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## West Nile Virus (WNV) and **Encephalitis a Threat to Sutton County Horses**

#### Vaccination Can Provide Protection

local veterinary practitioner in Sutton County can help protect horses, mules and donkeys against mosquito-borne diseases, advises Dr. Terry Conger, veterinarian and state epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. Vaccines are available to protect horses against three viral diseases that pose a risk to Texas horses: West Nile Virus (WNV), and Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and (WEE). The three diseases are forms of "sleeping sickness," that can cause infected horses to develop debilitating fever, swelling of the brain, muscle tremors, weakness and extreme fatigue, and in about a third or more of cases, death of the animal.

"As of July 1, 38 cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) have been reported this year by the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Zoonosis Control Division, which maintains the state's statistical database for reporting laboratory-confirmed WNV cases in humans, mosquitoes, birds, and horses," said Dr. Conger. "According to the TDH, the 38 cases have been confirmed in one horse each in Angelina, Calhoun and Tarrant counties, and two in Van Zandt County. WNV also has been detected in six birds and four mosquito pools in Harris County; one bird each in Hunt, Smith and Orange counties; three birds and four mosquito pools in Dallas County; five mosquito pools in Tarrant County, three mosquito pools in Jefferson, two in Nueces, and one in Travis County. An infected bird and mosquito pool has been detected in Brazos County.'

"In June 2002, Texas had its first case of WNV, and by year's end, 1,699 equine cases had been reported. Denton County was hit hardest, with 69 equine cases," explained Dr. Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist.

"More unreported cases undoubtedly occurred across the state, as owners may have been reluctant to ask their veterinarian or the TAHC for assis-

Only laboratory-confirmed cases are included in the state's database. Most private veterinary practitioners send blood or tissue samples for WNV testing to the Texas Veterinary Medical Laboratory Diagnostic (TVMDL) in College Station or Amarillo."

WNV infection was first detected in the U.S. in New York in 1999, and since then, the virus has swept across the country, spread by infected mosquitoes that have fed on birds carrying the disease. Only four states on the U.S. mainland have not reported cases: Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and Utah. Dr. Conger said it is likely that these states also will eventually have cases of WNV.

Sporadic outbreaks of WEE and EEE also occur throughout the U.S., and this year we may have cases in Texas, as South Carolina, Florida and Georgia have already confirmed EEE in horses. Because Texas has a large mosquito population and history of infection in past years, it is prudent to have equine animals vaccinated against WEE and EEE every year," said Dr. Conger.

"It is important to note that the vaccines for WNV, WEE and EEE do not provide crossprotection. For example, WNV vaccine protects' only against WNV." As of late June, 14

A few moments with your horses in South Carolina have been diagnosed with EEE. In Florida, more than 110 EEE cases in equine animals have been confirmed, and in Georgia, a dog, three birds and 16 horses have tested positive

> for the disease. WNV, EEE and WEE are going to be with us always, as these diseases have become endemic in our country. Even if you try to reduce the mosquito population in your area, vaccinating against these mosquitoborne diseases still needs to be part of routine horse health maintenance," said Dr. Conger. Dr. Conger explained that

> the WNV vaccine for horses vaccination requires a series of two shots, administered three to six weeks apart. After the second injection, several more weeks must pass before full immunity is developed. Equine animals vaccinated last year should receive a single WNV booster this year. In areas where mosquitoes are a continual problem year-round, animals should receive a WNV booster every six months. "Owners should take action now to get their equine animals vaccinated, before cases become more widespread," urged Dr. Conger.

> "EEE and WEE vaccines are available in a combined product. To develop disease protection, the animal will need two injections, 30 days apart. A booster shot is then needed annually or biannually," said Dr. Conger. "In most cases, horses can be vaccinated for WNV, EEE/WEE at the same

vaccine in an off-label use to protect ratites (emus, rheas and ostriches) against the disease.

While no vaccine can guarantee 100 percent protection, it's much better than no protection," commented Dr. Conger. "Last year, Colorado State University followed more than 500 equine animals infected with the WNV in Colorado and Nebraska. The death rate was greater than 36 percent in animals that had not received vaccine. The death loss dropped to around 20 percent for animals that had received at least one dose of WNV vaccine. Of the 13 animals properly vaccinated with two doses of vaccine, a dozen survived."

Dr. Conger said equine animals infected with WNV, EEE or WEE, may exhibit similar signs, including fever, irregular gait, teeth grinding, drowsiness, an inability to swallow. Affected animals may be paralyzed and be unable to rise. He said TAHC and public health officials advise owners to have sick animals tested to diagnose the disease that caused illness or death, because rabies always must be considered when an animal is disoriented or staggers. If an owner has been exposed to rabies while caring for a sick horse, appropriate preventive health measures must be taken immediately, he

"WNV, EEE and WEE impact a community's animals, and owners should take advantage of opportunities to protect their stock by reducing mosquito populations and vaccinatsaid Dr. Conger. "Although these "sleeping sicknesses" aren't regulatory diseases, veterinarians are required to report cases, so that disease trends or outbreaks can be followed and all preventive and educational measures can be taken."



Returning Marines, Gabriel Perez and Adam Esquivel remove their yellow ribbons from the Old Oak Tree.

by Storie Sharp

A special "Welcome Home" ceremony was held for returning U.S. Marines Gabriel Perez and Adam Esquivel on Thursday, July 3, 2003.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program invited local dignitaries and friends and family to join them on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn to be part of the special "yellow ribbon"

With help from family members that put the ribbons on the tree helped the young men locate their names. They then proudly removed the ribbons, signifying their safe return from their service overseas.

Marine Perez, the son of Idalia and Genaro Perez, is a 1995 graduate of Sonora High School. Before returning to Sonora to take down his yellow ribbon Marine Perez was staremoval from the Old Oak Tree. tioned in Iraq for four months the infantry ground troops. He said that the experience was "scary, but something I wanted he was trained well for the situ-Pendelton on July 8th, where he will begin training again and will redeploy in December to

Irene Esquivel and Homer will be.

Okinawa, Japan.

where he was an active part of Lozano is a 1996 graduate of S.H.S. The grandson of Lalo and Tina Gonzales, Marine Esquivel said he has been lots to do". He stressed the fact that of places since his enlistment in 1997. As a part of the Infantry, ation and was glad to be there. he has been from Okinawa to Marine Perez left for Camp the Phillipines to Guam and more and agrees that his training paid off. He also left for Camp Pendelton last week for more training. He doesn't know Marine Esquivel, the son of yet where his next deployment

#### S.I.S.D. Offers Pre-K Program

Sonora Elementary is offer- breakfast, lunch and our after on or before September 1, 2003. Tuition will be charged at an annual rate of \$2150 or \$215 per month. Tuition will only be charged to those students who would normally be considered ineligible for Pre-Kindergarten. Those students who qualify for Pre-Kindergarten as Limited English Proficient or economically disadvantaged will not be charged to attend.

Tuition includes the price of

ing a full day Pre-Kindergarten program (8:00 - 2:30) to all stuform 2:30 to 5:30 each day. The dents who will be 4 years of age first and last months payment will be due August 1st of this year. Eight additional payments will be due on the first of each month. Space is limited to a maximum of 15 students. Slots will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Please come by the Sonora Elementary School office at 807 S. Concho to register your child. If you have any questions, please call Louise Dermody at 287-2414.

## **Broncos Make All-State Baseball**



The Texas Sport's Writers Association has announced the Class 2A All-State Team for 2003. Two Sonora Broncos received the Honorable Mention award. Receiving this honor were: Landon Brockman - Catcher (left) and Justin Sims - Outfielder

## Up On Eaton Hill He said some veterinarians also employ the EEE/WEE Just Add Water



Animal tracks around the new water tanks on Eaton Hill prove that the wildlife have already found them and will be a good place for viewing for visitors.

by Delyse Jaeger

The raw ingredients for the sensory feast of Eaton Hill are more than adequate for an extraordinary cobbler of natural wonders. But, just add water and you've gone ala' mode! And water is exactly what visitors can now enjoy - sight and sound. What toppings are being served up with this dish? Well, wildlife of course. The cool, clean water bubbling up out of the rocks is vital to the birding operation, will enhance wildlife viewing opportunities and add immeasurably to the overall "Eaton Hill experience". The rock pond is located along Zed's Cut (named for Zed Snodgrass who constructed the trail as a Boy Scout project), just west of the American flag. A resting bench awaits hikers who stop to enjoy the refreshing sounds of water trickling down the rocks into the pool. Should you visit the pond and be struck with inspiration for an appropriate name, please let us know at 387-6280 or 387-2061. The birding trail is sporting a dripping crown in a project of the Sonora the form of a water tank, visible *Industrial* 

birding hut and the opposite canyon side. From birding station #1, visitors can look down into the canyon and see a rock retaining wall which catches water and forms a small pool. Our birding operation has "arrived", providing all the essential elements necessary for attracting feathered beauties and the folks with a passion for watching them. This is a dream come true!

Speaking of dreams coming true, the regular rains continue to entice new treasures up from the ground. Various wildflowers, flourishing from the moisture, cover the hill. An abundance of an, as yet unidentified delicate, yellow, five petaled flower has perfumed the trails with a hint of honeysuck-Take advantage of the delightfully cool mornings or evenings and treat yourself to a hike on Eaton Hill. The sunset from the hill can be awe inspiring, not to mention the thrill of watching a storm blow in. Oh what treasures will be revealed. Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is development from birding station #2, the *Corporation*. Hit the trails!

Ronnie Cox loves being your **Pharmacist** 

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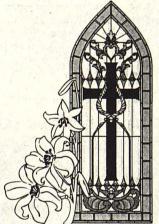
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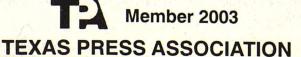
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#### TEXAS TALES TOLD BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

#### **Baylor's Oldest Recent** Graduate

Tumbleweed Smith

I make at least one commencement address every year. This year, I had the privilege of speak-

Greenwood High School Class of 2003. The event was held in Midland's Chaparral Center.

Graduating seniors Greenwood have a special tradimember hands them their diploma, they hand him something back. This year, it was a one-inch beach thong. The tiny shoes were in bright colors of pink and yellow and green.

In previous years, the object as been a penny, a marble or omething just as ridiculous. Some years the object is big enough so the board member has to empty his pockets during the graduation Occasionally the board member gets a condom.

High school and college graduates are trying to figure out ust what they're going to be doing for the rest of their lives. Weldon Bigony of Big Spring is a recent college graduate and he's like others in his class: thinking about the future. Weldon has made lots of news lately. He's been on Ophra, the Today Show, in People Magazine and dozens of other because he is 82 years old.

03. You could say I'm a slow learner," says Weldon. After graduation, he competed in the nation- his next job will be. al senior games in the fast walking category. "I finished," he told

Oprah when she asked him how he placed in the race.

In 1941, Weldon was in his senior year at Baylor. He was attending the university on a football scholarship. Baylor was on the quarter system then and when Weldon finished his fall quarter, just after Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Navy. He didn't hesitate to do so, even though he was just two quarters (6 months) away from getting his tion. When the school board college degree. Weldon had a career as a pilot, retiring in 1981 when he was 61. He played golf, traveled and ran marathons. Over the years, he regretted not getting his degree. "I kinda hate to leave things unfinished," says Weldon. Last year he decided to ask Baylor if he could get his scholarship back. He told the school he had given them 4 football seasons, as his contract stated, but he hadn't finished his educeremonies. cation. Baylor said come on down. He got nearly a full scholarship. All he had to pay for were room and board.

During the school year, Weldon wore tennis shoes, a back pack and baseball cap. He worked hard and passed his courses. "I had to, man," says Weldon. "The pressure was on. If I hadn't passed, after Baylor had done all it had done for me, it would have been bad.'

At graduation, the entire He got the publicity class gave him a standing ovation. Soon everybody in the col-"I started out with the class of iseum was standing. Like a lot of 12 but finished with the class of new graduates with a BBA Degree, Weldon is weighing his options. He doesn't know what

#### Senior **Center News**

July 14 - Bingo!

July 15 - City Council 2:00 p.m.

July 16 - Van to San Angelo! Call Lilia 387-3941.

July 17 - Crafts. New Sound Hearing Tests! CEAP Energy

#### Senior Menu

July 14 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, honey glazed carrots, cornbread, melon salad, milk.

July 15 - Polynesian chicken salad, sweet peas, golden salad wheat bread, vanilla pudding, milk.

July 16 - Steak fingers with gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli, roll, peach cobbler, milk.

July 17 - Oven baked pork chops with gravy, zucchini and yellow squash, tossed salad, wheat roll, fruit parfait, milk.

July 18 - Fried catfish, hominy, okra/tomato gumbo, roll, apple crisp, milk.

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

Card of Thanks

\*Menu is subject to change.\*

I would like to thank my parents Mike and Tommie and my brother Mikey for helping

me celebrate my Sweet 15. I'd also like to thank my family and friends who went out of their way to help with all the food and decorations. Every thing was very beautiful.

Thanks to all my family who came from Virginia, Kerrville, Ozona, San Angelo and especially from Sonora.

I had a great time. Thank you for all the great gifts.

Christine A. Sanchez



#### **Obituaries**

#### J.W. "Bill" Roberts

J.W. "Bill" Roberts, 87, died Friday, July 4, 2003, in a San Angelo nursing home. Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Monday in Garden Memory Cemetery.

Arrangements Stephenville Funeral Home.

Survivors include sons, Tim Roberts of Sonora and Blake Roberts of San Angelo.

#### **Peggy Matthews Elliott**

Elliott, formerly of Sonora, Texas, passed away on July 3, 2003, in Austin, Texas. Born on March 3, 1928, she was 75. Her father, Carl Matthews, her mother, Emma Matthews, and three brothers, Charles, Harry and Carl, Jr., preceded her in

Known to her childhood and college friends as "Sarah Peggy Jean," Peggy grew up in Livingston, Texas, graduated from Livingston High School in 1945, and attended The University of Texas at Austin, where, in January of 1950, she received her degree in education, with a major in home economics and a minor in science. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority. Shortly after her graduation, she accepted a teaching job with the Sonora Independent School District, and moved to Sonora to begin her career teaching high school home economics and later, junior high science.

Not long after her move to Sonora, she met Web Elliott, and they were married on July 19, 1951. They moved to Austin full time in 1994. Peggy was very active in her community and church, and supported a number of charitable organizations. She remained a member of the First United Methodist Church of Sonora until her death. She had a kind and generous heart and welcomed everyone into her home. She took great pride and joy in seeing the achievements of her students and former students, teaching in the Sonora public schools for 16 years. While schools for 16 years. education was the path of her professional career, she was a devoted wife and mother, a



wonderful homemaker, and a passionate gardener. One of her greatest joys in life came from sharing her homegrown fruits and vegetables with her friends and neighbors. She will be greatly missed by her family and her many, many friends.

Peggy is survived by her husband of 51 years, Web Elliott, her daughter, Emily Elliott, a son, John Elliott, his wife, Ellen, and two grandsons, Web and Patrick, all of Austin.

A memorial service for Peggy was held at 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at Tarrytown United Methodist Church, 2601 Exposition Blvd., Austin, Texas 78703. Honorary pallbearers were James N. Owen, Jr., of Livingston, Texas, Smith Neal, of Sonora, Texas, and her two grandsons, Web and Patrick Elliott, both of Austin. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Peggy's name to a favorite charity.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705 452-8811. You may view memorials at www.wcfish.com.

#### Cards of Thanks

Dear Friends,

As you know, at the end of May I was diagnosed with colon cancer, and the last several weeks have been challenging. The love and support you have given me through your prayers, cards, food, visits, phone calls, the Benefit, and trust fund has been unbelievable and overwhelming.

Each card you have sent with a special note means so much and makes my day a little brighter, as do your telephone calls, even though I'm not always able to talk to you. The food you have provided is delicious and so appreciated. There are so many good cooks in Sonora. The plants, flowers and gift baskets are beautiful and lift

my spirits. The special Benefit coordinated by Dominion and the support of all the businesses and individuals is still unbelievable. I am overwhelmed and humbled with everyone's generosity to the Benefit and to the Trust Fund for my numerous medical expenses. I don't know what to say, except "Thank you." I can't believe you have done this for me.

It is during difficult times one learns how precious friends are, and this is one of those times. I don't know how I will ever repay you for your many acts of kindness. It may take me awhile to get all my thank you notes written, but I wanted you to know how much I appreciate all that you have done.

I am blessed to live in a community where there is so much love. May God bless you always.

> With love and appreciation, Vivian Miears

I would like to give thanks to my parents for helping me pull my new special occasion shop together and taking care of my kids so I could attend classes in floral design. My husband for supporting me, Irene Friess for giving me the opportunity to work with her and Dave Erickson for giving me the answers, when I had ques-

To all my friends that have supported me through it all, you know who you are.

Mindy Castaneda Mindy's Creations

Thank you for reading The Bevil's River News

## Community

July 10-12 Deer Habitat Workshop Texas A & M Experiment Station July 14 - 18 Tri-Church Vacation Bible School Methodist Church

The Community Calendar



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## Calendar

July 26 Historical Society Branding Party The Depot **August 13-16** Outlaw Pro Rodeo & Sutton County Days

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Email us at editor@sonoratx.net

#### Ask the Historical Society

Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary, Sutton Historical Society

Q. Who were the parents of Albert Jackson Lee Owens?

A. Robert Owens, born Aug. 25, 1835 in Florida and died Nov. 26, 1864 in Uvalde Co, Uvalde, Texas and Priscilla Eleanor Gossett, born Dec. 25, 1840 on Salado Creek, Bexar Co., Texas, died Feb. 21, 1920 in Uvalde, Co., Uvalde, Texas were the parents of Albert Jackson Owens. Priscilla married a second time before her death; Andrew Jackson Sykes on Nov. 2, 1871.

Albert Jackson Owens was born on Feb. 21, 1865, in Coleman Co., Texas and died June 6, 1952 and was buried in the Sutton County Burial Park. He married Fannie L. Brockman on Sept. 8, 1886. They had four children: Albert Milton Owens (1887-1974); Jack Marion C. Owens (1888-1944); Fannie Eleanor Pearl Owens (1890-1985) and Robert Owens (Jan. 4. 1892-Jan. 12, 1892), Fannie died on Jan. 11, 1892 from complications of childbirth.

On December 27, 1892, Albert Jackson Owens married Alta Purcell at Menard, Texas. They had 11 children: Lois Owens (born and died July 25, 1894); Ellen Owens (1895-1993) married William Owen Ray; William James Owens (1898-1972); Annie Irene Owens (1903-1985); Elzie Purcell Owens (1904-1960); Viola Izora Owens (1906-1993); Mary Edna Owens (1908-1969); Bessie Louise Owens (1910-2001); Wilson Roy Owens (1915-1992); Violet May Owens (1917-2003) and Lillie Anita Owens (1920-alive).

In the 1880 census of Pct. 2 of Kimble Co., Texas, we find Albert J. Owens listed as 15 years old, single, a cowboy and living in the household of his brother, William M. Owens and his wife Sarah A. Owens. William is listed as a stock rais-

When he was around 16 he served as a courier/guide for Captain Dan W. Roberts of the sopied the index This has been Texas Ranger Frontier Battalion stationed near Ft. McKavett. He was nicknamed the "Kid" by the regiment and often guided them through terrain he was familiar with at night. There were still Indian raids in the area, nearly every light of the moon, and the Frontier Battalion tried to protect and secure the western frontier from Indians and outlaws.

Albert established his home and ranching headquarters on Copperas Creek and had the brand 75 with the 7 written above the 5. He ran livestock on the open range in the early days. He sold this land, shown as survey 30 to L. F. Barksdale on July 17, 1900.

In 1902 J. L. Davis was elected Sheriff of Sutton County and Albert moved his family to town to serve as Deputy Sheriff and Jailer of Sutton County. He resided in the old Sonora jail for 4 years in this capacity. He then returned to ranching.

On October 9, 1909 he purchased 694.5 acres of land, survey 25, which was located 81/2 miles NW of Ft. Terrett, for \$1,041.45. This land was near the ranch settlement called Owensville in 1894. It was the ranch headquarters of his brother Bob Owens. The settlement, for a while, had it's own U.S. Post Office and school.

Due to a judgement against

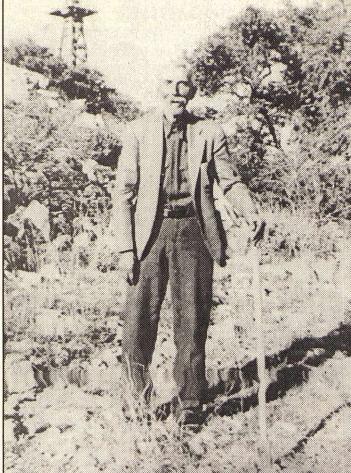
Albert, his brother and F. E. Bihl, awarded to E. F. VanderStucken, a local merchant, Albert's days of ranching came to an end. He worked in Real County for a while and then Brown County. He finally returned to Sonora about 1922 and would work again as a deputy sheriff and then constable until his health prevented any further employment.

We have several different family trees on file on A. J. Owens and would suggest that you use them as guides. Some of the dates differ and it is always best to verify information yourself and not take another person's research as correct unless there are copies of birth, death marriage certificates attached to the research. We have verified the fact that A. J. Owens did serve as a Deputy Sheriff of Sutton County during the term of J. L. Davis and find mention of him serving in later years in the old issues of the Devil's River News. He is also mentioned as serving with the Texas Rangers as a guide in some write ups on him.

When you go on line to do research you will find several different people have worked on a family line you are looking for. It is not uncommon to find that many of the dates are not the same. This is why we strongly suggest you find the birth. death and marriage records to verify dates. We have found cemetery stones in the Sonora Cemetery that say a man died a year after his death was recorded in the Devil's River News. So please, don't just use dates on a cemetery stone, if official documentation can still be found on

Members, there will be a meeting of the Sutton County Historical Society Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at the Sutton County Steak House in the Ross Room at 12:00 noon.

A special thank you to Rose Mary Whitehead Jones for copying over 150 pages of the Record of Marks and Brands on file with the Sutton County Courthouse. We have also put into archival safe plastic sheet protectors and in a large binder and will be available for people to look at when we have the Branding Party on July 26 from 8:00 a.m. till we finish, at the Amphitheater behind the



Albert Jackson Lee Owens

Miers Home Museum.

It is almost August and time to pay dues again. Please send your dues, \$10 per person to the Sutton County Historical Society, Atten. Al Elliott, Treasurer at P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885. All it takes to be a member is \$10 dues and a desire to see that all the history of this area is preserved for future generations. We have several buildings that we have to maintain and pay insurance on each year: The Miers Home Museum, The John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building, The Old WTU Ice House/Sales Office and The Sutton County Historical Society Office/Archival Storage Area plus the lawn areas of all these buildings. We are a nonprofit organization and all our funds are raised through dues, donations and fund raisers. We receive no funds from the City of Sonora or Sutton County. We have extensive written files, individual collections that have been donated, photographs, and also have care and custody of the Devil's River News from 1890-1980. Preserving the history of this area is a huge under-

taking, different members have been working on for over 30 years and we can't do it without your help and support. Thanks!

We heard a complaint that the Miers Home Museum is never open? The museum is open on Mondays 8-4, Tuesdays 8-lunch and Fridays 8-4. All you have to do is what the sign on the door says, walk next door and ask for a tour. We will be glad to take you through the museum and the depot if it isn't rented that day. We have taken over 40 people through already this summer, and it just started, so I don't understand why someone says it isn't open. You may also book a tour ahead of time by calling me at the office, 387-5084 on the days we are open. Many small museums and historical societies are only open one day a week or once a month. Thanks to our volunteers we are open 21/2 days a week at no cost to the local taxpayers.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to Johnson's Pest Control for doing such a great job at the old Ice House. All the bugs are gone, we didn't even find a mosquito! Thank you so much!

Please send your questions to the above address, atten: Jo-Ann Secretary/Archivist or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. A special thanks to Cam Campbell for the computer service and for helping us install the scanner Mrs. Jones donated.

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Dr. Johnson's Office is located at the Sonora Medical Clinic, Suite B.

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. For appointment, please telephone (325) 387-7911. Se habla español



A. J. L. Owens Family - 1903

## A Caravan Visits The Caverns



by Storie Sharp

Sutton County's under ground treasure, The Caverns of Sonora, were overflowing last week. This is a good thing when the overflow is with visitors who traveled on seven buses from San Antonio to visit the attraction. Gifted and talented students attending St. Mary's University prep courses were on a field trip for their summer classes. The students, ranging in age from 14 to 18 enjoyed the guided tours, sluicing for gems, and relaxing under the shade trees on the front porch. There was even a pick-up basketball game going on down in the picnic area. One visitor said her

favorite things in the cave were the "upside-down swords" and, of course, "the butterfly". The students were all smiles and full of tales after their tour. If you haven't visited the Caverns in a while, and think you have already "been there, done that" you should go for one of the new adventure "discovery challenge" tours. It will send you climbing and crawling for an afternoon of excitement that's "under this world".

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## Welcome Wagon Drops In On New Businesses

The Sonora Chamber of ing advertising and promotional Commerce "Welcome Wagon" was rolling around town Monday making stops at some of the new businesses in town. Chamber of Commerce Ruthie Bounds, Manger, Chamber President Keith Butler and President Elect Storie Sharp delivered baskets of goodies and a "welcome" packet of Sonora information to Dr. Gregory P. Johnson and staff (top right), Jason Lynn at Lone Star Automotive (bottom right) and Robert and Melissa Valadez at Angel Cafe (below). With the gifts comes a one year membership with the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, offer-

Dr. Johnson, located in Suite B of the Sonora Medical Clinic, is now serving patients Monday through Friday. Liz Zapata, Olinda Jiminez and

opportunities for all the mem-

Shanna Petty make up his staff. Jason and Steve Lynn are the owners and operators of Lone Star Automotive, located in the old Broncho Ford building on Concho Ave. A certified GM technician adds to the crew, allowing for quality service on all vehicles. The full service auto body and mechanic shop is open and ready to tend to all your automotive needs.

Angel Cafe, with their heavenly homemade food is located at 1005 N. Crockett Ave. and is open for breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Robert and Melissa

say they are focusing on what they know best, good old fashioned food made from scratch. Help welcome all these new friends to town by stopping by and saying hello.





#### Chamber Chatter

Chambrar of Commune

by Ruthie Bounds, Manager

This week's column is featuring a new business, "Mindy's Creations" and filling our readers in on our new location and other Sonora Chamber of

Commerce news. Mindy Castaneda will be opening "Mindy's Creations", located at 105 W 4th Street. Mindy worked at Flowers by Irene for about a year and half, where she had a great teacher in Irene Friess. Mindy has also attended classes in floral design. Mindy's Creations will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Mindy will be carrying fresh flowers, silks, piñatas, party ware, arches, gift baskets, etc. Call Mindy's Creations at 387-6060 for all your special

occasion needs. Mindy's Creations will be having a Grand Opening on July 16, 2003 at 12:00 noon. We hope to see you all there. Mindy says about her grand opening "I would like to dedicate my grand opening on July 16th to the late Alfredo & Marcelena Sanchez, whom we love and miss."

Sonora Chamber of Commerce has moved. We can now be found across the street from our old office, at 205 Highway 277 North, the rock building next to the Dairy Queen. I would like to thank the Sonora Chamber of Commerce board members that came to help us move: Keith Butler, Storie Sharp, Mike Samuels, Juanita Estrada, and Sue Moore. I also want to thank Location Builders for sending us four men, Carlos, Dimitrio, Ramiro, & Rick to help move and permanently place our work

done it without you. I want to take time to thank my son Jason Bounds for all of his help, and my assistant Becky Allison, and her family for help above and beyond the call of duty during our move. Moving is never very much fun, but thanks to all of these people, it went very well and very quickly. In the two short months that I have been with Sonora Chamber of Commerce I have had the great pleasure to work with two of the nicest landlords anyone could ever hope for. At our previous location, Jimmy Cahill was our landlord, and if there is anyone in Sonora that loves their community as much as I do, it would be Jimmy. At our current location, our landlords are Jimmy & Sharon Holman, and they have been so accommodating, it has been a real pleasure to work

counter. We could not have

The planning for our annual Sutton County Days & Outlaw Pro Rodeo is in full

I'm sure you have noticed that our banners have been hung across Crockett Street to announce the coming of our Sutton County Celebration. The banners were hung by Jimmy & Bobby of WTU-AEP. If you see these guys around town be sure to let them know how much their service to our community is appreciated. We are very fortunate to have such civic minded people in Sonora.

We will be having more and more information about Sutton County Days in the Chamber Chatter column each week between now and the August 14th issue of The Devils River News.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Phone: 325/387-2880 E-mail: soncoc@sonoratx.net Website: www.sonoratx-cham-

#### Hilderbran Named **School Finance Committee**

Representative Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, was appointed to serve on the Select Committee on Public School Finance. The committee is studying the state's tax structure and its public school finance system with a goal of completely revamping the state's tax code and its method of funding schools.

The process will likely abolish "Robin Hood", the existing method of funding schools, which could be found

unconstitutional after Supreme Court has determined that several school districts that have sued the state over the plan may pursue their lawsuits. Representative Hilderbran will serve on the Employee Benefits/Compensation Subcommittee. The subcommittee will examine and make recommendations pertaining to the state's role in providing compensation to school district employees, including health insurance and salary schedules.

"I am very pleased that Speaker Craddick chose to put me on this committee. Insurance and compensation for school district employees are issues that weigh heavily on the minds of many of my constituents," Hilderbran said. "Any change to the system must be evaluated on how it affects our teachers and school district employees."



#### <u>....</u>...... 2003 **Sutton County** Queen Contestants Breakfast **Burrito** and

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## of Giving Back to the Austin **History Center**

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Painter Mary Curtis is giving away her collection of meticulously researched historical art, including her widely reproduced renditions of Austin street scenes. Not on a whim, but to benefit one of her favorite institutions, the Austin History Center.

"Where else but the place where I found most of the pictures that I paint?" says Curtis-"I wanted every painting to be historically accurate, so I looked up every color and name and address at the center."

The officially sanctioned Sesquicentennial Artist for the State of Texas spent more than 20 years digging through materials at the Guadalupe Street history center, a division of the City of Austin library system. Her paintings will be sold Saturday at the cash-strapped center as part of the Spring Waterloo Press Sale.

"We need the center so badly," Curtis says. "There is no other place where you can find good historical research on

A Houston native, Curtis grew up in Sonora. Shopping forays into Austin cast their spell over the young Curtis, who returned to study at the University of Texas. After years as a statistical typist at the Sate Board of Insurance, Curtis took up art at age 50, first studying at St. Edward's University and Austin Community College.

Selections of her dependable historical scenes are on permanent display in Austin, Bastrop and Sonora and are available for sale at Quality Frame and Art on Bee Cave

So why donate her collec-

"The main reason is age," says Curtis, 75, who lives at a Lake Travis retirement community. "I just broke my leg. Fell down in the middle of the street. The FedEx man had to fetch me

Curtis tried storing the art, but could see it was going to be a huge problem for her family.

'I realized this was an important time to help the History Center with the budget challenges at the city," she says. "I hope it can make a differ-

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#### Sonora City League Majors - Baseball **Bandits Astros**



The Astros were coached by Ruben Samaniego and Roland Silva. Astros: Matthew Martinez, Mark Samaniego, Braxton Snyder, Preston Lopez, Osbauldo Castaneda, William Otwell, Reggie Hernandez, Uvaldo Ramos and Chacho Mesa.



The Bandits were coached by Santiago Faz, Tommy Van Winkle and Mike Sanchez. Bandits: Randy Garcia, Bubba Ramos, Amilikar Hernandez, Clinton Hudson, Ricardo Rodriguez, Derek Van Winkle, Mikael Samaniego, Mikey Sanchez, Tyler Creek and Paul Faz (not pictured).

## Diamondbacks



The Diamondbacks were coached by Larry Jennings, Scott Neff and Terry Roberts. Diamondbacks: (not in order) Kody Word, Dustin Neff, Ethan Morriss, Corey Roberts, Shane Patlan, Cash Jennings, Manuel Paredes III, George Villanueva, Refugio Sanchez and Andy Galindo.

## **Braves**



The Braves were coached by Keith Hudson and Dean Dermody. Braves: Dustin Covey, Ricky Samaniego, Colyer Dermody, Caleb Gonzales, Will Anderson, John Duke Hudson, Hunt Wagner, David Lane, Diego Dominguez and Michael Stephens.

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## Why Do People Use Tobacco?

by Jessie Johnson -Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Peer pressure - This seems

Social pressure

they're around others who dip or smoke.

Behavior - Some chewers have been "dipping" so long that they miss the ritual of opening the chew can, getting the "dip" and putting it in their mouth. The most common statement heard from these users is "I just miss something in my mouth" (oral gratification). Here they have a choice of either quitting the loss of the behavior or using an oral alternative while they cut down. Mint Snuff products are great for these people because it allows them to yield to the cravings of the behavior yet do so with a harmless product.

Nicotine Addiction - There is a significant amount of nicotine in smokeless tobacco. Although many young users might not be addicted yet others

get that way rather quickly.

Salt Craving - A typical can of smokeless tobacco contains over 1100 mg of salt. Some people not only suffer from nicotine withdrawal but also from salt cravings once they have quit using smokeless tobacco. These cravings might be confused with nicotine withdrawal. If you or someone you know is having a problem with tobacco or "cold turkey" and dealing with chemical dependency issues, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Council for the Concho Valley
can be of assistance. All calls,
consultations, and screenings
are confidential. The Council
will also provide presentations
to civic and school groups at no charge. Please contact Jessie Johnson at 1-800-880-9641 to make an appointment.

Council for the Concho Valley

to be one of the first reasons that kids especially start using tobacco. They usually first get from a friend (or parent!) who urges them to try it and be like the "big kids". By the time the child goes to the store to try to purchase tobacco, many might have already been using it for several days or even weeks. Some of these kids say they need to display the "ring on their rear" in order to be accepted with some of their peers. In others, the circle on the pocket is a coming-of-age or emancipation symbol, marking the passage to adulthood and "independent thinking".

Association - Being in an environment that condones tobacco use (sports, bars, outings or any place they are around others who use it) can be a great motivator. Users are often able to quit for a significant length of time but begin again when

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The speech mapping procedure can now determine how well you understand words, especially in noisy situations. These tests are accurate and thorough, and will only take about 30 minutes to be completed. This new procedure can immediately tell if there is a solution for your hearing prob-

The professional experience provided by NewSound assures you of personal understanding and expert help with a most important problem - hearing impairment. During this event, the public is invited to take advantage of the new procedures. NewSound is located at the Senior Citizens Center, 102 Wilson in Sonora. Call today. Appointments are limited: 1-888-297-1963

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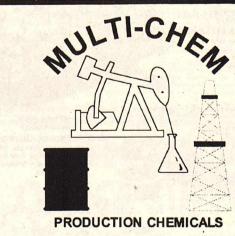
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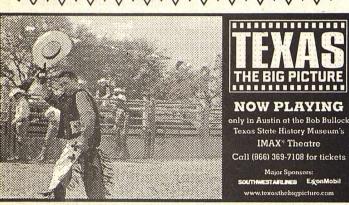
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#### "Aggieland" Goat Camp Set For Aug. 8-10

by: Dr. Shawn Ramsey,

COLLEGE STATION -The Texas A&M University department of animal science will host the third annual "Aggieland Goat Camp" on Aug. 8-10, 2003 in College

"After a great response the last two years, we have expanded the Aggieland Goat Camp and put together the most comprehensive training available for goat exhibitors," said Dr. Shawn Ramsey, camp coordina-

"This camp gives youngsters and their parents a chance to learn from the best, including Texas A&M and Texas Cooperative Extension staff and students willing to share their inside tips from their own junior goat show successes."

The camp is open to 4-H and FFA members ages of 8 to 18. Participants must furnish their own goat and be accompanied by an adult.

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Campers must arrive by 1 p.m. on Aug. 8. The program continues on Aug. 9 with training on showmanship, feeding, daily care and management and fitting. A showmanship contest will be held on Aug. 10 followed by an awards luncheon.

Camp registration is \$55 per camper, and is due by July

For further information contact Ramsey at 979-845-7616 or go tohttp://animalscience.tamu.edu/sheepandgoats for a camp registration form.

Labrador

Retriever

5 mo. old

female Lab

## Rangeland Restoration Workshop **Scheduled For August**

by: Blair Fannin

SONORA - The Academy for Ranch Management will hold a rangeland restoration workshop Aug. 14-16 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station near Sonora.

The workshop will cater to those who have little practical knowledge of rangeland management.

"These individuals may, however, be eager to learn more about the natural resources of their ranch and how they can improve upon past management," said Ray Hinnant, one of the instructors for the academy and senior research associate with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The course starts with a history of grazing on the Edwards Plateau. Participants will explore the resources available on the ranch in an outdoor environment, and are introduced to native plants, the way they grow and why management of grazing is so important. Also discussed will be the different animals that graze the plants, including livestock and wildlife.

Participants will learn to use tools to help them evaluate the current condition and the trend (improving or degrading) of their pastures. They also will be introduced to The Grazing Manager, a software program that assists managers in planning and monitoring the grazing on their ranches.

The participants will be divided into groups for more interaction between the students and the instructors. The groups will develop a grazing and brush management plan for an example ranch and present the plan to the other participants.

Registration for the workshop is \$395, with early registration encouraged. To register for the workshop, or to learn more about the programs, go to http://rangeweb.tamu.edu/arm, or call Hinnant at (979) 845-

#### Short Beef Cattle Course **Hosting Breeding Seminar**

COLLEGE STATION -What cattle breed types are best? What type of bull should producers breed their cows to? What type of calf brings the most money? Two nationally-known animal scientists, Dr. Bill Turner and Dr. Larry Cundiff, will answer these questions at the 49th annual Beef Cattle Short Course.

The short course is Aug. 4-6 at the Texas A&M University Center and Rudder Tower in College Station.

Each year at the short course, producers want to know what breeds work best for their cattle operation," said Dr. Larry Boleman, associate head for the department of animal science at

This year we will give producers in-depth training on breeds, genetics and selection at this special session of the short

On Aug. 5, Cundiff, research leader in genetics at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Neb., will be the keynote speaker at the second general session, Genetics, Breed Types and Breeding Programs for Profitable Beef Production."

Turner, professor emeritus "Connecting the Cow Herd to

Carcass: Balancing Production, Environment and the Market Place.

Boleman said Cundiff's and Turner's sessions would answer many questions beef producers have concerning breeding programs and profitability.

These are exciting but critical times for beef production," Boleman said.

'All producers are going to have to be better informed and totally accountable, and that is why the Texas A&M beef cattle short course is one of the most important programs on management and issues that beef producers will ever attend."

The short course also will feature the popular "Cattlemen's College," where participants can choose workshops and topics from approximately 15 different subjects.

Also, general sessions will include information on country of origin labeling and beef quality assurance training.

Registration is \$110 per participant, and it includes educational materials, a copy of the proceedings, trade show admittance, tickets to the prime rib dinner and three additional meals, and refreshments.

Participants may register online at http://animalscienceat Texas A&M, will discuss, extension.tamu.edu or contact Boleman's office at (979) 845-

#### **Sun-blocking Babies Leads to Need** for Vitamin D

HOUSTON--(June 5, 2003)--The lack of sunshine exposure in many babies and small children has led to an upsurge in vitamin D deficiency and rickets.

'Since we don't want infants and children unprotected in the sun, we are now recommending vitamin D drops for all babies," said Dr. Steven Abrams, a professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "In addition, there is increasing recognition that maintaining adequate vitamin D intake is important for all ages, from infants to the elderly."

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently revised its guidelines to recommend that all infants from 2 months old, children and adolescents receive 200 IU of vitamin D per day. The previous recommendation was supplementation for exclusively breastfed infants at risk for developing rickets, a soft-bone disease.

Infant formulas and cow's milk are fortified with vitamin D at the levels needed by infants and toddlers. However, breast milk does not contain enough vitamin D for some babies, especially those with dark skin who have limited sunshine exposure.

Once called the "sunshine vitamin," vitamin D is a hormone required for proper calcium absorption and bone mineralization.

"The body can make all the vitamin D it needs when the skin is exposed to sunlight," said Abrams, also a researcher at the Children,s Nutrition Research Center at Baylor. "However, the dangers of skin cancer have caused us to recommend that everyone, including young infants, be protected with a sunblock when exposed to sunlight. That sunblock also prevents the production of vitamin D.'

Vitamin D is not easily obtained through diet. Certain types of fish are good sources, and some soy beverages, fruit juices and readyto-eat cereals are fortified with the vitamin. Checking food labels is the best way to see if vitamin D has been added.

While the emphasis on vitamin D's benefits has focused on its role in calcium absorption and strengthening bones in children, Abrams said more evidence is pointing to the health benefits of the vitamin throughout life.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0235281 NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLA-HOMA, TEXAS E & P, INC., 14000 QUAIL SPRINGS PARKWAY #600, OKLA-HOMA CITY, OK 73134 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the proof Railroad visions Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception to lease line to drill Well No. 3, Mayer 20 Lease, 160 Acres, Sec. 20, Bk. D, G C & S F RR Co. / T. B. Adams Survey, A-1639, Sawyer (Strawn North), Sawyer (Canyon), Fawcett (Wolfcamp) Field(s), Sutton County, being 11 miles in a west southwest direction of Sonora, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

600' from the north line and 274' from the east line of lease.

600' from the north line and 2,360' from the east line of sur-

Field rules for the Sawyer (Canyon) field are 500/1000, 320/40 acres.

Field rules for the Sawyer (Strawn North), Fawcett (Wolfcamp) fields are 467/1200, 40 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8,700

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37(h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to

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tance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in

the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Steve Towns, Consultant, at 405-748-2767. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure,

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The Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches present "Lighthouse Kids" July 14 - 18, 2003, an exciting way for kids, ages 312 - 6th grade to discover God's Light at the Methodist Church on the corner of Oak and Water streets. Registration will be Monday, July 14, from 8:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. Activities will take place each morning from 9:00 a.m.

Tennis Anyone? There is a gathering of tennis players from young to adult. Meeting on Tues, and Thur, around 6 pm at the Ozona courts. The matches are aimed at keeping tennis skills in tact and, if you are interested, in good old fashion exercise. Call a friend and line up a carpool of interested players to show them how great Sonora is. More information :all 392-2973.

A trust fund has been established for Vivian Miears at the First National Bank to assist with medical expenses.

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4-H Playdays will be 7/15 and 7/29 at the Sutton County arena, enter at 6:00 p.m. for a 6:30 p.m. start. There is a one time fee of \$25 to participate. A current negative coggins is required and will be checked with entry. Call the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101 for more information.

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Sutton County EMS is spon soring an EMT-Basic course that begins August 12, 2003 and ends November 8, 2003. The classes will be held at 211 East Third Street, in Sonora. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday nights, starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m. There will be two classes that will be held on a Saturday. Please contact the Sutton County EMS office at 387-5132 if interested.

## **Small Business Aches and Pains**

Addressing the rising cost of health insurance



Representative Henry Bonilla

When cussing the needs of small businesses with my colleagues

in Washington, I often compare small business with the human body. For small businesses to remain healthy and happy they must be able to provide health care to their employees. Without this option, like the body, the small business weakens and grows ill. The rising cost of health insurance is a major concern for the small businesses that I represent. Unfortunately, under the current system, many small businesses struggle to provide even basic health coverage to their employees. Hopefully, all that is about to change.

Congress voted recently on crucial legislation to bring down the surging costs of health care for America's 25 million small business owners and their employees. This Congress is committed to helping small business men and women and is pursuing an aggressive agenda designed to foster and grow their companies. I believe the passage of the "Small Business Health Fairness Act" is a great step in the direction of achieving this commitment.

The "Small Business Health Fairness Act" would create national Association Health Plans (AHPs). These plans would allow small businesses to band together through associations and purchase quality health care at a lower cost. Under the bill,

groups such as the National Federal of Independent Business, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Restaurant Association could offer group health insurance to their member companies, allowing the small businesses to enjoy the same economies of scale as large corporations.

Of the 41 million Americans without health insurance, 60 percent work for small business employers who can't afford to provide them or their families with health care coverage. It is a crisis in this country that threatens to leave millions more Americans without health insurance. By passing legislation expanding the use of AHPs, this Congress can go a long way towards providing health insurance to millions of uninsured Americans.

The fact is, with more than two-thirds of all Americans relying on their employer for health insurance, we can't afford to continue this disturbing trend. The result of all this isn't hard to predict. Businesses can and clearly are dropping health benefits. Others struggle onward in providing coverage, but only at the cost of the growth of the business, or offering packages with higher premiums, or a combination of both.

Small business is the backbone of our communities, the brain of our nation's economy and the heart of American culture. I am committed to keeping small business healthy and strong for many years to

## **Music File-Sharing Lawsuits** To Be Filed

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has begun gathering evidence and preparing hundreds of lawsuits against Internet users who are illegally offering to share "substantial" amounts of copyrighted music files. This means anyone that downloads the music can be at risk. The lawsuits will ask for injunctions and monetary damages against the online sharers.

RIAA claims that the illegal use of music programs such as Kazaa, Morpheus, etc. are taking a devastating toll on everyone in the music industry. The announcement is part of an attempt to rid the Internet of illegitimate versions of copyrighted works as it tries to find a way to encourage legitimate music download services. The RIAA has said that file-sharing services exist for few other rea-

Federal law and the federal courts have been quite clear on what is not legal. It is illegal to make available for download copyrighted works without permission of the copyright owner. Court decisions have affirmed this as well.

"The law is clear and the message to those who are distributing substantial quantities of music online should be equally clear -- this activity is illegal, you are not anonymous when you do it, and engaging in it can have real consequences," said RIAA president Cary Sherman.

To gather evidence against

peer-to-peer P2P users who make illegal downloading possible, the RIAA will be using software that scans the public directories available to any user of a peer-to-peer network. These directories, which allow users to find the material they are looking for, list all the files that other users of the network are currently offering to distribute. When the software finds a user who is offering to distribute copyrighted music files, it downloads some of the infringing files, along with the date and time it accessed the files.

Additional information that is publicly available from these systems allows the RIAA to then identify their Internet Service Provider (ISP). The RIAA can then serve a subpoena on the ISP requesting the name and address of the individual whose account was being used to distribute copyrighted music. Under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), ISPs must provide copyright holders with such information when there is reason to believe copyrights are being infringed. Almost all ISPs disclose this obligation in the User's Terms of Service.

Advocates of the music sharing programs say that the lawsuits are crazy and suggest that the RIAA try to work with the file-trading services.

Information for this article was compiled from Cdrinfo.com and by David McGuire, washintonpost.com Staff Writer.

#### **TWC Approves** \$4,892,292 Allocation for **Concho Valley** Workforce **Development** Board

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) recently announced its approval of a \$4,892,292 allocation to fund workforce services provided through the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board (CVWDB) for Fiscal Year 2004. CVWDB serves Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green counties.

CVWDB is one of 28 local workforce development boards throughout the state that, in partnership with TWC, delivers Texas Workforce Solutions through the state's 279 Texas Workforce Centers. The primary goal of Texas' Workforce Solutions is to guarantee that a skilled and qualified workforce is in place to meet the needs of Texas' employers through locally controlled, employer-driven workforce development initiatives and programs. All employers, as well as workers and job seekers, are eligible to take advantage of these services, which are primarily federally funded and generally provided at no charge to the customer. TWC allocates the funding for Texas Workforce Solutions, but the specific manner in which the funds are utilized is largely left to the discretion of the local

The money allocated to CVWDB will be used to fund a variety of solutions, including:

Employment Services -Local workforce boards provide employment services that help employers find qualified workers for their openings by screening applicant lists, scheduling interviews and arranging space for the interviews, if necessary.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) - WIA provides employment and training services to match employers' needs. WIA also offers services for people who have lost their jobs in mass layoffs or plant closings, or who have been laid off and are unlikely to return to

their jobs. Child Care - Local boards help build a stronger workforce through the design and management of quality, affordable child care services for low-income families. The availability of child care enables parents to obtain and retain employment, while also providing employers with productive workers.

**Temporary Assistance for** Needy Families (TANF) Choices - These employment services help welfare recipients transition from welfare to work and expand employers' available workforce options by providing job-search and job-readiness classes, basic skills training, vocational training and support services, including transportation to promote self-sufficiency.

**Food Stamp Employment** and Training (FSE&T) - These training services increase the number of workers available to employers and help food stamp recipients become self-supporting through participation in employment, job readiness, education and training activities, and related support services, including transportation.

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