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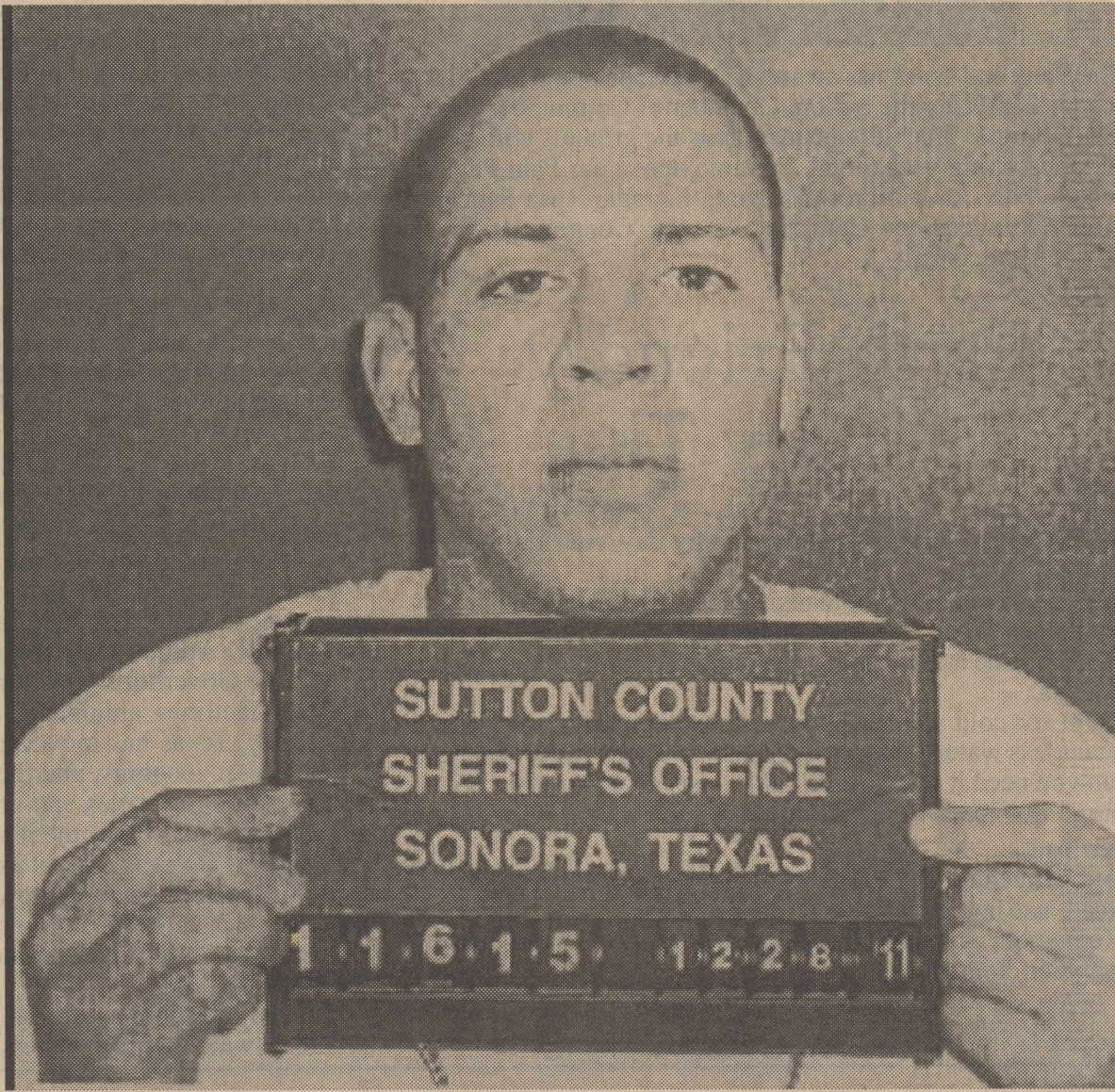
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Trevino Escapes from County Jail: The Search Continues

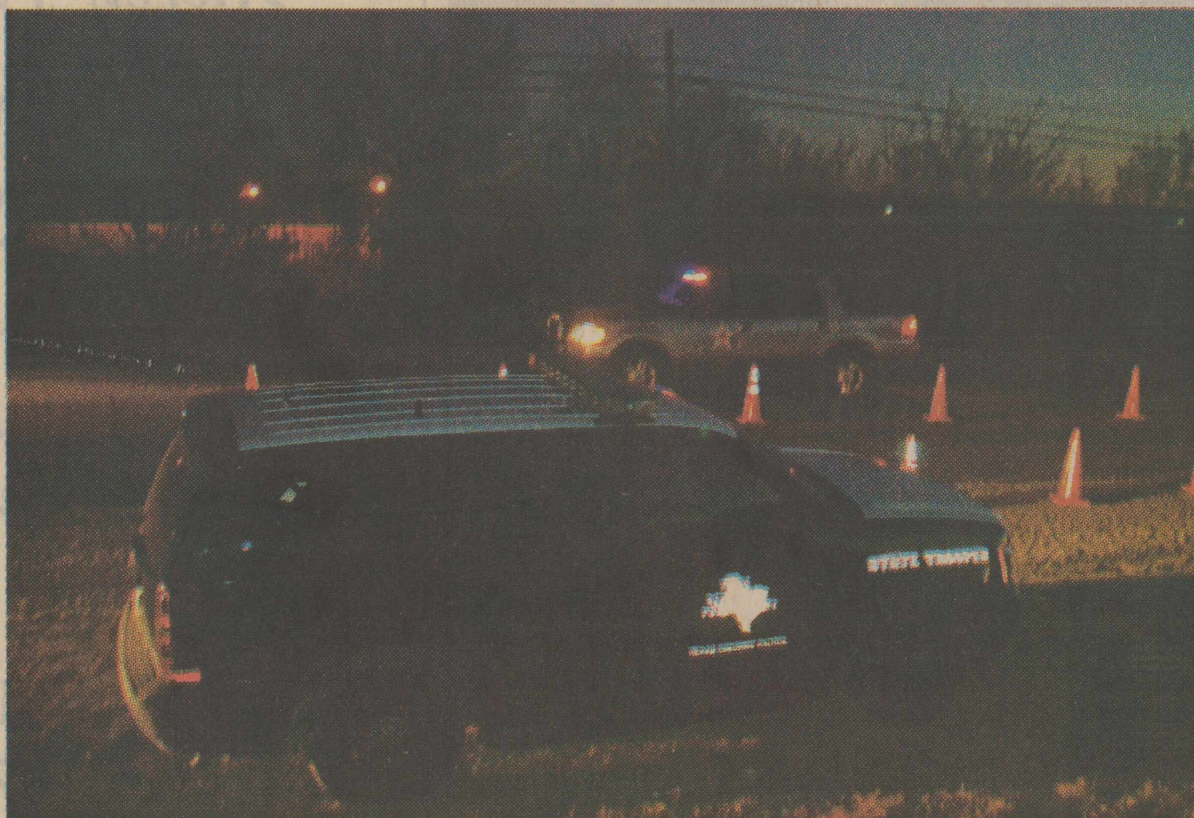
By Ben D. Taylor

A 20 year old man by the name of Jose Luis Trevino escaped from the Sutton County Jail at approximately 9:30 in the morning on Monday, January 2nd. Trevino is 5 foot 11 inches and 210 pounds, and was last seen wearing a white jail uniform. At the time of press he was still at large, but Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher commented that, "we believe he has left the county all together. He has known ties to people in Del Rio and Ft. Stockton, so we are concentrating our search in those areas he is most likely to look for refuge".

When asked specifically about the escape, Fincher stated that, "he went out through a door that was inadvertently left unlocked. I contacted the Texas Jail Commission immediately and reported the escape, and am in the process of submitting a report to them as well. Rest assured that we are making corrections to ensure this does not happen again." Fincher was also quick to dispel any rumors on the specific on the escape, "Trevino did not assault anyone in the course of his escape, and he was not a trustee."

The search for Trevino

began immediately after his escape, "I contacted all of the area agencies right away to inform them of the situation. I also spoke personally with Kimble County Sheriff Cantu who offered the support of his office." The search also included horse and dog teams from the Colorado City and Ft. Stockton Prisons, a DPS helicopter, Sutton County Sheriff's department, Sonora Police Department, Texas Ranger support, The Border Patrol and support from the U.S. Marshall's Service.



Multiple law enforcement agencies aided in the search for Trevino. One of the techniques they used was roadblocks north and south of Sonora. Pictured above is the roadblock south of town, where Sutton County Sheriff's Dept. and DPS monitor traffic.

Fling Ding Moves Back to the Sonora Wool and Mohair Warehouse



The Fling Ding with return to its traditional location at the Sonora Wool and Mohair warehouse.

By Landa Knight

The "Fling Ding", an invitation only dance, is an annual celebration that includes over 1,000 guests each year. This year's dance will be held February 4th, 2012 in the Sonora Wool and Mohair Warehouse. The Fling Ding had moved to the Civic Center last year due to a fire at the Warehouse, but has moved back to the Warehouse in order to accommodate people's schedules better. "February is a time of year that's a little slower for the ranchers and even for the people with kids in sporting events." The Fling Ding Club was originally organized in the late 1930's with 9 members. It disbanded for a short period of time during World War II but was revitalized after the war. The Fling Ding Club currently has 135 members with each member allowed to invite 5 guests. "Fling Ding" has become a highlight for many couples in Sonora and the surrounding area. It's an opportunity for family and friends to reconnect and catch up on "what's been going on". And it's an opportunity to dress up for the evening as the party is a formal affair. For many people who have grown up in the Sonora area and have left, it's an opportunity to return home and catch up with old friends.

"Mardi Gras" will be the theme of this year's extravaganza. The Sonora Wool and Mohair Warehouse will be magically transformed into a night in New Orleans for

Mardi Gras. Member of the Fling Ding Club will join together to decorate the warehouse for the event. Many hours will be spent covering and decorating walls and ceilings to help bring the theme of the night to life. Giant masks will adorn the walls and the streets of New Orleans will be replicated through a variety of decorations.

Fling Ding members and their guests will enjoy music provided by Aspen Creek from the Fort Worth area. Be sure and check out the band at www.aspencreekband.com and go to their audio section. We've hired the 5 piece band which includes male and female vocalists for a variety of music. The band plays mostly country music with a little Southern rock.

A new addition to the tradition of Fling Ding will be tables and chairs for the dance area. People will be able to bring their drinks in to the dance area this year and sit and enjoy the band if they like or dance the night away.

Officers for this year's Fling Ding are: President-Randy Knight, Vice-President-Carla Smith, Secretary-Shanna Petty and Treasurer-Roberta James. Board Members include: Scott Garrett, Janice Carruthers, Melissa Teaff, Francine Hardeman, Sandy Glover, Larry Finklea, Lee Bloodworth, Linda Fisher, Diane Keller, Mark Wilkinson, Jimalee Dutton, Julie Martin and Savell Shannon.

Senior Center Activities

Thurs. January 5 - Happy Birthday *Eulojia Samanigo*
Fri. January 6 - Run Errands
Mon. January 9 - Bingo
Tues. January 10 - Crafts
Wed. January 11 - Happy Birthday *Barbara Urbanski*

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. January 5 - Turkey pot pie, seasoned corn, milk tossed salad, wheat roll, Ambrosia
Fri. January 6 - Beef pepper steak, mashed potatoes, milk Capri vegetables, wheat roll, chunky fruit
Mon. January 9 - Beef stew, tossed salad, cornbread, milk orange juice, pumpkin custard
Tues. January 10 - Spaghetti w/meatballs, spinach, milk wheat roll, honey dew melon
Wed. January 11 - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, stewed okra mashed potatoes, green salad, pumkin squares

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).

December Landscape of the Month



The Bank and Trust was awarded Landscape of the Month for December 2011 by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Torres Landscaping & Tree Service maintains the grounds with beautiful landscaping year round. Pictured above are Pam Payton, Michelle Faz, Joy Galbreath, Juanita Estrada, Rosa Sanchez, JoAnn Hernandez and Catherine Herrera. Congratulations to The Bank and Trust!

Death Notice

Sonora- Jane Archer, 81, of Sonora died Monday, Jan. 2 in Eldorado. Graveside services will be Tues. Jan. 3, 2012 at 4:00p.m. in Sonora Cemetery. Survivors include daughters Cindy Fields and Becky York of Sonora, and brother Rudy Yates of Gatesville

Texas Dominates List of Best-Performing Cities

Texas dominated the Milken Institute's annual index of Best-Performing Cities, taking four of the top five positions and nine of the top 25, thanks to the state's healthy economy and robust job creation climate.

"I'm proud of the environment we've created in Texas that allows employers to risk their capital, receive a return on their investment and create jobs, thanks to our low taxes, reasonable and predictable regulatory environment, fair legal system and skilled workforce," Gov. Rick Perry said. "Each of these cities highlights the reasons Texas is the best place to live, work and raise a family, and I congratulate them on this recognition."

To determine the Best-Performing cities, the Milken Institute measured job, wage and technology performance over a five-year period. The study found that Texas employers were responsible for one of every five jobs created in the nation from June 2010 to June 2011. San Antonio was the top performer among the nation's 200 Best-Performing large metros, and Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown ranked number one among the 10 largest metros. The study attributes Texas' success to having a favorable business climate, low business costs, renewed trade with Mexico and South America, and ongoing energy exploration and alternative fuels research.

Earlier this year, Site Selection Magazine, DCI and Area Development Magazine each ranked Texas as the best business climate. Additionally, Texas won Site Selection Magazine's 2010 Governor's Cup for the most new and expanded corporate facilities announced over the year. According to USA Today, Texas has moved past New York as the nation's second largest economy, and the Wall Street Journal has credited the state's low taxes and employer-friendly environment with helping make Texas the job creation capital of the nation. Additionally, Texas is ranked as the top exporting state in the nation for the ninth year in a row, and Texas consistently ranks among the top states for Fortune 500 headquarters.

To view the full report online, please visit <http://bestcities.milkeninstitute.org/>.

To find out more about job creation in Texas, please visit www.texaswideopenforbusiness.com.

Earth-Friendly Laundry Tips

(StatePoint) For an eco-friendly laundry day, consider the following:

Be sure to run only full loads of wash. According to Discovery's Planet Green, the average household would reduce their carbon dioxide emissions by 99 pounds a year by running only full loads.

Opt for cold water when possible, and consider a natural gas tankless water heater, which heats only the water you need when you need it. And with a natural gas dryer, you can dry on average two loads of clothes for the same cost as one electric dryer load.

Avoid conventional detergents containing harmful pollutants. Instead, use homemade or natural products.

Remember -- you don't need to dirty up the planet when you clean your clothes.

Community Bible Study at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Begins

January 11, 2011

6:00PM - 8:00PM

8 Week Study

James: Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore

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387-2955

Lighthouse Community Church
1705 N. Crockett
387-9100

First United Methodist Church
201 N. Water
387-2466

St. Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278

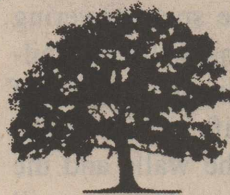
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Tuesdays
 Noon Downtown Lions Club

Wednesdays
 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice
 6:00 p.m. Community Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth (St. John's Sunday House)
 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth (St. John's Sunday House)

Holiday Schedule
 Christmas Cantata Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 10:55 am
 Christmas Eve Service Sat., Dec. 24 @ 6:00 pm
 Christmas Worship Sunday, Dec. 25 @ 10:00 am

James: Mercy Triumphs
 Beth Moore
 Bible Study

January 11
 10:00AM
 First Baptist Church

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Resolve To Be More Organized In The New Year

(StatePoint) If you're feeling stressed out by life's daily dose of details, it's time to get organized.

Whether it's your schedule, your house, or your photos in a jumble, there's no time like the New Year to resolve to organize your life.

And there are many new, technological tools out there to help.

Organize Your Schedule

When it comes to your schedule, are you still stuck on sticky notes? It's time to go digital so you can access your information when and where you need it. A mobile and online calendar and organizer can help you stay on top of your schedule by consolidating your family members' calendars and lists all in one place.

Consider a service that is available as an app on your mobile phone or tablet (as well as online) and synchronizes with your Outlook calendar. For example, Cozi (www.cozi.com), an online and mobile calendar and organizer for families, sends users email and text reminders about upcoming events and tasks, and helps manage meal planning and shopping lists.

With reminders coming directly to your phone about what to pick up for dinner or what time the school play begins, you won't miss a beat.

Simplify Errands

If after a full season of holiday activities you could use an extra hand getting your home, pantry and family back in order, consider using services like Alice.com, an online marketplace for household essentials.

It's all about simplifying errands and restocking your shelves with the essentials you need, saving you time, money and trips to the store.

"For the primary shopper of the family, getting stocked up doesn't have to mean running from store to store," says Mark McGuire, President and Co-Founder of Alice.com. "There are faster, more cost-efficient ways to shop for everyday items, and with one less errand to run, shoppers will have more free time to enjoy for themselves or with their families."

Such services help budget-conscious shoppers with competitive pricing, free delivery, instant coupons and simple management of household goods. Alice.com, for example, even has a free iPhone app as well, so you can stay organized on the go.

Organize Your Memories

If you love your camera or smartphone, you probably already have a ton of photos and videos that need to be organized. You don't have to do the hard work if you choose a hosting site to protect, backup and share your photos. Be sure to pick one that has unlimited upload capability and privacy customization options.

Whether you're sharing photos with Grandma, or running a business, a site like SmugMug (www.smugmug.com) lets you set the look of your site or gallery.

There's no need to feel harried by the myriad details of managing your household. With a little work and the right tools, you can stay on top of your tasks in the new year.

An Easy Way To Improve Your Home's Value

(StatePoint) Not all home improvements are created equally if you're looking for a clear return on investment.

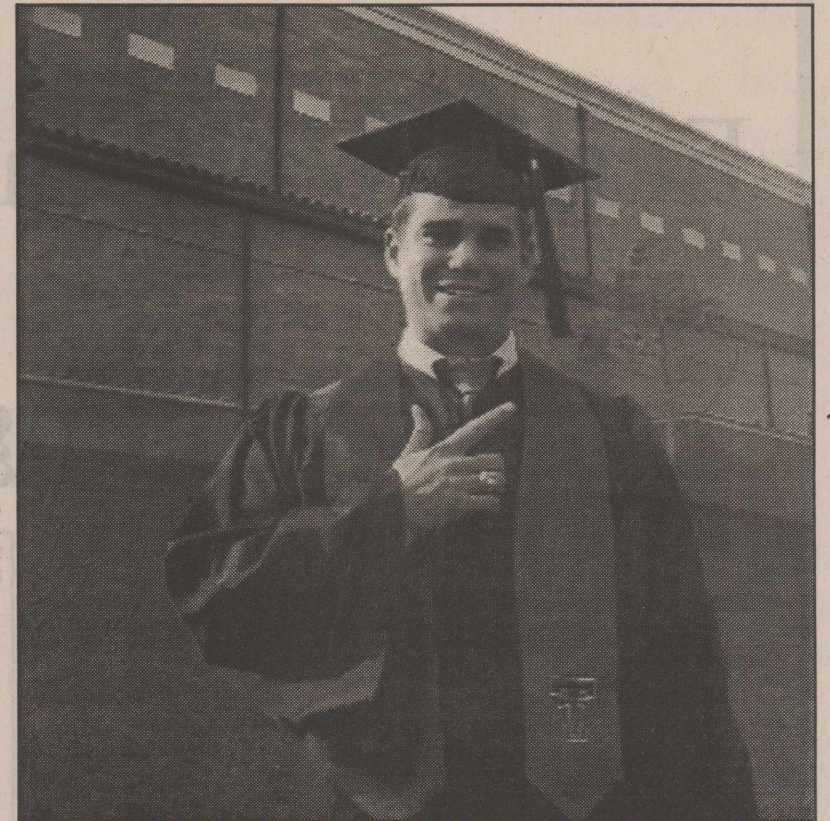
But according to the National Association of Realtors, a bathroom upgrade is a good bet, yielding a 64.1 percent return on what you spend.

And to do it well an architect can help, says the American Institute of Architects. He or she will work with you to determine a plan of action for meeting your goal.

It could be a simple change, such as adding flex lighting for ambience, or more complex, like extensive remodeling, to completely redo the space.

To find an architect in your local area who will make the most of your space visit <http://architectfinder.aia.org>.

Bloodworth Receives Degree from TTU Lubbock



Hilton Lee Bloodworth graduated on December 17, 2011 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Hilton received his Bachelor of Science degree in Personal Financial Planning. He is the son of Lee and Darlette Bloodworth.

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F.Y.I.

Viva Sonora will be selling bricks to be made into a sidewalk around the new city park located on Deerwood Drive. The money that is raised will be rotated back into community projects. If you would like to reserve a permanent brick you pick up a form at the Bank and Trust or call Juanita Gomez 206-2698 or JoAnn Hernandez 206-0366.

Are you interested in praying for our country, our city, our loved ones? You are most welcome to meet in the Prayer Garden every Tuesday morning at 10:00AM. Bring a chair please. All are welcome. FMI call 325-387-3246.

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Town Hall Meeting

All Residents Are Invited To Attend

January 5, 2012

6:30PM - 7:30PM

Sutton County Civic Center

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Oil & Agribusiness

Agriculture Year In Review

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



With the year rapidly coming to an end, I thought we'd take a look at some of the events that impacted agriculture. Without a doubt, the single biggest bit of news is the record-breaking drought. It affected everything else in one way or another. With that out of the way, let's do a countdown of some of the top events (in my opinion) that involve folks in our area.

6) Price of food. According to the American Farm Bureau, prices are going up the most dramatically in the categories of food items most affected by the drought. Beef is up 10.1%, due to the high price of corn. There's been a 10.2% spike in dairy prices due to the high price of forage for feeding dairy cattle. But perhaps the hardest hit crop has been peanuts. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has projected a 13% drop in peanuts for 2011, which has caused the price for a ton (of the kind of peanuts used in peanut butter) to surge from \$450 to \$1,200 in the past year. That has led to massive price hikes among the major peanut butter makers.

5) Cost of Feed- Though we do not traditionally feed hay, the drought is forcing ranchers to purchase and feed hay at a high price. Alfalfa hay, for example is ranging in price from \$250 to \$395 per ton depending on quality. In general, feed costs are up about 40 percent.

4) Herd Removal- The long-running drought in Texas is responsible for the largest single-year decline in the state's cow herd, which experts say is likely to drive up beef prices. In one year, the number of cows in Texas is expected to have decreased by about 600,000 -- a 12% drop from about 5 million cows at the beginning of the year. That's according to David Anderson, a livestock economist in College Station who monitors beef markets for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Anderson believes many cows were temporarily moved to greener pastures out of state, but many others were sold and slaughtered. It is not clear how many of the cows shipped north will be brought back to Texas.

3) Strong Livestock Markets- Rarely does it happen that markets are good during a drought. More often than not, prices drop due to large supplies being sold. However, this year, the markets have been strong for cattle, sheep, and goats. That's been welcome good news.

2) Texas Wildfires- With extremely dry conditions dating back to last fall, wildfires kept fire fighters busy all year. In total, nearly 4 million acres were burned in Texas. Losses associated with those fires were also great.

1) Drought- This was the driest one-year period on record. The epic Texas drought has caused an estimated \$5.2 billion in losses to farmers and livestock producers, experts say, and the figure is expected to rise this winter.

Though the year has been challenging, the early winter has brought some much-appreciated moisture with it. With that, we look forward to 2012 and wish everyone health and prosperity in the new year.

Consumer Alert: Emails with Malicious Web Link Claim to Originate from Better Business Bureau System

AUSTIN – A malicious new spam email claiming to originate from the Council of Better Business Bureaus has recently hit inboxes across Texas.

The unsolicited email message, which may include the subject line, "Complaint from your customers," intentionally creates a false appearance of legitimacy because the return email address is

riskmanager@bbb.org. The end of the spam message also deceptively includes the Council of Better Business Bureaus' address, which is intended to confer legitimacy by associating the email with the national office of the Better Business Bureau system. According to the Council, the return email address is not actually used by the BBB. The Council warned

that the email message contains a malicious link to a non-BBB website.

Recipients should not respond to the sender or click on any Web links that may appear within the message. Activating Web links that appear in unexpected emails may direct users to fraudulent websites or allow identity thieves to capture users' sensitive personal information.

Texas can protect their email addresses from spam-

mers by working with their Internet service providers to install free filters, blocks and other junk mail management services. All computer users should also familiarize themselves with a website's privacy policy before providing their email addresses. Most legitimate vendors allow users to prevent the company from sharing their information with unauthorized third parties.

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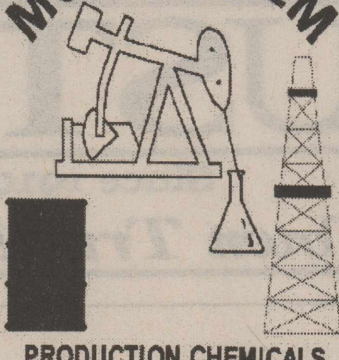
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Crockett
New 9000' Approach Operating Baker -A- #117 Nabors Drilling #709 1/28/11 O/G Ver Od
New 9000' Approach Operating University 42-13 #15 Ringo Drilling 1 Lp #17 1/19/11 3 2150' O/G Ver Od
9600' Burk Royalty Company Harris #1 Ringo Drilling 1 Lp #19 1/15/11 7 2510' O/G Dir Od
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BRONCO SPORTS

Three Tournaments and Three Finals Appearances for the Lady Broncos

After winning the Harper Tournament and making the finals in Junction's Tourney, the Lady Broncos followed up in their third stanza with a finals appearance at Reagan County Tournament. The Lady Broncos beat 3A Pecos 54-38 with Kylie Love dominating the game with 13 points and 8 rebounds. Brianah Creek went for 11 points and Jaye Sanchez and Avery Nolen had 5 assists each. Next up the Running Broncos beat (volleyball state champions) Water Valley 65-45. Brianah Creek (18), Jaye (13), Avery (10) and Logan Smith (10) all had double digit scoring. Logan dominated the boards with 11 and Kylie had 10 rebounds. Gracie Dozier led the offense attack with 5 assists. In the finals, the Lady Broncos lost on a last second shot by Ballinger 48-50. In a great back in forth game with clutch performances by Jaye Sanchez and Brianah Creek (they scored 13 of LB's 16 fourth quarter points). The Lady Broncos outscored Ballinger in the first, second and fourth quarters but a weak third quarter was the difference. Brianah had 17 points, Logan 10 rebounds, Jaye 8 assists and Kylie 3 blocked shots. Macie, Gracie, Brianah and Avery all hit threes in the tournament. Brianah Creek, Jaye Sanchez and Logan Smith were named all tournament. The Sonora Lady Broncos have a 16-4 record.



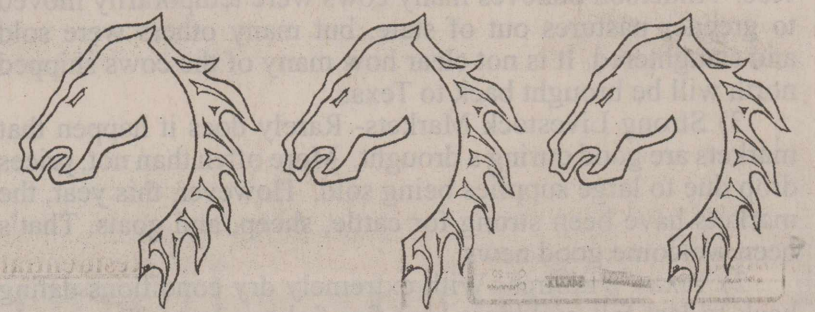
Name: Logan Smith
Grade: Sophomore
Basketball Number: 11
Position: Forward
Favorite Professional Athlete: Michael Jordan
Favorite Team: San Antonio Spurs
What do you like best about basketball so far this year: How much fun we have and it's even better when we win!
What is your favorite thing about being a Lady Bronco: I like being a part of the team.
Who would you trust the most to "hold the rope": I would trust my whole team because each one is an important part.



Name: Jaye Sanchez
Grade: Junior
Basketball Number: 10
Position: Guard
Favorite Professional Athlete: Mya Moore
Favorite Team: UCONN
What do you like best about basketball so far this year: I like the food that we get to eat during half-time!
What is your favorite thing about being a Lady Bronco: My favorite thing is the way the fans support every sport
Who would you trust the most to "hold the rope": I would trust everyone because we always have each other's backs, no matter what.

Lady Broncos Win Again

The Sonora Lady Bronco defeated Christoval at home Tuesday evening 69-42. The Lady Broncos used their aggressive defense to wear out the Cougars. Sonora forced 40 turnovers and held Christoval to 34% shooting. The Lady Broncos were led by Gracie Dozier's 14 points, 4 assists and 5 steals. Brianah Creek had 12 points and 5 steals and Logan Smith chipped in with 10 points, 6 rebounds and 8 steals. Jaye Sanchez ran the offense with 9 assists and helped on defense with 6 steals. Abby Creek was a force with 8 points and 8 rebounds. Macie Friess and Brianah hit a three apiece for the Lady Broncos.



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Accomplice for Cupid?...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

David Hatala claims no kinship to Cupid, but as operator of a fondue restaurant where proposals of marriage are common, he's a willing accomplice upon request. Hundreds, maybe thousands, of suitors have popped the question in the intimate "lovers' lane" area tucked away inside The Melting Pot, an upscale eatery in Arlington.

He happily strives to accommodate "ring bearers," and he thought a recent vignette might be a unique prelude to the upcoming Valentine proposal season. (Poets have written of such across the centuries. For example, Alfred, Lord Tennyson in 1835 chilled winter's grip, telling of a young man's springtime fancy turning to thoughts of love.)

Romantics believe such thoughts are harbored by both men and women all winter long....

Anyways, the saga began on a Thursday, shortly after dark. Into the restaurant moseyed a cowboy-looking guy, guitar case in hand. (Call him Barney.) "There's going to be a mighty big moment in my life--if you can help me out," the visitor said. "I drove over two hours in heavy holiday traffic to get here because I'm determined to 'get it right.'"

Sensing that he might be vital to "getting it right," Hatala snapped to attention, ready to do assist. Barney explained that he'd been dating a woman for several years and was ready to extend a marriage proposal. "I want to see about a reservation here Saturday night for the big moment."

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Finishing 90 minutes of fonduing morsels of meats and veggies, the pair was ready for dessert. The chocolate repast was in place, and one wink led to 'canned music,'"

Barney delivery of the guitar and countered. "I've composed the elimination of house both music and lyrics for a special proposal. I'll leave my guitar here today, and when it's chocolate-dipping problems prevailed. "He time, I'll wink at the waiter to deliver it. Then, guitarist," Hatala said. "His I'll get down on one knee to make my marriage proposal lyrics were horrible." The in song."

Hatala, impressed that a man would make a 300-mile round-trip to cover all preparatory bases, pledged to silence the house music at a wink time.

Thus the proposal plan was in place....

cal mess-up: "No way on God's green earth I'm gonna marry you!"

Hatala acted quickly, making a timely turn-up of house music in a "return to regular programming." Some guests whispered in hushed tones, wondering about the commotion. (One thought a waiter had dropped a tray of dishes and was lamenting the loss in song.)

The couple finished dessert in silence, then double-timed out of the restaurant....

"At least they didn't ask for separate checks," the restaurateur said. "And I made sure to hand him his guitar case as they left..."

Hatala figures conversation was frosty at best--absent at worst--during the couple's 150-mile trip home.

Reflecting on the experience, he's trying to figure out the whole scenario. "Maybe the guy was determined to propose at a fondue restaurant and The Melting Pot was closest," he reasoned.

"Cupid's accomplice can only do so much," Hatala said, admitting the probability that we can "stick a fork" in this couple's relationship. Sometimes, I guess, fondue can become "fon-don't."

"Cupid's arrow doesn't always hit the mark," he said. "But I'll keep on aiming to please."

Two things for sure: If he sees the guy again up the way, he'll mumble something about a broken knob on the music system and that his insurance no longer covers guitar storage....

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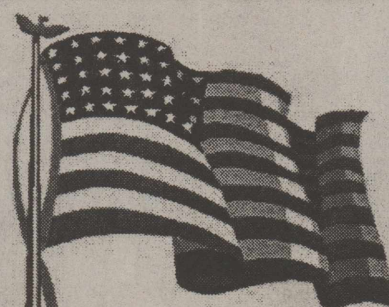
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4th Year Decrease in Work-Related Injuries, Illnesses in 2010

AUSTIN, TX - Private industry employers in Texas reported a 5.8 percent decrease in nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work during 2010 for a total of 56,720.

The annual Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses revealed that there were 79.5 injuries and illnesses per 10,000 full-time equivalent employees in Texas. This rate was 2.1 percent lower than the rate of 81.2 in 2009 and is below the national rate of 118.

The median days away from work, a key measure of severity of injuries and illnesses, for Texas increased to 9 in 2010 from 8 in 2008 and 2009. This is higher than the 8 median days away from work reported nationally.

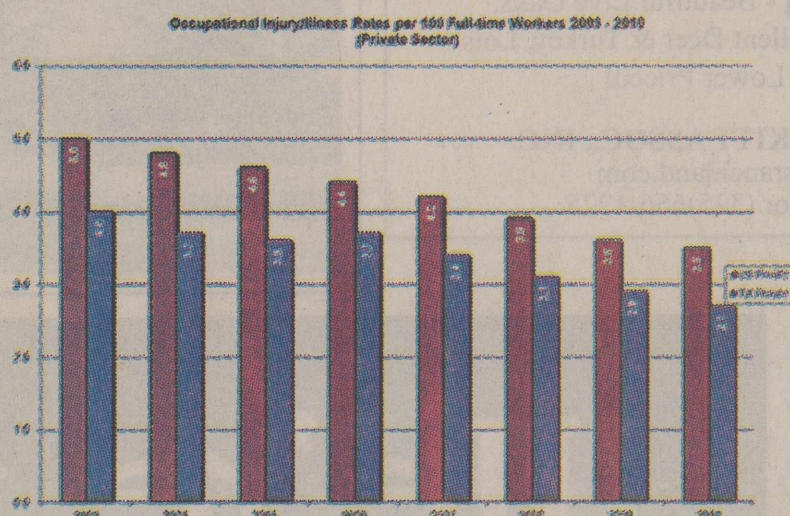
The survey is conducted in cooperation with the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC). The TDI-DWC collects survey data in order to assist employers, safety professionals, and policymakers in identifying occupational safety and health issues in the state.

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This is the third TDI-DWC news release in 2011 reporting on 2010 data from the BLS workplace safety and health statistical series. The first news release, in September 2011 covered work-related fatalities from the 2010 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries. In November 2011, BLS reported that there were 189,841 nonfatal injuries and illnesses in Texas, in 2010. The data are based on the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses with a sample of approximately 10,000 Texas employers. To view the full report on 2010 industry, demographic, occupation and case characteristics and specific data charts and tables, visit the TDI website at www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/sis/index.html.

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Table A.
Nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work, private industry, Texas 2008-2010



Five Secrets Of Highly Optimistic Americans

(StatePoint) Do you want to start the New Year with a renewed sense of optimism? Do optimistic people think or behave differently?

A new study recently uncovered the secrets of optimistic people who feel in control of their lives.

One key to achieving optimism and lowering stress levels is to find ways to take greater control over your life, say researchers.

Sixty-six percent of Americans now say they feel in control of their lives, and their lives are headed in the right direction, according to Lincoln Financial Group's "MOOD of America" study.

So how can you be more like them?

Grasp the Future

Surprisingly, researchers uncovered several consistent behaviors and attitudes that are strongly associated with feeling in control of one's life -- all of which revolve around not letting money or your job define who you are.

Upbeat Americans are driven by a mindset that they can always find ways to solve problems. And they seem to have struck the right balance between finding time for fun things they enjoy and taking the necessary steps to secure their futures.

"Americans who feel in control of their destinies share a common mindset focused on positive, constructive behaviors every day," said Mark Konen, president of Insurance and Retirement Solutions for Lincoln Financial Group.

Simple Steps to Optimism

The good news is there are certain behaviors you can adopt to positively impact your life. Consider these top five behaviors of Americans who feel in control of their lives:

- They value and cultivate personal relationships.
- They volunteer in their communities and give to charity.
- They take quiet time to be alone and think.
- They exercise and spend time on hobbies.
- They adhere to budgets and save for retirement.

Not surprisingly, those who said they felt in control have taken concrete steps to build financial security, such as establishing retirement accounts and owning other financial products, including life insurance.

They are also more likely to stay within their budgets and save money from every paycheck, regardless of amount.

It's Not About Money

One of the secrets of optimistic Americans, according to the research, is they are not driven by the desire to be wealthy.

Instead, Americans "in charge" consider financial freedom -- having enough money to do what they want -- to be four to five times more important than being wealthy.

"The combination of traits that apply to 'take charge' Americans shows these people strike the right balance," says Konen. "They value alone time, but also invest in relationships with friends and family. They enjoy leisure time but make time to sit down with their paperwork and adhere to budgets."

More details from the new survey can be found at LincolnFinancial.com/surveys.

According to the new research, the key to optimism is adopting a mindset centered on the fact that it's squarely within your power to control your destiny.

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