

EARLY SENTINEL DEADLINE FOR HOLIDAY ISSUES

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WWII Veteran, Lifelong Crystal City Resident Ed Salinas, Jr. turns 100 years old



ED SALINAS, JR.

He's seen it all -- the invention of the electronic television, the Space Age, microwave ovens, mobile phones, and the Information Age. Woodrow Wilson was the 28th president of the United States, and you could take in a movie for .20 cents in 1918.

Eduardo ("Ed") Estevan Salinas, Jr., World War II veteran and lifelong resident of Crystal City, Texas, will turn 100 years old, December 26, 2018. He's blessed to be the father of 4; grandfather of 11 and great grandfather of 19. Ed is the proud grandfather of longtime sheriff of Zavala County, Eusevio Salinas, Jr.

Ed Salinas was born on a ranch in La Presa, Texas, to Eduardo Francisco Salinas and Consuelo Garcia Salinas, also residents of Crystal City. In 1936, at age 17, he married Juanita Navarro, and they had four children - Ralph Salinas, Maria Consuelo Salinas Hernandez, Eusevio Salinas and Alicia Salinas Flores. The couple was married for 52 years.

Educated as a boy at the Holding Institute in Laredo, Texas, Salinas attended Crystal City High School, and,



after WWII, received his high school diploma from a school program offered to returning veterans.

One of less than 500,000 living WWII veterans, out of 16 million Americans who served in that war, Salinas was a corporal in the Army. Drafted in 1944, he completed basic training at Camp Roberts near San Jose, Calif. He moved out with his unit to the Presidio in San Francisco, where they awaited to be shipped overseas. After a month-long voyage across the Pacific, he disembarked in the Philippines, and was stationed there as a truck mechanic until the end of the war in 1945. In an interview given in 2011, Salinas said, "I remember the war coming to an end when the Japanese surrendered. There was a lot of screaming. We had a big celebration and a good time!" The same troop ship that took him to war brought

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Winter Garden Soil & Water Conservation District #326 Soil Tunnel Debut



La Pryor Teacher Lisa Howell with students.

On Monday, December 17th, the board of directors of the Winter Garden Soil & Water Conservation District (District) were excited to debut their recently purchased soil tunnel. The tunnel is an interactive inflatable tool approximately 15' high, 12' wide and 10' tall. The tunnel offers a walk-through experience for children and adults alike to learn what soil is, its biology, why soil is so important and the benefits of healthy soil. "We had the tunnel customized to include a south Texas soil graphic said District Secretary Randall Davidson. It is a great addition to our district's education program."

On Wednesday, December 19th, the District then exhibited the tunnel at the La Pryor ISD campus. Over 250 Pre-K through sixth grade students looked at the tunnel which includes information such as the water and nutrient cycles, the five soil forming factors, keys to healthy soils for healthy landscapes and what is alive in the soil. J. M. Villarreal and Debra Parsons were on-hand to guide the students. District Board Member Jane Rutledge was also in attendance. The district would like to send a special "thank-you" to La Pryor Elementary Principal Esequiel De La Fuente Jr. and all of the teachers for allowing us to come to their school!

If anyone is interested in having the soil tunnel exhibited at an event, please contact Debra Parsons at (830) 374-3838 ext. 3 or come by the district office located at 319 N. 1st Ave., Suite 2 in Crystal City.



Pictured Left to Right: District Chairman Mario Escobar, Board Member Jane Rutledge, Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board Field Representative Adrian Perez, District Vice-Chairman Francis Corrigan, District Secretary Randall Davidson, District Clerk Debra Parsons and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist J. M. Villarreal.

Education Service Center, Region 20 District Spotlight: La Pryor ISD

LaPryor Elementary has placed great emphasis on building a strong literacy foundation for all students. The district uses a creative approach to ensure that all elementary students in grades 2-6 receive individualized literacy instruction and support on their level. This is accomplished through the use of an RTI Team that works with each grade level every day for a "Power Hour" where students receive accelerated instruction, intervention support, and Tier 1 and Tier 2 support during the school day.

This approach, paired with the use of a Data Wall to drive PLC-based planning is credited with moving the campus from IR status for three consecutive years to achieving Met Standards for three consecutive years.

This year the campus achieved an 82 with four distinctions. #IAMTXEd For more information, please contact: Matthew McHazzlett, Superintendent at matthew.mchazzlett@lapryor.net or by calling 830-365-4000.



Pictured: Esequiel De La Fuente, Principal, Matthew McHazzlett, Superintendent and Dr. Jeff Goldhorn, Executive Director, ESC-20.



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News from your County Agent

BY MARCEL VALDEZ, CEA-ANR / TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

My wishes and hopes are that each and every one of you had a wonderful Christmas filled with much joy and happiness among friends and family. It just amazes me how fast this year has gone by and it will not be long for 2019 to do the same thing. I wish there was a way to slow down the passage of time but unfortunately that is not possible. Greetings to all of you and thank you so much for reading this week.

Pesticide Applicators CEU Meeting to be Held Friday

The annual Zavala Agrilife Extension Service pesticide applicators training and CEU meeting will be held this Friday December 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the La

Pryor School multi-purpose building located on U.S. Hwy. 57 in La Pryor.

Licensed private applicators are required to recertify every five years by obtaining 15 continuing education credits (CEU's), including two (2) credits in laws and regulations and two (2) credits in integrated pest management (IPM), prior to expiration of the license. There will be 6 CEU's offered at this training-2 in laws and regulations, 1 in IPM, 1 in drift minimization and 2 in general. There will be a \$10.00 fee for attending the meeting to cover training materials. Individuals that plan to attend must bring their pesticide applicators license or license number with them to register for the

course. For more information about this event please contact the Zavala County office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at 830-374-2883.

Camp Opportunity Available This Summer for 4-H Youth

Applications are now being accepted for Mission Possible Camp Mentors. Youth who will have completed the 8th grade in May or June of 2019 are eligible to apply. Mentors will work with the Mission Possible Leadership team and Texas 4-H Center Summer Staff to provide a safe and fun environment for all! Mentors will attend a training starting on June 30th and then attend Mission Possible camp July 1-3 working with the other mentors and campers.

This year the application is a google form and can be found on the 4-H Center Website- texas4hcenter.tamu.edu. Click on the "Camps" button and then scroll down and click the "Mission Possible Mentor Service Learning Opportunity". The application will be submitted upon completion.

All applications are due on March 19th and applicants will be notified with a decision by April 2nd. If you have any questions please

Cari Snider, Extension Program Specialist- 4-H Youth Development-Program Coordinator Texas 4-H Conference Center at (325) 784-5482.

Tip of The Week: Selecting a Girl Name For Rudolf The Red Nose Reindeer

Almost every Christmas season I like to share a little scientific humor but factual about Rudolf the Reindeer, perhaps the most famous reindeer of them all. Perhaps it really is not humor but rather the plain truth which we have been avoiding for many Christmas's now. What I want to share with you is why some day we should change Rudolf the red nose reindeer name to Rudolphina, Rosario, Raven or maybe Reta. Why you might ask. Well being a county Extension agent animal science is one of our areas of expertise and it is my duty to make sure we truly have valid animal facts including reindeer physiology.

First reindeer and caribou are the only deer where both males and females have antlers. For all other members of the deer family, Cervidae, only the males have antlers such as our beloved south Texas whitetail.

Reindeer are the domes-

ticated cousins of wild caribou—and are usually about 8 to 10 inches shorter and can be trained to pull a sleigh. Pull a sleigh they can, however flying around on Christmas night under the direction of a big fellow in a red suit might take an aerospace engineer to figure that one out and not a county Extension Agent.

While male reindeer shed their antlers at the beginning of winter (late November to mid-December), the females retain their antlers until after they give birth in the spring. Therefore MALE reindeer don't have any antlers at Christmastime. So you can't picture Rudolph as a big red-nosed macho male because he has cast his antlers already and could not have arrived on your doorstep with his antlers on, looking handsome. Instead it is a female reindeer who does have antlers at Christmastime.

I just wanted to remind people that it is never quite so straightforward and even females develop weapons when it comes to the real world of protecting their babies. As I mentioned before of the forty different species of deer in the world, only in reindeer do females have antlers in the winter time.

These females drop their antlers in spring, growing

them back in time for winter when they need their antlers to compete with other females over holes they dig in the snow to reach lichens and to provide food for their babies. Now that we have the reindeer facts let's face it, myself and other animal science gurus are probably right to state that all of Santa's reindeer are females because they're always pictured with antlers. Perhaps there is a magical reason why they fly and why the lead reindeer has a glowing red nose.

We have grown accustomed to always referring to Rudolf as the most famous macho reindeer in the world and I am afraid that changing Rudolf's name to a girl's name is out of the question, but it was worth a try.

Have a wonderful Christmas week. M.V.



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Speech therapy addresses speech impairments, language impairments such as word finding difficulties, understanding others, difficulties expressing one's thoughts and ideas; cognitive-communication impairment such as memory problems, problem

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madre de su ternura al bebe. Si esos tiempos volviera solo por una dia pero es una imposibilidad, mamisita en el cielo esta! A la rue, rue mi bene.
 7/29/2018

tampoco de tono alarmante. Era mas como mi propia consciencia que me reclamaba arrepentete antes que sea demasiado tarde. 4/11/2018

Una Voz
 "Oi una voz que me dice." La voz que escuche este dia era como un susurrar, un murmullo de dolor pero al mismo tiempo suavcito.
 Siempre era un momento muy especial entre yo y mama papa sabia que era normal la

Era de mujer porque no era brusca ni ronca de varon

Año Nuevo
 Gracias mi Cristo por el año ue ya pasado y con gratitud recibimos este año nuevo. Enfrentemos el año nuevo con el libro viejo (Biblia) siempre leyendo tu palabra. Enfrentemos el año nuevo con todas las viejas, pero verdaderas promesas que tu mi Cristo nos prometiste. Enfrentemos el año nuevo con fiejos remedios. El bengué para los dolores manzanía para el estomago etc., etc., etc. Enfrentemos el año nuevo con un animo de valentia para enfrentar cualquier problem que nos llege-Gracias mi Cristo por este año nuevo.
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Small Business "What You Need to Know"

Phyllis R. Varnon
 Prairie View A&M University
 Community & Economic Development Cooperative Extension
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Merry Christmas Everyone

Thank you for a wonderful year and following my columns each week. Your feedback is appreciated. I am sharing an article I found on the Mother Nature Network, "Earth Matters". Instead of focusing on businesses, I would like to focus this week on what we can do for others who may not have the resources or family to share this blessed time of year.

20 Selfless things to do this holiday season

MOTHER Nature Network

If the holidays are a time for giving, why do we always expect something in return? With so many people unemployed, homeless and hungry, we cannot afford to sit back and do nothing.

There are plenty of organizations around the country that are committed to helping people in need, but that shouldn't stop you from lending a helping hand this holiday season. You don't have to volunteer every waking hour or donate your retirement savings to a charity in order to give back. Even the smallest deeds, such as visiting a lonely senior citizen on Christmas Day or cooking a meal for a needy family, goes a long way.

Here are 20 selfless things to do this holiday season:

- 1. Volunteer:** Volunteering is one of the single greatest things you can do this holiday season and the rest of the year. No matter what you volunteer your time and efforts toward, volunteering is a selfless act that betters the community and brings joy to all players involved.
- 2. Donate:** Donating is another selfless act that you can participate in this holiday season. Donating is easy to do and it makes a big difference. You can donate money to a charity, donate clothes to a homeless shelter or donate food or toys to needy families this holiday season.
- 3. Fundraising:** Fundraising is another selfless way to help others this holiday season. Fundraising is the key to raising big bucks for organizations and raising awareness for cause that matters to you.
- 4. Adopt a family for the holidays:** Give a family in need a Christmas they'll never forget, by participating in an adopt-a-family program this holiday season. For each family you adopt, you'll supply them with food certificates, toys for the children, as well as

clothing or hygiene products for older kids and adults.

5. Cook a meal for others: Treat a family to a home-cooked meal this holiday season. It will mean the world to a family to have a hot meal on a cold winter night.

6. Pay it forward: Make someone's day by paying for their order in a drive-thru line or at a restaurant. They may not get a chance to thank you, but you can be assured they'll be elated by the thoughtful gesture.

7. Play Santa Claus: Instead of exchanging gifts with family and friends this holiday season, play Santa Claus by giving and not receiving. It might test your envy limits, but it will be totally worth it when you see how happy they are.

8. Listen: Taking the time to listen to a coworker who's having a bad day or a complete stranger who needs to vent will be much appreciated. Not interjecting with advice or sharing your opinion can be hard to do at times, but simply listening is much easier and just as effective.

9. Give blood: Donating blood is one of the single most selfless things you can do for others this holiday season and the rest of the year. Just one pint of blood can save up to three lives. Not everyone is eligible to give blood, so check with your local blood center to see if you can give this generous gift.

10. Help for free: Help a neighbor put up their Christmas lights, assist an elderly person when crossing the street or carry a stranger's grocery bags to their car, all for free. These simple acts of kindness go a long way and will be much appreciated.

11. Adopt a pet: Give a dog or cat a home this holiday season by adopting them from a shelter or rescue service. You'll get satisfaction from having a new cuddly companion, and your pet will have a second chance at life. Everyone wins here.

12. Give away something important to you: When it comes down to it, you'd be just fine without your GPS device, iPhone or fancy leather jacket. A true test of selflessness is to give away things that are important to you and enjoy what you already have. You can even sell your items and donate the money to a needy family or charity.

13. Participate in a food drive: Food drives of all kinds help feed families in your community during the holidays. Whether you donate canned goods, produce, turkey

gift certificates or sweets, food drives are effective at feeding the hungry. Food drives need your donations, as well as volunteers to help organize the event and deliver food to families.

14. Write letters of appreciation: This holiday season take the time to write letters of appreciation to people you truly appreciate. Think about the postal service workers, maintenance workers and even your favorite barista, who all make a difference in your day.

15. Babysit for free: It can be very difficult to find a babysitter during the holidays, when parents have shopping, holiday parties and events to attend. Make things easier for a family with young children by offering to babysit for free this holiday season.

16. Serve food to the homeless: Serving food to the homeless is a kind thing to do during the holidays. It will make a homeless person's day to have a hot meal during the frigid winter months, especially when you serve them with a big smile.

17. Send gifts to the troops: Send some holiday cheer to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan this season. Whether you put together a care package filled with holiday goodies or ship a small Christmas tree, your generous gift will make their holidays a little bit brighter.

18. Cover someone's holiday shift: Working during the holidays is a drag and it keeps people from spending quality time with their loved ones. This holiday season, why not cover the shift of a coworker who needs to see his or her family? Your time is just as precious as the next person's, but it's certainly a sacrifice that won't be forgotten.

19. Invite a loner to your house: Too often people celebrate the holidays alone. This year, why not invite a coworker or neighbor who has no one to celebrate with to your home for the holidays? Your selfless invitation will mean the world to that person.

20. Visit a nursing home: Nursing homes can be sad places during the holidays. Some residents never have visitors and often spend the holidays alone. You can make these senior citizens feel loved by visiting them during the holidays, sending them cards or gifts, and simply calling them on the phone.

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Ed Salinas, Jr.

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Juanita and Ed with their children Eusevio Salinas, Maria Consuelo Salinas Hernandez, and Ralph Salinas



Ed, left, stationed in the Philippines 1944-1945

that took him to war brought him home, and he mustered out of the Army at Ft. Bliss in El Paso. Ed Salinas is a proud WWII veteran, displaying his patriotism for his country by almost always wearing his WWII cap.

In 1994, Salinas retired from the Del Monte plant after 20 years of service, first as a night watchman, then as a receiving clerk. He was also a ranch manager for many years, working on the Bowman Ranch in Carrizo Springs, Texas, and Jacob Farms and Ranches located in Uvalde, Texas, and in Virginia. In his early years, he worked at the Crystal City

Ice Plant.

After his retirement, Salinas loved taking long slow drives around Crystal City and stopping in at his favorite bakery, Canela's, to pick up pan dulce.

You could also find him driving to and from Carrizo Springs, Texas, to visit his son, Ralph Salinas, former mayor of Carrizo Springs, tend to his ranch, and see his daughter, Alicia Salinas Flores, a former Carrizo Springs special education teacher.

Currently, Ed Salinas lives in San Antonio, Texas, at the Heights on Huebner, senior living community. Salinas will be celebrating his centen-

nial birthday at El Chaparral Mexican Restaurant in San Antonio, where more than 40 family members and friends will gather with him to toast the milestone event.

Despite all the new inventions he has witnessed in the last century, the things Ed Salinas most cherishes in his life are visits from his family, an occasional shot of tequila, good Mexican food, and reading the *Zavala County Sentinel*, which he has delivered weekly.



Ed Salinas, Jr.

Sul Ross State University graduates

The following graduates received their degrees from Sul Ross State University on Saturday, December 15, 2018. They graduated during the spring commencement ceremony held in the John Harrell Auditorium at Uvalde High School in Uvalde.

Austin Jacob Gómez graduated from Sul Ross State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in General Business. He resides in Crystal City and is the son of Gerardo and Jessica Gómez, also of Crystal City.

Gladys Rios earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Sul Ross State University. She plans to earn certification as an Early Childhood-Grade 6 Generalist. She is the daughter of Ramon and Elicia Rios and they all make their home in Crystal City.

Romanita Urrabazo of Crystal City graduated from Sul Ross State University

with a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. She will earn certification to teach Grade 4-8 mathematics. She is the daughter of Isaias and Aurora Urrabazo, also of Crystal City.

Miguel Amoles, cum laude,

with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology.

John David Guajardo with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a minor in History.



It's a boy!

Baby Isaiah Jordan Washington was born to Jessica Jimenez and Donnie E. Washington Jr., of Carrizo Springs, Texas at Dimmit Regional Hospital. He was born at 11:43 a.m., on Friday, December 14, 2018. His weight was 7 lbs., 10 oz., and measuring 20 inches in length. Obstetrician Michael Owolabi, MD and Pediatrician Gerardo Enriquez, MD.

It's a boy!

Baby Kamila Rose Ponce was born to Araceli Ponce and Ramon Pichardo Jr., of Carrizo Springs, Texas at Dimmit Regional Hospital. She was born at 7:21 a.m., on Saturday, December 8, 2018. Her weight was 6 lbs., 15 ½ oz., and measuring 19 inches in length. Obstetrician Michael Owolabi, MD and Pediatrician Abelardo Doria, MD.

Mi Pildorita Semanal
Por Conny Balderas

"...Felices de verdad son los que tienen a Dios como el Señor." -Salmo 144:15
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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— Respectfully, Tracy O. King and family

Remember to "Render!" Taxable property renditions are due April 15.

Does this apply to you?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

What is a rendition?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing renditions is April 15.
- An automatic extension to May 15 is available if requested in writing by the April 15 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days to an owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render, or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

ZAVALA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
323 W. ZAVALA ST.
CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS 78839
(830) 374-3475

¡Recuerde rendir la declaración de los impuestos!

Declarar los impuestos de la propiedad imponible vence el 15 de abril.

¿Aplica esto a usted?

Esto aplica a usted si es el dueño de propiedad personal tangible utilizada para producir ingresos, tal como equipo o inventario de un negocio.

¿Qué significa rendir la declaración de impuestos?

Una rendición de los impuestos es presentar un informe a su distrito de tasaciones del condado que liste toda la propiedad imponible de la que es usted dueño o que controlaba el 1ero de enero de este año. Muchas veces esto se refiere a muebles, equipo fijo o inventario del negocio.

¿Qué ventajas tiene declarar los impuestos?

- Usted brinda su opinión sobre el valor de la propiedad.
- Usted brinda su opinión sobre el valor de la propiedad.
- Registra la dirección exacta con el fin de recibir la factura de los impuestos a la dirección correcta.
- En caso de que el valor de la propiedad depreciara, usted puede presentar un informe del valor depreciado.

¿Cuál es la fecha de vencimiento?

- El último día para presentar la declaración de los impuestos del 15 de abril.
- Puede solicitar una extensión automática al 15 de mayo por escrito en o antes de la fecha límite del 15 de abril.
- El jefe de tasaciones puede conceder 15 días adicionales después de la fecha de vencimiento al propietario que muestre razón justa por escrito.

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Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$25,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes. It doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the age 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling for age 65 or older or disabled homeowners. The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is age 55 or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses age 55 or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling to a new home.

If you are a disabled veteran, surviving spouse or surviving child of a disabled veteran, you are entitled to an exemption of a portion of the appraised value of your residence homestead. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans, and their surviving spouses.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your residence homestead. Surviving spouses of veterans who qualified for this exemption or who would have qualified for this exemption if it had been effective at the time of the veteran's death are also eligible with certain restrictions.

If you are the surviving spouse of a U.S. armed services member killed in action, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your residence homestead.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home last year, you won't need to reapply unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file an application for exemption. If you are age 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you became age 65. And if you became disabled, you may file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications before May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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Serenity Gutierrez, Dulce Saenz, Timothy Cardenas and David Hernandez

TOY DRIVE ENDS December 14, 2018 at LDZ
The annual Christmas Toy Drive is one of several community service projects organized by Lorenzo de Zavala Elementary. Students and staff donated toys which will be distributed to the Winter Garden Women's Shelter and Santa Claus. We thank you for your generosity and kindness. Happy Holidays!

Gifted and Talented make trip to San Antonio



Lorenzo De Zavala Elementary 3rd and 4th grade GT students took a field trip to the San Antonio Museum of Art and Briscoe Art Museum. Thank you to SAMA for giving each student free passes to come back another time!

Nicholas Zavala named to Fall 2018 Dean's List



The honor roll lists for Graceland University's 2018 fall term have been announced, and Nicholas Zavala of Crystal City, TX, has been named to the Dean's List.

Graceland University students with a GPA between 3.25 and 3.64 are named to the dean's list. Congratulations, Nicholas! Graceland commends you on your academic success.



CCHS National Honor Society 2nd Annual Toy Drive

It is that merry time again and the time of caring and sharing. The National Honor Society hosted the second annual toy drive. The NHS collected over seventy items, toys and clothes for the Wintergarden Women's Shelter.

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Match the Promise Scholarship applications deadline is Dec. 31

(AUSTIN) — Comptroller Glenn Hegar today reminded Texans that the application deadline for Texas Match the Promise Foundation scholarship awards is Dec. 31, 2018.

Match the Promise scholarship awards are available for fifth through ninth graders:

- who are beneficiaries of a Texas Tuition Promise Fund* (TTPF) account, the state's prepaid college tuition plan;
- whose families have an annual income of \$100,000 or less; and
- who are Texas residents and the dependents, for tax purposes, of Texas residents.

Families who do not currently have a TTPF account can find information about establishing one at MatchThePromise.org, or they can call 800-531-5441, ext. 3-7570.

The Match the Promise Foundation, in cooperation with the Comptroller's office, offers these competitive matching scholarships to encourage Texas families to save for college. Approved recipients can receive scholarships of tuition units worth up to \$1,000 at today's prices, while top-scoring recipients also can receive one-time grants of tuition units worth \$2,000 at today's prices.

"Eligible families across the state can apply for Match the Promise scholarships," Hegar said. "And the prepaid college tuition plan could be a great way to help families save for their children's higher education."

To be considered for a scholarship, students must write a career essay and meet other requirements. If approved, recipients will have until Aug. 31, 2019, to meet the contribution requirements of the scholarship program.

Match the Promise is funded by individuals who have donated the cash value of property held in the state's unclaimed property program, as well as by donations from individuals, businesses and organizations and by state employees through the State Employee Charitable Campaign. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt public charity and is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions from Texans.

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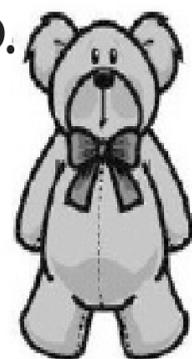
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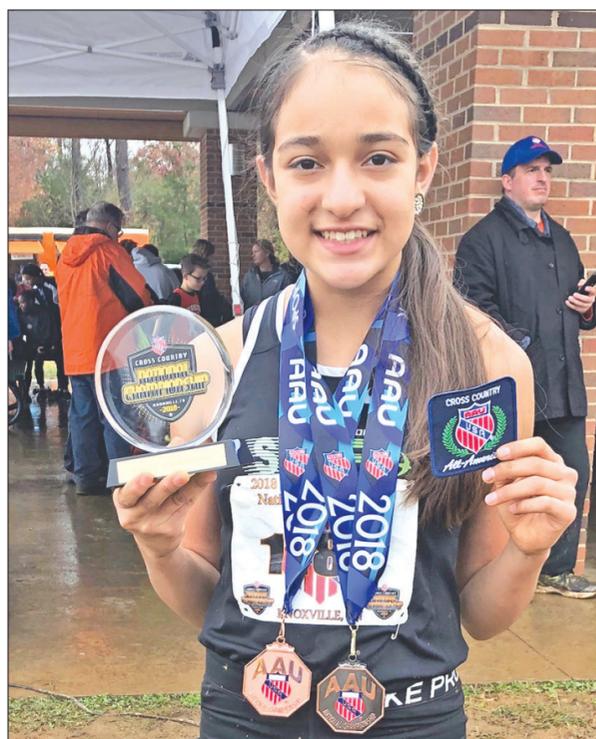
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Madeleine Huerta earns All-American honors for the 4th time



It doesn't matter the name on the uniform or what jersey or colors she wore; Madeleine Huerta's dominance goes beyond names, apparel, and even state borders.

The 11-year old runner from Crystal City, Texas, has competed in six (6) AAU National competitions in her brief running career and has earned the status of an All-American running star in four (4) of these National Championships in the past three years.

Huerta's most recent conquest was on Saturday, December 1, at the AAU Nation-

al Cross-Country Championships in Knoxville, Tennessee, where Huerta competed with over 200 girls in the 11-year-old division.

This premier cross country national championship attracts runners from across the nation each year as well as Canada, Bermuda and Puerto Rico and featured over 200 runners from the state of Texas alone.

Over 2,000 participants took their marks at the starting line of the cross-country course at Victor Ashe Park, located in the heart of Knoxville. The rigorous 2-mile

course posed some difficult challenges for all runners since rain had poured down in the area for several days prior to the races making the course completely saturated, muddy and sludgy.

Huerta competed with San Antonio Swift Track Club where she placed 20th overall in her division while Swift Track Team finished 3rd place and earned team medals and a trophy as well.

"I knew it was going to be a tough race because I had never run in the mud before but I also knew I would not give up. I always have a great feeling when I train hard, and I push myself to do good," stated Huerta.

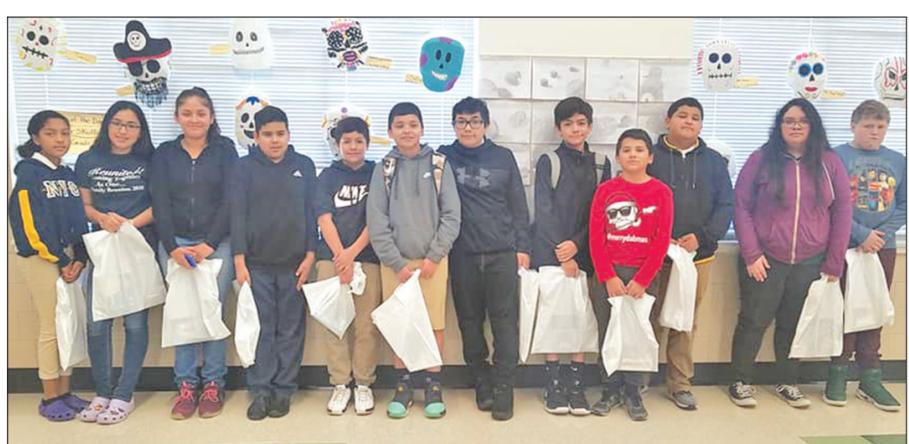
Up-to-date, Huerta has proven to be a powerhouse in the long-distance running world being able to captivate fans from throughout Texas and the nation. Her best time in the 3,000 m run is an 11:15.3. Her goal is to break eleven minutes this coming summer on the track as she will defend her AAU Region 19 Championship Title in Texas.

She began her running days at 9 years-old as a 3rd grader participating with Team ACTION Youth Running Club in the Spring of 2016 where she continues to turn heads with her astounding performances. This 2018 XC season, she was recruited by San Antonio Swift Track Club to be able to complete a team and have a shot at the National Title.

Ultimately, Huerta is a hard worker and a tough competitor. She sets her sights on goals and has every intention of pursuing them because she has a passion for running and loves representing her little hometown of Crystal City.

Huerta is a 6th grade student at Benito Juarez Middle School. She is the daughter of Robert and Ann Marjorie Huerta and the granddaughter of the late Armando C. Torres and Margarita Flores of Crystal City and the late Jose T. Huerta and Rosemary Huerta of Harlingen.

Madeleine "Maddie" Huerta would like to thank all of her fans and supporters and her coaches that have trained her. Special thanks go to Elisa Urrabazo-Hernandez and Regina Lazcano of Team ACTION and Nathan Alvizo of River City Runners and Lorenzo and Marissa Villarreal of Swift Track Club. God bless!



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From the Files of the Zavala County Sentinel

APRIL 14, 1933

The scholastic census has been completed and shows a total for the county of 4043, as follows: Batesville 106, Loma Vista 42, Cometa 92, La Pryor 624, and Crystal City 3170. This is 152 more than last year.

Decoration Day services were held at the Edgewood Cemetery Sunday afternoon. This service is usually held on May 30, but due to the fact that the flowers are more abundant now than they may be later, the association agreed on an earlier date. Owing to so many Crystal City friends attending funeral services for Mrs. A. W. Ferguson held at Pearsall the crowd was not as large as usual.

W. A. Butler received a letter last Friday that was mailed to him at Lundale, W.Va., on January 8, 1925, more than eight years ago. The writer of the letter wanted a job and was writing to Mr. Butler, who was at the time employment agent for a coal mining company in West Virginia. The letter had been in the mail somewhere all these years.

Now you can buy a Chevrolet six-cylinder closed car for as little as \$445. Jack Eubank Chevrolet Company.

On Monday afternoon, Harold Harkey Jr., little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harkey, celebrated his sixth birthday at this home a few miles from town. A group of kindergarten pupils helped him enjoy this occasion. Attending were Martha Manifold, Jerry Greer, Rose Rives, Jimmy Mortensen, Joyce Urban, Helen Cox, Barrie Cox, Jeanette Holmsback, Sarah Katherine Wooten, Anna Katherine Gardner, Jeanette Stone, Mike Moore, Jerry Bookout, Edith Day, Sonny Day, Barbara Lynn Ezzell, Chula Schanack, Jack and Dan Riggs, Nan Marie Miller, Camila Cosby, Mozelle Williams, George Henry Jay, Billy Barker, Eddie Zimmerman and Charles Webb.

MARCH 22, 1946

The California Packing Corporation canning plant made its initial run this week, canning spinach. They are prepared and plan to can other produce, but right now are working the spinach.

Receiving their honorable discharge from the Navy at the U.S. Naval Personnel Separation Center, Camp Wallace, Texas, were James R. Dickens, seaman second class, and Joel P. Payne, boatswain's mate second class.

La Pryor was without water from Saturday morning until Monday morning when the city's water system pump ceased to draw anything but air out of the 500-foot well. It was found, upon investigation, that the water level has fallen at least 30 feet and thus lay below the shaft. More shafting was ordered, but by early Monday morning the water level had risen once more, enough to send a very little water through the pipes of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Guillaudeu announce the engagement of their daughter, Floriene, to E. D. Sorrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Sorrell of the Cometa community.

Bruce Ivy returned home Sunday with his discharge from the service. He was a staff sergeant and for the past six months he was stationed in Birmingham, Alabama at the Replacement and School Command Army Ground Forces.

H.C. Barker returned last Thursday and has his honorable discharge from over three years' service in the Pacific which most of the time he spent on Okinawa.

March 29, 1963

Twenty new apartments were added to the Housing Authority of the City of Crystal City. The Authority has accepted the 10 new buildings from Robt. L. Guyler of Lampasas, building contractor. Constructed at a cost of \$194,900, the new units are built as duplexes and are located at ten different sites throughout the city.

G.E. Garrett was elected president of the Crystal City Rotary Club Tuesday. Other officers elected were Wayne Hamilton, vice president, and Alvin Morris, secretary. Directors are John B. Lair, Chuck Valentine, and James Dill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel P. Payne announce the engagement of their daughter, Judi, to Howard Chapman. Mr. Chapman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Chapman. A June wedding is planned.

The La Pryor Chamber of Commerce met March 21, at the M&M Café with 19 members present. W. D. Cornett was re-elected president; Charles Kone, vice president. The offices of secretary-treasurer were combined and was given to G.B. Pitts. Elected directors were Kirby Atwood, Mrs. W.F. Koehler and Mrs. Ernest Ashby. George Gonzales and G.B. Pitts were appointed to collect money for the street light fund.

A group of employees at the CalPak plant held a dance last Sunday night. "Los Hermanos Cardenas" from Uvalde played the music and a large crowd attended. Miss Angie Morin had been elected queen of the festival but was unable to attend so Miss Gloria Pulido received the beautiful bouquet of flowers presented by Armandina Perez, Mary Ledesma and Feliz Rodriguez.

March 29, 1973

Mrs. Joyce Allen was hostess for birthday party honoring her granddaughter, Stacy Ann Hodges, on her fourth birthday. Stacy Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Hodges of Uvalde.

Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Davalos are proud to announce the birth of a son, Pedro Davalos Jr. He was born March 14, at Dimmit Memorial Hospital, Carrizo Springs.

Candidates for City Council in April 3 election: Manuel M. Garza, Roberto Cornejo, Ramon Rios Mata, Jose D. Cuevas, Eliseo C. Sanchez Jr., Richard Diaz. Candidates for school trustee: Ramon G. Garza, Ernesto Olguin, Viviana Santiago, Miguel Perez, Elfego Martinez, Jose R. Mata.

Arts and Crafts classes, under the sponsorship of IMAGE, are continuing each Wednesday and Thursday nights. Teachers are Amado Pena, Mike Gutierrez, Henry Barker, and Juan Torres.

Elvira Heredia, Belia Avila, Mary Trevino, Concha Saucedo and Rosario Rodriguez attended the wedding of former resident Rosario (Chari) Martinez in Nueva Rosita, Coah., Mexico.

The Gold Star 4-H award has been presented to Janet Payne and Ricky Day for their outstanding achievements in citizenship, leadership, and their unselfish contribution to the Zavala County 4-H program.

Looking into the Sentinel Photo Vault.



1983 - TRACK TEAM - Members of the Crystal City High School's girl's varsity track team are pictured here. They are, front row from left: Jackie Arriaga, manager, Letty Lopez, Margot Tellez, Esther Olivo, Matilde Arranda, and Alicia Belmarez; back row, Coach Jane Rodriguez, Elizabeth Torres, Rasorio Arenas, Jackie Trejo, Dalia Riojas, and Estella Martinez. Not pictured are Terri Sepulveda, Rosalinda Sepulveda, Tina McNiel, and Guadalupe Ortega.

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22. Tropical constrictor
23. E.B. White's Little
26. What siren does
29. Not a thing
30. Bear the expenses of
33. Between larva and adult
35. In a fitting way
37. Neighbor of Ger.
38. Up and about
39. Unadulterated
40. Excessive protection
42. Middle-earth creature
43. No balance due
45. *Winter Gathering spot
47. Resident uncle?
48. Diarist Anne
50. *Christmas pudding raisin
52. *Done with #8 Across
55. "Fahrenheit 9/11" filmmaker
56. **The stump of a _____ he held tight in his teeth..."
57. Pout
59. Machu Picchu mountains
60. Snaky swimmers
61. Wild swine
62. Words from Wordsworth
63. Kind of humor
64. Southern stew staple

8. *Hot chocolate add-on
9. One with biggest share
10. Olden-day elbow-related measurement, pl.
11. Do after tie
13. Formal discussion
14. "Bite the bullet," e.g.
19. Verbose
22. Beyoncé, a.k.a. Queen _____
23. Finger move
24. *Angler's accessory
25. U in UV
26. Uber alternative

27. Your own teacher
28. Sudden stream
31. Box office failure
32. *Hot Buttered _____
34. St. Louis monument
36. Time for relaxation, pl.
38. Change, as in U.S. Constitution
40. "_____'s the word"
41. Grey's fifty
44. Female sirs

46. Hands on hips
48. Marketing give-away
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Solutions for December 19 puzzles

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Hurd Statement on significant Chinese Cyber Aggression

WASHINGTON, DC – In response to the recent announcement by the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation to counter Chinese national security threats, former CIA undercover officer and cybersecurity entrepreneur U.S. Representative Will Hurd (TX-23), who chairs the House IT Subcommittee and serves on the Homeland Security and Intelligence Committees, issued the following statement:

“We are in a hot war with China, and cyber space is the battle space. I’ve said time and time again that we must play nice with nice guys, and tough with tough guys. This is no different. There must be consequences for digital attacks that compromise our national security.”

‘China views hacking as a means to attain leadership in advanced technology and 21st century great power politics and is currently working to improve its position at the expense of other nations. This systemic breach was undertaken by a hacking group, APT 10, with clear links to the Chinese Ministry of State Security, clearly violating

our countries’ shared cyber commitments from the 2015 Xi-Obama Memorandum. I applaud today’s announcement, which sets a clear tone that the United States has zero tolerance for China’s deliberate efforts to steal our information and technology. Attribution is a deterrent against future cyber attacks, and we must continue to expose bad actors that threaten our intellectual property and national security.’

‘As Chair of the IT Subcommittee I have been working since 2015 to improve our federal government’s ability to defend our digital infrastructure against cyberattacks. I am pleased that last night, the House and Senate passed a bipartisan national security package that ensures the Department of Homeland Security has the authorities to do just that, including establishing a process for the federal government to address critical supply chain risks to our digital infrastructure. I urge the President to sign the SECURE Technology Act into law as soon as possible so we can begin to take action.’”

DSHS Encourages People to Get the Flu Shot

In conjunction with National Influenza Vaccination Week, the Texas Department of State Health Services reminds people it’s not too late to protect themselves and their loved ones from flu. Vaccination can help reduce the risk of flu and its potentially serious complications. People can find out where flu shots are available at texasflu.org or by contacting their health care provider.

“Last flu season was severe, and the U.S. saw a record number of flu-related hospitalizations and pediatric deaths,” said Dr. Jennifer Shuford, DSHS Infectious Disease Medical Officer. “We have no way of knowing if this flu season will be milder or just as severe as last season. We are recommending all Texans 6 months of age and older get their flu vaccine as soon as possible.” Vaccination is especially important for older adults, infants, pregnant women and people with chronic health conditions because they are at greater risk of developing serious complications from the flu.

Influenza is a contagious disease caused by one of a number of related viruses. Flu symptoms may include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches and

fatigue. The onset of symptoms is sudden, and people should stay home until at least 24 hours after their fever is gone except to get medical care. People experiencing symptoms are encouraged to seek treatment promptly. Antiviral drugs may shorten the duration or lessen the

severity of the flu if started within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms.

People can help stop the spread of flu by getting vaccinated, washing hands frequently, covering coughs and sneezes and staying home when they’re sick.

Letter to the Editor

To all 1968 graduates of Crystal City High School:

Has it been 50 years since our graduation? yes it has, so I want to reminisce of how great it was to live and graduate from Crystal City High, nothing more rewarding. I also give thanks for having been given the opportunity to play basketball at Crystal City High and having a chance to be the Varsity boys Basketball Head Coach from 1976 to 1978 that was another great experience.

To those who are still alive and to those that have passed

away I am thankful for our time together and I would not trade my time living in Crystal City, Texas. And having had the opportunity to have coached professional basketball, as an NBA assistant coach and as a head coach in many professional teams around the world, when asked where i was from or how I got started, I always said with pride, Crystal City, Texas and Crystal City High. ALWAYS A JAVELINA.

Sincerely,
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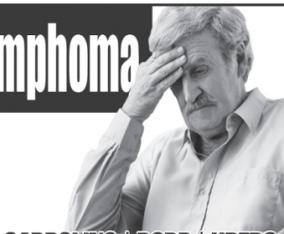
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¿Quién cumple con los requisitos para las exenciones disponibles?

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¿Debo solicitar la exención anualmente?

No. Si usted recibió la exención residencial de la propiedad el año pasado no es necesario solicitar nuevamente a menos que el jefe de tasaciones así exige. Por otro lado, si usted no ha recibido la exención en la residencia actual o se mudó a una nueva residencia usted debe que presentar una solicitud de exención. En caso de cumplir 65 durante este año, puede solicitar la exención por edad de 65 o más hasta un año después de que cumplió 65. Si se vuelve discapacitado, usted puede solicitar una exención para personas con discapacidades.

¿Dónde y cuándo debo solicitar la exención?

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All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. George Cowden III P.C., Attorney for the Estate of Harry F. Thompson, Jr., 17319 San Pedro Avenue, Suite 120, San Antonio, Texas 78232. (210) 476-8494 Telephone. (210) 476-8499 Fax. Email gcowden@cowdenlaw.net.

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OBITUARY

REY DAVID "KING" GARCÍA



Beloved father, son, brother

Rey David Garcia was born in San Antonio, Texas to his parents Armando, Jr. and Diana Garcia. He went to sleep on Wednesday night and woke up in heaven on Thursday, December 13, 2018, at the age of 37. He died peacefully at home.

"King", as he was known by friends and relatives, was a caring person who always extended a helping hand to anyone who needed it. He had a gift for business and loved cars. He grew up in Crystal City and attended CCISD schools.

He and his fiancée, Stephanie Orona, moved to Corpus Christi to continue their education but eventually returned to Crystal City when she became ill and was diagnosed with lupus. Nine years after Stephanie's death he met and fell in love with Samantha Guajardo.

His only son, Matthew Rey David Garcia, was born in San Antonio on September 30, 2014. He loved being a father and Matthew was his pride and joy.

Rey David Garcia, gone but never forgotten. We will miss your kindness, laughter and beautiful smile.

He was preceded in death by his father Armando Garcia Jr.; stepfather Jesse Gamez; fiancée, Stephanie Orona; paternal grandparents, Armando and Guadalupe Garcia; maternal grandparents, Manuel and Enriqueta Palacios. King is survived by his son,

OBITUARY

RAMONA G. LUNA

Ramona G. Luna of Crystal City, Texas was born September 20, 1926 and passed away December 17, 2018 at the age of 92.

Mrs. Luna was preceded in death by her husband, Agustin Luna; daughter, Yolanda Luna; brother, Gabriel Garcia; sister, Socorro Garcia. She is survived by her sons, Alberto Jose Luna (Antonia), Hector G. Luna; daughter, Margarita Luna Contreras (Pete).

Mrs. Luna is also survived by 6 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Thursday, December 20, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and a Rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. at Castle Ridge Mortuary in Crystal City, Texas.

Funeral Service was at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 21, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment followed at Benito Juarez Cemetery in Crystal City, Texas on Friday, December 21, 2018 Funeral services entrusted to Castle Ridge Mortuary-Crystal City.

Matthew Rey David Garcia; son's mother Samantha Guajardo; mother Diana Palacios; brother, Armando "Sonny" Garcia III, sisters, Eva Contreras, Amanda Ramirez (Joe), Margaret Garcia. Mr. Garcia is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were Sonny Garcia, Jesse Garcia, Jr., Ventura Gonzales III, Ricky Cumpian, Jordan Lara, Juan Orona, George De Hoyos, Angel Gonzales, Joe Ramirez, Eddie De Hoyos, Ricardo Fernando Mendoza, Mingo Flores, Ricardo Guevara, Dino Torres, Patrick Flores, Ricky Garcia and Rocky Bosquez. Honorary pallbearer Steven Roy Mendoza

Visitation was held on Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Monday, December 17, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Crystal City, Texas.

A prayer service was at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, 2018 with Pastor, Javier Martinez officiating. On Monday at 5:00 p.m. with Rev. Dino Espinoza officiating and at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor, Pole Moncada officiating.

Funeral Service was at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at Templo Emanuel officiated by Rev. Dino Espinoza. Interment followed at Edgewood Cemetery.

Funeral Services entrusted to Castle Ridge Mortuary-Crystal City.

OBITUARY

CRYSTAL CITY ISD

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

- Bus Driver
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS

CRYSTAL CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S

State Financial Accountability Rating
2018 School FIRST
(Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)

Crystal City ISD will hold a public meeting at
5:30 p.m., January 7, 2019

At the Crystal City ISD Central Administration Offices, 613 W. Zavala St., Crystal City, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform Crystal City Independent School District's community of the Status: "Passed" and a Rating: C = Meets Standard. The rating is based on the School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas), the Texas Education Agency's system developed to monitor and improve the management of the District's financial resources.

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IF YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE YOUR SOIL HEALTHIER, YOU SHOULDN'T SEE IT VERY OFTEN.

In other words, soil should always be covered by growing plants, their residues, or a combination of the two. Keeping the soil covered all the time makes perfect sense when you realize that healthy soils are full of life and that the microorganisms living in the soil have the same needs as other living creatures. They need food and cover to survive.

When you have a vegetative cover on the soil, especially a living cover, you offer those microbes both food and shelter. Some scientists say when you till the soil and remove crop residues, the effects are as devastating to soil microbes as a combination of an earthquake, hurricane, tornado, and forest fire would be to humans. From the perspective of the living creatures within the soil, a tillage tool like a chisel shank has the effect of ripping the ground like an earthquake; removing residue is like a tornado ripping the roof off a house; uncovered soil can be drenched and whisked away by gushing water and wind like that of a hurricane—or scorched in the hot sun like an out-of-control fire.

STOP THE SPLASH, HARVEST THE BENEFITS

When a falling raindrop explodes as it hits bare soil, it dislodges unprotected soil particles, and begins the process of soil erosion. Cover crops and plant residue prevent that violent splash on soil, protecting soil aggregates from being pounded by falling raindrops.

Safe from disintegration by the hammering energy of raindrops, the structure of healthy soils remains intact, which prevents soil crusting. In this protective environment, water infiltrates the soil and becomes available to plant roots.

A mulch of crop residues or living plants on the soil surface also suppresses weeds early in the growing season, giving the primary crop a competitive

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advantage. This is especially the case if the cover crop is rolled prior to planting the main crop because the entire soil surface is covered and protected.

Cover crops can build moisture reserves far better than row crops can by themselves. Cover crops open pores and small channels in the soil for better water infiltration, and the organic matter they build helps retain both moisture and nutrients.

The cool, moist soil of cover crops also provides favorable habitat for many organisms that decompose residues and recycle nutrients for the next crop. Providing a good habitat for these organisms can increase residue decomposition, and improve nutrient cycling, by up to 25 percent.

LIVING PLANTS GO BEYOND COVER

While it's easy to see the importance of giving the soil protection above the ground, it's not always as easy to recognize benefits living covers provide below the surface.

Through their roots, living plants offer soil microbes their easiest, most reliable food source. Because these soil microbes need a consistent food source throughout the year to thrive, cropping plans that include crop rotations with cover crops throughout the growing season (or perennial grasses and legumes) can help sustain them year-round.

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Living in the Rhizosphere



Every soil organism has something it eats...and something that eats it. Each organism and each bit of plant residue is important to the complex food web under the soil surface. While each source of microbial food is important to a balanced food web in a healthy soil, there is no better food for soil microbes than the sugars exuded by living roots.

Living plants maintain a rhizosphere, an area of concentrated microbial activity close to the root. The rhizosphere is the most active part of the soil biology because it is where the most easy-to-eat food is available for microbes. It's also critical for plant growth and health, because those microbes, in turn, provide essential nutrient cycling for crops.

Because living roots provide the easiest source of food for soil microbes, growing perennial crops or long-season cover crops is the key to feeding the foundational species of the soil food web—so they'll be healthy and ready to perform throughout the primary growing season.



Judge Joe Luna and County Commissioner Jesse Gonzales visit with district directors at tunnel debut

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