

## **Briefly**

#### Reception

On Tuesday, November 5 1991, from 5:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m., the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary will be sponsoring a reception for the following people at the Cauthorn Memorial Building (Depot): Dr. Gene Roger, Mrs. Bridget Roger and John Hempel.

All public are invited to attend and welcome these people to the Sutton County community.

#### Social security

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his November visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse on Thursday, November 21st, between 9:30 a. m. and 10:30 a. m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

#### The More the Merrier

For more information about the More the Merrier Christmas bazaar call 387-2858.

#### ICA

The Independent Cattlemans Association will have their monthly business meeting and dutch treat supper on November 4, Monday evening at 6:30 P.M. at

## **Covino the** artist is a teacher too

#### By Griffin B. Cole

One trip to Marble Falls and Frank Covino has established a whole new career.

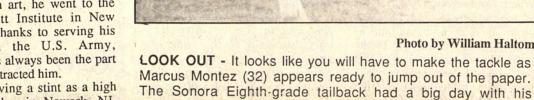
Well-known artist Frank Covino, 60, visited Sonora last week as part of his 38 city workshop tour. Sonora has become a regular stop for Covino since beginning his workshop series back in 1984.

The workshop series started when Covino received a call from a woman in Marble Falls who invited him down.

"The classes snowballed and it began a whole new career," said Covino who described the tour as a kind of crusade.

While Covino has always been interested in art, he went to the famous Pratt Institute in New York City thanks to serving his country in the U.S. Army, teaching has always been the part which has attracted him.

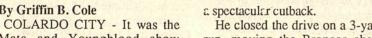
After serving a stint as a high school teacher in Newark, NJ,



details.

District race now a complete mess

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He closed the drive on a 3-yard run, moving the Broncos ahead 19-0 and closing out the scoring.

yards on 19 carries and Mata 141 yards on 21 carries.

teammates last Thursday against Eldorado. See page 6 for

**New Publisher/General Manager** announced at The Devil's River News

Sonora, Texas 76950

Bill Foster Regional Group News effective immediately.

(155-920)

In making the announcement Bill Foster stated, "The Devil's River News is fortunate to have an individual of Molly's journalistic experience and talent join its staff. She is sure to be an asset to both the newspaper and community." Molly had previously been employed at the Devil's River News from January 1990 to October 1990. During this period of time Molly served as office manager and advertising manager. Previous to her return to the Devil's River News, Molly had been self employed.

Molly stated,"I'm glad to be newspaper."

Manager of the Community Weekly Division, Thomson Newspaper of Ballinger, Texas has announced that Molly Zimmerman has been named Publisher/General Manager of the Devil's River

Upon returning to the News



#### MOLLY ZIMMERMAN

returning to the Devil's River News. I look forward to serving the community and the

# **Time getting short** on prison issue

#### By Griffin Cole

An information session with the County Commission revealed that time may run out on a prison proposal for the Jan. 15, 1992 deadline.

Lewis Allen, who informed the

acquisitions, but apparently has run into a brick wall.

"My understanding is that there is not anything solid," said Allen.

Overall, the status of the project appears murky and it remains to be seen whether anymore work will be done on the proposal.

the Sutton County Steakhouse. Virgil Polocek will be on hand

to update the members on the endangered species act.

All members and interested persons are urged to attend.

#### Trick or treat

Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home will be having a "Trick or Treat" between the hours of 6:00 p. m. and 8:00 p. m. on Halloween evening, October 31, 1991.

#### Halloween raffle

The Sutton County Senior Center will be raffling two afghans on October 31, one pastel crocheted afghan and one potpourri afghan.

All proceeds to benefit the Sutton County Senior Center. Tickets are available from all Committee on Aging members and at the Senior Center.

#### **Book fair**

The Sonora Woman's Club is organizing a Book Fair. Now is the time to clean out your bookshelves and take your donations to the library. Don't forget that set of old encyclopedias, paperbacks, big print and condensed Reader's Digest, youth and children's books.

Let Librarian Florie Mesa know if you need a receipt for tax deduction purposes.

Please bring your books before February 28, 1992.

#### **DRN** Deadline

The deadline for information to be included in the Devil's River News is 12 noon Monday for the following week's paper.

Information can be brought to the office located at 220 N. E. Main St. or mailed to the same address.

For pictures taken on Monday or Tuesday a two day notice should be given to our office.

Mata and Youngblood show Friday in Colorado City.

By Griffin B. Cole

The starting backfield of Danny Mata and Adam Youngblood each had their best nights of the season combining for 345 rushing yards as the Sonora Broncos shutout Colorado City 19-0 in District 6-3A action.

Sonora dominated the first half

	C. City
First Downs	13
Rush-Yards	30-82
Passing	12-27-1
Passing Yards	\$ 138
Total Yards	220
Penalties	3-20
Punts	3-23.6
Fumbles	5-2
	First Downs Rush-Yards Passing Passing Yards Total Yards Penalties Punts

Sonora 13 6 0 0 - 19 0 0 0 0 - 0 C. City **1st Quarter** 

7:59 Son - S. Escalera, 10 run, (Robles kick) 2:47 Son - Chalk 10 pass from

Faris, (kick failed)

#### 2nd Quarter

6:57 Son - Youngblood, 3 run, (pass failed)

amassing 269 total yards and scoring all three of their touchdowns.

"The blocking was extremely crisp, especially the first half," said Bronco head coach Bob Bellard.

Mata and Youngblood were able to take advantage.

Youngblood was the more flashy of the pair. He had a run of 28 yards on the opening drive which led to a Shannon Escalera touchdown run of 10 yards.

"The push on the front line was excelient," said Youngblood. "I was three yards downfield before I was even touched."

On the second drive, Youngblood exploded for a 53 yard run.

Sonora closed that drive on the next play when Brian Faris hit Larry Chalk with a 10-yard touchdown pass.

On the Broncos fourth drive Youngblood jaunted for 55 yards when he broke a pair of tackled at the line and avoided two others on

As flashy as Youngblood was, Mata did his job blue-collar style.

**Broncos rush past C-City 19-0** 

It was Mata's turn when crucial yards were needed. Six of his carries resulted in first downs, onethird of the Broncos total.

While Mata was crediting the front line, "The linemen worked harder that they had ever worked before," Youngblood was crediting Mata for his yardage, "They were keying on me and leaving Danny open up the middle. Then when I got the ball it made it that much easier."

Overall, Youngblood gained 204

The defense recorded its third shutout of the year.

Photo by William Haltom

"We anticipated them throwing the ball and wanted to make sure we applyed pressure," said Bellard.

The Wolves threw the ball 27 times and completed just 12 for 138 yards.

More importantly the Broncos sacked the quarterback five times and made him hurry the ball maybe twice as many times.

"We were in a pinch running though the middle," said Chris Perez, "it was practically a straight rush.'

Perez was in on a couple of Please see Broncos, page 2

commission on behalf of the ad hoc Economic Development Committee, said, "In my opinion there is just too much ground to cover to prepare a proposal for this Jan. 15 siting that will be done."

Allen said that he was strictly speaking for himself and not for the other members of the committee.

One of the hurdles continues to be purchase of land for the site. About 300 acres is required for the project.

Allen said Carl Tcaff has been making inquiries into possible

Allen did offer some new information which was gained from the Dilly package.

The proposal included two bond issues.

Allen said the first was for \$550,000 which went toward site and improvements. That included purchase of the land and roads.

The second bond issue was for \$2.5 million and went toward water works and sewer system improvements.

Neither of the bonds were voted on.

## SONORA SPEAKS OUT

**QUESTION:** If the Presidential Elections were held this November 5th, would you vote for President Bush?



EARL J. JOHNSON Store Manager

"No. Because our economy is going to pieces. He's spending too much time overseas. He started out good but it's all gone to pot."



Secretary

"Yes. He did a good job in Saudi Arabia. I think he's a fine President."



Bookkeeper

"Yes, I would vote for President Bush. He has the qualities of a leader."



JEANETTE TURNER **Program Assistant** 

"Yes. I think he's done a real good job and I think he will continue to do so."

LORAINE SURBER

## **Just Chatting**

**By Griffin Cole** 

**DRN Publisher** 



## The newspaper man

One of the things that always makes me smile is being known as "The picture man" to the younger kids in the school system. Every time I heard that, I was reminded just how fun this position really is.

I spent one year and seven months as publisher and have so many memories my mind sometimes hurts when I think.

How about the famous line by Decky Spiller during the Centennial celebration in August 1990, "Look, this one is already bloating." Of course, he was talking about me (or at least my stomach) when I was put on a board after being shot.

Kent Kepler recently reminded me of that. It's a shame I missed him, he was a real asset to this community.

Last summer I umpired many little league games. This one time Zach Kerbow had been chasing a few wild pitches, had a couple of passed balls and finally a kid laid down a perfect bunt. Zach fielded it and threw it about 10 feet over the first baseman's head.

He turned, looked at me, and with a wry smile on his face said, "It's really been a bad day."

I laughed so hard I was on my knees.

**For Your** 

A lot of funny lines have been tossed around the office.

Everybody hates to insert the papers. You always get ink all over and it's boring besides.

While everybody hated it, the sales person always seemed to be the worst. They were always disappearing just as the papers would get in.

It was really amazing. None of the sales people that worked here knew each other, but they always had the same attitude. The lines were the same, "I need to go sell some advertising," or "I need to go get my kids."

Never heard was, "Hey, let me help doing that."

Then again, there were always comments about me having to take pictures at just moments when it seemed all hell would break loose.

What can I say? It's called publisher privilege.

And speaking of privilege, that's just what it was to work at the Devil's River News for the city of Sonora and Sutton County.

As for the office gang, Linda, Sandra Luz, Corie, and Danny, it was always a lot of fun.



## Holiday season just around the corner

For the upcoming holiday season, here are some quantity cooking amounts. The list is figured for 100 people, but it can easily be reduced to 25 by simply dividing by 4, or reduced to 50 by dividing by 2.

Coffee, 3 lbs.; loaf sugar, 3 lbs.; cream, 3 quarts; whipping cream, 4 pts.; milk, 6 gallons; fruit cocktail, 2-1/2 gallons; fruit juice, 4 No. 10 cans (26 lbs.); tomato juice, 4 No. 10 cans (26 lbs.); soup, 5 gallons; oysters, 18

hamburger, 30-36 lbs.; chicken for chicken pie, 40 lbs.; potatoes, 35 lbs.; scalloped potatoes, 5 gallons; vegetables, 4 No. 10 cans (26 lbs.); vegetables, 4 No. 10 cans (26 lbs.); baked beans, 5 gallons; beets, 30 lbs.; cauliflower, 18 lbs.; cabbage for slaw, 20 lbs.; carrots, 33 lbs.; bread, 10 loaves; rolls, 200; butter, 3 lbs.; potato salad, 12 quarts; fruit salad, 20 quarts; vegetable salad, 20 quarts; lettuce, 20 heads; salad dressing, 3

## Covino

Covino worked at Famous Artists School in Westport, Conn. The school was a coorespondence art school.

The 1960s brought a cultural boom to the United States and soon the school was up to 90 instructors. For Covino it was great.

"I would get photos of people who were obviously poor and this was the only way he would get an education," said Covino.

The only problem was the school operated on the knowledge there would be a 75 percent dropout rate. With the cultural boom the dropout rate fell and soon the school was out of business and Covino had to strike out on his own.

Covino did very well on his own, "But I missed the teaching." He started teaching privately,

but ran into a problem. "I soon realized if any painting was to come out of that class looking like the model I would have to do it," said Covino.

The students just were not able to draw the model properly. Covino said he looked back at an old Italian system which allowed for a graph to help draw what was to be painted. Covino couldn't exactly use that since he could divide up the model.

So, he took a picture of the model and divided the pictures into boxes. The same was done with the picture frame.

"All I did was solve the problem," said Covino.

Soon though, his students were drawing better, even when the graph was not used.

From there Covino went on to write several books, got involved in skiing and body building which also resulted in several books.

After that though, came the call in 1984 from Marble Falls and Covino has used the tour to spread his "gospel" on art.

## What is Sutton County **Underground Water Conservation District?**

Submitted by Michael W. Smith

Since I have started setting up a new office and begun my duties as district manager, I have become conscious of the fact that many people are not aware of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District and it's function as a taxing entity. I hope the following article will answer some questions which I have

In early 1985, the Sutton County commissioners appointed a committee to develop the framework for an Underground Water Conservation District for Sutton County. An attorney was hired' as was a consultant to provide professional help to the committee in providing for this framework. Several local hearings were held to gather input from the community. After these hearings, a local election was held to create the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District. The District was created as a governmental agency and body politic and corporate to exercise those rights, powers and functions provided by Chapters 51 and 52 of the Texas Water Code under H. B. 1161 article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution.

to provide water for feeding livestock and poultry connected with farming, ranching, or dairy enterprises.

D. Water wells to supply water for hydrocarbon production activities, regardless of whether those wells are producing that are associated with any well permitted by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

However, water wells exempted under this section shall be registered with the district and conform to district rules pertaining to installation, equipping and maintenance.

Also, a District created under this chapter on or after the effective date of H. B. 2, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985, shall automatically grant a permit for each well in that district that is not exempt under this chapter and that is in existence on the date the district is created. The board shall adopt rules of these permits and shall grant a permit immediately on receipt of application for a permit. On issuance of a permit for a well under this subsection, the well is subject to the jurisdiction of the district, but the permittee may not be required to change or alter the



#### DRN photo by Griffin B. Cole

ADVICE FROM THE TOP - Frank Covino explains the finer points of painting to Ruthie Cahill during Covino's workshop in Sonora Saturday. Covino visits Sonora on a yearly basis to share his knowledge.

## Broncos

#### sacks.

Shannon Escalera was all over the field and was among the top tacklers in the game. He said the team effort was fantastic, "It was our best game as a team. We worked better together."

The victory puts the Broncos back on top the district standings which are now all messed up.

In a shocking outcome, Kermit defeated Greenwood and Reagan

County shelled Crane. That leaves everybody in the district with at least one loss.

Sonora, Reagan County and Crane lead the way at 2-1, Kermit follows at 1-1-1 then Greenwood at 1-2 and Colorado City at 0-2-1.

The race may clear up some as the Broncos host Greenwood while Colorado City and Reagan County hook up and Crane will play Kermit.

## New stamps to convey « holiday greetings for **Christmas season**

Six new First-Class stamps ring in the 1991 holiday season and are now available at local post offices.

The traditional Christmas stamp, designed by Bradbury Thompson of Riverside, Connecticut, features the Madonna

beneath a Christmas tree; ascending a chimney; and riding his sleigh into the wintry night.

The traditional Christmas stamps are available in panes of 50 and booklets of 20. Additionally, the contemporary stamp featuring Santa descending a chimney is available in panes of 50 stamps. All five contemporary stamps are included in an innovative fivepane booklet, with one design per pane of four stamps. This is the first time the Postal Service has extended a Christmas issue to multiple designs in a booklet. With this format, customers wil! be able to select a particular design without separating other stamps to get to it.



quarts; weiners, 25 lbs.; meat loaf, 24 lbs.; ham, 40 lbs.; beef, 40 lbs.; roast pork, 40 lbs;

quarts; pies, 18; cakes, 8; ice cream, 4 gallons; cheese, 3 lbs.; olives, 1-3/4 lbs.; pickles, 2 quarts and nuts, 3 lbs. sorted.

## **Health news**

#### by Dr. Rico J. Forlano

As we age, the vertebrae in our spine lose their smooth shape; the spinal muscles lose their elasticity, weaken, harden and the disk shrink. The aging process causes the spinal column to become distorted losing its flexability and strength which puts stress on the spinal nervous system, which is the lifeline of the body.

The disks are the bodies shock absorbers between the vertabrae in the spine. By the age of 40, 80% of males and 76% of females exhibit moderate disc degeneration.

Spinal degeneration causes the disk degeneration. Spinal degeneration happens with age but it is not a "normal" part of aging. People who have accidents, falls, and athletic injuries are more likely to suffer from disk and spinal degeneration.

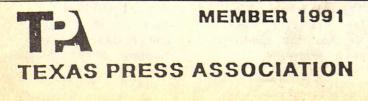
Chiropractic spinal manipulation can decrease the speed at which the degeneration occurs. If you have had an accident or some type of injury you should have a spinal evaluation when you are younger, before the degeneration cause symptoms of pain and stiffness.

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The District was created to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharge and prevention of waste of the underground water consistent with the objectives of the Texas Constitution and Chapters 51 and 52 of the Water Code.

The powers and duties of the District as permitted by Chapters 51 and 52 of the Water Code (these are State laws not District laws) include but are not limited to the following:

1. Make and enforce rules to provide for the conserving, preserving, protecting, recharging and preventing waste from underground water reservoirs that may be enforced by injunction or other appropriate remedies in a court of competent jurisdiction.

2. Require permits for the drilling, equipping and completion of wells in the underground water reservoirs and issue permits subject to terms and provisions with reference to the drilling, equipping and completion of the wells as may be necessary to prevent waste and preserve the underground water.

\*\*\*\*\* Sec. 52.170 of the Texas Water Code allows the following Exceptions; Limitations:

The District may not require a permit for:

A. The drilling or producing of a well drilled, completed and equipped so as not to produce more than 25,000 gallons of underground water a day.

B. The drilling or alteration of the size of a well or to restrict the production of a well if the water produced or to be produced from the well is used or to be used to supply the domestic needs of 10 or fewer households and a person who is a member of each household is either the owner of the well, a person related to the owner of the well or a member of the owner's household within the second degree of consanquinity, or an employee of the owner.

C. The drilling or alteration of the size of a well or to restrict the production from the well if the water produced or to be produced from the well is used or to be used

well as a condition for the issuance of this initial permit.

3. Provide for the spacing of wells producing from the underground water reservoirs and regulate the production from those wells to minimize as far as practicable the drawdown of the water table or the reduction of the artesian pressure, provided, the owner of the land, his heirs, assigns, and lessees are not denied a permit to drill a well on their land and the right to produce underground water from that well subject to rules adopted under this act.

4. Require records to be kept and reports to be made for the drilling, equipping and completion of wells into any underground water reservoir and the taking and use of underground water from those reservoirs and require accurate driller's logs to be kept of those wells and a copy of those logs be filed with the District.

5. Carry out research, collect and preserve information regarding use of underground water, publish and provide information to users of underground water within the District.

These are just a few of the reasons for the District's existence.

I feel the primary purpose is to provide local involvement with the proper state and federal agencies involved in underground water business. The creation of an underground water conservation district coupled with this involvement with the proper agencies will in turn help the district assure the availability of a clean and adequate supply of underground water for the residents of Sutton County.

If anyone has questions regarding the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District or our proposed rules and regulations (we will be having local hearings in the near future) please phone 387-2369 or come by our office in the Mercantile Building, Suite 101. We have copies of the State Water Code available.

and Child from the painting "Madonna and Child with Donor." The original painting, by Italian Renaissance artist Antoniazzo Romano, is on display at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Five contemporary holiday stamps, designs by John Berkey of Excelsior, Minnesota are heartwarming scenes reminiscent of Santa's visit on Christmas Eve. Santa Claus is depicted waving as he descends a chimney; checking a Christmas list; placing gifts



#### DRN staff photo by Danny Diaz DeLeon

DIRT ROUNDUP - A Sonora resident helps "Davy Crockett" and "Gregorio Esparza" get dirt from the Sutton County Courthouse lawn. "The Great Fiesta Texas Dirt Roundup" is collecting dirt from each county in Texas for use at the Fiesta Texas musical theme park in San Antonio.

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# **Ross - Buchholz wed Oct. 19**

Mary Kathryn Ross and Robert Raymond Buchholz of Driftwood were married October 19, 1991, at the Ross Ranch Home. The Rev. Clay Hall officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Joe David Ross of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas D. Buchholz of Eldorado.

Maid of honor was Bonnie Helm of Baytown. Bridesmaid was Katherine Remmert of Houston. Flower girl was Frances Buchholz of Dripping Springs.

Best man was David Buchholz of Dripping Springs. Groomsman

## New arrival

## **Preston O.** Love, III

Mr. and Mrs. Preston O. Love Jr. of San Antonio are proud to announce the birth of their son, Preston O. (Trey) Love, III on October 20, 1991. Trey weighed 6 pounds 8-1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He is welcomed home by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Henson of Lubbock; paternal grandparents, Mrs. Norma Jo MacDonald of Jayton and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Love of Sonora;

was Ken Johnson of El Paso. Ring bearer was Clayton Hicks.

Ushers were Joe Will Ross and David Lee Ross.

Mrs. Buchholz is a 1988 graduate of Sonora High School and is a senior majoring in animal science at Texas A&M University.

Her husband graduated from Dripping Springs High School. He attended Texas Christian University and completed the ranch management program.

The couple will live in Driftwood.

Need to send it in a hurry? Then FAX it! at the Devil's River News. Call 387-2507 or come by and speak to Sandra!

## **Out and about town**

#### **By Corie Avila**

Happy birthday wishes go out to Robert Matthew Avila who will celebrate his 3rd birthday November 4th.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to George Arredondo who will celebrate his birthday November 4th. Love, Mom.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Glady's Noriega who will celebrate her birthday November 4th. Love, Mom.

## Ask the Historical Society

by Sutton County Historical Society What happened to the town called Wentworth?

In the 1880's A. J. Winkler ran a ranch south of present day Sonora. In 1885 he drilled a well on the property, Winkler's Well.

By 1890 a small town was growing around the well and a name change was made to Wentworth, after P. H. Wentworth.

We have been told that at one tents, a feed barn and a combination school, church and lodge building.

formed an election was held to decide where the County Seat would be. The principals in the election were Wentworth and Sonora. In an article in the November 8, 1890 issue of the Devil's River News there is an unofficial ballot count of the election which shows Sonora getting 126 votes and Wentworth

## **Card of thanks**

The Daisy Girl Scouts Troop 54 would like to say thank you to these local businesses for their donations and support: L&H Grocery, Sutton County National Bank, Devil's River News, State Farm Insurance, Westerman Drug and the Sonora Observer.

## **Card of thanks**

Thank you to those of you who sent cards, letters, flowers, food and your prayers during my recent stay in the hospital and during my father's death.

Belated Happy Birthday wishes go out to Alex Castro.

Wishing a speedy recovery to Ralph Gonzales, Sr. All of your friends and family wish and pray that you will be up and around very sson.

Remember you have anything that you would like to have put in the Out and about column, call or come by the Devil's River News. Thank you.

When Wentworth lost the race some of their people moved to Sonora, some went to Gwynn (a small settlement that was located on the T-Half Circle Ranch), some went on to other counties. The combination school, church and lodge building was brought to Sonora in September of 1891 and the downstairs was used as classrooms for the already overflowing Sonora school, the

> upstairs the lodge room. In the space of a few years the town of Wentworth ceased to exist. There were three graves, that we know of, in the tiny cemetery across the draw south of Wentworth. This cemetery and the land where Wentworth stood is now privately owned.

> We would greatly appreciate any pictures, stories or information on Wentworth you might like to share with the Historical Society as we have very little in our files on this former town.

> If you have any questions regarding Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society Column," P. O. Box 885, Sonora, Texas 76950-0885 or call 387-5144.

## **Card of thanks**

Alison is home and recovering, thanks to the help of Dr. Pajestka and the hospital staff and to members of the EMS: Special thanks to Officer Bryn Humphrey for the teddy bear, and for all the caring people in Sonora.

Mike and Linda Carroll and families

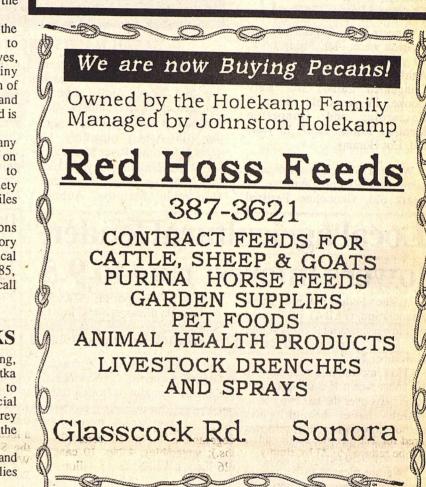


Happy Halloween

If you are interested in a career as an Auto Mechanic, & have a High School diploma or a G.E.D. & are low income, you may qualify for sponsored training at NO COST to you!

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After Sutton County was

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time there were twelve dwellings in the town, a store, numerous

maternal great-grandmother Mrs. Marzee Wright of Lubbock and paternal great-grandmothers Mrs. Preston S. (Alma) Love of Sonora and Mrs. Eva Gaydon of Lubbock.

## **FAMILY VIOLENCE** What can you do?

BECOME INFORMED -Gather all the information you can about domestic violence, contact programs and services in your area that assist battered women and their children. These programs not only offer women safety, but also provide advocacy, support, and other needed services.

Sometimes your own feelings about the violence may make it difficult for you to confront the situation. Contact your local domestic violence hotline or program and talk to the staff about your concerns. Battered women's advocates can be an excellent source of support for both you and your friend.

LEND A SYMPATHETIC EAR - Letting your friend know that you care and are willing to listen may be the best help you can offer. Don't force the issue, but allow her to confide in you at her own pace. Keep your mind open and really listen to what she tells you. Never blame her for what's happening or underestimate her fear of potential danger.

Remember that your friend must make her own decisions about her life. Focus on supporting her right to make choices. \*\*\*\*

Information for this article was taken from the TDHS brochure "Helping the Battered Woman: A guide for Family and Friends."

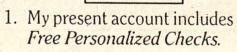
## **Clinic Services**

The Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc. is providing complete family planning services and confidential AIDS testing and counseling at the San Angelo Clinic at 2619 Sherwood Way. All services are confidential and based on a sliding fee scale. For more information call (915) 944-1909.



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T or F

3. My account protects me with \$10,000 Accidental Death

## T or F

4. A personally Registered Key *Ring* is also provided through

## account. T or F 6. My checking account offers me Emergency Cash Advance. T or F 7. Credit Card Registration is part of my checking account.

T or F

5. I receive 850 National Merchant

Discounts through my present

## T or F

8. Lenjov Special Prices on Financial Services through my checking account.

## T or F

9. And I get Much More!

If you marked every statement true, don't switch. You already have the best checking account in town.

If you didn't, Move over to the checking account that's truly the best!



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## Sarah Marrs named Junior Chef 1991

The Junior Chef of the Year Contest was held on October 28 at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Sarah Marrs was named Junior Chef for 1991 with her Dessert dish, Coconut-Almond Chocolate Tart. Sarah is a seventh grade student at Sonora Junior High School and has been in the Foods and Nutrition project for four years.

Judging was held in four categories: Meats, Breads, Vegetable/Salads and Desserts.

Winners in the Meats division were: 1st, Erin Payton, 11 years old, Salmon-Macaroni Pie; and 2nd, Quirina Perez, 11 years old, Mexican Chicken/Cheese Casserole.

Winners in the Breads division were: 1st, Erin Marrs, 10 years old, Rosemary Garlic Rolls; 2nd, Brandi Bible, 13 years old, Mexican Corn Bread; 3rd, Michael McReynolds, 12 years old, Banana Nut Bread; 4th, Rebecca Whitaker, 11 years old, Pumpkin Bread; and Honorable Mention, Texie Roberts, 8 years old, Reduced Cholesterol Banana Nut Bread.

Winners in the Vegetable/Salads division were: 1st, Brady Lock, 10 years old, Corn Salad; 2nd, Ashley Bible, 8 years old, Congealed Salad; 3rd, Katy Cooke, 11 years old, Broccoli Casserole; and Honorable Mention, Robert Teaff, 13 years old, Hot Hominy.

Winners in the Dessert division were: 1st, Russell Dempsey, 10 years old, Chocolate Festival



#### SARAH MARRS AND TAMMY FISHER

Cheesecake; 2nd, Kristen Hardgrave, 10 years old, Baklava; 3rd, (tie) Chance Armke, 8 years old, Lemon Squares and Thomas Schenkel, 8 years old, Cheesecake; 4th, (tie) Ashley Browning, 11 years old, Trinity River Mud Cake and Ryan Hardgrave, 9 years old, Peanut Butter Finger Bars; and Honorable Mention Aubrey

#### Nelson, 9 years old, Texas Delite. The auction netted \$712 in donations for the 4-H Club.

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A big thanks to Linda and Preston Love of the Sutton County Steakhouse for their support of the 4-H Club. They provide a wonderful opportunity for the youth in Sonora. (Plus a fun evening for the family.)

#### Depot available

The newly renovated Cauthorn Memorial Building, formerly the Sonora Depot, is now available for leasing to small or large groups for meetings, reunions, receptions, and other gatherings.

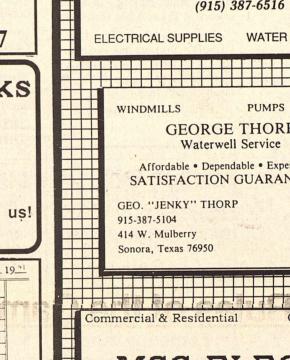
Contact Kathy Davis at The Sonora Chamber of Commerce in order to rent the facility. The Chamber address is 706 Crockett and the phone number is 387-

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#### Obituary Sarah Diane Love Sarah Diane Love, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Love of Seattle, Washington, died Monday, October 21, 1991. Survivors include here parents, Lance and Michele Love; a sister, Ashley; paternal grandparents Mrs. Norma Jo McDonald of Jayton and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Love of 901 S.E. Crockett Sonora; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jameson of Funeral services were held Thursday, October 24, 1991 in Seattle, Washington. Play the Devil's **River News Football** Game and WIN mucho dinero! \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ See page 5 for rules & entry forms! Devil's River RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL News OILFIELD If you have some information of

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## Telephone 387-2659 L.M. Pollard, D.D.S. Practice Limited to Orthodontics Hours by Appointment Sonora, Texas 76950 Chiropractic BROWN CENTRE Located at Pat Walkers Figure Salon Tues/Weds 3pm to late/Early to Noon We do Physio-Therapies Dr. James L. Brown 387-2020 Chiropractor POLELINE CONTRACTORS **OILFIELD ANCHORS** SUTTON SPECIALTY ELECTRIC, INC. 510 Crockett Sonora, Texas 76950 P. O. Box 836 (915) 387-6516 WATER HEATER REPAIRS SERVICE GEORGE THORP Affordable • Dependable • Experienced SATISFACTION GUARANTEED **Competitive** Rates MSC ELECTRIC MATT ASHE MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSED & BONDED **16 YEARS EXPERIENCE**

## Local agricultural lender lowers interest rate to 9.5

The Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) of Sonora will lower its variable interest rate to 9.50 percent effective November 1.

This interest rate reduction is the most recent in a series of rate reductions over the last two years, which have brought the association's variable rate down more than a full percentage point to the new 9.50 percent rate.

"We are pleased to be able to pass on to our members the benefits of a favorable interest rate climate," said Jack B. Smith, FLBA president. "The savings in financing costs should help our area farmers and ranchers afford to purchase land, housing or farm located in Sonora, Texas. Association directors are: Pleas L. Childress, Jr. and James W. Owens of Ozona, Truman De Lux

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improvements that they might have postponed otherwise."

The new 9.50 percent variable rate is available for agricultural, rural housing and farm-related business loans.

The FLBA of Sonora provides long-term agricultural financing in Sutton, Edwards, Crockett, Schleicher, counties. Offices are

## **ICA** hold monthly business meeting

Sutton County Independent Cattlemen's Association held their regular meeting on October 7, 1991 at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Charles Carter, ICA Legislative Director was the keynote speaker. Carter discussed upcoming elections, legislative study committees, , ICA's involvement with the newly formed Endangered Species Coalition, and answered questions from members in attendance.

Sutton County ICA Chairman, Larry Finklea, thanked the group for their excellent turnout and was pleased to report that Sutton County's participation in the ICA Cattle Drive far exceeded last years amounts.

Larry also recognized Charles' special guests, Glynn Carter and Charlie W. Carter, both of Cuero. The next meeting will be held on November 4, 1991 at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 6:30 p. m.

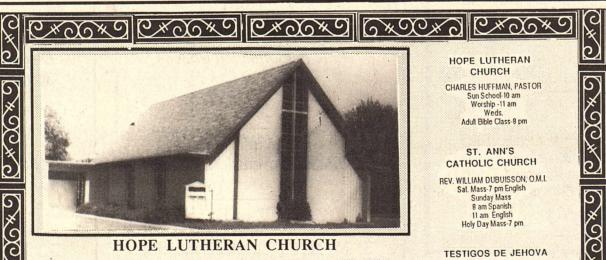
Virgil Polocek will be on hand to give those attending, an update on the Endangered Species.

All interested persons and members are urged to attend.

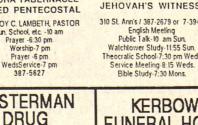
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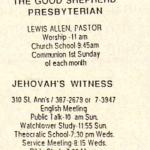
The first annual West Texas Ag Expo will be held January 10-12. 1992 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring. The Expo will showcase current agricultural equipment and supplies, as well as provide educational programs for agricultural producers, presented by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. Hours for the Expo are Friday from 6 to 9 p. m., Saturday from 9 to 6 p. m. and Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.

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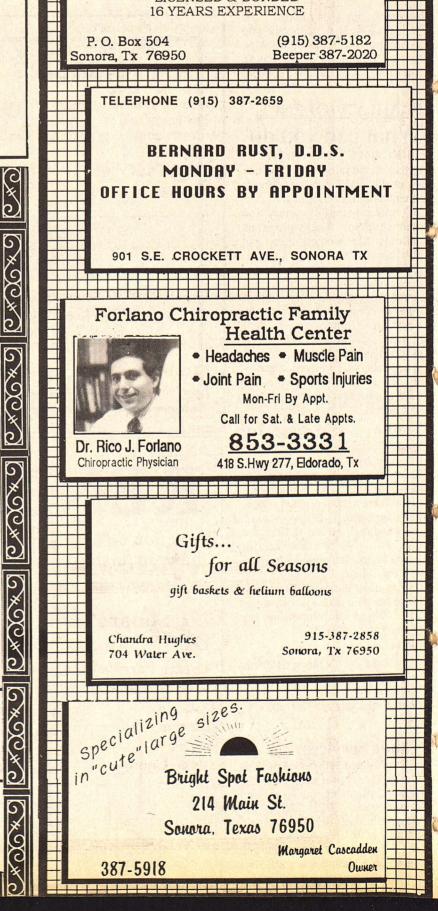
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## 1991 Sonora Bronco Varsity Football Schedule

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Sept. 6	Lake View	There	19-1
Sept. 13	Junction	Here	45-0
Sept. 20	Ozona	Here	48-0
Sept. 27	Mason	There	20-9
Oct. 4	Ballinger	Here	13-1
Oct. 11	Kermit	Here	25-1
Oct. 18	Reagan County	There	13-1
Oct. 25	Colorado City	There	19-0
Nov. 1	Greenwood	Here	7:30
Nov. 8	Crane	There	7:30
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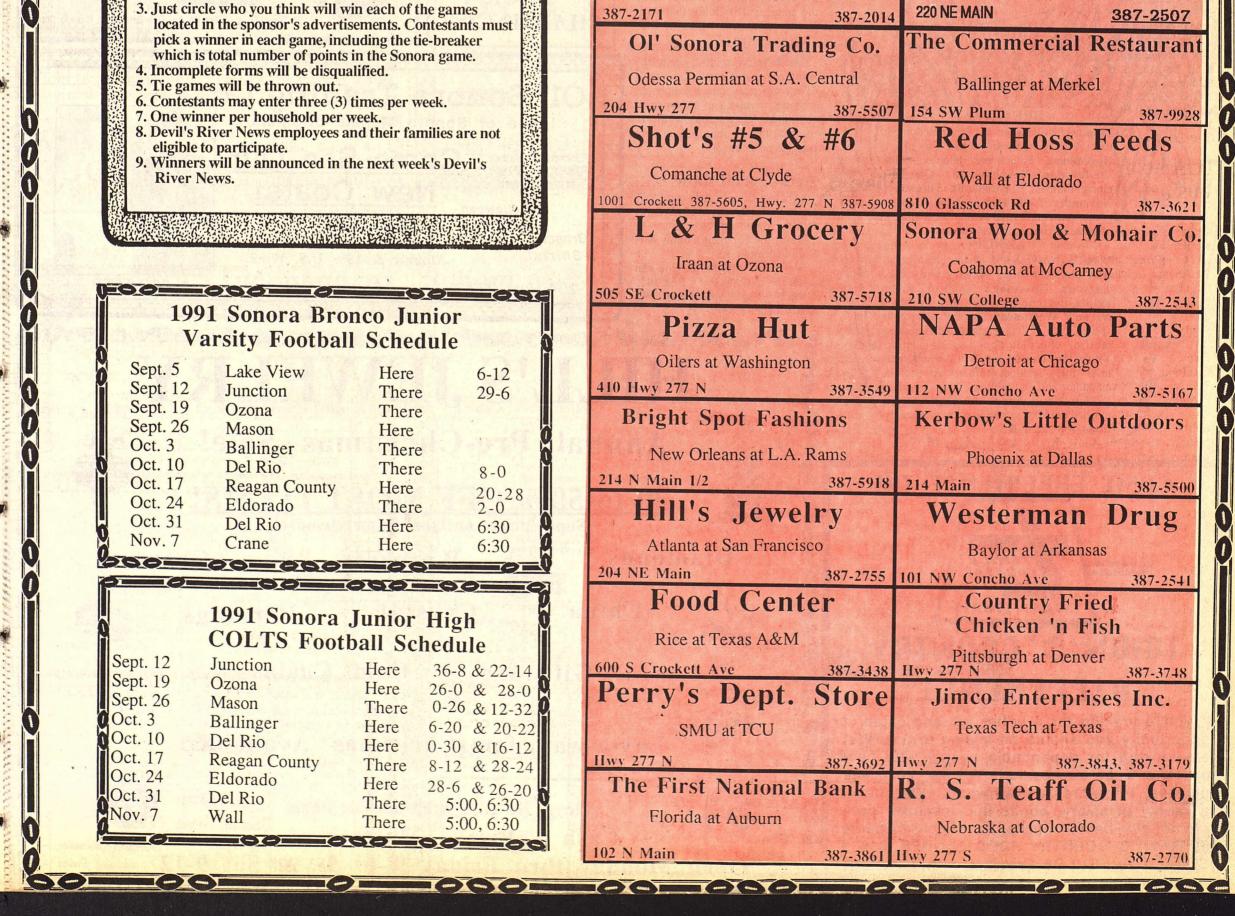
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Winners for Oct. 24 contest:	
1. Rosemary Vickers \$15	
2. Jack B. Smith Jr. \$10	
3. Linda Johnson \$5	
Rules of the Game	
1. Entry forms must be delivered to participating businesses by 3 p.m. Friday. (Excluding the Devil's River News)	
2. Entries for the contest are available in the Devil's River	

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4-H adult volunteers to the total year," said Dr. Lynn Thibodeaux, assistant director of the Extension program.

"Also, we have started the Texas

Already, 13 percent of 4-H

# Junior High Colts take two

The Sonora Colts continued to show improvement as the teams each defeated Eldorado last week. A 60-yard touchdown run by

Carlos Salinas was the difference as the Eighth-graders won by a 26-20 tally.

Sonora led most of the ballgame leading 8-6 at halftime and 20-12 at the end of three quarters.

In addition to Salinas' touchdown, Marcus Montez scored on 1-yard and 10-yard runs and Josh Burnham hit Davis Hale on a 25-yard touchdown pass. The Burnham to Hale tandem has connected for touchdowns often this season.

Defensively, the coaches said the kids had some poor tackling, but played pretty good techniques. Chad Holmes, Marcus Montez,

for children.

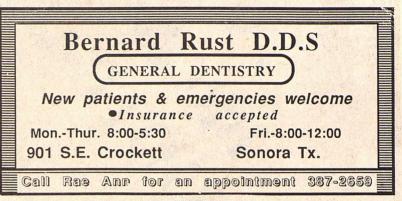


Gandar's touchdowns came on runs of 50 and 40 yards. Justin House scored from 55 yards and Andy Mirike from 42 yards.

Caleb Barker and Andy Mirike led the defense getting an inteception each. Kelly Morrow and Armando Castilleja also were commended by the coaches.

"We played good, consistent football on offense and defense," said the coaches.

Sonora is now 3-4 this year.







4-H COOKS - These Junior High 4-H Food and Nutrition members learned how to make pecan pies and crust from scratch. Left to right, Camille Marshall, Yolanda Campos, Robert Carl Teaff, Romy Canstaneda, County Agent Lolabeth Jones and Michael McReynolds.

## 4-Her's do well in lamb carcass show

Results of the 1991-92 Sutton County Jr. Lamb Carcass Show are now out with Graham Bloodworth and Jason Morley capturing the honors in the finewool category and Justin Morley and David Mayer winning the crossbred classes. The show was changed to October with live lambs being selected on Saturday, October 19 for the final carcass

competition which took place on Tuesday evening, October 22 and on Wednesday morning, October 23. The live lamb judge was Mr. Norman Kohls, county extension agent from Garden City and the carcass judge was Mr. David Gramms, graduate assistant with responsibility for coaching the meats judging and evaluation teams at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The program format resulted in

the most in depth educational effort which we have had in this project area in the past thirteen carcass shows according to CEA Preston Faris. Kohls did a good job of selecting lambs which were ready for slaughter and yet offered some production criteria which are beneficial and economical to the industry. The carcass evaluation clinic conducted on Tuesday evening by Gramms and Dr. George Ahlschwede was extremely good for show participants as well as sheep producers who also attended.

The overall show results with the producer of the lamb listed in parenthesis are as follows for the finewool class: Champion -Graham Bloodworth (Rousselot), . Reserve Champion - Jason Morley (Rousselot), 3rd - Brandon Faris (Rousselot), 4th - Eric Geske

(Wallace Ranch), 5th - Amy Patton (Rousselot), 6th - John Jones (Jones), 7th - Tom Jacoby (Jacoby), 8th - Julie Jones (Jones), 9th - Justin Morley (Rousselot) and 10th - Jason Jacoby (Jacoby).

The results of the crossbred show are: Champion - Justin Morley (Rousselot), Reserve Champion - David Mayer (T Half Circle), 3rd - Jason Bounds (Flying W), 4th - David Fisher (Askew), 5th - Brian Faris (FMS), 6th - Tom Jacoby (Jacoby), 7th -Shawna Faris (Angelo Club Lambs), 8th - Brad Mogford (FMS), 9th - Brandon Faris (Rousselot) and 10th - Shawn Wallace (Flying W).

The show is again sponsored by the First National Bank of Sonora. The lamb carcasses are presently for sale at a cost of \$55 plus processing fees from the 4-H Club.

## Swine project initiated for the first time

See Page 5 for rules & entry forms!

For the first time ever the Sutton County Jr. Livestock Show will include classes for pigs. Thirty-five gilts were delivered to the 4-H Center last Saturday and are now scattered all over Sutton County. 4-H and FFA youngsters lined up in eager anticipation as they drew a number from the can and rushed to the pens to find their pig with the corresponding number. One little pig still remains homeless but can

was also covered and many were shocked to learn that table scraps are not a part of the show pig's diet. Rover will not starve after all.

Many youngsters have already expressed amazement at the intelligence of the animal. Research has shown that swine are indeed one of the most intelligent farm animals. While some mamas are saying that they are cute the verdict is still out on that opinion. One thing is for sure, however, and that is that they will certainly look a lot different on the first Saturday of January when they are shown than they do right now.

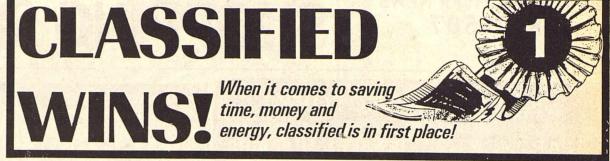


Buy a 2nd one



The City of Sonora reserves the the proposals received. (11/7)





#### **Public Notice**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now calling for bids for truck chassis to be placed under an asphalt distributor for the street department. Specifications may be obtained from the City Secretary's Office, 201 N. E. Main, Sonora, Texas. All bids must be sealed and addressed to the City Secretary. The bid envelope must be clearly marked "SEALED BID -TRUCK CHASSIS" and returned to the City Secretary's office prior to November 19, 1991 at 9:00 a.m., at which time the bids wil be publicly opened and read. The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Inquiries should be directed to Jim Garrett, (915) 387-2558. (11/7)

#### **Public Notice**

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting proposals for computer software and hardware for the Utility Billing Department.

All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "SEALED BID -PROPOSAL FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE" and returned to the City Secretary's office, 201 N. E. Main, prior to November 19, 1991, at 9:00 a. m. at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

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## **Public Notice**

PUBLIC NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SUTTON

NOTICE is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 28th of October 1991 at 1:00 p.m. in the County Court at the County Courthouse of the above named County in Sonora, Texas on the application of the hereinafter named owner. The substance of said application is as follows:

1. Type of license or permit: Package Store Permit. 2. Exact location of business: 109

NE Pecan Street, Sonora, Texas 76950. 3. Name of owner or owners:

Daniel Haynie Wagner. 4. Assumed or trade name: The Jug.

Any person shall be permitted to contest the facts stated in said application and the applicant's right to secure said license or permit upon giving security for costs as provided by law.

WITNESS MY HAND this the 14th day of October 1991. **Bobbie Smith County Clerk** Sutton, County, Texas (10/31)

## **Public Notice**

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that The Sutton County Commissioners' Court will offer for sale, for cash, by sealed bid, the following two items of property:

1. All of that certain lot, tract, or parcel of land located, lying and being situated in the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas, the same being a part of Section No. 85, Block B, of the HE&WT Ry Co land, the address of the dwelling on said property being 403 SE Water; and, The mobile home located behind the Sutton County 4-H Barn, which mobile home is to be moved from its present location to any location determined by buyer, at buyer's expence. Sealed bids on said property will be received until 9:00 A.M., on Tuesday, November 12, 1991, at which time bids will be opened and accepted or rejected by Commissioners' Court of Sutton County in open meeting, to be held in the Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex. The two properties are offered for sale separately. Further details and legal descriptions may be obtained from the Sutton County Auditor's Office in the Sutton County Courthouse, or the Sutton County Judge's office in the Sutton County Courthouse Annex. Appointments to view the properties may also be made through these oddices. All properties and improvements sold "as is" without any warranties whatsoever. All properties shall be sold for cash, with no other terms of payments available. Sealed bids should be taken or mailed to the office of the County Judge, P.O. Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950, on or before 9:00 A.M., November 12, 1991. Carla Garner Sutton County Judge

changes were necessitated in order to conform election precinct boundaries with the County Commissioner precinct boundaries adopted by the Sutton County Commissioners' Court on August 12, 1991. As amended, those election precincts affected are Election Precincts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and Additional information 4.

concerning these changes is available in the Sutton County Judge's Office, Sutton County Courthouse Annex. (11/14)

#### **Public Notice**

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Sonora Woman's Club is now calling for bids for the sale of the following:

1. 1980 Frigidaire Electric Range, Model Number RE-36.

1980 Kelvinator 2. Refrigerator/Freezer Model Number TSK170RNIW.

3. 1980 Maytag Dishwasher, Model number WC300.

4. Ricoh copier, Model Number FT460.

All items may be viewed at the Sutton County Library during regular business hours.

All bids msut be sealed and addressed to the Sonora Woman's Club. The bid envelope must be clearly marked "Sealed Bids" and returned to the Sutton County Library prior to Tuesday, November 5, 1991 at 9:00 o'clock a. m. Bids will be opened on Thursday, November 7, 1991 at the Sonora Woman's Club meeting. Sonora Woman's Club reserves the right to reject any and and all bids.

Inquiries should be directed to Sharon Holman at (915) 387-3122.

be adopted by calling the county extension office at 387-3101.

The project began with a two hour clinic on how to properly care for the new arrivals. Health and sanitation procedures were covered in depth. Proper nutrition

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for only \$6.00 PIZZA HUT 401 Hwy 277 N \$ Play the Devil's River 387-3549 \$ News Football Game & Win MOO-LAH, DINERO, \$ CASH, GREENBACKS! \$

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Sonora Independent School District Calendar



November 1991

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:30 Vars. vs Greenwood (H)	2 Halloween Dance (Spanish Club)
	3		5 8a.a4p.a	6 Jr. High	7 Library 5:00-6:30 Colts vs Wall T 6:30 JV vs Crane H	8 	9 All Begion Choir (JH/ES) Granbury, TX
-	10	11 9:45 4th, 5th, & (JH) Patriotic Program 7:00 Booster Club Meeting	12 7:00 School Board Meeting	13	14	15 End 2nd 6 wks. DeadlineACT Registration for Test in Dec.	16
q	17	18 Begin 3rd 6 weeks Career Day (Seniors)	19 6:00 JV & Vars. G vs. McCamey T 6:00 JV & Vars. B vs. Eldorado H	20 Ball Production Students & Cer Deadline for Dec. Calendar		22 5:00 JV & Vars. G&B vs. Junction H	23 District Band Tryouts Clinic & Concert Ballinger
	24	25 5:00 7 & 8 Cirls vs Ozona H 5:00 7 & 8 Boys vs Ozona T	5:00 JV & Vars.	27 (Student	28 Thanksgiving	29 Holidays>	30

#### **Public Notice**

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR DEPOSITORY OF OPERATING FUND OF CITY OF SONORA NOTICE is heerby given that the City Council of the City of Sonora will receive bids for depository of the City's Operating Funds for the period commencing December 1, 1991 and ending November 30, 1993. Any banking organization, qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas to act as depository of municipal funds, which desires to act as such depository for the City of Sonora shall submit written application therefore, sealed and marked on the oustide 'APPLICATION FOR DEPOSITORY OF CITY FUNDS". Such application shall be received in the office of City Manager, Sonora City Hall, 201 N. E. Main Street, Sonora, Texas no later than 9:00 a.m. on the 19th day of November, 1991, at which time such applications shall be opened publicly and read aloud.

All terms, conditions, specifications and requirements for such application are available upon request made to City Manager and same are hereby incorporated into this Notice to the same extent as though fully set forth verbatim herein.

The City Council shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of such funds and shall have the right to reject any or all applications and to waive informalities. M. H. Gildon City Maanger City of Sonora (11/7)

Deadline For Classified Ads is 12 noon Monday! Call 387-2507 and ask for Sandra.

#### **Public Notice**

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF CHANGES TO **ELECTION PRECINCT** BOUNDARIES STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SUTTON

On the 30th day of September 1991, the Sutton County Commissioners' Court ordered certain changes to the County Election Precincts pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Texas Election Code, such changes to become effective on January 1, 1992. The

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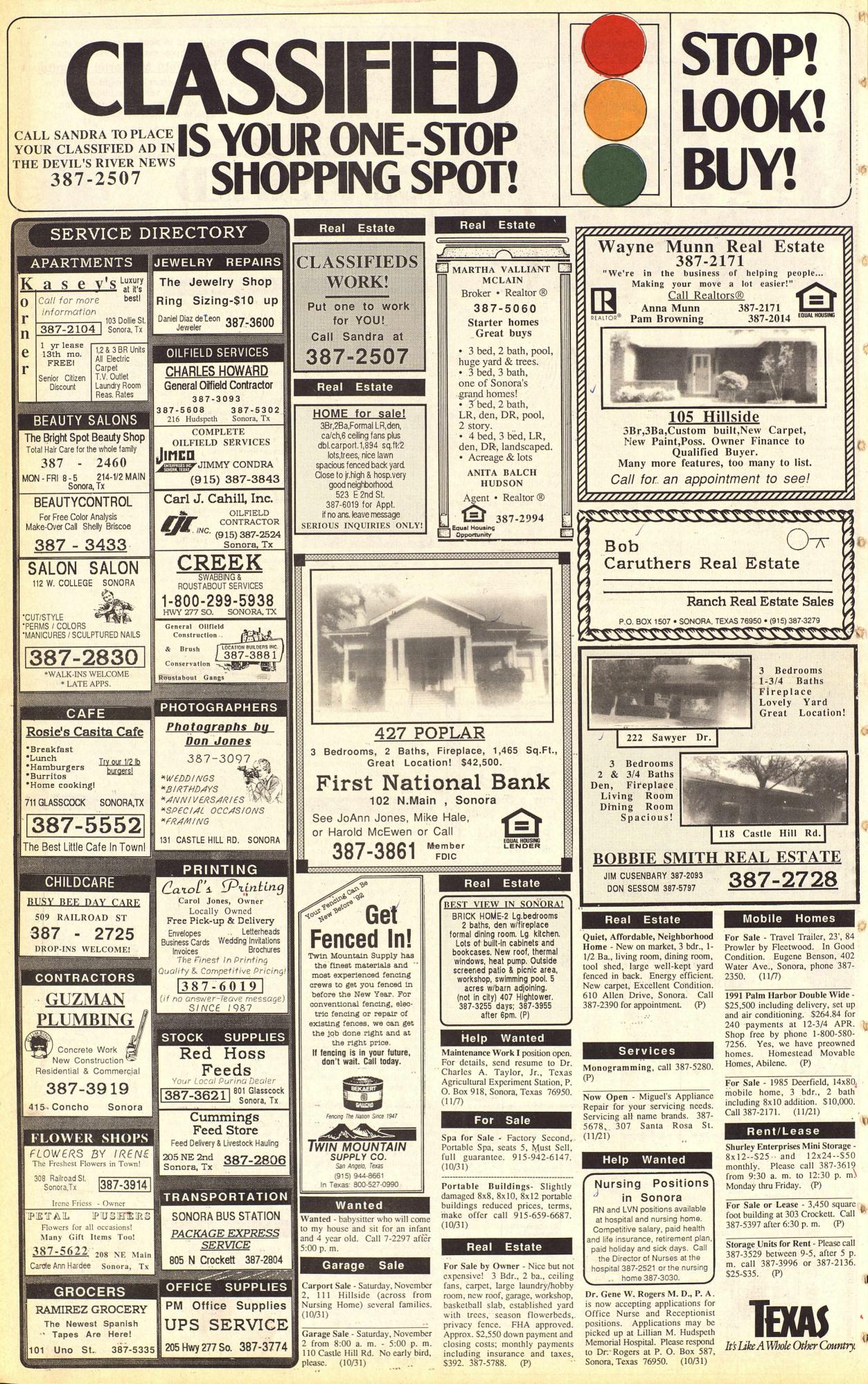
As amended, those election precincts affected are:

Election Precinct Nos. 2-1, 2-2 and 2-3 were consolidated into Election Precinct No. 2 which encompasses all of Commissioner Precinct No. 2; Election Precinct Nos. 3-1 and 3-2 were consolidated into Election Precinct No 3 which conforms with the boundaries of newly adopted Commissioner Precinct No. 3; the boundaries of Election Precinct No. 1 were changed to conform with the newly adopted boundaries of Commissioner Precinct No 1; and the boundaries of Election Precinct No. 4 were changed to conform with the new adpoted boundaries of Commissioner Precinct No. 4. Additional information concerning these changes is available in the Sutton County Judge's office, Sutton County Courthouse Annex. (11/7)

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DRN deadline for all Display Ads is 5 p. m. Friday.

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## Big game awards begin this fall

recognize the importance of habitat and wildlife population management as essential to the welfare of wildlife resources and the habitats upon which they depend.

The program, which is new to Texas but is being used in 27 other states, will begin with the 1991 antelope and archery seasons. David Synatzske, a wildlife biologist on the Big Game Awards committee, said the program's goals are to recognize the quality of animals reflective of management efforts by land managers; the importance of hunting as a population management tool; and to encourage participation by young and new hunters.

Awards will be regionalized with categories for typical and non-typical white-tailed and mule deer, and antelope. A special "Texas 400" certificate will be awarded to the top 50 typical white-tailed deer within each of the eight established regions. All scored entries will be recognized in ranked listing and certificates awarded to participants with equal recognition made to land managers on whose lands the animals were produced.

Entry into the program is open to wild-reared native white-tailed deer and pronghorn antelope that are legally harvested in Texas during the current year's hunting season. The program will recognize the quality of the animal, the hunter, the land manager upon whose property the animal was taken (optional) and hunters harvesting their first animal.

Hunters harvesting their first deer or antelope will be recognized in an alphabetical listing. Certificates will be awarded for first deer in youth and older hunter categories.

All scoring will be based upon Boone & Crockett Club guidelines utilizing net green scores. Entries must be scored by a Texas Big Game Awards certified scorer. More than 200 certified scorers

AUSTIN - The Texas Parks and will be available statewide. Entry Wildlife Department's Texas Big into the ranked listing requires Game Awards program will kick hunters to complete and sign an off this fall in an effort to entry form and certified score Entries must meet sheet. minimum scores for the region of harvest.

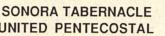
> Eight regions have been established for white-tailed deer, two for mule deer and three for pronghorn antelope. Minimum entry scores for white-tailed deer will vary with each region and ranges from 125-140 (typical) and 140-155 (non-typical). Mule deer minimum scores are 145 (typical) and 160 (non-typical). Pronghorn antelope score must be at least 70.

> "Today's every-changing land use, and wildlife population responses to these influences, have created a need for management of both habitat and wildlife populations," Synatzske said. "Proper habitat and population management can result in an increased, diversity of habitat and wildlife resources and healthier populations of wildlife within these habitats. In white-tailed deer and antelope, antler development may be used as an indicator of herd health. Recognition of the importance of proper habitat and population management is essential to the welfare of wildlife resources.

In addition, the TPWD will be able to gather valuable data on the status of regional management within the state. Annual recognition ceremonies will be held in each region, and the top three animals in each category will be recognized at a statewide ceremony

"Land managers have the option through this program to be recognized for their management efforts," Synatzske said. "This is extremely important to the goal of promoting the wise use of wildlife and habitat resources within the state. The sponsors encourage participation in this program as a means of meeting this objective that is so critical to the welfare of habitat and wildlife resources in Texas.

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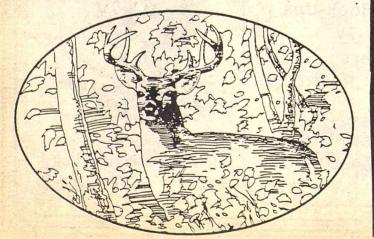
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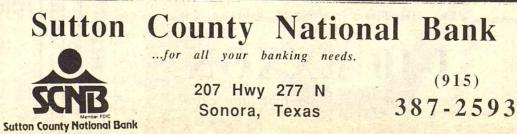
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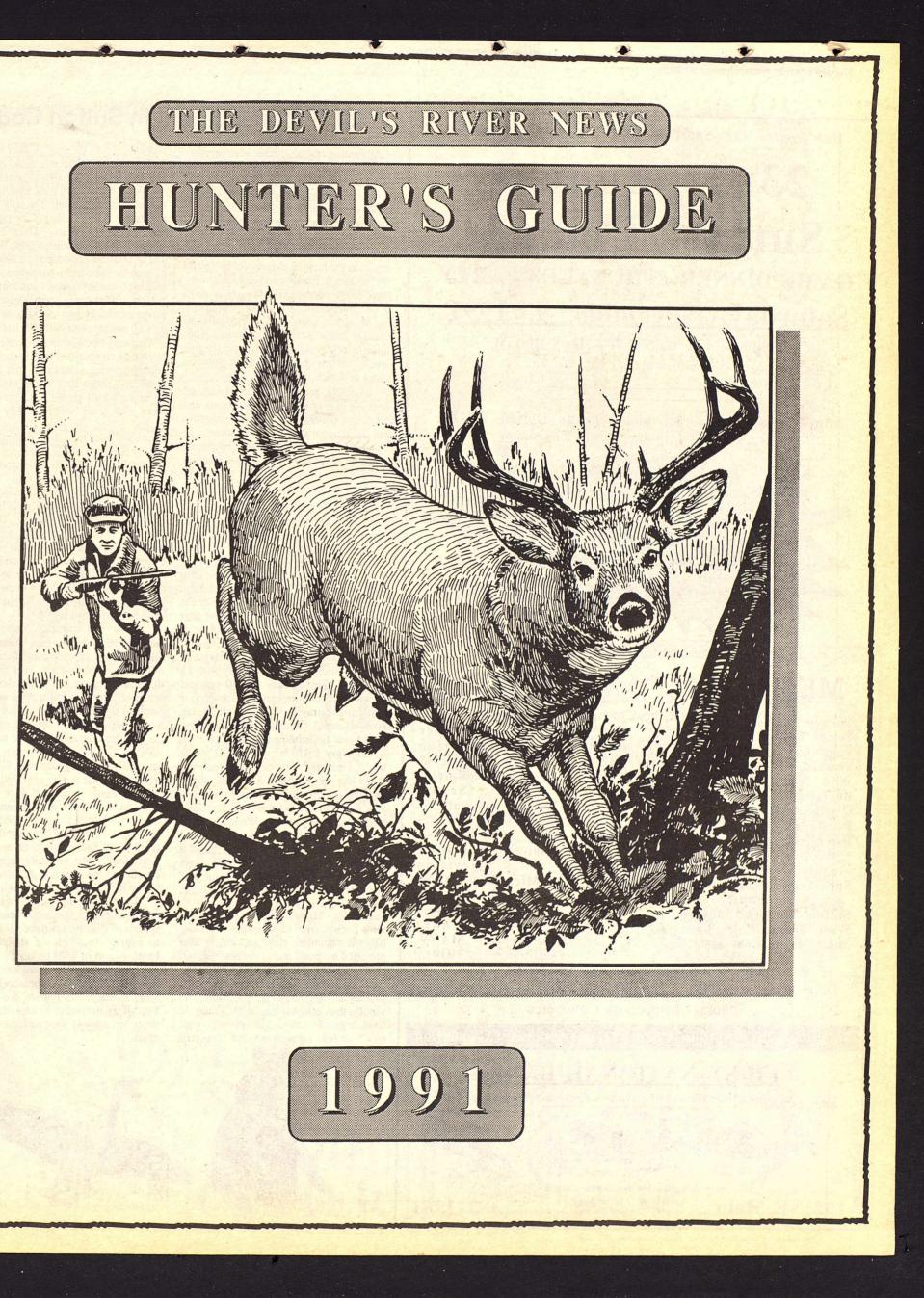
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## Wildlife management in Sutton County

by Preston R. Faris, CEA

As hunting season approaches everyone in the area begins to think about wildlife. Most biologists seem to be predicting a better than average harvest of good quality bucks with more true trophies available to the hardworking sportsman blessed with more than his share of plain dumb luck.

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I tend to agree with the experts with regard to the hunters chances for this year. We've had a pretty good year in many parts of the county and some really good developmental years if the landowner and hunters have been working together to manage their deer populations. That thought brings up the real topic for this article. When should we begin thinking about wildlife?

Wildlife management must be an ongoing part of our ranching scheme and not just of concern when the hunters come out in November and December. In addition the landowners, livestock operator, wildlife operator and hunting group must all work together if wildlife management is to be successful.

Wildlife depend on the range for food and cover. Domestic livestock also have the same requirements but are they necessarily in competition with each other? The best answer to that is it depends. Let's say that chocolate chip cookies are my favorite snack and I am allergic to oatmeal cookies, but I never eat over 6 cookies at a time. My friend also prefers chocolate chip cookies but he is pleased with oatmeal cookies and he also never consumes more than 6 cookies at any one time. If you fill the tray with 15 chocolate chip cookies and 10 oatmeal cookies we both are happy. However, if you fill the tray with 9 chocolate chip cookies and 3 oatmeal cookies and my friend gets first choice then we'll find out how hungry I will be when I get to the tray. Deer and domestic livestock are much like this example. Deer, like sheep and goats, prefer high quality forbs when they are available but these are ice-cream type plants many times. We might eat a cookie or two with them but a couple of bowls of homemade ice-cream beats a cookie any day. However, ice-cream isn't available all the time. Forbs and many of our other annuals simply aren't available all the time and are very difficult to manage for. Therefore deer rely on browse for a good portion of their diet. Browse, like the chocolate chip cookies, is also preferred by goats and is definitely a part of sheep and cattle diets. As long as the tray is amply supplied we have no problems. If, however, you limit the supply, then competition for the preferred food begins to exist. The sheep or goat has less fear of man and so they will

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probably get to the tray quicker for those preferred foods. That means the deer may get last choice of the chocolate chip cookies (browse) and may have to accept oatmeal (grass) instead. The only problem is that the deer is allergic to oatmeal in very large quantities. Deer digestive systems do not breakdown grass very well and so they can not depend on heavy diets of grass. They must have some browse and high quality forbs. As long as the land manager keeps an ample supply of all plants available then all the animals will do well and no competition exists.

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What may be of even more concern with respect to competition is the relationships among species instead of that between species. More and more research is unfurling which shows that deer compete more with other deer than they do with cattle, sheep or goats. This is not surprising since their diets should be more similar but some of our exotic deer species also have the ability to utilize more grass in their diets than the white-tail.

With this in mind we must depend on hunters to properly harvest what is needed to manage the population. Domestic livestock operators typically sell all the young produced every year or their equivalent which keeps the numbers low enough for the range supply to support them. The deer population likewise must have animals removed and the hunters must accomplish this task.

Now the question arises about supplemental feeding. Lets be sure we are talking about supplemental feeding and not baiting because the two are vastly different. Baiting is a useful tool to help selectively harvest but it does nothing to improve the annual nutrition for the deer herd. Proper supplementation can benefit the deer herd but it can also be misused if insufficient harvest occurs. Deer frequently need supplemental feed in our area but it must not be provided thinking we can vastly increases deer numbers because we simply must balance forage supply with total forage demand. Unless you have deer proof fencing the use of food plots such as clover are seldom functioned. The moisture supply is too erratic and the deer will destroy the crop before it can properly establish itself.

Deer management is not wildlife management. There are many other species of wildlife out there for the public to enjoy. In 1991 we should have a bumper crop of wild turkeys. The quail hatch was good and we had lots of doves. We also have many furbearers and other birds to keep us company for the year. Lets all do our part to be sure that a few of them are always kept around for us to eniov.

ADOPTED 1991-92 BAG LIMITS

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## **TPWD** makes deer population surveys in Sutton County

Wildlife personnel with the northeastern half of the county try Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently completed annual deer population surveys here in Sutton County. The resulting population estimate, 105 deer per 1,000 acres or about 100,000 deer county wide, represents an increase from last. year's estimate

This year in Sutton County the deer season opens on Saturday. November 2, and runs through Sunday, January 5. The bag limit is the same as last year - 4 deer. no more than 2 antlered bucks.

Most Sutton County landowners are already aware that, as has been the case for several years now, doe permits or special doe tags will not be issued nor required to harvest antlerless deer here in the Edwards Plateau. Hunters will need only the appropriate tag off of their hunting license, and landowner permission to bag doe or antlerless deer in Sutton and the other "either-sex'

After reviewing the results of the recent deer population surveys, local wildlife personnel are recommending that Sutton County landowners located in the

for a harvest of 1 doc or anticrless deer for every 125 acres and 1 buck for every 250 acres. Those landowners in the remaining southwestern half of the county should try for a harvest of 1 doc for every 75 acres and 1 buck for every 230 acres. The recommended rates result from the need to better balance the sex ratio observed in the herd and from a desire to produce a healthier deer population that is properly matched to the existing supply of deer foods in the county.

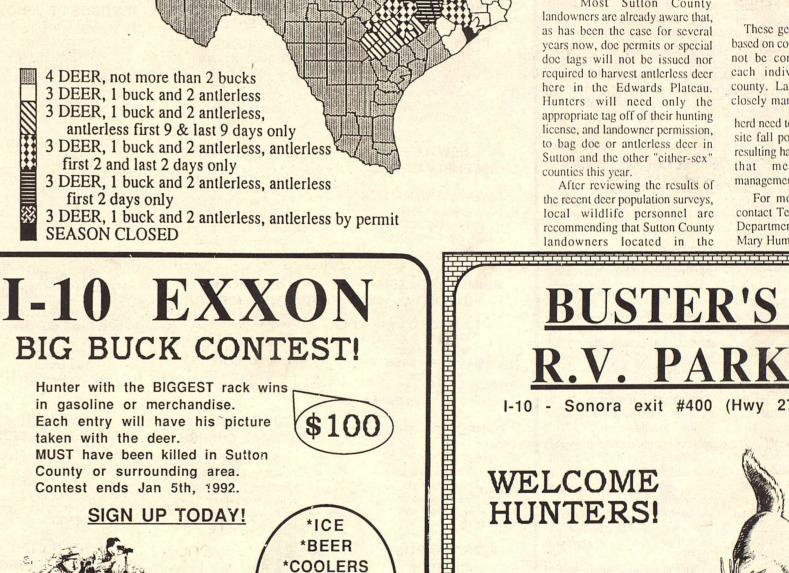
These general harvest rates are based on county averages and may not be completely suitable for each individual ranch in the county. Landowners interested in closely managing their local deer

herd need to conduct their own onsite fall population surveys, with resulting harvest recommendations that meet their specific management objectives.

For more information please contact Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Technician Mary Humphrey at 387-2818.

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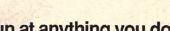
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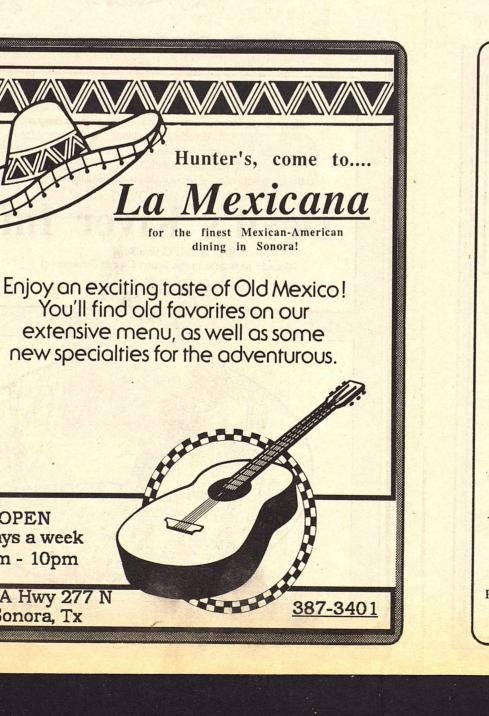
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gadgets on the market today that may be illegal," said Chester Burdett, director of law enforcement at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "There are a number of sights for bows and rifles that may be illegal. If they use artificial light they are illegal for game animals. They may be lawfully used to hunt nonprotected birds and animals and fur-bearing animals





## Hunting with artificial light prohibited AUSTIN - Texas hunters, The artificial lights in question

especially archery and rifle hunters, are reminded that state law forbids the use of artificial light to hunt certain birds and other animals, including some equipment being sold at stores.

Parks and Wildlife Code, it is

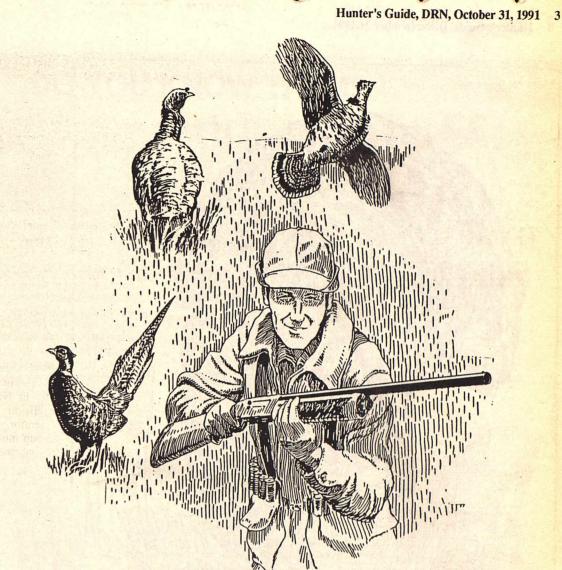
"There are a lot of hunting

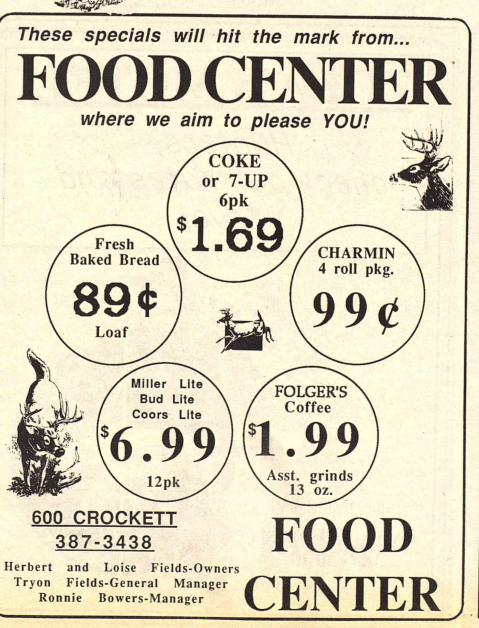
include lighted sights on bows. lighted rifle scopes, laser sights or anything that artificially illuminates sights or scopes, Burdett said

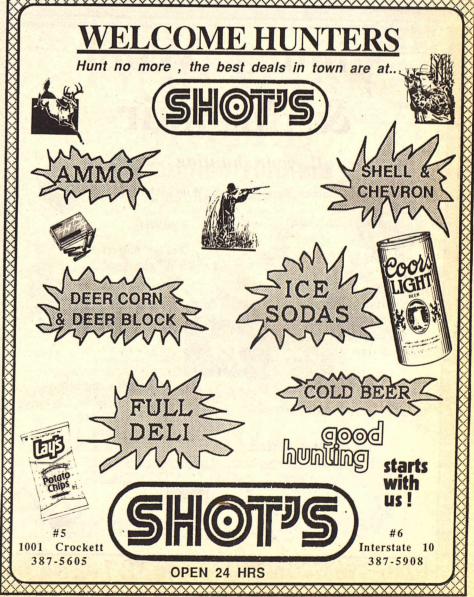
"If the device is lighted up to aid the hunter, that's why the law was passed," he said. "This includes any device to facilitate the aiming at targets. Those particular lights are used about the head. Simply because a gadget is for sale doesn't mean that it's lawful for game animals and game birds.

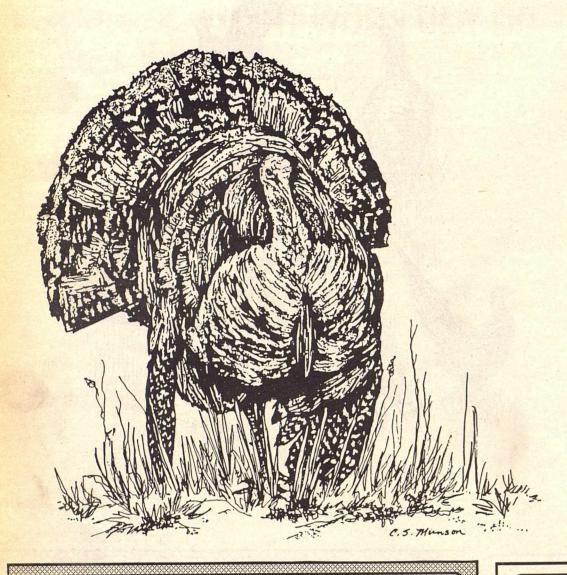
These things are perfectly lawful to hunt coyotes, rabbits, feral hogs and fur-bearing animals, but not game animals."

Hunting with artificial light is a Class B Parks and Wildlife Code Misdemeanor for the first charge, punishable by a fine of \$200-\$1,000, a jail term not to exceed 180 days or both. After the first conviction, the charge increases to a Class A Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$500-\$2,000, a jail term not to exceed one year or both









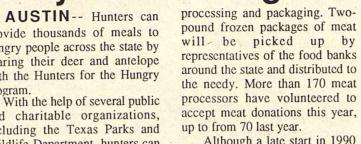
## Hunters for the hungry ready for venison gifts

provide thousands of meals to hungry people across the state by sharing their deer and antelope with the Hunters for the Hungry program. With the help of several public

and charitable organizations, including the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, hunters can donate freshly killed deer and antelope that will be delivered to one of 18 food banks in the state.

The program is sponsored for the second year by the End Hunger Network- Houston. "This program gives Texas hunters an opportunity to participate in their sport while not wasting food, and provide the hungry in Texas with an excellent source of low-fat red meat." said Mary Keegan, president of End Hunger Network-

Hunters will be asked to contribute \$15 (tax deductible) to the meat processor to pay

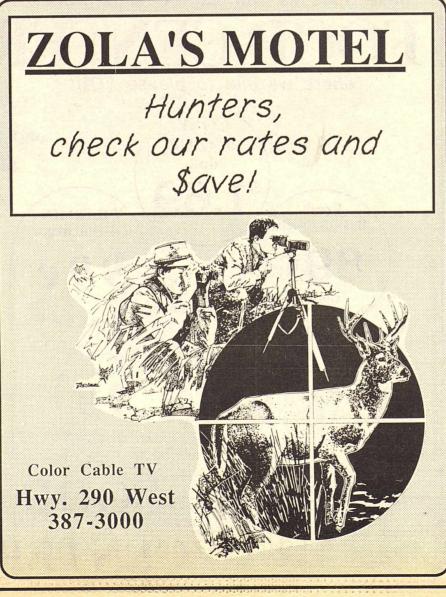


Although a late start in 1990 led to only 70 processors partcipating, 212 deer were donated, providing 7,411 pounds' of meat for the program. This meat provided an estimated 22,233 meals for the hungry.

"We hope to do several times this year," said Sister Frances Klinger, executive director of the End Hunger Network-Houston.

For more information about Hunters for the Hungry write to End Hunger Network-Houston, 1770 St. James Place, Suite 204, Houston, Texas 77056, or call





## **Confusion About Dove Bag Limits**

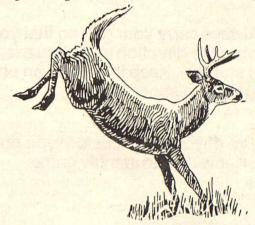
continue to be confused about daily bag and possession limits for mourning doves and other species.

Ron George, dove program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said a daily bag limit is defined as, "the maximum number of indicated species that legally may br killed, taken or possessed during the permitted shooting hours in one calender day." A possession limit is defined as, "the maximum number of the indicated species permitted to be possessed by one person when lawfully taken in United States.

"A person cannot legally shoot a daily bag limit of doves in the morning, then go out in the

AUSTIN -- Some hunters afternoon and shoot more doves," he said.

> A recent survey of active dove hunters indicated that 80 percent of Texas dove hunters approve of all shooting hours even if they do not hunt both morning and afternoon themselves. "The current all day shooting hours that have been in effect statewide since 1977 have not adversely affected mourning dove breeding populations but have a tremendous amount of hunting opportunity for dove hunters and have permitted hunters to select the time of the day they prefer to hunt," George said. 'With this greater freedom, though, comes the obligation to know your dove hunting regulations and not exceed the legal limits."



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## Supplemental food plots may benefit whitetails

AUSTIN - Food plots to provide white-tailed deer with supplemental nutrition during the late summer stress period to improve fawn survival should be planted during May and early June.

are in short supply for deer during College Station. Some biologists consider late summer a more the best forage production. Soil stressful period for deer than late sample packets and instructions there is good acorn production in agricultural extension agents. the fall to carry deer through much of the winter.

Food plots at least 100 yards long and 20-40 yards wide are preferred over square plots because more deer home ranges are crossed. Deer usually prefer to feed along the edges of plots instead of the middle, he said. Plots should be one-half acre to five acres and no farther than one-half mile apart. Normally, planting 1-3 percent of the total acreage to summer and winter food plots is sufficient to

provide adequate supplemental nutrition during these stress fenced to prevent grazing by cattle.

Demonstration warm-season supplemental food plot studies in East Texas by the Texas "Native browse and weeds often Agricultural Extension Service produced 6,000-8,000 pounds per late July through early acre of forage on sites that were September," said David Rideout, a limed and fertilized as Texas Parks and Wildlife recommended by soil tests. Department technical guidance Rideout said a soil test should be biologist with the Private Lands done before planting any forages. Enhancement Program from Application of proper amounts of lime and fertilizer is essential for winter. This is especially true if are available from county

> "White-tailed deer require from three to five pounds of dry weight forage per day that contains about 16 percent algestible protein, or about 1,500 pounds per year of native vegetation or planted forage," he said. "Most fertilized cereal grains such as elbon rye, wheat, oats, clovers and peas are very digestible and contain the needed protein during their growing season." Land managers should try to make use of natural

openings, existing clearings pasture roads and right-of-ways, all periods. Also, plots should be away from public roads, when planting food plots.

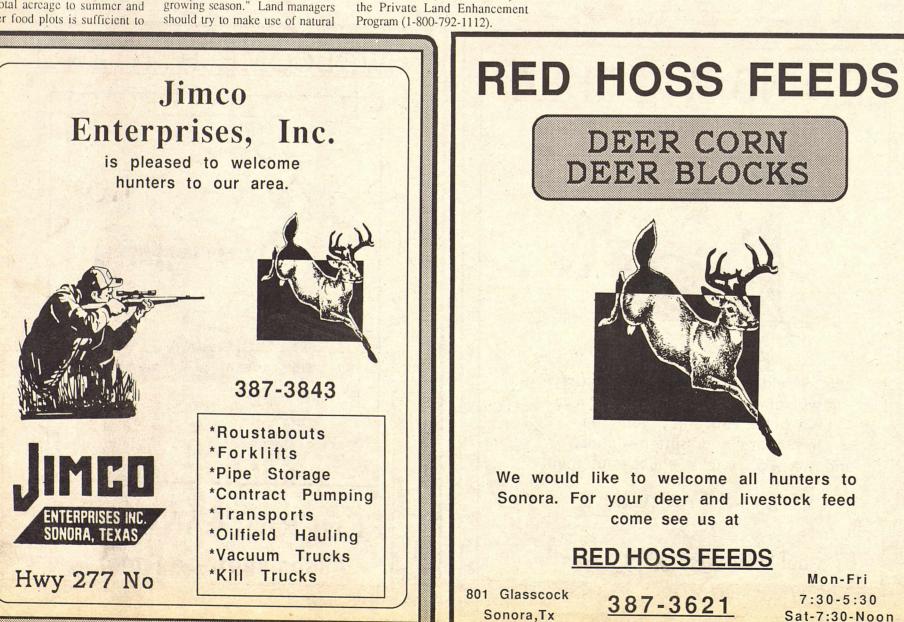
> Rideout also recommended placing heavy wire cage exclosures in the food plots to allow the land manager to see how much forage is being produced (inside the cage) and how much is being consumed by the deer (outside). The exclosures should be 3-4 feet in diameter and 4-5 feet tall, anchored and supported by steel or wooden

"Food plots can supplement summer and winter diets of deer, turkey and other wildlife, but they are not a substitute for properly managed native vegetation," he said. "Deferred rotational grazing of cattle, fencing off woods from cattle, prescribed burning of upland woods in the winter and native pasture openings in late summer and proper harvest of deer are some of the other important management strategies for wildlife managers

For more information contact a

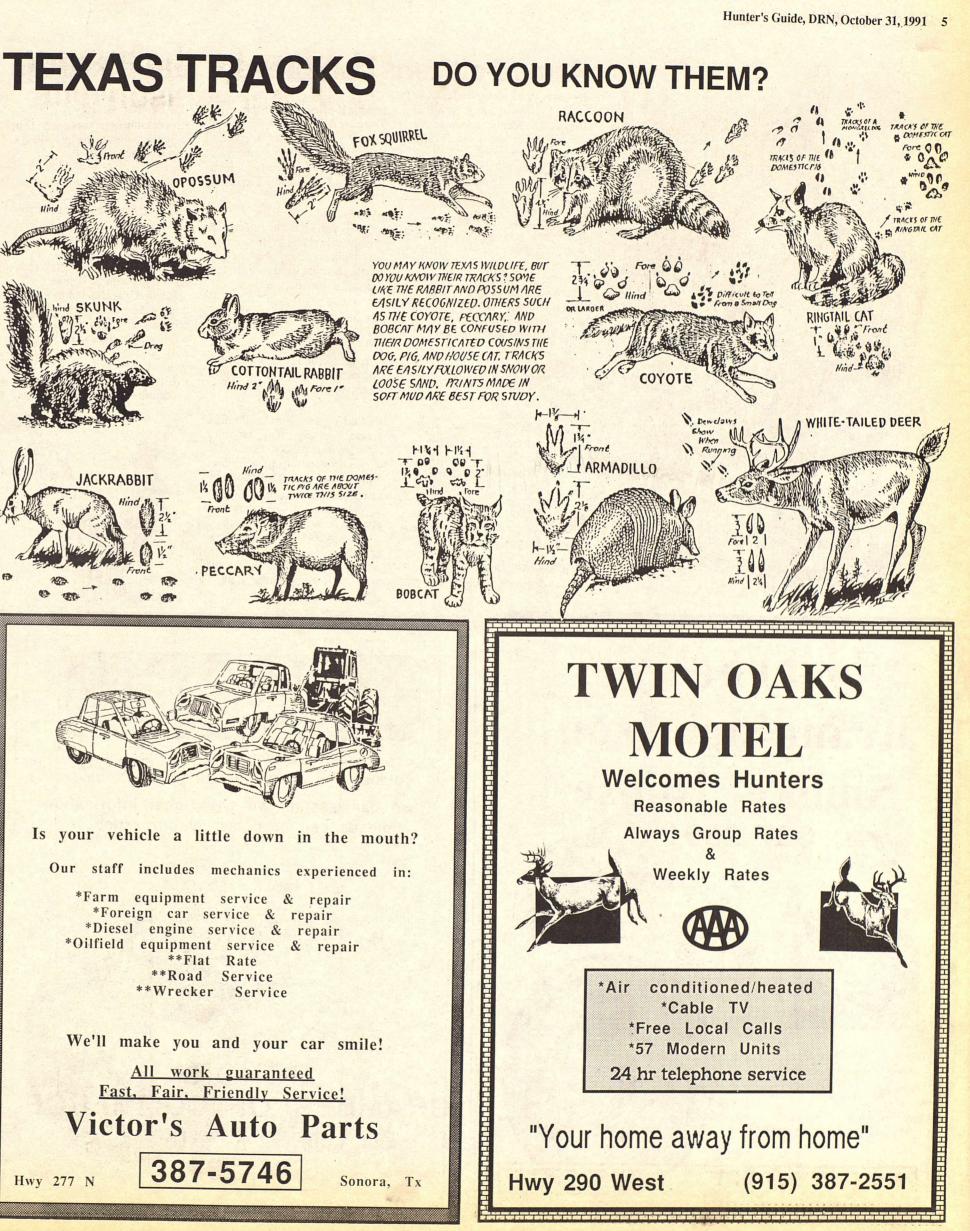
TPWD wildlife biologist in your

area, Rideout (409-845-7471) or



WHITE TAIL DEER









## Armed citizens can prevent future killings

By Larry Pratt, Executive Director You are eating lunch with two friends. Suddenly, a man enters the restaurant and methodically begins shooting people. You are trapped in the restaurant and have no way to defend yourself? What are you supposed to do?

According to your state legislators, you should patiently wait for the police to arrive. Texas legislators defeated a bill earlier this year that would allow you to get a permit to carry a gun. As a result, when George Hennard went on his shooting spree in Killeen, Luby's cafeteria was full of unarmed citizens. Twenty-two people were killed before the police could arrive from two doors

Compare this tragedy to an incident in a crowded cafe in 1984. Four Arab terrorists opened fire in a Jerusalem cafe. They were lanning to liquidate everyone and flee before the authorities arrived. But armed civilians in the cafe shot back, killing three terrorists and capturing the fourth. Only one Israeli was killed

The lesson from these incidents is that the police can seldom

prevent a crime from happening. There are only 150,000 officers on duty at any one time to protect 250 million people. So the only person who can really defend yourself in a moment of crisis is

At this point the anti-gun crowd usually complains: "If we arm law-abiding citizens, won't we see people shooting each other in the streets?" Absolutely not.

Florida passed a concealed carry law in 1987. Since then, over 100,000 people have received a carry permit, and yet crime has not escalated the way the anti-gun doomsayers had predicted.

In fact, the Florida Sheriff's Association says they have not seen one instance of a person with a permit committing a violent crime. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement has agreed, saying the new law has not affected firearms violence at all.

But Florida's concealed carry law is enabling law-abiding citizens to defend themselves. Only months after the law went into effect, a

33-year old cab driver used his concealed weapon to shoot and kill a career criminal who had pulled a gun on him

This honest citizen is one of many Floridians who are alive today because the concealed carry law allowed them to defend themselves when the police could

Even if guns were completely banned, criminals would be be able to get guns, just like they get drugs. The question is, when a criminal threatens you and the police are not there to protect you, will you be able to protect yourself and your family?

If not, tell your legislator what you think about that.





Snakes excite the public perhaps as much as does any other group of American fauna. This may be the result of genuine interest, fear, repulsion or curiosity; regardless, the public is interested and a snake exhibit or a snake story is sure to attract attention. The stealthy and swift movements made without legs, the poisonous and aggressive qualities of a few species, and the pecularities of anatomy, physiology and life history command interest and add to snakes' widespread reputation as creatures to be feared, distrusted, and viewed with suspicion and contempt regardless of species, size or habitat required. To add to our knowledge of the wildlife of the Coastal Bend of

Texas, we of the Welder Foundation have begun a study of the food habits and interrelationships of certain of the snakes of this 7,800-acre cattle ranch and research area. The refuge is about 30 miles north of Corpus Christi, between five and 13 miles west of Copano Bay, and is bounded by the Aransas River on the north.

When a pond or slough dries up, the cottonmouths journey overland until they find a lake, marsh, or waterhole. At times, and especially at night, they forage



## Watch your step -- rattlesnakes and cottonmouths

over dry land in search of food.

Both the cottonmouth and rattlesnake are somewhat nocturnal and are least likely to be found traveling about during the heat of the day except in the winter season. Both species commonly coil in or beside a path or trail and capture their unsuspecting prey as it comes by. The cottonmouths often coil in the slime or mud along the borders of a waterhole and are able, therefore, to capture birds and rodents that come there to drink or feed. It appears that all larger prey is first poisoned with the snake's venom before being swallowed. Obviously the injected venom in the body of a mouse or bird does not adversely affect the snake. Cottonmouths commonly hold on to their prey after striking, while rattlers usually strike and leave the prey to die, and then eat it.

The cottonmouths are much more opportunistic in their food tendencies than are rattlers. They seem ready and anxious to obtain any animal matter big enough to see and catch and small enough to swallow whole. From field observations, both of these species of pit vipers occasionally kill and attempt to eat items too big to swallow. One of the authors came upon a rattler that had partly swallowed an adult quail, but the

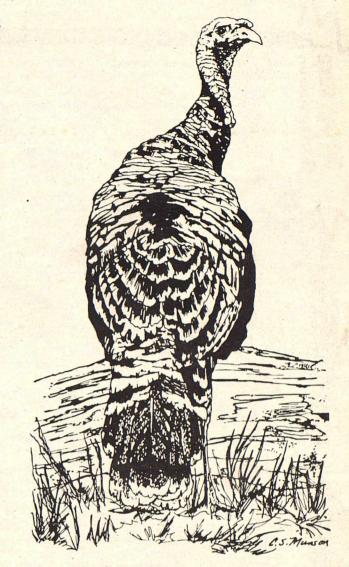
bird's wing had locked over the snake's jaw, making it impossible to swallow.

Birds are the chief food item in the dict of cottonmouths. The birds commonly feed and drink near the water's edge at the base of the tall sedges where they become prey to the snakes.

Cottonmouths also cat rodents, insects, and soft-shelled mollusks.

The diamondback rattler takes birds when it can get them, but subsists primarily on rodents and other small mammals. The packrat appears to constitute the most important food of the rattlesnake on the Welder Refuge. Three snakes studied consumed five cotton rats. Juvenile rabbits, pocket gophers, and rice rats also make up meals for diamondback rattlers.

Jaws of snakes are hinged in such a manner that enables them to open widely, allowing a snake to engulf an animal greatly exceeding the diameter of its own head. The two halves of both upper and lower jaws may move independently, sideways and in rotation. This mechanism, along with many recurved sharp teeth, helps to force large captured prey into the stomach and digestive tract



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