margin. The der the revised franchise tax. The webinar will review the definitions revenue that should be included, as tion, benefits and net distributive well as items that may be deducted income along with the applicable from revenue.

The presentation covering The Overview of the Revised Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) will excluded from COGS.

The session on Compensation tion of total revenue, which is the compensation, which is a factor webinar will review all items of of wages and cash compensalimitations on those items.

Don't give infants or toddlers cold or cough medicines

a cold, don't give him or her data for such use is continuing. over-the-counter cold or cough medicines.

Public Health Advisory for parents complete. and caregivers, recommending can occur from such use.

These cough and cold products include decongestants, expecto- on the label of any OTC medicarants, antihistamines, and antitus-tion, sives (cough suppressants) for the treatment of colds.

There are a wide variety of rare, tion of the common cold, serious adverse events reported of consciousness.

"The FDA strongly recommends used for children younger than suring drugs. two," said Charles Ganley, M.D., have not been shown to be safe or or cold. effective in children under two."

about use of OTC cough and cold Internet.

(SPM Wire) If your child is medicines in children ages two to less than two years old and has 11 years. The agency's review of

The agency plans to issue its recommendations on use of the So says the U.S. Food and Drug products in children ages two to Administration, which has issued a 11 years as soon as its review is

Pending completion of the that such cough and cold products FDA's ongoing review, parents not be used to treat infants and tod- and caregivers that choose to use dlers because serious and poten- OTC cough and cold medicines tially life-threatening side effects to children ages two to 11 years should:

• Follow the dosing directions

• Understand that these drugs will not cure or shorten the dura-

• Check the "Drug Facts" label with cough and cold products, in- to learn what active ingredients are cluding death, convulsions, rapid in the products because many OTC heart rates, and decreased levels cough and cold products contain multiple active ingredients, and

• Only use measuring spoons or to parents and caregivers that OTC cups that come with the medicine cough and cold medicines not be or those made specially for mea-

The FDA recommends that director of the FDA's Office of anyone with questions contact a Nonprescription Products. "These physician, pharmacist or other medicines, which treat symptoms health care professional to discuss and not the underlying condition, how to treat a child with a cough

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