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Baking heat leaves Texas landscape burning

Hot, dry weather continues to bake Texas landscapes, lawns, gardens, fields and forests -- and increasing both the number and the risk of wildfires.

An extended weather pattern of hot days relieved by only isolated showers has left grasses and other vegetation much drier than normal. The result: without significant widespread, long-duration rains, Texas firefighters foresee a growing threat of wildfires.

Conditions now are similar to those that occurred in summer 1998, during which Texas experienced one of the worst years on record for wildfires, according to Tom Spencer, wildfire risk assessment coordinator with Texas Forest Service.

"The similarities between weather and vegetation conditions in 1998 and now are very alarming, from a wildfire standpoint," said Spencer. "Texans could be facing a bad summer fire siege if increased winds should accompany hot, dry weather. Strong, gusty winds contributed greatly to the major wildfires experienced earlier this year."

What the whole state needs is slow, steady rainfall spread over many hours so most of the rain will soak into the ground and not run off, Spencer added. Many areas of the state, particularly in far West Texas, haven't received enough rain to stimulate full spring green-up, and even where green-up has occurred, grasses are wilting and turning brown in the heat.

Regional fire coordinators have also reported that wildfire activity has picked up across the state.

"Local fire departments everywhere are making more frequent runs on wildfires, and our own fire crews have battled many wildfires, including several recent fires more than 100 acres in size," said Bill Rose, Texas Forest Service chief regional forester for resource protection in East Texas.

He noted that accidental fires due to escaped debris burning continue to be the primary cause of wildfires, particularly in the eastern half of the state. Sparks-producing equipment, hot vehicle exhaust systems and careless disposal of smoking materials also cause many wildfires. In addition, Texas Forest Service fire investigators attribute several recent fires, including a 253-acre wildfire in northern Walker County, to the work of arsonists.

Firefighters across the state could also face a seasonal wildfire risk if dry conditions continue.

"Irresponsible fireworks use through the Fourth of July holiday period could spark additional fires, if dry conditions prevail and vegetative fuels, particularly grasses, continue to dry out," said Rose. "We don't want to put a damper on holiday celebrations, but we do urge folks to use common sense and celebrate safely during the upcoming holiday period."



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Timber!

Slim Green surveyed the damage Saturday morning, June 17, after a violent thunderstorm the evening before blew down a giant Mulberry tree in his front yard. Fortunately, the tree narrowly missed hitting the 90-year-old Green's home on San Antonio Street. Green said his late wife Lois set the tree out when it was just a double-trunked twig. He says the first trunk fell several years ago. That one also missed his home, but managed to land on his car.

Mias Amigas Club to gather for 75th Anniversary

by Dorothy Dacy

This weekend, on June 23rd and 24th, 2006 the old school bell will ring on the Eldorado court house lawn. Teachers, students and classmates are invited to meet for a unique "class reunion." The "kids", many of them grandmothers and granddads, celebrate June-with-no-school- now just as they have done for the past 75 years. On this special weekend they call themselves "Mias Amigas" because in 1931 four former campus belles decided to keep school days more than just a memory. They were Mrs. Ida Conner Neill, Mrs. Ruby Jones Dameron, Mrs. Lavita Christian Brooks, and Mrs. Josephine Murchison Hill. The club was composed of girls who spent most of their childhood in or near Eldorado. Mias Amigas was decided upon as the name for the club because its meaning ("my friend" in Spanish) proves that through the stress of every day affairs and the crowding years, sentiment, love and youth will always live.

It was only through the perseverance and loyalty of the fathers and mothers of these girls that they are privileged to call Eldorado home, "the Land of Gold."

The Mias Amigas Club has grown to include all graduates of Eldorado High School, both the girls and the guys and their families. These graduates gather each year to share stories, pictures, and reminisce with friends about their school days. To qualify for membership, you must be a graduate of EHS and have been out of school for 20 years. Many classes have 5, 10, and 15 year reunions at other times, but the initiation into "Mias Amigas" is a special privilege and joy only people that spent their school days here can appreciate.

This year the 50 and 20 year graduates respectfully will be honored.

Members of the 1956 class are: RJ Alexander Jr., La Nell Bingham, Clyde "Sonny" Brown, Ila Jean Boyer Carothers, Dolores Calcote Chancy, James Clark, Melba June Wilkerson Duncan, Herman "Gene" Early, Burnell Doyle Etheridge, Jerry Caldwell Etheridge, Bill Gaynor, Wanda Fortenberry Geyer, Monty R.

Hill, Gainell Belk Hood, Bonnie McAngus Hooker, Carolyn Hall Ivison, David Jeffery, Wanda Owens Johnson, Kathy Hemphill Kerr-Davis, Harold Lloyd, Francis Parker Loe, Roxa Jean Tinning Mumford, Lee Neithercut, Nancy Elder Patton, Willa Higgins Perry, Frank Prochaska Jr., Jack Ratliff, Cora Lee Barrett Seale, Bernay Sheffield, Roy Stephens, Shirley Luedecke, and Ralph Taylor.

Members of the 1986 class are: Maria Sanchez Barrientos, Mendy Edmiston Brooks, Anna Aguilar Buitron, Billy Cavness, Erik Cheatham, Patricia Escalante Corales, Mathew Dahlberg, Rhonda Johnson Daniels, Anna Gonzales Espinosa, Belinda Turner Faull, Rachel Barrera Fernandez, Redina Fimbres, Cindy Fowler, Brian Gillaspay, Eloisa Hill Gutierrez, Kenny Gutierrez, Janie Arebalo Hernandez, Jose Huichapa, Joe Louis Lozano, Rhonda Motes Mannaford, Eloy Martinez, Jesus Martinez, Tina Martinez, Michelle Kent McCants, Cesar Mercado, Jani Murph Mitchell, Ron Mittel, Mike Moore, Tony Nolan, Mike O'Connor, Jay O'Harrow, Bobby Perry, Regina "Gina" Heffernan Pherigo, Luz Martinez Ramos, Lupe Hernandez Rodriguez, Francisco "Pancho" Ronquillo, Gilbert Ronquillo, Steven Saldivar, Georgie Gonzales Santellano, Steven Santellano, Jennifer Stensby, Dorothy Adkins Tate, Diane Wilkes Tatum, Sulema Esquivel Trickett, Jimmy Turberville, and Patsy Ussery.

Invitations have gone out and the schedule of events and times follows: Friday, June 23: Courthouse Lawn-5:00 p.m. Registration, 6:00 p.m. Sandwich Supper and Visitation. Bring your law chairs and picnic type food. Saturday, June 24, finds the group meeting in the Memorial Building at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and registration. At 9:30 the Old School Bell rings, and at 10:00 a.m. the general assembly and business meeting occurs.

The graduating classes of 1955-1956 and 1985-1986 will receive special recognition on their 50th and 20th anniversaries, respectively. At 11:30 a barbecue lunch will be served under the trees on the courthouse lawn. Any of your guests are our invited guests. Lunch tickets (\$7.00 per person)

will be available at the door for those who have not signed up yet.

There will also be a collection of quilts on display in the Schleicher County Museum.

Patsy Kellogg urges all local members to be sure and pre-register, especially for the barbecue lunch on Saturday! Call 325-853-2574 or 325-853-2079.

In June of 1950, the Mias Amigas Song, written by Lucile Hill Walker, was officially adopted as our homecoming song and the words are:

"My Mias Amigos,
the glad time has come
To recall golden days ever dear
Pledge again our devotion,
renew friendships now
As our happy hearts laugh at the years
Then join in the fun
Make merry each one
Precious moments are fleeting away
Clasp a hand, say "I love you,
I'm glad you could come,
Help us celebrate friendship's
bright day."



COURTESY PHOTO

Faces from the past. These four friends posed for a photo during the 1954 Mias Amigas Meeting. They are: (Front L-R) Lavita Christian Brooks, Agnes West Womack; (Back L-R): Lula Mae Evans Smith and Bertha Holland Oglesby.

Pulling Out of Iraq

The Texas outlaw John Wesley Hardin once famously said that he never killed anyone who didn't need killing. Hardin's definition of who needed killing was considerably too liberal. But if there ever were anyone who unquestionably exhibited such a need, it was the late Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, Iraq's maestro of vileness and death.

Zarqawi took the death cult that surrounds suicide bombing and pushed it to its hellish logical conclusion.

He made 1983's horrific suicide bombing against the Marine barracks in Lebanon seem quaint. That attack was directed

at U.S. personnel and had a goal that was at least understandable: chasing the U.S. from Lebanon. Zarqawi, in contrast, targeted women, children and people attending wedding celebrations. For Zarqawi, most everyone in Iraq -- but especially anyone from the Shiite majority -- was a potential pool of blood and a few scattered shoes, with loved ones wailing in the background.

His tactical goal was more death. He wanted to provoke the Shiite into acts as cruel as his own, and unfortunately had achieved some success. The vengeful Shiite militia members plying the streets of Baghdad to torture Sunni men before dumping their bodies in the street are Zarqawi's progeny. He gleefully pointed to their murderous work as justification for even more killing by Sunnis, toward a full-scale civil war making Iraq an Arab Rwanda choking on its own blood.

The word for this vision is "evil." It has become fashionable to regret President Bush's black-and-white, good-and-evil view of the world. But sometimes the ledger is indeed quite simple -- with Zarqawi's demise, the sum total of evil in the world is now a little less.

Everyone professes to know this. But some know it more than others. Otherwise a major Democrat like John Kerry wouldn't be advocating a full U.S. pullout from Iraq. Until Iraqi forces can carry the load, a pullout means abandoning the field to the likes of Zarqawi. If Kerry had been given a magic wand to wave and make all U.S. troops disappear from Iraq instantly, Zarqawi would almost certainly be alive right now. There would have been no one to send F-16s to drop two 500-pound bombs on his head.

Within hours of the news breaking of Zarqawi's death, Rep. John Murtha was on CNN saying we should leave Iraq and let the Iraqis work out their civil war just the way we worked out ours. Of course, 600,000 died in our Civil War. And the Iraqis "working it out" would be accomplished with truck bombs and ethnic cleansing.

Humanitarian considerations aside, the stakes in Iraq are incalculably large. If many politicians in the U.S. have never realized this, Zarqawi always did. He knew the advent of decent government in the Arab world would be a blow to the ideology of terror, hence his ultimate strategic goal of forestalling it with mayhem and slaughter. We don't know if we will prevail in Iraq, but there is no doubt about how to lose: pull out prematurely. That's why Kerry, Murtha, et al., are effectively advocates of defeat.

From beyond the grave, Zarqawi can only wish that the Democrats for a pullout had been able to effect their preferred policy. Then this loathsome man who so needed killing would instead still be working his evil will.

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Kelo anniversary reminds us much work left to be done

by Bill Peacock

Susette Kelo has lost the battle. And her home.

While there will be an outpouring of support for private property rights as the first anniversary of the Supreme Court's Kelo v. New London decision passes by, it will not help Ms. Kelo. The city council in New London, Ct., recently voted to evict her from her property.

This is the last step in the process to make way for a new master-planned community designed to boost tourism, commerce and tax revenue for the City of New London. It could feature amenities such as high-end condominiums, upscale restaurants and stylish retail outlets.

It is not likely to feature Ms. Kelo, however. It is doubtful that she'll receive enough compensation for her home to afford one of the new residences -- perhaps even occupying her old lot -- in these fashionable environs.

Here in Texas, the same is probably true for many residents and small business owners in downtown El Paso.

The City of El Paso recently unveiled its redevelopment plan for downtown. With its stated goal "to become a leading American city," this is the Texas version of similar plans across the country, including the one in New London.

It portrays a vibrant, renewed downtown El Paso as "the destination for new residential housing, shopping, night-life, families and visitors [and] a culturally important place with an area dedicated specifically for U.S./Mexico art."

In order to make room for the "new" El Paso, the plan calls for



Commentary
by Bill Peacock

the demolition of many buildings within a 127.5 acre tract. The problem is that most of the El Pasoans who live, work and own property in the area were not asked if they thought this was a good idea.

The plan relies heavily on amassing an inventory of tracts of various sizes that can be used to attract developers and retailers to the area. The proponents of the plan need the land, whether or not the current owners and residents are interested in selling.

In a free market, this wouldn't be a problem. Either the buyers and sellers would negotiate a price that satisfies everyone, or the developers would devise plans to work around the properties of those owners who didn't want to sell.

But in the case of this plan, just like New London's, the city of El Paso will be able to exercise the right of eminent domain to seize the property of those who do not wish to sell and relocate.

These might include the owner and residents of the Pablo Bay apart-

ments, where the first novel of the Mexican Revolution was published in 1915. Or the owners of Starr Western Wear and the Juarez Boot store. Or apartment residents in the historic Segundo Barrio.

These buildings are all in the demolition zone, even though they currently provide affordable housing and space for thriving businesses. It is just that they are not exactly the type of housing or businesses that the city and the Paso del Norte Group -- the plan's private sector backer -- are looking for.

In response to the Kelo decision, various committees of the Texas Legislature are studying how to restore the private property rights of Texans stripped out of the U.S. Constitution by the Supreme Court.

While there are many abuses of eminent domain to be addressed, there would be no better place for Texas policymakers to start than by eliminating the practice at the core of urban redevelopment plans like those in New London and El Paso. It is simply wrong to take private property from one person and give it to another who is politically connected, on the promise they will generate increased tax revenues to fill the cities' coffers.

By stopping this practice, the property rights movement Ms. Kelo awakened during her courageous fight could still prove victorious for men and women in downtown El Paso and across Texas.

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Strayhorn's tax calculator gives idea on future tax liabilities

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Business owners don't have to wait to see how the Texas Legislature's rewrite of the tax code might affect their bottom line.

They can go to the state comptroller's Web site, type in a few financial figures and get an idea of how much "business activity tax" they'll be paying to the state of Texas in 2008.



Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who is running as an independent against Republican incumbent Gov. Rick Perry, said, "More than 200,000 Texas businesses that currently do not pay taxes will have to pay or file taxes under the new law. Texans need to know how much they will be paying and begin preparing today by setting aside dollars for the new tax."

But the governor's office said the comptroller's tax calculator doesn't take into account the lower property tax bill businesses will be paying and other factors.

State Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, also criticized the comptroller's take on the new tax law, saying, "As a member of the Senate Finance and Education committees, I have learned not to trust information that comes out of this politically driven comptroller's office. I would urge the Texas business community to do the same."

Despite Strayhorn's assertion that more businesses will be taxed - and pay much more in taxes than under the former franchise tax - Bill Hammond, executive director of the Texas Association of Business, has spoken out in favor of the Perry tax plan.

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, a Republican who is running to succeed Strayhorn as the state's chief financial officer, said that if elected, she will review and rewrite the new tax law. She said there is "growing sentiment among legislators" that the tax law will need to be "tweaked" during the regular legislative session, which convenes in January.

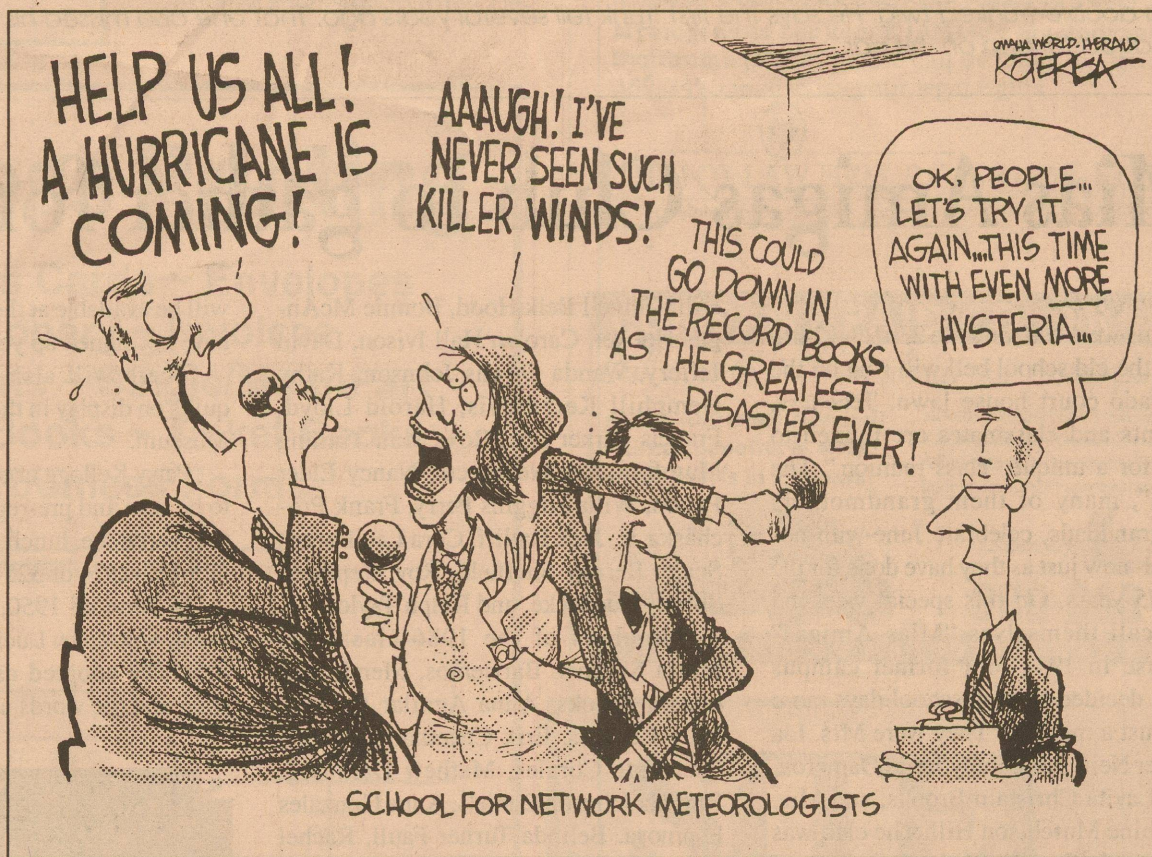
No flood insurance hurts parks
Because flood insurance is a condition of reimbursement, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will not receive full reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Parks and Wildlife Department expected FEMA funding to repair flood-related damages brought about by Hurricane Rita, which struck East Texas on Sept. 24, 2005. A number of state parks sustained serious damage.

AG putting away sex criminals
Attorney General Greg Abbott's office has obtained convictions against 42 men on child pornography charges since he began hunting them down in December 2004. Online solicitation of a minor, attempted sexual assault of a child and possession of child pornography are third-degree felonies punishable by two to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

State repays workplace costs
Businesses who employed at least two but not more than 50 employees each business day of calendar year 2005 may be reimbursed by the Texas Department of Insurance's Division of Workers' Compensation for up to \$2,500.

Pay-outs may be authorized for costs of workplace modifications, equipment, tools, furniture or devices, or other related costs paid to bring an injured employee back to work in a



The money factory is a fun place to visit

The Western Currency Center in Fort Worth produces more than half of the nation's paper money. It can turn out about 6 billion bills a year in several denominations.

"We make ones, twos, fives, tens, twenties and fifties," says Charlene Williams, manager of the Texas branch of the US Bureau of Engraving and Printing (website: moneyfactory.gov). More than 800 people work there

"When someone comes to work here, it becomes a big part of his or her life. Some jobs stay in the same family for generations."

Some positions at the plant require years of training.

"We have picture engravers and portrait engravers who go through an apprentice program for seven or ten years depending on which type of engraver they are."

Only two cities in the US have plants that print our currency. The other one is Washington D.C. The facility has been in Fort Worth for fifteen years. A plane crash in the nation's capital made some people at



by
Tumbleweed Smith

the Bureau of Engraving and Printing a little nervous.

"In 1982 there was an Air Florida flight that crashed into the 14th street bridge. Had that plane been only inches closer to the bureau, that would have caused a major economic devastation. There had already been talks about building another plant outside of the Washington area. That plane crash speeded up efforts to get one built."

When word got out that the bureau was looking for a place to build a new facility, 80 cities indicated they were interested in getting it. The list was narrowed down to eleven cities, then three: Las Vegas, Denver and Fort Worth.

"It's the civic pride that got this plant to Fort Worth. The people

here were very committed to getting it here. It's a brand new multi million dollar facility that sits on a hundred acres of land. People of Fort Worth wanted this place here. They donated a hundred acres of property and a 240,000 square foot shell building. In return, we would bring jobs to the Dallas-Fort worth area. The first 100 jobs that were offered here brought in 14,000 applications."

The facility offers free 45 minute guided tours. Sometimes the guides are people who actually work with producing the money.

"It's a great way to see how our money is made. We have two floors of educational interactive exhibits and displays. There's a fifteen-minute film that talks about the overall production of the bills. And there's a gift shop for people to buy souvenirs. We consider our output here a product. We want it to be the best. If an employee starts thinking of it as money, then it might be time for that person to find another job."

OBITUARIES

Williams receives National Leadership Service Award

Ellis Dexter Jay



Oklahoma, Bradley Jay Roberts and his wife Angela of Cedar Hill, Texas, adopted grandchildren, Joseph Michael Christian and wife Heather of Norman, Oklahoma, Ann Michelle Lonsinger and husband Doug of Erie, Colorado, sister-in-law Mary Jay, El Paso, nine great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews, and new found cousin, Dixie Jay of Grape Creek. The family wishes to thank Shelly Fennern for being such a special friend to Dexter.

Ellis Dexter Jay departed this life June 19, 2006, into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior and was rejoined with the love of his life, his wife, Doris Virginia Hollcroft Jay. Dexter was born January 1, 1918 in Kent County, Texas, to Daniel Bert Jay and Vera Temperance Taylor Jay. He and Doris were married October 17, 1938 in Odessa, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, James Earl Jay and sister, Dan L. Gunter. He is survived by his son, Ronald Dexter Jay and his wife, Zellena of Austin, daughter, Judy Christian and her husband Joe Charles of Eldorado, grandchildren Michael Edwin Roberts and his wife, Diana of Yukon,

Bobby L. Taylor Sr.



Korea and Vietnam. He retired in 1970 and eventually settled in Eldorado and made it his home.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Louise Taylor of Eldorado, Texas, 4 children, 3 daughters, Athena Stripling and husband Chris of Albuquerque, NM., Sandra Warren of Mertzon, Texas, Kim Cannon and husband Lawny of Lubbock, Texas, one son, James Taylor and wife Kim of Eldorado, Texas, one brother, Ronnie Hall of San Ramon, CA, and one sister Dorothy Peelman of Coursegold, CA. He has 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Bobby went to be with our Lord and Savior on June 14, 2006.

He was born on February 15, 1933 in Roswell, NM. He proudly served our country for 21 years in the Army. He fought in 2 wars,

committing personal time as community volunteers. He was preceded in death by his son Bobby Taylor Jr. of Lubbock, Texas, his parents, a very special Aunt Clara Jones of Roswell, NM and one brother Tommy Hall of Marysville, CA.



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Corie Williams

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Corie Blayne Williams from Eldorado, Texas has been named a United States National Leadership and Service Award Winner. Corie Williams will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally. Corie is a student at Eldorado High School.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

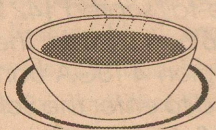
"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and

appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USA winners based on the Standards of Selection set fourth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, and dependability.

Corie is the daughter of Dean & Vickie Williams from Eldorado, Texas.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, June 26
Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Cheery Cobbler, Milk

Tuesday, June 27
Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Choc. Cake, Milk

Wednesday, June 28
Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potato, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/ Nuts, Juice, Milk

Thursday, June 29
Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Corn Bread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk

Friday, June 30
Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce/ Tomato/ Onion, Oven Baked Fries, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple, Milk

Capital Highlights...

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modified duty or alternate duty capacity.

Troops prepare for border duty

Gov. Perry signed a memorandum authorizing the deployment of Texas National Guard soldiers to the U.S.-Mexico border as part of Operation Jump Start.

National Guard troops in Texas will be under Perry's command, but the deployment will be federally funded.

We're not tops in volunteerism

In a national state-by-state comparison of volunteerism, Texas ranked 34th among its peers with 28.3 percent of residents putting in some time as volunteers between 2003 and 2005.

Top ranked among states was Utah, with 48 percent of its adults

committing personal time as community volunteers.

Nationally, women volunteer at a rate of 32.4 percent while men volunteered at a rate of 25 percent. Among women, those with children at home volunteered most (40 percent).

My family and I would like to thank the Eldorado Community for all the food, calls, visits, and prayers. A special thank you to Stanley, Tammy, Homer, and Marissa for taking care of Bodi while I was in the hospital and also for helping Jaime.

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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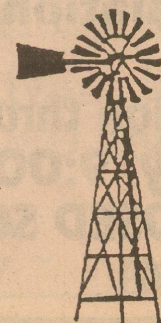
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Eldorado All-Star Edward Hernandez (4th from Left) was named to the All Tournament Team in Ozona last Saturday at the conclusion of the All-Star Tournament held there. He is the son of Robert and Marcela Sanchez of Eldorado.

COURTESY PHOTO

ASU releases Dean's List

The Dean's List for the 2006 Spring Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees, along with their majors, include the following from the Eldorado area:

Lindsay Nicole Beach, nursing;

Juan Angel Herrera, kinesiology/teacher certification; Tabitha N. Lloyd, animal science; Lori Nicole Loomis, biochemistry; Belinda G. Martinez, kinesiology, athletic training; Mary A. Redwine, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Mayci Nicole Schwiening, interdisciplinary child development and learning; and Tana I. Williams, kinesiology with option in exercise science.



COURTESY PHOTO

2005-2006 Texas Big Game Award for Region 4 was awarded to the Flying B Ranch in Schleicher County for this buck harvested by Timmy Browning of Austin. The white-tail scored 142 2/8 and was shot during the opening of 2005-2006 bow season. The award was presented June 3, 2006 at the Region 4 TBGA Banquet in Burnet. The trophy buck was not allowed to enter the Schleicher County Big Buck Contest because it left Schleicher County. After Browning shot the buck, hunting partner Steve Tunnell of Austin fell out of the blind dislocating his knee. Before leaving Schleicher County with his trophy and his hurt friend, Browning showed the deer to Game Warden Marco Alvizo who documented the kill.

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Ft. Hood units tapped for Iraq duty

The Department of Defense announced this week additional major units scheduled to deploy as part of the next Operation Iraqi Freedom rotation. This announcement involves several combat brigades and headquarters elements consisting of approximately 21,000 service members.

Included in the deployment are the following units from Fort Hood, Texas:

III Corps Headquarters, Fort Hood, Texas;

1st Cavalry Division Headquarters, Fort Hood, Texas;

2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; and

3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Also included in the deployment are units from:

II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.;

4th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Richardson, Alaska; and

2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

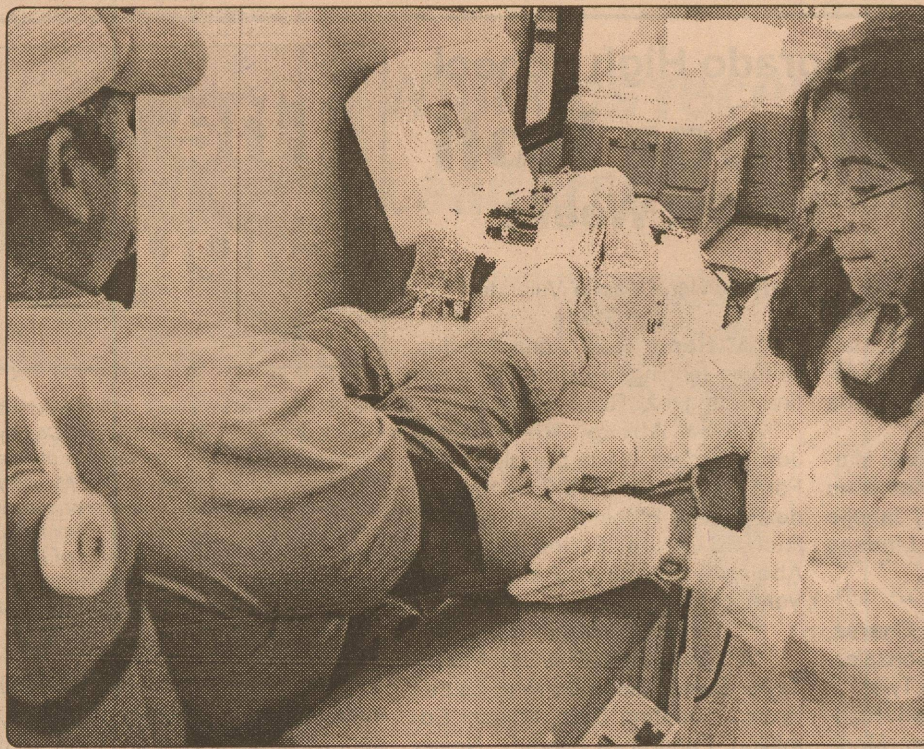
This is a follow-on announcement to the Nov. 7, 2005, press release identifying eight other headquarters, combat and combat support units for deployment. The scheduled rotation for the forces identified in this announcement will begin in late-2006.

According to a Department of Defense spokesman, force levels in Iraq continue to be conditions-based and will be determined in consultation with the Iraqi government. Deployment decisions are made by the secretary of defense at the recommendation of military commanders in Iraq.

The individual services will announce the smaller, supporting units for this rotation.

The U.S. force rotations may be tailored based upon changes in the security situation. Iraqi security forces continue to develop capability and assume responsibility for security in Iraq.

For information on the units announced today or other units involved in this rotation, please contact Army Public Affairs at (703) 692-2000 or Marine Corps Public Affairs at (703) 614-4309.



Wade Shirley (L) awaited the sting of the needle last Thursday as technician Rocky Smith (R) prepares to accept another blood donation. The blood drive was sponsored by the Schleicher County EMS and Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department to help replace the blood used by 8 year old Kathryn Kuhlmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Kuhlmann of San Angelo. In all, local donors gave twelve units of blood for the worthy cause.

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Local 4Hers compete at District 7 Horse Show

Corey T. Stevens, Schleicher County Extension Agent

Three members of the Schleicher County 4H club participated at the District Horse show in Sweetwater on Monday, June 19th. These three kids represented our county very well placing in all events they participated in.

Sunni Kate McCormick participated in Barrels and Poles. Sunni was riding a new horse and was very fast. If she would not have knocked over a barrel and a pole she would have placed very

high in both events.

McKenzie McAngus participated in the barrels, poles, and stakes. McKenzie's 24 year old horse is sure fast. She placed 6th in poles, 3rd in barrels and 8th in stakes. Each of these events had about 30 contestants.

Carli McAngus participated in barrels and poles. Carli barely beat her sister in the barrels winning second. In Carli's other event, she won 1st place in the pole bending. Carli had a really good day.

Eight local youths attend annual State 4-H Roundup

Roxanne Fentress, Schleicher County Extension Agent

Eight Schleicher County 4-H members attended State 4-H Roundup in College Station last week, June 6-9. Members placed at District 7 Roundup in San Angelo May 6 which allowed them to advance to state competition last week.

Participating in Educational Presentations were Taylor Baker, Lauren Brown, Taylor Niblett, Allison Reynolds and Chandra Wanoreck. Their presentation entitled, "Operation: Safe Kids" demonstrated their community

service project with the Eldorado Head Start students in April.

Meg Griffin and Corie Williams also participated in an Educational Presentation, "Dressed for Success". Corie Williams also participated in the Senior

Fashion Show and Natural Fibers Competition. She constructed a wool coat that placed first at District Competition and advanced to state.

Ridge Ann Sudduth participated in the Public Speaking Event with her essay on "The Living Will".

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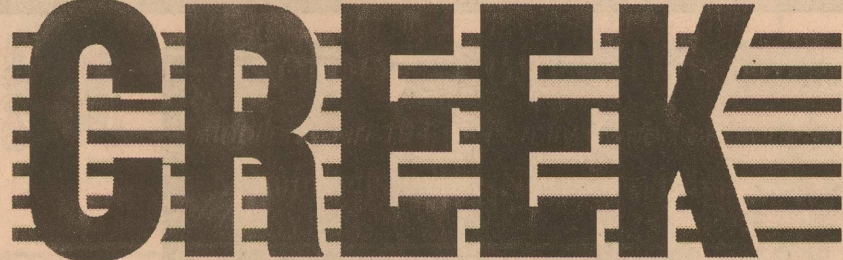
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"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Marcus Garcia, Haley Higgin, Katherine Johnson, Timothy Maskill, Janelle Pechacek, April Porras, Lindsay Pridemore

10th Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Jorge Chavez, Erika Estrada, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Chelsey Stone, Kassandra Tyler
"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Richmond Adame, Blake Chatham, Maria Contreras, Liana Danford, Jeffrey Doan, Maygen Eubanks, Adriana Granados, Luis Huichapa, Ashley Lozano, Chelsey Pridemore, Cindy Sanchez, Jorge Sanchez, Clayton Sauer, Rhap-

sody Swyter, Desiree' Valeriano

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12th Grade
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"85 & Above" Honor Roll: James Ballew, Melinda Hernandez, Caleb Nixon, Allison Reynolds, Myra Robles, Samantha Rodriguez, Frank Wipff

The Blotter

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. Incidents 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
June 13 • Holt, William Donald, male age 49, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Transfer from Tom Green County.
• Castro, Leonardo, male age 56, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Public Intoxication. Released to USBP.
June 15 • McSherry, Rachael Lee, female age 19, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Aggravated Assault. Released on \$2,000.00 Surety.
June 17 • Olson, Robert, male age 38, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
June 18 • Shipman, Leslie Wade, male age 19, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Terroristic Threat. Released \$1,000.00 Surety.
June 19 • Emiliano, Josephine, female 48, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Theft. Released on \$1,000.00 PR Bond.
• Ramos, Ruth Perez, female age 48, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Theft. Released on \$1,000.00 PR Bond.
• Chavez, John P., male age 18, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Assault with Deadly Weapon. Released on \$3,000.00 Surety.

INCIDENTS
June 14 • 10:18 p.m. Complainant reported a hunter harassment, threatened to shoot skeet toward ranch to scare away deer.
• 7:19 p.m. Complainant reported a fox out by residence.
• 10:55 p.m. Complainant reported suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
June 15 • Complainant reported lost cell phone, subject found phone and notified owner. Owner said she would be there to pick phone up when she arrived at residence to retrieve phone subject said someone else had picked up the phone. Owner of the phone didn't know who pickup the phone and phone is still missing.
• 8:09 p.m. Complainant reported two males fighting in the parking lot at local business. Officer responded.
• 10:42 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about someone that had been harassing him. Officer responded.
June 16 • 11:30 a.m. Complainant reported that a child had been followed by a suspicious person. Officer responded.
June 17 • 7:22 a.m. Complainant reported an accident 15 miles east on 190 with no injuries. Officer and Wrecker paged out.
• 8:31 a.m. Complainant reported that a tree had been struck by lightning and fell in front of a house. Officer responded.
• 8:34 a.m. Complainant reported that neighbors on El Paso Street had their music turned up loud. Officer responded.
• 8:56 a.m. Complainant reported that she had an accident. Officer responded.
• 8:10 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in her neighborhood. Complainant also advised driver held no valid drivers license. Officer was notified.
June 18 • 2:56 p.m. Complainant reported missing furniture. Officer responded.
• 3:43 p.m. Complainant reported grass fire near toenail trail.
• 6:11 p.m. Complainant reported a possible fire south of the last fire. East of the Mormons. Officer notified.
• 11:18 p.m. Complainant reported that her son was intoxicated and she was afraid of him harming her. Officer responded.

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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Females With Male Names

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. ___-relief
4. Actress ___ Flynn Boyle
8. All wound up
13. Depositor's holding; Abbr.
15. "Make it fast!"
16. Disney's Little Mermaid
17. Provo's state
18. Emaciated one
20. Tasty mushroom
22. It's assumed
23. Center-topometer line
26. Guitarist ___ Paul
27. Lobster ___ Diavolo
30. Common raffle prize
33. ___ support (computer assistance, e.g.)
34. Like Cheerios
35. Blood fluids
39. Porcine pads
42. Give a makeover to

43. Pile up
45. Raines of old films
47. Bomb of a car
52. Vane dir.
53. Vietnam's Le Duc ___
54. Sit in on
56. Aussie "bear"
58. Heavenly ram
60. Source of unforeseen problems
65. Used a cuspidor
66. Far from cordial
67. Patricia of "Hud"

68. Countoff opener
69. Things to do
70. Indiana city of song
71. Mardi Gras figure

DOWN
1. Oz creator L. Frank ___
2. One in a cast
3. Japanese beetle, e.g.
4. Chem room
5. Simile center
6. Sitar selection
7. Historic Harlem theater
8. Hot sauce
9. Libidinous god
10. Diarist Anais
11. Go out with
12. Loop trains
14. Vamp Bara
19. Feudal land
21. Lean to one side
24. Hawaiian strings
25. Shi'ites or Amish
27. Big do
28. Marsh growth
29. River of Florence
31. Person with sticky fingers
32. Guffaw syllable
35. Kemo ___
36. Outback avians
37. 10K or marathon
38. "Go ahead, shoot!"
40. Napoleon exile isle
41. Casino machine
44. Compensations for losses, e.g.
46. Utah ski spot
48. Microwave option
49. Dark Chinese tea
50. Hardly verbose
51. Hidden marksman
55. Revolutionary diplomat Silas
56. Nut job
57. Geometry topic
59. River of Hades
60. Scratching post user
61. Menu phrase
62. Calculator figs.
63. Scratch up
64. Full of guile

Females With Male Names

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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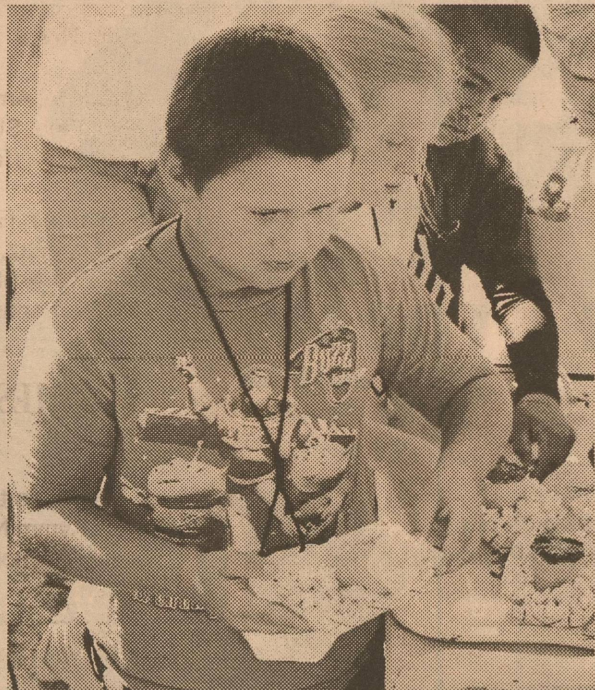
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Eldorado Spotlight



Byron Aycock was among the children participating last week in the Vacation Bible School at First United Methodist Church. He is pictured here enjoying a snack of popcorn, a cup cake and that favorite of all VBS drinks, Koolade.

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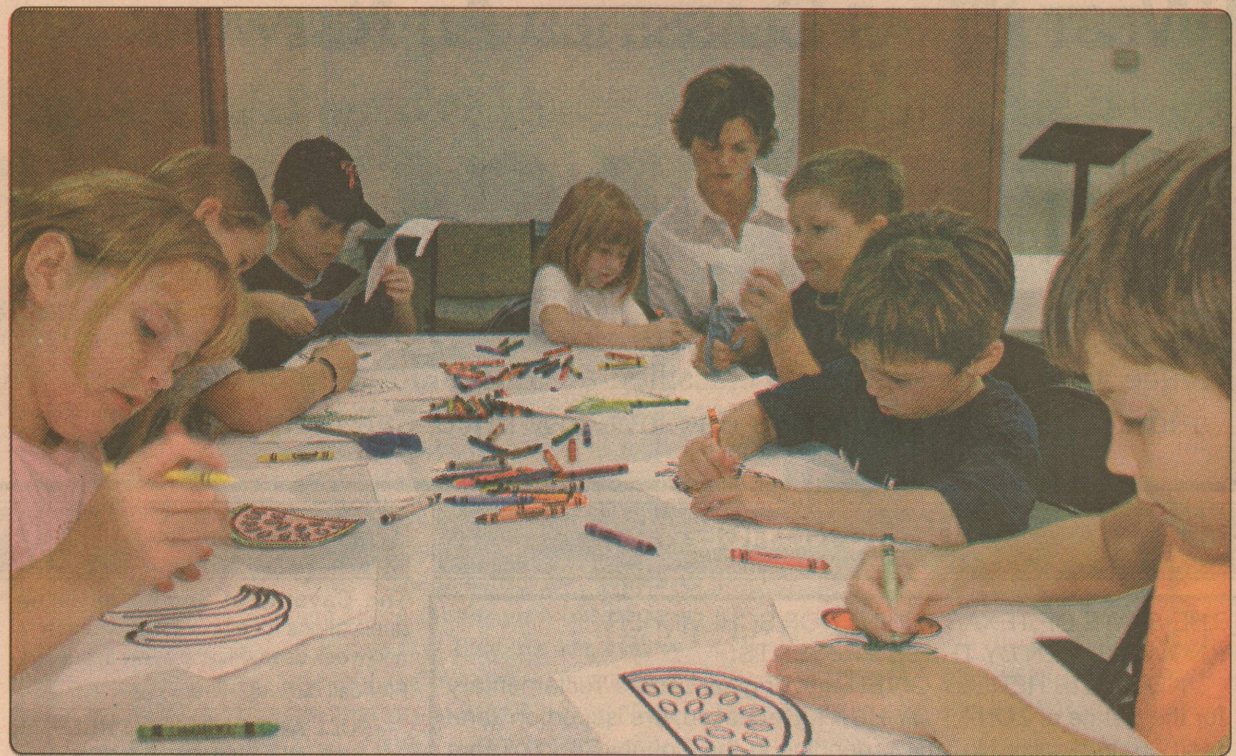
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These children are enjoying the second session of the free summer reading program open to all children every Tuesday morning at the Public Library. Extension Agent Roxanne Fentress assisted, reading "I will never, not ever, eat a tomato" by Lauren Childs. The kids enjoyed a craft project involving coloring fruits and vegetables while listening to why Charlie didn't like vegetables. Pictured here are (L-R): Balyee Griffin, Claire Wideman, Luke Wideman, Addie Jo Griffin, Roxanne Fentress, Colten Arendt, Wyatt Mertz and Clayton Arendt. "Sponge Bob Square Pants" a member of the reading club will be coming soon to the Schleicher County Library, 201 S. Main.

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USDA promotes ownership of energy-efficient homes

WASHINGTON, June 6, 2006 - In support of National Homeownership Month in June, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns today announced special eligibility considerations for low- and moderate-income home loan applicants who are purchasing newer, energy-efficient homes.

"Homeownership has always been a central part of the American Dream," said Johanns at the Stand Up for Rural America Conference. "I'm pleased that through this new initiative we can encourage efforts to expand access to new, affordable housing opportunities in rural America, while emphasizing energy conservation."

Under the special program, called Home Energy Advantage, the qualifying ratios used to determine an applicant's ability to repay a home loan may be exceeded by up to two percentage points if an energy-efficient home is purchased.

Eligible applicants to Rural De-

velopment Section 502 homeownership loan program will receive increased flexibility in their loan eligibility determinations if they are purchasing a newer home that is energy efficient. In some cases, applicants may be able to afford a larger loan amount due to the qualifying flexibility because lower utility costs associated with newer homes equate to more income that can be applied to mortgage and other debt payment in a given month.

USDA Rural Development's Section 502 loan programs are available to qualified low- and moderate-income families to purchase modest homes in rural areas. Loans can be made for up to 100 percent of the appraised value of the property. The cost of installing energy-saving features in a home,

such as insulation, storm windows and doors, as well as energy-efficient appliances may be included in the loan amount.

All new homes that are built to meet the 2000 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) or a subsequent comparable code are considered energy efficient and eligible for the two percentage point increase in the qualifying ratios. Existing homes that meet the same standard, or are being retrofitted to meet it, are also eligible. The program is a nationwide pilot, and will operate for the next 18 months.

New homes that are built to IECC standards offer considerable energy efficiency and save homeowners money in their utility costs. After the mortgage payment, utility bills are usually the

largest housing-related expense for homeowners each month. But an energy-efficient home, with such features as proper insulation, high efficiency heating and cooling systems, and energy-efficient windows, can lower utility bills significantly.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development has invested more than \$63 billion since the beginning of the Bush Administration to provide equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. As a result, more than 1.1 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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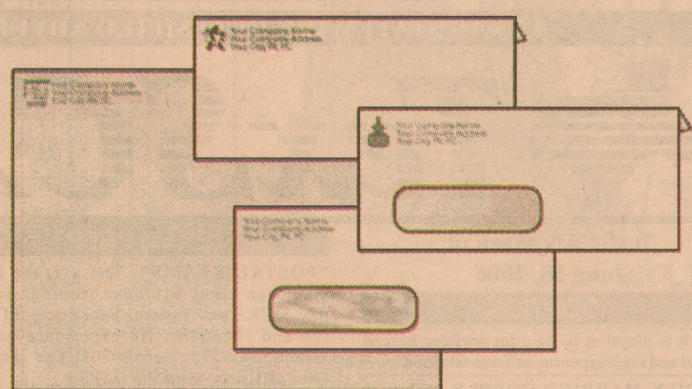
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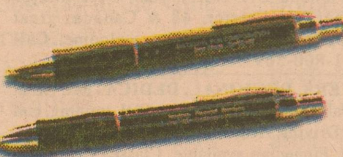
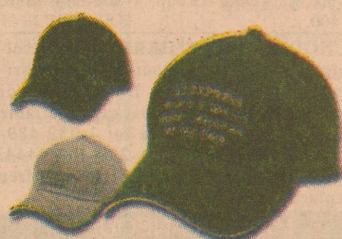
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