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**Property Tracking System Improves Vision Of Eyes Of Texas**

AUSTIN — Texans now can register an inventory of their personal property, report property that has been stolen or check whether an item they are attempting to buy has been reported as stolen.

Trace.com, a subsidiary of MyThings Inc., is collaborating

with the Texas Police Chiefs Association, the Texas Department of Public Safety and more than 500 local Texas police departments and sheriff's offices to make Texas stolen property files available to the public at www.trace.com/.

The Trace online database includes all identifiable prop-

erty reported stolen to the FBI by Texas law enforcement agencies. Texans can access the Trace database, free of charge, to:

- Research items before purchasing them to determine whether or not they are stolen.
- Report recently stolen property to law enforcement.
- Create a secure, anonymous inventory of their valuable property that could aid in recovering the property if it is ever stolen.

**Windstorm coverage rates to rise**

Mike Geeslin, Texas Insurance commissioner, OK'd windstorm insurance rate increases of 8.2 percent for residential and 5.4 percent for commercial properties, effective Feb. 1, 2008.

The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association had requested a 10 percent increase for both in a filing made this past August.

Geeslin said the increase is part of a strategy to improve the financial health of the windstorm association.

**Parks agency touts upgrades**

The Texas Parks & Wildlife

Department says "Christmas came early this year" to dozens of state parks throughout Texas, thanks to lawmakers and voters who voted for more funding for parks.

Already, the agency said, many of the more than 200 new state park employee positions have been filled, repairs of long-neglected facilities have begun or will soon begin, and days and hours of park operations are being extended.

And, because of the increased funding, park visitors will not only notice better maintained park facilities, but also will benefit from more interpretive programming, reopened camp grounds and trails, and better customer service.

The 80th Texas Legislature passed legislation to provide \$25.6 million for park operations and the hiring of park staff during the 2008-09 biennium.

Lawmakers also appropriated \$52 million in bonding authority to fund state park repairs, sending the measure to voters for approval. In the Nov. 6 election voters approved Prop. 4, allocating \$25

million to dry-berth the Battleship Texas to ensure its long-term preservation and another \$27 million for infrastructure repairs throughout the eight state park regions.

**Court emergency plan in works**

The Texas Supreme Court appointed a task force to begin design and implementation of an emergency program to prevent or manage disrupted court operations throughout the state in emergencies.

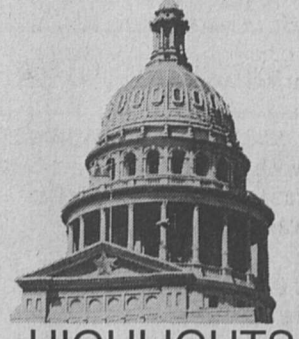
The 16-member "Task Force to Ensure Judicial Readiness in Times of Emergency" will identify existing gaps in court security, abilities to operate and other preparedness functions and response policies, procedures, and programs within the Texas judiciary.

The task force will develop an interim plan to fill gaps it identifies in the beginning, then design an emergency management program, oversee it and work with court officials and others outside the judicial system to install it.

"Normal court operations may

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

be at risk during an emergency," Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson said. "Our courts must be able to quickly deploy personnel, equipment, vital records and technological support so that the rule of law is preserved and substantial rights are protected."

Denise Davis of Austin, special counsel with the Baker Botts law firm and former parliamentarian of the Texas House of Representatives, will chair the task force. The first meeting is scheduled for Dec. 13.

**Taco Tony's Mexican Restaurant**  
 20 Calhoun Road • Eagle Lake  
 979-234-3984

**Breakfast Specials:** Mon.-Fri., 8 to 11:30 a.m.

**Lunch and Dinner Specials**  
 Mon.-Fri. Beginning at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**Buffet Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

**Hours:**  
 Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.  
 Fri. and Sat.: 8 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.  
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

*Let's Look Back...*

**24 & 48 YEARS AGO**

**November 10, 1983**  
 Airman Donald G. Massey, son of Kay M. Massey of East Bernard has graduated from the U.S. Air Force munitions maintenance course at Lowery Air Force Base, Colorado...

Kathy Ishee of Eagle Lake and Ricky Miller of Garwood have been selected to receive the American Farmer Degree, the highest degree offered by the FFA (Future Farmers of America). Kathy and Ricky will be awarded the degree at the 56th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri...

Last rites were held October 27 for R.M. "Doc" Hagan of Yoakum, brother of George Hagan of Columbus, at St. Joseph Church in Yoakum with Rev. John Peters officiating. Entombment was in St. Joseph Mausoleum.

**December 10, 1959**  
 Howard C. Johnson, Eagle Lake businessman and high school math instructor, took over as acting postmaster Friday morning to succeed Hargrove Smith...

Two local men are substitute teachers at the high school. Carl Seaholm, Jr. is teaching math

formerly instructed by Howard Johnson who was appointed postmaster and Clifford Wiese is teaching History classes formerly taught by Ben Cobb who has taken over as high school principal...

Mrs. E.B. Uzzell has added a dress salon to her figure control facilities, Slenderella Room...

Miss Ruth Ann Tate became

the bride of Clifton Marshall in Thanksgiving Day rites, November 26 at 7:30 in the evening...

Carl Seaholm, III was honored by his mother with a weiner roast on his seventh birthday December 4 at 4:30 p.m....

Friends of Mrs. H. Lee Johnson met with her Saturday afternoon for her 82nd birthday.

**THIS IS D.Q. COUNTRY SPECIAL**

**Any Royal Treat \$1.99**

Offer good Through Dec. 2

**New Hours**  
 Sun.-Thurs.-10 am - 10 pm  
 Fri.-Sat.-10 am - 11 pm  
 979-234-3541  
 We Now Accept Visa & Mastercard  
**EAGLE LAKE DAIRY QUEEN**  
 100 Boothe Drive

**Tips From Sally Garrett**  
 County Extension Agent

**Healthy and FUN Holiday Gifts for You!**

It is all too easy to put on pounds over the holidays by eating too many goodies and getting too little exercise, says Sally Garrett, Colorado County Extension Agent.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension recommends that while shopping for holiday gifts, buy one or more of the following fun fitness-related items for yourself.

By doing this they say that you can rev up your physical activity level without increasing your stress level.

Also for the greatest benefit, the University recommends that you open "your" present at the beginning of the holiday season.

**Pedometer.** A recommended walking goal is to build up to an average of at least 10,000 steps daily (approximately 5 miles).

Turn your holiday shopping and cleaning into a step-a-thon! Make some extra quick trips up and down the mall and shopping becomes an aerobic activity.

**A workout video or DVD.** It is like having a personal trainer on call. Consider the fun factor - try something different, such as a dance video.

You can buy everything from tap dance to salsa workout videos. Don't worry about following the steps - when you care dancing by yourself, there are no toes to step on!

Be sure to buy a video or DVD that is appropriate for your fitness level.

Check to make sure you don't buy an advanced level video of a workout if you consider yourself at the beginning phase.

**Stability or balance ball.** Try sitting on a stability ball while you watch that favorite TV show.

The continuous adjustment and readjustment that your body makes on the ball will help strengthen core muscles.

Plus, it is a lot of fun and a great stress reliever to bounce up and down. All that bouncing can burn a few extra calories too!

Check the instructions on the box to purchase the ball size that is right for your height.

**A new cookbook.** You will burn more calories standing to cook than in activities spent sitting down.

According to an interactive tool, "How Many Calories Did You Burn" on WebMD.com, a 140 pound person might burn 80 calories during a half-hour of cooking.

A passive sitting activity, such as watching television from your favorite chair, burns about 32 calories.

While these are estimates, you get the idea. Just 50 extra calories of activity daily - the difference between the 2 activities, could lead to a weight loss of five pounds a year. An added benefit is a delicious meal.

**MP3 player.** If you have wanted to buy an MP3 player, this is a terrific time to do it.

This device is great for enjoying music or recorded books - whether cleaning the house or taking a brisk walk. It might motivate you to take an extra turn or two around the block or burn calories cleaning an extra room to finish a book chapter or song.

Be sure to check with the salesperson or other knowledgeable source about the amount of memory you will need with your MP3 player.

You want to have the capacity to hold the number of songs, books, etc. for your intended use.

These ideas would also be great gift items for your loved ones.

Help them also keep off unwanted pounds and reduce stress during the coming holidays.

**Deputy Santa Deadline Dec. 1**

Colorado County Sheriff R.H. Wied, announced that the "Deputy Santa Program" for 2007 is getting underway at the Colorado County Sheriff's Office with a little bit of a change. Sheriff Wied announced that this year the Deputy Santa Program's focus will be a bicycle drive.

In the past year's the Deputy Santa Program has collected toys of all kinds for children ranging from the ages of ten and under, but this year we are striving for a new ambition. The Deputy Santa Program will be collecting the bicycles (20-inch and smaller), tricycles, wagons, big wheels, scooters, and safety helmets only.

The Deputy Santa Program has already purchased 60 bicycles to kick off this year's event. Sheriff Wied has set our goal high, so let's see just how many bicycles can be collected during this time for distribution to our needy children

throughout Colorado County.

Sheriff Wied is asking local businesses and citizens to please donate new and unused items only.

The drive will be for one week only. It will begin on November 26 and end on December 1. These items, assembled or unassembled, may be dropped off at the Colorado County Sheriff's Office, 215 Walnut Street, in Columbus.

Last year, over 300 children in Colorado County were provided toys to brighten their holiday season. Without help from you, the citizens and local businesses, they would have had a less fortunate holiday season.

The Deputy Santa Program has an account at the Columbus State Bank for individuals or businesses interested in making a cash donation. Please be sure to include your name and address on the deposit slip when making

your donation.

Remember that the items needs to be dropped off the week of November 26 to December 1. This ensures adequate time for Deputy Santa helpers to assemble, organize and determine whether additional items need to be purchased by the Deputy Santa Program.

The items will be distributed by Deputy Santa himself during the week of December 17 through the 21 to selected needy children.

Should you have any questions concerning the "Deputy Santa Program," or contributions, please feel free to contact Karen Schobel at 979-732-2388 ext. 224.

Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied is aiming to make the Deputy Santa Christmas 2007 another overwhelming success with this bicycle drive, and wants to thank everyone in advance for your support towards the Deputy Santa Program.

**The Eagle Lake Headlight's Kris Kringle Cash Giveaway**

Count the number of symbols in advertisements in this edition and submit your guess in writing to the Headlight by Monday, Dec. 3 (including symbol on this entry form)

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A drawing of all the correct entries will be held to determine the winner

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Two winners will receive a **\$25 gift certificate** to any one of the businesses advertising in this edition.

**Kris Kringle Cash Entry Form**

(Return to The Headlight by 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3)  
 PO Box 67, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

My Guess Is \_\_\_\_\_ (including symbol on this entry form)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to use my certificate at \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be business advertising in this week's Headlight)

One Entry Per Person

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