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The Albert Release New

Chavez Runs At State



Robert Chavez (right) pictured with coach Tiffany Weston (left) at the State Cross Country Meet.

By Coach Weston

Robert Chavez took his He defiantly pulled through cross country season to the with a lot of improvement. He "next level" at every stage, ul-finished the course in 16:38, timately ending up at the state 22 seconds faster than his time meet. This was Roberts sec- last year. He placed 12th out ond trip to Round Rock after of 110 individuals competfinishing 15th last year at the ing in the 2A boys state cross state meet. This year his goal country meet. Over the past was to improve upon his per- two years, Robert has learned hopefully he will get the opformance from last year and a lot about the state course. It portunity to return next year to try and place in the top 10. is very deceiving and much and improve even more.

more difficult than it looks. The last 1000 meters is pretty much up hill and there are several twists and turns and obstacles such as a bridge and a dam that the competitors must run across. Robert is only a junior this year so



Susan G. Komen Walk for The Cure

Submitted

in Dallas, Texas.

chis, consisted of ladies from Bowl, with all the survivors, Odessa, Mississippi, Col- team helpers and spectators lege Station, Louisiana, and there to congratulate them on Houston. As the participants their accomplishment. walked, spectators and family members waited for them this years walk, helped raise at the cheering stations. We over 7 million dollars that handed out stickers, water, will be be used for research. snacks, fruit, and also lots of This is an experience that we hugs and support and encour- will never forget. Thank you agement to help them keep to all who helped Desiree' on

This was a very emotional

On, November 5-7, 2010, event as the days went by. Desiree' Gonzales was one On the last day, some of the of the 2,800 participants that walkers were tearful, full of walked in the Susan G. Ko- joy, and some simply quiet, men 3-Day for the Cure held knowing they were coming to the end of their journey, The team, Viva Las Chi- which ended at the Cotton

> Those who participated in her fundraisers.

First Graders Honor **Our Veterans**



This Veteran's Day a new generation of Americans learned about the contributions made by those that fought for our freedom. The First Grade classes visited Liberty Park where they learned about the Veterans from Sonora who fought for our country.

The Lions Roar:

Sutton County Game Dinner Serves Up A Big Night



Members of the Lions Club serve hungry hunters at the Annual Game Dinner.

Submitted

ons Club week. It began on Kaitland Gibbens, 7 grader, Tuesday's luncheon meeting

The wonderful Sutton where our middle School Stu- Edgar Hernandez and 6th County Game Dinner was the dents of the week joined us for grader Brittany Covarnubiaz. culmilation of an exciting Li- Lunch. They were 8th grader Each of these outstanding

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Submitted

Recycle, Reuse, Reduce, and Rebuy are now the 4 "R's" of education these days.

Keep Sonora Beautiful and the Sutton County 4H and Cub Scout Pack 19 helped make Sonora's Recycle -Reuse Roundup successful. Keep Sonora Beautiful was able to fill up a 14' stock trailer with cardboard, No.1 & No.2 plastic, and phonebooks. The e-waste trailer was bursting over the edges with electronics and even several tube monitors for \$10 each were taken into recycling.

The Batteries Plus store from San Angelo had to come back the next day to pick up the remaining batteries he was unable to put in his truck. The bed of a truck was also filled with clothes and household items for Goodwill. The results are in and the day was determined a SUCCESS! A Big thanks goes out to our local Texas Department of Transportation and David Sanchez and Sam Kent for spending the day loading and unloading everyone's recyclables. These men were a huge help and were quite appreciated.

KSB is working very hard to make the recycling of cardboard and plastic a reality in this town and if we keep our fingers crossed it will happen in the Spring. These are two items that take up a large amount of space in the landfill and it would be beneficial to recycle them. There is a market for the product and we have a means to keep them out of the trash. KSB and the City of Sonora are working to make this recycling work for the community. We want to Keep Sonora Beautiful!

Senior Center Activities

Thurs. November 18 - Work on holiday crafts

November 19 - Happy Birthday Shala Cavaness Claudia Flores Velma Cole

Mon. November 22 - Happy Birthday Jim Brisbin Tues. November 23 - Happy Birthday Alfredo Virgin

Alicia Virgin Polly Covey

Wed. November 24 - Thanksgiving Meal & Program @ noon

Senior Center Menu

Thur. November 18 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, spinach, milk tossed salad, garlic bread, banana pudding November 19 - Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, milk

pinto beans, crackers, fruit salad Mon. November 22 - Beef stew, sweet peas, corn bread, milk

peaches, chocolate pudding Tues. November 23 - Chicken strips w/gravy, pinto beans, milk roasted potatoes, roll, Jell-O w/fruit

Wed. November 24 - Turkey w/giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, corn bread dressing, roll, broccoli, coleslaw, pumpkin pie, milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

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Obituary

Charley Gene Hunt

Sonora- Charley Gene Hunt, 76, died Sunday, Nov. 14 in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring. Graveside services will be Wed. Nov.17 at 10:00a.m. in Sonora Cemetery. Survivors include son Gene Hunt of Eldorado, daughter Debra Ann Barron of Cortez, Colorado, brothers Michael Eddie Hunt of Mancos, Colo. and Jackie Lee Hunt of Arkansas, and sister Joyce Head of Lubbock, grandchildren , Missy Tozer, Jenny Gibson, and Joshua and Jeb Hunt. Charley was born Feb. 2, 1934 in Post, Texas to Eddie Ray and Mary Ellen Hunt. He was a good and loving man, everyone who crossed his path was blessed, he would always reach out to a stranger in need, and his family feels especially blessed to have been chosen by God to be his family. He served in the U.S. Nanvy upon an aircraft carrier in the Korean war, and his service to his country was a source of great pride. He was empoloyed of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church at 387-2616. many wonderful years at Boss Irrigation in San Angelo. He son Jacob Hunt. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memo- the food baskets. rials be maed to the V.A. Hospice in Big Spring, Texas.

Donna Jean Turner-Vigari

Donna Jean Turner-Vigari, 63, of Bladenboro, North Carolina, passed away on October, 26, 2010, after a brief illness in a local hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Turner and a brother, James Livingston.

Survivors include husband, Anthony Vigari of North Caroline; sons, Dwane Turner and wife Barbara and Chris of Mesa, Arizona; daughter, Deborah Brown and husband Nelson and grandsons, Bryan and Sean Brown of Sonora, Texas; mother, Jean Heath-Johnson of Phoenix, Arizona; brother, Ray Crouser of Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona; and sister, Missy Heath of Colorado.

Donna was a native of Arizona and spent a lifetime crocheting and quilting. She was a wonderful baker and cook. She loved animals, especially hearing funny stories about them. Donna always did for others and never complained about it. She was just glad to be able to help out in some way. Donna will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

Letter to the Editor

I wish to express our appreciation to the beautiful flag display on Main Street on November 11.

Thank you so very much Flag Committee of Seven: Shirley Badgett who bought all the flags, and Cyndy Allen and Linda Johnson for helping to place them as a great honor to our service men. Jeanett & Mallie Turner and John & Vickie Barker stepped in to assist with this tribute to soldiers and veterans.

We are equally proud to say thank you and consider you as Sonora's outstanding citizens.

> Sincerely, Clay and Gaile Cade

To the citizens of Sonora:

Thank you for the vote of confidence and the trust you have given me. It was hearting to have a strong voter turnout for the mayoral election. To Thomas Adkins, Michael Ramirez and Justin Mathews stay involved in city issues for you are the future.

Now that I am mayor what is my vision for the city? Due to the economy, which is improving but still fragile my main focus is to strength Sonora's infrastructure. The city let the contract for the first phase of the sewer infrastructure. The good news is that the bid came in \$1,200,000.00 under the amount that had been budgeted. The city will now be able to do more upgrades then what was planned. The city also has hired Leonard Lienfelder as Public Works Director. He comes uniquely qualified, A licenses in water and wastewater, to help lead the city through our planned infrastructure

Our streets will be inventoried and ranked as to need for rehabbing. The money for that will come out of the quarter cent sales tax.

Lemuel Lopez



Happy Birthday!



November 18 Nikki Brown, Cadesman Pope, Kamrie Martinez, Ann Armstrong, Suzan Monk, Cody Perez, Curtis Howard, Lindsey Bowers, Michael Lira, Jesse McGinnis, Alfredo Virgen, Sr.

November 19 Shala Cavaness, Caitlin Garza, Ponciano Castillo, Tom Ramon, Claudio Flores, Caitlin Garza, Melissa Teaff, Jessie Kerbow, Vel

November 20 Chelsea Martinez, Bianca Fay, Brandon Lock, Santos Duran, Gabriel Ornelas

November 21 Manuel Hernandez, Jeffrey Surber, Brian Payton, Janet Smith, Rita Alewine, Steve Boldt November 22

Maraya Dunn, Bill Finklea, John Charles Marshall, Bryce Smith, Jacklyn DeCordova November 23

Irene Friess, Landa Knight, Alicia Virgen, Gus Trevino, Tonya Bounds

November 24

Paige Sykes, Chris Crowder, D'Anna Clayton, Noe Alvizo, Jared Perciful, David Mayer, Maray Cearley, Nancy Randolph, Cr. Greg Johnson, Nicky Samaniego, Doris Rousselot

Christmas Food Baskets

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance is beginning preparations for the Christmas Food Basket program this year.

Members of Cub Scout Pack 19 normally start the program rolling with a canned food drive. The date for that drive has not yet been set.

4-H Club members and participants in many church youth groups help load the boxes for distribution. This will take place on Wednesday evening, December 15 at 6:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church.

Most of the food boxes will be delivered from First United Methodist Church on the morning of December 18, by high school members of Sonora's church youth groups. Some of the boxes will be distributed earlier by the Sonora High School Student Council.

Persons who would like to be considered to receive a Christmas Food Basket this year may call the office of The Church

Most of Sonora's churches are receiving donations of was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers, and Grand- canned goods and non-perishable food items to be included in

Thank You Notes

To all who helped make it possible for me to be able to attend my mother's funeral in North Carolina, thank you so much!! I was overwhelmed by your generosity and compassion. To know that so many people cared was amazing! All of you have been a true blessing to myself and my family, and I pray that God will bless you in return for your generosity.

> With many thanks and a grateful heart, Deborah Brown

I am both humbled and grateful for the overwhelming support I've received from Sutton County voters. I appreciate so much your confidence and trust in my ability and dedication to the office of the County Treasurer. I pledge to continue my best efforts in service to the taxpayers of Sutton County.

Political Ad Paid for by Janalyn Jones

Rocky and Corie Huichapa are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful blessing Andrea Kristine

Born Wednesday, October 20, 20102:10 PM, Andrea weighed 6 lbs 4oz and was 18 1/2 inches long.

> She is welcomed by her loving Maternal Grandparents Armando & Socorro Avila Paternal Grandparents Jose & Maria Huichapa Paternal Great-Grandparents Guillermo & Maria Zuniga ... and lots of uncles, aunts and cousins

> > We all love you Precious Angel!

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Monument Sales

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students addressed the Club after an excellent meal and fellowship.

Tuesday evening your Lions fed pizza and drinks to the Sonora parents who attended the "Bullying Conference" at the High School . A good parent turnout was present for this very interesting and necessary conference. A big thanks is with Dinner arrangements.

The Lions Club assisted Saturday night serving the game dinner along with the wonderful student council members of the Middle School and other volunteers. It seems the crowds get larger and larger each year. This event showcases this wonderful community and the Ranch and Hunting contribution to our Econo-

A "Well Done" is in order for 'HIGH SCHOOL members of the National Friday at Dripping Springs. 2000. See ya'll Friday and Society. These gifted stu- We had the priviledge of thank a teacher for the skill dents went Tick or Treating having Coach Sine speak and dedication they bring to on Halloween for used eye glasses, hearing aids and cell phones. They were pre- to the leadeship and atten- and foremost! sented to the Lions Club for tion to detail of Coach Sine Go Broncos and Shop repair and reissueing to the and staff we are still in the Sonora! less fortunate.

of this wonderful Commu- prior to this year our last nity is the upcoming con- District Championship as test with East Randolph on

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in order to Juanita Barrera L to R: Superintendant Don Gibson; 6th grade, Brittany and "Pizza Hut" for helping Covarnubiaz; 8th grade, Kaitlan Gibbens; 7th grade, Edgar Hernandez and Counselor, Dana Leamon.



about this contest at our this Community, Never for-Tuesday meeting. Thanks get Coaches are teacher first State Championship hunt. It Probably on the mind should be remembered that

Jody Luttrell

Students of the Week



Mariana De La Fuente, Fernanda Lozano, Jaedon Chavarria, Kaylea Liggett



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2011 Little Mr. & Miss Cinco de Mayo: Viva Sonora is accepting registration for 2011 LITTLE MR. & MISS CINCO DE MAYO. To register or for more information, please contact Jo Ann Hernandez at The Bank & Trust.

2011 Mrs. Cinco de Mayo: Viva Sonora is also looking for a 2011 MRS. CINCO DE MAYO. The winner will receive a one night two day weekend getaway for two. For more information, please contact Jo Ann Hernandez & Michelle Faz at The Bank & Trust.

Sonora Head Start is accepting applications Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM or by appointment. Registering 3 & 4 year olds. 3 openings are available. FMI contact Ed Carrasco at 325-387-6132 or Ofelia Barron at 325-944-9666.

Farmer's Market every Thursday @ 4:00 p.m. next to Ol' Sonora Trading Co.

The Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.

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EMS Captain Appointed to American Heart Association Sub-Committee

November 9, 2010 (Williamson County, TX) - Williamson County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Clinical Practices Captain John Gonzales has accepted a voluntary appointment to the American Heart Association's Emergency Cardiac Care First Aid Sub-Committee. Captain Gonzales will provide research review, and his sub-committee will evaluate and review First Aid training standards for the American Heart Association.

be able to contribute to the American Heart Association's training standards ing clinical research in the and to be able to represent

Williamson County EMS Aid. on this sub-committee," "Williamson County is on County EMS for five years. riences here with others Army. around the country."

pointment is for one year. College - EMS Profession. Captain Gonzales is filling an unexpired term from now until July 2011 and will be appointed for a full year at that time. Captain Gonzales' appointment attests "I am very excited to to the fact that he represents the best in clinical care. He will specifically be review-

"You can do what you want, but saving love doesn't bring any interest."

-Mae West

Sen. Hutchison to Support Earmark Moratorium

WASHINGTON, D.C. - To- The Republicans in Congress cess, our goal should be to day, U.S. Senator Kay Bai- are working to put America's cut overall spending levels, ley Hutchison (R-Texas) financial house in order, and while preventing inapproprireleased the following state- it will take comprehensive re- ately targeted funding by both Captain Gonzales has ment on her intention to sup- form. If Congress does not the administration and Constated Captain Gonzales. been with Williamson port the earmark moratorium: direct any spending, the presi- gress. I will offer a resolution "I will be supportive of an dent will have 100 percent of at the Republican Conference the cutting edge of clinical He is a U.S. Military Vet- earmark moratorium when the discretion in all federal to return all unspent stimulus care, so I am proud to share eran serving as a combat it comes up for a vote in the programs. The failed stimu- funds to avoid future debt, my knowledge and expe- medic in the United States Republican Conference as a lus is replete with examples of and I will support putting a Additionally, he way to the start the process the president's earmarks that cap on discretionary spending serves as an adjunct facul- of reform that is essential to are wasteful and certainly not at 2008 levels." The sub-committee ap- ty for Temple Community address the crushing debt our our nation's biggest priority. country has accumulated. As we reform the budget pro-

Cornyn Pushes Balanced Budget Amendment Proposes Conference Resolution to Help Restore Fiscal Discipline

WASHINGTON — U.S. and John Thune (R-SD), and Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) Senators-elect Rand Paul (Rtoday led a group of Senate KY), Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Pat Republicans including Sena- Toomey (R-PA), and Mike Lee tors Jim Demint (R-SC), (R-UT), in sending a letter to Mike Enzi (R-WY), Jeff Senate Republican Conference Sessions (R-AL), David Vit- Chairman Lamar Alexander ter (R-LA), Orrin Hatch (R- notifying him that they intend UT), John Ensign (R-NV), to propose a resolution at the

Republican Conference meeting on November 16th, 2010, which states that a Balanced Budget Amendment to the United States Constitution is necessary to restore fiscal discipline

TxDOT Cautions Motorists to Watch Out for Deer

- Tis the season to be cautious--deer season that is.

Along with cooler weather, fall months bring about an increase in deer activity so Texas motorists should keep a close watch for animals that occasionally wander onto the highway, especially at night.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) more than 7,000 animal-related crashes occurred on Texas highways in 2009, many involving deer. Twentyfive of those crashes involved a fatality.

"Deer-vehicle collisions increase during the fall because the animals are more active," said Carol Rawson, Traffic Operations director. "It's this time of year that motorists need to be extra watchful and take steps to avoid collisions."

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) biologists predict an increase in deer population this year because of plenty of rain that has created an ideal environment for wildlife to flourish.

Deer-car accidents tally to more than 1.5 million crashes in the United States, costing an estimated \$1.1 billion in vehicle damage, according to recent reports from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The Institute suggests the following defensive driving tips to avoid hitting a deer:

Drive carefully in areas known to have high deer populations. Places where roads divide agricultural fields from forestland are particularly dangerous.

If you see a deer, slow down. Others are probably

Use high-beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. The high beams will reflect off deer's eyes and warn you of their presence. If a deer is in your lane, brake firmly but stay in the lane. The most serious crashes occur when drivers swerve.

Don't rely on deer whistles, deer fences or reflectors to de-

ter deer. Wear seat belts.

If your car strikes a deer, don't touch the animal. If the deer is blocking the highway, call the police.

Remember, it is unlawful to possess a deer or part of a deer that has been hit by a motor vehicle. For more information on fish and wildlife laws, go to http://www.tpwd.state. tx.us/publications/annual/ general/penalties/.



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4-H'ers Learning Value of Community Service

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



"I pledge my hands to greater service...for my club, my community, my country, and my world" is recited by 4-H members at the beginning of every club meeting as part of their 4-H pledge. It challenges youth to become involved in service for the benefit of the community. Such was the case this month, when Sutton County 4-H'ers assisted with two community service projects carried out here in town.

The first was a "Recycle Roundup" and Goodwill Drive on ly under a burn ban. November 3rd. 4-H members helped by unloading recycled materials and donation items. Though it was a day-long event, have brought some relief to guished and cold to the touch youth served shifts for the last two hours (after school). It was an enlightening experienced which revealed how much products can be recycled.

The second event took place on November 13th and was a temperatures have occurred • Drive only on designated city cleanup in support of Keep Sonora Beautiful. Volunteers across parts of the state, re-trails. Don't park or idle spent Saturday morning picking up all manner of trash along sulting in dead grass. Fire vehicles in tall, dry grass, their designated areas. You can be sure these youth will ap- departments and emergency which can be ignited by conpreciate the importance of not littering.

ber's involvement in service activities offers an excellent way for youth to practice and enhance their leadership and social skills by working for the common good of their community. Members' participation also helps to build discipline, provide self-satisfaction, foster respect for others, and promote civic responsibility. Serving the community allows youth and adults to work together and to help others at the same time.

4-H has a history of promoting community service and these activities have always been an important part of the 4-H experience. A word of gratitude for those who were able to serve at these events. Thanks also go out to Sam Kent, Susan Hall and their committees for organizing these opportunities.





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Nov. 4, 2010 —COLLEGE • Don't build a fire during

urging caution as deer hunting place and conditions are season kicks off this weekend. right, you may safely build Hunters should refrain a campfire. But keep the fire from building campfires and small, never leave it unatdebris burning during windy tended and remove flammaor dry conditions. More than ble leaves and other materithe fire.

- Although recent rains Make sure the fire is extin-
- If you're heading outside, Use spark arresters on all

and matches.

For more information, visit

TAHC Announces Social Media Campaign

AUSTIN - The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is excited to announce their participation in utilizing social media such as Facebook and Twitter. In addition to traditional means of communication, TAHC officials are pleased to offer another mode of communication to the public. Twitter and Facebook pages will be used to keep the public up to date with current

information regarding TAHC.

"A few years ago, social networking sites known as social media, were not in existence. Today, however, millions of individuals utilize them," Dr. Dee Ellis, TAHC Executive Direc-60 Texas counties are current- als from the area surrounding tor, said. "I am very excited and pleased to launch our agency Facebook and Twitter accounts. This is a great way to distribute educational and other important information to a sector of the public we were not currently reaching with the more traditional information dissemination processes." Dr. Ellis, mentioned. "By the TAHC engaging and utilizing other means of modern communication, we hope to better serve the public and our inwe depend on paper and plastic products, as well as how many spreading wildfires remains • Keep water handing when dustry," Yvonne "Bonnie" Ramirez, Director of Public Information, added. "The TAHC having a presence on Facebook and Twitter not only will allow us to readily disseminate information, it will also enable us to raise awareness of any current event that needs to be publicized."

Interested individuals can access the TAHC's Facebook page and click "like" to receive news and updates from the TAHC. The page can be found by either searching for "Texas Animal So what are the benefits of community service? A 4-H mem- stay prepared for the threat of • Use caution with cigarettes Health Commission (TAHC)" on Facebook or by going to the TAHC website homepage at www.tahc.state.tx.us and clicking on the Facebook button. To follow the TAHC on Twitter, go to the TAHC website homepage and click on the Twitter button or

go to www.twitter.com/TAHC.

Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works http://texasforestservice. to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic live-

Hunting Outlook Optimistic for Quail Season

AUSTIN – Wildlife biologists at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are cautiously optimistic about quail prospects this season, which gets under way Saturday, Oct. 30 statewide.

This past winter a two-year drought in the major quail hunting areas of the state was finally broken. Range conditions and more importantly, according to TPWD, nesting and brood rearing habitat greatly improved, setting the stage for a marked increase in production. Unfortunately, after two years of unfavorable weather, the number of quail available to breed had become quite low. In general, quail rebound fastest from the remaining pockets of survivors from last season.

"Low carryover is the biggest obstacle to recovering quail populations," said Robert Perez, TPWD upland game bird program leader. 'Quail species are hardwired to take advantage of good reproductive environmental

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one year. Given another wet winter and spring we could expect a much stronger rebound next season."

Perez indicated those ranches that managed habitat for quail during the extended dry spell will likely see more birds this season, which runs Oct. 30-Feb. 27.

The daily bag limit for quail is 15, with 45 in possession. Legal shooting hours for all non-migratory game birds are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. The bag limit is the maximum number that may be killed during the legal shooting hours in one day.

Since 1978, TPWD has conducted annual statewide quail surveys to track popu-

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conditions. It's part of their lation trends. This index uses made between the average survival strategy. So many randomly selected, 20-mile number of quail observed per are consumed each year, the roadside survey lines to deter- route this year and the long species relies on a high re- mine annual quail population term average for quail seen productive output in order to trends by ecological region. within an ecological region. persist on the landscape. We This trend information helps The quail survey was not expect a greatly improved determine relative quail popu- designed to predict relative season over last year but a lations among the regions of abundance for any area small-

hen can only do so much in Texas. Comparisons can be er than the ecological region

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can be difficult when you still your favorite holiday sweater. and write cards. A few short- any old food. Be sure to wipe cuts -- like only cleaning the down the shelves. Next, load

make a good first impression. and clean.

and skip the broom. The vac- mold or mildew. Make sure uum is an easier way to pick mirrors are free of water spots willing to invest in the proper up anything on your floor, re- and fingerprints. gardless of whether it's carpet, hardwood or tile.

* The kitchen is an inevi- ning.com. table guest-magnet, so wipe down your countertops and while keeping your home cupboards to make them clean. Play some upbeat mushine. When cleaning the sic or have family members stove, make sure the burners compete to see who can clean are turned off and use a damp the fastest. You can even clevmicro-fiber cloth, which won't erly involve guests by asking

wine stains or syrup that can party, simultaneously sparing out the house, but most defi-

es, as well as carpet stains, pet But finding time to clean stains and even wine stains on

Here are some other handy are a hangout for contami-*You only get one chance to dishwasher keeps them fresh

way of your home are the first room. This is perhaps the only things guests will see. Make place in your home where sure doors and light fixtures guests will spend time alone. around the main entrance so Offer a clean and comfortable when people arrive they feel place to refresh by scrubbing the toilet, shower, sink and And do yourself a favor floors, removing any signs of

For more cleaning shortcuts, visit www.greased-light-

Above all, try to have fun smear the cooking surface. them to wear funky holiday Look for tough spots like socks to show off during the seep into cracks and corners, your carpets and floors!

Keep Your Fireplace **Burning Safely**

ling fire. But before you do, properly. there are a few precautions you should take to make sure shrouds. These small addiyou and your loved ones are tions prevent debris and small safe in front of those warming animals from obstructing the

Recent statistics indicate ing on the type of fireplace have to shop, cook, wrap gifts * Open that fridge and toss that an average of 25,100 you have. To learn which chimney fires occur every style you need and to view the year, claiming as many as decorative options, visit Lenrooms guests will see -- can up the dishwasher and don't 30 lives and causing \$126.1 noxHearthProducts.com. really save time and energy. forget the sponges. Sponges million in property damage annually. "A fireplace is a All objects (including people) tips to help you quickly get nants and can easily spread wonderful source of beauty should be kept at least 36 your home ready for the holi- germs to other parts of the and comfort, but homeowners inches away from the hearth kitchen. Loading them in the must be vigilant," says Bill to prevent combustible mate-Wetzel, Fireplace Systems rial from catching fire. Also, Product Manager at Lennox never leave a fire unattended, The front door and entrance- * Remember the powder Hearth Products. "Proper fire- especially if you have chilplace and chimney mainte- dren or pets. nance is the best way to avoid tragic losses." If your home best to use a mesh-style screen are spotless. Remove dirt Dim the lights to help them has a wood-burning fireplace, to prevent flying sparks and and grime from vinyl siding feel welcomed and relaxed. make sure you follow these ash from burning or staining safety measures:

* Get your chimney and fireplace cleaned annually. You can do it yourself if you're equipment and time, but the Chimney Safety Institute of America suggests using certified chimney sweeps. Annual cleanings reduce the risk of fires and carbon monoxide poisonings due to creosote buildup or obstructions in the chimneys. You can find out more at csia.org.

* Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Ideally, they should be placed throughnitely in the room where the

(StatePoint) There's a nip in fireplace is located. Check the the air and you're yearning to batteries every spring and fall snuggle up in front of a crack- to make sure they're working

> * Install chimney tops or chimney. Styles vary depend-

* Keep the hearth area clear.

* Fire screens are a must. It's

carpets or flooring. fuel. Choose well-seasoned never use an accelerant other than newspaper and dry kin- the game. dling (lighter fluid is meant

the Burn Wisely section at comes back down with four?" epa.gov/burnwise.

ly easy," says Wetzel. "And dollars. many years to come."

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* #5 Nolen, A.	7	2	3	0	6	2	12
* #20 Campbell, C.	9	3	8	0	2	1	11
* #12 Jennings, H.	8	1	6	1	0	1	4
#34 Creek, A.	4	1	0	0	1	1	2
#10 Sanchez, J.	2	1	2	0	1	5	2
Totals	52	19	30	1	12	17	71

One Smart Blonde

A blonde woman boards an airplane. She finds her seat and Use the right materials and sits down next to a very curious young man.

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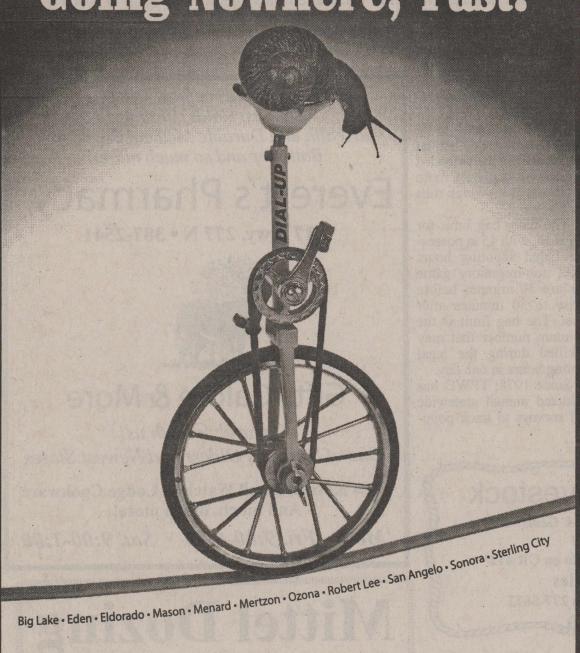
The blonde woman became interested and decided to play

"Okay. How many moons does jupiter have?" the young man for your outdoor grill only). asked. The woman reached into her purse and took out a five For more information, visit dollar bill. "What goes up the mountain with three legs and

The young man, determined not to lose, gets out his laptop Good chimney and fire- and searches all over the internet for an answered. Flustered place maintenance is relative- and confused, the young man hand the blonde five hundred

when practiced regularly, you After a few hours, the young man was itching to know the ancan enjoy your fireplace and swer to the question."What was the answer to the riddle?" the create warm memories for blonde woman reached into her purse and handed the young man a five dollar bill.





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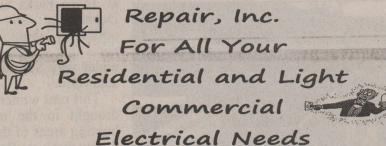


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Academy For Ranch Management Announces Burn Workshops For 2011

Ranch Management will host two prescribed burn work- wildfires by removing hazard- uled for March 3-5. shops in 2011 at the Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora Feb. 17-19 and March Management offers hands-on information on managing fu- cational requirement for a 3-5.

Prescribed burning is a tool that can be used to manage rangeland vegetation for livestock and wildlife use.

maintaining a grass/shrub/tree complex without the use of chemicals or costly mechanical control methods," said search senior research associate and one of the workshop

ous fuel loads."

"Burning is nature's way of landowners and for absentee burn, Hinnant said. owners who are several gen-Hinnant said.

Ray Hinnant, an AgriLife Re- Taylor are prescribed burning additional information on to download the registration board lead instructors.

SONORA - The Academy for instructors. "Burning also re- uled for Feb. 17-19 and the recting a prescribed burn as duces the risk of catastrophic advanced workshop is sched- the burn boss."

> The Academy for Ranch provide prescribed burning ested in completing the eduexperience with both class- els and weather monitoring commercial or private certiroom and field activities for and equipment for fire sup- fied and insured prescribedparticipants. The workshops pression. Participants will de- burn manager, he said. provide education for existing velop a prescribed burn plan

> > weather and fuels with more form.

A comprehensive exam is

The basic workshop will administered for those inter-

The fee for each workshop ranch owners, new ranch or and will conduct a prescribed is \$395 and includes meals and on-site lodging. For "The basic workshop is a more information and to regerations away from the ranch, prerequisite to the advanced ister, call 979-820-1778 or workshop," he said. "The ad- 325-387-3168 or visithttp:// Hinnant and Dr. Charles vanced workshop provides www.ranchmanagement.org

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> Austin as having the na- California. tion's strongest job growth,

The magazine also noted "near-broke and highly reg-Newsweek described ulated" states, singling out

"Texas is becoming to the both in the last year and Golden State what Arizona, over the last decade. "(Aus- Nevada and Oregon were tin) enjoys good private- in the last decade: a refuge sector growth, both from an for workers and companies expanding roster of home- fed up with California's high unemployment, cost of living, and dysfunctional state government," Kotkin writes.

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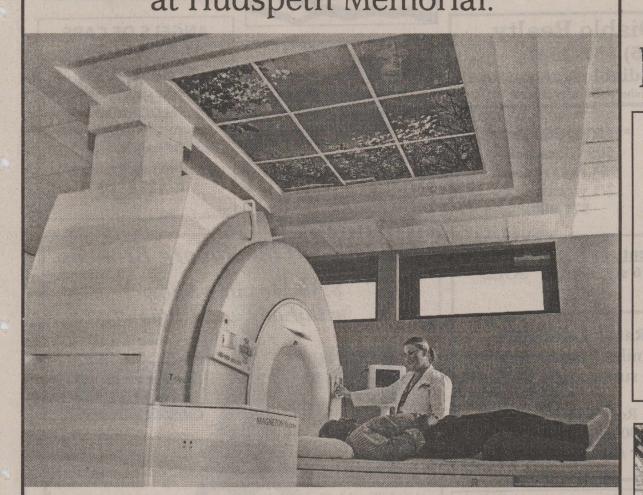
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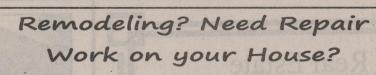


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Colts End Season With 7 Victories

By Jay Immel

their season facing the JV Iraan Braves. Iraan jumped out early when they returned an interception for a Touchdown. It would have been easy for the Broncos to quit but they kept fighting. The Oline consisting of Stanley Gay- cos leading 22-14 Iraan had a free throw. The 7th grade tan, Michael Chavez, Erasmo one drive left. Great defense Red team lost 4-37, even Esquivel, Jonathon Paredes, and Jose Longoria did a great zalez, Omar Salazar, and Rhett and fought hard on defense. for Will Dutton, Austin Rodridefense played well down the who finished 2-8 last year, improved over the last week 20 for a tournament. Our stretch and Will Dutton came but they worked hard on the and are still improving. Our first game of the tournament up with 2 huge interceptions and Rhett Guerra had another. and improved to 7-3 this year.

The Sonora Bronco Fresh- Trailing late in the 4th Quarto his left and found Chance Monday to take on 32 Lady Campbell along the sideline. Hawks. The 7th grade fell Campbell made a couple of short in both games, but nevdefenders miss and broke a er quit. The 7th grade Black few tackles to score on a 67 team lost 5-46. Julia Pope yard catch and run go ahead and Cip Tobias had 2 points by Cody Barber, Daniel Gon- though they were aggressive field and in the weight room first two games were against

Lady Colts Basketball:

Building a Season

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Touchdown. With the Bron- apiece and Lisa Garza added

The Lady Colts Basket- two very good teams and we ty. Then we will take on Rock-

Black Points Cip Tobias 2 Julia Pope 2 Lisa Garza 1

Red Points

Destany Velasquez 2

men Football team completed terback Scott Gonzalez rolled ball team traveled to Wall on have learned a lot from them. springs at 12 and Christoval at 2:40. On Monday, November 22 we will play Ozona at home game time at 5:30 and 6:30.

One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team.

> - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Kelisha Alvarado 2 job of opening running lanes Guerra would stop the Braves The points came from Destaand seal a Bronco victory. ny Velasquez and Kelisha Alguez and Rhett Guerra. The This is a great group of kids varado. The Lady Colts have

We are heading to Christoval on Saturday, November is at 8am against Irion Coun-

Higher Commidy Prices Leads to Potential Price Increase At The Grocery Store

COLLEGE STATION -- Although the recent surge in agricultural commodity prices has caused some concern about a potential increase in food costs, an overall increase likely will be "modest," according to economists with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. "Commodity prices reached record or near-record highs in 2008, but weakened in 2009 and most of 2010," said Jose G. Pena, AgriLife Extension economist-management at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde. "Food prices increased in 2008 just as the U.S. was entering into what many economists describe as the worst recession since the Great Depression."

Pena and other AgriLife Extension economists recently assessed the effect rising farm commodity prices might have on retail food prices and whether those increases would result in increases similar to those experienced in and beyond 2008.

"Pena said the U.S. Department of Agriculture recently forecasted the consumer-price index for food will rise between 0.5 percent and 1.5 percent this year and between 2 percent to 3 percent for 2011.

"From 1990 to 2006 the average annual food price increase was 4 percent and the increase in 2010 will be the smallest since 1992," he said. "While prices for basic commodities like corn and wheat are higher than they were in 2007, they remain well below the record highs of 2008."

Pena said adverse weather, a weaker U.S. dollar, increased exports, higher crude-oil prices and heavy commodity contract buying by speculative investor funds have contributed to increasing commodity prices.

"Although the agricultural producer is sometimes vilified because of the increasing price of agricultural commodities, the lion's share of that increase is due to factors beyond the producer's control," he said. "USDA data shows farmers get less than 20 cents of every dollar spent on food. So the majority of the increase comes from the elevation of production and post-production costs, including the costs of energy, labor, advertising, packaging and transportation."

"On average, a 50-percent increase in the price received by the farmer results in only a 10-percent percent increase in the retail cost of food," Pena said. "The recent upward movement in commodities pricing is expected to have little immediate effect on the

prices of basic food items." He said consumers should expect to see a modest price increase in meat, poultry and dairy products in 2011, as well as an increase in grain prices due to temporarily tighter grain supplies.

the board, but are looking at to increases in price, but it also show strength, with Vietnam a situation relating to U.S. depends on corn prices and emerging as a top customer stocks of wheat, corn and soy- (their effect on) calf prices." beans," said Dr. Mark Welch, an AgriLife Extension econo- quarter of 2010 resulted in that booming exports tightmist at Texas A&M Universithe least amount of beef sup- en domestic beef supplies ty in College Station who spe- plies since 1997, after factor- even more and should lead

tion in another significant agri- through 2012 the beef sup- Anderson said. "Supplies cultural commodity, beef cat- ply will continue to decline. keep cutting back because tle, said Dr. David Anderson,

seeing beef production and of the hamburger demand." cattle numbers drop off in the He added, however, that cull adequate supplies of the best

"We're seeing commod- in 2011 versus 25.9 billion beef, and that export markets price increases across pounds in 2010. That will lead also continue to grow and

Anderson said the first cializes in grain marketing, ing out exports, and he ex- to higher cattle prices for There also has been a reduc- pects that during each quarter the next couple of years,"

AgriLife Extension livestock been hurt by the recession, money to build herds back." economist. Anderson said but has been strong due to cattle numbers will be fewer consumers 'trading down' to economists agreed that in over the next decade, but the stretch their income," he said. spite of the commodity inprice of corn will dictate the "That's led to more grinding of creases and the possibility of level and spread in calf prices. specific cuts of beef – chucks slightly higher food prices in "I think we will continue and rounds - to take advantage the future, American consum-

next couple of years," he said. cattle have also been fetch- and safest food in the world

for U.S. beef exports, in 2009.

"What I'm suggesting is "Overall, beef demand has we're not making enough

Generally, however, the ers can still expect to have





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