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TEAM OF CHAMPIONS



Steeley Ingham, Savannah Leonard, Laura Martin, Craig Leonard, Emily Earwood, Colton Moore and Coach Shawna Faris

Submitted by Shawna Faris
One year ago in June, senior 4-H members traveled to Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas to participate in the esteemed Texas 4-H Roundup. Winning the District 10 4-H Mohair judging contest last April guaranteed the team of Emily Earwood, Craig Leonard, Laura Martin and Colton Moore; eligibility to compete for the State Title last summer. As if District honors weren't enough, these youth continued to practice, compete, work hard and then walked away last summer as the State Mohair judging champions, eliminating themselves from ever competing in that particular contest again. Therefore, holding very high standards for themselves and

their team members, Emily, Craig, Laura and Colton simply switched projects this year and decided to contend for the above titles within the Wool Judging contest. District came and went this past April and the team easily advanced to State again winning the contest hands down. Also earning advancement to the State contest was Steeley Ingham as an individual in the Mohair contest. The Texas State Wool & Mohair Judging contests were held two weeks ago in College Station and the results were no surprise. Steeley finished 8th in the State in Mohair Judging contest, while Craig and Emily individually placed 2nd and 4th, respectively in the Wool Judging Contest. The team (Craig, Em-

ily, Colton, and Laura) not only won the State 4-H Wool Judging contest but they qualified to compete in the National 4-H Wool Judging contest held annually here in Sonora in mid June. Competition in the National 4-H Wool Judging Contest is one of the highest honors that a member can attain and earning that alone deserves far more than a pat on the back. We just completed the National contest last week and this team of champions left no one dissatisfied. After countless hours of practice, many weekends competing, years of training, and many successes along the way; the team overall finished 2nd in the National contest, finishing within 10 points of the top team. Individually in the contest, Emily Earwood placed 2nd, Colton Moore 3rd, Laura Martin 5th and Craig Leonard 8th. From the bottom of my heart I congratulate these youth for all of their achievements. As 4-H members, we understand that you win some and you lose some and all of those experiences are what mold you, make you and give you the abilities to uphold the 4-H Motto which is to Make the Best Better. Craig, Laura, Emily, and Colton have been very successful as a team as well as individually and not only have been named champions, they have hearts like champions. It's been an honor to serve as their coach and to have the opportunity to share in these experiences along side them. While it appears that this part of their 4-H careers is over, don't be surprised to continue to hear about their continued achievements in other projects in 4-H, as well as FFA and the other activities that they are each valuable parts of. Other active 4-H Wool & Mohair project members this year that will in the future be contenders for honors like those mentioned above are: Savannah Leonard, J.T. Downing, Travis Valliant, Zachary Leonard, Meredith Earwood, Sterling Love, Keeli Taylor, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Hunter Jennings, Cash Jennings, Stella Ingham, and Bailey Joe Pennington. Congratulations to all of you on another incredible year and thanks for all the memories!!

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Junior Division 2006

Wool Single Fleeces Twelve Month

Grand Champion Wool Fleece: Meredith Earwood Sutton County 4-H

Donor: Texas Registered Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Assn.

Mohair Single Fleece Commercial

Grand Champion Mohair Fleece: Emily Earwood Sutton County 4-H

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Fred T. Earwood Memorial Trophy to the Premier Junior Mohair Exhibitor Emily Earwood

Open Division

Wool Single Fleeces Commercial Finewool

Grand Champion Wool Fleece: Eddie Sawyer - Sutton County

Donor: Gerry Ingham, Sonora, Texas

Bags of Wool 12 months: Finewool

Grand Champion Mohair Fleece: Meredith Earwood - Sutton County

2006 National 4-H Wool Judging Contest

1st Val Verde County 4-H

Coaches: John Allen/Bill Zuberbueler

Laura Allen - 639 points
Houston Dobbins - 574 points
Alex Scharton - 571 points

Team Total - 1784

2nd Sutton County 4-H

Coach: Shawna Faris

Craig Leonard - 559 points
Emily Earwood - 616 points
Colton Moore - 584 points
Laura Martin - 574 points

Team Total - 1774

3rd Sterling County 4-H

Coach: Chad Coburn

Michael Hasty - 548 points
Courtney Hodges - 556 points
Tyler Gibson - 570 points

Team Total - 1674

4th Campbell County 4-H, Wyoming

Coach: Russell Bell

2006 National 4-H Wool Judging Contest 2006 National 4-H Wool Judging Contest
Kim Bell - 552 points
Heidi Saur - 558 points
Clay Jackson 546 points

Team Total - 1656

Junior Division Judging Contest

Livestock

High Junior Team

1st Sutton County 4-H (898)
Meredith Earwood
Sterling Love
Zachary Leonard
Coach: Shawna Faris

Range

High Junior Team

3rd Sutton County 4-H (391)
Meredith Earwood
Sterling Love
Zachary Leonard
Coach: Shawna Faris

High Senior Team

4th Sutton County 4-H (425)
Emily Earwood
Craig Leonard
Laura Martin
Savannah Leonard, alt
Coach: Shawna Faris

Wool

High Junior Team

2nd Sutton County 4-H (913)

Meredith Earwood
Sterling Love
Zachary Leonard
Keeli Taylor, alt

High Senior Team

1st Sutton County 4-H (1030)
Laura Martin
Savannah Leonard
Emily Earwood
Craig Leonard, alt
Coach: Shawna Faris

Mohair

High Junior Team

2nd Sutton County 4-H (913)
Meredith Earwood
Sterling Love
Keeli Taylor
Zachary Leonard, alt

High Senior Team

1st Sutton County 4-H (1030)
Savannah Leonard
Craig Leonard
Emily Earwood
Laura Martin, alt
Coach: Shawna Faris

Best All Around Club

1st Kendall County 4-H
2nd Crockett County 4-H
3rd Sutton County 4-H
4th Kimble County 4-H

Sutton County Property Taxes Reduced By 9% - RIGHT!

By Ray Glasscock

For the past two years, Texas has struggled with how to fund our public schools. Most articles on school funding proclaimed that the "Robin Hood" provision was unconstitutional. "Robin Hood" is the term given to "rich" school districts that have to share their funds with "poor" school districts. Under the law, the "rich" school districts fall under Chapter 41, and a portion of the property taxes collected from these districts is "recaptured" and sent to Chapter 42 districts i.e. the less fortunate school districts.

Over the past few years, state funding of education has declined. So, the burden to fund the schools has fallen on the local tax payers. This forced the school districts to tax at the maximum rate allowed - \$1.50 per \$100 of appraised value. Forcing all school districts to tax at the maximum rate was ruled unconstitutional by a state judge. However, the Chapter 41 provisions of the rich school districts sending a portion of their "excess" to the poor districts are still in place.

During the last legislative session, our state lawmakers passed HR Bill 1 which "fixed" the school funding problem. This year, school districts can only tax at maximum of \$1.33 per \$100 of appraised value. The following year, the tax rate must fall to \$1.00 per \$100 of appraised value. Sonora ISD has a one time enrichment provision which raises the school property

rate to \$1.37 for this year only. So, the tax rate for Sutton County will decrease by 9%. However, the appraised value of the property in Sutton County has risen \$350 million to a total of \$1.3 billion. This is a 27% increase in property values over last year. Much of this increase in property value can be attributed to the rise in natural gas prices due to the hurricane Katrina.

HR Bill 1 raised other taxes to allow for this decrease in the property tax rate. The lawmakers increased the sales tax on used vehicles, cigarettes, and added a franchise tax on certain types of businesses. The next time you take dirty clothes to Thorp's Laundry, be sure and thank them for paying more taxes to support our schools.

According to Sonora Superintendent Doug Bawcom, Sonora ISD needs \$10,000,000 to properly fund a school year. He is very concerned about the 2007-2008 school year. HR Bill 1 mandates that the property tax rate must fall to one dollar for the 2007-2008 school year. Currently, there is no provision to change the way the recapture amount is calculated. If this oversight is not corrected, Sonora will have only \$8,000,000 for the 2007-2008 school year.

While HR Bill 1 was supposed to only address the funding to offset the decrease in the property tax rate, the politicians added numerous other pet ideas to "improve" our schools. As usual,

most sound good in a press conference, but actually have an adverse effect on what is taught to our children. Since the United States is not producing the number of engineers and scientists to compete in a global market, Texas will now require that all students receive four years of math and science. This is to improve our students' ability to excel in college math and science courses. As everyone knows, not all high school students ever finish college. In fact, less than 28% of all Texas students ever finish college. In order for Sonora to implement this educational "improvement" for our students, Mr. Bawcom must hire more math and science teachers. "We do not have enough math and science teachers to teach these extra new classes," stated Bawcom. Using a sports analogy, one can more easily understand the fallacy of this requirement. Since Texas colleges have not won a NCAA basketball championship in recent years, the politicians have mandated that all students must be trained to score 20 points per game in order to provide Texas colleges with better basketball players. The fact, that some students cannot ever become good basketball players, doesn't matter.

So, this year, the property owners in Sutton County will pay the same, or more, in property taxes while the school is being asked to teach what politicians (not professional educators) think is best for Sonora's students.

2006- 2007 Budget Projections

Property Taxes	\$18,195,810	Recapture	\$ 8,652,630
State Aid	\$ 1,607,486	Net Budget	\$11,285,666
Rent	\$ 60,000		
Game Receipts	\$ 35,000		
Interest	\$ 20,000		
Human Services Rent	\$ 20,000		
Total	\$19,938,296		

This projection is based on \$1.37 per \$100 of appraised value. The State Aid line is a one time line item from the state to support an increase in teacher salaries. Recapture is the amount of money our district will send to other school districts that are classified as "poor" districts.



Community Prayer Garden Landscape of the Month

First Baptist Church would like to express appreciation to the following landscape donors: James & Lois Archer, Dayton & Pam Armke, Dois & Shirley Badgett, Carl J. Cahill Inc., Jim & Jo Davis, Lawrence & Jodie Finklea, First National Bank of Sonora, Mike & Rita Hale, Max & Jimmie Horwith, James & Delyse Jaeger, Herb & Jo Ann Jones, Jim & Mary Ann Kay, Gary & Carol Leonard, Preston & Linda Love, Smith Neal, Duane & Beverly Parsons, Lura Sawyer, Duray & Celia Smith, Sam & Sandra Welsh, and Matt & Marilyn Young. Everyone is invited to enjoy the beautiful Community Prayer Garden.

A Guatemalan Adventure Part One

By Dr. Greg Johnson

Our tale starts several months back, when Christy Pool came through Sonora as a Physician Assistant student. Her Sunday School class was planning a medical mission trip to Guatemala, and they invited Becky and I to go. We became a group of 18, and were sponsored by Heart Springs International out of Ft. Worth, Texas.

On June 6th, we met many other members of the group in San Antonio, and loaded over 1,000 pounds of Bibles, pharmaceuticals, and medical supplies into bags and boxes to go through the American

Airlines check-in. After a quick connection in Dallas, our flight to Guatemala City was three hours in the air.

Customs was not a problem, and we were met with smiles by Tim Taylor, who is the minister and Chief Advisor for Heart Springs. We literally crammed into two vans, shoulder to shoulder with bags in our laps.

June 7th, we re-packed into our two vans and headed north on the Pan American Highway toward Huehuetenango, our destination in the mountains. The countryside was lush and green. Crops grew everywhere in little patches and big fields. There were no tractors or machinery, and men were in the fields, wielding big hoes.

We passed three volcanoes on

our 7 hour trip and were weary and thankful when we arrived at our "compound." Victoria was our hostess, and we unpacked and organized medications for the next day.

Our first real work day was at a school in Zaculeu, a site of Mayan ruins. The kids mobbed the van on our arrival. It was a great feeling of joy and welcome. That day we saw 170 patients, kids and their families. There were many intestinal complaints from bad water, but also lots of routine sore throats, coughs and hypertension.

The "Indians" are very short in stature, with adults being 4'8" tall. But their hearts were warm and thankful....

Continued with part two next week.



Greg and Becky Johnson in Guatemala Photos courtesy of Dr. Johnson



Becky Johnson with children in Zaculeu, Guatemala



Christy Pool makes a new friend

Lighthouse Community Church

A place for returning Prodigals
and recovering Pharisees

Sunday Services

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.

1705 N. Crockett

Senior Center Activities

Fri. June 23 - Birthday Party for June at noon!

Mon. June 26 - Happy Birthday Bill Tittle, Bingo

Tue. June 27 - Blood Pressure Checks with Interpid Home Health at noon.

Wed. June 28 - Happy Birthday Alda Duran!

Thu. June 29 - Art Class painting or drawing after lunch.

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. June 23 - Birthday special,** tacos with cheese, pinto beans, corn mix, tortillas, lettuce, tomato, mixed fruit and milk.
- Mon. June 26 - Chicken sandwich,** tomato soup, chips, carrot and celery sticks, banana and milk.
- Tue. June 27 - Chopped steak with gravy,** onions, mashed potatoes, veggie salad, carrots, rolls, pudding cup and milk.
- Wed. June 28 - Breaded pork chops with gravy,** black eyed peas, steam cabbage, cornbread, apple cobbler and milk.
- Thu. June 29 - Country fried steak with gravy,** baked potato, tasty green beans, milk, wheat bread and lime rice swirl.

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50;
\$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)



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Primera Iglesia Bautista
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

Church of Christ
304 N. Water
387-3190

**The Church of the Good
Shepherd Presbyterian**
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

First Baptist Church
111 E. Oak
387-2951

**Lighthouse
Community Church**
1705 N. Crockett
387-9100

**St. John's
Episcopal Church**
404 E Poplar
387-2955

**Pentecostal Calvary
Temple United**
509 Amistad
387-5266

**First United
Methodist Church**
201 N. Water
387-2466

**St. Ann's
Catholic Church**
229 W. Plum
387-2278

**Templo Jerusalem
Asamblea De Dios**
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

Jehovah's Witness
310 St. Ann's St.
387-5658/387-5518

Hope Lutheran Church
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366

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Obituaries

Lois Inez Waggoner Young



Lois Inez Waggoner Young, 93, of San Angelo, ended her earthly journey on Monday, June 19, 2006. Lois was born on January 23, 1913 in Marshall, Texas to Jack Wilson Waggoner and Lillie McNeil Matthews Waggoner. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Education at West Texas Canyon and taught 3rd grade at Elliott Elementary in Sonora, Texas. Lois was married to Wesley Cecil Young on May 27, 1940. From this union, they had three daughters. Lois had a great enthusiasm for learning. She was never afraid to learn something new, and she instilled that curiosity of learning to her children and grandchildren. At age 65, Lois earned a Masters of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in the area of dietary science. Lois loved collecting antiques, tutoring children in their educational endeavors, and spending time with her family. She enjoyed visiting with her grandchildren, and felt especially grateful to God that she was able to spend time with her four great-grandchildren.

Lois was preceded in death by her brother, Wilmer Waggoner, from Lubbock, Texas. She is survived by her brother Clyde Waggoner of Tyler; three daughters, Jetty Davis of San Angelo, Cecilia Nevill of Abilene, and Yvonne Mizell and husband Earl of Duncanville; grandchildren Claire Baxter of Vancourt, Bryan Davis and wife Cynthia of Wimberley, Heather Nevill of Denver, Colorado, Wesley Cecil Ramirez and wife Susan of Wylie, Lillie Davis James and husband Jimmy of Sanger, Tonya Fleming of Troup, and Thomas Nevill of Houston; 4 great-grandchildren, Mark Baxter, Cameron Fleming, Cecilia Ramirez, and Stockton James, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers include Jimmy Cahill, Bryan Davis, Jimmy James, Jr., Wesley Ramirez, Thomas Nevill, and Mark Baxter. Honorary pallbearers are Earl Mizell and Cameron Fleming.

Services will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora, TX. Rev. Monte Jones will preside over the funeral services. Internment will be held at Sonora Cemetery following the service.

Members of the family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the employees and residents of Royal Estates and Meadow Creek Nursing Home for their constant love, care and companionship these past few years. A special thank you is reserved for the caring volunteers at Hospice of San Angelo. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hospice of San Angelo or the Daily Soup Kitchen in Lois' name.

Wedding Announcement

Miss Mallory Linette Carta, of Weatherford, Texas and Mr. Daniel Ferrell Haile of Gallatin, Tennessee, were united in marriage on May 27, 2006. The ceremony took place at six o'clock in the evening at the Annabelle Mansion on Sunset Ranch in Burleson, Texas. Jerry Burchett, of Gallatin, Tennessee, served as minister.

Wedding music was played by pianist Leah Epperhart, of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, a long time friend of the Bride. The bride is the daughter of Kelly and Trudy Carta of Weatherford, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Al and Linda Hallmark of Llano, Texas and Raymond and Vallree Draper of Sonora, Texas and the late Clay Carta of Llano, Texas. The groom is the son of Ferrell and Kay Haile of Gallatin, Tennessee.

The maid of honor was Beth Carta, sister of the bride, of Weatherford, Texas. Bridesmaids were Kasey Dobbs, cousin of the bride, of Cherokee, Texas, along with Katie Chandler, of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Melody Haile, of Gallatin, Tennessee, both sisters of the groom.

Best man was Aaron Bruce, of Castilian Springs, Tennessee, a longtime friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Richard Carta, of Baltimore, Maryland, brother of the bride, J. B. Haile, of Franklin, Tennessee, brother of the groom and Luke Dockery, of Searcy, Arkansas, friend of the grooms.

Flowers girls were Katherine Chandler, of Knoxville, Tennessee and Madison Haile, of Franklin, Tennessee. Both are nieces of the groom. The groom's nephew, Nathan Chandler, of Knoxville, Tennessee served as ring bearer.

On the eve of the wedding, a rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Cacharel Restaurant in Arlington, Texas. A Bride's luncheon and spa pampering were held at the Daireds Spa in Arlington, Texas, prior to the wedding ceremony and was hosted by the bride's grandmother, Linda Hallmark of Llano, Texas.

The bride is a graduate from Harding University, in Searcy, Arkansas, with a B.S. in Psychology. The groom also graduated from Harding University with a B.A. in Youth and Family Ministry. After a honeymoon to Orlando, Florida, the couple will reside this summer in San Jose, California, serving an internship with Central Church of Christ. In August, the couple will both be attending graduate school at Abilene Christian University.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Haile

Natalie Baker Stockton

Natalie Baker Stockton, age 96, passed away Monday, June 5, 2006 in a San Angelo nursing home.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, June 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sonora Cemetery.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Fay Baker.

Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Erlene M. Mills McKinney



Association, she strove to advance public health as a board member of the Tom Green County Tuberculosis Association and as a record-breaking chair of the annual tuberculosis fund drive for two terms. Her club activities resulted in many improvements in highway safety, community chest drives and historic preservation. She testified in a local civil rights case that was partly responsible for higher minimum education standards for local law enforcement officers.

A life-long registered Democrat, Mrs. McKinney worked with the Kennedy Administration's Alliance for Progress initiative to improve literacy in Latin America, particularly Peru. Her club members established 16 public libraries in poor areas of Peru; one in Lima was named after her. Working with the Texas Fine Arts Commission, she made an inventory of the arts and cultural resources of Central West Texas for Governor John Connally. This work later was used to promote funding for the arts in the region. She served as President of the Parent Teachers Association of the Sacred Heart School during the most active building campaign in the 1960's. Married to Sutton County rancher, James Owen Mills, she raised three daughters after his untimely death in 1973. She later married R. Kay McKinney, a publisher, in 1990.

Erlene M. Peters Mills McKinney died on June 10, 2006 in the Shannon Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. Rosary will be held at 4:00 PM, Friday, June 16, 2006 and a Memorial service at 6:00 PM, Friday, June 16, 2006 both held at the Robert Massie Riverside Chapel with Rev. Celia Ellery officiating. Graveside service will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, June 17, 2006 at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are made by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

She was born July 5, 1922 in Stanton, Texas to Fredricka Anna Piwonka and John Jacob Peters, both descendants of early settlers. Encouraged by a local physician in her hometown, she entered nursing school and was a member of the 1944 graduating class of Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She went on to serve in the Women's Auxiliary Corps during World War II and had a 30 year nursing career. She was uncommonly empathetic with the suffering and the poor. As a registered nurse and supervisor at Shannon Hospital until 1987, she specialized in acute emergency care.

She was an active clubwoman, serving as President of the Heart of Texas District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs from 1964 - 1966, covering 21 counties and 68 clubs. She also held offices in the Victory Study Club in San Angelo. A lifetime member of the Shannon Alumni

Association. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Jane Mills of Jersey City, New Jersey, Martha Mills of Sacramento, California, Margaret Pollard of Springfield, Missouri and a grandson, Donald William Brown, Jr. of San Angelo; a brother, George Peters of Odessa, sisters Beatrice "Bobbie" Simmons of Sunrise Beach, Texas and Clara Holliman of San Angelo; great-grandchildren Austin Brown, Allysia Brown, Leticia Brown, and Zachery Brown, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. McKinney's obituary and memorial guest book may be viewed online at www.robertmassie.com

Edward Aldwell



was considered to be the finest virtuoso of the works of J.S. Bach. As a teacher, Mr. Aldwell was well loved and his influence reached far.

Mr. Aldwell is survived by his wife, Jean Ann; a daughter, Elisabeth of Manhattan; and two grandchildren.

He is also survived by his stepmother, Marie Aldwell of San Angelo and formerly of Sonora.

Mr. Aldwell's late father, the Rev. Leroy Aldwell was the Episcopal Rector in Sonora during the 1940's and early 50's.

Edward Aldwell attended Sonora schools through the 8th grade before acceptance at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and received advanced degrees from the Juilliard School in New York City.

Pianist and music scholar Edward Aldwell, 68, of Manhattan, NY died May 28, 2006 as a result of an ATV accident May 7, 2006 in upstate New York.

Mr. Aldwell taught theory and analysis for more than thirty years at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and the Mannes College of Music in New York.

As a concert pianist, Mr. Aldwell



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Summertime Safety

The summer season marks the time for families to enjoy some of America's traditional summer pastimes - barbecues, pool parties and backyard gatherings. However, family festivities could be interrupted by a trip to the emergency room if you don't follow simple steps to safeguard your family and friends against summer hazards.

"Kids and their friends are home more during summer so you want to make sure that your home is prepared for the increase in activity and guests," says Meri-K Appy, president of the Home Safety Council. "By being alert and prepared to summertime threats, families are reducing their chances of injuries for their loved ones."

The Home Safety Council recommends following these guidelines to keep your family safe in the summer:

Grilling Safety

According to the NFPA, gas and charcoal grills caused an average of 1,000 structure fires and 3,400 outdoor fires in or on home properties in 2001. To make sure your next barbecue doesn't go up in flames, the Home Safety Council recommends the following safety tips:

- Designate the grilling area a "No Play Zone" keeping kids and pets well away until grill equipment is completely cool.

- Before using, position your grill at least 3 feet away from other objects, including the house and any shrubs or bushes.

- Only use starter fluid made for barbecue grills when starting a fire in a charcoal grill.

- Before using a gas grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line to be sure it is working properly and not leaking.

- Never use a match to check for leaks. If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill again until the leak is fixed.

- Never bring a barbecue grill indoors, or into any unventilated space. This is both a fire and carbon monoxide poisoning hazard.

Swimming Safety and Pool Security

Many drowning incidents involve swimming pools and spas. Drowning is a silent and sudden event, and Home Safety Council research found that many drowning deaths at home are related to swimming pools. Adopt the following guidelines from the Home Safety Council to help keep your pool area safe:

- Always practice constant adult supervision around any body of water. Older children should not be left in charge of younger children in the pool area.

- Install four-sided fencing that iso-

lates the pool from the home. Four-sided pool fencing is proven to be an effective drowning prevention intervention. While many communities have codes or regulations that require some form of pool fencing, there is not a consistent national standard. Pool fencing should be at least five feet high and have self locking and self closing gates.

- Position gate latches out of the reach of young children.

- Never prop the gate open or disable the latch.

- Clear debris, clutter and pool toys from the pool deck and adjoining pathways to prevent and falls.

- Keep a cordless, water resistant telephone in the pool area and post emergency numbers near the pool area.

- Enroll non-swimmers in swimming lessons taught by a qualified instructor. Pediatricians recommend that children ages 5 and older learn how to swim.

- Never swim alone. Even adults should always swim with a buddy.

- Learn and practice the basic life-saving techniques, including First Aid and CPR. Insist that anyone who cares for your children learn CPR.

- Keep poolside rescue equipment and a cordless, water resistant telephone close to the pool area.

- Post emergency numbers and CPR instructions near the pool area.

Backyard Safety

Lawn mowing and landscaping top the list of household chores when it comes to preparing for backyard parties and barbecues. The simple act of yard work can be riddled with opportunities for injuries if you're not careful.

The Home Safety Council recommends the following tips to make sure your backyard doesn't become an injury trap:

- Wear protective goggles and ear protection while using outdoor machinery to prevent sight and hearing-loss injuries.

- Keep all garden tools out of children's reach and store them with tines, blades or spikes pointing downward.

- Fuel mowers outside and only when the motor is completely cool. If necessary, store small quantities of gasoline outside the home in a detached garage or shed, tightly sealed in an approved safety container and out of the sight and reach of children.

- Start the mower outdoors to avoid raising carbon monoxide levels inside the home or garage.

- Store pesticides in their original containers and out of the reach of children, and only mix and store pesticides in containers not used for eating or drinking.

- Clear sidewalks and pathways of any toys and clutter to avoid and falls.

- Make sure all play areas are equipped with proper shock-absorbing materials, such as 9 inches of wood chips, mulch or shredded rubber.*

*Consumer Product Safety Commission
For additional information and resources to help you learn more and stay safe in and around your home, please visit www.homesafetycouncil.org.

Stargazer by Paul Derrick

Moon's March through the Planets

Over the next two weeks we'll have a great opportunity to watch the Moon march by 4 of the 5 naked-eye planets, including the elusive Mercury. The march begins in the morning and ends in the evening.

The morning of June 22, an hour before sunrise, the crescent Moon is above Venus, the brilliant "morning star," with the lovely Pleiades star cluster to Venus's left low above the western horizon. The next morning finds an even thinner crescent Moon nearer the horizon, to the left of Venus and below the Pleiades.

The June 25 new Moon seems to disappear while passing between the Earth and Sun, and preparing to move into the evening sky.

The march resumes at dusk June 26 when an ever-so-thin crescent Moon is to the right of Mercury just above the western horizon. Binoculars might be needed.

The highlight of the show occurs the next evening when a slightly larger crescent Moon is above Mercury and to the right of Saturn and the Beehive star cluster with Mars to Saturn's upper left. Saturn is the brightest of the three planets.

But the show isn't quite over as the next evening, June 28, the Moon is

just above Mars.

Sky Calendar:

- * June 20 Tue. evening: This evening presents the best view of Mercury as it reaches greatest elongation--highest above the setting Sun--low in the west at dusk.

- * 21 Wed.: Summer solstice in the Northern hemisphere--the first day of summer and year's longest day (and first day of winter and year's shortest day below the equator).

- * 29 Thu. evening: The Moon is to the right of Leo's Regulus.

- * July 1 Sat. morning: Venus passes to the upper left of Taurus' Hyades star cluster and brightest star, Aldebaran.

- * 2 Sun. 1 a.m. local time: Mid-point of year 2006.

- * 3 Mon.: The Moon at 1st quarter.

- * 3 Mon.: Earth reaches aphelion, the point in its elliptical orbit where it is farthest from the Sun at 94.3 million miles--3 million miles farther away than at January's perihelion.

- * 4 Tue. evening: The Moon is to the lower left of Virgo's Spica.

- * 5 Wed. evening: The Moon is below Jupiter.

- * 7 Fri. evening: The Moon is to the right of Scorpius' Antares.

Astro Milestones: July 20 is the 37th anniversary of the 1969 Apollo 11 Moon landing when U.S. astronauts Neal Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the moon.

First United Methodist Church Welcomes New Pastor



Rev. Ray and Judith Wells

The First United Methodist Church of Sonora is happy to announce the arrival of their new pastor, Rev. Ray Wells.

Rev. Wells was born Feb. 6, 1947 in Killeen, Texas. He graduated from Killeen High School before going on active duty with the USNR in 1965. After his service with the USNR, he was employed by the Killeen Fire Department. Rev. Wells married Judith Kirby of Mesquite, Texas on August 22, 1970.

Rev. Wells attended Eastfield College for 2 years before transferring to Texas A&M, where he graduated with a BS in Agronomy. Judith graduated from UT Brownsville, with a degree in Math and teaches high school math.

Rev. Wells attended Perkins

School of Theology from 1982-1986, and graduated with a Masters in Divinity. He served two student appointments before serving as pastor at Prosper UMC 1984-1986, Menard UMC 1986-1989, Port Isabel UMC 1989-1994, St. Paul El Campo 1994-1999, Liberty Hill UMC 1999-2003, and Palacios UMC 2003-2006.

Ray and Judith Wells have three children. Heather Marie, born in 1975, is married and will graduate from Texas A&M Galveston in May with a degree in Marine Biology. Robert Andrew Wells, born August 24, 1981 is hoping to attend school this fall. He and his wife Rachel live in Colorado Springs CO. Laura Wells, 20, will be a junior at Texas State in the fall.



Kasey Kearney

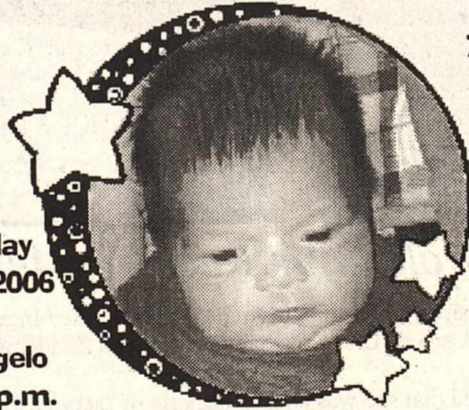
Kent and Brenda Kearney are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter Kasey Kearney, May 6, 2006 from Lubbock Christian University. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications, with an emphasis in Visual Communications. Kasey was a former 2002 graduate of Sonora High School

Miriam & Edmundo Garcia are thrilled to announce the arrival of their new baby brother...

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June 23
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June 24
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June 25
Elida Guerra, Susana Gonzalez, Hayley Mata, Laramie Hall, Keith Heiken

June 26
Julio Samaniego IV, Cayle Moss, Savell Shannon, Jason Vitela II, Marc Hernandez, Thomas Bloodworth, Farrah Virgen, Luis Hernandez, Leticia Garcia, Tracy Fincher, Lilia Gallegos

June 27
Paul Faz, Gene Damian, Brady Vylvlecka, June Williams, Bubba Cook, Devon Yearout

June 28
Chris Perez, Glenna Martin, Ryan Cramer, Martin Cano

Thank You Notes

We would like to thank everyone for all the support you have shown our Dad, John Lopez during this trying time in his life. Your visits, phone calls, and especially your prayers are so greatly appreciated.

His unexpected illness has taken us by surprise, but we are so humbled by the out pouring of love shown toward him.

We ask that you continue to keep him in your prayers, as we hope and pray for a speedy recovery.

Sincerely,
The Lopez Family

The members of the Fort McKavett Volunteer Fire Department wish to thank the many individuals and businesses who made our 6th Annual Cook-Off and Auction such a success on June 10th.

Special thanks go to auctioneer Dan Willis, the Old Hat Band, the Lone Star Barbeque Society, C.A.S.I. and the 7th Texas Volunteer Infantry Company H for their dedication and support of our community.

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The Minnesota Ice is Gone But It'll Be Back!

By Tumbleweed Smith

Early this spring I ventured north to Minnesota in hopes of recording some frogs for my collection of wildlife sounds. The frogs weren't quite ready for prime time (just a few little chirps, not even a croak yet) so I had some time to spend with my Army buddy, Manny.

He lives in an area of many lakes and goes ice fishing on huge Lake Mille Lacs when it freezes over. The lake is nearly square, 20 miles across in any direction. "The lake starts thawing out in March," says Manny. "When they can go about twenty miles across the lake without seeing any big floating chunks of ice, they consider the lake clear and thawed out, safe for boaters."

He says occasionally the wind blows those big chunks right up on land. "Sometimes they land on the highways and that creates problems for motorists. Bull dozers have to come along and push them off and break them up."

This stuff sounds so foreign to me. I don't think I've ever seen a Texas lake freeze over enough to have icebergs. "These big ice chunks will uproot big trees, just push them out of their way," says Manny. "They'll move anything in their path." People living by-lakes in Minnesota have docks on wheels so they can roll them onto land in the fall before cold weather hits. "Other wise these big ice flows could just

flip them over. Some of them are as big as a car. They can be a foot thick."

This year he rolled his dock down into the water the second week in April, a little earlier than usual. After he cranks the wheels up, he lowers steel poles with pads on them into the water. Manny has a canoe, a fishing boat and a pontoon party barge. In the winter he pulls them on land and stores them a good distance from the shoreline. Minnesotans do all kinds of things outdoors on frozen lakes during the winter. The ice gets to be three feet thick by late December. "When I go ice fishing, I take an ice auger that's 4 feet long so I can bore through the ice. Sometimes I've gone down so far only the handle is above the ice."

On Lake Mille Lacs, as many as 5,000 ice fishing houses are all over the lake. Some are equipped with all the modern conveniences like TV and microwaves. People live in them in winter. Just drive their cars right up to the front door and stay there. One guy has a double wide on the lake with a fireplace and about a dozen fishing holes drilled in the floor. Manny says it looks like a dance hall out there. The fish houses have to be off the lake by February 28.

The lake has roads on it. Snowplows come by regularly to make the 130 miles of roads on the lake passable. I'll tell you, for a Texan, this is a strange sight.

Up On Eaton Hill

Jewels of Summer

By Delyse Yeager

How delightful to recline on a shaded porch in the cool evening or early morning hours, and observe the summertime spectacle of tiny bejeweled hummers darting about, occasionally buzzing close by, momentarily bathed in the perfect angle of sunlit iridescent splendor.

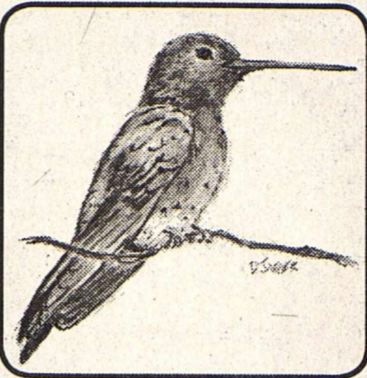
Hummingbirds are captivating, and the Lone Star State has emerged as the leader in the nation for the number of hummingbird species that can be seen here, followed closely by Arizona and New Mexico. The Trans-Pecos area and Fort Davis in particular, have been dubbed the Hummingbird Frontier in the recently published book by Texas A&M University Press - Hummingbirds of Texas. I picked up this book on a recent weekend trip to Dan Brown's Hummer House, just outside Christoval.

Dan and Kathy Brown own and operate Hummer House and offer visitors an incredible birding experience that is unique in all the world. The beautiful ranch is located along the banks of the South Concho River, and the atmosphere is thick with a natural serenity. Dan has been feeding hummers for over thirty years and from his passion has sprung an air conditioned observation room and gift shop along with three wonderfully furnished cottages.

Dan and Kathy are fabulous hosts, sharing their treasure openly for all to enjoy and I highly, highly recommend a visit!

So, having formed a friendship a number of years ago, I of course turned to Dan for confirmation of a new hummingbird species spotted at my home feeder. The little hummer first caught my attention with his noticeably darker plumage in comparison to the dominant species of our area - the black-

chinned hummingbird. Next, the sunlight revealed flashes of turquoise, emerald green and brilliant blue; my pulse quickened. The final surprise was his coral colored bill. A little checking, a phone call to Hummer House, and (Voila!), my first Broad-billed Hummingbird - one for the "life list" in birder lingo. Interestingly, the next day I received a call from a neighbor who is filling ten feeders each day!



The Broad-billed Hummer is considered rare in our area but researchers and bird enthusiasts have recently noticed subtle and unexplained changes in migration patterns, so we may be in for more feathered surprises. One can only hope.

ALERT! You can leave hummingbird feeders out for as long as you have hummingbirds. The instinct to migrate is triggered by daylight and other factors, and will not be overridden by the availability of nectar. The little jewels need food sources during their incredible journey!

Up on Eaton Hill, hummingbirds are fed at the covered observation area just up from the Agave Ridge Trailhead, but can be seen all over the sanctuary. The upcoming fall migration season is a prime time to catch a number of hummer species as they make their way south for the winter. Hit the trails!

Chamber Roundup

By Greta Ramsdell, Director
Sonora Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER NEWS

This summer Sonora will be hosting two events new to our city, so here are brief previews of the activities we hope you will put on your calendar.

On July 15th and 16th the American Meat Goat Association will hold its 15th Annual Conference and Premium Breeding Goat Sale & Show at the Sutton County Civic Center.

The American Meat Goat Association (AMGA) was formed in January 1992 by Mertzon ranchers.

Initially, the largest majority of its members were in Texas, however now the AMGA has members in 43 states and even one member in the Bahamas! The AMGA's mission is to promote meat goats as a viable source of long-term stable income in agricultural operations, develop group breeding plans for the improvement of meat goats and to enhance consumer demand at the retail level. Local rancher Marvin Shurley is the president of the association and he and the other board members are working diligently to arrange an informative, exciting sale and show. The AMGA opened their national office here at 109 W. Main in early 2005 and if you drop by you will be greeted by local Betsy Smith.

The Premium Breeding Goat Sale & Show will kick off with a goat show at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15th, and the annual membership meeting will be that evening at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday the 16th of July Dr. Richard Browning, Jr. of Tennessee State University and Dr.

Frank Pinkerton, a retired Extension Specialist, will speak and a delicious goat burger lunch will be provided by the AMGA. The goat sale will begin at 2:00 p.m. and all will have the opportunity to purchase quality breeding stock. The AMGA will also be awarding the Willie B. (Bill) Whitehead, Jr. Scholarship which is available to all 2006 graduating high school seniors who are members of the AMGA (or their parents are members). The scholarship application must be post-marked by July 1, 2006, so don't let that deadline slip by. The AMGA can be reached at 325/387-6100 or e-mail them at amga@sonorax.net. Don't miss this big show and sale!

Also happening in July is the World Championship Goat Roping. On Friday, July 21st the Devil's River Bill Bustin' will begin at 6:30 p.m. Come out and watch this exciting event where 100 pound billy goats are matched up against the team ropers. On Saturday, July 22nd the roping begins at 9:30 a.m. with \$5000 added money. The Shawn McMullan, Jr. Memorial Award will be given to the junior roper (14 and under) with the fastest average time after four go's of world championship roping. This award consists of \$1000 added money sponsored by Mossy Oak and a \$500 scholarship donated by Brown Automotive. The junior ropers are also eligible to win money in the world championship roping.

This event is sure to be action packed and thrilling, and there is no admission charge, so come out and cheer on the ropers. For more information call Johnny Bownds at 325/853-3053, Stacy Pennington at 325/387-3201 or Pierce Holt at 325/853-3019.

CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, June 29:

Sutton County Transportation Committee
4:00 p.m. @ The Bank and Trust

Monday, July 10:

Keep Sonora Beautiful meeting,
12:00 p.m. @ the Chamber Office

Thursday, July 13:

Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting,
12:00 p.m. @ Chamber Office

Saturday-Sunday, July 15-16:

American Meat Goat Assoc. Annual Conference
Goat Show & Sale, 3:00 p.m. @ Civic Center

Friday-Saturday, July 21-22:

World Championship Goat Roping,
6:30 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. Saturday,
Sutton County Park Complex

Active Army, Guard Meet May Recruiting Goals

Submitted
June 12, 2006

The active Army and Army National Guard met their recruiting goals for May, but the Army Reserve missed its mark for the third month in a row.

Army recruiters brought in 5,806 people in May, 108 percent of the goal of 5,400. This is the 12th straight month the active component has exceeded its monthly recruiting goals. The Army is at 104 percent of its year-to-date goal, bringing in 42,859 people. The goal, as of May, is 41,100; the annual goal is 80,000.

The Army Guard, after missing its goal in April, came back strong in May with 6,738 recruits — 105 percent of its goal of 6,420. The Guard, which missed every monthly goal during fiscal 2005, is at 103 percent of its fiscal 2006 year-to-date goal. Recruiters have brought in 45,654 National Guard recruits. The goal, as of May, was 44,245.

After a strong start at the beginning of the fiscal year, the Army Reserve has missed its recruiting goal for the third straight month, bringing in 2,809 people, 3 percent shy of its goal of 2,892. However, the Reserve is still ahead of its year-to-date goal of 13,161. Recruiters have brought in 13,261 people, 101 percent of the year-to-date goal.

Question of the week: Why don't we refer to a building as a built?

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Inger McManus Receives Award

Theta Alpha Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha submitted Inger McManus for the DIANA award-Distinguished International Academy of Noble Achievement.

The award stated that she was chosen because of "service given to her community, which benefits others" and "exemplifies love, faith, and courage." Inger was presented as the Texas winner in Plano, Texas on May 20, 2006. Out of 67 chapters, this is the highest award given to anyone outside of their chapter.

Inger is the Director of Building Bridges, a grief support group for children provided by Hospice of San Angelo. For 15 years, Building Bridges has assisted grieving children and their parents and caregivers in discovering ways across the river of grief to find hope and joy for their tomorrows.

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West Texas Freshwater and Coastal Fishing Report

Courtesy of TxFishing.com

AMISTAD: Water clear; 77 degrees. Black bass are good on white and tequila sunrise topwaters, jigs, crankbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are slow, but a few are still hitting Red Fins early and late. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait, shrimp, chicken livers, and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers in 0 - 10 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are slow. White bass and striped bass are fair on live bait and black back crankbaits. Catfish are fair on live and cut baits.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 17.75' low. Black bass are good on live bait, black/blue jigs and shad-colored soft jerkbaits near timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live baits. Smallmouth bass

are good on topwater lures, inline spinners and crankbaits. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

MATAGORDA: Trout are fair to good on the grass beds and bars on pepper/chartreuse Norton Sand Eels, Bass Assassins and topwaters. Trout are good on the deep shell pads on croakers, live shrimp and DOA TerrorEyz. Redfish are good on live shrimp in Oyster Lake.

PORT O'CONNOR: Trout are good on croaker on the reefs of Espiritu Santo Bay and San Antonio Bay. Trout and redfish are good on live bait at the jetty. Trout are good on the Community Bar on croakers and salt and pepper plastics.

ROCKPORT: Trout are good on croaker and piggy perch on the reefs of Mesquite Bay and around Traylor Islands. Redfish are good on cut-mullet and live shrimp while fishing the grass of Redfish Bay. Trout are good at night under the lights on live shrimp and speck-rigs.

PORT ARANSAS: Trout and redfish are good in the surf and along the spoils of the channel on croaker, piggy perch and live shrimp. Trout and redfish are good in the San Jose surf on live shrimp, mullet and topwaters. Offshore is good for snapper, wahoo, shark, kingfish and ling.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Trout and redfish are good around shell reefs in Nueces Bay on croaker and piggy perch. Trout are good in the surf and off the Indian Point Pier on topwaters and live shrimp.

BAFFIN BAY: Trout, redfish and flounder are good in the Land Cut on live shrimp and black/chartreuse and bone Bass Assassins, Norton Bull Minnows and Trout Killer II Jrs. Trout are good on croaker, piggies and soft plastics around Rocky Slough and Penescal Point.



25th Hunter Safety Camp at the McPherson's 4M Ranch

Story and photo courtesy of Rodney Knight

This is the 14th year and the 25th Hunter Safety camp that has been held at the McPherson 4M Ranch, South of Sonora. Thanks to Sandy and Doug McPherson, more than 500 youngsters have received their Hunter Education Certification.

This year's first camp, sponsored by the 4M Ranch and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, was held June 12-15, 2006. Twenty-two boys from eight different towns received their Hunter Safety Certification. The boys included Bryce Smith, Stefan Ortiz, Clayton Parks, Justin Zunica, Cadesman Pope, Ethan Morriss, Ricky Samaniego, Bailey Joe Pennington, Word Hudson from Sonora; Ryan Shannon, Travis Barta and Eric Fretwell from Pleasanton; Justin McShan, William McShan, Jason Miller and Hunter Edmunds from Sugarland; Taylor Tjadon from San Angelo; Tanner Neal from Midland; Matthew Wamble from LaPorte; Kevin Dykstra from Eldorado; and Seth Saunders and Ethan Paxton from Smithville. All were a group

of very good and polite young men.

The pocket knife for Outstanding Camper went to Taylor Tjadon.

The boys were instructed in survival, first aid, game care, and hunting ethics. They learned the safe handling and techniques of both firearms and archery. Each boy fired over 100 rounds of ammunition, firing .22 caliber rifles, 20 gauge shotguns, muzzle loaders, along with .38 special, 357 magnum, .45 auto, and the game warden's own .40 Smith & Wesson pistols.

The instructing was done by Game Wardens Marco Alvizo, Will Allison, Michael Jamarillo, Dan Waddell, Capt. Scott Davis, Capt. Doug Norman, Marvin Shurley, Doug McPherson, Jim Stephens, Preston Love, and retired warden Rodney Knight. Mary Humphrey, TPWD Biologist, taught the wildlife management and identification part of the course.

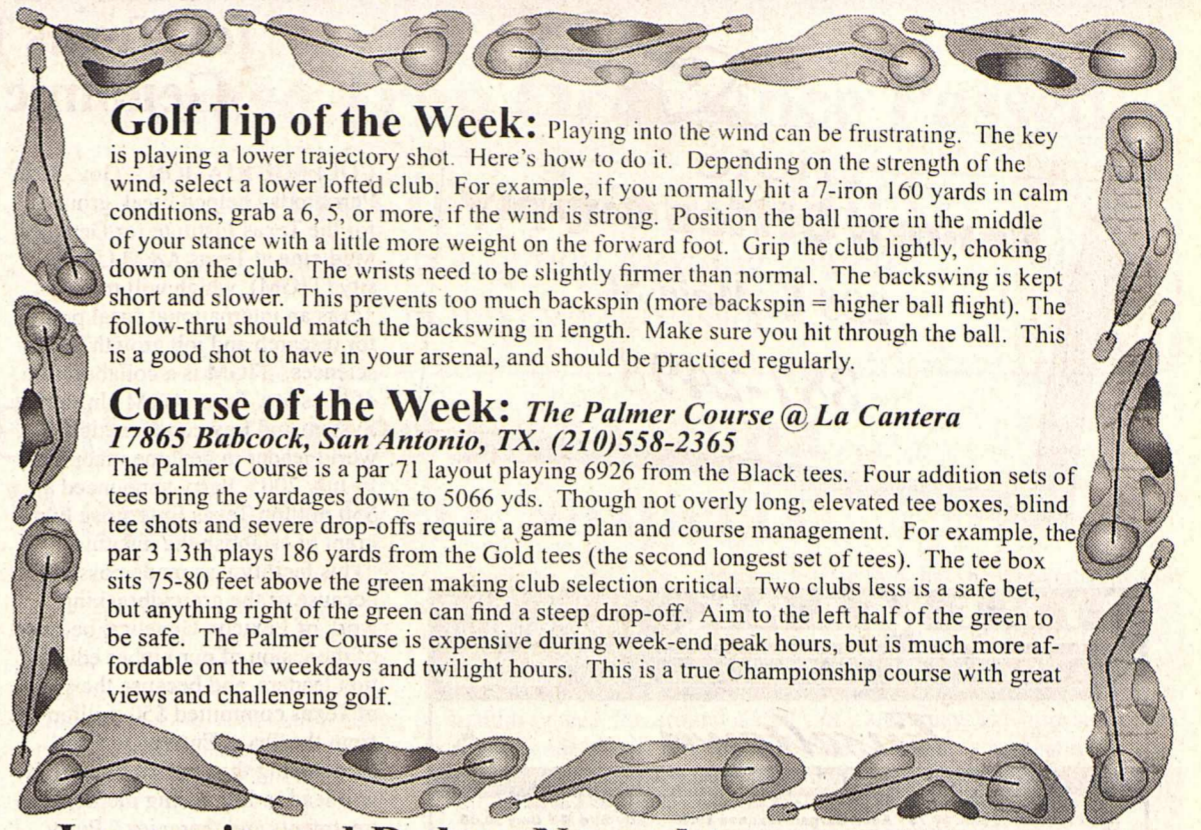
Each year the McPherson's furnish a T-shirt with the McPherson

4M Ranch and the Texas Parks & Wildlife logos and all of the food for each boy.

A special thanks to Sandy and Doug McPherson for everything, to my friends - the Game Wardens who take time from a very busy schedule to help some kids learn the safety of hunting and handling of firearms, to the Border Patrol of San Angelo, the American Meat Goat Association, and to my buddy, Marvin Shurley, who always came up with the things I need such as hay for backstops, water coolers, and guns for demonstrations. A special thanks to everybody who helped or donated to the camp.

Finally, something happened at this camp that really sort of got to me. One of the boys came up to me and opened his wallet. He handed me \$8.00 and said "I want to donate this for the next camp". I thought to myself while looking at this young man, "maybe this old world has a chance after all."

Tee Time by Kel Thomas



Golf Tip of the Week: Playing into the wind can be frustrating. The key is playing a lower trajectory shot. Here's how to do it. Depending on the strength of the wind, select a lower lofted club. For example, if you normally hit a 7-iron 160 yards in calm conditions, grab a 6, 5, or more, if the wind is strong. Position the ball more in the middle of your stance with a little more weight on the forward foot. Grip the club lightly, choking down on the club. The wrists need to be slightly firmer than normal. The backswing is kept short and slower. This prevents too much backspin (more backspin = higher ball flight). The follow-thru should match the backswing in length. Make sure you hit through the ball. This is a good shot to have in your arsenal, and should be practiced regularly.

Course of the Week: The Palmer Course @ La Cantera

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The Palmer Course is a par 71 layout playing 6926 from the Black tees. Four addition sets of tees bring the yardages down to 5066 yds. Though not overly long, elevated tee boxes, blind tee shots and severe drop-offs require a game plan and course management. For example, the par 3 13th plays 186 yards from the Gold tees (the second longest set of tees). The tee box sits 75-80 feet above the green making club selection critical. Two clubs less is a safe bet, but anything right of the green can find a steep drop-off. Aim to the left half of the green to be safe. The Palmer Course is expensive during week-end peak hours, but is much more affordable on the weekdays and twilight hours. This is a true Championship course with great views and challenging golf.

Longoria and Duhon Named to All-West Texas Baseball Team

Sonora Bronco seniors Anthony Longoria and Steven Duhon have been named to the All-West Texas baseball team. The honors were given based upon their performances during the 2006 baseball season.

On the mound, Longoria pitched a no-hitter, a one-hitter and a four hitter this season. At the plate, Longoria hit for a .300 batting average and stole 35 bases. He was also selected first team All-District in 2-2A.

As an outfielder, Steven Duhon's error free defensive play, coupled with a .398 batting average and 19 stolen bases provided the Sonora senior with more than enough votes to garner the honor. Duhon will be attending ASU this fall to play football for the Rams.

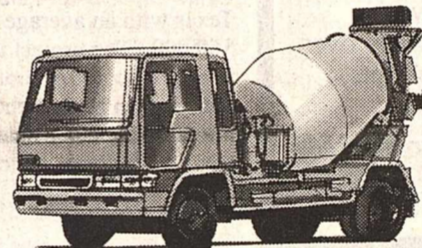


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Members Line Up Behind Conaway's Energy Conservation Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, members of the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee have added their names to Congressman Conaway's fuel conservation education campaign legislation. Conaway, a former small business executive in the oil and natural gas industry, introduced legislation today that would establish a fuel conservation public-service campaign aimed at lowering the rising demand of gasoline in the short term.

"I am pleased by the number of high ranking committee members who added their name to this important legislation," said Conaway. "This awareness campaign will be aimed at reducing the overall demand for gasoline by simply informing drivers of how they can cut down on fuel consumption. The problem of high gas prices requires both long-term and short-term solutions. This campaign is one way we can tackle the problem in the near future."

The Fuel Conservation Education Act will create a public-private partnership between the Department of Energy and industry groups, including the automotive, gasoline refining, and oil sectors to create a public education campaign that provides information to U.S. drivers about IMMEDIATE measures that may be taken to conserve fuel. The bill authorizes the appropriation of \$10 million to the Department of Energy. This public information campaign will reach a wide audience and include television, print, and internet advertising.

In January 2001, rapidly increasing energy demand led to rolling blackouts in California. As part of an effort to combat rising energy costs, a public-private conservation campaign was undertaken to help reduce demand. Over the course of the year, average Californians reduced peak demand by 89 percent and total consumption by 6.7 percent.

Original cosponsors of the bill include Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality and Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. The bill also enjoys bipartisan support with Reps. Gene Green (D-TX), and Edolphus Towns (D-NY) also serving as original cosponsors. Other members have recently added their names as well and the bill enjoys broad, bipartisan support. The bill is expected to be marked-up in committee this week.

Gov. Perry Breaks Ground for Texas Institute of Genomic Medicine

COLLEGE STATION - Gov. Rick Perry today helped break ground for the Texas Institute for Genomic Medicine at Texas A&M University (TIGM), which will make Texas an international focal point for research and job growth in life sciences. TIGM is a collaboration of the state, Texas A&M University System and Lexicon Genetics, a world leader in genome mapping. In July 2005, Perry announced a \$50 million Texas Enterprise Fund grant to establish the institute. "This facility was made possible because of the groundbreaking work of Lexicon Genetics, because of the vision of our higher education leaders, and because the state of Texas committed \$50 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund recognizing that genetics research will lead to life-saving medical treatments and therapies," Perry said. "The purpose of this institute is not to study mice, but to cure man."

A primary goal of the institute is to create a "knockout mouse" with a specific gene turned off, so that scientists can learn the function of that gene and later develop treatments for human diseases and conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, birth defects and cancer. To meet that goal, Lexicon will use \$35 million of the Enterprise Fund grant to create two copies of its knockout mouse cell line library, including one housed at Texas A&M. TIGM's resources will be available to researchers from across Texas; they will also be open to members of the private sector who will use the knowledge gained at the Institute to develop new technologies.

"TIGM will not only be a great source of hope and healing for the sick and injured, but a tremendous source of opportunity and jobs for Texas families," Perry said. Over the next decade, TIGM will create 5,000 new high paying jobs in Texas with an average salary of \$60,000. The project is expected to attract scores of biotech firms that want to be near the world's premiere genetic research facility. "One of the most critical goals of

research at institutions of higher education must be to move innovations from the lab to the marketplace: the process known as commercialization," Perry said. "There is no greater example of the potential of commercialization than the mouse genome project."

TIGM will also help Texas draw down millions more in federal and private research dollars. The National Institute of Health has identified this type of mouse genome research as one of the most promising for creating the next generation of medical treatments.

"By investing taxpayer dollars in high-tech research and development projects like TIGM, Texas stands to reap economic and scientific benefits far greater than the money spent up front. History shows that when government, industry and academia join forces to solve great challenges, the possibilities for revolutionary developments are limitless," Perry said. "With the breaking of ground on the Texas Institute for Genomic Medicine at Texas A&M University, we have taken a critical step towards that future."

In 2003, the legislature, at Perry's request, created the TEF with \$295 million to allow the state to provide grants to help "close deals" and bring jobs and employers to Texas. The TEF was reauthorized in 2005, and allocated an additional \$180 million. Since its creation, the TEF has been used to close deals that will create more than 40,000 new jobs for Texans. More than 600,000 new jobs have been created in Texas since July 2003. Perry was joined at the groundbreaking by Congressman Kevin Brady, Texas A&M University Chancellor Dr. Bob McTeer, Chairman John White and other members of the Board of Regents, and the leader of Lexicon Genetics, Dr. Arthur Sands.

Schleicher County Ranchman Gains National Recognition

Submitted by Steve Byrns
COLLEGE STATION - The National Pedigreed Livestock Council recently honored Norman Kohls, a Schleicher County rancher and pioneer U.S. Boer goat breeder, with its Distinguished Service Award.

Kohls was cited as "an agriculturalist whose continuous efforts have touched the lives of young people, opened new doors for the livestock industry, and paved a way for the future."

Kohls was honored for his Boer goat industry work. This breed of goat, originally developed in South Africa, is white-bodied, red-headed, and known for its superior meat-producing traits.

Robert Swize, American Boer Goat Association executive direc-

tor at San Angelo, said Kohls was instrumental in leading the West Texas Boer Goat Syndicate, composed of breeders from Garden City and other interested buyers, to New Zealand to buy the first American Boer goats. "These animals were imported into the U.S. in the early 1990s," he said. In 1993, plans were made to establish a registry and governing system. This effort later became the American Boer Goat Association.

Norman became the association's first member, first president and served on the board of director's on two occasions.

Prior to entering the Boer goat business full-time, Kohls spent 22 years as a Texas Cooperative Extension agricultural agent in Guadalupe, Gonzalez and Glasscock counties.

"Norman's journey in county Extension work provided him the resources and experience necessary to unite and organize agricultural producer groups," Swize said. "His leadership attributes were extremely valuable in setting the course of the American Boer Goat Association and the meat goat industry. Today, the American meat goat industry is the fastest-growing segment of the production livestock business, and Norman and wife Kathy's Kohls' trademark herd prefix, 'NK' represents some of the most sought-after genetics in the industry."

Kohls grew up near Sisterdale. His father, the late Marvin Kohls, was a noted Delaine sheep breeder. The younger Kohls graduated from Texas A&M University in 1971.

The other Distinguished Service Award winners for 2006 were Rob Brown of the R.A. Brown Ranch at Throckmorton, and Nolan Ryan, South Texas rancher and Baseball Hall of Fame member.

The National Pedigreed Livestock Council is comprised of non-profit livestock breed associations whose purpose is to share ideas to fulfill the individual association's objectives. This year's two-day meeting was at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum on the Texas A&M campus at College Station.

White-tailed Deer Management

By T.R. Michels, Trinity Mountain Outdoors

Whitetail bucks and does should be on their summer home ranges by June, and the does should be done fawning this month. It's time to start working on habitat improvement: fertilizing, mowing, spraying, and clearing trails and paths.

If you want to see more big-racked bucks in your area the first thing you have to do is use a little restraint. You need to let the young bucks go, so they can grow. I often hear hunters complain that they don't see anything but small racked bucks in their area. These hunters often wait patiently through the season for a big racked buck to appear. Then, instead of going home empty handed they end up taking a small racked buck. If this pattern continues year after year those hunters will continue to see nothing but young, small-racked bucks, because the young deer never live long enough to grow big racks.

Deer experts used to believe it took 4 1/2 years for a whitetail buck to develop a trophy rack. It is now believed that a whitetail doesn't achieve full body size until it is about 7 1/2 years old. Until then much of the food and mineral a buck takes in is used to develop bone and muscle mass. Once the buck is fully mature, excess food and mineral can be used to develop antler mass, and many hunters equate antler mass with a high score.

Milo Hanson's World record whitetail has several times with extremely long points, and it has long main beams, with a good spread, but it is not massive. The length of the tines is what made it the new World Record whitetail. Game officials aged the buck at 4 1/2 years old. Obviously it had superior genetics, and it lived until it was 4 1/2 years old. It is conceivable that a 3 1/2 year old buck could make the archery record book, but most trophy bucks are over 4 1/2 years of age.

In many areas bucks don't make it past their first year, and the chances of a 2 1/2 year old buck making the book are slim. If you want to see more large racked bucks you have to let the 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 year old bucks go, so they can grow. By letting the young bucks grow, and taking does, you not only keep the herd below carrying capacity, you increase the buck to doe ratio in favor of bucks. Eventually you will have more older-class bucks, which may translate into more larger racked deer.

These smaller racked bucks may be genetically programmed to grow small racks, and pass on that trait to their offspring, resulting in the yearling bucks producing smaller than normal racks (for the herd, or as opposed to previously harvested bucks) at 2 or 3 years of age. They may also pass on their small-rack genetics to their future offspring, resulting in smaller racked bucks in future years.

This study suggests that hunter should learn to distinguish yearling bucks (from older-class bucks) by their smaller bodies, less developed muscles and rounder faces; and pass up all yearling bucks, no matter how big their racks are. Then, once the bucks reach 3-4 years of age, you can cull the bucks with smaller racks.

Texas Employers Continue Adding Jobs As Employment Grows At 2.6 Percent Rate

AUSTIN - Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas increased by 14,800 jobs in May and 251,500 jobs over the last 12 months. Texas employers have added jobs for 33 of the last 34 months, for a total of 603,900 jobs since July 2003. The May seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 5.1 percent.

The Midland and Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) experienced the lowest unemployment rates in the state at 3.5 and 3.8 percent, respectively (not seasonally adjusted). Decreasing unemployment rates over the year were widespread, with nearly all MSAs in Texas declining from May 2005 through May 2006.

"The addition of jobs is often the best indicator of a healthy labor market, and Texas has shown a consistent pattern of job growth over the last three years," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "Over-the-year job growth remains broad based, with statewide employment growing at a 2.6 percent clip."

Following a gain of 1,300 jobs in April, Education & Health Services employment saw an increase of 5,100 positions in May. This was the largest over-the-month increase since October 2005. The annual growth rate rose from 2.9 percent in April to 3.2 percent in May, a gain of 38,100 positions since May 2005.

"Nine of 11 major industries saw growth over the last 12 months, with Professional & Business Services, Construction, and Natural Resources & Mining leading the way," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "In fact, all three of those industries grew at an annual rate of 5.2 percent or greater over the last 12 months."

Trade, Transportation & Utilities employment added 4,800 jobs in May 2006. This was a sizeable increase when compared to the five-year average May increase of 2,400 jobs. Employment in Leisure & Hospitality posted a boost of 2,600 positions in May, while employment in Construction grew by

1,900 jobs over the month. Since the beginning of the year, 13,800 jobs have been created in Construction. The annual growth rate for May reached 5.4 percent, while maintaining its positive status for 19 straight months.

"I am pleased to note more than 229,500 Texans have found work over the last year," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "The civilian labor force is both vibrant and growing, and now stands at an all-time record 11,418,100."

Initial claims for unemployment compensation in May 2006 were 61,002, down 15.0 percent from May 2005 and 17.8 percent since May 2004.

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Landscape Maintenance Practices Save Water

Submitted by Pasquel Hernandez
Sutton County Extension Agent

The lawn is an integral component of the landscape. It has a tremendous mitigating effect on the environment, reducing heat loads, noise, and water and air pollution. During these hot, dry periods, lawn grasses can suffer and require more attention.

Proper maintenance is a key principle in reducing irrigation requirements in the landscape. Maintenance practices, such as mulching, mowing and fertilizing greatly impact the water efficiency of any landscape, as well as the landscape's ability to survive a drought.

It should be noted that most lawns receive twice as much water as they require for a healthy appearance. It is best to not water by the calendar, for example, once a week. It is better to water when the plant needs watering. The key to watering lawns is to apply the water infre-

quently, yet thoroughly. To know when to water the lawn, simply observe the grass. Wilting and discoloration are signs of water stress. At the first sign of wilting, you have 24 to 48 hours to water before serious injury occurs. Apply 1 inch of water to the lawn as rapidly as possible without runoff. Watering only when needed and watering thoroughly produces a deep-rooted lawn which is more water efficient and drought enduring.

In general, cool-season grasses need about one to 1.5 inches of water per week to maintain green color and active growth. Allow lawns to naturally slow down in growth during extreme conditions. You may let the lawn go almost completely dormant in hot weather.

Raising the mowing height on turfgrasses helps lawns survive drought conditions. For example, the typical mowing height for St. Augustine grass is 2-2 1/2 inches. You can raise the mowing height on St. Augustine to 3 1/2 to 4 inches during drought. Bermuda grass typical mowing height is 1-1.5 inch while Buffalograss mowing height is 2.5-3 inches. These too can be raised.

Other cultural practices that add to the efficient use of water by plants are periodic checks of the irrigation system, properly-timed

insect and disease control and elimination of water-demanding weeds. By implementing these strategies, homeowners can reduce lawn irrigation requirements and still reap the many benefits of a cool, green lawn. For more complete lawn care information, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

Grease Trap Ordinance Passed Effective Immediately

See City Council Meeting Article in next week's issue!

Bail Reduced For Ozona Wool Growers Suspects

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher
Ozona Stockman

A district judge lowered the bail for the two people charged with misapplying funds from Wool Growers Central Storage Co. during a crowded June 14 hearing in the commissioners' courtroom at the Crockett County Annex Building.

Donnie Laughlin, 59, had his bail reduced from \$500,000 to \$250,000, while Tonya Stalcup, 38, had her bail reduced from \$250,000 to \$75,000 by District Judge Royal Hart. Stalcup and Laughlin both posted bond last week after the hearing. Their bond conditions require them to remain within the state. Neither Laughlin nor Stalcup have any prior criminal record. Family members and friends of Laughlin and Stalcup filled the tight courtroom during the hearing.

Laughlin, the former manager of Wool Growers, and Stalcup, the former bookkeeper, have both been charged with misapplication of fiduciary property over \$200,000, which is a first degree felony that is punishable up to life in prison and a fine up to \$10,000.

During the hearing, Texas Ranger Brooks Long testified that Laughlin had allegedly sold wool and mohair without the producers' knowledge. Long said that he learned of this after meeting with members of the board of directors and the directors' lawyer Morris Reese during April.

Laughlin was terminated from his position on April 6. Stalcup was terminated in May.

The producers lost an estimated several million dollars, Long said. In an affidavit filed in the Crockett County Justice of the Peace office by Long, around \$2 million was estimated to have been "knowingly and recklessly misapplied" in unauthorized wool and mohair proceeds.

Long said the records he had collected so far date back to Aug. 31, 2001 and run through March 30, 2006. During this time period, Long said Laughlin and Stalcup received around \$600,000 in total salary and unauthorized salary advances.

Long said that out of the \$600,000, Laughlin made around \$200,000 in gross salary over the five-year period. Laughlin then illegally obtained around \$180,000 in salary advances, Long said. Long also said that he is investigating into Laughlin's previous place of employment, which was the Ranchman's Wool & Mohair warehouse in Ingram. In March 1992, the warehouse burned down with more than 1.5 million pounds of stored fiber, according to a 1992 article published in the Livestock Weekly. According to the article, company officials, including Laughlin who managed the warehouse, saved most of the warehouse records. Long said his investigation has found more than \$380,000 in cash advances from the Ingram records.

Long said he is still waiting on subpoenas for more records and that his investigation could take from six months to two years to complete before it's even ready to be taken to the grand jury.

During Stalcup's hearing, Long testified that she received up to \$225,021.28 in her regular salary and in illegal salary advances. Long also said that Stalcup received a monthly check for around \$450 from the Sanderson Wool Commission, also owned by Wool Growers, as salary for keeping their books. This payment was an agreement between Stalcup and Laughlin and the board of directors was not aware of it, Long said.

In his investigation, Long said it was his understanding that Wool Growers was not audited and that it would be up to the board of directors to determine an audit.

"There was a lot of co-mingling of the accounts," Long said.

Around \$50,000 in checks signed by Stalcup were made to various saddle and tack companies, Long said. The items from these companies were found in Stalcup's storage shed after Long executed a search warrant. The items were ordered through Wool Growers but there was no payment from Stalcup to Wool Growers for the items. Stalcup's mother, Beverly McGuire, testified that the items were prizes for the annual Barnhart 8 and Under Playday that Stalcup and McGuire coordinate every year.


"It's a great Christian outreach," McGuire said.

McGuire said that Stalcup, who grew up in Barnhart and still lives there with her family, is heavily involved in the community and the Cowboy Methodist Church. McGuire said that Stalcup is currently working for her father, Alan, who owns a backhoe business. McGuire

also said that she was concerned for her daughter's health while she is in jail due her recent gastric bypass surgery. Stalcup has to be on a no sugar diet and must drink 64 ounces of water a day, McGuire said. "She isn't going to stay healthy in jail," McGuire said. "When she makes bond she'll live in Barnhart. She'll make every court date." The money for the \$40,000 surgery was allegedly obtained in advances in a "loan" approved by Laughlin, according to the affidavit filed in the justice of the peace office. Long also testified that new evidence has been obtained that Stalcup may have had Lasik eye surgery and a breast augmentation. "There were a lot of loans and advances between two people," Long said. "There were lots of salary advances and cash withdrawals."

During her testimony, Laughlin's daughter Amy Carranza, 27, said that her father told her he fully intended to cooperate with local law enforcement. Carranza also said that her parents' Ozona home is currently under contract for sale and that her parents are moving to Lubbock to help take care of their grandchildren.

Assistant District Attorney Stephen Smith said that the state and the victims need to see assurance that Laughlin will show up for his court proceeds. Richard F. Gutierrez, Laughlin's attorney from Del Rio, said the \$500,000 bail that was set when Laughlin was arrested was not to be a "reason to punish him." Gutierrez said that family would be able to post \$20,000 to \$25,000 in a cash bond.



Rig Report as of 06/16/06

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1 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9700' Duke Wilson -21 1/2- #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 39 06/09/06 8 Drlg Ahead

2 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9600' Duke Wilson #1617 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 704 06/15/06 2 Drlg Ahead

3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9150' Hudspeth -1017- #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 122 06/10/06 7 Drlg Ahead

4 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8650' Simmons Ranch #101 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 122 06/18/06 Assigned

5 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8300' Shannon -52- #18 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 108 06/19/06 Assigned

6 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8200' Shannon -52- #15 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 108 06/12/06 5 Drlg Ahead

7 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7850' Genini #31-16 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 704 06/22/06 Assigned

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Edwards

New 1 Newfield 11000' Earwood Gas Unit -1- #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 471 06/14/06 3 Drlg Ahead

2 Newfield 10000' Rolston #802 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 118 06/04/06 13 Drlg Ahead

3 Marshall & Winston 7000' Carpenter #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 102 06/12/06 5 Drlg Ahead

4 Pxp Texas Inc 5000' Peterson -81- #1 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 24 05/08/06 40 Drlg Ahead

Terrell

1 Encore Operating Lp 14700' Banner Estate #48 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 05/14/06 34 Drlg Ahead

2 Bp America Prod/Mid 12200' Banner Estate #34 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 04/22/06 56 Drlg Ahead

3 Encana O & G/Dallas 12200' Culbertson -17- #9 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 57 06/06/06 11 Drlg Ahead

4 Marshall & Winston 6500' Allison #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 109 06/14/06 3 Drlg Ahead

5 Encore Operating Lp 6300' Goode Estate -B- Unit #9 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 06/09/06 8 Drlg Ahead

Crockett

1 Chesapeake/Oke 12000' Miller Ranch Gas Unit #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 169 05/25/06 23 Drlg Ahead

2 Exl Petroleum Lp 11000' University Sarah #2601 Tk Lariat Services/Ode 22 05/22/06 26 Drlg Ahead 8666'

3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9750' Hunt -24- #9 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 120 06/19/06 Assigned

4 Pogo Producing Co 9000' Conoco Powell -Gms- Deep #10 Dw Capstar Drilling 14 05/28/06 20 Drlg Ahead 8400'

5 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey Estate -B- #424 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 06/10/06 7 Drlg Ahead

6 Approach Operating 9000' Bailey #415 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 710 06/12/06 5 Drlg Ahead

7 Anadarko E & P 8500' Hoover Estate #614 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 38 06/14/06 3 Drlg Ahead

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9 Bluegrass Energy 7000' Simpson Canyon -3044- Unit #1 Dw Adobe Drilling Mustan 05/29/06 19 Drlg Ahead 6123'

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11 Mlc Operating 5500' Onyx -B- #4 Dw Adobe Drilling Bronco 06/16/06 1 Drlg Ahead

12 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Phillips -A- #1b Dw Patterson Drilling/A 721 06/15/06 2 Drlg Ahead

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New 1 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8950' Edwin S Mayer Jr -N- #10 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 742 06/10/06 7 Drlg Ahead

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Market Report
06/19/06

Sheep & Goats Market Report
Sold 3555 head of sheep and goats. Kids were lower.

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#1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs.
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#1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs.
.85-.95

#1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs.
.65-.80

Fat Ewes -.30-.40
Thin Ewes -.18-.25
Bucks -.30-.50

Solid Mouth Ewes - no mkt. test
Ewe & Lamb Pairs - no mkt.

Goats:

Baby Tooth Angora
Stocker Nannies - no mkt. test
Solid Mouth Angora
Stocker Nannies -.40-.50
Stocker Angora Muttons -.55-.65

Angora Kids - 1.40-1.50
Angora Kids Shorn
1.00-1.10

Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Thin) .30-.40
Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat)
Nannies -.35-.45
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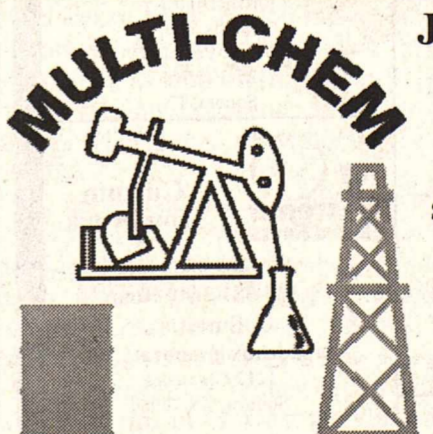
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Opening Up the Airwaves

By J.H. Snider, Ph.D.

Popularly known as the "public airwaves," spectrum is becoming to the information era what land was to the agricultural era and energy to the industrial era: its defining and most valuable natural resource.

Spectrum allows people and machines to communicate without being connected to wires. Most households have dozens of spectrum using devices, including cordless phones, cellular telephones, garage door remotes, FM radios, satellite TVs, wireless car keys, Bluetooth headphones, invisible fences, and WiFi broadband connections.

Contrary to popular belief, most spectrum is reserved for federal government, not private, use. The federal government allocates spectrum, and not unsurprisingly, allocated most for its own use. Since all agencies communicate, they all have a need for spectrum. More than 30 federal agencies have allocations of spectrum, with the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and Transportation widely believed to have the largest allocations.

The ostensible division of responsibility in spectrum management is that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) manages spectrum for private companies and local governments whereas the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) manages spectrum for federal agencies. In reality, the agencies, not the NTIA, make most of the key decisions regarding federal government spectrum use. The military, for example, reveals minimal information about its spectrum use to the NTIA and is more than an equal partner in assessing its own spectrum needs.

The FCC's and NTIA's standards of spectrum transparency and accountability are far different. For example, rules concerning spectrum usage at the FCC are subject to the Administrative Procedures Act, which calls for publicly posting and inviting comment on proposed rule changes, but those of the NTIA and agencies are not. Similarly, all FCC spectrum assignments are public and easily accessible via a public website, while federal government spectrum assignments need not be public and information about those that are not classified can only be requested via Freedom of Information Act requests.

The agencies and their advocates argue that this secrecy helps America because if the information were publicly released, national security would be endangered; that is, enemies could jam or intercept vital communications. For example, they argue that terrorists seeking to blow up a hydroelectric dam operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority could have

an advantage if they knew on which frequencies the Authority communicated.

According to economic theory, federal agencies should have minimal economic incentive to use spectrum efficiently because they don't pay for it and thus don't face its economic opportunity cost. Meanwhile, according to political theory, if agencies are using spectrum inefficiently, they should have a strong incentive to hide this information and do so by using national security or another plausible pretext.

In June 2003 President Bush launched a "spectrum policy initiative" to "stimulate more efficient and beneficial use of Government spectrum." Nearly three years later, federal government spectrum use remains as clandestine as ever. A February report by the Technology CEO Council, concludes, "no one seems to know even the value of the spectrum used by the government, let alone how much economic benefit could be gained by using it more efficiently. This situation must change."

The time has come for policymakers to act on these calls for more government spectrum accountability. Representative Jay Inslee (D-WA District 1), a member of the House Commerce Committee, is arguably the only member of Congress to take the problem seriously. In April he introduced an amendment to the major telecommunications bill currently before the House. It called on the NTIA and FCC to "conduct a band-by-band analysis of spectrum to identify any bands that are not being used efficiently, and an analysis on the amount, value, and opportunity cost of spectrum being used by the Federal government."

Actions should also be taken to deal with agencies' conflict of interest in disclosing information about their own spectrum holdings and uses. One solution would make it easier to appeal agency secrecy decisions via an independent spectrum appeals court. This could be modeled after the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel, which handles classification appeals for conventional government documents.

As spectrum becomes the lifeblood of our information economy and the animating medium of our democratic speech, the cost of potentially misused government spectrum is becoming larger than ever.

Achieving the right balance between secrecy and openness will not be easy. But the current balance has clearly erred too far in the direction of secrecy. Without more openness, we cannot have an intelligent discussion about the future use of federal government spectrum.



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Clutter Attracts Clutter

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley

Is your home more than 15 minutes worth of messy? If you have lots of hot spots then I will answer this question for you; YES! You ask, what is a hot spot? A hot spot is an area, when left unattended will gradually take over. My favorite analogy is of a hot spot in a forest fire, if left alone it will eventually get out of hand and burn up the whole forest. This is what happens in our homes. If left unattended, the hot spot will grow and take over the whole room as well as making the house look awful. When you walk into a room, the hot spot is the first thing you see. Your eyes are locked on it. CLUTTER ATTRACTS CLUTTER. If you put one item on this flat surface it attracts more items. Do you have areas like this that continue to grow if left alone? Does the rest of the family see this as a place to put things when they do not want to put them where they belong? It is our job to NIP this in the bud. Get rid of that pile, find the surface underneath, and stop the Hot Spot from becoming a raging Clutter inferno!

Our hotspots make our home feel and look cluttered. Why is it that we feel the need to fill up every flat surface in our homes? It is because there is an empty place to put something down. We walk in the door with our arms loaded and are desperate to unload; that is when we drop things in the first clear spot we find. It can be a chair, the counter top or even the floor.

Let's look at why we are trying to carry so much in the first place. We don't want to make a second trip to the car. Isn't that funny; we weigh ourselves down because we don't want to waste a few extra

Buffalo Soldiers Impart Events at Living History

AUSTIN, Texas — This summer, the Texas Buffalo Soldiers have a full schedule of activities including presentations at youth camps, a Last Frontier Heritage Tourism event in Cochran County and three weekends of celebrations at the HemisFair Plaza in San Antonio.

In 1999, the Texas Legislature proclaimed July "Texas Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Month," making this the only state in the Union that recognizes the Buffalo Soldiers with a month-long celebration. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's "Texas Buffalo Soldier" Outdoor Educational Programs utilizes a network of Buffalo Soldiers volunteer groups and community partners to stage and produce living history encampments trail rides and other events.

American Indians dubbed the African-American regiments "buffalo soldiers." Some say the Indians thought the soldiers' curly hair resembled the buffalo's sacred mane, while others believe the Indians were referring to the soldiers' fighting spirit.

The program's youth outreach focus has expanded to encompass Hispanic Vaqueros, American Indians, Frontier Women and other cultural groups contributing to the rich history of the 1800's. They conduct ongoing cultural research, coordinate dozens of living history events for schools and youth groups across Texas each year and promote the Texas Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Trail, which follows routes taken across Texas in the 1800's by military personnel and civilians.

steps. I want to change your attitude about trying to carry too much and just make one trip.

We could all use a few more steps in our day. I have to walk up one level to get to our front door. If I come in through the basement, I would have to climb a flight of steps. It only takes a short amount of time to get up to the house and back down to the car. Here is what I do when I get out of my car. I gather up all the trash and my purse or computer and head to the door. Then I go back to anything else that is left in the car.

I do this with groceries too. I take the refrigerated groceries first and put it all away and go back down for another load. Every time I come in the house I put everything away. This keeps me from being overwhelmed. I don't like to see my countertops covered up with bags of groceries. I love coming into our home and seeing clear counters.

When our flat surfaces are covered up with stuff; we get overwhelmed too. If my coffee table is piled high with clutter, I can't write. A messy desk is not an example of a productive mind. It is symptom of a cluttered mind. We have to stop and clear off the hotspots to get the clutter out of our minds so we can think.

Our poor babies deal with this problem too. They have so much stuff in their bedrooms that they don't know what to play with. Get rid of the clutter and find peace and help them to enjoy their rooms. With less stuff they will be able to better concentrate.

With fewer things we will be able to better focus on what we need to do. Get rid of your clutter and find peace in your home!

Camp Coca Cola, held at the Parrie Haynes Ranch, will feature a session with the Buffalo Soldiers as one element of the multi-week camp program. The camp is a one-month immersion in leadership training and community service for at-risk youth. The Buffalo Soldier events are scheduled for June 8, June 15, July 8 and July 15.

Cochran County's "Texas Last Frontier Heritage Celebration," based at Cochran County Park in Morton west of Lubbock is a free event open to the public the weekend of June 23-25. Here visitors of all ages can listen to Buffalo Soldiers stories and experience what daily life was like in camp and on patrol.

Buffalo Soldiers will also be featured in Texas' first intercultural youth camp at Fort McKavett from June 24 to July 1. Youth ages 9 to 12 will participate in a program called Old Stories, New Voices, which spotlights the contributions of African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics, and Anglos to Texas' history and culture. Old Stories, New Voices is a project of the Colorado Historical Society, made possible with grant funding from Texas State Parks and Wildlife, The Texas State Historical Association, The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, The Colorado Historical Society, The National Park Service and The National Endowment for the Humanities.

At San Antonio's HemisFair Plaza, the Buffalo Soldiers Living History & Heritage Organization will sponsor the annual Texas Buffalo Soldiers Month Celebration. The event takes place July 1, 22 and 29.

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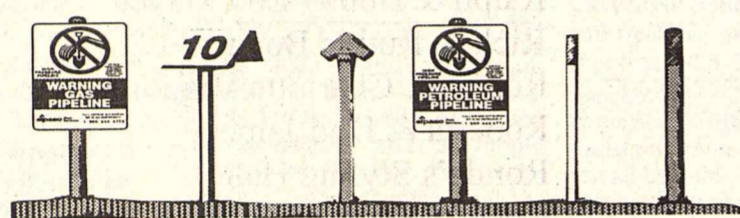
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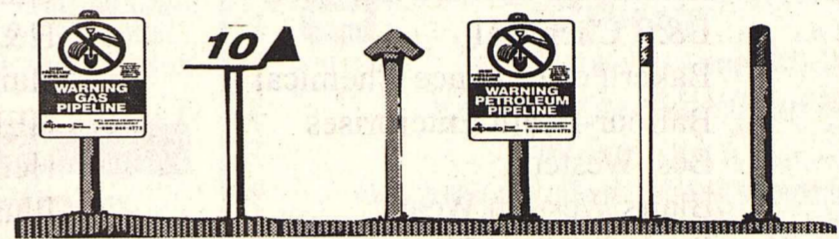
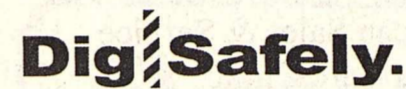
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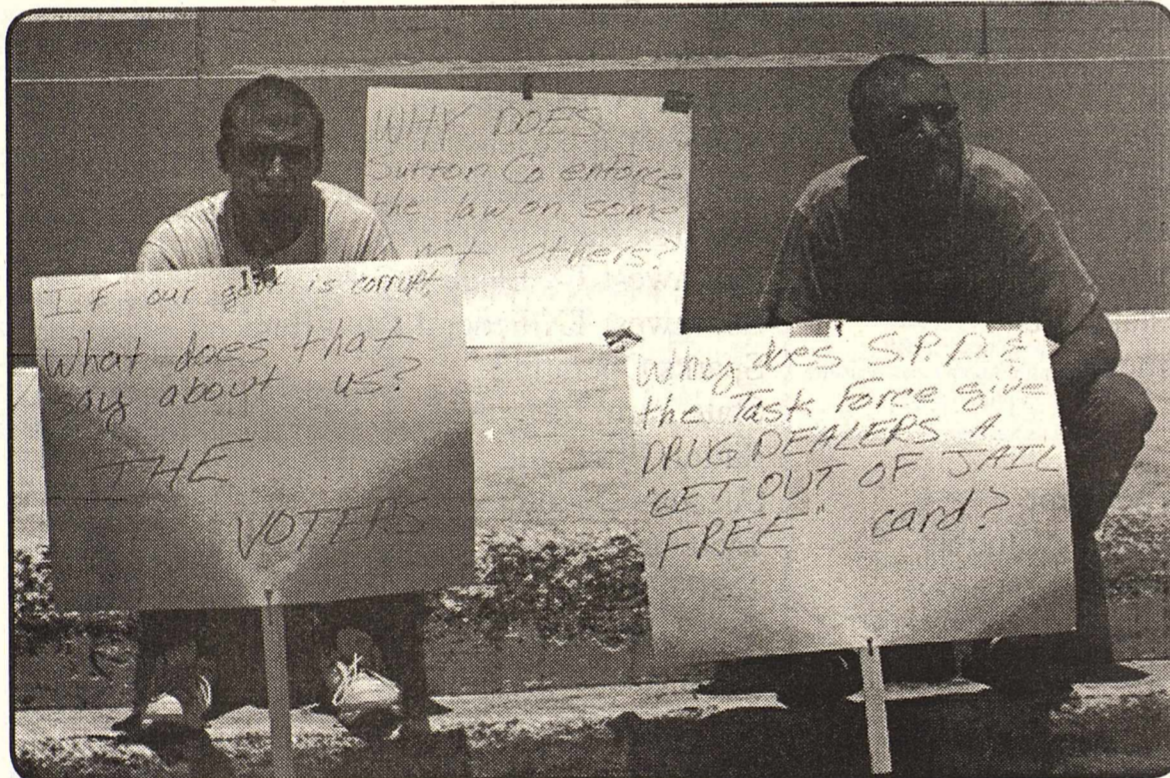
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Embittered and impoverished, the once mighty Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna dies in Mexico City.

Born in 1792 at Jalapa, Vera Cruz, Mexico, Santa Anna was the son of middle-class parents. As a teen, he won a commission in the Spanish army and might have been expected to live out an unspectacular career as a middle-level army officer. However, the young Santa Anna quickly distinguished himself as a capable fighter and leader, and after 1821, he gained national prominence in the successful Mexican war for independence from Spain. In 1833, he won election to the presidency of the independent republic of Mexico by an overwhelming popular majority. His dedication to the ideal of a democratic role proved weak, though, and he proclaimed himself dictator in 1835.



Santa Anna's assumption of dictatorial power over Mexico brought him into direct conflict with a growing movement for independence in the Mexican state of Texas. During the 1820s and 1830s, large numbers of Euro-Americans had settled in the area of Texas, and many of them remained more loyal to the United States than to their distant rulers in Mexico City. Some viewed Santa Anna's overthrow of the Mexican Republic as an opportunity to break away and form an independent Republic of Texas that might one day become an American state.

Determined to crush the Texas rebels, Santa Anna took command of the Mexican army that invaded Texas in 1836. His forces successfully defeated the Texas rebels at the Alamo, and he personally ordered the execution of 400 Texan prisoners after the Battle of Goliad. However, these two victories planted the seeds for Santa Anna's defeat. “Remember the Alamo” and “Remember Goliad” became the rallying cries for a reinvigorated Texan army. Lulled into overconfidence by his initial easy victories, Santa Anna was taken by surprise at San Jacinto, and his army was annihilated on April 21, 1836. The captured Santa Anna, fearing execution, willingly signed an order calling for all Mexican troops to withdraw. Texas became an independent republic.

Deposed during his captivity with the Texan rebels, Santa Anna returned to Mexico a powerless man. During the next two decades, however, the highly unstable political situation in Mexico provided him with several opportunities to regain—and again lose—his dictatorial power. All told, he became the head of the Mexican government 11 times. Overthrown for the last time in 1855, he spent the remaining two decades of his life scheming with elements in Mexico, the United States, and France to stage a comeback.

Although he was clearly a brilliant political opportunist, Santa Anna was ultimately loyal only to himself and he had an insatiable lust for power. While Santa Anna played an important role in achieving Mexican independence, his subsequent governments were also at least partially responsible for the loss of the Southwest to the United States. He died in poverty and squalor in Mexico City at the age of 82, no doubt still dreaming of a return to power.

Border group defends immigration views

By JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press

CUT AND SHOOT - Amid declarations saying the United States is under attack and claims that undocumented immigrants are draining the country's resources, a Texas group advocating stronger border control said Saturday it isn't anti-immigrant but is against illegal immigration.

“This is not an immigration issue. This is a national security issue. This country is under attack. In fact, we are at war ... for the struggle and the freedom and salvation of this nation,” Curtis Collier, president of U.S. Border Watch, said during a rally attended by nearly 100 people.

Collier criticized U.S. senators who passed a bill last month that would provide a path to citizenship for many of the nation's estimated 11 million illegal immigrants.

The House has passed a bill that focuses on border enforcement and doesn't provide any provisions for citizenship or temporary worker status. A compromise between the two bills has not been reached.

“It is not prejudice to have border security,” said David Kleimann, a former state senate candidate from Willis. “There's nothing wrong with that. Every country has it.”

As Kleimann spoke, one of U.S. Border Watch's members stood holding a sign that read, “Texas Is Not A Mexican Colony.” Ralliers also compared illegal immigrants to “foot soldiers” who are invading the country and suggested many of them smuggle drugs when they come into the country.

Such claims are why groups like U.S. Border Watch and the Minutemen have been called anti-immigrant, racist and reactionary by critics.

Jone Franco, a Montgomery County resident who is also a member of the Minuteman group, said such criticism is undeserved. U.S. Border Watch members stressed they support legal immigration and are not racist.

“This has nothing to do with being racist and you guys know it. This has to do with anybody from any country in this world coming here illegally,” said Franco, who said her husband immigrated to the United States from Mexico legally.

People at the rally about 45 miles north of Houston loudly cheered when one speaker said illegal immigrants should not receive government assistance and that their U.S.-born children should not be granted citizenship.

Kleimann also suggested sending illegal immigrants in Texas prisons to their home countries would free up money in the state budget, rendering a recently approved school finance package unnecessary.

Carrie West, 30, who attended the rally with her two children, said she doesn't want people to misunderstand the group and believe it is racist.

“I have no hatred toward any one of any other nationality or race. My children are half black. But I love my country. I love what my country stands for. My country is about freedom and I don't want that freedom to be drowned out,” she said.

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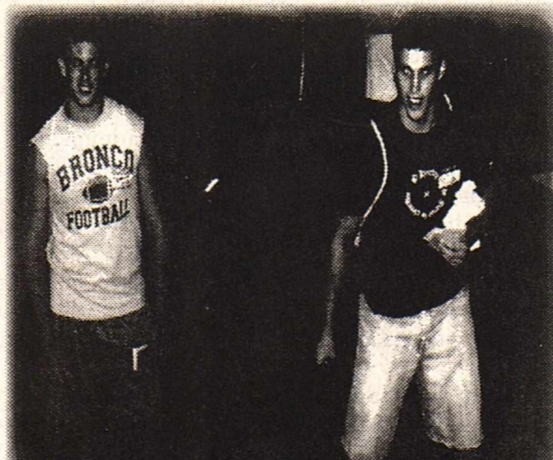
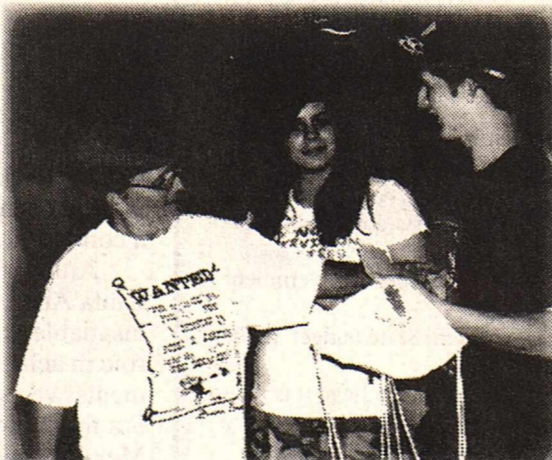
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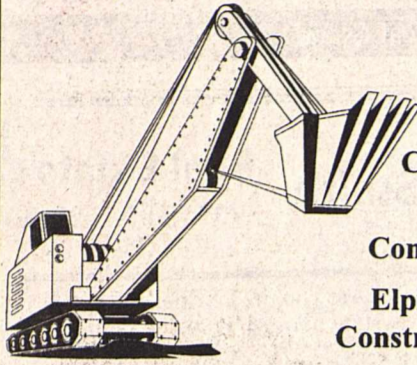
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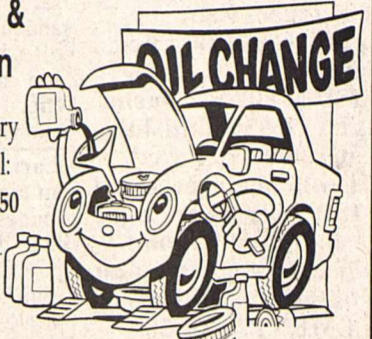
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