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Firefighters apply foam to a leaking gas tank on this 1990 Ford Mustang after it overturned late last Thursday evening. The driver, Misti Daniels, 18, of Eldorado, escaped serious injury



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Monty Hancock, 48, of O'Donnell, was taken to SCMS by ambulance then transferred to a San Angelo hospital after rolling his 2008 Chevy pickup early Saturday morning.



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Jackie Barrera, 26, of Eldorado remains in hospitalized in good condition following this Monday morning rollover. She was taken by ambulance to SCMC then airlifted to a San Angelo hospital.

Fortunate motorists survive series of accidents on US 277

A series of three traffic accidents kept emergency crews busy during the past week. Fortunately, everyone involved survived the wrecks, although one victim remains hospitalized at press time.

Jackie Barrera, 26, of Eldorado underwent emergency surgery Monday to repair an ankle injury that reportedly involved multiple breaks. She was ejected from her 2007 Dodge pickup when it overturned approximately six miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277.

Barrera was reportedly traveling northbound when she lost control of her pickup truck. She apparently over corrected, causing the truck to slide sideways on the pavement, across the oncoming lane and rolled in the ditch on the west side of the highway.

Chris Martinez, 22, was riding as a passenger in the truck. He reportedly suffered minor injuries and was treated and released from Schleicher County Medical Center. Barrera's 2-year-old daughter was reportedly strapped into an infant seat that was secured in the back seat. The child was said to be unharmed.

Barrera and Martinez were both taken to the hospital in Eldorado. Bar-

ra, who is pregnant, was promptly transferred by AirMed-1 helicopter to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo where she underwent emergency surgery to repair her ankle.

Barrera and her unborn child are said to be in good condition at press time.

DPS Trooper Don Van Zandt investigated the accident. Units of the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department and Schleicher County Volunteer EMS also responded to the accident.

The series of three wrecks began late last Thursday evening when Misti Daniels 18, of Eldorado lost control of her 1990 Ford Mustang approximately 6 miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277.

Daniels also reportedly over corrected her vehicle, causing it to roll. The car came to rest on its roof just off the pavement on the east side of the road.

Daniels managed to escape the overturned vehicle which was leaking gasoline into the trunk and passenger compartment when emergency crews arrived. Firefighters sprayed the car down with fire retardant foam to prevent it from catching on fire.

Daniels was taken by EMS ambu-

lance to the Schleicher County Medical Center where she was treated and released.

Deputy Sheriff Jason Chatham investigated the accident.

Another accident occurred during the early morning hours on Saturday when Monty L. Hancock, 48, of O'Donnell, lost control of his 2008 Chevrolet pickup and overturned about two miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277.

Deputy Sheriff John Conner investigated the accident. He noted that Hancock was traveling southbound when his pickup veered into the northbound lane then traveled in to the bar ditch, striking a culvert. The pickup then reentered the roadway before veering again into the same ditch where it overturned twice before coming to rest on its wheels near the fence on the East side of the road.

Conners report indicates that Hancock was trying to avoid an animal in the road at the time of the wreck. The deputy also reports that alcohol may have contributed to the accident.

Hancock was taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center. He was later transferred to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

County considers new swimming pool Engineer authorized to draw up plans for proposed project

Schleicher County Commissioners spent several hours Monday visiting with Tom Brown of Naismith Engineering about constructing a new swimming pool and funding the project with a Texas Parks and Wildlife matching grant.

Mr. Brown told the court that the project could cost up to \$1.5 million, depending on its scope. He suggested the commissioners considered improving the county park as part of the project. Brown mentioned adding a barbecue area and installing more playground equipment, and building new rest rooms and completing the little league complex.

Brown presented several options and cost estimates for a pool and park improvements. He told the men that if they agreed to proceed, his firm could provide several proposals.

The commissioners then voted to let Mr. Brown submit several proposals for the pool and park construction. Brown explained that a pool committee would be an integral part of the project.

Moving on to other business, the commissioners met with Ilse Williams, representing the Schleicher County Wellness Foundation, who reminded the men of their commitment of \$50,000 to build a foundation for the new wellness center.

The commissioners discussed the issue and decided to take bids on the foundation project since the county equipment was to large for the area they would be working in. See bid notice on Page 9.

The commissioners then agreed to allow the Texas Department of health to use the Memorial Building as a location where it can administer flu shots.

The subject of paving the courthouse parking lot then came up but the men chose to table the item at this time.

The men then received bids for diesel fuel with Regal Oil of San Angelo winning the bid at \$1.75 per gallon. The commissioners also approved placing two more lights in the court house lawn. One will be placed on the northeast corner and one on the south east corner on either side of the Memorial Building were there are dark spots.

Commissioner Johnny Mayo was then appointed Judge Pro-tem. He will preside over meetings in the absence of the County Judge. County Clerk Peggy Williams was then appointed the agenda officer for the year 2009.

A 2009 holiday schedule was approved as were employee salary adjustments for 2008. The county awards salary adjustments to its employees each December in lieu of Christmas bonuses since governmental entities are not allowed to pay bonuses.

First National Bank of Eldorado was then selected as Schleicher County's official depository. The commissioners

also approved several budget transfers as recommended by County Treasurer Karen Henderson.

Discussion then turned to a wireless access portal that someone had attached to the county's computer system. It was noted that an investigation is underway to determine who installed the device. It was noted the device made the county's computer system accessible from the outside. It was disconnected as soon as it was discovered by Joe Christian, the county's computer technician.

The commissioners then agreed to consult with attorney Jim Kosub and have him amend the county's personnel policy to include a provision against installing computer equipment without approval of the computer technician.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court is slated for Monday, December 22, 2008 at 9 a.m. in the first floor meeting room at the county courthouse.

State investigators obtain DNA sample from FLDS infant

Investigators with the Texas Attorney General's office served a search warrant Monday at a residence in San Antonio and obtained a DNA sample from a 5-month-old baby whose teenage mother had previously refused to produce the child or answer questions about its whereabouts.

Authorities have questioned the child's paternity ever since it was born on June 14th. The infant's mother was in state custody at the time, following the raid at the YFZ Ranch.

A spokesperson for the Office of Attorney General says the sample will be used in an ongoing criminal investigation.

Court documents filed since the raid indicate that child welfare authorities believe the child's mother, now 17, was married to a male member of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints when she was only 14, well below the legal age of consent in Texas.

The first attempt to examine the child and collect a DNA sample was thwarted

when the mother refused to cooperate. She was then called into court November 25th and ordered to produce the child but the mother again refused to cooperate. She also refused to tell District Judge Barbara Walther where the child could be found.

At that point, Judge Walther ordered attorneys representing the girl and child welfare authorities to work out a solution.

And, it appeared that a solution had been reached, although the details were withheld from the public as part of the negotiated settlement.

Still, no DNA sample was forthcoming. So, state authorities decided to push the issue, obtaining a criminal search warrant and serving it on Monday.

It is unknown if and when the results of the DNA sample will be made public.

So far, a dozen men, including FLDS prophet Warren Jeff have been indicted on charges related to underage marriages and bigamy, since the conclusion on the YFZ raid on April 9th.

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Holiday Schedule

SANTA LETTERS The Eldorado Success will publish Santa Letters in the Thursday, December 18th edition.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Anyone wishing to place a holiday greeting in the paper is encouraged to call or come by the Success office as soon as possible.

OFFICE CLOSED The Success office will be closed Friday, December 19 through Thursday, December 25th, and there will be no newspaper published that week. We will resume publication with the January 1, 2009 edition.

Obama's New Clinton Administration

Barack Obama has succeeded where Hillary Clinton failed. She hoped to win a third Clinton term, but it is her vanquisher who is reconstituting the Clinton administration.

Obama's nominee for treasury secretary, Timothy Geithner, served under Clinton Treasury Secretaries Robert Rubin and Larry Summers. Summers himself is Obama's choice to head the National Economic Council. Both are part of Rubin's circle, known for its brains and its relative moderation.

Few would have guessed back when Obama rose from the snows of Iowa that highly experienced economic technicians would represent "change we can believe in." Thankfully, Obama's airy rhetoric about a new kind of politics was more a pitch for impressionable new voters than a description of his governing style.

So far, President-elect Obama has acted with a ruthless pragmatism. He ignored the yowling left-wing blogosphere when it demanded Joe Lieberman's head, turned to the initially pro-Iraq War Hillary Clinton for his top foreign-policy job, and staffed up with former Clintonites. Obama has been a shape-shifter throughout his brief political career, and the latest shape -- an establishment Democrat determined to do whatever works -- is the best version yet.

Obama appears to be reconsidering for now his promised repeal of President Bush's "tax cuts for the rich." Twice during the primaries, Obama hinted that he might put off the tax hikes if the economy was in distress, but he could never admit what was obvious: Proposing tax increases in the teeth of a recession was madness.

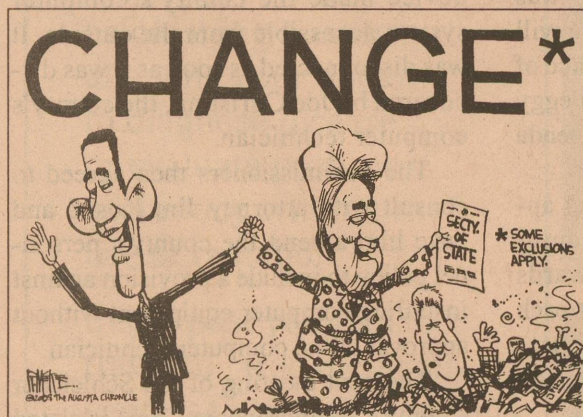
If Obama is wise, he'll not only jettison his plans for a tax increase that in aiming at the rich would also hit successful small businesses, but also will put off his plans for a "cap-and-trade" program to tax the use of fossil fuels, forswear all his protectionist sentiments from the primaries, and ditch his support for a "card check" plan to promote the unionization of the American work force. Anything that burdens business should be anathema to Dr. Fix-the-Economy.

For now, the showpiece of Obama's economic program is a massive stimulus bill that the Democratic Congress wants to have ready for his signature as soon as he departs the Capitol Hill steps after his inauguration. Even some conservative economists believe a fiscal stimulus is necessary to keep us out of a deflationary spiral, but Obama is only asking a Democratic Congress -- given to fiscal incontinence even in rosy economic circumstances -- to do what comes naturally.

We can't know what new twists the crisis will take. We do know that Obama will need more than a ruthless pragmatism to navigate through it. In his masterly "The Great Inflation and Its Aftermath," Robert Samuelson chronicles the extraordinary stalwartness of President Ronald Reagan when he allowed Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker to squeeze inflation painfully out of the economic system the last time we had a downturn this severe, in 1981-1982.

That took guts. Obama will need them as well, and they won't be on loan from any adviser, no matter what his pedigree.

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Holiday Do's and Don'ts

The holidays are probably one of the most stressful times of the year for everyone; even the children. The most important thing children have to do is keep their Wish List current but depending on just how materialistic they are, this could be a source of stress for them as well. For some kids, this may be the single-most important document they've written all year. No homework assignment was ever labored over so diligently.

This is the season they've waited all year for! It's their only shot at getting that computer-game-of-the-year they've wanted. They know that, unlikely as it might seem, that Polly Pocket Cruise ship might just magically show up under a pine tree in their living room on the 25th of December! That Neo Shifter they've been spying in Wal-mart might end up in an over-sized sock hanging from the mantel! Talk about stress! They've got to get that list right!

Adults, however, do not have the time to indulge in fanciful wishes. We hope that Santa can read our minds and bring us something we didn't even know we wanted. He does have that magical snowball/crystal ball gizmo, doesn't he?

Our time is spent stressing over making sure everyone else's wishes come true. We run around the stores like harried little elves trying to find just the right gifts for those on our list. Then after deciding that nothing could express the depths of our love and affection, we end up picking up a box of sausages and cheese or a

Laura on Life

by Laura Snyder



pair of cartoon underwear and hope that the recipient will understand.

The stress is tremendous, the hypocrisy is weighty, and the disappointments will be many.

On Thanksgiving Day, we all have the best of intentions, even if our checking accounts are not representative of those intentions. Maybe we've picked names for Secret Santa. Between bites of turkey and Grandma's sweet potato casserole, we try to pick up hints of gifts we could buy for the person whose name we picked. We listen carefully to their small talk to glean what information we can, perhaps asking pertinent questions: What's their favorite color? Their favorite music? Are they on a diet? Do they have enough underwear?

In these stressful times, I thought I might help out the holiday-weary souls by creating a list of do's and don'ts for holiday shopping. It may help you to narrow down your options to the perfect gift.

1. Don't go to Victoria Secrets to shop for your mother unless she looks good in a bikini.

2. If you are going to buy a sausage and cheese box for a gift, first make sure they have eaten the

sausage and cheese from last year.

3. Don't buy an assortment of personal hygiene products for someone you don't know very well -- even if the basket it comes with has a pretty bow.

4. Don't buy a BB gun, a paintball gun, an air soft gun, a Nerf gun, or a water pistol for someone else's child.

5. Re-gifting fruitcakes is acceptable as long as you haven't already choked down the obligatory first slice.

6. Never buy a fruitcake for someone you like.

7. Don't buy a bottle of Crown Royal to celebrate Uncle Al's 5th year in AA and don't give cash to someone who's addicted to gambling.

8. When Grandma and Grandpa ask you what your child wants for Christmas, inform them of the most expensive item on your child's Wish List.

9. Don't tell anyone what you want for Christmas. Chances are, they won't buy it because they'd rather surprise you.

10. Don't ask anyone what they want for Christmas. They'd rather be surprised.

I hope that these tips will help you shop for your family and friends. If not, there's always underwear.

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Prison board seeks emergency funding

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The Texas Board of Criminal Justice met in Austin on Dec. 3 and decided to ask the state for \$66 million in immediate funding to purchase airport-style and mobile screening units and other surveillance equipment to stop cell phones and other contraband from being smuggled into Texas prisons.

Democrat John Whitmire of Houston, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, and Republican Jerry Madden of Richardson, chairman of the House Corrections Committee, said they support the idea.

In the summer and early fall, Whitmire was the target of illegal cell phone calls made by a death row inmate. Gov. Rick Perry responded in October, ordering a sweep of Texas prisons that netted 144 illegal cell phones, plus weapons and other contraband.



Hutchison eyes governor's office

Texas' senior U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison on Dec. 4 filed papers with the Texas Ethics Commission and formed an exploratory committee, signaling her interest in running for governor in 2010.

Hutchison also transferred funds from her federal campaign finance account to a state campaign finance account.

A Republican, Hutchison won her U.S. Senate seat by special election in 1993. She was re-elected to full terms in 1994, 2000 and 2006. She served as Texas state treasurer 1991-92 and in the Texas House as a Houston-area representative from 1972-76.

Combs steps up transparency

Because of a slackening economy, legislative committees and teams of state number crunchers must be at their best to find money and deliver the fiscal 2010-11 budget, which could be around \$185 billion.

Meanwhile, taxpayers can learn how much of their money government is spending and what it's being spent on.

Nearly a year ago, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs launched "Where the Money Goes" a Web site that now shows all state agencies' spending in detail.

In continuing along those lines, on Dec. 3, Combs introduced openbooktexas.com, a Web site that includes "Texas Smart Buy," an online ordering system; "Texas Transparency Check-Up," an accountability study of local governments; and "Single Set of Books," initiative examining uniform financial accounting in state government.

"It is clear that we have entered an era of great economic uncertainty, and government must make the most of every dollar, just like millions of working families," Combs said.

"Texans deserve to know their tax dollars are being used wisely. Families are cutting expenses and looking for ways to save. Government must do the same."

Ethics commission fines justice

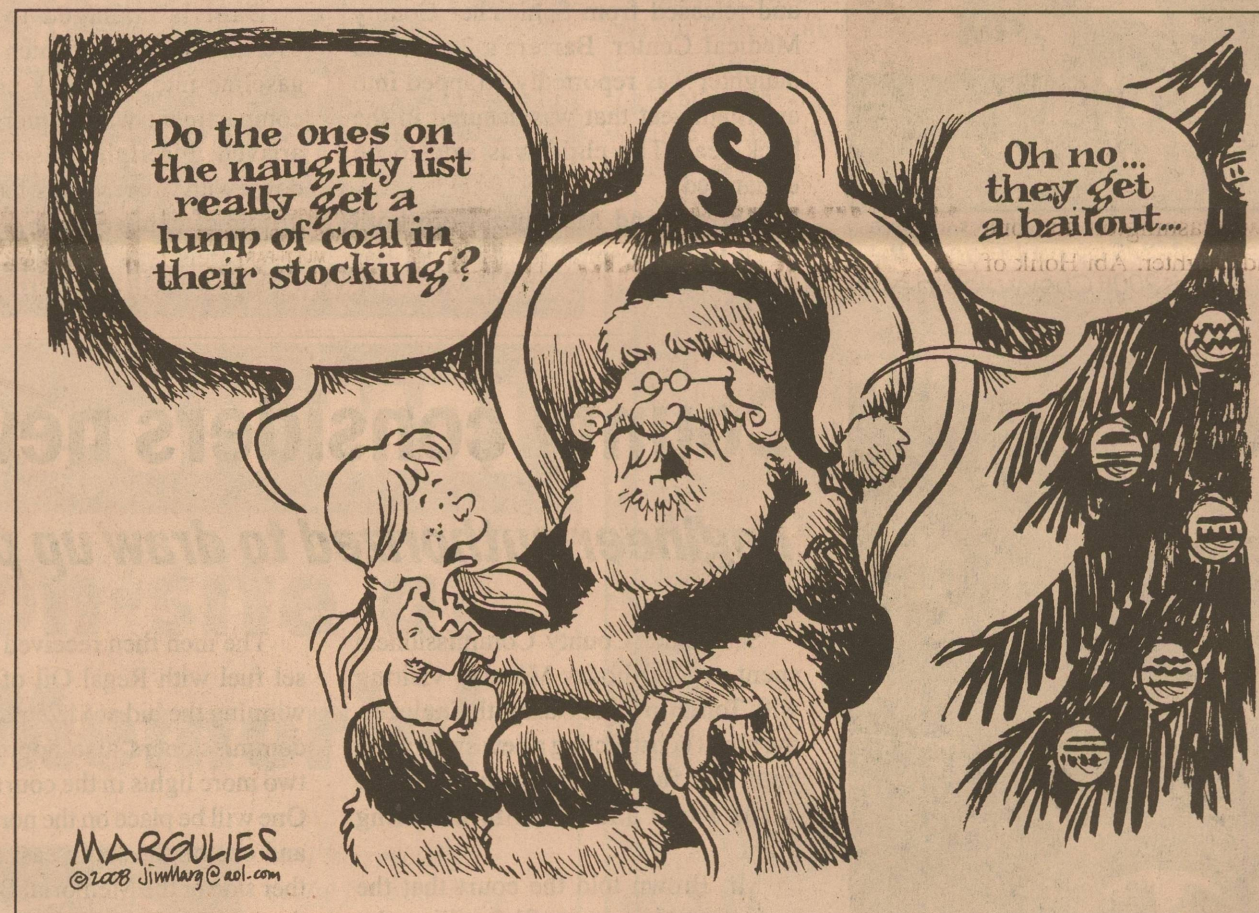
The Texas Ethics Commission on Dec. 4 fined Texas Supreme Court Justice Nathan Hecht \$29,000 for violating state campaign finance rules.

The Ethics Commission said an unreported reduction in fees Hecht received from a law firm for personal legal assistance was tantamount to a political contribution and that violates the rules.

Debt collector settles with state

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Dec. 5 resolved the state's enforcement action against debt collection firm NCO Financial Systems

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Snyder's College Has a Golf Course

Forty students are enrolled in the Golf and Landscape Technology program at Western Texas College in Snyder. They come from all parts of the United States and beyond. Currently, four of them are from Spain. It is no wonder the program attracts people who want jobs working at golf courses, ball fields and parks. It is an outstanding one that has been around for more than 30 years.

Randy Weaver graduated from the program in 1976 when it was brand new. He worked in the industry for a while, then came back to WTC to teach. He's been at the college fifteen years. He is superintendent of the college's golf course on campus.

"There's a lake on the golf course," says Randy. "Water comes into play on about seven of the nine holes. It's a really nice course and a lot of it has to do with having our program here. It's always ranked as one of the top ten nine-hole courses in the state. It's kind of a hidden secret here."

The lake is man-made. A creek ran through the area when the course was being built and work-



by **Tumbleweed Smith**

ers constructed a dam to create the lake. Students in the program get to study a variety of grasses.

"Our fairways and tees are just common Bermuda grass. Our greens are bent grass greens. We have one green we built as part of a short gain practice facility that has one of the newest varieties of Bermuda grass. So our students get to work with Bermuda greens also."

Students in the two-year program get training in turf maintenance, landscape design, irrigation, plant material, pesticides and fertilization. The cost of education at Western Texas College is reasonable.

"Our catalog says it's around six thousand dollars a year for room, board, tuition, fees and books. That's a pretty good deal compared to most four-year uni-

versities."

Courses in the program transfer to universities.

"We usually have several out of each graduating class that want to go ahead and get a bachelor's degree, but most of our guys are truly vocational type students and after two years they're ready to go to work."

Graduates of the program have no problem finding jobs.

"If they want to work, they'll have plenty of possibilities when they graduate. We have almost a hundred percent placement. We know of over four hundred graduates from our program who are working in some phase of the green industry. It's a pretty well-known program all over the country."

WTC is one of only two junior colleges in the US to offer such a program. Randy says it's a unique situation because students can spend time in labs and things right on the golf course and get a lot of hands-on experience. Students help maintain the course and work during the summers as interns.

OBITUARIES

Karen Barbara Mikeska Homer



Karen Barbara Mikeska Homer peacefully completed her journey home to be with the Lord on Friday, November 21, 2008. Karen was born October 27, 1938 in Wall, Texas to George L. Mikeska and Lillian Holcak Mikeska. She attended elementary school in Wall and high school in San Angelo. Following high school, Karen studied nursing and art.

In 1959, Karen met a young man from Washington state who was stationed at Goodfellow Air Force base in San Angelo, Texas. Kenith Homer and Karen were married on August 1, 1959 and embarked on their life's journey as husband and wife as well as best friends. For a time the young couple resided in Eldorado, Texas. It was during this time that their first child, Kurtis was born. Watching Kurtis grow and discover the world around him added a new love and fullness to her life. To Karen's delight, a couple of years later a beautiful daughter, Kara joined the family. Establishing a home and decorating it proved both challenging and rewarding as the family lived in various locations in Texas and Washington. In the early 1970's the family acquired land in Schleicher County. It was here that Karen enjoyed building a home and watching Kurtis and Kara become teenagers who graduated from Eldorado High School.

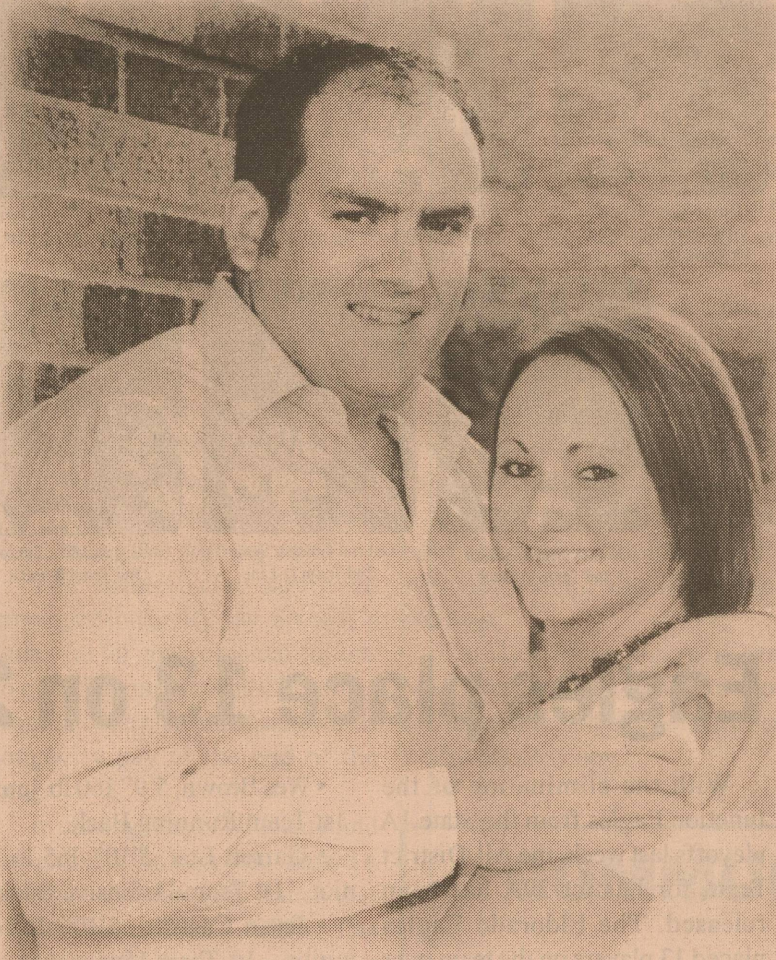
Following Kara's high school graduation in 1982, Karen and Kenith moved to Grandview, Washington. It was here that Karen opened a business that soon became her great joy and passion. Karen's Fabric and Flowers began as a fabric and sewing notions business that quickly grew and changed into a thriving floral and gift business

that later became Karen's Floral. To Karen's delight and amazement the business she and her best friend and sole mate launched grew into one of the most contemporary, competitive floral businesses in the Yakima Valley. Later Kara and her family became part of the business. It was with great pride and pleasure that Karen delighted in working with her daughter and helpmate. Oil painting, crafts, floral work, and sewing were just part of the talents that Karen shared with her family and friends throughout her life.

Family and traveling were Karen's greatest passions. As the family grew to include spouses and grandchildren, Karen took time and care to love each one and make them feel special. A friendship that began as in-law would quickly evolve into Mother and friend. Grandchildren knew in a moment who they could count on to spoil them. Granny planned trips for the family to Hawaii, Disney World, Canada, and many fun places. Together with her children and grandchildren the family built memories that will help carry them through the times of sorrow at her passing.

Karen is survived by her husband of 49 years, Kenith Homer. She is survived by her only brother Wayne Mikeska of Eldorado, Texas. Karen is also survived by her son Kurtis Homer and wife Candi of Eldorado, Texas, her daughter Kara Tucker and husband Chris of Grandview, Washington. Her grandchildren include Scott Homer of Weatherford, Texas, Heather Homer Holik and husband Trey of Bryan, Texas, Trey Greene and Kaylee Greene of Grandview, Washington and one great granddaughter, Abi Holik of Bryan, Texas as well as numerous nieces and nephews in both Texas and Washington. Karen, Granny, will be missed deeply by all those who knew and loved her.

Karen will be remembered in a memorial service on Saturday, December 20, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Eldorado, Texas. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was previously held for Karen on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 in Grandview, Washington. Memorials to Hospice or to the church of your choice will be deeply appreciated.



COURTESY PHOTO
Joshua Andrew Greer and Leigh Ann Neal

Neal/Greer Engagement

David and Deborah Neal of San Angelo are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Leigh Ann, to Joshua Andrew Greer son of James and Patti Greer of Abilene.

Leigh Ann is a 2002 graduate of Eldorado High School and a 2008 graduate of Hardin Simmons University with a doctorate in physical therapy. She plans to begin work in January at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene. Leigh Ann is the granddaughter of Don and Wilma Neal and Norbert and

Billie Jean Matthiesen of Brady. Josh is a 1998 graduate of Wylie High School and a 2006 graduate of Hardin Simmons University with a bachelors degree in public relations. He is currently employed as a contract coordinator for Goodwill West Texas in Abilene. Josh is the grandson of J.O. and Charlotte Blair and Ernestine Greer and the late Leonard Greer of Abilene.

The couple will be married June 13th 2009 in Logsdon Chapel on the Hardin Simmons University campus in Abilene.

Free Pancake Breakfast at Agape Assembly

Bring your appetite and come to the Agape Assembly of God Church on Saturday morning, December 13th. The church will be hosting a free community wide breakfast from 8:00-10:00 a.m. @ 502 E. Warner Avenue. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Neill at 853-2135.

BIRTHDAY LIST DECEMBER

- 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 McGinnis, Bobby Newton, Matt Lloyd, Becky Lux
- 15th Alexia Goodman, Gene Garland
- 16th Chase Mertz, Stephen Grelle, Kevin Freeman, Virgilio Escobar Jr., Stephen Whitten, Jason Clark
- 17th Dylan Ramos, Micaela Gonzalez, Anita Robles, Chelci Rodriguez
- 18th Felipe Montalvo, Brenda Greer, Vickie Schwiening, Jennie Wipff, Tami Kohutek, Jimmy Q. Aguilar
- 19th Jay Ray Holley, Mario Avila, LaTasha Newton, Jill Preston, Beatrice Martinez, Tony Ray Martinez

ANNIVERSARIES DECEMBER

- 22nd Weldon & Mary Jenkins, Rolando and Teresa Vasquez

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DEATH NOTICES

Reymunda Hinojosa

SAN ANGELO - Reymunda Hinojosa, 69, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008, in a local hospital. Rosary was Friday, Dec. 5, in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel. Mass was Saturday, Dec. 6, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father David Herrera officiating. Interment followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. She is survived by her husband, Gus Hinojosa Sr.; two sons, Gus Hinojosa Jr. and wife Elaine of Eldorado, and Gabriel Hinojosa and wife Deborah of San Angelo; three grandchildren; two brothers, Felix Savala and wife Mary, and Greg Savala, both of Mertzton; a sister, Gloria Martinez and husband Javier of Ackerly; and several nieces, nephews, and close friends.

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KATDADDY'S BAR-B-QUE

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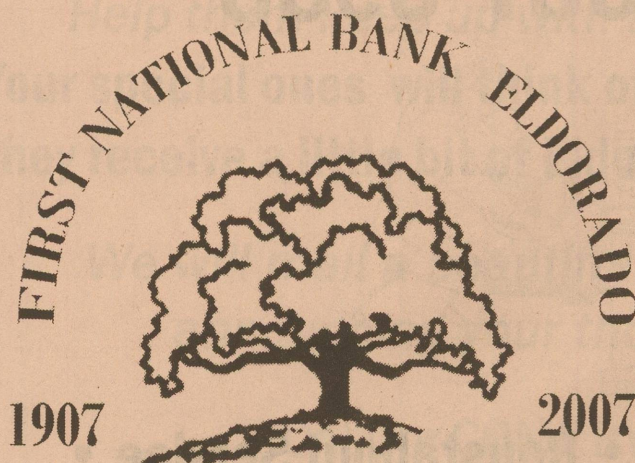
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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:
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Eagles place 13 on 29A All-District Squad

With the elimination of the Junction Eagles from the State 1A playoffs last week, the All-District Team for District 29A has been released. The Eldorado Eagles placed 13 players on the team overall and claimed 16 total slots. Individual honors were as follows:

- Dustin Gauna, 5'10" 220 lb. senior - 1st District Tight End and 1st Team Defensive End.
- Tim Maskill, 6'1" 260 lb. senior, - 1st District Offensive Line and Honorable Mention Defensive Line
- Wes Brown, 5'9" 160 lb. junior - 1st Team Running Back.
- Garrett Lux, 5'10" 165 lb. junior - 1st Team Defensive Back
- Ryan Castillo, 5'10" 165 lb. junior, - 1st Team Linebacker.
- Miles Mikeska, 5'11" 175 lb. sophomore - 1st Team Linebacker.
- Kaleb Murr, 5'9" 235 lb. senior - 2nd Team Offensive Line.
- Johnny Mejia, 5'9" 161 lb. senior - 2nd Team Defensive Back.
- Gabriel Gomez, 5'9" 225 lb. senior - 2nd Team Defensive Line.
- Ivany Sanchez, 5'7" 185 lb. junior - 2nd Team Running Back.
- Ben Wipff, 6'0" 245 lb. sophomore - 2nd Team Center.
- Rance Cathey, 6'0" 152 lb. senior - Honorable Mention Quarterback.
- Paul Martinez, 5'11" 142 lb. senior - Honorable Mention Wide Receiver and Honorable Mention Defensive Back.

Dustin Stapp of Junction and Ryan Taylor of Rocksprings were named Co-MVPs of the District. Meanwhile, Running Back John Zamora of Menard was named Offensive Player of the Year while Linebacker Zach Nash of Mason was named the Defensive player of the year. Jordan Keeton, a freshman Offensive Tackle and Defensive End from Junction and Justin Brock, a junior Running Back and Safety from Rocksprings, were named Co-Newcomers of the Year. Coach Ronnie Casey of Menard was named Coach of the Year. All District squads are determined by a vote of the coaches within the district. Coaches may not, however, vote for their own players.

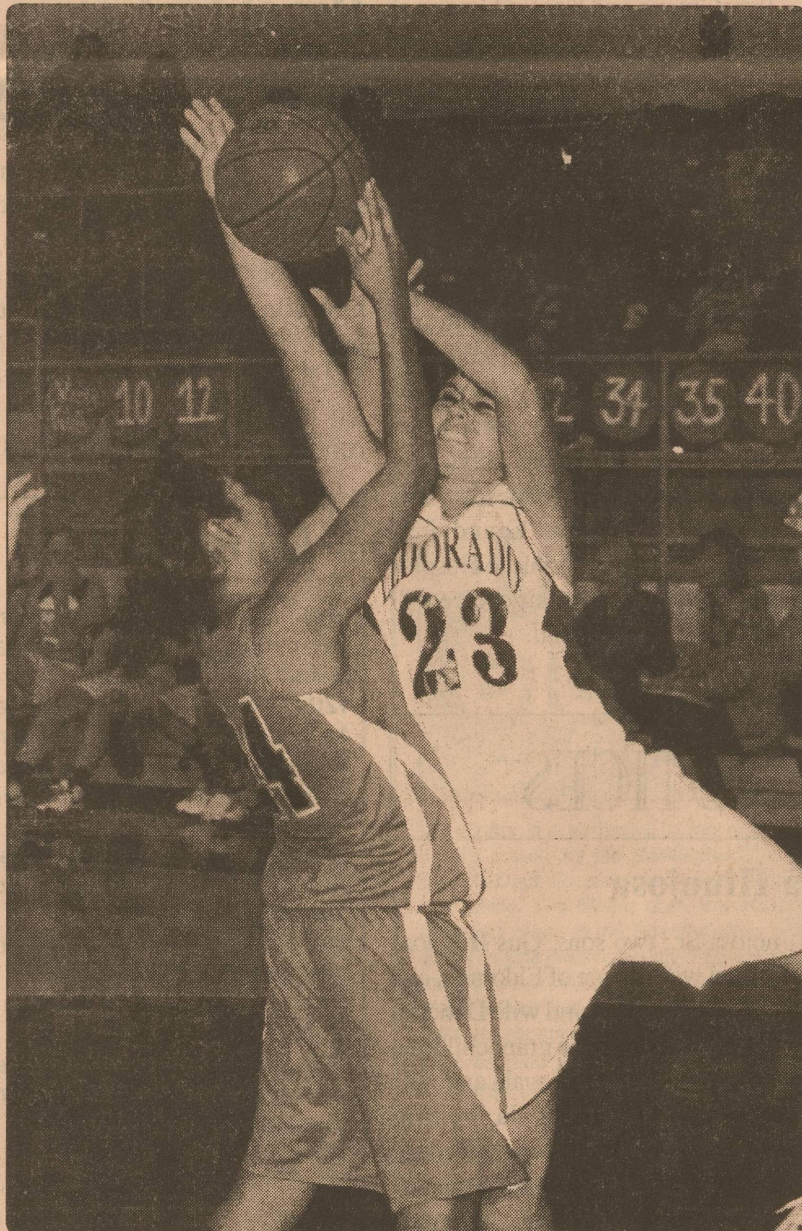
Lady Eagles basketball team working to improve

by Sylls Politte
 After a much needed win against Eden before Thanksgiving, the Eldorado Lady Eagles would look for a win streak in Grape Creek last Tuesday. Unfortunately, The Grape Creek Lady Eagles had other plans. Eldorado was held to a season low 6 points in the first half. They scored 4 in the 3rd and 9 in the 4th. Only 2 of the Lady Eagles starters scored in the game. Haley Higgins had 4 and Kadie Niblett had 2. Freshman Guard Brianah Creek accounted for almost half of Eldorado's points with 9. The final score was 62-19. The Lady Eagles would travel to San Angelo for a game against Tree of Life Church last Friday. Eldorado would again face a group of Lady Eagles in TLC. Though Eldorado played much better the outcome was the same. TLC beat Eldorado 58-53. Higgins would score a season high 24 points to

pace Eldorado. Tuesday night the Lady Eagles would look to rebound from two straight losses against the Lady Angoras from Rocksprings. Eldorado would end up with more of a dunk than a rebound. The Lady Eagles beat Rocksprings

by 22 points with a final score of 52-30. After only leading by 8 at half time. Eldorado outscored their opponents 27-13 in the second half. Junior Guard Aubrey Martinez led the Lady Eagles with 19 points on the night. It was a much needed win for the Lady Eagles.

The Lady Eagles are a little inconsistent this season. They have to figure out a way to rebound better and limit their opponents to second chance buckets. Their defense will also have to make huge strides before entering a district full of offensive teams in Mason, Menard and district favorite Christoval. This group of Seniors are not unfamiliar to winning. Many of them played on the playoff team from the '06-'07 season and the Lady Eagle Softball teams that has made the playoffs the past two seasons. Hopefully that group will lead by example and continue in their trips to the post season. It is all about learning and preparing for a tough district in these early games and tournaments. The Lady Eagles will head to the Water Valley tournament this weekend.



Bridgett Mitchell battles for a rebound as the Lady Eagles hosted the Rocksprings Lady Angoras Tuesday night in Eagle Gym. The Lady Eagles got a 52-20 victory in the contest.

SCISD School Lunch Menu
BREAKFAST MENU
Monday December 15, 2008
 Biscuits / Sausage, Choice Of Juice, Jelly, Milk.
Tuesday December 16
 Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk.
Wednesday December 17
 Pig-n-a-Blanket, Choice of Juice Milk.
Thursday December 18
 Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk.
Friday December 19
 Cereal Bar, Peanut Butter Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk.
CAFETERIA LINE
Monday December 15, 2008
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Sandwich Salad, Pineapple Slices
Tuesday December 16
 Corn Dogs, Corn on the Cob, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit.
Wednesday December 17
 Pep. Hot Pockets, Ranch Style Beans, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches.
Thursday December 18
 Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad
 Pear Halves.
Friday December 19
 Hamburgers Burger, Salad/Pickles, Baked Chips, Apple Halves.
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Monday December 15, 2008
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 ALL MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Eagle Bands will perform their annual Christmas Concerts on Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 P.M. School Auditorium

JV Lady Eagles place 2nd in Eldorado Tourney

by Coach Jesse Rubio

The Eldorado boys and girls junior varsity teams hosted a two day JV tournament on Thursday, December 4th and Saturday, December 6th.

Eldorado's JV boys had a bye in the first round and in the second round they defeated Miles by one point in a very exciting contest that came down to the final seconds. The Eldorado boys were defeated in the 3rd round by Mason by two points in another exciting contest that was decided at the buzzer.

The boys side of the bracket championship saw the Mason Punchers claim first place with a win over the Grape Creeks Eagles. The 3rd place game saw the Christoval Cougars defeat the Eldorado Eagles by two points in a hard fought contest and the consolation game saw the Lakeview Chief Freshmen team defeat the Sonora Broncos.

The Eldorado JV girls had a bye in the first round and then took on the Junction Lady Eagles. Eldorado took the early lead that

they never relinquished and they cruised to a 12 point victory. The 3rd round action saw Eldorado take on the Lady Blizzards from Winters and the Lady Eagles came out on top to advance to the championship round. The championship side of the bracket saw the Mason Cowgirls take a 4 point overtime championship win over the Eldorado Lady Eagles.

The 3rd place contest pitted the Sonora Lady Broncos against the Winters Lady Blizzards. Sonora took the early lead in the contest

and secured the win. The consolation game featured the Grape Creek Lady Eagles against the Miles Lady Bulldogs and Grape Creek would secure the win by 6 points.

Others teams competing in the tournament were Rocksprings, Menard, and Ozona.

The tournament went off very smoothly and the Eldorado coaching staff thanks everyone that contributed to the tournament and the Eldorado community for their support rooting on the Eagles and Lady Eagles.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Lauren Rubio brings the ball down the court as the Lady Eagles JV took on the Junction Lady Eagles JV in the JV tournament held here last weekend.

Eldorado Eagles basketball gets off to rough start

by Syllas Politte

The Eldorado Eagles basketball team is off to a rough start, but luckily it's not how you start but how you finish. The Eagles got their first win last weekend in the loser's bracket of the San Saba tournament against Center Point. That gives Eldorado one win in their first 7 games. That sounds bad, but the good news is that none of these are district games.

Last Tuesday, December 2, Eldorado traveled to Grape Creek to face those Eagles. Eldorado was led in scoring by Junior Guard Dustin Ramos who finished the contest with a game high 29 points. Eldorado never led in the game. The final score was 56-68 in favor of Grape Creek.

The Eagles traveled to the San Saba tournament two days later for an opening round game against the Lampasas JV. The game was locked up at 23 going into half time and Eldorado led by 1 after 3 quarters. The 4th quarter ended the same as the first half - tied. This game needed an extra quarter to be decided. The Eagles were out scored by 5 points in OT and Lampasas would advance to the winners bracket with a score of 48-53. The Eagles were led in scoring by Sr. Guard Rance Cathey.

Cathey also leads the team in total points.

Eldorado found a much needed win in the loser's bracket of the tournament against Center Point. Two Eagle players finished in double figures. Cathey ended the game with 14 while back court mate Sr. guard Paul Martinez finished with 13. The Eagles beat Center Point by 17 with a final score of 53-36.

In the consolation championship, Eldorado dropped their second game of the tournament to 3A Llano. Like their first game this score was tied at the half, but the Jackets would take over in the 2nd half. Eldorado was outscored 26-19 to finish the contest. The Eagles lost by a final of 64-57.

This past Tuesday Eldorado would return home for a nondistrict contest against Rocksprings. The Angoras are in the Eagle's football district, but not basketball. Eldorado led at half time 19-17 before the Angoras scored more in the 3rd quarter than they had the previous half. Rocksprings scored 20 points in that frame. The Eagles clawed their way back into the game in the 4th before the Angora's Roman Galindo nailed a 3 late. That shot proved to be the difference in the game. Ramos led the Eagles with 16 points.

Capital Highlights...

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Inc. Act, along with \$150,000 in attorneys' fees.

NCO settled after being charged with violating the Texas Debt Collection Act.

State investigators said NCO unlawfully made harassing and threatening phone calls to purported debtors.

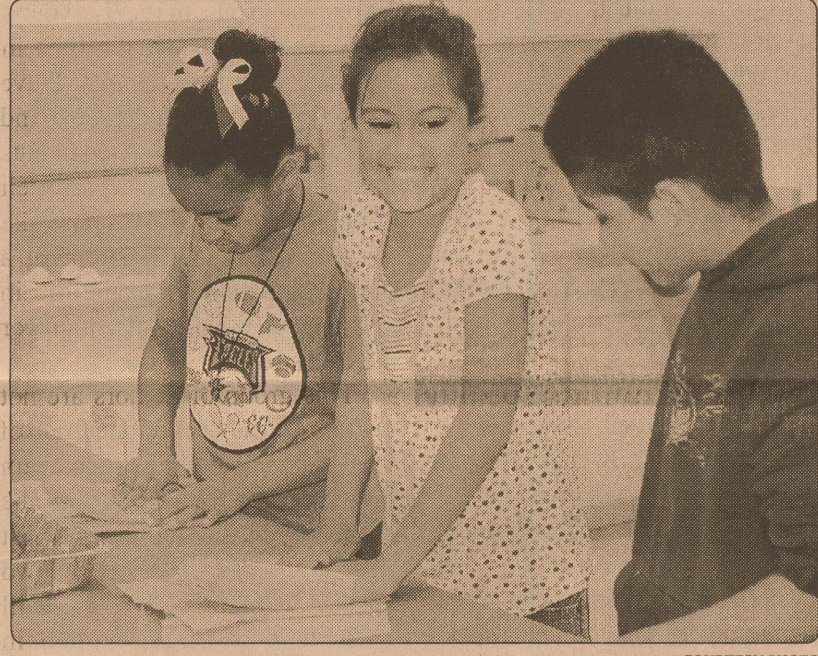
Under the settlement, NCO must implement policies that ensure its debt collection efforts fully comply with this law.

The settlement requires NCO to create a three-year \$150,000 restitution fund to compensate Texans harmed by its unlawful acts. The company will remit \$100,000 to the state's general revenue fund for violating the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices

FEMA says mess disappearing The Federal Emergency Management Agency rebuffed media assertions that it had been slow to remove debris from areas stricken by Hurricane Ike in September.

FEMA said as of Dec. 2 it had removed 18 million cubic yards, or 79 percent of debris, from public rights of way in Texas and called it the largest debris removal in Texas history.

FEMA estimates the Ike cleanup will cost \$800 million total. Cleanup for Hurricane Rita in 2005 totaled \$111 million, FEMA said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Third Graders Tamira Hicks, Emelda Arispe and Albert Arispe received hands on experience this week preparing tamales a Mexican Christmas tradition.

Elementary music program slated

Second graders will be filling the elementary gym with their Christmas melodies as they perform their annual Christmas program, entitled 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. The program will be held on Friday December 19 at 12:00 noon in the elementary gym.

John Kotsch memorial breakfast scheduled

The elementary campus will be hosting the annual John Kotsch Memorial Breakfast on December 16, 2008; 6:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. The breakfast is free of charge and is for the all students of Eldorado Elementary and their dads or a significant male who has had an instrumental part in the young child's life.

Meals for Friends Menu

- MONDAY DECEMBER 15th**
Chicken Strips w/Cream Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Juice, Milk.
- TUESDAY DECEMBER 16th**
Hamburger Steak, Oven Fried Potato, Lettuce, Tomato & Onions Slice, Bun, Carrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17th**
Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Mandarin Orange, Milk.
- THURSDAY DECEMBER 18th**
Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce, Black-Eyed Peas, Okra, Corn Bread, Banana Pudding, Milk.
- FRIDAY DECEMBER 19th**
Turkey with Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Corn Bread Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Cabbage Salad, Pumpkin Pie, Milk.

Third grade chefs at work

submitted by Maria Hendryx
Third grade students were busy in the kitchen as they prepared tamales, under the direction of Sonia Herrera. Students have been learning about the different Christmas traditions and customs from around the world, in their social studies classes. They completed reading Too Many Tamales in

their study of Mexican Christmas customs. As a culmination of their studies, students lay their pencils down and picked up corn husks as they prepared tamales. The third grade classes plan on preparing and eating foods from other countries as they complete their social studies unit of Christmas traditions.

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TDA expands Fire Ant quarantine area

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announces that the department has added 29 counties to the Red Imported Fire Ant Quarantine on an emergency basis.

The department conducts annual detection surveys in the counties bordering the red imported fire ant quarantined counties to monitor the sporadic encroachment of fire ant infestations. The detection surveys conducted in 2008 and in prior years indicated that Archer, Baylor, Callahan, Clay, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Irion, Lubbock, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Starr, Terrell, Upton Throckmorton, Ward, Wilbarger, and Winkler counties have a wide-spread fire ant infestation beyond containment.

The emergency action will slow the artificial spread of fire ants through movement of hay and nursery-floral commodities to fire ant-free areas. The nursery-floral articles from these counties will be allowed to move to the fire ant-free areas only after USDA approved quarantine treatments. Hay may only be shipped to fire ant-free areas if it is stored in a manner that prohibits direct contact with the ground.

Within the next few weeks, the department will publish a proposed rule, identical to the emergency quarantine, to make the emergency rule change permanent. At that time, the public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the proposed rule. Meanwhile, any questions on this quarantine should be directed to the department's regional offices, or to (800) TELL TDA.

Imported Fire Ant Quarantine

Imported Fire Ant Quarantined Areas

IRS: Remember to take advantage of recent tax changes

The Internal Revenue Service wants to remind taxpayers as part of their year end tax planning to be aware of recent tax changes as well as recently reinstated tax deductions.

Some new tax breaks and a review of your current tax situation may result in a bigger refund or less taxes to be paid come tax time.

The Internal Revenue Service wants to make filing your tax return less stressful. Consider e-filing your tax return to ensure you maximize tax deductions, claim deserved credits and take advantage of entitled tax benefits.

The Internal Revenue Service offers these tax tips for you to consider.

- **First-Time Homebuyers Tax Credit:** First-time homebuyers should begin planning now to take advantage of a new tax credit available for a limited time. The credit applies to primary home purchases between April 9, 2008 and June 30, 2009. This tax credit must be paid back in equal payments over 15 years. The credit is 10 percent of the purchase price of the home, with a maximum available credit of \$7,500 for either a single taxpayer or a married couple filing jointly. First-time

homebuyers are those who have not owned a home in the three years prior to a purchase.

- **Real Estate Tax Deduction:** There is an additional standard deduction for those who don't qualify to itemize their tax deductions, but pay real estate taxes. The additional deduction amount is equal to the amount of real estate taxes paid up to \$500 for single filers or up to \$1,000 for joint filers. This deduction is available for the 2008 and 2009 tax years. This property tax deduction is in addition to the standard deduction used by filers.

- **Tuition and Fees Deduction:** You may be able to deduct qualified tuition and required enrollment fees up to \$4,000 that you pay for yourself, your spouse, or a dependent. You do not have to itemize to take this deduction. However, a taxpayer cannot take both the tuition and fees deduction and education credits (Hope & Lifetime Learning Credits) for the same student in the same year. Income limits and other special rules apply to each of these provisions. To determine whether your expenses are qualified, refer to IRS Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education. IRS Publication 970 also describes other education-related tax benefits.

- **Educators' Out of Pocket Expense Deduction:** The educator expense deduction allows teachers and other educators to deduct the cost of books, supplies, equipment and software used in the class-

room. Eligible educators include those who work at least 900 hours during a school year as a teacher, instructor, counselor, principal or aide in a public or private elementary or secondary school. Worth up to \$250, the educator expense deduction is available whether or not the educator itemizes deductions on Schedule A.

- **Recovery Rebate Credit:** If you did not qualify or did not receive the maximum amount for the 2008 Economic Stimulus Payment you may be entitled to a Recovery Rebate Credit when you file your 2008 tax return. Review the tax return filing instructions including the Recovery Rebate Credit worksheet.

- **New Rules for "Cash" Charitable Contributions:** Since tax year 2007, to deduct any charitable donation of money, you must have a bank record, credit card statement or a written communication from the recipient showing the name of the organization and the date and amount of the contribution. In determining what may be deducted as a charitable contribution, see IRS Publication 526.

- **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC):** This credit is offered by the Federal government to working families and individuals. You may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, or EITC, if you worked last year, but did not earn a lot of money. EITC is a refundable tax credit meaning you could qualify for a tax refund even if you did not have federal income tax withheld. If you qualify, the amount of your EITC will depend on whether you have children, the number of children you have, and the amount of your wages and income last year. For more information, go to www.irs.gov/eitc or see IRS Publication 596.

- **Recordkeeping:** Are your tax records organized? The IRS encourages taxpayers to take the time now to gather and organize their records to reduce stress at tax time.

- **Electronic Filing:** The IRS encourages taxpayers to consider e-filing their tax returns. In Delaware last year, 262,014 taxpayers electronically filed accounting for 62 percent of all filers. E-filing is easy, safe and accurate. The fastest way for you to receive a tax refund is to use IRS e-file and choose direct deposit. You can receive your refund in as little as ten days with IRS e-file and direct deposit. The error rate of an e-filed return is less than 1 percent compared to 20 percent for a paper filed tax return. IRS e-file is the most efficient way to prepare your taxes, particularly taking into consideration the 2008 tax changes. For more information, check out E-filing on the IRS.gov Web site.

- **Tax Forms and Publications:** Tax Forms and Publications can be accessed on the IRS.gov Web site or requested by calling the IRS toll-free at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

- **Beware of Bogus E-mails:** The IRS will never contact you about your taxes via e-mail. If you get an e-mail that appears to be from the IRS about a refund or tax matter, it's probably an attempt by scammers to steal your private information. Don't click on any links in the message - forward the fake e-mail to phishing@irs.gov using the instructions at www.irs.gov.

- **IRS.gov Web site - Remember that for the genuine IRS Web site be sure to use .gov.** The address of the official IRS Web site is www.irs.gov. The IRS.gov Web site contains a wealth of information for your tax planning and filing needs. Check out the latest tax changes on the IRS.gov Web site and remember to e-file your tax return which helps ensure you do not miss out on any tax deductions, credits and benefits.

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16 arrested in West Texas methamphetamine investigation

Law enforcement officers arrested 16 people Wednesday as the result of a two-year investigation into methamphetamine manufacturing rings.

Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies have been investigating the two groups, which have also been involved in other criminal offenses, including burglary, assaults, forgery and homicide.

DPS Narcotics officers in

Midland, as well as the Texas state troopers, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Marshal Service, the Odessa Police Department, the Midland Police Department, the Ector County Sheriff's Department, the Ward County Sheriff's Office and the Monahans Police Department served arrest warrants at numerous locations Wednesday. The Howard County Sheriff's Office,

the Midland County Sheriff's Office and Kermit Police Department have also assisted in this investigation.

Those arrested are accused of various crimes including possession of a List I chemical with intent to manufacture methamphetamine (a felony); sale, manufacturing or distributing a controlled substance (a felony); or conspiracy to manufacture a controlled substance (a felony). Over the past two years, law enforcement agencies have seized approximately 10 clandestine laboratories used to manufacture methamphetamine in Andrews, Ector, Howard and Ward counties. Today, investigators seized two more laboratories in Ward and Ector counties.

The people arrested today are accused of purchasing large quantities of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine and norpseudoephedrine at numerous pharmacies in the Midland, Odessa, Big Spring and Lubbock areas over the past two years. One of the major ingredients utilized in the manufacture of methamphetamines is ephedrine, pseudoephedrine (PSE) or norpseudoephedrine.

In August 2005, federal and state laws began requiring anyone buying an item that contains ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or norpseudoephedrine to show a government-

issued identification card (driver's license, identification card, state inmate card, etc.). Pharmacies that sell these items are required to log the name, address, identification card number, date, type of item(s) sold and the number of grams of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or norpseudoephedrine in the items --including

cold medications such as Sudafed and Actifed and their generic versions.

Large amounts of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or norpseudoephedrine are used when manufacturing methamphetamines. Using pharmacy logs in the Permian Basin area, DPS investigators identified 42 suspects who have been charged in federal court with various drug charges that are being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Midland.

Of the 42 suspects charged, 23 have already been indicted, arrested, convicted and sentenced. Two have been indicted, arrested and convicted and are awaiting sentencing. Sixteen suspects were arrested today and at least one will be arrested in the near future. Investigators anticipate that other arrests may be made in the future.

The 42 suspects, working in several separate cells, are responsible for purchasing almost ten pounds of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or norpseudoephedrine, which could produce almost 7 pounds of methamphetamines. In the Permian Basin area, methamphetamines are sold for approximately \$100 per gram. It is estimated that the street value of the methamphetamines that were manufactured over the past two years is more than \$200,000.

DPS investigators want the public to know that law enforcement officers are not investigating every person who purchases these cold medications. However, you should be aware that pharmacies do track the purchase of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or norpseudoephedrine, and that tracking these purchases is an important tool in identifying and prosecuting people who are

purchasing excess quantities of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or norpseudoephedrine so they can manufacture methamphetamines.

Anyone, who notices suspicious activities relating to the purchase of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or norpseudoephedrine, is urged to contact a local, state or federal law enforcement agency.

Defendants arrested Wednesday:

- * ALDRIDGE, DAVID ALAN: DOB: 06-29-1959.
- * AVERITT, JAMES PERRY JR.: DOB: 04-06-1970.
- * BACON, BRITTANY RENE: DOB: 07-10-1984.
- * BAXTER, CLIFFORD WAYNE: DOB: 08-14-1970.
- * CALVERT, LAWANDA BRADLEY: DOB: 07-15-1959.
- * CANTRELL, TROY CHRIS: DOB: 08-15-1956.
- * CROW, MISTY DAWN: DOB: 02-12-1975.
- * HAYNES, TANYA SUE: DOB: 08-06-1973.
- * MERRITT, TERESA LANE: DOB: 08-26-1962.
- * MILBURN, JULIA LYNN: DOB: 03-15-1962.
- * PARADA, ELIZABETH ANN: DOB: 02-04-1969.
- * PRESTON, MICHELLE FAYE: DOB: 01-29-1981.
- * RAINS, MICHAEL GLYN: DOB: 06-01-1952.
- * SMITHEE, MICHAEL JOE: DOB: 09-07-1956.
- * THOMPSON, ROBERT ALLEN: DOB: 04-23-1956.

* TRACY, KENNETH DALE: DOB: 05-17-1957.

Seized Clandestine Laboratories:

- * 12-12-06: Odessa. Located and processed by the Odessa Police Department Narcotics Division.
- * 03-29-07: Big Spring. Located by Howard County Sheriff's Office and processed by the Texas DPS Midland Narcotics office.
- * 07-16-07: Odessa. Located and processed by the Odessa Police Department.
- * 08-28-07: Odessa. Located and processed by the Texas DPS Midland Narcotics office.
- * 03-18-08: Monahans. Located and processed by the Texas DPS Midland Narcotics office.
- * 04-15-08: Kermit. Located by the Kermit Police Department and processed by the Texas DPS Midland Narcotics office.
- * 04-16-08: Odessa. Located and processed by the Texas DPS Midland Narcotics office.
- * 05-14-08: Monahans. Located and processed by the Texas DPS Midland Narcotics office.
- * 07-07-08: Ector County. Located by the Ector County Sheriff's Office and processed by the Ector County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division and the Texas DPS Midland Narcotics office.
- * 10-21-08: Andrews. Located and processed by the Andrews Police Department and Drug Enforcement Administration Midland office.

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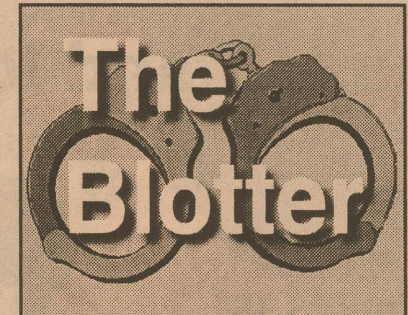
Robert E. Casey Jr., Special Agent In Charge, Dallas, FBI, announces during the last 24 hours at least seven (7) letters containing a suspicious white powder have been received by the offices of Governors around the country.

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has been forwarded to local laboratories for further testing.

To date, all letters have been postmarked from Dallas, Texas and were received by Governor Offices in Rhode Island, Michigan, Mississippi, Alabama, Minnesota, Montana and Missouri.

Anyone with information concerning these letters should contact their local FBI office, or call the Dallas FBI at 972-559-5000.



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

December 5 • Martinez, Juan Jose, male age 35. Turned self in, serving 10 days.

INCIDENTS

December 3 • 10:56 am Complainant requested to speak to an officer. 2 black males entered convenience store and a money exchange was encountered on video. Black male seen taking cash and pocketing the cash (Scam) Approximately \$300. Officer responded.

• 11:16 pm Caller stated that her sisters friend was having problems breathing and throwing up blood. Officer responded and

EMS paged out.

December 4 • 11:03 pm Child playing on telephone.

• 11:10 pm caller reported a skunk had sprayed their driveway. Requested someone get rid of it. Attempts to contact city animal control. Were unsuccessful. Officer notified.

• 11 15 pm Caller requested a conference with a deputy for a domestic dispute. Deputy responded.

• 11:33 pm Caller reported a one vehicle rollover on 277 North about 5 miles out Officers responded as well as EMS.

December 5 • 9:36 am Caller notified S.O. they had found a Border Collie on FM 1828. Stated dog had no tags. Description black and white.

• 11:45 am Caller requested to speak to an officer regarding someone had cut the branches off a pine tree on grandson's grave.

• 4:58 pm Complainant reported reckless drivers. Two pickups had taken to hot rod ding at well over a 100 mph down the baseball field road everyday at about this time. One of the trucks was a white dually and the other was tan in color. Officer responded.

December 6 • 2:26 am Caller stated that a vehicle had rolled over and a male was on the ground. Officers responded, as well as EMS dispatched.

December 7 • 12:31 am Caller requested an officer for his vehicle needed a "jump." Officers responded.

• 3:49 pm Caller reported goats on highway. Officer dispatched.

December 8 • 11:03 am Caller stated that a blue pick up truck had rolled over a few miles north on 277. EMS paged out, Officers responded, EVFD paged out.

SCHLEICHER COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT				
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE				
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2008				
Data Control Codes	10		Total	
	General Fund	Other Funds	Governmental Funds	
REVENUES:				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 4,355,714	\$ 57,294	\$ 4,413,008
5800	State Program Revenues	2,684,506	72,068	2,756,574
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	445,846	445,846
5020	Total Revenues	7,040,220	575,208	7,615,428
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011	Instruction	3,223,239	246,249	3,469,488
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	85,670	35,438	121,108
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	16,931	23,597	40,528
0023	School Leadership	251,395	-	251,395
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	61,494	55,355	116,849
0033	Health Services	44,086	-	44,086
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	315,214	-	315,214
0035	Food Services	5,622	255,970	261,592
0036	Extracurricular Activities	307,942	-	307,942
0041	General Administration	236,799	-	236,799
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	680,376	-	680,376
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	560	-	560
0053	Data Processing Services	264,650	-	264,650
Capital Outlay:				
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	381,374	-	381,374
Intergovernmental:				
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	64,706	-	64,706
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	118,643	-	118,643
6030	Total Expenditures	6,058,701	616,609	6,675,310
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	981,519	(41,401)	940,118
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915	Transfers In	-	41,401	41,401
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(41,401)	-	(41,401)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(41,401)	41,401	-
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	940,118	-	940,118
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,782,938	-	2,782,938
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,723,056	\$ -	\$ 3,723,056

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BID NOTICE

Sealed bids addressed to the Schleicher County Commissioner's Court will be received by the County Clerk until 10:00 a.m. December 22, 2008 when such bids will be opened and possibly awarded in the Commissioner's Courtroom for:

The construction of a building pad (74' x 56') located at the corner of West Murchison Ave. and South West Street for construction of The Schleicher County Wellness Center.

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County & District Clerk
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Eldorado Spotlight



Is the Cowboy real? Max Hinke, age 5, looks at the bronze cowboy statue that sat on the corner of Oak and Concho Street, December 6 at Concho Christmas Celebration. The bronze cowboy was actually Eldorado's Jim Runge. Max is the grandson of Danny and Paula Boyer.

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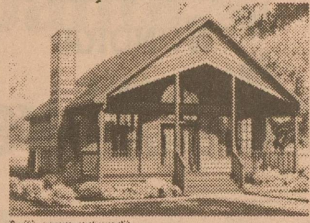
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Navy Hospital Corpsman HN Quisto Gonzalez of Eldorado, Texas assisted the physicians treating victims of Suffolk, VA tornado in April of 2008. Here he is shown removing stitches from a teen's arm. Gonzalez is a 2003 graduate of EHS and is the son of Enrique & Mary Ann Gonzalez. He has received training with the US Marine Corp for Field Medical Training and will be stationed in Oceana Naval Air Station's Branch Health Clinic until March, 2010, assisting Physicians with patients while getting hands on experience with medical needs.

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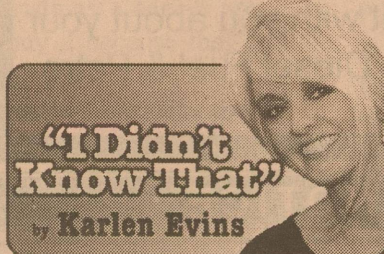
Why we say the things we say

'Tis the season...for the classics. Movies like "Wonderful Life" and the original "Grinch" get screened more than a couple of times at my place. My favorite is the story of Scrooge.

Of course, you can't think Scrooge without thinking Tiny Tim. (Not the tip-toeing, tulip man, but the one in the Scrooge story.) And while the little guy's version of "God bless us everyone" is as timeless as the Dickens who wrote it, it opens the door to another classic expression: "God Bless You."

Funny, if you think about it. We end our letters with it. We wish it to total strangers without thinking. And for the oddest of reasons, we all but sing it in unison when someone sneezes.

"But why?" you ask. Well I have



God Bless You

answers.

Some credit St. Gregory the Great for the protective blessing, dating back to the plague (sneezing being an early warning sign that you're about to die). But more colorful origins date earlier still.

Believe it or not, the ancients once held that a simple sneeze could literally part body and soul as a sneeze puts the body as close to death as one can be, while still technically living. (For in that moment, we are minus breath in

our lungs, and our hearts get a momentary pause.)

Some call it a prayer of gratitude (for a heart resuming its beat), though the more superstitious believed that a good sneeze could blast your soul right out of your body, leaving said body wide open to evil spirits. "God Bless You" was said to keep wandering entities from taking up residency while the soul left its home vacant (momentarily, though it may be). Invoking God meant the body was protected long enough for the rightful soul to make its way back, sending trespassing evil spirits along their merry way.

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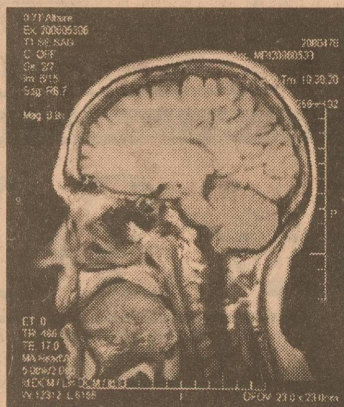
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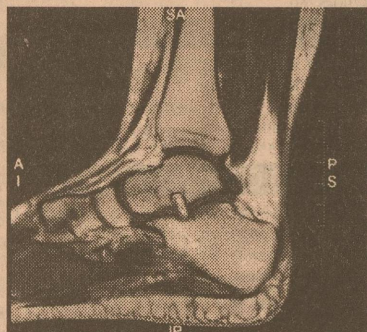
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Schleicher County EMS president T.J. Rodriguez (center) showed the service's new ambulance Monday to County Commissioners Johnny Mayo (L) and Matt Brown (R).

Governor likes new driver's license rules

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry today issued the following statement on the recent DPS rule changes requiring non U.S. citizens to present proof they are in this country legally before being issued an original, renewal or duplicate Texas driver license or identification card.

"I strongly support the recent DPS rule changes that ensure public safety and national secu-

rity, and am confident the vast majority of Texans feel the same way. Requiring driver license applicants to prove they are in the country legally before issuing them a license is a prudent course of action that most states already follow.

"This policy is no different than what U.S. citizens must do to obtain a driver license in most Mexican states (including Chihua-

hua, Coahuila, Tamaulipas) and Canadian provinces. They require foreign nationals to prove their legal immigration status to obtain a driver license, and understandably so," Gov. Perry said.

Texans got a wake up call last year when a federal investigation uncovered a Dallas man who was exploiting a gap in Texas driver license requirements to obtain six-year driver licenses. Nearly 400 foreign nationals, from countries such as Syria, Egypt and Iraq, whose expired visas precluded their receiving licenses in New York and New Jersey where they lived at the time, obtained valid Texas driver licenses.

"Those who criticize these new rules fail to acknowledge the realities of the world in which we live, where we must know who is in our state and nation, whether or not they mean us harm," Gov. Perry said.

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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