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Back from Iraq

Friends and family gathered at the home of Rebecca Martinez on Thursday, November 29th as emergency service personnel escorted Sergeant Chris Martinez into town following his second tour of duty in Iraq. Martinez, who is a five-year Army veteran, is shown here with family members (L-R) grandmother Lupe Guerrero, nephew Christian Martinez, daughter Christine, wife Ann Marie, mother Rebecca and daughter Keshia. Martinez is currently stationed at Fort Hood as he awaits his next assignment.

Cantata "Simple Christmas" slated December 12

Rejoice with the combined choirs of the First United Methodist and Presbyterian Churches Wednesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Methodist Sanctuary as we celebrate God's love for us with a Christmas Cantata.

A "Simple Christmas," composed by Lani Smith, pres-

ents Bethlehem's Story, the story of Christ's coming to the earth which has been told over and over for hundreds of years.

A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the Cantata.

EHS Band places 4 on All-Region Band

Rhapsody Swyter & Timothy Cuevas to audition for All-State Band

Four Eldorado High School Band members earned honors to participate in the Region 7 All Region Band to be held on January 18th in Stephenville.

To qualify for All-Region Band, students must play scales and challenging music for a panel of five judges. The judges cannot see the students and do not know who they are or where they are from. They evaluate the students

and rank them in chair order. The top students are certified to the All-Region Band. The very top students are certified to Area and get to tryout for the All-State Band.

Rhapsody Swyter made 1st chair flute and Timothy Cuevas 3rd chair Bass Clarinet in the symphonic band. Both Swyter and Cuevas advance to area contest to be held in Waco on January 5th

to audition for All State Band.

Leslie Cruz made 3rd chair Bass Clarinet and Krista Galindo 8th chair B-flat Clarinet. Cruz and Galindo will perform in the concert band on January 18.

All four competed at the Region Band Contest held at Howard Payne University in Brownwood on Saturday, December 1.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Eldorado High School Band Members (L-R) Leslie Cruz, Krista Galindo, Rhapsody Swyter and Timothy Cuevas advanced to the Region 7 All-Region Band. They will perform January 18 in Stephenville.

Local FSA office avoids closure

Axe falls on offices in Ozona, Sonora, Junction & Menard

COLLEGE STATION – John T. Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA), today announced that USDA has approved the Agency's plan to close 11 county offices identified in part two of a multi-faceted, statewide streamlining initiative.

According to Fuston, Texas FSA received the letter of approval signed by Acting Secretary of Agriculture Charles Connor on November 16. "After considering fully, all public input on this issue and adjusting our plans as deemed appropriate, our final proposal for this phase of our restructuring plan was issued to and approved by Acting Secretary Connor."

Receipt of Secretarial approval to proceed with the office closure plan means that as of November 16, 2007, the clock started ticking on a 120-day period in which Texas FSA begins the administrative and strategic processes required to close a county office. "Numerous logistics must be considered before we can close any one office; let alone 11 offices. We are targeting mid March 2008 as the official closure time-frame," said Fuston.

Phase I (part two) of Texas FSA's restructuring plan calls for the following county office realignments:

- Angelina/Trinity County (Lufkin) FSA office will be closed and the new headquarters will be in Nacogdoches County (Nacogdoches).
- Cass/Marion County (Linden) FSA office will be closed and the new headquarters will be in Harrison County (Marshall).
- Crockett County (Ozona) FSA office will be closed and the new headquarters will be in Reagan County (Big Lake).
- Jefferson/Orange County (Beaumont) FSA office will be closed and the new headquarters will be Liberty County (Liberty).
- Kent County (Jayton) FSA office will be closed and the new headquarters will be Dickens County (Spur).
- Kimble County (Junction) FSA office will be closed and the new headquarters will be Kerr County (Kerrville).

- Menard County (Menard) FSA office will be closed and the new headquarters will be Concho County (Eden).

- Panola County (Carthage) FSA office will be closed and the new headquarters will be Harrison County (Marshall).

- Presidio/Jeff Davis County (Marfa) FSA office will be closed and the new headquarters will be Brewster County (Alpine).

- Shelby County (Center) FSA office will be closed and the new headquarters will be Nacogdoches County (Nacogdoches). Note: This move applies to Commodity Program Operations only – Farm Loan Programs will continue to be administered out of Shelby County.

- Sutton County (Sonora) FSA office will be closed and the new headquarters will be Schleicher County (Eldorado).

By early January, producers, landlords for FSA business office locations and affected employees can expect to receive written correspondence from FSA management regarding the process for closing FSA offices in Texas.

"Upon receipt of their letter, producers will have 60 days in which they can elect to move their respective business records to a county 'of their choosing' if a county other than the default headquarters location is more convenient," Fuston emphasized. "However, after this window of opportunity has expired, all producer records in the county slated for closure will be automatically transferred to the new headquarters of record."

According to Fuston, the original plan for this phase of the restructuring process called for closing 12 County Offices. However, after thorough review and careful consideration of supporting facts, the five-member Texas FSA State Committee voted in favor of Van Zandt County remaining operational.

"Our employees do an outstanding job under our current structure with the resources available to them, but I believe that realigning our agency will, in the end, prove beneficial to our employees by maximizing agency resources and to our customers through improved customer service."

YFZ Ranch finally gets sewer permit from TCEQ

Four years after the former Red Cheek Ranch was acquired by a fundamentalist Mormon sect from Utah and Arizona, and nearly three years after the group applied for a wastewater permit, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has signed off on the project.

The move paves the way for construction to resume on a large wastewater plant on the northeast corner of the 1,791 acre ranch. Work on the plant was halted a couple of years ago when TCEQ inspectors discovered that construction had begun before a permit had been granted.

The YFZ Land LLC, the company

that owns the property, has been cited numerous times by TCEQ inspectors for violations of state environmental rules. So many times, in fact, that the YFZ recently earned its second consecutive "Poor" compliance rating from the agency.

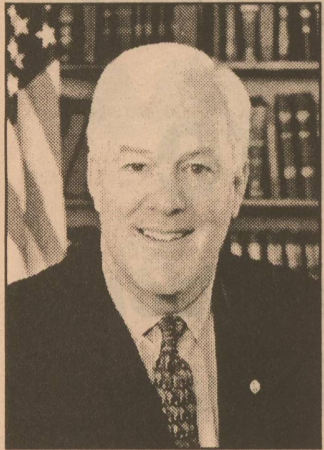
Facilities with poor ratings receive increased scrutiny from TCEQ inspectors.

The original permit application was opposed by neighboring ranchers, as well as the Upper Colorado River Authority. Once the YFZ revised its application to provide for irrigation with instead of discharge of the treated wastewater, the groups dropped their protests.

Continuing Ag policies that work

Five years ago, when commodity prices were low and the national economy was reeling, Congress approved a controversial major farm bill. The 2002 law shored up nutrition, conservation and commodity support programs, and brought benefits to rural and urban areas alike.

Now that legislation has expired. Because of gridlock in Washington, Congress has had difficulty approving a new farm bill. We need to get to work this month and get legislation to the President. Delays are already affecting planning decisions in South Texas and will soon be felt statewide.



Commentary
by U.S. Senator
John Cornyn

The bill under consideration is similar to the 2002 version that has helped boost our national agricultural exports to record levels, nearly \$80 billion this year. This economic stimulus is vital to our national economy at a time when the U.S. has a trade balance deficit that has helped weaken the U.S. dollar.

The proposed bill would continue substantial federal crop subsidies at a time when farm income is high. That concerns many legislators. But a safe, dependable domestic food supply is now linked with our national security, and the expanding world population depends on U.S. supply and technological advances.

There is now a national consensus on the necessity of maintaining a steady and predictable food supply, using a federal agricultural safety net. We can do it without encroaching on the traditional independence of our farmers and ranchers.

At the same time, two-thirds of the five-year, \$288 billion price tag goes to nutrition programs for lower income Americans, including food stamps and subsidized school meals. In this year's bill, there's also a \$5 billion annual disaster fund. That will replace annual emergency appropriations that are often loaded up with earmarks and Congressional pork.

The stakes in this bill are high for Texas. Nearly one in seven Texans still make their living in agriculture-related jobs. Texas leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, the amount of land in production, and the number of cattle, horses, sheep and goats. We're among national leaders in a score of crops, and number one in cotton, wool, mohair and hay.

Over the last century, Texas agriculture has become vastly more efficient. Our pioneer settlers were largely self-sufficient. But the typical rancher or farmer now produces food or fiber for 129 people, here and abroad.

That efficiency means more land can now be devoted to protecting farmland for future generations. The 2007 bill increases funding for grasslands and wetlands reserve efforts that support a variety of natural habitats. That should please environmentalists and hunters alike.

Unfortunately, the bill was stalled last month in large part because the majority party refused to guarantee a full opportunity for consideration of amendments by individual Senators. Some of these amendments bear directly on agriculture policy, and deserve an up-or-down vote.

I have an important amendment, for example, that would make combating childhood obesity a priority in the largest Agriculture Department

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For those who were wondering, this column was written with a British accent

Have you noticed how many products are there being hawked on television these days by slick sounding salesmen with British accents?

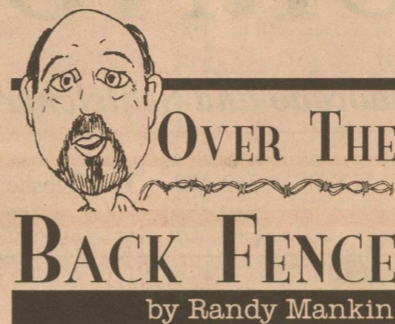
Just flip through the channels, anytime night or day, and you'll find spot removers, clog removers, car polishes, whitening agents, brightening agents, steak knives, tomato slicers, carrot dicers, and rug rejuvenators...all being promoted to great effect by a guy with a British accent.

By no means is the field limited to the male of the species. Remember the girl with the dazzling white smile who promotes Orbitz chewing gum?

But perhaps the best known example of anglicized marketing is James Dyson, the inventor of and spokesman for the Dyson cyclone vacuum. To listen to the fellow you'd think he single-handedly invented centrifugal separation.

Not so, however. Industrial dust collectors have relied for decades on the power of centrifugal force.

But, Dyson's accent makes him sound so intelligent that consumers everywhere have bought into the hype and his machine has become one of the best selling vacuums in the world, despite being ranked



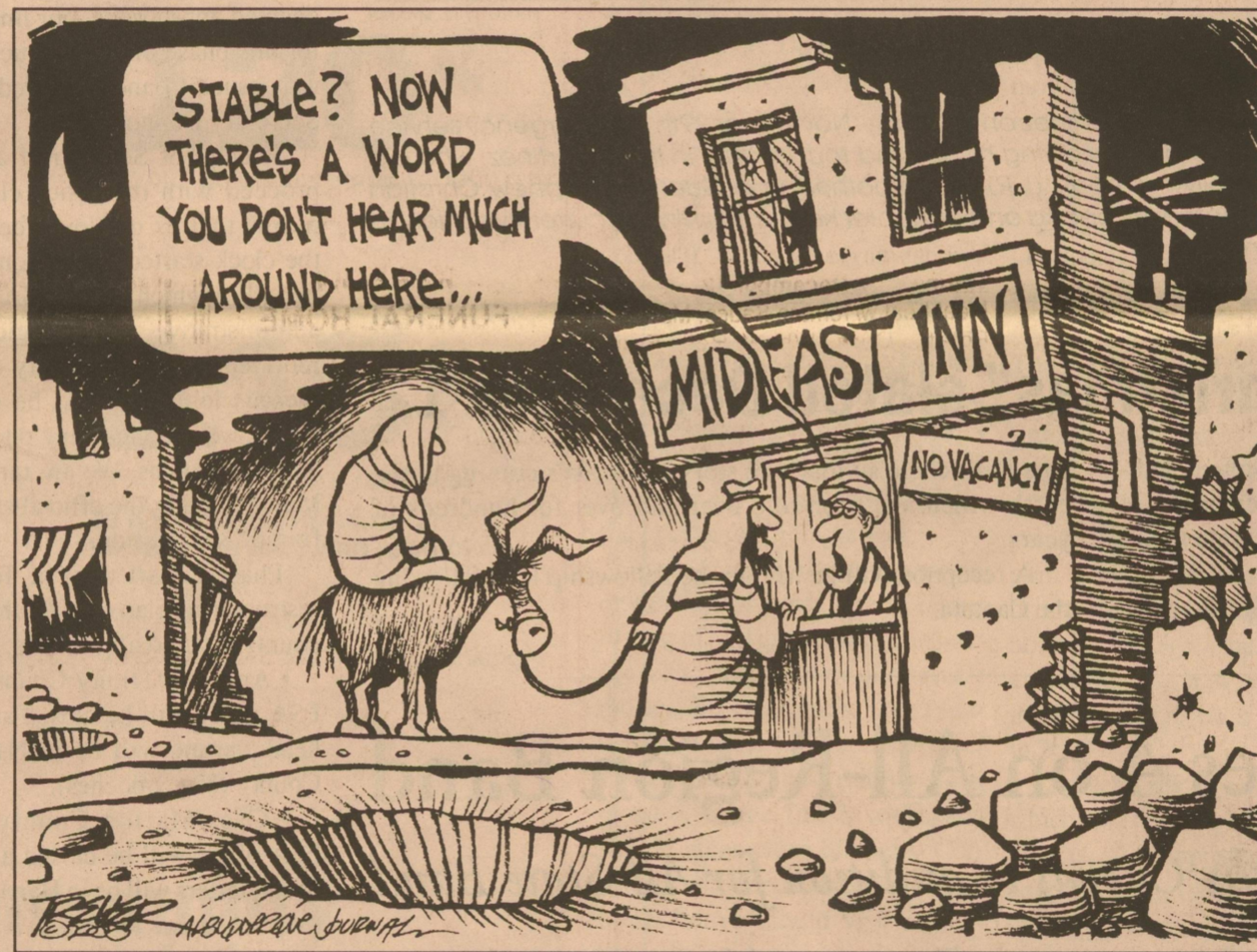
near the middle of the pack by several consumer testing labs.

I can't help but wonder how well the Dyson vacuum would have sold if someone with a southern, or even a Brooklyn accent had been hired to promote it.

Imagine for a moment how Larry the Cable Guy would have come across. Or, perhaps even Archie Bunker?

Larry: "This here vacuum cleaner can suck the chrome off a bumper and you never, ever gotta change the bag. It's all done by cent...by centrif...it's done by spinning the dirt right outta the air before blowin' it out through a set of dual glass pack mufflers. Anytime I need to vacuum my floors I borrow my sister's Dyson. No kiddin' folks...it really sucks!"

Archie: "Aww jeez, Edith, get yourself in here and explain this thing!"



An Overdose of Class Reunions?

I went to my first high school homecoming a few months after graduating from Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth. After all, I was a college freshman and wanted to let my fellow classmates know that I was on my way to becoming a great person and doing wonderful things for humanity. I also wanted to see what some of my high school buddies were doing.

I didn't go to another high school homecoming for 24 years. At the 25th reunion, about half of the 254-member class showed up. We all wore badges that had our name and senior annual photo on them. It was fun to see everybody. Really fun. People came from all parts of the country and beyond. One girl came in from Paris, France. Another came from Argentina.

Arlington Heights High School has been home to some well-known people. John Denver went there. So did Cullen Davis and Lee Harvey Oswald. Tommy Thompson, who had a newspaper career and wrote books about crime, worked on the school newspaper with me. Our mascot was the Yellow Jackets and the paper was called the



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

Jacket Journal. Pat Anderson wrote speeches for a president.

After the 25th reunion, our class decided that since we liked each other, we should start having get-togethers every five years. After the 35th reunion, someone suggested we have mini-reunions every six months. So now, every fall and spring, at least fifty classmates gather somewhere, often at restaurants or homes in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but other times in Austin and New Orleans or even on a cruise ship. Susan and I have agreed to host the "gathering of the swarm" next fall.

Barbara Larson is our classmate who keeps up with everybody. She is continually updating the information about members of our class. We all have a list that contains names, spouses, phone numbers, email and street addresses. When we hear about someone sick,

Truth be known, vacuum cleaner technology hasn't changed much since Ives McGaffney of Chicago invented the first hand cranked model back in 1868. What has changed, however, is marketing.

While brands like Hoover and Eureka adopted a retail distribution model, others like Kirby and Electrolux relied on door-to-door sales.

I sold a few Kirbys myself while going to college. You don't see many door-to-door sales people anymore. Probably because the job is too demanding and the benefits are too few.

There's nothing like getting a door slammed in your face a hundred times a day to build your self esteem.

And that brings me back to the British accent. The man who hired me to sell Kirbys taught me a few techniques that he said would improve my chances of getting my foot in the door. I probably would have been better off watching the movie "My Fair Lady."

After all, if Professor Higgins could teach Eliza Doolittle to speak like a lady, perhaps he could have made me sound like James Dyson and I, too, could have cleaned up in the vacuum cleaner business.

Lawmakers receive study assignments for '09 session

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Speaker Tom Craddick on Nov. 28 and 29 released lists of legislative interim charges for House committees to study and report on before the 81st Legislature convenes on Jan. 13, 2009.

Here are only a few of the dozens of subjects our lawmakers will be taking a close look at in their respective committees:

- Identity theft;
- Voter fraud;
- College scholarships and student support programs;
- Creation, use, maintenance and preservation of electronic documents;
- Economic development and job growth programs;
- Immigration enforcement and border security;
- Jury service by citizens;
- Protection of homebuyers in mortgage fraud schemes; and
- State employee pay and benefit packages.

Texas House will see new faces

Change is certain in at least seven of the 150 seats of the Texas House of Representatives.

Not seeking re-election are state Reps. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple; Robby Cook, D-Eagle Lake; Mike Krusee, R-Round Rock; Fred Hill, R-Richardson; and Mike O'Day, R-Pearland.

State Rep. Anna Mowery, R-Fort Worth, already resigned, and will be replaced in a Dec. 18 special election runoff to fill her vacant seat.

State Rep. Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, gave up his seat to run for Congress. He is seeking his party's nomination for U.S. Congressional Dist. 22, the seat held from 1984-2006 by former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay. Now holding the seat is U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Stafford.

State Rep. Rick Noriega, D-Houston, on Dec. 3 announced he will seek his party's nomination to run against incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-San Antonio.

As far as can be discerned at this point, all sitting state senators intend to hold onto their seats.

Christmas trees arrive at Capitol

On Nov. 28, the state Capitol received shipment of three evergreen trees from a Texas farm in Palestine, including one called "The Angel Tree."

According to House Speaker Tom Craddick's office, the Angel Tree will be decorated with gift tags for 115 foster children currently under the care of Child Protective Services. The tree is on display in the Capitol Extension outside the Capitol Grill cafeteria.

The other two trees will be placed in the governor's and the lieutenant governor's reception rooms.

Crop year 2007 looks like record

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced on Nov. 29 record agriculture production estimates for 2007.

For the first time in history, he said, projections show the Texas agriculture industry will surpass \$100 billion in economic impact for the state. The previous high was \$85 billion in 2004.

Some of the largest increases this year are from crops used to produce biofuels. Production of grain sorghum was up 440 percent compared with last year, while corn production increased 91 percent, Staples said.

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OBITUARIES

Sarah Anna Charlotte Moreau Hubble Cavness

Sarah Anna Charlotte Moreau Hubble Cavness, 81, of Menard, Texas went to be with her Lord on December 1, 2007 at the Schleicher County medical Center - Nursing Home in Eldorado, Texas. She was born October 13, 1926 in Leon Springs, Texas to Edward and Mary Moreau.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Mary Moreau, her husband Wesley T. Hubble, brothers Coolidge Moreau and Leonard Moreau, sisters Emogene Thrane and Barbara Burger and step-daughter Connie Sorrells.

She is survived by her husband Bobby Gene Cavness, one son R.E.

(Skeeter) Hubble and wife Pam of Burnet, Texas, two daughters Stella Hubble of Burnet, Texas and Lois and husband Jack Dean of Eldorado, Texas, three step children Bobby and Karen Cavness of Spring Branch, Texas, Billy Cavness of Brady, Texas and Tommy and Patti Cavness of Kingsville, Texas. She also has numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held December 5, 2007 at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Camp Wood, with Bro. Brian Garnett will officiating.

Arrangements were by Nelson Funeral Home of Camp Wood.



Clara Herrera and Michael Rudewick

Herrera/Rudewick engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Fidel Herrera are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Clara SUCC to Michael Rudewick son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dill and Mr. Ryan Rudewick.

Clara is a 2004 graduate of Eldorado High School and a 2008 May graduate candidate of Howard Payne University. Michael is a 2003 graduate of Copperas Cove

High School and 2007 graduate of Howard Payne University. Michael is currently a math teacher and coach at Copperas Cove High School. The couple plan to wed on June 21, 2008 at the First Baptist Church of Eldorado, Texas.

Alice Taylor

Alice Taylor, of Midland, passed away Friday, November 30, 2007. She was born in Sonora, Texas on November 8, 1938 to Eddie Ray Sosa and Elsie Lopez. Alice was reared and educated in Sonora, Texas where she graduated High School in 1959. Alice married the love of her life, Chief Warrant Officer Selwyn Risher Taylor, on February 2, 1959. Alice received her Masters in Elementary Education and her PhD in Counseling from Sul Ross University. She had taught in Midland, Alpine, Marfa, Rocksprings, Sonora, and San Antonio. She retired from the San Antonio School district.

She was preceded in death by her father and husband.

Alice is survived by daughter, Vikki Harvey and husband Rick;

daughter Lisa Williams and husband Les; son, Scott Taylor and wife Audrey; son Eddie Guzman and wife Stacy; daughter-in-law, Kathy Guzman; mother, Elsie Jamie and husband Luis; brothers, Eddie and Robert Sosa; dearest cousin, Ana Martinez and husband Francisco; niece, Judy Jimenez and daughter Julie Clepper; grandchildren, Travis Harvey, Blake Harvey, Chad Harvey, Tiana Guzman, Tessa Guzman, Kellie Taylor, Blaine Taylor, Garrett Taylor; great-granddaughter Marissa Guzman and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Monday, December 3, 2007 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, December 10**
Beef Stew, Sweet Peas, Crackers, Canned Peaches, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
- Tuesday, December 11**
Chicken Fried Steak w/Cream Gravy, Mashed Potato, Mixed Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange, Milk
- Wednesday, December 12**
Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce, Mashed Potato, Corn, Wheat Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Sugar Cookie, Milk
- Thursday, December 13**
Baked Ham, Glazed Carrots, Summer Squash, Wheat Roll, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk
- Friday, December 14**
Fried Catfish, Conr Tomato Casserole, Seasoned Spinach, Dinner Roll, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

BIRTHDAY LIST

- 6th** Sarah Mankin, Mike Moore, Charlotte Mobley, Wesley Don Robinson, Carter Edmiston, Adriana Hernandez
- 7th** Mike Manning, Kayla Huff, Ruby Morrison
- 8th** Mace Joy, Allyson Jarrett, Olivia Rutherford, Don Holt, Jaiden Lee Fuentes
- 9th** Rosario Sotio, Becky Saldivar, Doug Kuhlmann, Nora Fuentes, Bobby Andrews, Martha Spinks, Aaron Fuentes, Cherie Sproul, Nora Perez,
- 10th** Rikki Bosmans, Travis Lloyd, Vanessa Covarrubiaz, Stevie Sykes, Nadia Robles, Seth Parker, Mary Grimaldo
- 11th** Patrick Porter, Phil Edmiston, Lorenzo Herrera, James Avila, Delbert Taylor, Phil McCormick
- 12th** Damon Kelly, James Avila, Adrienne Gamez, Justin Whitten, Randa Powell, Linda Fuentes, Elaine Hinojosa, Kassie Tyler, Joshua Jurecek
- 13th** Karen Holley, Elizabeth Niblett Lloyd, Maggie Middleton, Darci Graves
- 14th** Eric McGinnes, Bobby Newton, Matt Lloyd, Becky Lux

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W.A. "Toodle" Middleton

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Toodle was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Raymond Middleton.

Funeral service was Friday Nov. 30, in the Davis-Morris Funeral Home chapel with Richard Hetzel and Dr. Gary Torian officiating. Interment followed in Eastlawn Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty, of Brownwood; two sons, Ronnie Middleton and wife Maggie of Eldorado and Dale Middleton and wife Troi of San

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Who says basketball isn't a contact sport?

Marissa Gonzalez battled for position through a barrage of flying elbows as the 8th Grade Lady Eagles took on the Miles 8th grade girls team last week. Eldorado won the game 40-22 in front of an appreciative home crowd.



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School Lunch Menu



BREAKFAST MENU
Monday, December 10
 Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Tuesday, December 11
 Waffle Stix/Syrup, Peaches, Choice Of Juice, Milk
Wednesday, December 12
 Cereal Bar, Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, December 13
 Pig-n-a-Blanket, Applesauce Cups
 Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday, December 14
 Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal
 Choice of Juice, Milk
BASKET LINE
Monday, December 10
 Bar B Que on a Bun, Baked Chips
 Sliced Pickles, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday, December 11
 Soft Tacos/Tortillas, Refried Beans/
 Cheese Cups, Lettuce/Tomato
 Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies
Wednesday, December 12
 Corn Dogs, Corn-on the Cob, Carrot
 Stix/Dip, Pineapple Slices
Thursday, December 13
 Chicken Burger/Baked Chips, Pork-
 n-Beans, Burger Salad, Pears
Friday, December 14
 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Baked
 Chips, Sandwich Salad, Apples
 Halves
CAFETERIA LINE
Monday, December 10
 Taco Rolls, Spanish Rice, Carrot
 Stix/Dip, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday, December 11
 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Broccoli/
 Cheese Sauce, Sliced Peaches,
 Chocolate Chip Cookies
Wednesday, December 12
 Super Nacho's/Cheese Sauce,
 Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cucumber
 Salad, Pineapple Slices
Thursday, December 13
 Pizza, Tossed Salad/Dressing,
 Carrot Stix/Dip, Pears
Friday, December 14
 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Baked
 Chips, Sandwich Salad/Pickle
 Slices, Apples Halves

07-08 Eldorado Middle School Basketball Schedule

Date	Time	Teams	Place	Opponent
Dec. 10	5 pm	Boys A & B Girls A & B	Away	Christoval
Dec. 13 & 15	TBA	Boys @ Bronte Girls @ Christoval	Away	Tournament
Jan. 7	5 pm	Boys A & B Girls A & B	Home	Christoval
Jan. 12	TBA	Boys&Girls B @ Robert Lee	Away	Tournament
Jan. 14	5 pm	Boys A & B Girls A & B	Away	Irion County
Jan. 19	TBA	Boys&Girls B @ Rocksprings	Away	Tournament
Jan. 21	4 pm	Boys A & B Girls A & B	Away	Miles
Jan. 28	5 pm	Boys A & B Girls A & B	Home	Menard
Jan. 31 - Feb. 2	TBA	Girls A @ Eldorado Boys A @ Water Valley		Tournament Tournament
Feb. 4	5 pm	Boys A & B Girls A & B	Away	Water Valley

Eldorado Eagles Basketball Schedule 2007-2008

Date	Place	Opponents	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Dec. 6-8	Away	Water Valley Tourn.			TBA	TBA
Dec. 6-8	Away	Lohn JV Troun.	TBA			
Dec. 11	Away	Ozona	5 pm	5 pm	6:30 pm	8 pm
Dec. 13, 15	Home	Eldorado JV Tourn	TBA	TBA		
Dec. 14	Home	Mason	5 pm	5 pm	6:30 pm	8 pm
Dec. 27-29	Away	Panther Creek Tourn.				TBA
Jan. 1	Away	Rocksprings	4 pm	5 pm	6:30 pm	8 pm
Jan. 3	Home	McCamey	5 pm	5 pm	6:30 pm	8 pm
Jan. 8	Away	Menard	5 pm		6:30 pm	
Jan. 11	Home	Miles	5 pm	5 pm	6:30 pm	8 pm
Jan. 12	Away	Rocksprings JV Trn.	TBA	TBA		
Jan. 15	Away	Christoval	4 pm	5 pm	6:30 pm	8 pm
Jan. 18	Home	Irion County	5 pm	5 pm	6:30 pm	8 pm
Jan. 22		OPEN				
Jan. 25	Home	Menard	5 pm	5 pm	6:30 pm	8 pm
Jan. 29	Away	Miles	4 pm	5 pm	6:30 pm	8 pm
Feb. 1	Home	Christoval	5 pm	5 pm	6:30 pm	8 pm
Feb. 5	Away	Irion County	5 pm	5 pm	6:30 pm	8 pm
Feb. 8		OPEN				
Feb. 12	Away	Menard		5 pm		6:30 pm

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Texas Forts Trail announces seventeen Trooper Partners

ABILENE, Texas – The Texas Forts Trail is pleased to announce that seventeen organizations from across the region have joined the Trooper Partnership Program for the 2007-2008 year. The seventeen organizations include individual attractions, chambers of commerce, and organizations dedicated to increasing tourism in the Forts Trail Region. "We are delighted to have wide-spread support from such a diverse group of partners," stated LeAnna Schooley, Texas Forts Trail president. She stated, "By becoming a member of the Texas Forts Trail Trooper Partner Program, organizations receive specific benefits while paying only a fraction of the costs for numerous marketing opportunities, hospital-ity training, and networking and educational opportunities."

The following organizations are recognized as 2007-2008 Trooper Partners: The Early Chamber of Commerce; the Santa Anna Historical Development Organization; the Dublin Economic Development Corporation; the Mason County Chamber of Commerce; Fort Concho National Historic Landmark; the Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce; the DeLeon Chamber of Commerce & Ag; the W.K. Gordon Center for Texas Industrial History; the Comanche Chamber of Commerce; the Comanche Texas Economic Development Corpora-

tion; the City of Eden; Frontier Texas!; the Brady/McCulloch County Chamber of Commerce; the Possum Kingdom Lake Chamber of Commerce; the Brownwood Area Chamber of Commerce; the San Angelo Convention & Visitors Bureau; and the Abilene Convention Visitors Bureau.

As a non-profit organization, the Texas Forts Trail is a regional heritage tourism initiative developed by the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The Texas Forts Trail enhances and strengthens the heritage and cultural experience available within the region, increases tourism, raises awareness of heritage and cultural attractions, encourages historic preservation and education, and fosters local and regional partnerships.

The Texas Forts Trail Region encompasses 29 counties in West Central Texas including: Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Irion, Jack, Jones, McCulloch, Mason, Menard, Mills, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Tom Green, Throckmorton and Young. For more information contact regional coordinator Margaret Hoogstra at 325-795-1762 or by email at: tft@txfortstrail.com. Additional information can also be found at www.txfortstrail.com.



August Luedecke in front of the court house in the 1920's

Touch of History

by Rene Caloote

August Luedecke, sherriff during Prohibition

August Luedecke moved with his mother and three brothers to Schleicher County in 1907. In 1915 he was elected sheriff and tax collector for the county, and served this office until 1930 when he moved to San Angelo, and took a job in the police force. He died in 1931.

The fifteen years that Luedecke served as sheriff was a difficult time in history to be in law enforcement. In the beginning of the 1920's the US was returning itself from a war-time economy to a peace time economy. A lot of goods needed during war time was no longer needed; making economy low and crime high.

In 1919 the Volstead Act introduced Prohibition, and all transport, selling and making of alcohol

liquors was made illegal. This caused a lot of bootlegging, and according to the tales of old timers Schleicher County had its share of bootleggers.

Luedecke spent much of his time on "stake-outs," trying to catch the outlaws on the way to Mexico or bootleggers transporting or making illegal alcohol liquors.

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The application deadline for Texas residents is January 4—December 28 for out-of-state applicants.

The recruit school will begin March 30, 2008, in Austin.

"We need applicants to help us fill positions created by the Legislature for border security and commercial vehicle enforcement," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "Our intern program allows recruits to earn money right away after they are accepted while they wait for the class to begin—and it helps them get acclimated with different areas of the Department."

Information is available through a toll-free number, 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667), that rings directly into the recruiting office at DPS Headquarters in Austin. Additional information is accessible on the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us, and application packets can be picked up at any

DPS office.

"Diversity is important to DPS. We encourage minorities and women to consider a law enforcement career with the Department," said DPS Recruiting Coordinator Lt. Phillip Ayala.

Graduates are initially assigned as uniformed officers in one of several services. After gaining experience, troopers can compete for a variety of assignments in the Texas Highway Patrol, Criminal Law Enforcement, Driver License, Administration and Texas Ranger divisions.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 20 years of age and have completed approved Associates Degrees or 90 hours of college credit. Law enforcement, jailer or military experience may be used toward fulfilling the college requirement.

Each applicant's background will be carefully scrutinized, including prior criminal history.

They will also be required to submit to a polygraph examination, psychological examination and physical readiness test. DPS is an equal opportunity employer.



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Mr. and Mrs. Agustin Fidel Herrera are proud to announce the birth of their son Eluterio "Luther" Sayge Herrera. He was born October 14, 2007 at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, Texas weighing 6lbs 7oz. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fidel Herrera and Ms. Petra Fly and great-grandmother Lupe Guerrero. Also welcoming home Luther are cousins, aunts and uncles.

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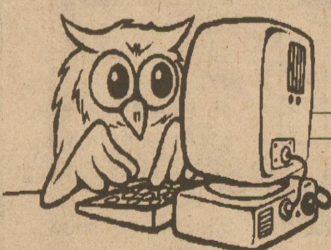
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Honor Students

New inductees into the National Honor Society include (in no particular order) Cassandra Buitron, Rance Cathey, Deyanira Cruz, Mark Garcia, Meg Griffin, Haley Higgins, Timmy Maskill, Bridget Mitchell, Claudia Pasillas, April Porras, Lindsay Pridemore, Kirsten Stubbs, and Corie Williams. Seniors: Louie Buitron, Erika Estrada, Chelsey Hill, and Marcela Huerta.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

17 new members inducted into National Honor Society

Eldorado High School held their induction for National Honor Society on Monday November 26th, 2007 in the high school auditorium at 6:30 p.m.. This year's induction began with Timmy Maskill leading the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. The welcome was presented by Mr. Scotty Carman, EHS principal. Mrs. Candela later

began the candle ceremony with the installation of the officers. This year's officers are President- Manny Gonzalez, Vice-President- Cindy Sanchez, Secretary- Maygen Eubanks, and Treasurer- Misti Daniels. 2007/2008 inductees then were acknowledged and each individually lit their candle with Mr. Carman certifying the new members.

This years new members are: Juniors: Cassandra Buitron, Rance Cathey, Deyanira Cruz, Mark Garcia, Meg Griffin, Haley Higgins, Timmy Maskill, Bridget Mitchell, Claudia Pasillas, April Porras, Lindsay Pridemore, Kirsten Stubbs, and Corie Williams. Seniors: Louie Buitron, Erika Estrada, Chelsey Hill, and Marcela Huerta.

abilities.

Last year's members that re-qualified and joined these years' members are: Blake Chatham, Macy Chatham, Misti Daniels, Tyler Dombroski, Maygen Eubanks, Manny Gonzalez, Cindy Sanchez, Clayton Sauer, and Rhapsody Swyter.

The Ceremony ended with refreshments served in the foyer of the auditorium by Rolly Gonzalez. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Candidates are chosen by GPA, community service, extra curricular involvement, and leadership

Capital Highlights...

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No steroid testing firm named yet

Last spring, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 8, a law requiring random drug testing of Texas high school student athletes, regardless of sport, gender or participation level.

Nearly three-quarters of a million Texas high school students participate in athletics.

The random testing, with oversight by the University Interscholastic League, was supposed to begin in the current school year,

but did not, and the UIL has not awarded the testing contract.

The UIL did say Nov. 28 its list of banned steroids will mirror the NCAA's banned anabolic agent list, which contains the names of more than 25 drugs.

TxDOT warns holiday shoppers

'Tis the season to prevent vehicle thieving.

Two holiday season public service announcements by the Texas Department of Transportation remind citizens to lock their vehicles.

In the announcement titled "Open Your Presents First," a man is pictured breaking into a car. The other announcement has a banner that reads, "To a Thief, These Are Holiday Store Windows," and shows cars in a typical parking lot scene.

Group names Perry chairman

The Republican Governors Association elected Texas Gov. Rick Perry chairman for 2008 at the group's annual meeting Nov. 30 at Dana Point, Calif.

Working on Farm Bill...

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

expenditure—the food stamp program. When we are spending \$190 billion on nutrition, we have an obligation to ensure we are not pushing unhealthy diets on young people and increasing obesity-related health risks.

There are other problems with the bill that affect Texas. One provision would dramatically increase federal regulation of the livestock industry by prohibiting meat processors from owning or controlling stock until only a few days before slaughter.

Texas ranchers have worked hard to create some of the best stock our country has to offer, including the highly sought-after Santa Gertrudis breed. As a result, they often enter into contracts with feeders and processors earning higher prices. I do not believe the federal government should dictate how our ranchers can sell their products.

Even so, this farm bill prom-

ises continuity in a vital segment of our economy. Our recent farm policies have brought stability to Texas agriculture, lower prices to consumers, nutritional assistance to many, and vastly increased exports. We should continue that winning formula.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee.



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1. Jockey's handful
6. ___-friendly (easy to operate)
10. Part of a semi
13. Sandy's owner
14. Grammy-winning Jones
16. Grand ___ Opry
17. Drafting instrument
19. Harry Potter's best friend
20. Predict
21. Croupiers' tools
23. Blemish on a QB's record
24. Moon vehicles
26. Baby docs
27. It might say "You are here"
29. Ventilation passageways
33. Taking one's cuts
36. Treater's words
37. ZZ Top, for one
38. The Ivy League's Big Red
40. Sewer's guide
42. Totally confused
43. Tosses in
45. Loser to Truman
46. Prime Minister before Major
48. Leary's hallucinogen
49. Mauna ___
50. Defaulter's loss
52. Music store buy

DOWN

55. Thin cookie
57. Weaver of spells
60. Rhoda's TV mom
61. Often-pickled pork morsel
64. Guitarist ___ Paul
65. Cosmetician Lauder
66. Porkers' pads
67. Blaster's need

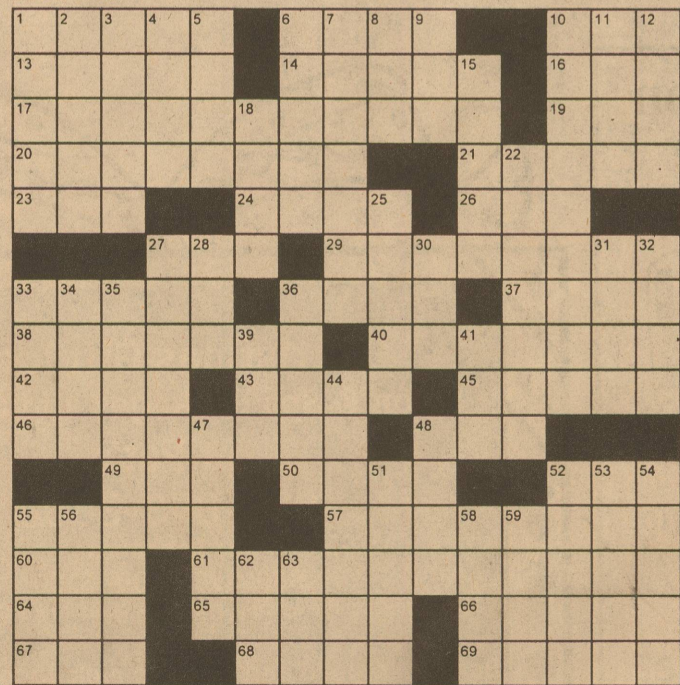
complement

5. Shia or Sunni
6. Quitter's cry
7. Sam & Dave classic
8. Blow it
9. ___4 (Toyota crossover SUV)
10. Bottle opener, of sorts

11. Natural emollient

12. Uncle ___ (rice brand)
15. Judean king
18. 1965 Beatles movie
22. Bordered on
25. Nincompoops
27. Animal on a Florida license plate
28. Packed away
30. Stephen of "Citizen X"
31. Poop out
32. PlayStation maker
33. "... way to skin ___"
34. Reggae's Peter
35. One "B" in B&B
36. Not as up-to-date
39. "Well, ___-di-dah!"
41. Good stats for QBs
44. Toggled out
47. ___ diem
48. Bereft, old-style
51. Assaults from Moe
52. Adam of "Chicago Hope"
53. Springer show event
54. Bench exercise
55. Go limp
56. Yemeni port
58. Zodiacal divider
59. Opposite of endo-
62. "Sort of" suffix
63. Classic Pontiac muscle car

Pitch It In!



See solution on Page 8

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Big Bucks Abound This Season

Luke Clayton

So far, this has been an awesome year in Texas for harvesting trophy class white tail bucks. Today, a buck that makes the Boone and Crockett book with the minimum score of 170 BC has become almost commonplace, especially on well managed ranches, many of which are high fenced, all across the state. I, and most veteran deer hunters, can remember not too many years ago when there were only a handful of 'book' bucks taken in the state each year. While visiting and hunting with my friend outdoor writer and TV show host Larry Weishuhn recently, we spent a good bit of time discussing the subject of the increase of big deer taken in Texas and across the country

"I think most deer hunters today are educated to the fact that trophy class deer need three things to grow to their potential: genetics, nutrition and age. While all three are important, I truly believe that age and nutrition are the most important. We've had some native Texas bucks with massive antlers harvested this year, and without exception, they were fully mature animals that had a highly nutritious diet," said Weishuhn. "Hunters have learned that it takes a buck at least five or six years to reach their potential for antler development. They're letting those young bucks walk and reaping the rewards."

I couldn't agree more with Larry. When I was a young deer hunter back in the sixties and early seventies, the buzz word among deer hunters is "how many points did he have?" To our way of thinking, a ten point was better than an eight point, regardless of factors such as tine length, mass, etc. Today, experienced deer hunters judge a bucks rack with terms such as: mass, tine length and symmetry rather than strictly number of points. Granted, we all are hunting for a big, mature ten or twelve pointer with a typical frame, rather than a mature 6 or 8 point. Most experienced hunters will let an immature ten point walk and harvest a mature eight point or even a mature 5 or six point. MATURE is the buzzword today. We have learned that an immature

buck that's been on a good diet has the potential to develop an eight or even ten point rack very early in it's life, maybe as a 2.5 year old but, given the time necessary to develop to maturity this same buck might be sporting a high scoring ten or twelve point rack with long, heavy main beams and long tines.

We have also been educated to what a mature buck looks like. Young bucks are slender with smaller necks and shoulders but mature whitetail bucks are much blockier and after the age of 4.5 years, begin to put on a bit of a pot belly.

South Texas continued to lead the ranks of trophy bucks with some incredible bucks taken on low fenced ranches including one taken by David Traylor of Devine in Frio County that grossed 203 4/8 Boone and Crockett Club points on a huge 16-point rack. John Thames of Buda took a Maverick County non-typical that grossed 198 5/8 points and David Maske of San Antonio took a Webb County buck that grossed 195 5/8 points.

Among the top-scoring bucks taken on high-fenced Texas ranches was a non-typical that grossed 283 1/8 points from Zavala County. That deer was shot by Garrett Gordy of Houston and sported a 28-point rack. Other incredible bucks taken on high-fenced ranches included San Antonio hunter Marko Barrett's 36-pointer from Webb County that grossed 275 7/8 points and Devine hunter Misty Schnautz's Frio County 23-pointer that grossed 251 6/8 points.

Yes, in the forty five years that I have been hunting whitetails in Texas and, as an outdoors writer, across much of this country and Canada and Mexico, I've seen lots of changes. Some I like and some I don't. Deer hunting is not all about numbers or how many inches of antler a particular buck's rack sports. On the vast majority of ranches in Texas today, bucks in the 170 BC and bigger are non existent. Deer of this size are occasionally harvested from small acreages where deer certainly cross several property lines on a daily basis. But most extremely high scoring bucks are taken from intensively managed ranches, either



PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON.

Even average size bucks like these are a challenge to hunt. Not every deer hunter has access to a ranch with monster bucks.

high fence or extremely large low fenced ranches, ranches where the majority of the deer never leave the property or, the management plan the ranch owner has in place.

To sum it up, deer are hunted for many reasons. Some deer hunters are just out there for the sheer joy of spending a few well earned days at deer camp and are happy for a buck, any buck, and a doe or two for the freezers. These guys and gals probably get more enjoyment from all aspects of the hunt than those that are strictly 'head hunters'.

Others are not willing to release the bowstring or squeeze the rifle's trigger on anything that scores less than 150 BC. Neither camp is right or wrong, to my way of thinking. Some might be a bit more privileged to have access to intensively managed ranches that others, but I've been hunting deer

long enough to know that a mature buck is a mature buck. A low scoring, freaky antlered 5 point that might gross 85 BC points can be just as challenging to hunt as one of those high fenced monsters that push 300 inches or antler. May our sport go on forever, regardless whether we consider our 'trophy' to be a heavy antlered buck-or-venison for the freezer!

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Beginning Jan. 1, 2008, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (including vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 50.5 cents per mile for business miles driven;
- 19 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes; and
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

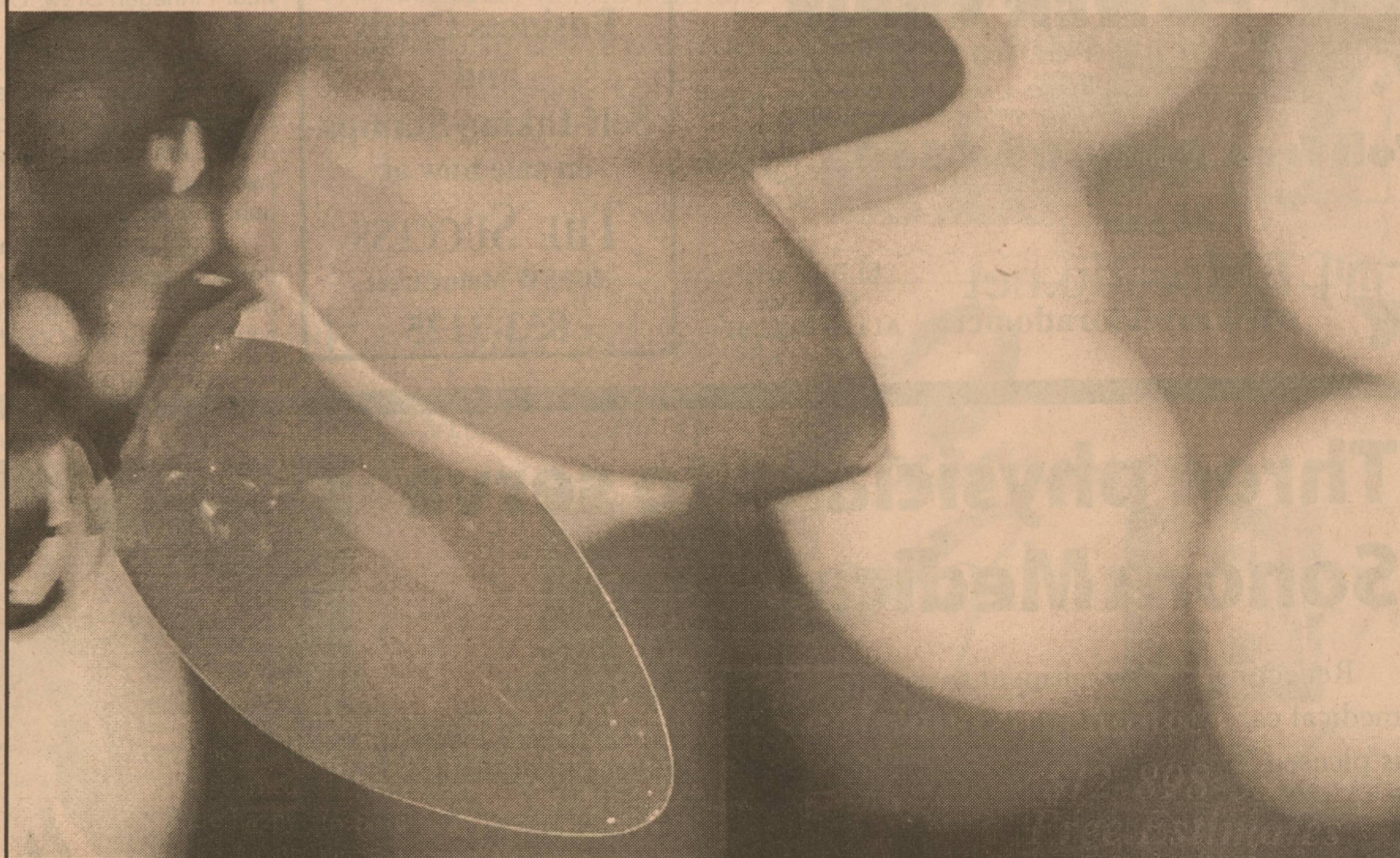
The new rate for business miles compares to a rate of 48.5 cents per mile for 2007. The new rate for medical and moving purposes compares to 20 cents in 2007. The rate for miles driven in service of charitable organizations has remained the same.

The standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile; the standard rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs as determined by the same study. Runzheimer International, an independent contractor, conducted the study for the IRS.

The mileage rate for charitable miles is set by law.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after using any depreciation method under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS), after claiming a Section 179 deduction for that vehicle, for any vehicle used for hire or for more than four vehicles used simultaneously. Revenue Procedure 2007-70 contains additional information on these standard mileage rates.

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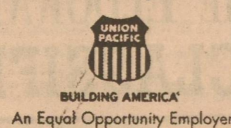
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Prevention key to slowing Oak Wilt spread

Use caution when selecting, transporting Oak firewood

AUSTIN – Texas Forest Service is encouraging Texans to be careful when collecting and purchasing firewood at this time of year. Transporting and storing diseased wood is a known means of spreading the devastating oak wilt fungus to previously uninfected neighborhoods.

Utilizing these prevention steps is the key to safeguarding against spreading the disease through the selection and use of firewood:

- Select well-seasoned firewood. Well-seasoned wood is cut before the summer and is typically dry with loose bark and cracked ends. Avoid oak wood that appears unseasoned, that may have tight bark and cut ends which show no cracks or signs of aging. The extreme heat and drying of a full Texas summer effectively destroys the fungus in cut firewood.
- Safely store unknown sources of firewood. If the oak wood comes from an unknown source and it is not well seasoned, cover the

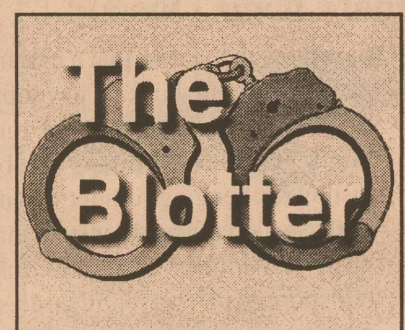
woodpile with a clear piece of plastic. Burying the edges of the plastic will prevent the entry or exit of insects that might have been attracted to diseased wood and fungal mats.

- Destroy diseased red oaks. A knowledgeable arborist or forester should diagnose red oaks (i.e., Texas red, blackjack or shumard oak) that die rapidly (2-3 weeks) or in groups (2 or more trees over several years) for oak wilt. Trees suspected to have died recently from oak wilt should be destroyed by burning, burying or chipping. The heat of a fire destroys the fungus and the smoke emitted poses no threat to healthy trees. When planning to do any outdoor burning, be sure and check with local officials to see if an outdoor burning ban is in place for your county and take care not to burn on windy days with low humidity.
- Avoid wounding oaks during vulnerable seasons. The general recommendation is to avoid injuries to oaks from February through

June. The best times for pruning of oaks are during the heat of summer (minimal spore production) or the cold of winter (minimal insect activity).

- Paint all oak wounds including pruning cuts. Throughout the year, immediately apply a thin coat of latex or pruning paint to all fresh wounds and other injuries that expose the inner bark or sapwood of oaks. This prevents contaminated sap beetles from infecting the wound with oak wilt spores.

Oak firewood is an important commodity to Texans, whether it is used for firing up the barbecue pit or for warming up the home on a cold winter day. By selecting well-seasoned, disease-free firewood and by following other disease prevention guidelines, homeowners are taking the correct steps to prevent a new oak wilt disease outbreak in their neighborhood. Please visit www.texasoakwilt.org for more information on this devastating tree disease.



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

- ARRESTS**
- November 13** • Kolster, John, male age 34, arrested bench warrant.
 - November 27** • Vallardes, Armando, male age 78, Driving While Intoxicated, w/Child Under 15.
 - November 30** • Estrada, Juan P., male age 22, offense Tom Green Warrant. Released on \$1,500 Surety Bond.
 - December 4** • Davilla, Juan R. male age 45, offense Failure To Appear Warrant.
- INCIDENTS**
- November 27** • 5:31 a.m.

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Caller reported they had a kitchen stove fire and smoke in their house. Fire Chief responded.

- 10:58 p.m. Subject stated they had arrived at their residence and in-laws were present and did not have their permission to be there. Officer notified.
- November 28** • 7:15 a.m. Caller reported a deer in the bar ditch South on Hwy. 277 that had apparently been hit by a vehicle and was still alive. Officer responded.
- 1:11 p.m. Caller reported a possible drunk driver swerving along Hwy. 190 East. Officer responded and found subject had spilled coffee in their lap and was not intoxicated.
- 8:29 p.m. Caller reported a minor accident on Main Street.
- November 29** • 6:40 a.m.. Menard County Sheriff Office informed SC dispatcher there was a one vehicle rollover about 5 miles West of Ft. McKavett on FM 864. Caller advised no one was hurt. Officer notified.
- 9:02 p.m. Officer reported a stop at the Eagle Pass bridge and wanted to know if Schleicher County had any outstanding warrants on the individual in question. Warrant was confirmed by dispatcher.
- 9:45 p.m. Caller reported a stranded motorist on Hwy. 277 near Finnegan Draw. Officer notified.
- November 30** • 9:26 p.m. Caller reported a Suburban pulling a pickup pulling a car dolly w/car and did not have hazards flashing. Two officers responded and was unable to locate.
- 10:43 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in a white minivan a few miles from the county line. Sutton County Sheriff

Office was notified.

- 11:02 p.m. Caller requested officer's presence at dumpsters near home. Caller reported a white pickup had been parked near dumpster for around 45 minutes. Officers notified.
- December 1** • 10:00 p.m. Caller reported an older model white Chevy 4 door serving in and out of the lane. Officer responded and stated the driver was falling asleep and was going to switch drivers.
- 11:49 p.m. Caller reported underage drinking at apartments. Officer responded.
- December 2** • 4:20 a.m. Caller reported a skunk in their yard and requested an officer. Officer responded.
- 9:52 a.m. Caller requested an officer. Officer stated a three year old had left from father's house to grandparents house at 4:30 a.m. The three year old thought he was alone and walked to grandparents home.
- 10:16 a.m. Hospital requested

an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo hospital.

- 4:05 p.m. 911 Caller requested an ambulance for a three year old child who was choking on a marble and bleeding from mouth and nose. Officers responded.
- 4:40 p.m. Caller requested officer to check on elderly mother who lives alone. Officer notified.
- December 3** • 9:06 a.m. Caller stated a female subject had fallen outside and needed help lifting the subject up. Officer responded.
- 9:32 a.m. Complainant stated the back window to business had been broken. Officer was notified.
- 6:45 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary at a residence from unknown suspect, who asked for help from complainant. Officer notified.
- 7:03 p.m. Caller reported a possible grass fire about 17 miles out on Hwy. 190 West. Fire Department dispatched and found drilling rig flare.

Card of Thanks

Dear Eldorado Friends: We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, food, and visits during the last month following my surgery. All of the kindness and encouragement certainly helped us thru some long days. This has served us again as a reminder of how blessed we are to be a part of this community.

Thanks so much!
 Don & Susie Richters and family

Answer to Sudoku on Page 5

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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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Three physicians to serve Sonora Medical Clinic

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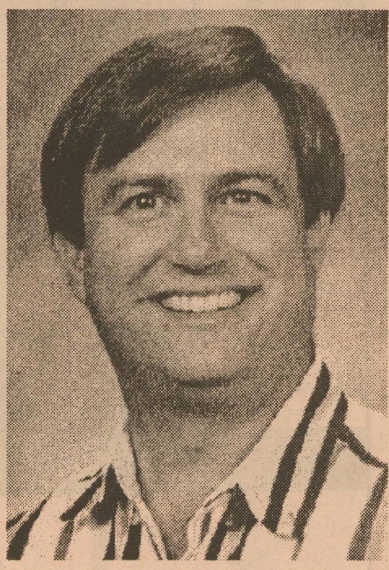
Bradly Bundrant, M.D. began practice at the Sonora Medical Clinic in November. Dr. Bundrant earned his medical degree at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock and served his family practice residency at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in El Paso.

Dr. Bundrant will staff the Sonora Medical Clinic through May, 2008, when the clinic will welcome Doctors Mark and Kristy Edwards. Both physicians earned their medical degrees at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock and did their family practice residencies at the Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas.

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Five holiday scams Texans should avoid

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With Texans across the state preparing holiday meals and shopping for gifts, a few con artists are dusting off old scams and looking for new victims. Over the next few weeks, consumers should avoid five popular holiday scams: gift card scams; online shopping schemes; phony charities; credit repair scams; and spam e-mail and other unsolicited offers.

Gift card scams. Scam artists often take advantage of gift cards by writing down or memorizing the serial numbers on the face of the card while the cards are still displayed in the store. When an unsuspecting consumer purchases

and activates the card, the scammer simply calls the card's customer service number, verifies it is active, and uses the memorized serial number to make online purchases. Sadly, it's often days or weeks before the legitimate buyer learns that the card balance was drained by a thief.

To avoid scammers who drain gift card balances, consumers should ask a store clerk to provide them with a gift card from behind a counter or one that has not otherwise been accessible to the general public. Some gift cards have additional security measures, such as scratch off codes, so consumers should always verify that no one has tampered with a card or its packaging.

Online shopping schemes. Consumers should never respond to bulk e-mails that offer merchandise, travel deals or solicit charitable contributions. Crooks often set up Web sites that look like they sell products or collect money for charities when, in fact, all they do is collect credit card numbers, take the money and run. Consumers should always verify a Web site's security status before placing an order. Online shoppers also should consider using a credit card for online purchases. Paying by credit card often provides an extra layer of protection making it easier for consumers to dispute unauthorized charges or undelivered products.

Bogus charities. Charitable giving is commendable, but consumers should ask questions before donating to a telephone or door-to-door solicitor: Does the solicitor have identification? How will contributions be used? Texans also should independently check what they are told about the organization and make sure their gifts will count. To verify an organization's legitimacy, donors can contact www.give.org. This Web site is maintained by the Council of Better Business Bureaus to promote wise charitable giving. Consumers also should confirm the tax-exempt status of any organization before they reach for their wallets.

Credit repair scams. Online or in the classifieds, credit repair offers often guarantee consumers loans despite their poor credit ratings; all consumers have to do is pay an upfront "processing fee." These offers are invariably a form of advance fee fraud, so Texans should steer clear of them. Consumers who need extra money over the holidays should visit a local lender in person.

Unsolicited offers. The best way to guard against scams and swindles is simple: Never respond to unsolicited offers. Consumers should never respond to spam

e-mails sent by strangers or unfamiliar companies.

Consumers should also be skeptical of unsolicited telephone offers. Even if the caller claims to represent a trusted company or pitches an interesting offer, Texans should hang up and call the well-known company directly using a number that appears in the local telephone directory. This simple precaution ensures that consumers are talking to an actual company representative.

Fraudulent offers also can arrive in the mail. As tempting as it sounds, consumers can rest assured

they did NOT win the Spanish lottery, the Canadian lottery, or any other foreign lottery just in time for the holidays. Texans should be extremely wary of cashier's checks sent by people they do not know and should never provide their personal financial information to unfamiliar solicitors.

Con artists tend to spend money just as fast as they steal it, so money lost in these or similar scams is difficult to recover. Prevention is a critical factor in stopping thieves in their tracks. By taking a few simple precautions, Texans can enjoy a safe and happy holiday season.



Stargazer

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Time to start watching for Mars

OK, now it really is time to start watching for Mars. No, it won't look as big as a full Moon--it never does, regardless of what you read on the Internet. It won't even be as bright as it was in 2003, but will still be brighter than any star.

About every other year Mars spends six or so months in our evening sky. It is now up by 8 p.m. and rising a few minutes earlier each night. It then spends the rest of night moving across the sky and is high in the west by morning.

Some years Mars appears brighter than others, and this year is average. All planets circle the Sun in elliptical rather than circular orbits, so at times they are a bit nearer the Sun and at other times further. Thus sometimes Earth and Mars pass nearer each other than other times, and the nearer they pass the larger and brighter Mars looks.

Four years ago Mars and Earth passed about as close as they ever can, and Mars was dazzling--brighter even than Jupiter. It won't be that bright again until 2016, 2018, and 2020. The best of those three in 2018 will approach what we saw in 2003.

So, let's see how to find Mars which, like the Sun, Moon and other planets, rises approximately in the east. Known as the red planet, Mars does appear reddish, but so does Orion's bright star Betelgeuse. And by coincidence, the two now rise at the same time and rather near each other. As the star is rising almost due east, the planet is coming up 20 degrees to its left--twice the width

of your fist held at arm's length. Even though Betelgeuse is one of the brightest stars, Mars is noticeably brighter.

Viewed with naked eyes or binoculars Mars looks like a bright star, however, through a telescope it appears as a small red-tinted ball. If you've seen Saturn in a scope, Mars now appears about the same size. In larger scopes some surface features might be discernible as well as one, or possibly both, polar caps. (It's spring on Mars so neither pole is tilted toward the Sun or us.)

For the next several weeks Mars will continue to rise earlier and grow brighter. It comes closest to Earth Dec. 18, and will be at its brightest the entire last half of December. When it reaches opposition (opposite the Sun from Earth) on Dec. 24 it will rise at sunset, be visible all night, and set at sunrise--a nice holiday gift from Mother Nature.

Naked-eye Planets. Evening: Jupiter is sinking into the setting Sun and Mars is up by 8 p.m. Morning: Brilliant Venus dominates the eastern sky with Saturn high in the south and Mars high in the west.

Astro Milestones. Dec. 14 is the 461st birthday of Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe (1546-1601).

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