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Ports-to-Plains Progress

by Tommy Arnwine

The news of our successful effort to achieve federal designation for the Ports-to-Plains route was great. Now we need to work even harder to insure the route remains in place as designated by Congress.

A couple of very important meetings are coming up in February that would behoove us as a community to attend in strength.

One will be on February 13th at the Dora Roberts Ballroom, 100 Whipkey Dr. in Big Spring, Texas. This will be a public meeting of the Wilbur Smith Associates' Study Team conducting a feasibility study on the route.

Please contact our Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880 or our Industrial Development Board at 387-6280 for travel and other important information.

The Agenda for this meeting is: Open House 6:00 p.m. Presentation 6:30 p.m. **Public Comment Period**

There are several different alternative routes under study and we need to show our enthusiasm and concern that Hwy 277 is the route of choice on the southern end. Our elected officials need to understand our support for this route.

In the language of their study we will need to support "Alternative S7, Option B". This option includes Hwy 277 from San Angelo to Del Rio and US 83/I35 between Del Rio and Laredo.

Another meeting, a regional meeting of the actual Ports-to-Plains Coalition will be in Del Rio on February 14th beginning at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will be at the San Felipe Country Club on Hwy 90 East in Del Rio. Travel information and reservations for this meeting will also be available at the Chamber Office and the Industrial Development Board Office.

Thank you for your support in these efforts to benefit our commu-

COLORADO KANSAS> OKLAHOMA

The above map should help get an idea of what alternatives are being discussed at upcoming meetings.

Walk Across Texas

By: Kelly Thorp Sutton County Extension Agent Family and Consumer Sciences

Thousands of Texans will have a change to lose weight and lower their risk of developing health problems like diabetes, osteoporosis, and heart disease as they "Walk Across Texas" in 2001.

The Walk Across Texas program is designed to encourage people to develop the healthy habit of walking and relies on friendly competition and team support to keep things moving.

A group of 8 makes up a walking team with a goal of walking from Beaumont to El Paso. The team should walk several times a week and record their individual and collective mileage.

The program was purposefully designed with a great deal of flexibility. Team members may walk together or separately, around the neighborhood, at the gym or on a treadmill---- whatever fits their individual schedules. Team mileage is totaled each week, and the team's progress toward the destination is tracked on a Texas map.

The goal of the program is to make walking a regular habit---even after the contest ends.

According to the Aerobic and Fitness Association of America, it's a great habit to keep.

Whether indoors or outdoors, on equipment, or on a path, walking is the most convenient way to get into shape. Walking is low-impact, non-jarring, does not require practice or experience and can provide a social outlet or solitary relaxing time, the association writes.

Walk Across Texas is being coordinated by the Sutton County Extension Office.

If you would like to join a Walk Across Texas team or form your own, please contact the County Extension Office at 387-3101 for more information.

Experiment Station Prepares For Angora Goat Test_

submitted

Plans are being made to conduct an Angora Goat Performance Test at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Sonora in the spring and summer of 2001.

Important dates to remember: February 26 & 27 -Delivery to station March 5 & 6 - Shear March 7 - Weigh on test May 2 - Weighday June 27 - Final weight & final shearing July ???, 2001 (Date to be determined) - Field Day and potential sale

This provides for a 112-day test period. Animals may be delivered as individuals or in sire groups. It is not required that the animals be registered, but sale or use prospects would be improved with registered animals. Producers are advised to inspect their animals to ensure that they are healthy, have horns separated by one inch or more, have two normal testicles, and that the scrotum is not divided for more than

See Goat Test page 9

SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, February 8, 2001

Chamber To Honor Citizens "Under the Big Top"

"Peanuts! Popcorn! Cotton Candy!" Circus antics and sideshow acts will entertain guests at the 2001 Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. This year's banquet will be an evening "Under the Big Top" and is scheduled for April 17, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

The Sutton County Civic Center will be transformed into a circus arena, complete with a ringmaster and clowns.

The Sutton County Steakhouse will provide a dinner before the presentation of awards begins. The cost to participate in the festivities will be \$15 a plate, or \$150 a table.

Each year the Chamber of Commerce holds the banquet to honor Sutton County citizens for their services to the community. Awards are presented to the Citizen of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Educa-

Year, Outstanding Chamber Member, Employee of the Year, and the "Spotlight On Sonora" award. Chamber members should be watching for their ballots in next week's mail. It is imparative that everyone participate and return their filled out ballots as soon as possible. Your vote is what decides the winner of each award, so don't forget to vote!

If you are interested in becoming a Chamber member, or for more information on the banquet, call 387-2880.

We have included past winners from each event.

Citizen of the Year

1981-Smith Neal, 1982-Belle Steen, 1983-Charlotte Wilson, 1984-Hershel Davenport, 1985-John Eaton, 1986-Les Robertson (Posthumously) Rip & May Ward, 1987-Alice Jones & Herbert Field, tor of the Year, Organization of the 1988-George Wallace, 1989-Preston Love, 1990-Don Jones, 1991-Ronnie Cox, 1992-Virgil Polocek, 1993-Lewis Allen, 1994-Mabel & Joseph Vanderstucken, 1995-Lena Belle Ross, 1996-Lura Sawyer, 1997-Dorothy Baker, 1998-Alvis Johnson, 1999-Virgil Polocek, 2000-Wanda Neville

Business Person of the Year 1990-Linda Love, 1991-Carl Teaff, 1992-Bruce Kerbow, 1993-John Childers, 1994-Tim Thorp, 1995-A.W. Bishop, 1996-Jimmy & Diana Condra, 1997- Barry Limbocker, 1998-Cheryl Chevalier, 1999- James Archer, 2000-Wardlaw

Family Educator of the Year

1990-Ben Solis, 1991-Gwen Kordzick, 1992-Charles Russel, 1993-Warren Kirkpatrick, 1994-Lori Solis, 1995-Clay Cade, 1996-Scott Harrelson, 1997- Smith Neal, 1998-Lewis Allen, 1999-Bob Snodgrass, 2000-Steve McCarn

Organization of the Year 1990-Sutton County EMS, 1991-Sutton County Days Association, 1992-Sonora Fire Dept., 1993-Sonora Wild Bunch, 1994-Christmas in April, 1995-Womens Club Library Committee, 1996-Varsity Basketball (Boys), 1997- Ministerial Alliance, 1998-Cub Scouts, 1999-Community Center Building Committee, 2000-Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee

. Outstanding Chamber Member

1997-Luther Creek, 1998-West Texas Utilities, 1999-Sonora True Value, 2000-Jimmy Cahill

Employee of the Year 1998-Tonya Brown, 1999-Roberta James, 2000-Blayze Sykes Spotlight on Sonora

1998-Robert Lynch, 1999-Glen Fisher, 2000-West Texas Utilities



by Rick Taylor - SIDC A small group of investors, city employees, individuals, chamber and SIDC members met with John Nicholson on Saturday, January 27th to discuss the relocation of Nicholson's Meat Company to Interstate 10 and Sonora. The group looked at 5 parcels of land for the relocation of the facility. The plant and retail storefront will employee approximately 20 workers the first year and there will be jobs added in the 2nd and 3rd year of operation. The new facility will have a retail storefront, a custome meat process-

ing plant, mail order operation and

wholesale delivery system. The Sonora Industrial Development Corp. has been asked to help with land and/or infrastructure; private investors and Nicholson Meat Company will build the facility (Approx. 1.5 million dollars). The City, County and Sonora Industrial Development Corp. are working on establishing an enterprise zone. This allow the city and county to qualify for special job training programs, state sales tax refunds, capitol fund grant money and other special incentives for expanding or relocating companies. The Texas Dept. Of Agriculture (via Robert Woods) will assist with marketing

Relay For Life

Rescheduled

cer Society Relay For Life has

been rescheduled for May 4-5,

2001 due to the State Track Meet.

ing, with teams already signing up

Everyone is getting geared up for this year's theme of "Shoot Out

at the Bronco Corral", dustin' off

their boots and breakin' out their

western gear. We've even got an

authentic barber pole to go with the

barber shop in the Wild West Town

that the teams are going to help

event to help raise money for the

cans alive today have faced a diag-

nosis of cancer. Some of them are

newly diagnosed or are undergoing

treatment, while others are in remis-

provides information about differen

types of cancer and cancer-related

topics. Call 1-800-ACS-2345 or

visit their web site at

www.cancer.org. The American Cancer Society also offers a variety

of patient service programs that are

available in our community. For

information and resources that

address your specific needs contact

our local Patient Service Represen-

Board member for information.

These Board members include:

Erica Morriss, Storie Sharp, Smith

Neil, Noemi Samaniego, Ada

Castilleja, Lou Faulks, Loma

Surber, Lucille McMillan, Shanna

Petty, Charles Graves, Dorothy

Baker, Sandra Luz Gonzales, Vir

ginia Epps, Mrs. Vestel Askew,

LuAnn King, Maria Carrasco,

Kendra Vyvlecka, Jean Redman, Dr.

Charles Pajestka, Chris Croy

Robert Duran, Betty Stephen, Terry

Surridge, and Kathy Hearn.

You can also contact any ACS

tative, Robert Duran at 387-3113.

sion or are considered cured.

American Cancer Society.

The Relay For Life is an annua

More than 8.4 million Ameri-

The American Cancer Society

and planning for the big night.

The 2001 American Can-

Plans for the event are continu-

by Storie Sharp

TEXAS program will assist with product distribution across the coun-

These are some of the economic development tools that can and will be used to attract new and expanding industries to Sonora. These programs are being made available by the cooperation and hard work of city and county offi-John Nicholson is excited about

moving to Sonora and having I-10 access for his business. His plans are to double the size of his current facility and then double again in 2 or 3 years. John said that market demand is there and growing at a very rapid pace, especially in gourmet lamb and goat product sales. John stated that many people throughout the country are beginning to appreciate lamb and goat products as an alternative to beef, chicken, pork and fish.

Many of the State's top lamb and goat producers reside in Sutton County. This plant will be another step forward allowing Texas to process a native raised product rather than importing from overseas

Thanks to everyone for their



Nick Lozano takes 2 against Mason. Photo by Pam Haynes

Broncos Punch-Out the Punchers

On January 30, 2001, the Bronco Varsity Boys hosted the Mason Punchers. The Broncos won with a score of 58-47. Lead scorers for Sonora were; Ryan Hardgrave and Riley Crain, each with 16 points, Bryce Cameron Sims-6, Chance Dillard-4, Matt Torres-3, Nick Lozano and Ed Mayfield, each with 2 points.

Sonora travelled to Wall on February 2, 2001 for a disappointing loss. The Wall Eagles defeated the Broncos 65-47. High scorers for the game were: Riley Crain-14, Bryce Williams and Chance Dillard-8 each, Cameron Sims-6, Matt Torres-5, Nick Lozano, Crispin Lira, Ryan Hardgrave, each

Are Your Children Scooterin' Safely

A favorite of young and old alike. Nothing like a human powered, earth friendly fun machine like the scooter. It can be transportation or just plain portable fun.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reported that emergency room-treated injuries related to these popular lightweight scooters have increased 700 percent since May. CPSC data show that there were more than 4,000 scooter-related injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms in August alone. There have been more than 9,400 emergency roomtreated injuries reported for 2000 so far. Nearly 90 percent of the injuries are to children under 15 years of

CPSC recommends that riders wear safety gear including a helmet, and knee and elbow pads to help prevent injuries. This is the same equipment CPSC recommends for in-line skating.

Riders are also encouraged to ride the scooters on smooth, paved surfaces without any traffic, avoid streets or surfaces with water, sand, gravel, or dirt, and not to ride the scooter at night.

Avoid riding fast in crowded areas because if you hit someone with your 6 pounds of metal going 25 mph. serious injury could occur to either you or the victim.

At intersections, parking entrances, and blind corners, reduce speed with the brakes or by dragging the peddling foot. Be prepared for cars, people, swinging doors or anything that might suddenly appear in front of you. The quickest way to stop is to just jump off.

Follow traffic rules and other rules. For those without the knowledge of these common sense rules, some big ones are...

1. Green means go, red means smooth, dirty, wet, etc.

Children should always wear safety gear when riding their scooters.

stop, A stop sign .. stop (everyone should know all this.) 2. Scan everything around you.

Always look forward and notice everything which is occurring around to your left and right and behind you.

3 Only bicycles are allowed on bike lanes. Stay on the sidewalks. When crossing streets check everything around you.

When riding with other kickboarders leave at least 20 feet of distance between each other. This distance is to give the kickboard behind enough time to react and brake if if necessary.

Not all road conditions will be the same. They may be bumpy

1. Bumpy roads with cracks should be rode on slowly, your front wheels may get caught and cause you to fly off into a crash. 2. Extremely slick roads, such

as polished marble, will cause your wheels to grip less, meaning your board may suddenly slip out from underneath you.

3. Dirty and wet roads are like slick roads. You may suddenly lose control during your ride due to the lack of grip of your wheels to the

At straights you may be fine, but when turning at corners, less grip may result in your board sliding underneath. The effect will be more

See Scooter Safety page 8

Sonora Church Directory

> PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA **Rick Sanchez** 504 Santa Clara 387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST Jerry Jackson 304 N. Water 387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH T. Wayne Price

Pastor 404 E Oak 387-2951

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Ted W. Harris 404 E. Poplar 387-2955 FIRST UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 N. Water 387-2466

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr. 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366

NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER Jerry & Joy Wood 205 E. Main 387-3241

LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC. Pastor Hector A. Portillo 807 Orient Ave.

387-6065

THE CHURCH OF THE **GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN** Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Longoria, Pastor Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED Randy Greenwood Pastor 509 Amistad

387-5266

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father William DuBuisson. O.M.I. 229 W. Plum 387-2278

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Seigler 511 Cornell 387-5207

SONORA FAMILY FAITH CENTER Sonora Stock Pens Sunday 6:00 p.m.

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ining Out Directory

La Mexicana

240 N. Hwy 277

387-3401

Los Jarritos

605 S. Crockett

387-2838

Pizza Hut

401 Hwy. 277 N.

387-3540

Rosie's Cafe

207 Glasscock Ave

387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse

1306 N. Service Rd

387-3833

Taqueria El Torito

210 S. Hwy 277

387-9307

Town & Country Subway

610 S. Crockett

387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen

903 N. Crockett Ave.

387-2169

BRONCHO FORD INC. 115 N CONCHO SONORA, TX 76950 (915)387-2549

Kerbow **Funeral Home** 387-2266

Card of Thanks

The family of Douglass C. Campbell wishes to thank everyone for their love and offerings. Special thanks to the EMS employees and the Sonora Police Department. May God bless all of you. Loyce and Family

I would like to thank all my friends and family who came to my Surprise" Birthday Party on February 3, 2001.

My 70th birthday will be forever remembered. I was very touched by everyone who came to spend the evening with me and my family. Lucy Ramos

The Boy Scouts of Troop 19 would like to thank Officer Dudley for his assistance at the Scout meeting on January 30, 2001 to work with the Scouts on the Fingerprinting Merit Badge.

The Boy Scouts also wish to thank the community for its help and support throughout the year. In particular, the following merchants helped make the annual coke booth at Sutton County Days a huge success by donating or offering to donate ice: I-10 Exxon, Shot's, Skinny's, Food Center, Town and Country, Mack's Shell and Smitty's.

We would like to send a very special Thank You to our family and friends who traveled from out of town to be with us. We'd like to Thank You for the food, flowers, phone calls, cards and the special time spent with the family in our time of need.

A Special Thank You to the First National Bank, Los Jarritos, La Mexicana, Sutton County Steakhouse and Food Center.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, If so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, As any friend could say; Perhaps you were not here at all, Just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part. The Family of Santos T. Duran, Jr.

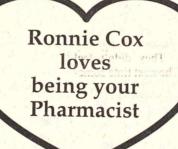
Birth Announcemnet

Elizabeth L. Ramirez and Henry Saucedo would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Elissa Chantal.

She was born January 22, 2001 at 3:40 p.m. at Shannon Women and Children's Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Maternal Grandparents are Angie G. Ramirez and the late Ernesto Ramirez.

She is welcomed home by her Uncle Robert and Aunt Maribel, cousins Vanessa, Alexandra and

Robert Adrian Rodriquez, all of Ozona, Texas. She is also welcomed by numerous Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.



Senior Center News

Feb. 12 - Bingo! Lincoln's Birthday.

Feb. 13 - Vote for 2001 Sweethearts.

Feb. 14 - Happy Valentine's Day! Announce 2001 Senior Sweethearts after lunch.

Feb. 15 - Senior Connections with Area Agency on Aging. Noon. Call FMI 387-5657.

Feb. 16 - Video on Alzheimer's Disease with the Senior Network, Inc. after lunch!

Senior Menu

Feb. 12 - Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, rolls, sliced tomato,

pineapple rings. Feb. 13 - Chicken supreme, herbed new potatoes, broccoli, rolls,

green salad, cherry cobbler. Feb. 14 - Beef burrito, pinto beans, spinach, cole slaw, jello with

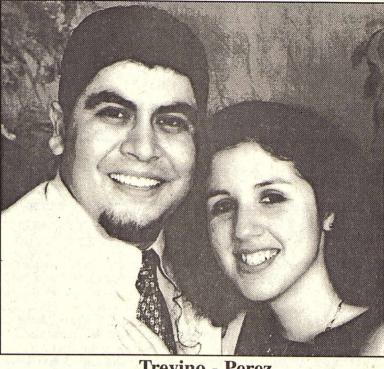
Feb. 15 - Oven baked pork chops with gravy, noodles, tossed salad,

carrots, bread, applesauce. Feb. 16 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread,

banana pudding.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon. \$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

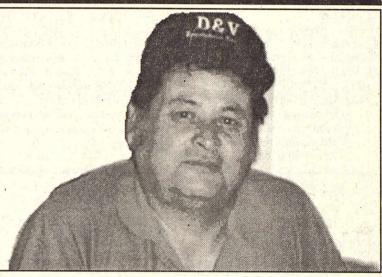
Engagement



Trevino - Perez

A March 17, 2001 wedding date has been set for Salina Trevino and Pete G. Perez at St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church in Austin, Texas. Salina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Aleman and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Trevino, Jr., all of Austin. She is the granddaughter of Emma and Daniel Trevino formerly of Sonora. Pete is the son of Mary and Fred Perez

Obituaries



Santos Duran

Santos Duran, 58, of Sonora passed away Friday, January 26, 2001, at his residence.

A memorial service was held Monday, January 29, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora. Interment followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Gutierrez Funeral Chapels/Knickerbocker.

Mr. Duran was born November 20, 1942, in Sonora. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Santos and Tomasa

Duran; and one brother, Willie T.

Survivors include his wife,

sons, Santos Manuel Duran and wife Rachel, and Jessie Guerra and wife, Ginny all of Sonora; four daughters, Patricia and husband, Abel Sanchez of Sonora, Linda and husband Uber Gonzalez of Eldorado, Anita and husband Micheal Torres, Tommie and husband Mike Sanchez and Angie Torres, all of Sonora, He is also survived by one brother, Juan A. Duran of Sonora; and two sisters, Virginia Ynostrosa of San Angelo and Esperanza Duran of Sonora; 16 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Margarita G. Duran of Sonora;

Billy Kring, Sr.

Billy G. Kring, Sr., 68, of Fort Stockton died Monday, January 22, 2001, in a San Angelo hospital.

Services were held in a Fort Stockton Funeral Home Chapel with burial in East Hill Cemetery.

He was born February 28,

1932, in Sonora and had been a resident of Fort Stockton for 25 years. He was a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife.

Laverne Kring of Fort Stockton; five sons, Billy Kring, Jr. of Sabinal, Michael Kring of Albuquerque, N.M., David Kring of Knippa, Mark Kring and Eric Kring, both of Fort Stockton, a daughter, Gayle Ferguson of Fort Stockton; two sisters, Hazel Hodges of Brady and Gwen Stillwell of Alpine; 10 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Knights of Columbus

ENCHILADA PLATES

Sunday, February 11, 2001 St. Ann's Parish Hall 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. \$5.00 per plate Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Sonora, Texas

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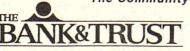
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Community

Feb. 9 - 10 55th Annual Sonora Speech Meet & Academic Meet School Holiday Feb. 9 - 10 Lions Club Mid Winter Conference FMI Call Sonora Chamber of Commerce 387-2880

> Feb. 12 School Holiday Feb. 19 P.T.A. Meeting 6:00 p.m. Elementary Auditorium

> > The Community Calendar



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Calendar

Feb. 20 Tri-County Discovery Tour Contact Chamber of Commerce 387-2880 Feb. 24

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Sonora Community Arts & Theater Presents Kimberly Snaufer (Harp) & Marc Garvin (Guitar) Duo Sonora High School Auditorium • 7:00 p.m.

Al-Anon Meeting Held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month Starting Feb. 6th at 6:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church Basement

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The Devil's River News encourages letters from its readers. Letters should be to the point, typed if at all possible and signed. Name, address and telephone number should be included for verification purposes. Letters will be printed on a space available basis. Letters should stick with issues, and not simply be personal attacks. Letters endorsing a particular position on issues of local interest will be accepted, however letters endorsing a candidate

for political office will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit for length, content, and potentially libelous statements. Letters to the Editor published in this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the position of this publication on any subject. Correspondence should be mailed to: The Devil's River News-Letters to the Editor, 228 East Main, Sonora TX. 76950.

Email us at editor@sonoratx.net

The Sharp Point

by Storie Sharp

I recently received an email warning of something spreading around the country like wildfire.

My first thought was "Oh great, my kids will probably catch whatev er it is for sure.

Then as I read on I realized my kids already have what they were talking about. In fact they share it Standard with me every day.

It is a smile. Isn't it amazing how a simple little motion of your mouth can make someone feel so special. At the same time, the lack of that little motion can ruin someone's entire

It isn't hard to smile, it's actualy quite easy. As a matter of fact it has been said that it takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile.

So why wouldn't you want to share one with everyone you meet on the street? If a passer-by smiles at you, even if you don't know them, SMILE BACK! They probably aren't trying to slow you down and engage you in a twenty minute conversation. They just smiled to make you feel better, and doesn't everyone like to feel better?

So I say "Just Do It", make someone's day, Smile!

I found the following poems and decided to share them, with the hope that they leave you with a

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu, When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too. I passed around the corner

and someone saw my grin When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him. I thought about that smile then I realized its worth, A single smile, just like mine, could travel 'round the earth. So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected, Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

A Smile Embrace

A smile is such an easy thing To pass along the way, Like a ray of summer sunshine On a somewhat gloomy day. So pass one on to those you meet Then watch that person's face ... And feel the warmth as it's

returned; It's called a "smile embrace." -Poem by Phyllis VanVleck

The Power of a Smile She smiled at the sorrowful

The smiling seemed to make him feel better.

He remembered past kindnesses And wrote him a thank you let-

The friend was so pleased with

That he left a large tip after

The waitress, surprised by the

size of the tip, Bet the whole thing on a hunch. The next day she picked up her

And gave part to a man on the

The man on the street was grate-

For two days he'd had nothing to eat.

After he finished his dinner, He left for his small dingy

He didn't know at that moment That he might be facing his

On the way he picked up a shiv-

ering puppy
And took him home to get

The puppy was very grateful To be in out of the storm. That night the house caught on

The puppy barked the alarm. He barked 'till he woke • the whole household

And saved everybody from

One of the boys that he rescued Grew up to be President.
All this because of a simple

That hadn't cost a cent.

A Smile

A Smile costs nothing, but gives

It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who It takes but a moment, but the

memory of it sometimes lasts forev-

None is so rich and mighty that he can get along without it and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it

A Smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business and is the countersign of friendship.

It brings rest to the weary. cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged

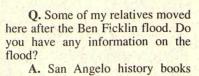
borrowed, or stolen, for it is some thing that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to

give you a Smile. Give them one of yours, for none needs a Smile so much as he

who has no more to give.

Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary



have it well documented. I like the personal stories told in the old Frontier Times: they credit San Angelo November 1928 issue had the

following: F. A. Karger of Kerrville, one of the oldest County Commissioners in Texas and one of the pioneers who lost all of his possessions in the flood that wiped out the little community of Ben Ficklin in 1882 visited in San Angelo last week. Mr. Karger is 72 and despite his years he is a hearty robust looking man, heavy set with powerful shoulders and huge hands which were developed when he plied his trade as blacksmith for F. C. Taylor, who operated the stage line from Ben Ficklin to San Antonio and El Paso back in the 1880's. In 1875 when Mr. Karger first came to Ben Ficklin, then the county seat of Tom Green County, San Angelo was not the proud city of the Conchos that she is now. Rather San Angelo was represented by a few hotels, a fort, guarded by Negro soldiers and plenty of saloons. Ben Ficklin was then considered the coming city of the section, due to the strategy of F. C. Taylor in getting the county seat located in that place. Mr. Karger worked for Mr. Taylor until 1881 when the Texas & Pacific Railroad was built to El Paso and the mail route was discontinued. Mr. Karger then opened a blacksmith shop of his own in Ben Ficklin, which the flood washed away the following

the morning the flood waters swept down the valley and destroyed the little community. He said he made his way to higher ground and watched the water carry away all of his worldly goods. Most of the other residents of Ben Ficklin made their ways to the hills, many of them in night clothes. About 60 persons were drowned in the flood, Mr. Karger said. H. B. Tarver, county surveyor, spent more than 24 hours in the court house before he was rescued, the court house and a few homes in the hills being the only buildings not washed away. When the water rose to the third story of the court house Tarver became nervous and started shooting his gun, presumably in an attempt to attract the attention of a rescue party. Mr. Karger said others tried to go to the rescue in hastily fashioned boats, but were unsuccessful due to the swiftly flowing current. After the flood many of the residents of Ben Ficklin moved to San Angelo, where the seat was subsequently moved. The court house was later torn down.

Mr. Karger remembers vividly

November 1932 another story taken from the San Angelo Standard: Fifty years ago tonight and early tomorrow morning tragic pages were written in the history of Tom Green county by angry water of the South and Middle Conchos, Dove and Spring creeks. Ben Ficklin, first county seat, and the old stage stand on a hill nearby, were swept away with loss of 65 lives and property damage estimated at between \$50,000 and \$100,000. On August 24, 1932, four survivors of the flood remained alive in San Angelo to tell of the event, Mrs. Sam Pollock, W. Clint Johnson, Mrs. Felix Probandt, who then was Miss Josephine Taylor and Mrs. C. W.

201 E. Main, Sonora Texas.

city during 2001.



G.P. Hill's Father's Day Celebration. Front Row: (L-R) E.F. Vanderstucken, E.C. Saunders, Theo Savell, Claude Stites, W.E. Caldwell, Nora Hill, Mrs. J.D. Laurey, Mrs. Lula Karnes, A.C. Elliott, A.J. Owens. Back Row (L-R) Dave Lacklin, Stanley Paton, H.C. Kiser, George D. Chalk, G.P. Hill, Dee Word, J.D. Laurey, Dock Friend, Roy Hudspeth, and Ed Glasscock.

Hobbs, who then was Miss Minnie Sanderson.

C. B. Metcalf, whose mother, sister and an uncle were lost in the angry waters, was at his ranch above the county seat and was water bound there for hours. M. B. Pulliam, a resident of San Angelo then, was leader in rescue work. Rains during June, July and August of 1882 had thoroughly soaked the watershed above Ben Ficklin. Early on the night of August 23 heavy rain fell for an hour, but by 10 o'clock the moon was shining again. A dance was held that night at the Concho hotel operated by Mrs. Frank Tankersley in San Angelo. Residents gave little thought to the rain, which later developments proved had amounted to cloudburst proportions at the heads of the four creeks and rivers. About 4 o'clock on the morning of August 24, 1882, a light sprinkle began falling and the river at Ben Ficklin started rising. The residents, there were about 300 of them, started arising and carrying valuables to the second stories of those houses which were more than one story high, and in some cases they were taking books and other valuables to

the tone courthouse. By 11 o'clock on the morning of August 24 the flood had reached its maximum height of 40 feet and had obliterated the entire town except for three houses, the courthouse and jail. Ben Ficklin had been built in the valley nearly at the rivers edge and was located just above what in 1932 was called the Metcalf dam. The old mail stage line station was a mile north. It was also swept

Clint Johnson and Lewis Hinde were sleeping in the rear room of Sam Pollock's store and about 4 AM when the river started rising they were awakened. They didn't feel like getting up. The next time someone knocked on the door they ignored them until the door was kicked in and water rushed in on the floor. "We got up in a hurry then," Mr. Johnson recalled. "I went to the safe and started taking out the books to place them on high tables," Mr. ohnson said. "Then the water continued to rise so I took the books to the first floor of the courthouse. When the water also started rising there I took them to the second floor and then swam the rapid rising waters to high ground. H. C. Tarver, the county surveyor remained in the courthouse. "There were three or four men in jail on minor offenses and as I had the keys in my pocket I had to go back and let them out. By that time the water was to my shoul-

ders at the jail," Mr. Johnson said. Most of the loss of life was at and near the mail station below Ben Ficklin. It was there that Mr. Metcalf's mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Metcalf, his sister, Zemula, and uncle, Blakley Taylor lost their lives. Mrs. Probandt was at the mail station but escaped to nearby high ground. Her father J. B. Taylor, was drowned.

HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

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PROPOSED USE HEARING

occupancy tax revenue is that the expenditure is spent in a manner which

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and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information

centers, or both; (2) the furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials

for the registration of convention delegates or registrants; (3) advertising

and conducting solicitations and promotional program and convention

encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts,

photography, graphic and craft arts, motion pictures, radio, television,

performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms; and (5)

historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising

All citizens, organizations or businesses are invited to attend and provide

approximately \$115,000.00 of hotel occupancy revenue expected by the

tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation,

and conducting solicitations and promotional programs to encourage

tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or

the council with written or oral comments on possible uses of

including instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative

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is limited to the following (1) the acquisition of sites for and the construction, improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation

delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity; (4) the

writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture,

The city council will hold a public hearing on the proposed hotel/motel

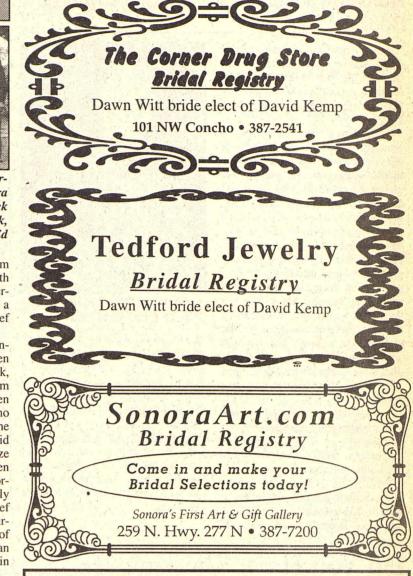
occupancy tax budget on February 20, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall,

The primary and foremost qualification for the use of the hotel

By the second day troops from Fort Concho had been sent with tents and food to relieve the suffering and the citizens organized a searching party and raised a relief fund of some \$10,000.

M. B. Pulliam called for volunteers to go from San Angelo to Ben Ficklin. One man John Fitzpatrick, answered and the two of them swam the river in San Angelo first then when they reached the main Concho they swam it, coming out near the old courthouse. They gave what aid they could and returned to organize other parties. The flood put Ben Ficklin completely off the map forever and San Angelo was finally designated county seat after a brief but bitter controversy. The old courthouse was demolished and part of its stone was used in constructing an addition to a junior high school in San Angelo.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give me a call at 915-387-2855. If you want copies of pictures, scanned copies or canon laser copies can be easily made. If you want photographic copies of pictures they will take around a month to get. We do not have any photographic equipment belonging to the society and all I have is an instant camera of my own. I use it to take photos at the cemetery. We really need a good camera that can take photos of old pictures and a regular camera with a flash that we can use to document work being done on buildings. Or one capable of doing both things. With the new archival storage we will really need this equipment. Can anyone help





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Hometown Author Writes First Children's

Mary Sue Galindo, daughter of Lydia Galindo and the late Pedro Galindo, Jr., has written her first children's book, a bilingual text entitled Icy Watermelon/Sandia

The story revolves around a grandparents' visit to their family in the country on a hot, summer day. While sharing an ice-cold watermelon, the grandchildren are treated to riddles and stories about their family history.

Galindo, whose poetry has been published in various anthologies, became interested in writing children's literature during her first year as a bilingual elementary teacher in Laredo. Mary Sue felt that there was a lack of culturally relevant literature in Spanish for children. As a result, Ms. Galindo was inspired to write her first children's book. She originally wrote it in Spanish, then translated it into English.

The book is published by Arte Publico Press, a subsidiary of the University of Houston, whose emphasis is producing and promoting Latino literature.

Ms. Galindo is a 1977 Sonora High School graduate. She has a B.A. in Liberal Arts from the University of Texas at Austin. Current-



Mary Sue Galindo, author of Icy Watermetlon/Sandia Fria

ly, Galindo is working on her Masters of Fine Arts with an emphasis in creative writing at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Mary Sue plans to graduate May, 2001 and return to her home in

Icy Watermelon/Sandia Fria can be ordered on line at www.arte.uh.edu or by phone at 1-800-633-ARTE. You can also go to any bookstore and ask them to order

Happy Birthday

February 8
Tres Campbell, Alyssa Avila, Juan J. Hernandez, Jacinda Sanchez, Bobby Scott, Randy Thurmond, Ann Kay

February 9 JoAnn Palmer, Nathanel Prather, Herminia Renteria, Alicia S. Velez, Boomer Galindo, Dora Fuentez, John Lopez, III, Roberta James, Joyce Jimenez

February 10 Cam Campbell, Lorena Lopez, Delma Noriega, Patti Prather, Cynthia Hillis, Suzanne Steves, Dana Young, Sarah Gutierrez, Garry

February 11 Kim West, Katie Taylor, Jeanette Turner, Ty Fincher

February 12 Eddie Favila, Viola Gonzales, Casey Lewis, Jerry Lopez, Scott Neff, Ricardo Sanchez, Jerry Saenz, Donna Whitten, Jed Daven-

February 13

Billy Burnham, Santana Noriega, Jessica Snyder, Austin Whitten, Beverly Arnwine, Cathy Garza, Bertha Villanueva, Emily Ellison, Anna Ramos, Craig Hudson, Jose

February 14

Adrianne Casillas, Matt Escalante, Magdalena Tobias, Susana Vaquera, Salvador Garza, Ethan Harper

Lozano **Completes Basic Training**



Marine Corps Pvt. Homer Lozano

Marine Corps Pvt. Homer Lozano, son of Toni G. Wright of Sonora, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Lozano successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Lozano and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. IN addition to the physical conditioning program, Lozano spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-tohand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Lozano and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage, and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Lozano and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Lozano is a 1999 graduate of Sonora High School.

American Legion Post 253 will hold a meeting in the Texas Room at the Sutton County Steakhouse on February 13, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call Mario Martinez at 884-2221.

The ACS Relay for Life has been re-scheduled for May 4 - 5, 2001 from 6 p.m. - 9 a.m. For more information contact Shanna Petty at 387-3378 or Storie Sharp at 387-2507.

The Sonora Lions Club Annual Broom & Mop Sale will be Tuesday, March 13, 2001. Mops, brooms, push brooms, brushes, dish towels, dust pans and much more will be available.

There will be a youth revival at the New Hope Baptist Church on February 9, 10, & 11, starting at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for food, drinks and fun. For more information call Mike Moore at 387-5040

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 yrs. old & up) and the Permanently Disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify. The Power Wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required. If your need is for use in your home, please call for more information to see if you qualify. Call toll free, Leon Johnson at 1-800-246-6010.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the Bronco's state winning game or any Varsity or J.V. game tape, please call Kristin Keel at the High School. Each tape is only \$6. All proceeds benefit the S.H.S. Radio and T.V. Class. The class is also selling highlight tapes of the 2000 season for only \$15.00. The highlight tapes are edited to the latest music and have the best plays of the season. You can also purchase any Varsity girls or boys basketball game tapes for only \$6.

Attention All Basketball Lovers! The Texas Professional Basketball League has come to the Hill Country. For information about tryouts please call Sonny Rowe at (915)446-4951 or Ernest Adams at (915)446-8646. Serious inquiries only. Particularly looking for tall centers and forwards. It no answer call cell number (830)739-9699 or work number (915)446-

Applications are now being evaluated from the Ten Star All - Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys, ages 8-19 and girls, ages 10-19, can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Camp locations in Texas include Commerce and Ft. Worth. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American Team. For an evaluation form call (704)568-6801.

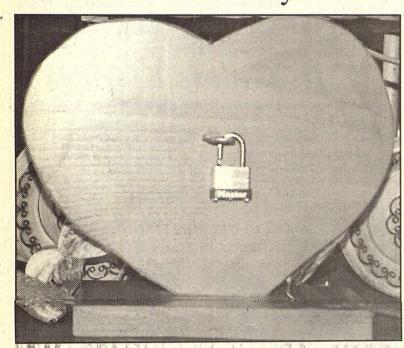
Piano lessons - trying to put together a Wednesday class. If interested call

The Sonora Community Arts & Theater (SCAT) presents Kimberly Snaufer (Harp) and Marc Garvin (Guitar) Duo. February 24, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium. A reception to meet the artists will follow the presentation. Tickets are on sale now at Tedford, First National Bank, and The Bank & Trust.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora on Tuesdays, February 27, and March 27, 2001 from 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. You do not have to wait until the representative's visit to hantle Social Security matters. Your Social Security business can be handled just as quickly by telephone. Call toll free 1-800-772-1213 Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. You can also call the San Angelo office at 915-949-4608 Mon. - Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Calderon now has flu shots. Call 387-5666 for an appointment.

Do You Have The Key To "Unlock My Heart"



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The February Merchants Promotion "Unlock My Heart" is underway. While shopping for your sweetheart's Valentine gift at local businesses look for the red heart on the door. After you make your purchase you will get a chance to dig in a bucket of sand for a key. If your key unlocks the lock on the red wooden heart, you win a prize from that merchant.

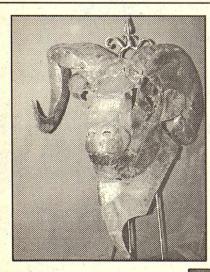
"Sweetheart" merchants participating in the "Unlock My Heart" promotion include: B&C Dept. Store, Business Basics, Busy Bee Dept. Store, City of Sonora, Corner Drug Store, Dairy Queen, Flowers by Irene, image apparel, Lisa's Flowers, Ol' Sonora Trading Post, Petal Pushers Florist, Tedford Jewelry, and Sonora True Value.

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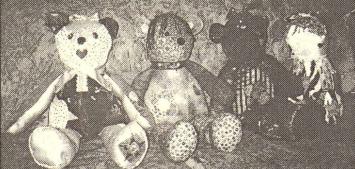
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Several of our local artists will be on hand to visit and show their latest Art!



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There is always something going on at Sonora's First Art and Gift Gallery! For More Information Call 387-7200



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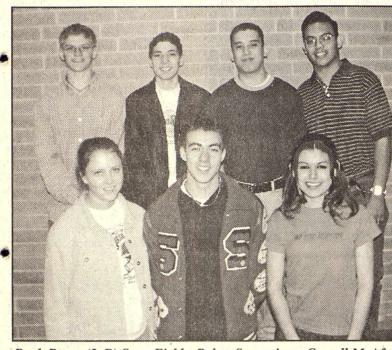
Sonora Elementary PTA plans February Meeting and "Stars of Tomorrow" Talent Show

The Sonora Elementary PTA will hold its February business meeting and talent show on February 19, 2001 in the Elementary auditorium at 6:00 pm. The talent show will include talent from 1st, 3rd and 5th grades.

Sign up for the talent show is being held in the primary and intermediate school offices.

PTA invites all students in these grades to sign up and show us your special talents. Sign up deadline is February 13. PTA hopes the community will be present to enjoy the students talents during their night to shine. Come join us to see the stars of the future!

U.I.L. Students Perform In Ingram



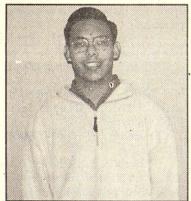
Back Row - (L-R) Sean Fields, Pokey Samaniego, Carroll McAfee and Joe Flores. Front Row - (L-R) Margie Becknell, Matt Torres, and Leslie Gamez

Congratulations to the following Journalism U.I.L. students who participated in the Ingram U.I.L. Meet on Saturday. In Feature Writing, Carroll McAfee placed second. In Headline Writing, Leslie Gamez placed third. For the last four years, at least one Journalism student has placed at every meet attended. The students are coached by Kristin Keel.

The Speech and Drama Department also participated in the U.I.L. Meet

Margie Becknell placed fourth in Informative Speaking. In Prose Interpretation, Sean Fields placed second and Pokey Samaniego placed sixth. In the Computer Science competition, Matt Torres placed first and Joe Flores received sixth place.

Flores Receives National Academic Honors



Sonora High School senior Joe Flores has been nominated to receive recognition by Who's Who onship they needed. The Mason Among American High School Students. Joe has also been officially selected as an All-American Scholar and honored nationally by the United States National Minority Leadership Award, and the Lawson had two 3 point shots, with National Leadership and Service a total of 11 points for the game. Award.

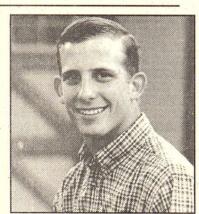
West Makes Hardin-Simmons Dean's List

Abilene, TX-

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Sonora resident Jacob West has made the Dean's List for the fall 2000 semester.

The HSU Dean's List honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a 3.75 grade point average.

Jacob is a 2000 graduate of Sonora High School and is the son of Joe David and Laura West.



New Hope Baptist Church Invites YOU to their Youth-Led Revival February 9 - 12, 2001

> Friday 6:00 p.m. Youth Meal

7:00 p.m. Worship Service Saturday 6:00 p.m. Youth Meal

7:00 p.m. Worship Service Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Youth Meal 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

The services will be led by a team from Hardin-Simmons University including Jacob West and Brady Lock with music by Mills Caraway of San Angelo. This revival is for all ages with a special youth emphasis. There will be food, prizes and fun at each youth meal.



Riley Crain takes a shot against Mason in last Tuesday's

Lady Broncos Fall Short To Mason



Kasey Miller takes the ball on a jump shot against Mason.

Sonora Bronco Basketball

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JV Schedule

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Feb. 9 - Junction • There - 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 9 - Junction • There - 6:30 p.m.

Sonora Wool and Mohair

and

Victor's Automotive

The Lady Broncos played hard against Mason on Tuesday, January 29th, but fell short of the champigirls defeated the Lady Broncos 55-

Heather Felts led the scoring with the help of four 3-point shots, for a total of 17 points. Heather Tamika Marshall had 7 points and Ashley Parker had 3. Morgan Hobbs, Monica Lira, Desiree Gonzales, Amy Gann, Japha Word and

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Kasey Miller all contributed with 2 points each.

The Lady Broncos also took a hard defeat against the Wall Lady Hawks on Friday, February 2 in Wall. The Lady Hawks ran the game, with a final score of Wall 56, Sonora 28.

Leading the scoring for the Lady Broncos was Heather Felts with 10, Morgan Hobbs with 7 and Kasey Miller with 6. Kara Hard had 2 and Tamika Marshall and Stephanie Hard each had 1.

Sonora Middle School Chooses Sweetest Hearts

The following eighth grade students were nominated for Sweetest Hearts at the Sonora Middle School this year.

Nominations are made by the middle school teachers based on attitude and endearing qualities such as respectfulness, manners, courtesy, and politeness. Once nominated, popular vote by the middle school student body decides the "sweetest" boy and girl of 2001.

The "Sweetest Hearts" will be announced at approximately 9:00 pm at the Valentine's Dance at the Sonora Middle School Cafeteria on Thursday, February 8th. The dance sponsored by the Middle School Student Council is from 7:00 to 10:30.

Nominated this year are; M.J. Brown daughter of Patsy Duran and John Brown; David Adkins, son of Tamara and Russell Adkins: Courtney Caruthers, daughter of Janice and Bob Caruthers: Diego

Cardona, son of Rogelio and Yolisma Cardona: Dominguez, daughter of Cruz Irma and Jose Dominguez: Jason Chadwick, son of Glenna Martin: Tara Green, daughter of Russell and Diana Green: Dustin Creek, son of Loraine Creek: Allison Higdon, daughter of Charlotte and Robert Higdon: Benny Fraiser, son of Ben Fraiser and Karen Kearny-Fraiser: Alyssa Ibarra, Alice and Fernando Ibarra: Laramie Hall, son of Callaway and Ronda Hall: Brooke Northcott, daughter of Delma Reyna and Jerry Northcott: Brian Payton, son of Tom and Pam Pay-

Amanda Samaniego, ton: daughter of Connie and Ruben Samaniego: Stetson Perez, son of Melva Vallejo and Alonzo Perez: Chelsea Seaton, daughter of Lisa and Herbie Seaton: Roland Segura, son of Linda and Luis Segura: Amanda Word, Larry and Kay Word.

4-H and FFA Members To Compete In Houston

Houston - Seven 4-H members from Sutton County will be joining other FFA and 4-H members from all over Texas for intense competition in the show ring at the 2001 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™, Feb. 13 -March 4, at Reliant Park in Houston.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, begins livestock competition on Feb. 23. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first 10 days of the Show, which kicks off

Entries from both the open and junior show, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind

4-H members from Sonora that will be attending include: Mandy Brister - Junior Market Goats; Brea Hughes - Junior Market Lambs; Tom Jacoby - Junior Market Lambs; Colton Moore - Junior Market Goats; William Renfro - Junior Market Lambs; Monica Traylor - Junior Breeding Sheep and Junior Dairy Cattle; Nash Traylor - Junior Breeding Sheep.

More than 16,000 entries, representing 1,100 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, goats, llamas, commercial steers, and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steer, lamb, barrow and poultry) represent animals raised by exhibitors for food sources. The finest animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. In 2001, the Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales totaled \$6,147,398, including a record \$560,00 paid for the Grand Champion Mar-

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Police Reports

January 21, 2001 - Theft of

Officer was dispatched to

Shot's #5 in reference to a theft of service. Clerk advised that a silver Chrysler four door occupied by a

white male, pumped \$18.35 worth

of unleaded fuel and drove away

without paying. Direction of travel

was unknown. Attempts to locate

1100 block of Savell St. in reference

to a dog bite. Upon arrival officer

located complainant. Complainant

advised that while outside her resi-

dence a blue heeler dog belonging to her neighbor attacked her and bit

her left wrist area. A citation was issued to the owner of the dog for

unrestrained animal. The dog is

January 26, 2001 Assault/Terroristic Threat

to a subject armed with a knife.

Upon arrival officer spoke with

complainant. Complainant stated as she and her guest arrived at her res-

idence, a white male known to them had arrived and started chasing her

with a knife. The W/M (suspect)

also threatened her guests while he

displayed the knife. During the

incident the suspect stated he was

going to kill her. The suspect was

gone upon arrival. This case is be

forwarded to the County Attorney's

contacted officer. Complainant

advised that his daughter had run-

away from home and was possibly

in Sonora, TX. After further inves-

tigation, subject was located at a

residence in the 600 block of Tayloe

Avenue. Juvenile was taken into

January 27, 2001 - Runaway A complainant from Austin, TX

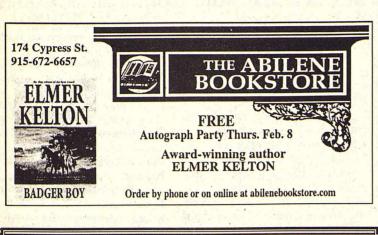
Officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Wardlaw in reference

also under quarantine for 10 days.

January 21, 2001 - Dog Bite

Officer received a call to the

vehicle were negative.



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Tickets to the Saturday evening performance and the Patron Party to follow are available at Tedford's Jewelry, First National Bank, and The Bank & Trust.

News From the Neighbors

San Angelo Girls Fastpitch Association

The San Angelo Girls Fastpitch Association (SAGFA) will be hosting a Girls Fastpitch Clinic on February 24 and 25, 2001 at the 29th Street Complex. All girls from ages 8-18 are welcome to attend a 2-Hr. session with Coach Ed Poehls as the guest instructor for \$60.00 per girl. Please bring your own glove, a friend to catch and your own bucket for the catcher to sit upon. The clinic is designed to be a fun experience for the girls and to give quality instruction in fastpitch softball tech-

Debbie Fontenot at 944-0747.

The SAGFA is also holding registration for the Spring 2001 Softball Season for girls ages 4-18. Age divisions are determined by your child's age as of January 1, 2001. Registration fee is \$55.00 before March 3, 2001 which includes uniform and insurance coverage. Late registration fee is \$65.00 after March 3, 2001. If you have any questions, please call Darlene Huff at 949-9240.

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> pending. February 2, 2001- Public

Intoxication Officer was dispatched to a disturbance call in the 500 block of NW Tom Green, which led to the arrest of Gabriel Alvarado Jr. for

Public Intoxication. February 3, 2001- Public

Intoxication Officer was dispatched to Town & Country #191 in reference to an intoxicated person. Upon arrival officer located subject. Ismael M. Munoz was arrested for Public Intoxication and was transported to

the Sutton Co. Jail. February 3, 2001-Public

Intoxication Officer was dispatched to Shot's Convenience store in reference to an intoxicated subject. Richard John Johnston of Virginia Beach, VA was arrested for Public Intoxication.

February 3, 2001-Driving

While Intoxicated A traffic stop in the 700 block of NW Crockett Avenue led to the arrest of Ismael M. Munoz of San Benito, TX for Driving While Intox-

February 3, 2001- Assault Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of W. Oak St. in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation George Ramos of

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Privacy Issues To Be Debated by 77th Texas Legislature

by Dolph Tillotson

If you are interested in open government, there is an issue that should grab your attention as the Texas Legislature convenes. That vssue may be a surprising one - pri-

In the Legislature, privacy is this year's version of motherhood everybody's for it, nobody's against

In an increasingly complex world, one in which the crime of identity theft occurs regularly and computerized medical histories may be used to deny insurance or turn down a job applicant, privacy is indeed a legitimate concern.

The Legislature still should be areful not to let this march to privacy become a dangerous stampede.

Roughly 20 bills already have been filed dealing with, among other things, the privacy of motor vehicle accident records, those in family abuse shelters, against discrimination in insurance and hiring based on medical records, even for those with handgun permits.

The crown jewel of all this is HJR 15, authored by Rep. Susanna Gratia Hupp. It calls for a Constituaional amendment asserting: "The right of every individual to privacy is recognized and may not be infringed without the showing of a compelling state interest that may not be achieved in a less intrusive and more reasonable manner."

What exactly does that mean in the real world? It sounds laudable,

but is it?

Privacy protection already is protected in criminal and civil law. There's no doubt the proposal would put many years of legal precedent in doubt, leading to frivolous lawsuits against government

As Legislators ponder all these new privacy laws, they should remember several important con-

• Effectiveness. Many so-called privacy laws purport to protect against such evils as stalking or identity theft. Yet closing public records to accomplish that usually does not work. In the age of information, information is almost always available from multiple sources. Closing public records creates a headache for the law-abiding and usually does nothing to deter

· The tradition of openness. Many of the records to be closed ostensibly for privacy reasons are open by state law for good reason. The records are owned by the public, paid for by the public and used by the public. The state of Texas most states, in fact - have gone to pains to ensure they are open to the

· Predictable and negative repercussions. Insofar as the battle for privacy means closing public agencies and records once open, it can cause easily foreseeable problems - if anyone takes the time to think of them. In 1997, the state passed a bill, promoted as an anti-

Dirt Construction, stalking law, closing motor vehicle accident records. Suddenly, the media no longer could write stories about dangerous intersections. Government agencies could not share information, even with one another. Texas newspapers sued the state to have the law set aside, and they won.

· The bad guys. Consider the public and private sponsors of all such legislation. Many lobbying groups in Texas will use the popular issue of privacy to seek protection from legitimate public scrutiny. They may use that issue to close free public access to information while selling that same information to those willing to pay for it.

Much privacy legislation is benign and even useful. Newspapers usually won't fight it.

The point is, however, that Legislators, considering their votes on hundreds of bills, should not assume that anything labeled as a privacy bill is necessarily a good thing.

The American tradition of openness in government and a free press carries with it, unfortunately, some small loss of privacy. In return, citizens have unprecedented knowledge of their government and ownership of the government's records. There is enormous value in that.

The balance between openness and privacy is a delicate one, and our Legislature must be thoughtful and careful to maintain it, especially this

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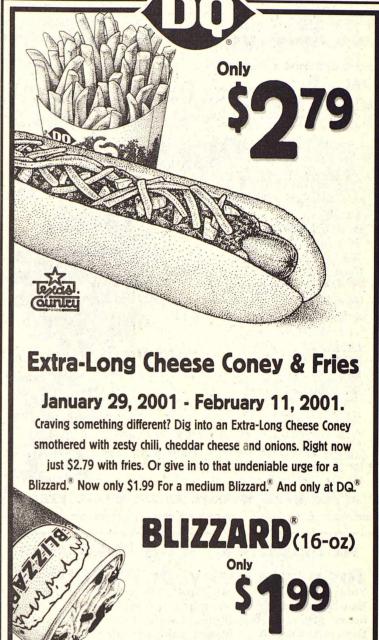
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The EMS members would like to thank the citizens of Sutton County for their continued support, encouragement and appreciate the privilege of being able to provide ambulance service to the county.

Tax Tip: Marriage or Divorce - Check Your Social Security Number

WASHINGTON - The IRS reminds newlyweds and the recently divorced to make sure names on their tax returns match those registered with Social Security. A mis-match between a name on the tax return and a Social Security number (SSN) could unexpectedly increase a tax bill and reduce the size of any

For newlyweds, the tax scenario can begin when the bride says "I do," takes her husband's surname but doesn't let Social Security know about the name change. If the couple files a joint tax return with her new name, the IRS computers will not be able to match the new name with the SSN.

Similarly, after a divorce, a woman who had changed her name and had made that change known to the Social Security Administration should contact Social Security if she reassumes her maiden name.

It's easy to inform the Social Security Administration of a name change by filing Form SS-5 at a local office. It usually takes two weeks to have the change verified. The form is available on the agency's Internet site www.ssa.gov, by calling 1-800-772-1213 and at local offices. (The Internet site provides the addresses of local offices.)

Generally, taxpayers must provide SSNs for each dependent claimed on the tax return. For adopted children without SSNs, the parents can apply for an adoption taxpayer identification number ATIN by filing Form W-7A with the IRS. The ATIN is used in place of the SSN on the tax return. The form is available on the IRS web site www.irs.gov, or by calling 1-800-

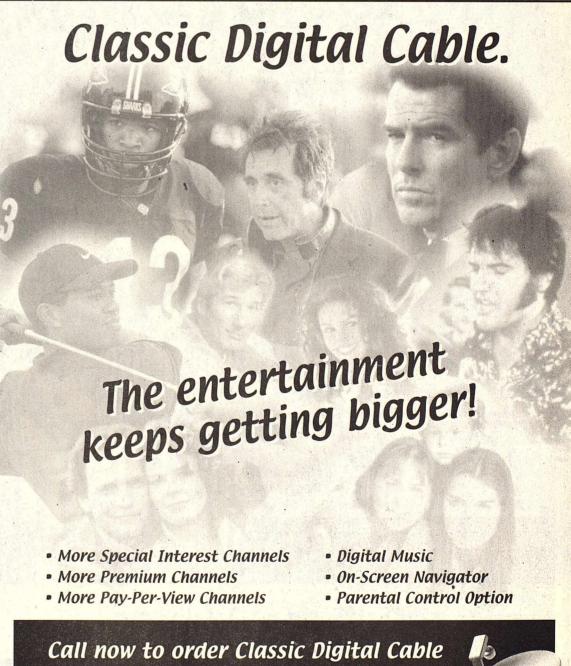
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Is your heating bill too expensive for your budget? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, DC has just published a booklet, "How To Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills". The booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills.

The federal government has budgeted over one billion dollars to help people who are struggling to pay their heating bills. Many people do not know that this money is available or how to get it", says Edmund Billings, a researcher at Financial Assistance Network. "We've published a booklet that explains the program and tells consumers where to apply for assistance in their area. The booklet also has a special section for homeowners to get up to \$25,000 of government money to help reduce their energy bills, even if they have no equity in their home.'

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Comptroller Rylander Estimates \$5.1 Billion | In New Money For State Budget, Warns of Slowing Economy_

(Austin) - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander released her biennial revenue estimate, giving lawmakers and Governor Rick Perry \$5.1 billion more for the 2002-2003 budget cycle.

"There will be money to pay our bills, but the economic furnace is cooling," Rylander said. "As a mamma and a grandmamma, I know that our Texas family must budget like any other family - spend wisely, invest wisely and save for a

The revenue estimate was released in conjunction with Comptroller Rylander's Texas Economic Update.

"Texas' economy is healthy and strong, although it is slowing," Comptroller Rylander said. "I am pleased to report our economy will continue to outpace the national economy by more than half a percentage point each year over the next three years."

Comptroller Rylander's biennial revenue estimate includes:

\$106.8 billion in earnings from all sources in the 2002-03 bienni-

* \$60.8 billion in funds available for general purpose spending, which includes \$2.9 billion in cash on hand at the end of the fiscal year 2001 and

* \$48.5 billion collected from other sources, including federal funds.

Comptroller Rylander said the revenue estimate would add \$802 million to the state's "Rainy Day Fund" (officially the Economic Stabilization Fund) over the next three vears. Lawmakers created the Rainy Day Fund more than a decade ago to help offset fiscal instability.

I am pleased the Rainy Day Fund has more than doubled since I took office," Comptroller Rylander said. "By November 2003, the Rainy Day Fund will exceed \$1 billion. Putting money into the Rainy Day Fund will help Texas regain its AAA bond rating.'

"Lawmakers have tough choices to make this session and I believe they must start by implementing my e-Texas recommendations, which will save taxpayers \$1.2 billion," Comptroller Rylander said. "One recommendation, privatizing the Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund, could add another \$300 million to the Rainy Day

Approximately 86 percent of the general revenue-related funds would come from tax revenue collected during the 2002-03 biennium, of which, almost 61 percent will come from the sales tax. Other sources of revenue include motor vehicle sales taxes, motor fuels taxes, the franchise tax, oil and gas severance taxes, insurance premium taxes and lottery proceeds.

The Texas Economic Update reported the state's economy has been slowing for the last three years, as predicted by the Comptroller's office. The slowdown parallels the deceleration in the U.S. econo-

In the Texas Economic Update, Comptroller Rylander forecasts Texas' real gross state product, which is the most complete measure of the state's economic activity, will rise 4.3 percent in 2001 and an average of 4.2 percent each year in the 2002-2003 biennium. Personal income is expected to rise 6.6 percent in 2001 and an average of 6.4 percent each year in the 2002-2003 biennium.

Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution requires the Comptroller to provide the Legislature with a biennial revenue estimate before the start of each regular legislative session. The Comptroller's revenue estimate serves as a blueprint for lawmakers as they draft a state appropriations or spending bill for the 2002-03 bien-

Forever Resorts

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Scottsdale, AZ - Forever Resorts, announced today the purchase of eight resort properties previously operated by National Park Concessions, Inc. (NPCI) NPCI owned and operated resorts located at Chisos Mountains Lodge in Big Bend National Park, Texas; Lake Crescent Lodge and Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park, Washington; Mammoth Cave Hotel in Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky; Rock Harbor Lodge in Isle Royale National Park, Michigan; Crabtree Meadows Cafe' and Bluffs Lodge & Cafe' in the Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina and Mabry Mill Store & Cafe' in Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia. The deal announced Thursday is expected to be complete by the first of Feb-

David E. Gackenbach, senior vice president and chief operating officer, said National Park Concessions, Inc. properties will be a welcomed addition to Forever Resorts, and Forever plans to increase consumer awareness in these national parks as destination resorts in both the domestic and the international markets.

"We share the National Park Services vision of the market and customer needs," said Gackenbach, in a prepared statement. "We believe that our team's strengths will greatly enhance its growth for customer satisfaction.'

Forever Resorts operates lodges, hotels and convention facilities in Grand Teton National Park, WY; Rocky Mountain National Park, CO; Lake Mead National Recreation Area, NV; Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, TX; Padre Island National Seashore, TX; Lake Amistad National Recreation Area, TX; Shasta-Trinity National Forest, CA; Lake Don Pedro Recreation Area, CA; Lake Lanier, GA; Lake of the Ozarks, MO; Table Rock Lake, MO; California Delta, CA; TalVista Resorts, AK; Mormon Lake Lodge, AZ; Holiday Inn - Estes Park, CO; and Southfork Ranch from the Dallas

Rep. Bonilla Responds to Recent Surplus Report, Endorses Bush Taxcut Proposal



Washington, D.C. -U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla, R -Texas.

Rep. Henry Bonilla today responded to Congressional Budget

(CBO) revised surplus estimate saying, "there has never been a better time for a tax cut. Let's give this money back to the people who earned it."

Mr. Bonilla's remarks came after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's assessment that a tax cut is both prudent and possible and that if Congress does not return the tax overcharge to taxpayers, that the likely alternative will be more wasteful government spending. 'It sounds like Alan Greenspan has

seen the very same thing I have. If you leave the surplus in Washington, Washington will spend it. For example, the final spending bill approved last year, over my objections, increased spending for four Cabinet Agencies, the White House and Congress

by a whopping 29 percent," said Mr. Bonilla. The Congressional Budget Office's new surplus estimates raise the total surplus to \$5.7 trillion over the next ten years - three-and-a-half

times larger than the Bush tax cut, According to a recent report by the National Taxpayers Union, the Bush tax cut is smaller than both the 1981 Reagan tax cut and President Kennedy's 1963 tax cut proposal.

"Clearly, there is room within the surplus to pay down the debt, fund priority programs, and enact the Bush tax cut. If anything, the new surplus estimates justify an even larger tax reduction package. The Reagan tax cut in the early 1980s, was responsible for spurring historic economic growth -- America needs a tax cut of that magnitude

said Mr. Bonilla. "Allowing all Americans to keep more of their money is both good for the people of the 23rd District of Texas and for the economy as a whole. So many families are struggling right now just to pay their credit card and utility bills -- tax relief will help them make ends meet," said Mr. Bonilla. "A tax cut for every American, like the proposal offered by President Bush, is absolutely critical to rebuilding what is quickly becoming a crun bling economy.'

Scooter Safety from page 1

frequent if your wheels are worn out or you are moving at faster speeds.

Your stance on the board may cause or reduce accidents. The afest way to ride on the board is both feet on the board and both hands strongly holding the handlebar. The peddling foot should. always be ready to hit the brakes.

Last and most important, final rule... faster speed means it'll take longer to stop and will hurt more if your are in an accident. Unless totally necessary, do not go fast. Your kickboard may be able to withstand the crashes but us humans may not. Wait, the real final rule is... Be sure to have fun!

You always need a helmet wherever you ride. Even a lowspeed fall off a scooter can cause serious injury to the head. Laws in 15 states and over 50 localities require helmets. Make sure your helmet fits to get all the protection you are paying for. A good fit means level on your head, touching all around, comfortably snug but not tight. The helmet should not move directions, standards are no longer a

Pick a bright color for visibility to be sure that motorists and other cyclists can see you.

Common sense tells you to avoid a helmet with snag point sticking out, a squared-off shell, inadequate vents, excessive vents, an extreme "aero" shape, dark colors, thin straps, complicated adjustments or a rigid visor that could snag in a fall.

CBS.com recently reported a scooter recall for 90,000 Kent Kickin' Mini-Scooters sold from May through September and 7,500 Kash 'n Gold Racer X20 Scooters sold from August through Septem-

The Kent scooter handles can come out of the steering column and cause the rider to lose control and fall. Four children have been injured with broken arms, bruises, abrasions and a cracked tooth.

The Kash scooter has a plastic T" joint between the handlebars that can break and cause the rider to lose control and fall. The safety commission has reports of injuries to two children. Return the Kash scooter to the store for a refund or big issue. Look for a CPSC sticker. for a new scooter with a metal "T"

Green Thumb, Inc. Sponsors E-Commerce Website for Senior Artisans

Green Thumb, Inc., the nations's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, today launched Geezer.com. This distinctive virtual marketplace is up and running. Geezer.com offers online shoppers the handiwork of seniors from cities, towns, villages, and hamlets all across the country.

"Geezers.com is unique," says Andrea Wooten, president and CEO of Green Thumb, Inc., which sponsors and created the site. "It provides talented seniors, even those without computers and Internet access, with a worldwide market for their handcrafted goods. The site brings the unique products of America's seniors to people who don't regularly travel the back roads. Shoppers looking for unusual gifts and accessories will find them right here."

Wooten says the site's name may raise a few eyebrows, but it has a positive connotation and visibility among baby boomers who are surfing the Internet looking for distinctive gifts. "We're changing the stereotype of older individuals," she explains, "by demonstrating that seniors are in fact talented, generous, and fun-loving. What better way to dispel the 'geezer myth' than to use the word 'geezer' to reflect the positive characteristics and skills of America's seniors!"

Geezer.com features scores of artisans and craftspeople, and more than two thousand hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories including Apparel, Artworks, Doll House, Holiday Shop, Home & Hearth, In the Kitchen, Music & Videos, Pet Store, Sports and Recreation, Toys and Games, and Yard & Garden

Diane Cowan, state director of

Green Thumb, Inc. in Waco, TX. one of 29 Green Thumb offices in 44 states and Puerto Rico, says the e-commerce site makes product accessible to consumers everywhere. "Online shopping couldn't be easier with Geezer.com's shopping cart that permits buyers to load up items from a variety of vendors," Cowan says

In addition to providing a website for consumers to purchase unique products online, the opportunity for senior artisans to sell their products, says Cowan, is especially significant. "We are giving seniors across the country the opportunity to supplement their incomes, launch new businesses, and expand the market for their hand-crafted goods.

Developed in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Green Thumb's Geezer.com is designed to help older Americans, primarily from rural areas and small communities, with online access or without, to capitalize on the reach and market potential of the Internet The site not only provides senior artisans the opportunity to sell the craft items they love to make, but soon it will also help seniors gain access to the information they need to start home-based businesses, Cowan explains.

As the premier site on the web for senior-made crafts, Geezer.com brims with the vitality, good humor and special gifts of America's older generation - a generation that knows the value of hard work, loyalty to family and contribution to community. As Wooten remarks, they are "our esteemed

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Goat Test from page 1

one-third the length of the testicles. e animals will be inspected on arrival and any which show evidence of scab will not be accepted. Breeders will be requested to take home any animals that have visible signs of caseous lymphadenitis or other lesions. The animals will initially be fed in large groups, but will later be moved to sire or ownership groups for inspection and display between the final weigh day and Field Day.

An individual breeder will be limited to no more than 12 animals, except with special permission. A nimum of 4 animals per owner and sire group is suggested, but this is not a requirement.

Ideally, the goats (male kids born in Spring 2000) submitted for testing should be in fleece when they arrive at the Station. The fleece will be returned to the owner. Shorn animals will be accepted, but it will be necessary to re-shear them and this mohair will have no value. Please make sure the animals' feet are trimmed when they arrive. The producer is advised to make sure that les goats are free of internal, and external parasites and have been vaccinated for soremouth and for enterotoxemia. After arrival at the Station, the goats will again be drenched and vaccinated. The goats' feet will be trimmed two times during the test, near the middle and between the final weigh day and Field Day. The costs for doing this will be charged to the producer. Producers are welcome to trim their own goats' feet as they wish to do so, but not to treat the animals or administer any drugs without permi-

sion of Station personnel. The goats will be self fed on a pelleted ration. This ration will be similar to that used in recent years. Rumensin will be used as a coccidiostat.

Fiber diameter, yield, med and kemp values will be based on core samples obtained from the shorn fleece. The actual mohair clip (fleece) will be packaged in plastic bags for display and returned to the wner or the purchaser of the goat if it is sold at auction at the end of the FAX (915) 658-4364

Attempts will be made to provide good care for the animals, but the Experiment Station or Station personnel will not be responsible for death losses or veterinary costs.

The index to be used for ranking the animals will be the same as that used last year.

 $I=4 \times adj$. clean fleece wt. + 25 x avg. daily gain + .12 x final weight + 3 x straightened lock length - 1.5 x fiber diameter - 3 x face cover score (no credit below 1) + 2.5 x character score + 1.5 x neck cover

To be eligible for the sale, bucks must have: less than .7% kemp fibers, less than 7% med. fibers, less than 50 pm fiber diameter, greater than 9.2 lb. fleece weight, and greater than 109 lb. final weight.

The Experiment Station will not Rafter be officially responsible for a sale, this will be the responsibility of cooperating breeders. A committee of cooperating breeders will serve as a sifting committee with respect to sale animals and for those animals to be eligible for the Registry of Merit Program, to be sponsored by the Association.

Participants are asked to deposit \$130.00 per animal to cover the cost of feed, shearing and laboratory work on the fleece. Any unused funds will be returned at the end of the test. An account known as the "Goat Test Account" will be established in the First National Bank of Sonora. Dr. C.A. Taylor and Trevlin Strong of the Sonora Station will be responsible for these funds and will do the necessary accounting. Please mail or deliver deposits to the Experiment Station at Sonora. Make checks payable to the "Goat Test Account." Deposit is due when goats arrive at the Test Station. For additional information, inquiries may be addressed to:

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Rig Locations as of February 2, 2001

Crockett County New Union Pacific Res; 7600' Union Pacific - 4 - #4, TMBR/Sharp Drilling. New Harrison Interests; 10000' W A Thomason #4, Patter

son Drilling Pogo Producing Co.; 8500' Ranch Hand - 8 - #2, Cleere Drilling. ioneer Natural; 8800' Helbing #16, UTI Drilling West. J. Cleo Thompson; 8800' University 33 - 19 #1, Patterson Drilling. New Union Pacific; 7600' Hutchins - 43 - #9, Patterson Drilling. New Oxy Permian/Houston; 6500' MK Daniel - #701, Cleere Drilling. Oxy Permian; 16000' Mitchell - D - #50, Nabors Drilling. New Ricks Exploration; 9500' Riggs - 30 - #4, Cleere Drilling. EOG Resources; 10000' SPGC - B - #22, Patterson Drilling. Tema Oil & Gas Co.; 6100' MK Daniel - A - #24, Key Energy. Sutton County

New Burlington Res/Mid; 6400', Deberry- Boyett Unit #8, Cleere

New Burlington Res/Mid; 6020', Davis - A - #11, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 8600' Hudspeth -I - #2, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 8350' Mayer - 1028 - #A302, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 7000' Ward - 114- #17, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 5600' Cusenbary - 71 - #4, Patterson Drilling. New KCS Medallion Res; 6700' Genini #3706, Patterson Drilling.

Terrell County Conoco/Midland; 12600', Creek Ranch - 11 - #5, Nabors Drilling. Athanor Texas; 9000', Pakenham - 67 - #13, Cleere Drilling. Schleicher County

New TXP, Inc.; 6900' Whitten - A - #3, Cleere Drilling. Discovery Operating; 7200' Roach - B - #4, Cleere Drilling. Discovery Operating; 7100' Fifty One #3, Cleere Drilling. James K Anderson; 5000' Judkins Trust - J - #1, Heart Land Drilling. **Edwards County**

EEX E & P Company; 10000' Earwood - Gas Unit 2 - #2, Cleere Drilling Rendova Oil Co.; 2600' Loretta #1, Patterson Drilling. Val Verde County

EEX E & P Co.; 14000' Lone Oak #2, Cleere Drilling. Prize Operating; 15400' Phillip Arledge #6, Patterson Drilling. For complete report contact: Scott Huggins, Rig Location & Permit Report Service



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RRC Sets Texas Gas Production Allowables For February

(AUSTIN) - Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza today set February natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 28,746,506 Mcf. (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the February 2001 allowable represents an decrease of 3,525,426 Mcf when compared to actual production of 32,271,932 Mcf in February 2000. In setting the February 2001 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from February 2000 and producer forecasts for the February 2001 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 10 percent of

total gas well production in Texas. Texas natural gas in storage reported the Commission for the month of December 2000 compares 147,799,158 Mcf to 272,937,721 Mcf in December 1999. The January 2001 gas storage estimate is 128,733,548 Mcf.

Preliminary statewide production reported for November 2000 is 31,502,479 barrels of crude oil and 367,390,574 Mcf of gas well gas.

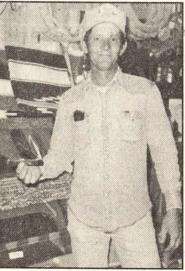
The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0299 for crude oil and 1.0909 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

The next statewide hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, February 22, at 9:30 a.m.

"Big Announces Buck"Winners



Larry Finklea won the "Biggest Scoring Buck" catagory with his ten point buck killed on November 16th on the Black Ranch in Edwards County. The buck socore a 163 7/8 and had a 20 4/8" spread. Larry was awarded a Ruger 220 Swift.



Marvin Shurley received a 2 blade hunting knife by Case for winning the "Longest Spike" Category. His spike had a left beam tine length of 9 5/8" and a right beam tine length December 19th on the Dan Wagner

Dustin Duhon killed the "Buck With the Most Points". His buck had 16 points and was killed on December 14th on the Powers Ranch. Dustin was awarded a pair of 11". Shurley killed the spike on of Nikon "Tundra" Binoculars.

There were 91 hunters that participated in this year's "Big Buck" contest. Congratulations to all the winners and good huntin' next year.

Texas Sheep & Goats Raisers Announce Payment For Goat Losses

Officers of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association have been notified by the Farm Services Administration that producers of Angora goats in selected counties will be eligible for payment for death losses of goats to unseasonably cold and wet weather during October, 2000.

included are Counties Edwards, Kinney, Real, Sutton, Uvalde and Val Verde.

The Livestock Indemnity Pro-

gram is a national program funded by Congress to pay for livestock losses due to natural disasters. The Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association made the initial contacts to bring these losses to the attention of the appropriate agencies so the funds could be made available for this particular natural disaster.

Details will be released to FSA offices in the near future. Payment rates will not be known until all applications have been received by the FSA offices.

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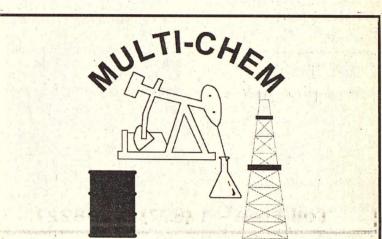
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American Lamb Council Details Plans to Revitalize Demand For American Lamb

Contact: Paul Rodgers, Lamb Marketing Director, (304) 647-9981,

DENVER - The American Sheep Industry Association's (ASI) American Lamb Council presented plans to promote U.S. lamb during the American Sheep Industry Association's (ASI) 2001 Annual Convention in Reno, Nev., Jan. 25-27.

The promotional campaign is being funded through a \$1.8 million grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to the American Lamb Council last November. Due to lack of any industry investment in marketing, the council has not conducted any widespread U.S. lamb marketing campaigns in several years. The USDAfunded campaign will be the most significant lamb marketing effort made by the council in recent years.

"The American Lamb Council's campaign is expected to become the foundation to revitalize demand for American lamb," sàid Paul Rodgers, American Lamb Council marketing

The council is developing and implementing the campaign in conjunction with the BSMG/Bozell Worldwide agency, which has created some memorable campaigns, including the "Milk Mustache" and "The Other White Meat" campaigns.

The grant was awarded for use in five project areas: 1) consumer positioning; 2) U.S. lamb identification program; 3) retail marketing and new product development; 4) American lamb information center; and 5) culinary outreach.

U.S. lamb back in people's minds, in

the media, on more menus, featured in more retail stores and more frequently and to obtain a stronger position in the world marketplace," said Rodgers.

During the last several months, USDA has awarded 23 lamb marketing grants totaling \$4.85 million. The grants are part of a three-year U.S. sheep industry assistance package that ASI secured as part of the industry's successful Section 201 trade case against imports. During ASI's annual convention, a lamb marketing meeting was held to coordinate plans among recent grant recipients to market American lamb.

ASI is a national organization supported by 45 state sheep organizations, benefiting the interests of "In the end, the idea is to get nearly 70,000 American sheep and goat producers.

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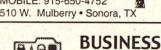
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