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May 19 & 20
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Alyssa, age 4, AML Survivor



A billboard smile from a Sonora survivor

by Storie Sharp

"Oh Grandma, It's BIG!"

That's what Alyssa said in response to the new billboard located on Crockett Avenue in Sonora (near the bridge by the City Swimming Pool). But she was smiling from ear to ear.

And what a smile to share with Sonora! Exactly one year (March 15) after being diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), Alyssa Collins, 4, is home and doing well. She was released from Cook's Children's Hospital on November 14, 2005, after going through months of chemotherapy and treatment for the cancer of bone marrow cells that is very rare in children.

American Cancer Society Board Member and Relay for Life Committee person, Kelly Thorp contacted Alyssa's family earlier this year about having the little

ray of sunshine represent Sonora on the billboard, since so many people followed her experience over the last year. Everyone agreed that she would make a great spokesperson for Sonora's event that is scheduled for May 19 - 20, 2006 at Bronco Stadium. The annual fund raiser is designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. Team fund raisers have already begun, and the fun continues to build.

Alyssa's entire family is planning on attending Sonora's "Celebration of Life" Relay, and encourages each of you that showed so much love and support for Alyssa over the last year to join them on the track.

For more information on the Relay for Life call 387-3604.

State mandates Grease Interceptors for Sonora food related businesses

by Jim Polonis, Manager, City of Sonora

Once upon a time life was simple -- no restrictions, laws, or regulatory agencies telling cities what to do or how to go about their daily affairs. Now, there are laws and regulations that govern every action a city does. Life now is more complex; the old methods of doing business are history. What does this have to do with grease traps or interceptors? Quite a lot!

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified Sonora TX that it must reduce the amount of grease that enters the sewage collection system. The TCEQ says Sonora TX has until October 1, 2006 to be in compliance with "Texas HB (House Bill) 1979" and the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) edict "NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit Requirements for Municipal Sanitary Collection Systems and SSO's" (Sanitary Sewer Operators). If not, it may be assessed with a fine of up to \$10,000 per day until the grease in the sewer system is significantly reduced in accordance with set standards. This is not an empty threat.

This means that every business or organization in Sonora TX that serves food to the public must either have a grease trap or interceptor connected to the kitchen sink(s). Businesses include restaurants, convenience stores, hotels, and grocery stores. Organizations include hospitals, schools, churches, and senior centers. A grease trap is a 50 gallon tank underneath the sink connected between the sink and the drain line. A grease interceptor is a large concrete tank that will hold at least 750 gallons of grease (some will hold more than 4000 gallons) is buried in the ground outside the facility having a concrete lid that can withstand the weight of an 18-wheeler. Traps or interceptors are manufactured by certified companies using special processes and materials to fabricate them. A

licensed plumber or Class II septic installer must install these tanks.

Determining factors for installing a grease trap or interceptor and its size are based on the amount of grease generated in a facility. This is usually dependent on the number of people served, whether it's a daily operation, or intermittent use; and length of time the facility is open. For example, a restaurant open 12 hours per day with large numbers of customers throughout the day will need a larger tank than a church serving food one or two days a week. A restaurant serving a large number of people will need to have its tank evacuated more often than a church organization.

The evacuation of grease waste from a trap or interceptor must be performed by a certified and licensed transporter. The transporter must haul the grease to a facility that is licensed and capable of handling it. Documentation from the point of origin to the waste collection facility must accompany every load of grease waste. Thus, TCEQ can reconstruct the path for each and every load of grease; where it originated, how much, who hauled it, the date, and its final destination.

In order to meet these mandates by TCEQ, the City of Sonora TX hired a "designated representative," Mr. Charles McDonald, to assist people in the food handling business with their grease trap/interceptor requirements. Mr. McDonald has the knowledge and experience to provide guidance, ensure the trap/interceptor is the correct size, that it's installed in accordance with state standards, and the installation is performed at a fair price. You may contact Mr. McDonald at (325) 650-6864 to assist you with your installation. Remember too, that the Sonora Industrial Development Committee (SIDC) is issuing grants to help defray the cost of installing one of these tanks.

Bill Bursleson honored with yellow ribbon



On February 25, 2006 the Baggett and Bursleson Family and friends tied a yellow ribbon on the Old Oak Tree on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn in honor of their loved one, Bill Bursleson.

Sonora named host community for Texas Pecos Trail Regional Office

submitted

Austin, Texas- The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has selected Sonora as the new headquarters for the Texas Pecos Trail Region, the ninth region to join the Texas Heritage Trails Program, the THC's award-winning heritage tourism initiative. The program encourages people to venture out and rediscover the state's historic and cultural wonders. This groundbreaking program features a series of travel guides that highlight the Lone Star state's cultural treasures.

"We're excited Sonora was selected for the regional office," said Janie Headrick, state coordinator of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program. "Several communities applied to host the Pecos Trail Region's Headquarters. Sonora was chosen because the city most closely met the program's long-term needs. We thank all the communities that applied and look forward to working with them more closely as this heritage region continues to evolve."

The Texas Pecos trail Region includes 22 counties: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler.

The next steps to incorporate the region into the program include hiring a regional trail coordinator and assessing and reporting on the region's heritage tourism readiness. A travel guide for the region will also be created later in the program's development. Resumes are currently

City League announces Spring Ball sign-ups and try outs

Sonora City League announced this week, the beginning of the 2006 Baseball, Softball, T-Ball and Pony League programs. Any student interested in playing can pick-up an enrollment form from Devil's River Auto Parts or Busy Bees Daycare. The Enrollment forms, with entry money, may be left at either location.

The cost will be \$30 per player for Baseball, Softball, T-Ball and \$35 for Pony. Enrollment forms and money must be turned in before your child can participate. **The following deadlines will be final for enrollment!**

Major Baseball Try Outs are March 21, at 5:30 P.M. - Sutton County Park Center Field.

Minor Baseball Try Outs are March 23, at 5:30 P.M. - Sutton County Park Center Field.

Minor & Major Softball Try Outs are March 21, at 5:30 P.M.

Majors at the H.S. Softball Field - Minors at the Sutton County Park T-ball Field

T-Ball must be registered by March 23, no later than 5:30 P.M.

Pony March 23, at 5:30 P.M. - Sutton County Park

The next Sonora City League meeting at the Devon Energy Office on Main Street, on March 19, 2006 at 6:00 P.M.

If you have questions please contact (Tommy Van Winkle, President 325-206-1824), (Marty Parks, Vice-President 325-387-5759)

Baseball-Softball Age Groups

T-ball & Baseball Age of player on August 1, 2006

Tee Ball Baseball is for boys and girls 5-6 years old who want to learn the fundamentals of hitting and fielding. In Tee Ball, players hit a ball off a batting tee. Rules of the game may be varied to accommodate the need for teaching. The primary goals of Tee Ball are to instruct children in the fundamentals of baseball and to allow them to experience the value of teamwork. Rosters may be composed of between 10 and 12 players.

Minor League Baseball programs for boys-players with less experience. The minor league may be players ages 7-9. By local option, a player who is league age 6 for the current season and has played two years in Tee Ball may be "moved up" to minor division.

Major Division Baseball is for boys ages 10-12.

Pony Division Baseball is for boys ages 13-14.

Softball - Age of girl on January 1, 2006

Girls Minor League Softball programs may be operated within each division for younger players with less experience. The minor league may be players ages 7-10. A player who is league age 7 for the current season and has played two years in Tee Ball may be "moved up" to Girls Minor League Softball.

The Girls Major League Softball Division is a program for girls ages 11-14.

Commissioners approve hire of Drug Task Force agent

by Storie Sharp

Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner, reported at Monday's County Commissioner's court, that what they had feared would happen, has happened. Federal funding for the Drug Task Force agents in rural counties has been withdrawn. Currently, Sutton County has one task force agent that works in this area, Duane Castro. Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher came before the Commissioners court on March 13, to request the Castro be hired on as a full time deputy for Sutton County.



Picture: Mayor Gloria Lopez, Teresa Caldwell Assistant state coordinator of the Texas Heritage Trails Program, Mary Ann Kay, Gretta Ramsdell, John Friess and Jimmy Cahill.

being accepted for the regional coordinator position. The office will be housed with the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation in downtown Sonora located on 120 Concho Street.

The communities that applied to host the Pecos Trail Region's headquarters were Pecos, Fort Stockton, Ozona and Sonora. Sonora was joined by five partners The County of Sonora, The City of Sonora, Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, and The Friends of

Historic Sonora Main Street Program.

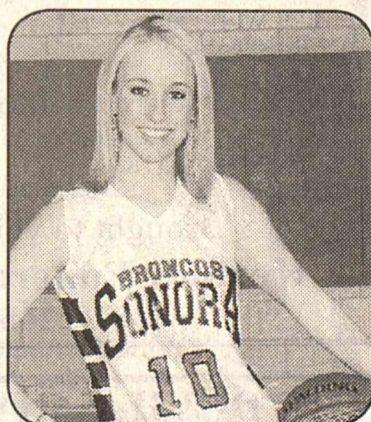
For more information about the Texas Pecos Trails Region. Contact Teresa Caldwell, assistant state coordinator of the Texas Heritage Trails Program, at 512-463-5755. For free heritage trail brochures call 866-276-6219. For additional information on Texas travel event and vacation destinations, visit www.TravelTex.com, for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 800-888-8TEX.

Lady Broncos chosen for All-District Basketball

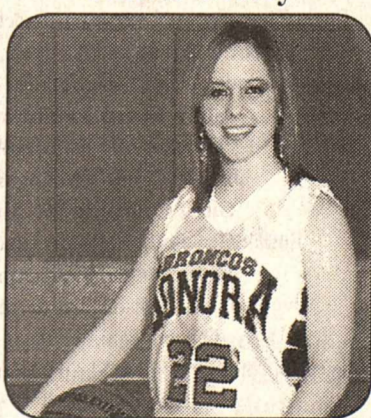
All-District 1st Team



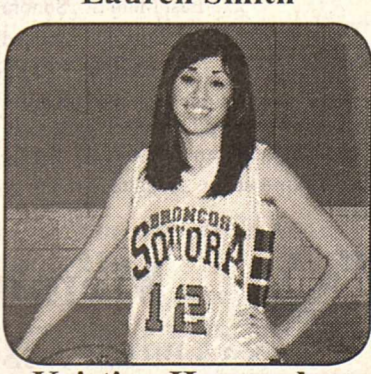
Meghan Krieg
All-District 2nd Team



Jillian Gulley



Lauren Smith



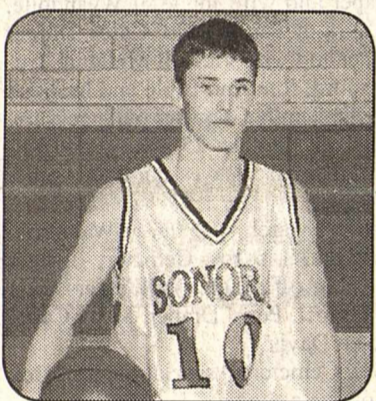
Kristina Hernandez

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Broncos make All-District Basketball Team

Several Bronco Basketball players have been bestowed with All-District honors.

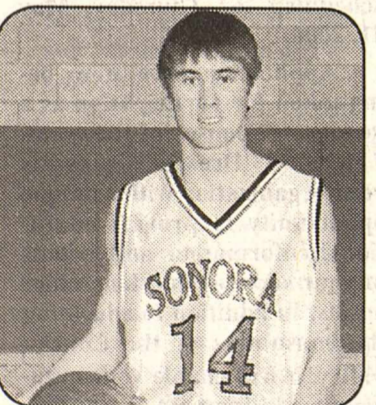
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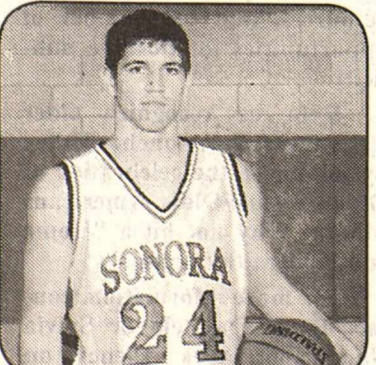
Evan Gulley
All-District 2nd Team



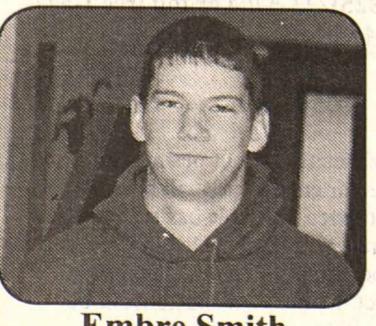
Craig Leonard
All-District Honorable Mention



Cullen Parker



Steven Duhon



Embre Smith

Historical Society

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

Q. What is the address of the Sutton County Historical Society and when are you open?

A. The mailing address is P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 the physical address is 307 Oak St., Sonora, TX, right next to the Miers Home Museum. Our offices are open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 12:30 and on Saturdays from 8-12. The Miers Home Museum is temporarily closed. The contents have been draped in plastic pending the arrival and installation of the new roof on the museum. The John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building is still open for rentals and we have just installed a new fan motor in the a/c unit for the large old freight room and a new drain for the same unit.

Donations are needed to help defray the cost of the new roof of the Miers Home and may be sent to the above address. So far we have reached the \$4,000 mark on the cost of installing the new roof, a little over \$8,000. The roof will be fire retardant material, guaranteed for 50 years, with a 130 mph wind resistance.

Q. Do you have anything on the death of George S. Wallace in Waco in 1936?

A. In a portion of a reprint from "The Clifton Record" in "The Devil's River News" of January 24, 1936 we found the following:

George Seaborn Wallace was born in Bosque County, Texas, July 30, 1871, and reached the age of 64 years, 5 months, and 12 days. He died in a Waco sanitarium on January 12 and was buried in Norse, Texas.

He was a lifelong resident of the Neill's Creek valley, never having made his home at any other place. On January 30, 1907 he was joined in marriage to Miss Jennie Grimland, who together with their only child, Geraldine, remain to mourn the loss of a devoted and loving husband and father.

Both parents and two brothers and sisters have preceded him in death. Three brothers and four sisters still survive: William R. Wallace of Jonesboro, Joe M. Wallace

of Pottsville, Tom Alvin Wallace of Houston, Mrs. J. W. Mayfield of Sonora, Mrs. J. E. Grimland of Kerrville and Mrs. W. B. Keesee and Mrs. O. H. Dahl, both of Houston.

In the same issue we found mention of Miss Bea Gottlieb. She sailed for Europe recently and took with her the hope that she might have a game of golf with none other than his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Curiously enough, Miss Gottlieb may have a chance. It was remembered that three years prior an American girl achieved International fame because of the fact that the prince watched her play and, admiring her swing, arranged for a match. Not only was the match played but the prince was defeated by the American. And that American girl was Miss Bea Gottlieb. (I searched through many issues in 1937 and could find no mention of the rematch taking place and I am still wondering if it did. Did the American play a round with the prince again or did he shy from having a girl from America beat him at golf again?)

Q. Do you have any information on the death of T. H. Taylor in 1930?

A. "The Devil's River News," December 24, 1930 mentions that Mrs. John A. Martin and daughter, Miss Debbie, and sons, Sam and Bobbie, returned home Tuesday from Abilene where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Martin's father, T. H. Taylor, which was held there Monday. Mr. Taylor was 79 years and about 10 months of age. For the last nine years he had been afflicted with paralysis. Mrs. Taylor died five years ago.

The article continues with the fact that Mrs. Olan Lee of Eden, a cousin of Mrs. Martin, died Tuesday of last week, while on Thursday Mrs. W. H. Gibbons of Richland Springs, an aunt of Mrs. Martin, died. Mrs. Martin was unable to attend either of these funerals.

In the same issue we found that Cal Word, who had been attending A&M, and sister Miss Ada Word, Baylor University, spent Saturday night here with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cauthorn. They left Friday morning to spend the holidays with their parents in Ozona.



Jim Chadwick & kids at the Luckie Ranch in Sutton County in the 1920's - the family would feed 10 kids on deer, turkey, antelope, a big garden and milk cows.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Glasscock and children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Espy and son and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turney will be guests Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Turney of Del Rio. Mr. and Mrs. Turney are the parents of Mesdames Glasscock an Espy and Paul Turney.

Q. Do you have any files on William Banta that tell of his death?

A. "The Devil's River News," April 16, 1898: William Banta of McCulloch County, Tex., age about 35 years, departed this life in Sonora, Texas April 10, at 12 p.m., of inflammation of the stomach and bowels. He had suffered a long time from chronic derangement of these organs. He was principally reared in Llano County, Texas. He was brought to town from a ranch about 12 miles below here where he had been at work. He was very sick when they arrived here. Dr. Colson was called but it was too late and he passed quietly away. I am informed that he was a Christian man.

But Oh! How sad to die a stranger in a strange land, but still, loving hands did all they could do in the brief time he stayed, and then he was given a nice Christian burial, and many tears were shed at the grave as we read God's word,

spoke, sang and prayed. His parents live in McCulloch County at Voca. May the loving Savior comfort and help the bereaved ones and bring them to a home of rest. "Thy work on earth is ended, Thy race on earth is run, well done good and faithful son. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

May we all hear this welcome and join everlasting redemption song around the throne above. J. W. Gibbens, P.C. Ozona and Sonora Methodist Circuit, Sonora, Texas.

Please note that we are going to be planting new grass soon in the area that was filled in and leveled on the grounds of the Miers Home Complex. As soon as the season allows it will be green again.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give us a call at 325-387-5084 when the office is open. Please, rentals, except in emergencies for funeral dinners, etc., should be made by calling the same number when the office is open. Rick and I have both been ill and we need our days off to rest and recuperate. Thanks!

Gifts Galore & More

Bridal Registry

Becca Clawson, bride-elect of Riley Crain

417 N. Hwy 277, Sonora, Texas
(325) 387-5871

Tedford Jewelry

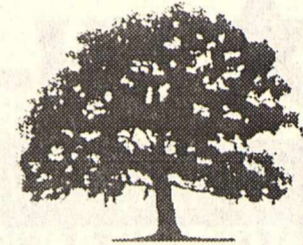
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15th Celebration

Victoria Robles

107 N Concho, Downtown Sonora 387-3839



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Your memorial gift helps preserve access to quality healthcare for generations to come. Please consider the Sutton County Health Foundation, PO Box 18, Sonora, TX 76950. All contribution 100% tax deductible.

Crystal Nicole Carr

and Waynedell Roy Carr

of Pensacola, Florida

proudly announce the birth of

Alayna Kaitlyn

on February 9, 2006

at 7:04 a.m. in Pensacola

7 lbs. 8 oz. 20 1/2 inches

Maternal Grandparents:

Viola Gonzales and Alfredo Gonzales of Pensacola, FL

Paternal Grandmother:

Rosemary Hall Epherson of New Orleans, LA

Maternal Aunt and Uncle:

Lori and Marc Gonzales of Panama City, FL

Maternal Great-Grandparents:

Pedro and Alicia Virgen and Rosa Elena Sanchez of Sonora

House education chair loses primary

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Statewide voter turnout in the March 7 primaries was only 9 percent - the lowest primary turnout in more than 15 years, according to the secretary of state's elections division.

Nevertheless, one race for a Texas House district seat in the Republican primary packed an immediate statewide wallop.

In that race, state Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, lost by a wide margin to Diane Patrick, a former member of the State Board of Education and former Arlington school board trustee.

Grusendorf is current chair of the House Public Education Committee. (He had not resigned as of press time.)

He also is a member of the powerful, tax-writing Ways and Means Committee and is the 12th most senior member of the 150-seat Texas House.

An interpretation of the loss: Grusendorf's district opted for a new, education-oriented state representative, given his failure to lead fellow lawmakers to solve school finance or the closely linked issue of property tax reform.

Since the late 1980s, the Legislature has been subject to intensifying and often competing pressures from anti-tax and pro-education groups to change the state's tax system. After all, taxes can't be cut, hiked or reshaped without hurting some important constituent.

Two decades ago, state revenue paid 70 percent of a school district's budget while local ad valorem tax revenue made up the other 30 percent.

Now, the state pitches in about 30 percent, leaving school districts to make up the other 70 percent. That leaves poorer school districts no choice but to set property tax rates at the maximum of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

Friedman, Strayhorn take names

Texas' two independent candidates for governor, state comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and writer-entertainer Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman wasted no time in launching efforts to gather enough signatures to get on the November ballot.

Both are using grassroots groups across the state to collect

the needed 45,540 signatures to qualify for a spot on the ballot. They have until May 11 to complete the job. The secretary of state's elections divisions must verify signatures. To count, a signature must belong to a registered voter who did not vote in either of the party primaries or ensuing runoffs.

Party voters pick Perry and Bell

Incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry and former U.S. Congressman Chris Bell of Houston, a Democrat, won their party primaries and will face off in the November election.

It could be a four-way race if the Strayhorn and Friedman petitions pass muster.

Governor asks for promised aid

An estimated 400,000 people, including 38,000 public school students, restarted their lives in Texas after hurricanes Katrina and Rita last year, and Texas has not received the bulk of the federal aid promised in the aftermath of those disasters.

Gov. Perry appealed to the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee for a promised but undelivered \$2 billion.

Richards diagnosed with

cancer
Former Gov. Ann Richards announced that she has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer and will undergo treatment at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Richards, 72, served as governor from 1991 to 1995. Huge wildfire hits Panhandle
Wind gusts up to 60 mph exacerbated wildfires that tore through parched grasslands near the Texas Panhandle city of Borger March 12. Texas Forest Service officials estimated the burned areas at more than 660,000 acres and the number of fire-related fatalities at seven.

GOD AND SCIENCE

DR. DON PATTON
Geologist and Archeologist

MARCH 19th - 22nd

Sunday 10 A.M. Noah's Ark
March 19 11 A.M. Nature of Faith
6:30 P.M. What is Creation Science?

Monday 6:30 P.M. How Old Is the Earth?
March 20

Tuesday 6:30 P.M. The Record of the Rocks
March 21

Wednesday 6:30 P.M. What Does the Fossil Record Reveal?
March 22

Sonora Church of Christ
304 Water St.

There will be a Fellowship Meal on Sunday morning and after each evening service. Questions and answers following each service.

Trees! Trees! Trees for Sale!

Keep Sonora Beautiful

is taking orders for:

Live Oak Eldarica Pine
Texas Red Oak Texas Redbud
Chinquapin Oak Desert Willow

5 gallon - \$35 - \$39 + tax
10/15 gallon - \$85 - \$89 + tax
30 gallon - \$139 - \$155 + tax

Your trees will be available Arbor Day

April 28th in Sonora

Pick up your order forms at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, or call Mallory at 387-2950 for more info.

Please support Keep Sonora Beautiful

Happy Birthday

March 16

Doris Northcott, Juan Jimenez, Daniel Galindo, Grace Brooks, Danny Galindo

March 17

Belia Solis, Kevin Gann, Lewis Gandar, Josephine Hernandez

March 18

Heather Hughes, Linda Cervantez, David Cook, Jerry Jimenez, Emilio Espinosa, Bianca Trevino, Jamie Favela, Linda Vitela, Mary Lou Hudman

March 19

Josie Gonzalez, Joe Casillas, Kadee Petty, Oscar Perez, Timothy Sanchez, Luis Samanijo, Jr., Joe Casillas

March 20

Les Sahr, Iris McAfee, Luther Creek, Kasey Miller, Gloria Taulbee, Tamara Farley, Cliff Brister

March 21

Justin Zuniga, Julee Baldwin, Michael Kissire

March 22

Fred Tijerina, Paula Zaragoza, Kendra Jones, Kent Kearney, Jason Surber, Jarod Franks, Rita Lopez, Evan Collins, Angelica Mesa, Sean Fields

Let's Celebrate
Nell Wallace is 80!!
 Presbyterian Fellowship Hall
 Sunday - March 19th
 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Mozelle Mills "Mama Nell" Wallace
 No Gifts Please ~ Just Bring Your Smile

Don't Mess with Texas
TRASH-OFF
 April 1, 2006
SONORA VOLUNTEERS
 We Need Your Help!
 Keep Sonora Beautiful will be "trashing-off"
 9:00 a.m. - noon
*Volunteers will receive a barbecue lunch
 courtesy of the Downtown Lions Club.*
 For more information call: Susan Hall @ 387-5553
 or Sam Kent @ 387-5181 (h) or 387-3166 (w)

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White female Jack Russell with special brownish red markings on her muzzle, head & right side.
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 Leave message if no answer.
 Please help her come home.

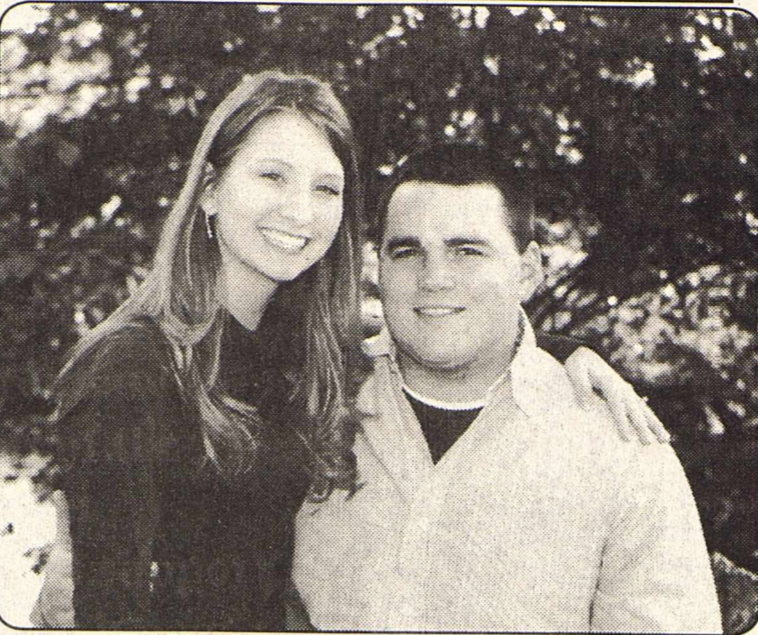


*****THANK YOU*****
 I would like to thank
 all the citizens of the
 112th District
 for your prayers and support.
 I look forward to being
 your next
 112th District Court Judge.

May God Bless Us All.
Pete Gomez, Jr.

Pd pol ad by Pete Gomez Campaign, Robert Flores, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1097, Sonora, TX 76950

Engagement Announcement



Sarah Lynn Dunnam and Adam L. McGonegal

**Dunnam and McGonegal
 planning April wedding**

Sarah Lynn Dunnam and Adam L. McGonegal of Hagerstown, Maryland, announce their engagement.

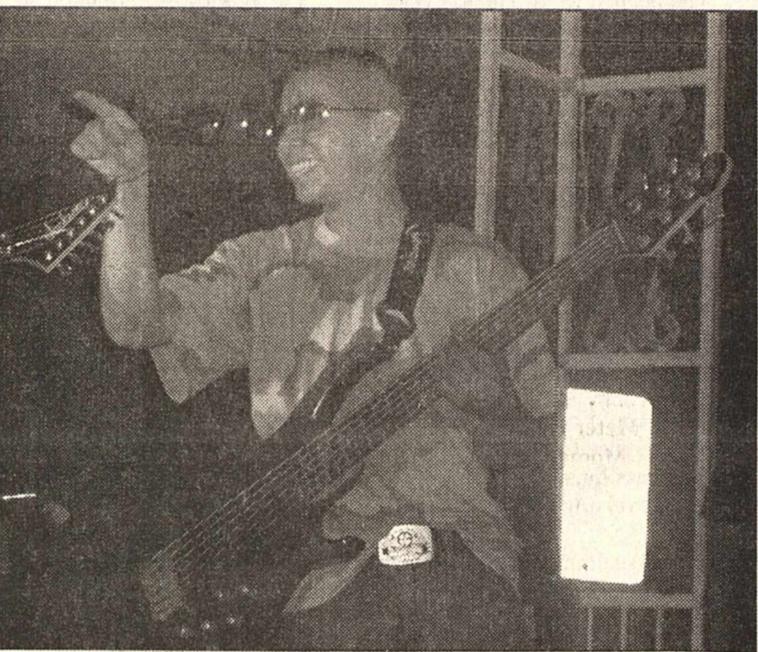
Sarah is the daughter of Natalie and Richard Dunnam, formerly of Sonora, Texas, now living in Metairie, Louisiana. Sarah is a 2003 graduate of Douglas County High School in Castle Rock, Colorado and attended the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor in Belton, Texas. She is presently employed as a service representative with the Hagerstown Trust.

Adam is the son of Jeffrey and Diane McGonegal of Castle Rock, Colorado. He is a 2002 graduate of Douglas County High School and is employed as a cross salesman with First Data Merchant Services in Hagerstown.

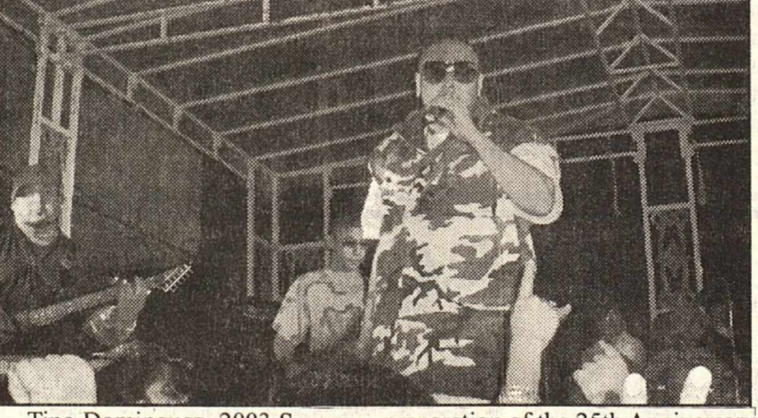
Sarah is the granddaughter of Jean and the late Gus Redman of Sonora and Jaye and Dennis Dunnam of Graham, Texas.

An April 22, 2006 wedding is planned.

**Sonora graduate jams
 with Grammy winner**



(Above) Tino Dominguez rocks 'em at the Tejano Music Awards Fanfare in San Antonio. (Below) DJ Kane (with Tino in the back) has the crowd hopping at Fanfare.



Tino Dominguez, 2003 Sonora High School graduate, got an opportunity that few will ever experience last weekend. Dominguez joined Grammy Award Winning DJ Kane on stage at the Tejano Music Awards Fanfare. The free, three-day, outdoor music festival known was held at Market Square in downtown San Antonio the previous weekend, March 11-13, 2005, in

preparation of the 25th Anniversary Tejano Music Awards held recently at the Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino Entertainment Complex in Eagle Pass, Texas. The show celebrated with great success the history and legacy of Tejano music and also included a musical tribute to the late Selena Quintanilla Perez.

DJ Kane was a member of A.B. Quintanilla's Kumbia Kings through their most productive and popular period. He struck out on his own in 2004 with his eponymous debut.

The fanfare event included continuous performances by over 100 bands on five different stages and drew over 90,000 attendees. Dominguez and Kane played on Saturday, with plenty of friends, family and fans from Sonora cheering him on.

**Chamber prepares for
 annual awards banquet**



by Greta Ramsdell, COC Executive Director

Spring is a busy time for the Chamber of Commerce, not only in terms of visitors but also for our Board of Directors. The terms of four of our current Chamber directors will be ending in April and one vacancy will also be filled. Juanita Estrada, Marla Percifull and Storie Sharp have each completed three-year terms and Susan Hall completed a two-year term. These individuals contributed countless hours of hard work and have been dedicated members of our organization. They will be thanked publicly at our upcoming annual banquet, but I would like to take this opportunity to say an early thank-you for their endless creativity and commitment to Sonora.

The Board of Directors' nominating committee selected five new nominees for directors and ballots were recently mailed to all Chamber members. The new directors are Missy Anderson, Michelle Faz, Juanita Gomez, Susan Hall and Shanna Petty. I am looking forward to working with each new director and know they will each bring unique, innovative ideas to our organization.

The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 20 and as we do each year, we will present achievement awards for outstanding service to our community. An awards committee, comprised of two Chamber directors and three Chamber members, was established and met last week. The committee compiled nominees for each category and a ballot will be mailed to each Chamber member this week. Write-in candidates are

also being accepted, so please give this important decision your attention and vote for your choice. The categories and last year's winners are as follows:

- 2005 Winners**
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- CHAMBER EVENTS
 CALENDAR**
Saturday and Sunday, April 1 & 2: Sonora Classic Goat Show, Civic Center
Monday, April 10: Keep Sonora Beautiful Meeting, noon, Chamber office
Thursday, April 13: Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office

**Linda Love chosen for
 Baptist Memorials Board**

Linda Love, a Sonora resident, has been elected to serve as a member on the Baptist Memorials Ministries Board of Trustees. Baptist Memorials Ministries is a non-profit retirement community, located in San Angelo, that offers healthcare and retirement services on one campus. Linda is the owner and president of the Sutton County Steakhouse. Baptist Memorials Ministries is proud to have Linda Love serve as a Trustee for the 2006 term.

Gonzales returns from combat

Sonora (FHTNC) - Navy Lt. j. g. Jorge V. Gonzalez, whose wife, Joey, is the daughter of Dois and Shirley Badgett of Sonora, Texas, and his fellow shipmates returned from a scheduled deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

Gonzalez's unit launched 10,000 combat flights totaling nearly 30,750 flight hours and provided surveillance, reconnaissance and close air support to ground forces in Iraq. The Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group participated in Operation Steel Curtain and Maritime Security Operations (MSO).

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Correction

The office hours for the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation office hours were incorrect in last week's DRN story. The SIDC office will be open M-F from 10-2 or by appointment. As has been in the past and will continue, Nancy Glascock, Office Manager, can be reached on the SIDC cell phone, 226-2224 or by email, sidc2@sonoratax.net, at anytime.

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Sonora UIL students Continue to Succeed

Sonora High School students once again made Sonora proud by performing well at the Wall UIL practice meet. The following students placed in their contests:

Number sense:
10th grade: 5th place **Emily Earwood**
6th place: **Laura Martin**
12th grade: 1st place **Embre Smith**
3rd place **Jack Turney**
Calculator Applications:
10th grade: 2nd place **Kari Nicholas**
12th grade: 5th place **Swade Draper**

Mathematics:
10th grade: 5th place **Kari Nicholas**
7th place **Emily Earwood**
8th place **Marcus Perez**
12th grade: 6th place **Embre Smith**
7th place **Erin Newton**
10th place **Jack Turney**

Accounting:
The Accounting Team won First Place Team - Placing individually were **Embre Smith** 3rd, **Swade Draper** 4th, **Mason Martinez** 6th, and **Desiree Alvarado** 8th.



Kayla McBride watches her shot to win in Sonora.

Lady Broncos finish second at home

Last week on their home course, the Sonora Lady Broncos finished second overall.

Kayla McBride was the first place individual medalist, shooting a 78. Candise Martin was tied for fourth place at the end of the tournament, shooting a 96. Candise lost the decisive chip off and ended up with the fifth place medal.

Other individual varsity scores were, Allyse Edmondson 102, Kaci Chavarria 105 and Erin Newton 106.

The total team score was 381 placing them behind the Wall Lady Hawks by 9 strokes.

Lady Colts lead the way at Reagan County meet

The 7th grade Sonora Colts girls Track Team placed first at the meet held in Reagan County last week with 211 total points.

Field Event results:
Shot Put 1. Leandra Castaneda
3. Kash McGee
Long Jump 2. Morgan Smith
5. Karina Trevino
Triple Jump 1. Morgan Smith
4. Karina Trevino

Pole Vault 1. Chelsey Lou Campbell 2. Kallie Humphrey
High Jump 3. Maci Zuniga

Running Event results:
2400 Meter Run
1. Daniella Cano
3. Maria Lugo
5. Marissa Prieto

800 Meter Run
1. Chelby Ramos
2. Dolce Acosta
4. Rose Karnes

100 Meter Hurdles
1. Chelsey Lou Campbell
100 Meter Dash
1. Morgan Smith
6. Gabby Irazz

800 Meter Relay
1. Morgan Smith, Nicole Lipham, Karina Trevino, Maci Zuniga

400 Meter Dash
1. Crystal Hidalgo
300 Meter Hurdles
1. Chelsey Lou Campbell
6. Morgan Vyvlecka

200 Meter Dash
1. Karina Trevino
5. Kash McGee
1600 Meter Run
1. Chelby Ramos
2. Daniella Cano
4. Serena Allison

1 Mile Relay
2. Dolce Acosta, Daniella Cano, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Chelby Ramos

The 8th Grade Colts girls Track Team placed first out of six teams,

in the Reagan County track meet, on March 9, 2006, with a total score of 172.

Field Events
Pole Vault
1. Meredith Earwood-6'
4. Sara Gillet-4' 6"
Long Jump
1. Bethany Berry-14' 2"
2. Bianca Trevino-13' 2"

Triple Jump
1. Bethany Berry-30' 6"
4. Amy Hernandez-27' 6"

Shot Put
2. Jessica Lopez-26' 8"

Discus
2. Gina Valdez-70' 1"

Running Events
2400 Meter Run
2. Keeli Taylor-10.9
4 X 100 Meter Relay
4. Bianca Trevino, Amy Hernandez, Brittany Hernandez, Bethany Berry-2:00

800 Meter Run
3. Monica Sanchez-3:03
100 Meter Hurdles
3. Meredith Earwood-20.6
100 Meter Dash
1. Bethany Berry-14.2
5. Alissa Favila-15.08

4 X 200 Meter Relay
1. Alissa Favila, Amy Hernandez, Brittany Hernandez, Bethany Berry-2:00

400 Meter Dash
1. Bianca Trevino-1:11
5. Regina Morales-1:15
300 Meter Hurdles
3. Meredith Earwood-58.9
200 Meter Dash
4. Regina Morales-31.61

1600 Meter Run
1. Keeli Taylor-6:24
4 X 400 Meter Relay
1. Meredith Earwood, Alyssa Favila, Amy Hernandez, Brittany Hernandez-4:51

2006 Sonora Bronco Baseball

Varsity			
March 17	Grape Creek	Sonora	5 p.m.
March 21	Reagan County	Big Lake	5 p.m.
March 24	Junction	Sonora	5 p.m.
March 28	Eldorado	Eldorado	4 p.m.
March 31	Mason	Sonora	7:30p.m.

Junior Varsity			
March 17	Grape Creek	Sonora	AV
March 20	Reagan County	Sonora	5p.m.
March 24	Junction	Sonora	AV
March 27	Eldorado	Sonora	5 p.m.

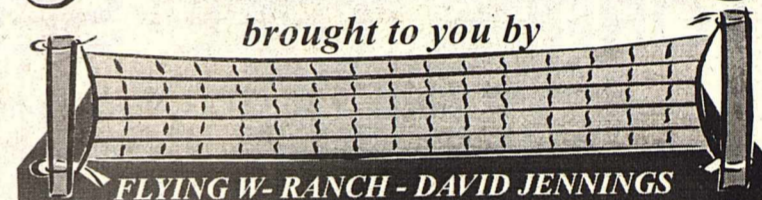
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JUNIOR HIGH TENNIS

March 7	DUAL MATCH(TBA)
March 25	ELDORADO



Sonora Lady Broncos Softball 2006

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
3/17	*Grape Creek	Sonora	4 P.M.
3/21	*Wall	Wall	4 P.M.
3/25	Lakeview	Sonora	2 P.M.
3/28	*Junction	Sonora	4 P.M.

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25	SONORA	VB,VG,JVB,JVG
31	ABILENE	VG
31	SAN ANGELO	VB

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MARCH

24	SONORA
30	OZONA



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Lady Bronco Softball opens District Play

by Tryon Fields

Last week the Lady Broncos opened district softball play against the Lady Eagles from Eldorado and the Lady Owls from Reagan County. The Lady Bronco experience and power hitting proved to be too much for both of their opponents.

On Tuesday, Sonora traveled to Eldorado to face the Lady Eagles. A pitchers' duel between Eldorado's Bridgett Mitchell and Sonora's Meghan Krieg ensued for two innings. Mitchell faced all nine Lady Broncos, giving up 3 hits, and 1 walk. However, all four of the Sonora base runners were left on base.

Krieg, on the other hand, faced seven batters, striking out four of them.

In the second inning the sleeping bats of the Lady Broncos began to awaken. Sonora scored two runs in the top of the third off of singles by Kayla Fields, Kimble Luna, Jamee Duran, and a base-on-balls by Azeneth Villanueva. In the bottom of the third, Krieg would continue her mastery of the Lady Eagles by putting them down in order.

In the fourth, Sonora exploded for six more runs off of five hits. Singles by Steely Ingham, Meghan Krieg, Heather Hughes, Jessica Snyder, and a double by Kayla Fields would break the game wide open. Once again, Eldorado would go down in order in the bottom of the fourth.

Neither team could score a run in the fifth; however, in the top of the sixth, Sonora would add 4 more runs off of three hits, a walk and a better being hit by a pitch. Heather Hughes, Kayla Fields, and Kimble Luna each had a single, with Jamee Duran and Madeline Higdon each reaching on a hit by pitch and a base on ball respectively. In the bottom of the sixth, Meghan Krieg

completed her second no hitter of the season, by striking out the side to end the inning as well as the game. Sonora 12 - Eldorado 0

Friday, Sonora entertained the Reagan County Lady Owls in their district home opener.

With this being the inaugural season for the Lady Owls, Sonora's experience proved to be too much. The Lady Broncos scored 17 runs in four innings and limited Reagan County to one.

At the plate, Sonora was led by Meghan Krieg, who had a four-for-four day, with 3 singles and a double. Desiree Alvarado doubled and singled in her two at-bats.

Brandy Neff and Azeneth Villanueva each had a two-for-three day. (Neff with two singles and Villanueva with a single and a triple.) Kimble Luna and Kayla Fields batted 500 on the day, with Luna hitting two singles and Fields a single and a triple.

Laura Martin rounded out the hitting with a single.

On the mound, Meghan Krieg and Laura Martin would combine for the victory. Krieg faced six Lady Owls, striking out all six. Martin was charged with the sole Reagan County run. Martin faced 10 batters, giving up two hits and walking four batters.

Reagan County 1 - Sonora 17
This week, the Lady Broncos will have played in Ozona on Tuesday and will entertain the Lady Eagles from Grape Creek on Friday. Game time is 4:00 p.m. so make plans to attend and support the Lady Broncos in their quest for a District Championship.

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Eighth grade Colts win in Reagan County

The 8th grade boys track team traveled to Big Lake on Thursday March 9th for their second track meet of the season. With only three days to work out, the boys showed much improvement from the first meet. The Colts won the meet with a total of 197 points. The results are as follows:

2400
2nd - Mario Oliden 10:11
4x100 Relay
1st - Harvey Santana, A.K. Williams, Will Anderson, Kris Aguero 55.05

800 Meter
3rd - Paul Faz 2:30.55
5th - Cody Pena 2:35.80

110 Hurdles
2nd - Tyler Creek 20.30
6th - Paul Faz 22.15

100 Meter Dash
2nd - Kris Aguero 12.42
4x200 Relay
2nd - Will Anderson, Caleb Gonzales, Irving Fuentes, Harvey Santana 1:49.24

400 Meter Dash
1st - A.K. Williams 58.22
3rd - Cash Jennings 63.77
4th - Irving Fuentes 64.54
300 Hurdles

1st - Tyler Creek 48.83
4th - Angel Aguayo 51.80
200 Meter
5th - Harvey Santana 27.05
6th - Will Anderson 27.30
1600 Meter Run
3rd - Manny Peredez 6:12.5
4x400 Relay
1st - Angel Aguayo, Kris Aguero, Caleb Gonzales, A.K. Williams 4:03.78

FIELD EVENTS
Pole Vault
2nd - Will Anderson 8'6"
3rd - Manny Peredez 8'6"
Long Jump
5th - Caleb Gonzales 15'3"
Triple Jump
3rd - Paul Faz 30'8.5"
5th - Caleb Gonzales 30'5"
High Jump
1st - A.K. Williams 5'2"
5th - Cash Jennings
Kris Aguero 4'8"
Shot Put
1st - Tyler Creek 40'3"
3rd - Cash Jennings 37'9"
Discus
1st - Tyler Creek 118'2"



Lady Colt Pole Vaulters: Sara Gillit, Meredith Earwood, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Kallie Humphrey, and Rose Karnes

Junior Varsity Track finish fourth in Big Lake

The boys Junior Varsity Track Team participated in the High School District Track and Field Meet in Big Lake on March 11, 2006. They accumulated a total of 57 points which placed them fourth overall.

Field Event Results
High Jump
3. Tyler Edmondson-5' 4"

Long Jump
4. Domingo Reynosa-17' 8 1/2"

Shot Put
3. Juan Dominguez-36' 2"

Triple Jump
4. Nicholas Pena-35' 7 1/4"

Running Events
3200 Yard Run
2. Zenon Acosta-12:35.48

4 X 100 Yard Relay
3. Domingo Reynosa, Ricardo Rodriguez, Nicholas Pena, Alonzo Pena-48.05

4 X 200 Yard Relay
2. Nicholas Pena, Ricardo Rodriguez, Jose Lugo, Alonzo Pena-1:41.87

400 Yard Dash
3. Domingo Reynosa-56.81

1600 Yard Run
4. Zenon Acosta-5:28.05

4X 400 Relay
5. Nicholas Pena, Tyler Edmondson, Domingo Reynosa, Uvaldo Ramos-4:02.36

2006 BRONCO GOLF SCHEDULE

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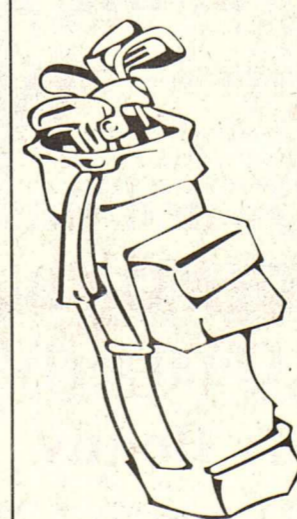
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Anthony Longoria breaks Bronco record in Big Lake

The Sonora Bronco boys Varsity Track Team competed in the Reagan County Invitational Meet held March 12, 2006, in Big Lake. The Broncos totaled 144 points, placing them second out of ten teams. Anthony Longoria broke a SHS record in the Long Jump, leaping for 22'5".

Field Events

Discus

4. Cameron Cox - 130' 4"

Long Jump

1. Anthony Longoria - 22' 5"
6. Hilton Bloodworth - 19' 3 1/2"

11. Ricardo Rodriguez - 17' 9 1/2"

Pole Vault

2. Justin Northcott - 11' 8"

5. Warren Wallace - 10"
Shot Put
2. Cameron Cox - 43' 11"
Triple Jump
3. Anthony Longoria - 42' 1"
Running Events
4 X 100 Yard Relay
1. Cameron Cox, Hilton Bloodworth, Anthony Longoria, Steven Duhon - 43.05
800 Yard Run
4. Ty Love - 2:09.40
5. Nicholas Favela - 2:10.05
110 Yard Hurdles
2. Olegario Galindo - 15.90
100 Yard Dash
1. Anthony Longoria - 10.64
6. Steven Duhon - 12.36
4 X 200 Yard Relay
1. Cameron Cox, Steven Duhon, Hilton Bloodworth, Anthony Longoria - 1:32.33

400 Yard Dash
5. Angel Silva - 55.17
200 Yard Dash
2. Cameron Cox - 23.68
3. Hilton Bloodworth - 24.02
1600 Yard Rdn
2. Nicholas Favela - 5:05.12
3. Tony Torres - 5:08.02
4 X 400 Yard Relay
5. Nicholas Favela, Ty Love, Jose Rodriguez, Angel Silva - 3:46.20

Lady Broncos win at Reagan County Invitational

The Lady Broncos Track Team took first place at the Reagan County Invitational Relays on Saturday, March 11, 2006. The Sonora ladies continued to improve their times and marks.

All three relays showed significant improvement.

The 4 X 100 relay ran their fastest time of the year during the prelims recording a 51.99. The 4 X 200 relay improved their time by 2 seconds. The 4 X 400 relay improved by 4 total seconds.

Lexie Ortiz ran the most exciting race of the day in the 1600 Meter Run. Ortiz was 60 meters behind, in fourth place, at the 300 meter mark. She sprinted the last 300 meters and pulled into first at the 100 meter mark. Ortiz held on to that position to finish first in a time of 6:07.8. She beat her personal best by 3 seconds.

The Lady Broncos were almost able to sweep the 800 Meter Run with first, second and fourth place finishes from Candace Chandler, Jennifer Gonzales and Kimberly Gonzales.

Heather Smith added a sixth in the 100 Meter Hurdles and continued to show improvement in her form.

Jessica Chavez fought through an illness to grab a fourth in the 400 Meter Dash as well as anchor the 4 X 400 Meter Relay.

Valuable points were grabbed in the 200 Meter Dash with second and third place finishes from Jessica Snyder and Kayla Fields.

Amanda Berry and Jessica Snyder took second (15' 11 1/2") and sixth (14' 1/2") in the Long Jump.

Mandy Brister and Kelsey Watkins took second and third in the Pole Vault clearing 7'6".

Chelsea Martinez grabbed a second in the Shot Put with a 30' 11 1/4" and Danielle Rodriguez just missed sixth place.

Berry improved her Triple Jump mark this season to 34' 2 1/2" and took first place. Kyla Turney finished fourth in the Triple Jump with a leap of 30' 2".

The rest of the Lady Broncos showed improvement on their times and marks from the previous two weeks of competition. The Lady Broncos will be traveling to Iran this Saturday to compete in the Iran Invitational Relays.

Individual times:

3200 Meter Run
3. Lexie Ortiz-13:55.7
4 X 100 Meter Relay
1. Kelsey Watkins, Amanda Berry, Chasady Garcia, Jessica Snyder - 52.68
800 Meter Run
1. Candace Chandler - 2:46.6
2. Jennifer Gonzales - 2:58.0
4. Kimberly Gonzales - 3:07.0
100 Meter Hurdles
6. Heather Smith - 18.86
4 X 200 Meter Relay
1. Kelsey Watkins, Amanda Berry, Jessica Snyder, Chasady Garcia - 1:53.3
400 Meter Dash
4. Jessica Chavez - 1:09.6
200 Meter Dash
2. Jessica Snyder - 28.99
3. Kayla Fields - 29.1
1600 Meter Run
1. Lexie Ortiz - 6:07.8
4 X 400 Meter Relay
2. Kyla Turney, Amanda Berry, Chasady Garcia, Jessica Chavez - 4:24.7



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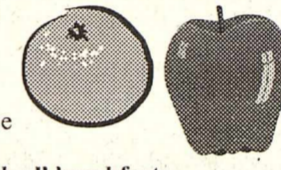
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Tues.- Waffles, syrup, apple juice
Wed.- Breakfast pizza, orange juice
Thurs.- Biscuits, sausage patty, apple juice
Fri.- Cinnamon roll, fruit or orange juice

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.



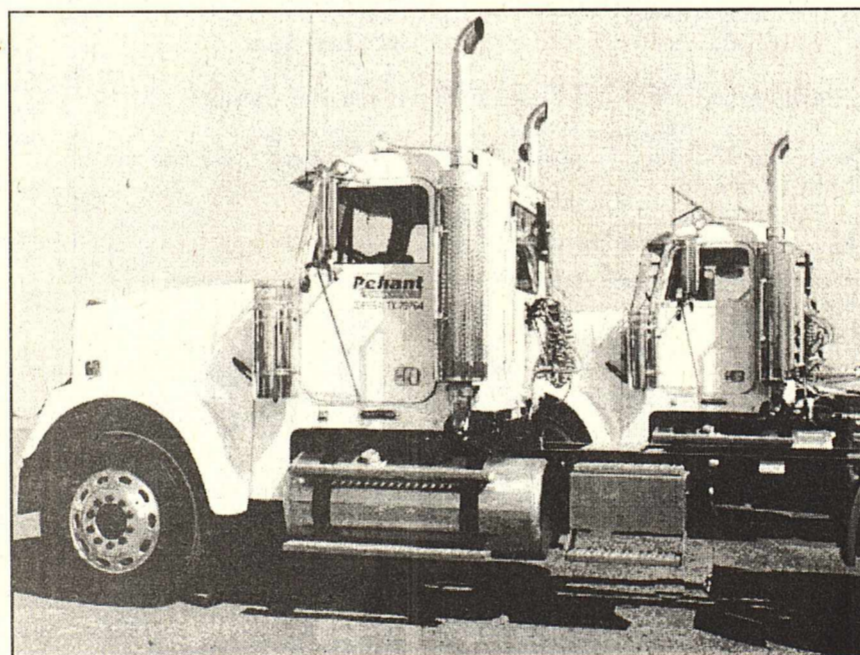
Lunch

Mon.- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, fresh broccoli/dressing, grapes, hot roll
Tues.- Fish sticks/ketchup, macaroni & cheese, carrot sticks/dressing, peanut butter cookie
Wed.- Soft beef taco, cheese, flour tortilla, Spanish rice, taco salad, cobbler
Thurs.- Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, lime Jell-O/fruit
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Wildfire-Damaged Range Needs Proper Grazing Management

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UVALDE – A Texas Cooperative Extension range expert in Uvalde said landowners should exercise caution when grazing livestock on recently burned pastures.

Dr. Robert Lyons, Extension range specialist, said proper management is a must to prevent serious grass damage after a fire.

"As with any fire, prescribed or wild, ensuring grass survival is a primary management goal," said Lyons. "Livestock benefit nutritionally from the tender green forage regrowth fire provides. But if post-burn grazing is not done correctly, the grass will suffer and any short-term livestock nutritional benefits will be lost."

Lyons said grasses need enough green growth to produce food for a healthy root system.

"Top growth supplies food for the roots to function and grow, and the roots absorb the water and nutrients needed by the above-ground growth to manufacture food," he said. "When overgrazing occurs, root growth stops. When root growth stops, the root system shrinks. Small root systems weaken the plant and make it unable to compete with neighboring weeds and brush for water and nutrients."

Lyons said fire makes new green plant material available by removing old growth. Grazing animals prefer this new growth. If a fire doesn't remove the old, coarse



SLIM PICKIN'S – Grazing before grasses have enough regrowth or grazing new growth too long after a fire is harmful to both grass and livestock. It is harmful to the grass because the root systems will shrink. It is harmful to the livestock because there is not enough available forage to sustain them.

growth from an entire pasture, livestock will concentrate on the burned patches and avoid the unburned areas.

He said animals will keep grazing these burned patches and eventually damage the plants. Uniform burns across a whole pasture remove all old plant growth and level the playing field, allowing new growth from all the grasses.

Less desirable grasses and unpalatable old-growth plants are more likely to be grazed after burning, he said. The new growth makes them more palatable, and higher in protein.

"This improved forage quality can benefit livestock performance, but it only lasts three to six months," Lyons said. "Young cattle, thin animals, and those in early

lactation benefit most from the improved nutritional quality following a fire. Naturally, post-burn grazing depends on adequate rainfall to stimulate grass regrowth."

Grazing needs to be deferred until plants have vigorous regrowth, he added. Livestock need quality forage, but they also need adequate quantities to meet their nutritional requirements. In addition, grazing should be gauged according to available regrowth, Lyons said. No more than 50 to 60 percent of a grass plant's new top-growth should ever be removed.

"The bottom line though, is that burned pastures will recover with enough rainfall, time, and proper grazing management," he said.

Conference Aims to Lessen Livestock/Wildlife Enterprise Conflicts

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SAN ANGELO – Maximizing profits by minimizing conflicts between ranching and wildlife enterprises is the theme of a two-day program beginning at 12:30 p.m. May 10 at San Angelo's Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center.

Following a 'virtual watershed walk' at the center, buses will depart at 3 p.m. for the Cargile family's S Ranch. Activities will include a ranch overview and a talk on low-stress profitable stewardship of land, livestock and wildlife by Albany rancher Kyle Clement. The afternoon program will end with a plant identification tour.

Evening activities will include a social and meal at the ranch and talks by Dr. Jason Johnson, Texas Cooperative Extension economist at San Angelo, and keynote speaker Forrest Armke, manager of the Ford

Ranch at Melvin.

On May 11, buses will leave from the center at 8 a.m. for presentations and demonstrations on the nearby Clark Ranch. Topics will include water issues and wildfire recovery strategies. Speakers will include David Langford of Comfort, trustee of the Laurels Ranch Trust; Alan Curry, owner of the Clark Ranch; and Joseph B.C. Fitzsimons, chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

The program will be presented by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Wildlife Association. Extension, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will assist.

Texas Department of Agriculture and Society of Range Management continuing education units will be offered.

Participation is limited to the first 150 registrants. Individual registration is \$75; Texas and South-

western Cattle Raisers Association and Texas Wildlife Association member registration is \$50. A registration form is available at www.texascattleraisers.org or at www.texas-wildlife.org.

For more information contact Helen Holdsworth at (800) TEX-WILD (839-9453) or h_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association members can contact Todd McCartney, tmccartney@texascattleraisers.org or (800) 242-7820.

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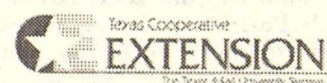
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Submitted by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent-Agriculture

To many, gardening means growing tomatoes. Gardening can be fascinating and rewarding or can very frustrating. A sickly tomato plant which produces few, if any, fruit certainly doesn't boost anyone's gardening enthusiasm. For home owners growing tomatoes for the first time, some simple advice might help avoid common pitfalls.

First, plants need to be placed in an area that receives sunlight for at least six hours a day. Tomato plants placed under trees or between buildings simply will not produce maximum yields. Second, good soil is essential for good growth and high yields. Often, poor soil can be improved with liberal amounts of organic matter and by proper fertilization. A dark, heavy clay or even a fine sand can be improved by working 3 to 4 inches of decomposed organic matter into the soil where the tomatoes are to be planted. If only a few tomato plants are to be grown, a space at least 2 feet square should be prepared for each plant. The soil should be worked to a depth of at least 12 inches. Raised beds work well. Liberal amounts of organic matter and a small amount of fertilizer, such as 10-20-10 or 12-24-12, should be mixed into the soil where the plant is to be grown.

Variety selection is of utmost importance and is one of the keys to growing tomatoes successfully. Select varieties that resist many of the common diseases. Look for VFN after a variety name; this indicates that it has resistance to

verticillium wilt, fusarium wilt, and nematodes.

'President', 'Celebrity', 'Big Boy', 'Champion' (a good warm-weather producer), or the small-fruited 'Sweet 100' are good producers. The new varieties 'Donna', 'First Lady', and 'Viva Italia' (a paste type) also show promise. Other old-time favorites exist and may also perform well.

When buying plants, look for healthy, vigorous transplants. When the transplants are set in the garden, use a starter solution to assure adequate fertility during the early stages of growth. Starter solutions can be purchased at local garden centers, or they can be made by mixing one tablespoon of a complete garden fertilizer in a gallon of water. About one cup of the starter solution should be applied in the planting hole prior to planting. For best results, set transplants on cloudy days or late in the afternoon. The plants should be protected from adverse conditions such as high winds or cold temperatures for a week or so after transplanting. Cages, wrapped in row-cover fabric, can be used to control temperatures for a week or so after transplanting. Covering the plants with milk cartons also works well.

Almost all tomato varieties should be staked, trellised, or caged for best results. Any method is good if it keeps the fruit off the ground. Fruits allowed to contact the soil often develop fruit rot. People who would like to grow tomatoes but lack the space should try growing them in a five-gallon container. 'Better Bush' is a short, stocky variety well adapted to container growing. For more information, contact the County Extension Office or visit our website at http://sutton-co.tamu.edu.

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Lynn is also an avid football fan and looks forward to the time he spends coaching YMCA Youth Football in Sutton County. Lynn and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of 11-year-old twins, Aaron and Jared, and daughter Kayla, who is the mother of grandchildren, Bailey and Kenzie. Lynn fills his free time during every season pursuing his other hobbies, which include hunting, fishing and golfing.

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agent. Garner said that the budget would have to be amended, but the money could be found.

"I don't feel we have a choice; for the kids sake," stated Commissioner John Wade. Without further discussion a motion was made and unanimously approved by all commissioners, Mike Villanueva, Belia Castaneda and Milton Cavaness, to hire Duane Castro as a Sutton County Deputy, starting him at the rate equivalent to his four year's experience with the department.

In other business, the commissioners approved the minutes from the February meeting and after questions regarding a costly transmission repair on a county vehicle and a high gas bill at the EMS department, the accounts payable were approved as presented. A budget amendment was also approved for a previous approval of a heating unit in the jail.

Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez reported that 580 traffic tickets and 62 non-traffic, for a total of 642 tickets were reported for the month of February. Alvarez reported that \$103,136.19 were generated in February, with \$39,834.54 in county fines. County Auditor, Maura Weingart reported that of the fees generated, \$60, 145.59 were obtained by the county and \$40,540.14 went to the state. The remaining amount went to the collection agency, with a \$212 refund received.

Sheriff Fincher reported that there were 61 inmates in the county jail for the month of February, with a daily average of 17, with a cost of \$1.02 per meal. The dispatchers handled 855 calls and the deputies logged approximately 7400 miles last month. A total of \$945 in gas was reported, with an average of 14.8 miles per gallon at .13 per mile.

Sutton County Tax Assessor Rex Ann Friess reported a large tax collection in February, putting the total collected at 98%.

Sutton County Extension Agent, Pascual Hernandez reported a Pesticide Application course that would be in Sutton County on March 24, if any commissioners needed to update their certificates.

Weingart reported that the EMS

department collected \$4,171.46 in February.

Judge Garner informed the commissioners that one DPS trooper had requested an upgrade on a radar gun that has expired. Garner explained that the county provides one gun for a local trooper annually, and the upgrade is necessary to keep a maintenance program. The upgrade was approved for the radar gun.

Weingart reported that a second notice for the City of Sonora's portion of the Thunderbird dispatch expense had been sent, for approximately \$21,000. She also explained an ongoing dispute with the City, regarding a \$35 amount that was incorrectly charged for a tax on the utilities at the old jail building. Weingart stated that the mistake was found in August of 2005, and has been in dispute since. She explained that once the error was reported it was not removed immediately, then a late charge was applied. The matter was researched and the initial correction was made, however, a re-connect fee was applied. Again, the City was contacted regarding the error, as should never have been cut off. Weingart explained the problem is still being reviewed.

Cavaness reported that he recently met with land owners on Ft. McKavett road, in connection with the possibility of finding a solution for a situation regarding the making of a new county road. Some of the land owners adjoining the road want a county road and others do not, since any road to be maintained by county must be deeded to the county. This would affect some of the land owners agriculture exemption restrictions. There is also the problem of a gas line that runs along the road in question.

Cavaness suggested the land owners talk with the Road and Bridge department on a personal hire situation.

Villanueva reported that he has recently attended a Texas Workforce Association conference in Austin.

County Attorney David Wallace reported that \$1,151.82 had been collected in hot check recoveries in February.

County Clerk Veronica Hernan-

dez reported that \$17,745.26 had been collected in the County Clerk's office last month, and \$11,459.07 in the District Clerk's office.

Judge Garner reported that she and Pete Madrid were conducting interviews for the 911 position.

Bank depository bids were reviewed again, and a detailed written analysis was provided by County Treasurer Joyce Chalk, who could not be present because of a family emergency. Chalk recommended that the bulk of the county funds be in CDs, with nothing left in the money market account. After much review and discussion on the best rates and what would be best for the county's money, a motion was made by Wade to award the depository bid to First National Bank because the CD interest rates would be higher. Villanueva asked if two banks could be used at the same time, using the best rates from both establishments.

Eventually, a second was made to Wade's motion and votes were cast with Wade, Castaneda and Cavaness in favor and Villanueva against.

Lengthy discussions and explanations were held regarding the awarding of health, life and dental insurance for county employees.

After many questions regarding the new rates available, a motion was made by Wade to award the health insurance to Legacy, upgrading to a 750 deductible plan.

Again, a second was made with Cavaness, Castaneda and Wade in favor and Villanueva against the choice.

Life and Dental insurance were both awarded unanimously.

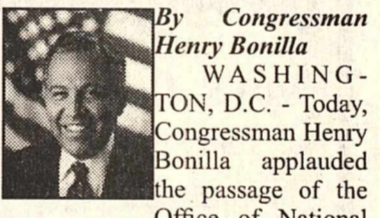
Milton Cavaness was appointed to the new transportation committee being formed through the SIDC.

A platt for a subdivision of a ranch on the Ft. McKavett Hwy was approved as presented.

In closing, Jennifer Esparza, representing the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, presented the commissioners with a certificate recognizing the appointment of Sonora as the home location of the Texas Heritage Pecos Trails Region.

Bonilla applauds house passage of anti-drug legislation

National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization takes aim at border smuggling



By Congressman Henry Bonilla
 WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Henry Bonilla applauded the passage of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Reauthorization Act of 2005. The ONDCP was established by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. Today's vote amends previous legislation reauthorizing the ONDCP through Fiscal Year 2010.

"Simply put, drug trafficking and abuse threaten our American way of life. Drugs destroy families, bring violence to our schools and playgrounds, and transform productive members of society into hopeless addicts," said Congressman Bonilla. "The profits from illegal drug sales finance terrorist activity at home and abroad. We must take every necessary step possible to stem the tide of illegal drugs coming across our borders and into the hands of our children."

The legislation passed today will require the Director of the ONDCP to: submit to Congress

comprehensive strategies that address increased threats from South American and Afghan heroin, a general counter-drug intelligence plan, and a Southwest Border Counter-Narcotics Strategy (modifies provisions regarding the Strategy); seek the support of state and local officials in National Drug Control Strategy formulation and implementation; coordinate with private sector organizations to promote private research and development of medications to treat addiction; submit an annual report to the President on major drug transit or illicit drug producing countries and whether each has cooperated fully with the United States; and submit to Congress annually a description of a national drug control performance measurement system.

The ONDCP's National Drug Control Strategy aims to reduce illicit drug use, manufacturing, and trafficking. The program seeks to deter drug-related crime and violence, as well as decrease drug-related health consequences. The bill will now go to the Senate for consideration.

Texas Historical Commission Launches Regional Web Sites for the Texas Heritage Trail Program

Austin, Texas- the Texas Historical Commission (THC) is excited to announce the launch of the Texas Heritage Trails Program's regional web sites. The ten new sites are part of the THC's award winning tourism initiative, the Texas Heritage Trails Program, which encourages people to venture out and rediscover the state's historic and cultural wonders. This successful program capitalizes on the economic impact of heritage tourism- a \$40 billion a year industry.

Travelers are increasingly turning to the Internet as a travel resource. These new regional web sites allow travelers to find information and build custom itineraries to fit their travel needs. The user-friendly "itinerary builder" feature is specifically designed for the Texas Heritage Trail Program.

"The ten regional sites are an ideal venue for Texas communities to promote their local attractions and events. These web sites are particularly useful to smaller communities that do not have access and events. These web sites are particularly useful to smaller communities that do not have access to promotional outlets," said Janie Headrick, state coordinator of the Texas heritage Trails Program.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program increases tourism at cultural and heritage sites in regions across Texas and revitalizes local economies through regional tourism development and marketing. The program also stresses the importance of historic preservation to tourism and fosters effective local tourism leadership.

To visit the ten regional web sites visit www.thc.state.tx.us/travel. Use the map to select a region of interest. For free heritage trail brochures call 866-276-6219. For additional information on Texas travel events and vacation destinations, visit www.TravelTex.com, for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 800-888-8TEX.

ASU offers Real Answers to Environmental Regulations

The ASU, Small Business Development Center and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) presents "Real Answers to Environmental Regulations" March 22, 2006, 9:00 a.m. - Noon (Registration begins 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast provided) at the West Texas Training Center, 3501 N. US HWY 67, in San Angelo. Cost is \$20.00 per person deadline to register is March 20. This seminar will prepare you for a routine inspection and help you become environmentally compliant. Everyone is welcome to the general session where experts from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will provide an overview of Small Business & Local Government Assistance Program, and ways their Free Site Visit Program can benefit your small business or local government. Included with the general session are two break-out sessions:

1) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Training this session will cover the rules & regulations that apply to the proper management of industrial and hazardous waste. The last 30 minutes of this session will be devoted to auto body and repair shops;

2) Grease Traps and Grease Management for Food Services which will include best management practices for food services and grease trap help.

The new grease trap ordinance that will affect all restaurants in the San Angelo area will also be discussed by a representative from the City of San Angelo Water Department.

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Official Notice to Tenants of Intent to Sale Big Door Storages Hwy 277, South

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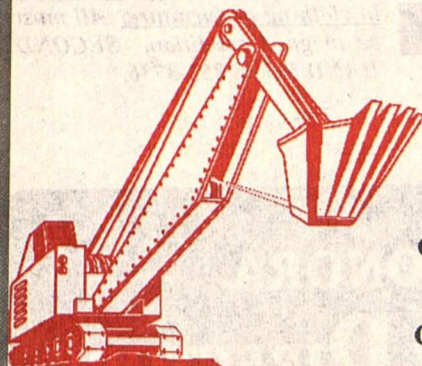
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Stargazer
by Paul Derrick

As you read this you're probably sitting down, maybe with a cup of coffee. You feel at rest and your coffee seems motionless in its cup. It's hard to imagine, but you're actually moving thousands of miles per hour in different directions, all at once.

Once it was believed Earth was fixed at the center of creation with the Sun, Moon, planets and stars moving around it. It seemed only obvious that anyone sitting still was motionless.

But along came some trouble makers who quite literally rocked the boat. In the 1500s Copernicus theorized, then in the 1600s Galileo proved, that Earth isn't motionless—it moves around the Sun with the other planets. But this idea was heresy, and thus dangerous at a time when the church was burning people for openly disagreeing with its beliefs.

Copernicus had the good sense to wait until he was on his death bed to publish his thesis, but Galileo, brilliant as he was, didn't always use good judgment. He published his findings, was put on trial and found guilty of heresy. When given the choice of burning or recanting, he publicly stated that Earth is still.

But according to legend, as he left the courtroom he defiantly uttered under his breath, "And yet it does move!" But even Galileo had no idea how right he was.

Earth (along with us) moves in ways Galileo never imagined. As Earth rotates on its axis, we (at our latitude) are moving 900 miles per hour—faster than the speed of sound—as we travel 22,000 miles every 24 hours.

Yet that's a snail's pace compared to our speed as Earth circles the Sun. Each year we cover half a billion miles at 67,000 miles per hour—far faster than orbiting spacecraft.

But that's not all. Our entire solar system is zipping around our Milky Way galaxy at the mind-boggling speed of nearly 600,000 miles per hour in its journey of more than one quintillion miles (one followed by 18 zeros) that takes 240 million years.

And even our galaxy moves within the cosmos but since there's no fixed object against which to compare its movement, there is no way to establish its speed.

And you thought you were sitting still.

Sky Calendar:

* 14 Tue.: The full Moon of March, called Crow Moon, Sap Moon, Lenten Moon and Egg Moon, features a slight penumbral eclipse which won't be much to see.

* 17 Fri. morning: The Moon is very near the star Spica.

* 19 Sun. morning: The Moon is below Jupiter.

* 20 Mon.: Vernal equinox—the beginning of spring.

* 21 Tue. morning: The Moon is below the star below Antares.

* 22 Wed.: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.

* 25 Sat. morning: Venus, at its highest in the morning sky, is to the left of the crescent Moon, then above it the next morning.

* 29 Wed.: The new Moon produces a total eclipse of the Sun, but it won't be visible from our hemisphere.

Naked-eye Planets: (The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation.) Evening: Reddish Mars is high in the west, to the upper right of the equally bright reddish star Aldebaran. Saturn is high in the southeast. Morning: "Morning star" Venus is low in the southeast with Jupiter the brightest object in the southwest.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazer-paul.com.

F.Y.I.

JESUS HOOPFEST; Saturday March 25, 2006; Robert Lee High School Gym, Robert Lee, Texas; A Benefit 12 & Under Basketball Tournament for boys and girls Sponsored by the Robert Lee Baptist Church Youth Group As a fundraiser for Youth Camp Call Becky @ 325-453-2724 or 325-453-4671 for entry fee, more information, and to enter your team!

Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, March 22, at noon for lunch and a business meeting at the Sonora Golf Course Club House. All ladies interested in joining the Ladies Golf Auxiliary are invited to attend. FMI contact Patti Prather at 387-2063 or Mary Jean Sims at 387-5433.

First National Bank is still collecting cell phones and ink jet cartridges as a Relay For Life fundraiser. Collection boxes are located at the First National Bank, Devil's River News, Stirrup Trouble Salon and the Chamber of Commerce.

If you would like to sign a petition in support of Kinky Friedman for Governor, call 325-277-9880 or 325-387-2666.

Lane Shift on FM 380 and Pulliam Street: Starting Wednesday, March 15, 2006, traffic along FM 380 and Pulliam Street at the intersection of Loop 306 will be moved to the south half of the road. This shift in traffic is necessary while the north half of the road is reconstructed. Reduced speed limits remain in effect. Motorists are advised to expect delays and use caution while in the area.

Effective Feb. 28 the new hours of operation for the Sutton County Historical Society will be Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9:00-12:30 and Saturday mornings 8:00-12:00. The office number is 325-387-5084.

Days Inn/Steakhouse/Comfort Inn Relay for Life Team is selling purple ribbon car magnets to raise money for Cancer Awareness/Relay. Large = \$5 and Small \$3. Come by any of the locations to pick one up and show your support!

3rd 2006 Sutton County Calling Contest; March 25 - 26. Sign up Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Stagecoach BBQ, turn in Sunday at 10 a.m. at same location. Sponsored by Bad Company Rodeo - merchandise and cash prizes. FMI call Paul Martinez at 650-0221 or 206-1722.

J.W. & Durwood Neville Memorial 2-man Select Shot - April 1st & 2nd - Sonora Golf Course - \$200.00 per team - pre-flighted - 64 team limit - 2 day payout- Tee times 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 31- Shootout 5:00 p.m.

Sonora Golf Club 3-person 27 hole Select Shot - April 8th - Must have at least one woman - Tee time: 10:00 a.m. First 22 paid teams - \$135.00 per team/mulligans included

Consuelo Ranch 3rd Annual Relay for Life Benefit Team Roping, Saturday, April 22, 2006 (9 miles south of Sonora on Hwy 277, gate combo = 1234). 1st roping books open 8:00 a.m.; close 8:30 a.m. Rope 9:00 a.m. Enter 1, Draw 3 for \$50 - enter twice; OTRA#2 roping with #1 cap per roper - 2nd roping books open 1:00 p.m.; close 1:30 p.m. Rope 2:00 p.m. (or after first roping); Enter 1, draw 3 for \$75 OTRA #3 Roping. Saddles awarded to high point roper in each roping; donated by E.M Hobbs and Niblett's Oilfield Services. Other prizes include buckles, breast collars, rope bags, and spurs. BBQ meal catered by Stagecoach BBQ; no glass bottles; cash only. FMI call 387-3244 or 387-2272.

9th Annual College Scholarship Tournament - April 29th - Sonora Golf Course - 3 person team-\$100.00; 4 person team - \$150.00; 5 person team - \$200.00 - Tee time: 1:00 p.m.



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