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Close call sends one to Hudspeth; Carbon Monoxide Can Be Deadly

Proteja su vida y la de su familia: Evite el envenenamiento con monóxido de carbono - En Español page 8

An elderly Sonora woman was rushed to Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital on Monday, January 23, after family members called for EMS. The woman was complaining of nausea, headache, dizziness and almost fainted before EMS was notified. The victim was treated and released, but was very lucky. Sonora Police Chief, Mike House reported that the incident could have been much worse and the family was lucky that weren't all affected. Chief House asked that everyone take extra precaution with all fuel-burning appliances especially during the cold months when heaters are used most.

You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is produced whenever any fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. If appliances that burn fuel are maintained and used properly, the amount of CO produced is usually not hazardous. However, if appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly, dangerous levels of CO can result. Hundreds of people die accidentally every year from CO poisoning caused by malfunctioning or improperly used fuel-burning appliances. Even more die from CO produced by idling cars. Fetuses, infants, elderly people, and people with anemia or with a history of heart or respiratory disease can be especially susceptible. Be safe. Practice the DO's and DON'Ts of carbon monoxide.

CO Poisoning Symptoms

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning. At moderate levels, you or your family can get severe headaches, become dizzy, mentally confused, nauseated, or faint. You can even die if these levels persist for a long time. Low levels can cause shortness of breath, mild nausea, and mild headaches, and may have longer term effects on your health.

Since many of these symptoms are similar to those of the flu, food poisoning, or other illnesses, you may not think that CO poisoning could be the cause.

Play it Safe

If you experience symptoms that you think could be from CO poisoning:

• **GET FRESH AIR IMMEDIATELY.** Open doors and windows, turn off combustion appliances and leave the house.

• **GO TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM** and tell the physician you suspect CO poisoning. If CO poisoning has occurred, it can often be diagnosed by a blood test done soon after exposure.

• Be prepared to answer the following questions for the doctor:

Do your symptoms occur only in the house? Do they disappear or decrease when you leave home and reappear when you return?

Is anyone else in your household complaining of similar symptoms? Did everyone's symptoms appear about the same time?

Are you using any fuel-burning appliances in the home?

Has anyone inspected your appliances lately? Are you certain they are working properly?

Prevention is the Key to Avoiding Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

• Have your fuel-burning appliances -- including oil and gas furnaces, gas water heaters, gas ranges and ovens, gas dryers, gas or kerosene space heaters, fireplaces, and wood stoves -- inspected by a trained professional at the beginning of every heating season. Make certain that the flues and chimneys are connected, in good condition, and not blocked.

• Choose appliances that vent their fumes to the outside whenever possible, have them properly installed, and maintain them according to manufacturers' instructions.

• Read and follow all of the instructions that accompany any fuel-burning device. If you cannot avoid using an unvented gas or kerosene space heater, carefully follow the cautions that come with the device. Use the proper fuel and keep doors

to the rest of the house open. Crack a window to ensure enough air for ventilation and proper fuel-burning.

• Call EPA's IAQ INFO Clearinghouse (1-800-438-4318) or the Consumer Product Safety Commission (1-800-638-2772) for more information on how to reduce your risks from CO and other combustion gases and particles.

• **DON'T** idle the car in a garage -- even if the garage door to the outside is open. Fumes can build up very quickly in the garage and living area of your home.

• **DON'T** use a gas oven to heat your home, even for a short time.

• **DON'T** ever use a charcoal grill indoors -- even in a fireplace.

• **DON'T** sleep in any room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater.

• **DON'T** use any gasoline-powered engines (mowers, weed trimmers, snow blowers, chain saws, small engines or generators) in enclosed spaces.

• **DON'T** ignore symptoms, particularly if more than one person is feeling them. You could lose consciousness and die if you do nothing.

A Few Words About CO Detectors

Carbon Monoxide Detectors are widely available in stores and you may want to consider buying one as a back-up -- BUT NOT AS A REPLACEMENT for proper use and maintenance of your fuel-burning appliances. However, it is important for you to know that the technology of CO detectors is still developing, that there are several types on the market, and that they are not generally considered to be as reliable as the smoke detectors found in homes today. Some CO detectors have been laboratory-tested, and their performance varied. Some performed well, others failed to alarm even at very high CO levels, and still others alarmed even at very low levels that don't pose any immediate health risk. And unlike a smoke detector, where you can easily confirm the cause of the alarm, CO is invisible and odorless, so it's harder to tell if an alarm is false or a real emergency.

So What's a Consumer to Do?

First, don't let buying a CO detector lull you into a false sense of security. Preventing CO from becoming a problem in your home is better than relying on an alarm. Follow the checklist of DOs and DON'Ts.

Second, if you shop for a CO detector, do some research on features and don't select solely on the basis of cost. Non-governmental organizations such as Consumers Union (publisher of Consumer Reports), the American Gas Association, and Underwriters Laboratories (UL) can help you make an informed decision. Look for UL certification on any detector you purchase.

Carefully follow manufacturers' instructions for its placement, use, and maintenance.

If the CO detector alarm goes off:

- Make sure it is your CO detector and not your smoke detector.

- Check to see if any member of the household is experiencing symptoms of poisoning.

- If they are, get them out of the house immediately and seek medical attention. Tell the doctor that you suspect CO poisoning.

- If no one is feeling symptoms, ventilate the home with fresh air, turn off all potential sources of CO -- your oil or gas furnace, gas water heater, gas range and oven, gas dryer, gas or kerosene space heater and any vehicle or small engine.

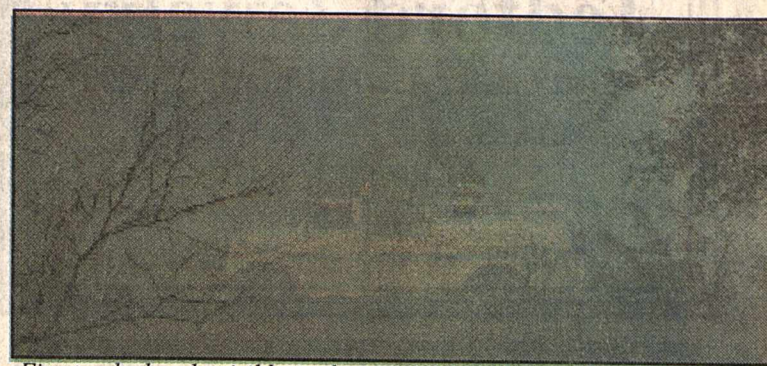
- Have a qualified technician inspect your fuel-burning appliances and chimneys to make sure they are operating correctly and that there is nothing blocking the fumes from being vented out of the house.



Flames top the hill as they continue to roll across Sutton County.

Photo by Storie Sharp

Blaze rolls through Sutton County



Fire trucks barely visible in dense smoke as they work to keep fire contained.

Photo by Storie Sharp

by Storie Sharp

Local firefighters and volunteers were busy Thursday, January 19, 2006, when a grass fire started in a field located just outside of town, between Deerwood St. and Miers Road. The blaze initially threatened an apartment complex and several houses, but was quickly fanned away from the residents by high winds. Sonora Volunteer Fire Department was joined by Eldorado and Ozona volunteer departments, as well as many local businesses offering water trucks, sprayers, maintainers, bulldozers, water supply

and more. The blaze burned north about five miles toward the Sutton-Schleicher county line, before it was stopped and contained. Hot spots were observed and tended to throughout the night and are still being monitored. The cause of the fire is unknown, but approximately 1,000 acres were burned.

All outdoor burning is disallowed until further notice. Violation of the burn ban is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

An extreme danger of wildfires persists across the region.

Bawcom stresses positive progress at first meeting as Superintendent

by Storie Sharp

Superintendent Doug Bawcom, reining over the first Sonora ISD Board of Trustees in his new position, assured the board and all those present at the Tuesday, January 17, meeting that he envisioned good things for the future of Sonora schools. In a detailed, but concise Superintendent's Report Bawcom explained that he had been touring campuses, observing and getting to know the staff and students during his first few weeks as Superintendent. He stated that he found that there are areas to contend with, but overall Sonora was a solid district and he planned to focus on the 90% of things that are right and shoot for 100% right. Bawcom said he is confident in the staff, school board, and support staff and he sees good things in Sonora's future. He addressed past board meetings and explained how he planned to submit information to the board, stressing an open forum of communication being vital between the board and himself. Bawcom's major concerns going into the job is overall hiring district wide. A step-by-step plan for hiring at all positions will be developed and implemented so that all involved can be sure that everything possible was done to secure the best teachers for Sonora's students. Bawcom also plans to implement a well aligned curriculum plan that is cohesive throughout the district. He again stressed board/superintendent communication and asked that he

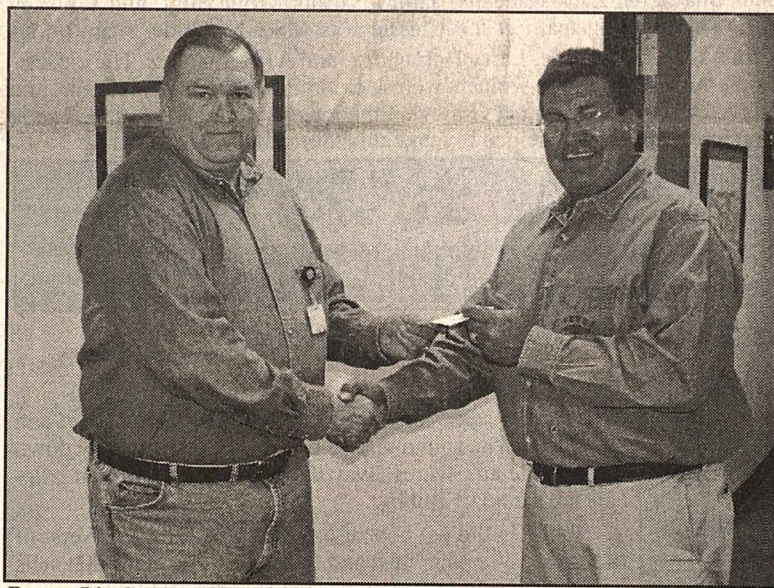
and all board members be in some sort of contact every week, working together on meeting agendas so that monthly meetings are streamlined, informative and effective.

In other business, Bawcom reported that the construction team were unavailable for the meeting but had reported that progress was still going generally smooth, with a projected completion date still set for the end of January. Recent acting Superintendent Interim, Don Gibson was also present for the meeting, having worked with the construction project longer than Bawcom. Gibson reported that a water leak problem in the Intermediate building that was found was being addressed, and would be labor intensive. A proposal of approximately \$87,000 was presented and with much trepidation, was accepted after much discussion of the details of the project. It was agreed that it would be better to do it correct now than have to go back at a later date.

Dora Gonzales reported a slight profit in the quarterly cafeteria report, with most expenses being in repairs at the beginning of the

See School board page 4

Dominion donation helps purchase computers for Head Start program



Barry Limbocker presents check to Ed Carrasco for local Head Start Program.

Barry B. Limbocker, District Operations Manager, for Dominion Exploration & Production, Inc. presented a check for \$5000. This donation will be used by Sonora Head Start to buy computers and literacy-math programs for the learning center. The children will learn skills

needed when they enter kindergarten and improve their success as they begin their school years.

Sonora Head Start staff and parents wish to thank the Dominion Foundation for their generous donation and continued support of the youth of Sonora.

Sutton County sweeps Kerrville Angora show

submitted

Sutton County 4-H and FFA students swept all the major awards in Kerrville on Saturday, January 20, 2006. Belt buckles were won by Emily and Meredith Earwood, as well as Laura Martin. Meredith also won a silver goblet and a tote bag. Emily took home a silver tray and a garment bag. Mark Holman won a tote bag and a garment bag. Emily and Meredith both won titles that are awarded with college scholarships totalling \$6,500. Since the Kerrville Stock Show Committee stipulates that the money may only be awarded to an individual one time, the scholarships were awarded to the second place winners because both Earwood girls have won the titles in previous years. This decision was made as an effort to benefit as many participants as possible.

Results were as follows:

Commercial Angora Show:

Doe Kids: Mark Holman 1st & 3rd, Laura Martin 2nd & 5th

Group of 3 kids: Mark Holman 1st

Yearling Does: Mark Holman 4th & 7th, Laura Martin 6th

Aged Does: Laura Martin 2nd, Mark Holman 3rd

Champion Group of Three: Mark Holman

Champion Commercial Goat: Mark Holman

Registered Angora Show:

Buck Kids: Cash Jennings 10th & 13th, Hunter Jennings 11th, Mark Holman 16th, Laura Martin 1st, Emily Earwood 19th, Meredith Earwood 27th

Yearling Bucks: Laura Martin



Kelsey Watkins, Emily Earwood, Meredith Earwood and Bethany Berry show off the Champion Angora Goat of Show and Reserve Champion Registered Buck.

1st, Emily Earwood 2nd & 11th, Word Hudson 5th, Meredith Earwood 8th, Mark Holman 10th & 16th

Aged Bucks: Meredith Earwood 1st, Emily Earwood 2nd, Mark Holman 10th & 12th, Cash Jennings 14th

Champion Registered Buck: Meredith Earwood
Reserve Champion Registered Buck: Emily Earwood

Doe Kids: Laura Martin 4th & 31st, Meredith Earwood 5th, Emily Earwood 6th & 20th, Mark Holman 17th & 22nd, Keeli Taylor 25th, Cash Jennings 34th

Yearling Does: Meredith Earwood 4th & 7th, Emily Earwood

5th & 6th, Laura Martin 14th, Kelsey Watkins 20th

Aged Does: Emily Earwood 3rd & 6th, Meredith Earwood 5th & 10th, Kelsey Watkins 14th, Laura Martin 16th, Mark Holman 18th

Champion Registered Goat: Meredith Earwood

Champion Angora Goat of Show: Meredith Earwood

Chance Armke Premier Exhibitor Award: Emily Earwood

Senior Showmanship: Laura Martin



Zuniga back from Iraq

submitted

On Thursday, January 19, 2006, Eric Zuniga was joined by his wife Karen, son, Scott, and other family and friends as he proudly removed his yellow ribbon from the Old Oak Tree. Zuniga's family expressed their excitement for having him home, thanking him for being a dedicated husband, father, Peace Officer and soldier.

"We missed you so much, and though some days were easier than others, we felt a large void in our lives every day without you home with us," said Karen. "Thank you for keeping your promise and always remember that we love you and appreciate all that you do to keep us safe, as well as the rest of the world," she said.

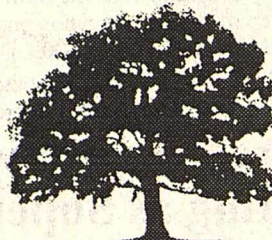
Zuniga, a Sutton County Deputy, was treated to a meal from La Mexicana, who proudly displayed his poster during his time overseas. Welcome home Eric!

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Thank You Note

Thank you. Thank you. Thank You. There are not enough words to convey our appreciation. The response was incredible in our time of need. Special thanks to JMC, Creek Swabbing, Mittel Dozing, Cahill Construction, Sutton County Road Dept., and of course, all the Volunteer Fireman, who once again put their lives in danger in record time to help. Last but not least, the people of the community, too many to name, who came with water tanks, water trucks or just two hands and a willing heart. This community is truly blessed to have all of you.
 Sincerest appreciation and admiration,
 Chase and Jamie Wardlaw

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Dept. would like to thank the many businesses and individuals who came to our assistance on a recent grass fire.

As most of you know, we were called to a fire on the Chase Wardlaw Ranch, just outside of the city limits. With an over-abundance of dry vegetation and high winds, the fire quickly spread to neighboring ranches. An apartment building and several homes were also threatened. As fire units arrived on the scene, we witnessed this community come together and help one another. Offers of dozers, water transport trucks, access to water stations, individual sprayers, food and drinks came pouring in.

Over 11 man hours were spent to control the blaze, which consumed approximately 1000 acres.

Many thanks to JMC Transport, Creek Swabbing, Mittel Dozing, Cahill Construction, Sonora Contractors, Sutton County Road Department, Dan Wagner and the City of Sonora for the equipment, vehicles and endless supply of water.

We would also like to thank the Sutton County Sheriff's Department, Police Department, Texas Highway Patrol and Game Warden for providing traffic control and radio communication throughout the night.

Also, Clifton and Michelle Lipham, The Lighthouse Community Church and The First Baptist Church for providing sandwiches and drinks for everyone; Tommy Love, Cades Pope, Danny Hardin, Michael Kissire and David Love for providing sprayers; and for pitching in wherever needed were Allan Prather, Shane Love, Mickey Sharp, Bob Brockman, Jason Chadwick, Clay Graves and Scott Jacoby.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Eldorado and Ozona Fire Departments who also responded to the call and the air assistance that was provided by the Texas Forestry Service from San Angelo and Abilene.

Our apologies to anyone that we may have overlooked. We appreciate everything that was done for our department, our community has much to be thankful for!

Thanks again,
Sonora Volunteer Fire Department

The Sonora High School golf team would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who contributed to the success of our 7th annual Polar Bear Classic: Jet Supply, Team Graphics, Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary, Main Street Realty, Sonora Golf Club, Reliable Equipment Co., Balch Ranching, Everett's Pharmacy, Monroe Welding, James Lynn, Pati Lynn, Roy Hulsey, Suzanne Whitworth, Lindsey Collins, Mike McGee, Peter Bradley, Mike Huntington, Jim Kay, Savell Shannon, Shelly Shannon, Anita Hudson, Jack Smith, Lauri Smith, Garrett Smith, Lynn Hinsley, Brady Johnson, Jared Percifull, Chrissie Barnes, Jason Surber, Joe Barnes, Kelly Martin, Jerri Martin, Dustin Martin, Chris Martin, Tom Gray, Branda Gray, Ed Newton, Jimmy Simms; Juanita McBride, Mike McBride, Mike House, James Edmondson, Todd Munn, Oscar Marshall, Rusty Baldwin, Ronnie Beard, Andy Beard, Michael Badeaux, Suzanne Badeaux, Francis Tackle, Steve Tackle, Cole Cearly, Darla Lipham, Clyde Dukes, Thomas Hanson, Raul Chavarria, Brandon Duncan, Zack Kerbow, Dickie Woods, Larry Hernandez, AJ Hernandez, Jansen McBride, Word Hudson, Elizabeth Chavarria, Zack Badeaux, James Barton, Virgil Burg, and Whiskey Hill. The winning team at the Classic was Mike McBride, Juanita McBride, Jansen McBride, Larry Hernandez, and AJ Hernandez. The closest-to-the-hole competition winners were Jack Smith and Jansen McBride, and Rusty Baldwin and Branda Gray won the longest putt competition. Thank You to everyone who helped to make this tournament successful

TEXAS TALES TOLD BY TUMBLEWEED

Ramona has a pet bobcat



Tumbleweed Smith

You can sense the strength in Bobby's front legs and shoulders. The sound that he makes comes from way down deep inside and scares away the faint of heart. Even polecats are afraid of Bobby.

Bobby is the pet bobcat belonging to Ramona Werst of Mertzon. When her husband took her to the place that sells bobcats, she chose Bobby because he was so playful.

"When you get a bobcat as a baby and bottle feed him, he'll bond with you," says Ramona. "He doesn't know he's a bobcat. In fact, he would be a disgrace to bobcats. He's afraid of mice."

I sat down with Ramona and Bobby and we had a nice visit. Ramona says Bobby is spoiled rotten.

"When I was bottle feeding him, he used to get me up at two o'clock in the morning for his bottle, then do the same thing at four o'clock and six o'clock. Now we have an automatic feeder that comes open for him at two o'clock and six o'clock. He likes that a lot."

She got the bobcat five years ago.
 "He was small enough to fit in the palm of my hand, just a little bitty baby. Now he weighs around forty-five pounds."

The bobcat lives in a fenced in area beneath a second-story deck. "He's got a ramp that leads directly into our bedroom. He can come and go anytime he wants to. In his space under the deck he's got his own jungle gym, an igloo that's got a blanket in it and all kinds of balls to play with."

When visitors come, Bobby goes away.
 "We'll show Bobby to our guests, then lock him up in our bedroom and his pen. We do that just in case he doesn't like a scent. Or he might be hungry."

Bobby has a domestic house cat for a brother. He thinks the pet dog is his mother. He plays fetch with a tennis ball and tug of war with a sock. When he's playing tug of war, he sounds ferocious. His growls would make most people head for the door. Bobby has a special diet. "Every three weeks my husband David and I have to chop up raw liver, raw hamburger and cat food and mix it all together and freeze it.

Bobby's a little particular. He has to have his food just a little bit frozen."

At night, Bobby sleeps with Ramona in spite of his loud purring. "He sleeps right on top of me from my shoulders to my stomach." She says she's never been afraid. When he misbehaves, she smacks him on the nose.

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Funeral Planning: An Important Step in Getting Your Affairs in Order

Submitted by: Kelly L Thorp, MS County Extension Agent-FCS Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County

The rituals of death, from remembrance of the deceased to the grieving process, vary greatly among cultures, religions and geographies. Just as with other end-of-life decisions, you and your loved ones can plan for your funeral prior to your death.

Many people turn to a funeral home to help with the funeral planning process. There are many options to consider when choosing a funeral home. Some people may choose a funeral home close to where they live or near where they plan to be buried. Others consider religious, cultural or ethnic affiliations when making this decision. Whatever the basis for your decision, it is important that you feel comfortable with that funeral home and its staff.

Funeral costs can vary widely for similar products and services, so there is value in exploring more than one option. Federal and state regulations require that funeral homes follow certain procedures regarding funeral arrangements and costs. They must provide consumers with an itemized general price list and must not require that specific funeral packages be purchased.

The most common choice for disposition of the body is burial. In this case, you must arrange for a casket and a burial plot. The casket can be one of the most expensive costs in a funeral. Caskets can range in style and price from very simple and inexpensive to very ornate and expensive, costing from a few hundred dollars to thousands of dollars. Most people purchase caskets through the funeral home, but federal regulations require that funeral homes allow caskets to be purchased independently. Consumers have the right to buy a casket directly from a casket retailer or over the Internet or even to make their own. Many issues, both financial and personal, may influence the decision about where to be buried and whether to purchase a burial site in advance. Contact different cemeteries and carefully compare options and costs.

Cremation, the incineration of the body, must be performed at a licensed crematory. In the process of cremation, the body and its container are both incinerated with intense heat. While commonly called "ashes," the remains following cremation are calcified bone fragments that resemble finely broken seashells. The crematory is responsible for careful identification of the ashes so that they may be returned to the proper family. Individuals can make arrangements for cremation directly with a crematory and even arrange pre-payment for this service. However, it is required that transportation of the body from the place of death take place in a vehicle licensed for that purpose; thus transportation is normally handled by a funeral home. By federal law, a casket cannot be required for cremation.

There are several options in disposing of the cremated remains. The ashes may be placed in a niche in a columbarium, a special structure at a cemetery or church; be buried or put in a crypt in a cemetery; be kept at home or be scattered on land or at sea. It may be important to talk with a member of the clergy before choosing cremation. Some religions forbid the practice and some denominations look on the practice with disfavor.

Paying for a funeral can be a financial hardship. Some limited options for financial assistance may be available. Social Security pays the direct survivor a small lump sum. Veterans may be eligible for a burial allowance. Some unions, fraternal organizations and mutual aid societies may also offer funeral benefits. Funeral homes may offer pre-planning services in which funeral arrangements are made at a discounted rate. Also, several insurance companies offer burial insurance policies which may help with funeral costs.

The Federal Trade Commission recommends the following when planning for a funeral:

- Shop around in advance - Compare prices and remember that you can supply your own casket or urn.
- Ask for a price list - The law requires funeral homes to give you a written price list for products and services.
- Resist pressure and avoid emotional overspending - Try not to let your emotions cloud your better judgment on what is right for you and your loved one.
- Recognize your rights - Laws regarding funerals and burials vary from state to state. It's a smart move to know which goods or services the law requires you to purchase and which are optional.

Burial insurance policies and pre-planning services may help you with your decision-making and spare you or your family having to do it when emotions are high. Burial insurance policies may cover costs in excess of actual costs. Remember to keep in control of your policy's money rather than turning the money over to the funeral director.

The options are many and the costs may vary but the purpose is the same: to provide you, your family and your deceased loved one with dignified closure and resolution to life. While discussing funeral arrangements in advance may not be the happiest of topics, it certainly may alleviate some of the grief and stress later in life.

For more information, contact your County Extension Agent or visit the Federal Trade Commission's website regarding consumer rights in relation to funerals: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/funerals/index.html>. They also provide a print publication on the subject which may be downloaded free from this website.

Source: Andrew B. Crocker - Gerontology Health Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension, College Station, Texas.

Senior Center Activities
Fri. January 27 - Happy Birthday Loyce Campbell
Mon. January 30 - Happy B-day Marguerite Barker & Bingo!
Tues. January 31 - Happy B-day Jeanette Cooper & Luan King
Wed. February 1 - Crafts for Valentine's Day - sign up now!
Thurs. February 2 - Groundhog Day! Happy B-day Candi Guerra

Senior Center Menu
Fri. January 27 - Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, crackers, fruit cup, milk
Mon. January 30 - Steak fingers w/gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli, rolls, peach cobbler, milk
Tues. January 31 - Salmon croquettes, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, rolls, turnip greens, peach half, milk
Wed. February 1 - Spanish meatballs, rice, rolls, green beans, sliced tomatoes, pineapple rings, milk
Thurs. February 2 - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, oven potatoes, mixed veggies, rolls, vanilla pudding, w/fruit, milk
 Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
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Historical Society

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

Q. Where are your offices located?

A. Right next to the Miers Home Museum, just 2 doors down from the Sheriff's office, at 307 Oak Street. Most know the building as the old Fincher House, as he was the last Deputy to live in it.

Q. Who were the 1979 Broncos?

A. Pedro "Pete" Gomez, Eddie Favila, Enrique Sanchez, Rudolfo Ramos, Allen Stewart, Ervey Vallejo, Rex Surber, Ricky Wright, Joe Longoria, Johnny Doan, Charlie Carroll, David Creek, Hector Samaniego, Ben Ingham, Kent Cagle, David Sanchez, John Paul Bautista, David Reyna, Robert Puckett, Robert Ponsetti, Rocky Gold, Cades Pope, George Wipff, Gary Vick, Wesley Barton, Jesse Vela, Mike Villanueva, Head Coach Jerry Hopkins, Trainer Bill Shaw, Student Trainer Lee Burch, Coach Bob Snodgrass, Coach Don Patton, J.V. Coaches Roy Evans and Terry Campbell.

Q. Joseph Vanderstucken had a brother Emile, what ever happened to him?

A. Devil's River News, August 29, 1979: Emile F. Vanderstucken, 75, of Cleveland Lane, died Tuesday at Princeton Medical Center.

Born in Sonora, Texas, he had been a Princeton resident since 1941. He held a B.A. from University of Texas, B.S. from Georgetown University, M.A. from George Washington University, L.L.B. from Harvard and J.S.D. from New York University. He was a member of the Texas and New York Bar Associations, and was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1943 and U.S. Patent Office in 1947.

He practiced law in San Angelo, Texas from 1928-1934 before joining Texas Gulf Sulphur Co., where he was a vice president until his retirement in 1961. At the time of his death he was a consulting attorney to the firm.

He was an advisor to the Conference on German Industrial Property in London, England in 1947. He served in the legal division of the Office of Military Government in Berlin, 1947-1948. During World War II he was a Lt. Cmdr., USNR, serving in the legal division of the Office of the Secretary of the Navy.



1939-40 Faculty - Do you know who they are?

He was a member of the American Mining Congress, the International Law Association, Delta Sigma Phi, Chi Phi, Harvard Club of New York and the Nassau Club.

He was survived by his wife, Frances Robinson Vanderstucken; a daughter, Mrs. Richard Spencer of Chester, N.H.; a son, Emile F. Vanderstucken III of Skillman, a brother Joseph M. Vanderstucken of Sonora, Texas and three grandchildren.

Services were held from the Kimble Funeral Home, Princeton.

We haven't looked at prices in a while. Let's see what food cost at Hershel's Foodway in 1979: Ground Round \$2.19 a lb., Potatoes 79 cents a lb., Lettuce 49 cents a head, Bananas 4 lbs. For \$1, Tomatoes, large size, 49 cents a lb., carrots 1 lb. Cello bag 4 for \$1, Folgers Coffee \$2.79 for a 1 lb. can. Scott paper towels were 65 cents a roll, Hunts tomato sauce 8 oz. cans were 6 for \$1, Hunts tomato catsup 24 oz. was 69 cents, Reynold Aluminum Foil was 3 for \$1, Spam was 1.19 a can, Green Giant Nibblers corn on the cob was 79 cents for a 6 ear package, Swanson's Hungry Man Pot Pies 16 oz. were 89 cents and boneless Bottom Round Steak was \$2.19 a lb.

Charlie Graves and Tommy Thorp had a full page add for their real estate development, Live Oak Valley. Mary Ruth Williams and

Bobby Smith were happy to assist you in selecting a plan or a lot and color scheme. The new project was located on Deerwood Drive and featured three and four bedroom homes.

The following 4-H members received awards at the Achievement and Awards program in Oct. of 1979: Janet Barlemann, Jody Luttrell, Shannon Payne, Lori Webster, Rebecca Powers, Cathy Doran, Jeff Kimbrell, Mike Friess, Steve Love, Matt Miller, David Love, Mary Barron, Carrie Cox, Glen Love, Wayford Tyler, Wayne Hill, Joe Will Ross, Tessa Joy, Anita Balch, Mile Miller, Leah Evans, Lora Lee Kordzik, Laura Preston, Nancy Benson, Marla Van Hoozer, Bonnie Jackson, Myron Halford, Fran Friess, Julie Stewart, Tanna Tyler, Rex Suber, Lance Love and Preston O. Love, Rodney Knight, Tammy Jones and Angel Cearley.

The outstanding Man and Woman 4-H Leader Awards were awarded to Mrs. Loma Surber and Cleve T. Jones, III. Herbert Fields was honored as an outstanding contributor.

How many of you remember how they used to cut down the biggest Cedar they could find and bring it into town for Christmas. It would be erected on the Courthouse Square and called the Community Christmas Tree. Children from the grade school would make Christmas decorations and hang them on the tree and then have a picnic lunch sitting around it. Most ranchers were more than happy to donate a cedar for the celebration and it helped to show the children how the founders of Sonora got their Christmas trees.

We are going to have to put a new roof on the Miers Home Museum. We want to keep it with a wood look shingle but switch to something that has a much longer life and is hail resistant. We found a shingle that is made by a company called Eco that has a 50 year warranty. It is made of a rubberized material, with the color through the whole shingle. It is both hail and wind resistant and including the plywood, doesn't weigh anymore than the existing shingles. The cost is a little under \$8,000 but is well worth it when you consider the 30% reduction we get on insurance and the reduction in maintenance hours spent on the roof. Maybe some of the teachers could get a fund raiser started at the school to help put a new roof on the Miers Home. Each class collect coins, like they did for the Statue of Liberty, and teach the children to care about our historic buildings in Sonora. After the roof is finished we could have a picnic on the grounds with all the children and let them tour the Miers Home and see how they helped save the building. Just a suggestion of one way to help the society.

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 e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call us at 387-5084 Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 8-12 to rent the Depot or ask questions. The Miers Home Museum tours and research in our archives are done during the same days and times. To rent the Depot call the above number or call me at home at 387-2855.

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| Team Name | Pounds Lost | Avg. lbs. lost |
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| 1 Heavy Weights | -9 | -4.5 |
| 2 Tadpoles | -26 | -4.33 |
| 3 Ladies in Weighting | -20 | -4 |
| 4 Purple People Eaters | -23.7 | -3.95 |
| 5 Blubber Butts | -23.5 | -3.92 |
| 6 Don's Angels | -17 | -3.4 |
| 7 Disappearing Acts | -20 | -3.33 |
| 8 Bodacious Bankers | -17 | -2.83 |
| 9 Waist-Aways | -17 | -2.83 |
| 10 Money Crunchers | -15 | -2.5 |
| 11 Buff Daddy and the Under Toned | -15 | -2.5 |
| 12 Team Hope | -12 | -2 |
| 13 Leftovers | -10 | -1.67 |
| 14 SMS Rollie Pollies | -8 | -1.33 |
| 15 Jolly Ranchers | -7 | -1.17 |

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Governor issues second disaster declaration

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Texas is now home to overlapping disasters.

On Jan. 19 Gov. Rick Perry issued a disaster declaration for all of Texas' 254 counties due to drought. Earlier, on Dec. 27, the governor declared a statewide disaster due to wildfires.

In making the second disaster declaration, Perry asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide disaster relief assistance for farms and ranches.

Perry's request for aid is pending, but if approved, farmers and ranchers may apply for loans equal to 100 percent of actual production for physical losses up to \$500,000.

Already, lack of usable pasture has forced many farms and ranches to buy feed and/or sell off their stock.

Candidate gets 12 of '60 Minutes'

Musician, novelist, animal-rescuer and 2006 Independent candidate for governor Richard "Kinky" Friedman managed to do something none of the other candidates for Texas governor has done: get interviewed on CBS-TV's national news magazine "60 Minutes."

In a 12-minute segment aired Jan. 22, Friedman told reporter Morley Safer he was pro-education, pro-choice and pro-school prayer; also anti-bigotry, OK with gay marriage and serious about protecting the border.

The Friedman campaign reported it raised \$1.5 million in campaign funds in the last six months - three times more than all of the Democratic candidates for governor have raised so far, according to required filings.

But Friedman won't gain a spot on the November ballot unless his campaign collects 45,450 signatures on a petition to be submitted to the secretary of state within a month after the Democratic and Republican party primaries in March. The Carole Keeton Strayhorn campaign will have to do likewise, because she also is running as an Independent.

Returning to the subject of fund-raising: between Strayhorn

and incumbent Republican Gov. Perry there is \$20 million in their campaign war chests.

Strayhorn ads shed GOP label

The campaign to elect Comptroller Strayhorn is running a new TV ad that is absent her earlier declaration that she is a Republican. This change in the content of her campaign message follows a change in her appearance. Watchers noted something in the photo portrait displayed on both her campaign and comptroller Web sites. In the photo, she sports a multicolored scarf, whereas in the prior official photo she wore a Christian cross pendant.

In other news, earlier in the month of January, Strayhorn garnered the endorsement of the second-largest teacher group in the state, the Texas State Teachers Association.

TSTA sues certification board

The Texas State Teachers Association on Jan. 19 filed suit in Travis County District Court against the State Board for Educator Certification, claiming the agency is illegally and unconstitutionally posting complaints against teachers before the hearings have been scheduled.

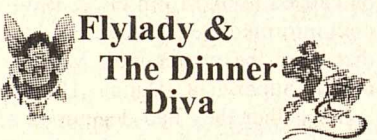
Attorneys for TSTA alleged the agency is failing to respond, as required by law, to complaints against teachers within 130 calendar days of receipt, and that some teachers who have had their certificates flagged since 2003 still have not had hearings.

I.D. theft measure takes effect

Dec. 31 was the deadline for retailers to comply with a 2003 anti-identity theft law requiring retailers to print no more than the last four numbers of a credit card or the card's expiration date on receipts.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Jan. 17 urged consumers to check their receipts and notify his office if they are given a receipt that has too many credit card account numbers printed or impressed on it. "I appreciate the efforts of retailers to comply with this law and I am issuing this reminder to any who have not yet done so that the deadline has now passed," Abbott said.

Habit is overcome by habit



By Leanne Ely

With the billions of dollars that are spent each year by people hoping to lose weight once and for all, it is the people who understand the principle of exchange and choice that ultimately win the war on body clutter (excess weight). These are the people who become the success stories we love reading about and secretly hope that one day, that will be our story, too. This very simple principle of exchanging one habit (eating ice cream after dinner every night) for another (taking the dog for a walk) has the ability to tweak your lifestyle enough to dramatically alter your weight--and much less painfully than you would think.

I call mindless eating unconscious grazing. The hand to mouth exchange that is done with an almost numbing rhythm, one chip at a time, one M & M at a time will pile it on without the participant's awareness! It almost doesn't matter what we're eating because it's forgotten about after about the 5th or 6th munch anyway. This style of eating is reminiscent of the way a cow spends her day--grazing. In other words, eating all day with the jaw constantly moving. The only difference being of course, that we have one stomach and choose not to throw up and re-chew our food (one would hope so anyway).

If we are going to lose the unconscious grazing habit and replace it with the healthy new habit of conscientious eating, we need to bring back the old fashioned value of mealtimes. Good eating habits are established one meal at a time. A great starting place is the family dinner table. All too often our dinner time eating habits become yet another place where the food is fast, "served" in the back of a car and amidst a frenzy of activity. Our "dinner conversation" becomes, "do you want fries with that?" instead of asking about everyone's day.

One of my passions is making sure people understand that their dinner table is not just a place of good family dinners, but also a place of communion for a family that desperately needs to reconnect at the end of a busy day. Too often the dinner table becomes a clutter magnet. A place to dump the mail, the kids' backpacks and homework after zipping through the drive-thru. This is a place where not only conscientious eating can take place, but the good habit of relationship building and the tying together of heartstrings that may have been inadvertently cut by a rushed parent. Study after study has shown that children that eat together with their parents regularly, have less problems (drugs, sex, poor performance in school) than their non-eating-dinner-together-with-their-families, peers.


We all know that eating in front of the TV is an almost guaranteed reservation at The Overeating Cafe. It also assures that there will be no conversation (except maybe a request for salt being passed or a fleeting comment made during a commercial). It is an interesting phenomenon how once that habit of the dinner table is re-established; the food becomes healthier and more nutritious and psychologically, the whole family does better.

Good habits like establishing regular mealtimes, also have the advantage of an almost built in control mechanism. Instead of mindless grazing for hours in front of the TV, there is a beginning and ending point to the meal. The mindless feeding is turned off because the meal is over. Such a simple concept, and yet so very powerful once implemented. Make it a point to get to your dinner table at least twice this week and see what happens.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out her website). www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballentine.

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Eliazar Yorba prepares for combat

submitted by Nelda Yorba

Sonora's little running warrior is back! Having completed three strenuous months of US Marine boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego and Oceanside, California, graduated in grand military fashion on January 13, 2006. Private Eliazar David Yorba is back running the streets of Sonora, now more prepared and fit as he gets ready for the beginning of his dream. He is home for an extended seventeen days leave, which he earned above the usual ten days allotted. Eliazar wants to thank God first, and all of his friends and family who kept in touch and gave him moral support during his training, which included Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year, with letters, cards and most important, prayers. He says he is proud to serve his country, but even more so to be able to serve the community of Sonora, who were there with him as he grew up. Eliazar wants everyone to sleep a little more soundly knowing that he and other military personnel, many from Sonora, are defending us.

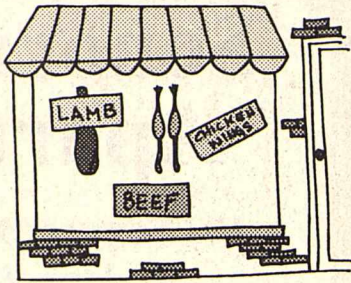
Eliazar will report to Oceanside for seven weeks of Combat Advanced Training, continuing his learning and increasing his weapons skills. He will then report to school for his job in communications.

God Bless all of our troops serving the United States, especially our little running warrior.

Eliazar is the son of Ruben and Nelda Yorba, as well as a true Sonora child. Keep all of our troops in your prayers.

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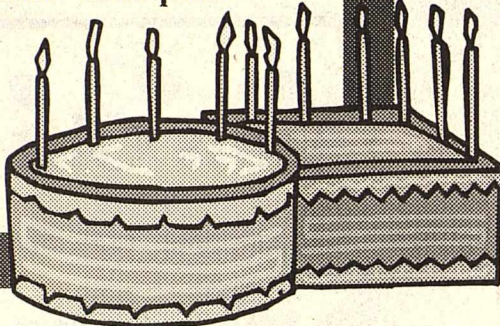
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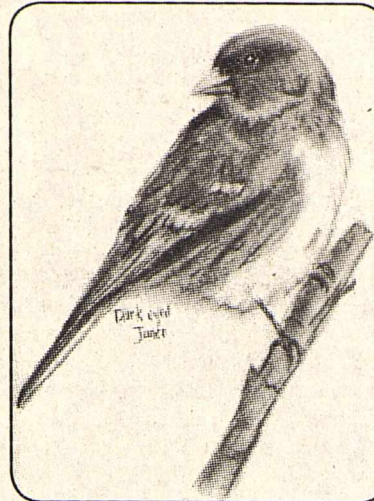
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UP ON EATON HILL

Tufted Titmice and Dark Eyed Juncos

by Delyse Jaeger

Not being a birder herself but always up for a lighthearted tease, my mother once remarked to my non-birding sister, "Look! There is a yellow-capped red-sided belly flopper." Or something like that. My aunt and I caught the drift, realizing our species identification discussion was bordering on the comical. Many bird names are rather simple: cardinal, blue bird, robin, and sparrow are examples; while others like tufted titmouse, dark eyed junco and rufous-sided towhee sound a bit foreign and can tie up the tongue. But identification is THE challenge of birding and much energy is put into getting it right. A few species reek a bit of havoc on the process by being closely related enough to draw questions as to whether they are separate species or just display regional differences. Others confuse the issue by being capable of interbreeding but maintaining distinct and major differences in appearance. Two such birds are the dark eyed junco and the tufted titmouse. Both birds have closely related cousins and collectively boast a lengthy history of name changes and scientific reclassifications. Our local resident and common customer at birdfeeders is actually a black crested version of the tufted titmouse and currently considered a separate species. They are



The junco (left) can be identified by his very light beak. The black crested titmouse (right) has light rusty sides and the obvious black crest.

Drawings by Delyse Jaeger

small, lively birds and very enjoyable to watch as they tap tap tap a sunflower seeds against a tree branches to get at the treat within. The dark eyed junco is more of a ground feeder, and they too are energetic little birds that travel in flocks, as do titmice. The junco is rather nondescript, being mostly dark gray and lighter beneath. The feature that sets a junco apart from droves of other sparrows is his light to pinkish beak which stands out prominently against the dark head. While I have rarely seen a junco at a feeder here in our region, apparently their cousins commonly visit

backyard feeders in other parts of the country. Nick-named "snow-bird" because they return to the uppermost parts of the US and into Canada following their winter stay throughout the lower forty-eight, juncos can often be spotted feeding in groups on the ground and among the lower branches of shrubs. Watch for the year round resident black crested titmice on Eaton Hill and perhaps even a herd of dark eyed juncos will cross your path as well. Or was that a slate colored junco, or...? Hit the trails!

School Board from page 1

school year.

District and campus Improvement plans for 2005-2006 were reviewed and approved, with all schools continuing to work for "Exemplary" ratings. Bawcom suggested that these plans be reviewed and presented at earlier dates in the futures, so as to actually know the goals and be able to work towards them more efficiently.

The topic of a possible parking lot being constructed behind the administration building was addressed. This subject had been discussed before, but had been dismissed. Bawcom stated that he felt a parking lot was necessary in that area because currently teachers were having to park on the streets where buses load and unload and it often was congested. He said that he feels this could be a safety issue and needed to be addressed. The parking lot across the campus really was not a sensible choice for the elementary teachers housed in the building on Concho Street because of all the materials that must be carried to and from class. Bawcom informed the board that he had discussed the matter with Maintenance Supervisor Danny Hardin and together they had developed a plan for a parking lot at minimal costs. Board members commented that people were already parking there, and safety was the main concern for the children. A motion was then made and unanimously approved to expend approximately

\$8,000 to build a Sonora ISD staff only parking lot behind the administration building.

Bawcom presented a proposal to assist with the cost to install proper lighting at the softball fields. Currently there is not proper lighting for the girl's field and Bawcom stressed that he felt this was something that needed to be addressed, as the girls' program continues to grow. He advised the Hardin had approached the county to assist with the cost, and although Judge Carla Garner felt that the commissioners would probably agree to help, she could not make a final agreement until the next commissioners meeting which would be the following Monday.

With spring playing season not far away, time is a major factor. The board discussed the situation at length, reviewing an estimated cost plan of \$50,000 that would be split between the two parties, if so approved. Eventually, a motion was made to advertise for bids on lights at the softball field with the contingency that the county agree to pay half of the cost. The superintendent was given authority to accept and award the bid.

Before retiring into closed session, board member comments were shared, with Tammy Favila starting by thanking Bawcom for his comments on communication between the board and the superintendent and stated that she likes to be informed and looks forward to

working together.

Tryon Fields reported that the Lions Club Queen candidates had made quite an impression on the out of town judges the previous evening. He proudly stated that all 10 young ladies had been asked to attend the district meeting, a first, as usually just the new Queen is invited. Fields stated that this said quite a bit about the girls and the youth of Sonora.

Dean Dermody thanked everyone that had been involved with the Sutton County Stockshow and congratulated all the kids on a job well done.

Barbara Jennings commented on how pleasant the holiday choir concerts had been, stressing how impressed she was with the volunteer soloists and overall enthusiasm displayed by participants. She commended Mrs. Christian on all that she has done to revitalize the choir program in Sonora schools.

Favila read several thank you cards from Sonora staff, thanking the board for their decision to award holiday stipends.

The board then took a short recess before entering into closed session to discuss employee vacancies, administrator evaluation and Professional Contract Renewal time lines. The February Sonora ISD Board meeting will be moved back a week to February 20, due to conflicting schedules

Johnson Promoted To Regional President of the Bank & Trust

The Bank & Trust proudly announces the promotion of Brady M. Johnson to Regional President of the San Angelo-Sonora region. Johnson joined The Bank & Trust organization in 2004 as President of the Sonora, Texas market. He now assumes responsibility for the administration, implementation, and oversight of all loan, deposit, and financial services activities for the San Angelo and Sonora markets. Johnson will work closely with team members in both markets to showcase a variety of financial products provided with a "Home Town" experience.

"I am excited to join Wrey Montgomery and this exceptional team of bankers in San Angelo. I began my banking career in San Angelo and have always been proud to call this area home. The Bank & Trust is the banking leader in Sonora, Del Rio, and Brackettville. We will work hard to take the same flagship position in San Angelo by providing the best banking products with the friendliest people in the market," says Johnson.

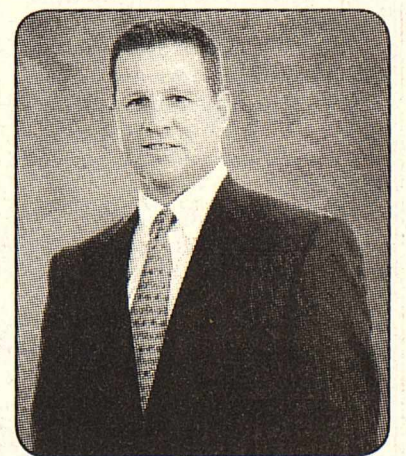
He continued, "We will be strategically located at the corner of Knickerbocker and University by mid February and have just acquired land on the corner of Southland Boulevard and Sherwood Way for our second location. Both of these buildings will be unlike any other in the area. The Bank & Trust is focused on service and convenience."

Johnson brings a twenty-three year career in banking, lending, business development, and administration to his position as Regional President. A native of San Saba, Texas, Johnson came to San Angelo in 1978 to attend Angelo State University. In 1982, he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Real Estate. As a Commercial Real Estate Broker, he gained first-hand experience that proved to be valuable as he began his banking career as a Construction Loan Officer in San Angelo. Johnson's philosophy of relationship banking has served him well throughout his career. His success in banking has been measured with substantial loan portfolio and deposit acquisition growth during his twenty-one years in San Angelo and two years in Sonora.

"The Bank & Trust is serious about San Angelo banking. Brady Johnson knows and loves this region. His leadership style and focus on building relationships is a perfect fit for Wrey and his team. I look forward to seeing the success this talented group will realize in this area," says Sid Cauthorn, Chief Executive Officer of The Bank & Trust.

He and his wife, Anna Balch Johnson, have two children; Mary Kyle, 5, and Wilson, 4. The Johnson family attends St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora and are former members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in San Angelo. He is a member of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas Leadership Division, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, and Sonora Golf Club. Johnson is a Leadership San Angelo graduate and a past member of Angelo State University Alumni Board of Directors, San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, San Angelo Association of Realtors, and San Angelo Homebuilders Association.

Johnson says, "I am blessed to work with such a talented team in San Angelo and Sonora. The Bank & Trust feels like home."



7th Grade Colts Win Again

by Coach Eli Boxell

The 7th grade boys basketball team traveled to Eldorado on Monday to take on the Eagles. A slow start for the Colts found themselves trailing at the end of the first quarter 6-7. Sonora would soon come to life scoring 10 points in the second quarter to take a 16-12 lead and not look back.

Ethan Morriss led the team once again in scoring with 9 points and several steals. Oscar Lopez was close behind with 6 points and numerous rebounds.

Rigoberto Rivera, William Otwell and Osbaldo Castaneda each added 4 points, Shane Patlan, Colyer Dermody and Refugio Sanchez put in 2 points each and A.J. Ozuna added 1 point.

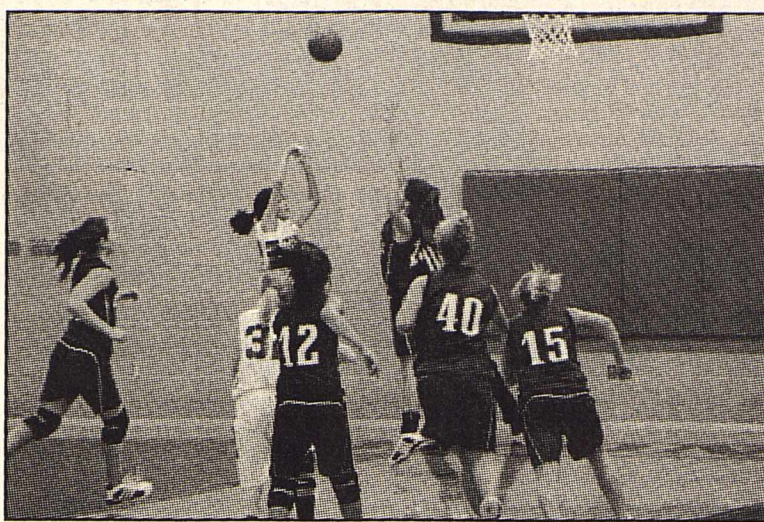
The game ended with the score Sonora 34 - Eldorado 19.

The Colts are playing some of the best basketball of the season and looking to carry this momentum into the Llano Tournament on Saturday, January 28th. As of this time, the Colts are averaging 35.7 points per game and holding their opponents to an average of 25.9 points per game.

Lady Broncos Upset Mason Cowgirls

by Nancy Glasscock

The Mason Cowgirls team came to Sonora last Friday night realizing that this game could be their season. A win would secure a spot in the basketball playoffs. The Lady Broncos had something else in mind and showed the Cowgirls they were not to be thought of as a stepping stone to the post season. Meghan Krieg, Jillian Gulley, Lauren Smith and Kristina Hernandez all started the game aggressively taking shots at the basket and pressing the Cowgirls on defense. Hernandez and Krieg both went to the line the first period in which the Lady Broncos outscored Mason 17-8. The second period, after a pep talk by the Mason coach, the Cowgirls came on strong and outscored Sonora by twelve points. Mason took the halftime lead into the locker room, 27-24. In the third period, the Lady Broncos didn't allow the Cowgirls to get any good looks at the basket. Kimble Luna, Smith and Hernandez were continually in the faces of Mason's taller shooters. Sonora outscored Mason 10-3 to again take a four point lead into the fourth



Kristina Hernandez shoots against the Mason Cowgirls.

Glasscock Photo

quarter. Sonora had several fouls to give in the fourth period, but Mason didn't. The Cowgirls were pressing to regain the lead. In the last minute of play, Krieg and Tissie Wagoner went to the free throw line and made three out of four baskets from the charity stripe. Hernandez rebounded her missed freethrow and added a basket to seal the victory. The Lady Broncos won 47-40

and are now tied for second place with Reagan County behind Wall. This Friday night, the Lady Broncos play host to the District 2-2A leaders at 6:30 PM. Come out to support the team on their quest to make the playoffs.

Scoring: Krieg 16, Hernandez 11, Gulley 9, Smith 7, Luna 2, Wagoner 2. Three pointers: Gulley 1, Smith 1.

Sonora takes a punch from Mason



Craig Leonard goes up against a Puncer.

Glasscock Photo

by Ray Glasscock

Steven Duhon put the Broncos in the lead with a three point basket to start the game against the Mason Puncers on Friday, January 20.

Unfortunately, this would be the only time that the Broncos were ahead of the sharp shooting Cowpunchers.

The Broncos, who seem to be a slow starting team, fell behind early as the Puncers seemed to never miss and someone forgot to remove the lid from the Broncos' basket. Mason led at halftime by a score of 40 to 17.

The Broncos came alive in the second half and outscored the Puncers. However, the Puncer lead was too great to overcome, and the game ended Mason 63 - Sonora 44.

...Evan Gulley led the Broncos with 14 points and Cullen Parker added 11, Leonard 9, Dustin Duhon 2, Steven Duhon 5, Smith 3. Three pointers were scored by Gulley 2, Parker 1, and Duhon 1.

This Friday, the Broncos host the district leading Wall Hawks. Come out and support our Broncos!

Eighth grade Colts defeat Eldorado

submitted by Coach Bill Dempsey

The 8th grade Colts played Eldorado on Monday, January 23, and came away with a win 52-26. The Colts started off strong with a 15-5 first quarter. The second quarter we left the door open for them by just scoring 5-6 the second period. The Colts came out hot pressing and running their offense scoring at will with an 18-2 run. The second group came back in with Dustin Neff knocking down two 3-pointers and missing a third by having a toe on the line.

Scoring: A. K. Williams 18, Dustin Neff 10, Tyler Creek 9, Cash Jennings 6, Will Anderson 5, Paul Faz 4

Students think Soda Shop would be a great addition to Sonora

Continuing our special section of essays written by Mrs. Jennings 6th grade class, in conjunction with the Keep Sonora Beautiful program.

by Ali Castro

Ya, Sonora's great. Great people, great schools. It's an over all great town. But what about the physical appearance and what other people think about us? Well, here are some ideas that I think could change that.

One thing I think we should do is build a shooting range for our hunters. We have a lot of hunters here in Sonora. At the range we could also teach younger kids safety and how and why we hunt. Plus, I stink at shooting, and if I practice enough then that would probably prevent me from shooting something else.

Another thing I think Sonora should have is an old fashioned soda shop where kids can go and hang out instead of running around in the street. Kind of like those hang outs you see on TV. I think that would be really cool because when we're all graduated and going to College that could be something we could remember.

The last thing I think we should do is make a new park. I know you're probably thinking we have three, that's enough! But we don't have a skate park. We should have a skate park with a jogging trail around it so my mom can jog, and I can at least try to skateboard. I know there's not many skaters here in Sonora, but I know a lot who want to learn. And Sonora just doesn't have the places to practice.

Like I said, Sonora's a great town. With everybody's help we can make it greater. So all I'm asking is to think about it and thank you for listening.

Helping our community

by Zachary Leonard

"Alone we can do so little together we can do so much." Helen Keller wrote that and I believe it is true. Together we can do so much to improve the appearance of our community - Sonora.

One part of Sonora we can fix up together is the down town area. We could start with fixing up stores. One store we could fix up is the video store. What we could also do is add an ice cream parlor to an old run down store. This is how I believe we could fix up the down town area.

Another thing we could do is fix up the outskirts of Sonora. We could start by adding a welcome sign with a water feature. Also add a bathroom / rest stop to the outskirts of Sonora for truckers and other travelers that pass through Sonora. At the rest stop we could add a booth containing information about Sonora and its attractions. See what we have accomplished.

Last but not least we could fix up neighborhoods. We could fix up the sidewalks by adding cement. We could also ask people to mow their lawns down to make the houses in the neighborhoods look nice. Sonora is heavily populated with animals, this means that we should respect them and watch out for them on the road. That is how I believe we could fix up the neighborhoods.

This is how I believe we could fix up Sonora - our community. Also by just doing little things you can improve Sonora. After all, isn't "community" what it is all about?

Lady Colts

Monday January 23

Sonora - 40 Eldorado - 18

Maci Zuniga 17, Chelby Ramos 6, Gabriela Ibanez 6, Morgan Smith 5, Chelsey Campbell 4, Karina Trevino 2

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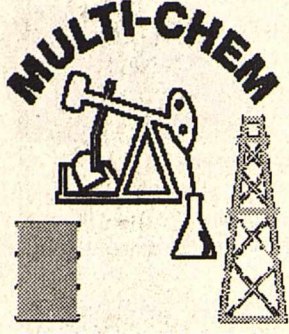
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Oil & Agribusiness

Crittter getting contest good for all

by Storie Sharp

The second annual "Crittter Getter" contest began with a bang this weekend, with 18 teams scattered out over Sutton and surrounding counties. All the nocturnal hunters were working to help decrease the number of livestock predators in the area, while having a good time and winning money and prizes. When the sun came up on Sunday, a total of 20 bobcats, 66 grey fox and 88 coons were counted, with last year's winners earning the most points again for first place. Scott and Tom Jacoby and Shane Matthews split \$810 cash and were each awarded \$30 gift certificates for Bad Wear from contest sponsor Bad Company Rodeo.

The second place team, Phillip Mantalvo and Paul Martinez split \$567 and each received a \$20 Bad Wear gift certificate. Two Todds, Todd Friend and Todd Foster, rounded out the places in third, splitting \$243 and each getting \$10 in Bad Wear. These cash totals do not include individual jackpot money that was also awarded. Two more contests will be held on March 4th & 5th and March 25th & 26th. For more information call Paul Martinez at 325-650-0221 or 206-1722.

"Calling" can be exciting and is fun, but predator control is, without question, vital for livestock owners when livestock are vulnerable to predators. Sheep and goats are more vulnerable to predators than calves, making predation management a necessary component in this region. Common predators of sheep and goats include coyotes, bobcats, feral hogs and in some areas, mountain lions. Because both sheep and goats remain vulnerable throughout their lives, year-long predator control is necessary, with increased attention during lambing and kidding season. Contest such as this are a good way to help ranchers control predators in our area.

Seasonal Impacts on Range Plants

EXTENSION
Texas Cooperative Extension
The Texas A&M University System

*submitted by Pascual Hernandez
Sutton County Extension Agent-Ag*

It's been dry and we've all been thinking about the fire hazard. We've also wondered what pastures will be able to offer this spring. Though plants are now in dormancy, spring growth can be affected by events this winter. With that in mind, let's take a quick look at the seasonal impacts on range plants.

Grasses can produce large amounts of nutritious leaf growth during spring months. A portion of the leaves can be harvested through livestock grazing with little effect on the plant. However, enough photosynthetic material must remain for production of carbohydrates to meet growth and other demands of the plant. If grazing removes too much leaf material, growth rate is slowed materially, and additional reserves may be required for regrowth. Root growth usually is affected by heavy defoliation, which makes the plant

less competitive and more vulnerable to drought, because roots may not penetrate to depths where adequate moisture exists.

Livestock grazing during the growing season can affect regrowth of grasses. When moisture no longer is available and temperatures are too high or too low for rapid growth, regrowth is reduced considerably by grazing. Therefore, grazing in this pasture should be decreased. If defoliations continue, little leaf area may remain throughout the growing season, and plants could enter dormancy with less vigor and lower reserves. This could significantly reduce growth the following year.

Grasses can withstand greater defoliation during early and rapid growth stages than after most growing is complete. Plants produce more leaves than stemmy tissue in the spring. These leaves contain abundant supplies of energy, protein and other nutrients necessary to meet most grazing-animal requirements. Grasses can be used heavily during this period, but you should discontinue or reduce grazing in time to allow for regrowth of leaves for photosynthesis and carbohydrate production.

Grazing during the fall and winter periods can be much heavier than at other periods of the year. This old material is of little value to the plant, as photosynthetic capability will be low, at best. This older and dead material is low in some essential nutrients, particularly protein. Energy content, however, remains moderate to high. Removal of dead leaf material and stems during dormancy has little direct effect on the plant.

However, mechanical injury to crowns can occur through trampling. Removal of mulch and litter may cause greater temperature extremes near the soil surface. This may adversely affect growth the following year. Although fall and winter grazing has the least detrimental effect on grasses, there may still be some negative impact if grazing is heavy. Therefore, land managers should develop flexible grazing management strategies that allow plants a rest or deferment after grazing. This is necessary for regrowth and to maintain sufficient leaf area for growth and maintenance. Visit our website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu> for related information.

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USDA Approves Emergency CRP Haying and Grazing for Texas

(City, State) – January 23, 2006 – In continuing response to this year's widespread drought, Jan G. Wanoreck, County Executive Director for the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency today announced approval for emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in Texas.

"Texas continues to experience severe drought conditions and a severe shortage of forage," said Wanoreck. "The authorization of emergency CRP haying and grazing will provide forage for livestock and help producers in areas most severely impacted by these drought conditions reducing the potential need to liquidate herds."

Emergency haying of CRP is authorized until May 1, 2006 and emergency grazing is authorized until June 1, 2006. Producers must file a request to hay or graze CRP acreage and visit the Natural Resources Conservation Service to obtain a modified conservation plan prior to haying or grazing the acreage.

"CRP annual rental payments will be reduced 25 percent times the number of acres actually hayed or grazed, times the per acre annual rental payment," said Wanoreck. Other restrictions and limitations also apply.

CRP participants who do not own or lease livestock may rent or lease the haying and grazing privilege to an eligible livestock producer located in an approved county.

"In light of recent weather patterns, it is imperative that USDA offer the Emergency CRP haying and grazing program to Texas producers. Availability of forage is literally a matter of survival in the unpredictable and often unforgiving agriculture industry," said Wanoreck.

CRP offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving cover on eligible land. USDA will monitor producers to ensure the land is hayed or grazed without damaging conservation covers.

USDA offers additional programs to assist drought-stricken producers, including emergency farm loans, the emergency conservation program and the noninsured crop disaster assistance program. For more information and eligibility requirements, producers should contact the local FSA office at 325-853-3535, ext. 2 or visit FSA's website at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS SONORA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

TxDOT CSJ 0507SONOR
A "Notice to Bidders" is issued for the construction of airport improvements at the Sonora Municipal Airport for constructing game fence, clearing and grubbing, installing a 26 foot cantilever sliding gate and other game fence gates, installing temporary sediment control fence, and other miscellaneous items. Sealed proposals need to be addressed and delivered to Ms. Gloria Lopez, Mayor, Sonora, Texas, 201 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas 76950. Proposals will be received until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2006, then publicly opened and read. Any proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened. You may view and obtain plan sets, free of charge, at our website, www.dot.state.tx.us/business/avnccontractorinfo.htm. Or you may buy plan sets from the Reproduction companies that are listed on the Aviation website. Technical questions concerning the specifications and plans should be directed to Mr. Weldon Scrivner, P.E., with Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 325-698-5560. Please call Edie Stimach at 512-416-4518 for questions concerning the bid document or further information.

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The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmer and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2006 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) have until the close of business Friday, February 17, 2006, to sign applications. If you wish to apply, come by the NRCS office at 301 Crockett in Sonora, or call 325-387-2730 ext. 3.

The Nature Conservancy will host a day of open hiking Saturday, February 4, on the Davis Mountains Preserve. The gates open at 8 a.m. and the preserve closes at 3 p.m. After registering at the McIvor Conservation Center, participants will be given maps of trails with varying degrees of difficulty. Walk-ins will be accepted, but reservations are recommended and participants should arrive early for best choice of trails. Owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy of Texas, the 32,000-acre Davis Mountains Preserve on Hwy. 118 near Fort Davis is a spectacular representative of a "sky island" ecology, providing home to animals and plants that live nowhere else in Texas and some found nowhere else on Earth. Call Crawford Marginot at (432) 426-2390, Ext. 1, or e-mail cmarginot@tnc.org for directions or for more information before February 2.


If you have a son or daughter and would like to tie up a yellow ribbon for them on the old oak tree you can contact the Friends of Historic Main Street Program at 325-387-2248, the organization that honors local soliders during their time away from home. If there are any questions please contact manager Ann Kay or Jennifer Esparza.

The ASU Small Business Development Center will be conducting a FREE workshop entitled, "Understanding Financial Statements" on Tuesday, January 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Rassman Building on the ASU Campus. Learn basic financial statement formats (balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements) in addition to analysis tools (breakeven point and ratio analysis). Guest speaker will be Mr. Richey Oliver, CPA of Oliver, Rainey & Wojtek, LLP. Call the SBDC at (325) 942-2098 to register. A Partnership Program with the U.S. Small Business Administration


Big Lake Men's Slowpitch Softball Tournament, February 11, 2006, Big Lake, Texas, \$125 entry fee, deadline to enter is February 8 at 9:00 p.m.; limited to first 20 teams, contact Brandi at 325-450-0211 or 325-884-3626.

20th Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering: Alpine, Texas, February 24, 25, and 26th. FMI call 1-800-561-3735

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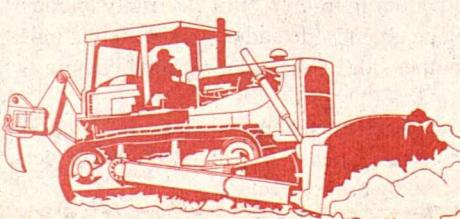
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¿Qué es el monóxido de carbono?

El monóxido de carbono (CO) es un gas que no se puede ver ni oler, pero que puede causar la muerte cuando se lo respira en niveles elevados. El CO se produce cuando se queman materiales combustibles como gas, gasolina, kerosene, carbón, petróleo o madera. Las chimeneas, las calderas, los calentadores de agua o calefones y los aparatos domésticos que queman combustible, como las estufas u hornillas de la cocina o los calentadores a kerosene, también pueden producir CO si no están funcionando bien. Los carros detenidos con el motor encendido también despiden CO.

El envenenamiento con monóxido de carbono puede ser fatal

Si se respira en niveles elevados, el CO puede causar la muerte por envenenamiento en pocos minutos. Cada año un gran número de personas pierde la vida accidentalmente debido al envenenamiento con CO. Las mujeres embarazadas y sus bebés, los niños pequeños, las personas mayores y las que sufren de anemia, problemas del corazón o respiratorios pueden ser mucho más sensibles al CO.

El envenenamiento con CO es un peligro para su salud y la de su familia, pero se puede prevenir. ¡Protéjase y proteja a su familia! Las recomendaciones que siguen le ayudarán a saber qué hacer si percibe síntomas de envenenamiento con CO, pero principalmente para saber cómo prevenirlo.

La clave para evitar el envenenamiento con monóxido de carbono es la prevención.

Conozca los síntomas del envenenamiento con monóxido de carbono

Debido a que muchos de los síntomas del envenenamiento con CO son similares a los de la gripe o gripa, a los del envenenamiento con alimentos descompuestos y a los de otras enfermedades, es importante aprender a reconocerlos para tomar medidas inmediatas si estos síntomas se observan. Estos son los síntomas:

- A niveles moderados, el CO puede causar dolores de cabeza, mareos, confusión mental, náusea o desmayos, pero puede causar la muerte si estos niveles, aunque moderados, se respiran durante mucho tiempo.
- A bajos niveles, el CO puede causar falta de aliento, náusea y mareos ligeros y puede afectar la salud después de un tiempo.

¿Qué hacer si hay síntomas de envenenamiento con CO?

Si usted cree que usted o alguien de su familia tiene síntomas de envenenamiento con CO:

- Vaya inmediatamente a un lugar donde pueda RESPIRAR AIRE FRESCO. Abra las puertas y ventanas, apague los aparatos que utilizan combustibles y salga de su casa.
- Vaya a una SALA DE EMERGENCIA y diga al médico que usted sospecha envenenamiento con CO. El envenenamiento con CO puede diagnosticarse con una prueba de sangre hecha inmediatamente después de haber estado expuesto a él.
- Sepa la respuesta a estas preguntas del médico:
 ¿Alguien más en su familia tiene los mismos síntomas?
 ¿Comenzaron todos a tener esos síntomas al mismo tiempo?
 ¿Está usted utilizando en su casa algún aparato que usa combustible?
 ¿Alguien ha inspeccionado sus aparatos últimamente?
 ¿Está usted seguro de que están funcionando correctamente?

Acerca de los detectores de CO

Los detectores de CO pueden adquirirse en las tiendas, pero hay que tener en cuenta que un detector es sólo una precaución. Lo más importante es la prevención a través del mantenimiento y uso apropiado de sus aparatos domésticos que utilizan combustibles. Tenga en cuenta que la tecnología de los detectores de CO todavía está perfeccionándose. Existen diferentes tipos de detectores en el mercado, pero no son tan confiables como los detectores de incendio. En estudios

de laboratorio se ha probado que algunos detectores de CO fallan en dar la alarma aun en casos de altos niveles de CO y otros dan la alarma aun cuando hay niveles bajos que no representan un peligro inmediato para la salud.

Si usted va a comprar un detector de CO, no se base sólo en el costo. Investigue primero todas las características del detector. Organizaciones como las siguientes pueden ayudarle a tomar una decisión: Consumers Union, American Gas Association y Underwriters Laboratories (UL). El detector que compra debe tener la certificación UL.

¿Qué hacer si suena la alarma del detector de monóxido de carbono?

Asegúrese de que la alarma que suena sea la del detector de CO y no la alarma contra incendios.

Observe si alguna persona dentro de la casa tiene síntomas de envenenamiento.

Si alguien tiene alguno de esos síntomas, sáquelo de la casa inmediatamente y busque atención médica. Diga al médico que usted sospecha envenenamiento con CO.

Si nadie tiene síntomas, ventile la casa, apague sus aparatos a combustible (calderas a gas o gasolina, calentadores a base de agua caliente, hornos y hornillas de gas, secadoras a gas, calentadores de espacio a kerosene o gas y vehículos o motores pequeños).

Llame a un técnico especializado para que inspeccione sus aparatos y su chimenea, para saber que están funcionando correctamente y que nada está bloqueando el humo que debe ser eliminado hacia afuera de la casa.

Evite el envenenamiento con CO

La clave para evitar el envenenamiento con CO es la prevención. Las siguientes recomendaciones le ayudarán a prevenir el envenenamiento con CO.

Haga esto:

Al comenzar de cada invierno, haga inspeccionar por un técnico especializado todos los aparatos domésticos que utilizan combustible: calderas a gas, calentadores de agua, hornos y estufas u hornillas de gas, secadoras a gas, calentadores a kerosene o gas y también las chimeneas y estufas a leña. Todos los conductos deben estar bien conectados y en buenas condiciones y no deben estar bloqueados.

Escoja aparatos domésticos que eliminen los gases de la combustión hacia el exterior de su casa. Los aparatos deben instalarse correctamente y mantenerse según las instrucciones del fabricante.

Siga las instrucciones del fabricante. Si usa un calentador a kerosene o a gas que no tiene sistema de ventilación, siga cuidadosamente las instrucciones que trae el aparato. Use el combustible apropiado y deje abiertas las puertas que dan al resto de la casa. Mantenga una ventana algo abierta para que entre aire y el consumo de combustible sea adecuado.

Llame al 1-800-SALUD-1-2 para obtener mayor información sobre cómo reducir los riesgos de exposición al CO y otros gases combustibles.

No haga esto:

Nunca encienda el motor de su carro dentro del garaje, aunque tenga la puerta abierta. El humo puede concentrarse rápidamente en el garaje o en la casa.

Nunca use su horno de gas para calentar su casa, aun por poco tiempo.

Nunca use carbón dentro de su casa, aun en la chimenea.

Nunca se vaya a dormir dejando un calentador a gas o a kerosene encendido si el aparato no tiene ventilación hacia afuera.

Nunca use aparatos con motores a gasolina (cortadoras de hierba o de maleza, sierras eléctricas, motores o generadores pequeños) dentro de un cuarto cerrado.

Nunca ignore los síntomas de envenenamiento con CO, especialmente si más de una persona siente los mismos síntomas. Ignorar estos síntomas puede llevar a la pérdida del conocimiento y hasta a la muerte.

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