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Ten Foot Alaskan Bear Killed on Eaton Hill
Actually, Cades Pope killed this bear last month on the Alaskan Peninsula with a .35 Ackley Improved Rifle.

Council Approves Grease Trap Ordinance and SIDC's Arena Grant

Submitted

The Sonora City Council met on Tuesday, June 20th, for its regular monthly meeting. Following the normal business of approving minutes and the appraisal district report, the final public hearing was held with comments solicited by Mayor Lopez about the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation's proposed \$85,000 project grant for improvements to the county arena's lighting and sound systems. Sonora Chamber of Commerce director Greta Ramsdell reviewed two completed surveys using inputs from local restaurants and motels. The data demonstrated customers increased ten to fifteen percent during both the Cinco de Mayo parade and car show and the Vernon West Memorial Team Roping events. Councilman Virgil Polocek questioned Sutton County Days Association President Curry Campbell about the total cost of the planned improvements. There were no other comments from the public during the allotted public hearing period. Mayor Lopez read the resolution that accompanies the public hearing required by state law. Councilman Smith Neal made a motion that was seconded by Councilman Thomas Adkins to approve the SIDC's \$85,000 grant to the Sutton County

Days Association. The motion was unanimously approved.

The city's new Grease Trap Ordinance was passed unanimously. Consultant Charles McDonald will begin inspecting restaurants for compliance this week. All commercial facilities in the city that produce grease will be required to have an approved grease trap no later than 30 September 2006. After that date, fines will be assessed for non compliance.

City Attorney Beth Wallace reviewed her council directed research concerning whether the city could allow Alex Castro permission to place a permanent storage trailer in the city-owned alley behind Hightower Street. Mrs. Wallace stated according to the law this or any other building that is placed in a city-owned alley or easement cannot be permanent without the city abandoning the street. The alley is considered a street. No trailer can remain on a city street for more than 48 to 72 hours. Councilman Adkins made a motion that was seconded by Councilman Polocek to deny Castro's request. Police Chief Mike House was instructed by Mayor Lopez to contact Castro to remove the trailer from the alley.

The council then discussed annexations of county property in

order to obtain city utility services. Mr. Carlos Sanchez' father requested the city annex .80 acre he owns at 511 Railroad Street. Mr. Sanchez wishes to place a mobile home on the vacant lot that is presently in the county. Councilman Neal made a motion that was seconded by Councilman Polocek to annex the lot into the city limits and to provide the lot with city utilities. The city council also approved John and Jen Jones' request to approve the annexation of Stone Oak Subdivision off 2nd Street. This will require two public hearings according to Texas Law. The hearings to annex on Stone Oak Subdivision will be held July 11 and July 18 at 4 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

The city has a long term lease through 2017 with the Ward Family to lease what is known as the City Farm. Terminating the lease would save the city \$20,700 each year. The city does not need the land any longer when releasing potable water. The water is released into the Dry Devils River. The council voted unanimously to begin termination of the lease and to also begin restoring the land back to its previous condition.

Councilman Thomas Adkins asked that the city's grease trap and grease interceptor policy be discussed during the city council meeting. He stated that he felt that the ordinance needed to be "nailed down in black and white, instead of having so many gray areas." After further discussion by the council, the city manager and Charles McDonald, the city's contracted Grease Interceptor manager, the council decided to organize a committee to discuss and draft a comprehensive grease trap ordinance for the City. There will be penalties but no dollar amounts (fines) are being discussed at this time. The goal is to have the ordinance ready in two months. The council approved a \$150.00 gift from First National Bank Popcorn Sales to the Senior Center and a \$100.00 donation to the Fire Department from Southwest Texas Electric Co-op. The council recognized Suzanne Whitworth for her twenty years of service to the City of Sonora.

City Manager Jim Polonis reviewed a new proposed fee and permit schedule with the council. Some city fees have not been updated since 1989. He gathered information from Kerrville, Boerne, and San Angelo. The city's auditor has recommended that the fees be reviewed and adjusted each year. The council voted to table the item until the next city council meeting.

The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held at 4 p.m. on July 18th.



Hydro-Plane Causes Rollover

By Ray Glasscock

On Thursday, June 22, 2006, Eusebio Esquivel was driving southbound on Caverns Road when his company-pickup, owned by Location Builders, hit a slick spot. The slick spot was probably created the previous week when a drilling rig was moved and spilled some petroleum products on the road. Esquivel lost control of his vehicle, and it rolled one time and came to rest upright on the left side of the road. DPS Trooper Norbert Ortiz determined from the skid marks that Esquivel was driving the speed limit or less. The skid marks indicated that the pickup was hydroplaning until it left the pavement. Once it left the pavement, the vehicle's sideward momentum caused it to roll over. There were no traffic citations issued in this accident.

Sutton County EMS responded and transported Esquivel to the Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Esquivel suffered injuries to his neck during the rollover. Both he and his passenger were wearing their seatbelts which certainly prevented the injuries from being worse. His passenger was not injured. The truck will probably be a total loss.

Mr. W Fireworks Told To Remove Rockets

By Ray Glasscock

Two weeks ago, the county commissioners banned the sale and use of any fireworks that could be fired into the air. On Monday, I stopped by the stand to find that several varieties of rockets were on sale. The stand operator said that she was not aware of the ordinance banning the rockets. She only sells what the company sends to her. I contacted John Wade, County Commissioner, and he told me that he would contact County Judge Carla Garner. When I called Judge Garner, she told me that Sheriff Joe Fincher was waiting on a court order before going to the stand. He picked up the order at 1:30 and proceeded to the stand.

I called Mr. W's main business office. They said they do not check the local ordinances for all of the towns where they operate stands. However, they also stressed that any banned fireworks will be immediately removed as soon as a local law



Mr. W Fireworks Stand on North Crockett

enforcement official tells them that they are selling banned fireworks.

The county commissioners banned rocket type fireworks due to the severe drought throughout the

county. We definitely do not need any wild grass fires. Also, the new roof at the Sutton County Convention Center could easily be set on fire by a bottle rocket.

County Commissioners Discuss Fireworks and Budget

By Nancy Glasscock

During Monday's Sutton County Commissioners' Court meeting, commissioners discussed individuals shooting off fireworks. County Treasurer Maura Weingart reported that she saw a family using fireworks one morning this past weekend at the county's Allison Park. Commissioner Cavness stated he heard fireworks going off within the city limits this weekend. Commissioner Wade expressed the opinion that perhaps it is time to ban fireworks in the county altogether since problems are repeatedly happening. Judge Garner requested that the sheriff's department might need to patrol the parks more frequently. City Manager Jim Polonis volunteered that the city's police department could assist if needed. Judge Garner reminded everyone that there is a \$500 fine if any citizen is caught setting off any aerial fireworks such as bottle rockets and rocket propelled grenades.

Judge Garner discussed the preliminary budget that she had completed for the commissioners to review. She commented that the budget reflects insurance, gasoline, and utility increases. The preliminary budget does not reflect any salary increases. She stated she had asked Jessie Kerbow to compute how much various percentage raises would cost the county. Commissioner Wade stated that he had contacted three adjoining counties concerning their department heads' salaries. Sutton County pays an average of \$8,000 a year more per department head already. Commissioner Villaneuva wanted to know what the present Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) is for the area. Judge Garner said she would contact the San Angelo office of the Texas Workforce Commission to check on the COLA.

The county has not made the final payment on the courthouse renovation. The inspectors completed the final inspection last week. There are a few items on the punchlist that have not been completed. Until that time the state will not release ten percent of the funds. At this time, the county has not spent all of the funds for the renovation.

In other business, the county will be changing uniform contractors. Unifirst will now be providing the county's uniforms. Matthew Young was approved by the commissioners to do an internship with the county for approximately six weeks. Mr. Young is presently working on his Masters of Public Administration through ASU.

They voted unanimously to make it illegal to sell and explode bottle rockets (projectiles) in Sutton County. The restriction was made for two reasons: the continuing drought conditions in Sutton County and the fact that the rockets could possibly land on the Civic Center roof. Commissioner John Wade suggested that thought should be given to ban the fireworks from being set off at the County Park parking lot. Judge Garner expressed her view that the citizens who want to set off fireworks would then set them off in their neighborhoods. Commissioner Wade stated his concern was about the Civic Center and any potential damage to the building. Sutton County citizens will again be allowed to set off fireworks in the parking lot near the rodeo arena, but will be kept from being close to the Civic Center. Sheriff Fincher was asked to plan for extra deputies to keep both adults and children away from the building. Judge Garner will also request the fire department to stand by with a truck.

In other business, Sheriff Fincher gave an update on the condition of Jailer Bob Hartman. During a recent altercation with an inmate, Jailer Hartman sustained broken bones in and around his nose and lost at least one tooth. Sheriff Fincher announced that Deputy Zuniga resigned and moved back to San Antonio due to his wife's health problems. He also requested permission to purchase two 2007 model patrol cars. The commissioners approved these purchases. Judge Garner announced that the Justice of the Peace, County Auditor and County Treasurer will be moving back into the newly refurbished County Courthouse building next week. The next County Commissioners Court meeting will be held July 24th at 9:00 am.

A Guatemalan Adventure Part Two

By Dr. Greg Johnson

"*Todo lo puedo, en Cristo, que me fortalece.*" I was up early at 5:15 studying my Spanish. "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." Phillipians 4:13. We had all been given Bibles that had side by side Spanish/English translations.

It was raining, as it did off and on every day of our trip. The morning temperatures were in the mid 50's, and the afternoon would hit 82 degrees.

We made our coffee with purified water, or "agua limpia". Contaminated water was the biggest health problem in Guatemala, and many children were treated for diarrhea, loss of appetite and parasites. Even after we washed with soap and water, we used "Purell" to insure that we were safe.

Today's workday would be in the town of San

Lorenzo, population 3,000. We set up in "Iglesia Evangelica". Levi Pool and Becky were outside at triage, where everyone was given a numbered card and vital signs were taken. They passed through a checkpoint, of sorts, and were dispersed between the three medical providers; Dr. Jason Pfluke (a 3rd year surgical resident), Christy Pool PA-C, and myself. Crowd control was always a problem.

I often let the younger kids listen to their own heartbeat, and I enjoyed seeing their faces light up. I asked one young girl, "Quieres ser una enfermera?" ("Do you want to be a nurse?") I was amazed when the mother asked me if I could take her to the U.S. and put her through school. Her daughter was 6 years old.

One 42 year old woman was the mother of 14 children, and I examined her and 4 of her children that day. Her complaints were nerves, backache and urinary symptoms. I could easily understand why.

By closing time that day, the three providers had seen 206 patients.

"*Todo lo puedo, en Cristo, que me fortalece.*"

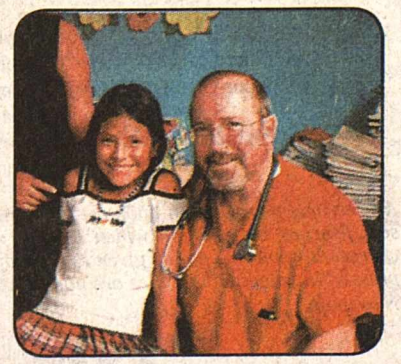
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Respected grandmothers of the community.



Guatemalan mother with 4 of her 14 children.



Dr. Johnson with a young patient.

Lighthouse Community Church

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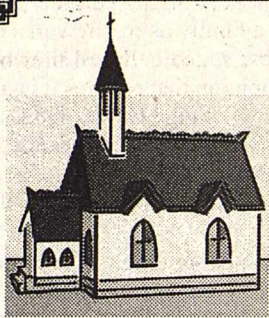
Senior Center Activities

Fri. June 30 - Let's get ready for 4th of July... Let's party.
Mon. July 3 - Happy Birthday Rosantina Gonzales
Tue. July 4 - 4th of July Holiday - center will be closed!
Wed. July 5 - Dr. Johnson, Glaucoma - Eye Screening at Senior Center, call for more information 387-5657 or 387-3941
Thur. July 6 - Crafts anyone?

Senior Center Menu

Fri. June 30 - Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Spanish Rice, refried beans, cornbread, milk and sliced peaches.
Mon. July 3 - Hot Dogs with chili and cheese, carrots, chips, pineapple waldorf salad, brownies and milk.
Tue. July 4 - 4th of July holiday, center will be closed.
Wed. July 5 - Chicken strips with gravy, baked potato, broccoli, with cheese, roll, peach cobbler and milk.
Thur. July 6 - Soft tacos with cheese, pinto beans, corn with peppers, lettuce, tomato, mixed fruit with cantaloupe and milk.

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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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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Wedding Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. John Andrew Kissko

Miss Brenda Lynn McManus of Mertzon, TX, and Mr. John Andrew Kissko of Wall, TX, were united in marriage on Saturday, June 10, 2006, at 7 o'clock in the evening. The ceremony was held at the First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo, TX, with the Reverend Ron Sutto officiating.

Brenda is the daughter of Mr. Bill McManus III and the late Gergette McManus of Mertzon. Her grandparents include Mr. & Mrs. George Joseph of Sonora, TX, and Mr. & Mrs. Bill McManus Jr. of San Angelo, TX. Johnny is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Mick Kissko of Wall, TX. His grandparents include Mrs. Mary Frances Kissko and the late Mr. Mike Kissko of San Angelo, TX, and Mr. William Lyles and Mrs. Shirley Lyles both of Mason, TX.

Serving as maid of honor was her sister, Miss Cynthia McManus of Mertzon. Bridesmaids included the three sisters of the groom; Lesli Leifeste of Hamlin, Lindsay Kissko of Wall, and Katy Kissko of Wall. Other bridal attendants were Tracy Connor of Amarillo, Molly Little and Amy Lowery, both of Midland, and Clarisa Villarreal of Mertzon. Emma Jenevein of Dallas, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl. Handing out programs and sitting at the bride's book were honorary bridesmaids, which included cousin of the groom, Bridget Lyles, of

Kerrville, and cousins of the bride, Emily and Amelia Butler of Sonora. Serving the groom as best man was his father, Mr. Mick Kissko of Wall. The groomsmen included Lee Brandon of Quanah, TX, Chase Bubenik, Byron Cox, Jason Holik, Scott Letbetter, Jordy Moorman, and Casey Puckitt, all of Wall, TX. Ringbearers were cousins of the bride, Nolan and Philip Jenevein, both of Dallas.

Groomsmen also served as ushers. Cousins of the groom, Andrew and Jason Kissko of Jim Ned, TX, passed out birdseed bags and served as greeters.

Brenda is a 2002 graduate of Irion County High School in Mertzon, TX. She graduated from Texas Tech in Lubbock with a bachelor of arts in advertising in May, 2006. She is currently employed by the Volunteer Center of Lubbock as the Communications and Development Director. Johnny is a 2002 graduate of Wall High School. He is a candidate for December 2006 graduation from Texas Tech in Lubbock, with a bachelor's degree in math and kinesiology. He is currently employed by Texas Tech in the Information Technology Department.

The couple went on a honeymoon to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, and will reside in Lubbock TX when they return.

Engagement Announcement



Christin Lynae Linton and Alan Joseph Nicholas

Fred and Lynda Linton of Monahans, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Christin Lynae to Alan Joseph Nicholas, son of Ronald and Susan Nicholas of Sonora, Texas. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Arlena Heck and the late Floyd Heck of Wilson, Texas and the late Leon and Ella Linton of Midland, Texas.

She is a 1999 graduate of Monahans High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Christin is currently employed by the City of Lubbock and is pursuing a degree

in nursing. Alan is the grandson of George Nicholas and the late Ruth Nicholas of Alpine, Texas and Henry and Johnnie Thompson of Rainsville, AL.

He is a 2000 graduate of Sonora High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Alan is currently in his final year of law school at Texas Tech University, and is employed by Women's Protective Services in Lubbock, Texas.

The wedding is planned for August 12, 2006 in Midland, Texas.

Thank You Note

We would like to give our thanks to God, our parents, families and friends for all their love and support.
To all the Damas and Chamberlains for the time you took for every practice and effort. You all did a wonderful job.
To all our Padrinos for making this day possible. Thank You!
A special thanks to La Mexicana workers. You all did a great job. Thank you so much.
To Maria Galindo, Brenda Sanchez, Rene and Tabby
To our decorator, Christine Sanchez of Sonora.
To our dance director, Aurora Lozano of San Angelo
To all our guests for being with us on such an important day for us.
To our announcer Armando from San Angelo.
To our church servers and readers. Thank you all.

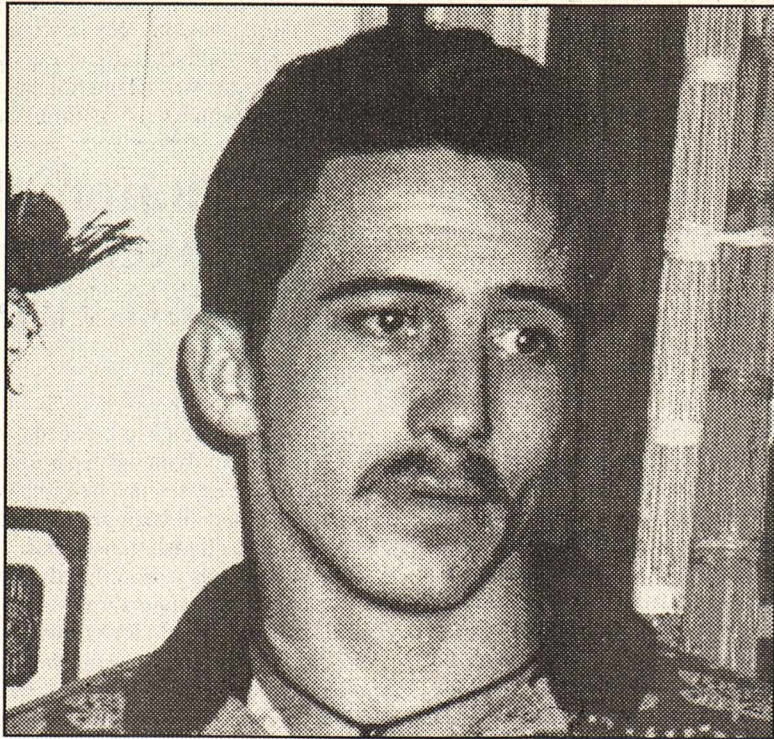
Love,
Stephanie Coronado and Nicole Hernandez



Nicole Hernandez and Stephanie Coronado

Obituary

George Albert Bristow III



Trey Bristow, 36 was working in Van Horn with his uncle, Johnnie Fulton at the time of his death. The cause of death is undetermined.

Trey was born July 18, 1969 and died June 20, 2006.

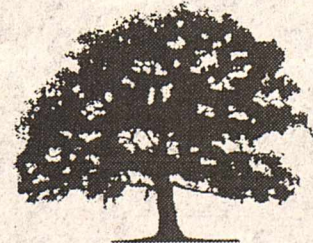
He is survived by his father, George A. Bristow Jr. of Alpine, his mother Gay N. Monroe of Sonora; stepmother Sherry Bristow of Alpine; stepfather Larry L. Monroe of Sonora; a brother Johnnie Bristow of Spring, TX; sisters Sandra Monroe, Kassandra Monroe of Sonora,

Jennifer Gameter of Wisconsin, Ashley and Dawn Bristow of Alpine. Grandparents Joe and Elsie Downing of Sonora, and Martha Gaye Johnson of El Paso.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 1, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse Community Church, with a meal preceding the service at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to pay their respects at the memorial service.

Letter to the Editor

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Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Someone asked if things were really as wild as people claim in the old days? Were there really hangings and vigilante justice?

The following story given to us this week certainly shows how things could be during bad times in Texas; times when men meted out justice themselves.

From the book "Paso del Aguila" detailing the death of Robert Owens which occurred in 1864 at Piedras Negras, Coah. Mexico. The book is the memoirs of Jesse Sumpter as recorded by Henry Warren between 1902 and 1906.

A man named Wood, living on Turkey Creek about 18 miles west of Uvalde, his wife, and some of his neighbors came to Eagle Pass to lay in supplies. They left at the ranch a 14-year-old-daughter, a 12-year-old-son, a Negro man and a Mexican man. The next day after Wood left the ranch, the Mexican murdered the boy by beating his brains out with a club while the boy was asleep. He also beat the Negro on the head and left him, as he thought, dead. He then took the girl and started through the country for the Rio Grande. The Negro, after a while, regained consciousness and was able the next morning to go out and give the alarm. Then word was sent to Wood and his wife at Eagle Pass, who immediately returned to his ranch.

From then on, everybody here was on the lookout for the Mexican and the girl. The ranchmen in the surrounding country on this side of the river all were notified. The troops went out and scoured the country in all directions.

On the third day after the murder, the Mexican went to a ranch about four miles below Eagle Pass right on the bank of the Rio Grande to get some provisions, but he left the girl in the brush close by. The ranchman, who was also a Mexican, saw the Mexican coming towards his ranch, and his sharp eye detected the woman's dress in the brush not far off. He was satisfied then that this was the one wanted.

As soon as the Mexican got to the ranch, the ranchman threw his gun down on him and took him pris-

oner. With the assistance of some of the men at the ranch, he tied him and then went and got the girl. He brought both of them to Fort Duncan and delivered his prisoner to Captain Hiram Mitchell who was in command.

Then Wood was notified to come after his daughter. Wood and his wife and some of his friends, the Owens boys, started for Eagle Pass. They arrived two or three days later, and the Mexican prisoner was turned over to them, with the intention that he be delivered to the authorities at Uvalde.

They started late in the afternoon, and a good many troops accompanied them. All of the soldiers were on foot. The crowd aroused suspicion of the Mexicans in the town that the prisoner was going to be hanged, and they too followed to see what was to be the disposition of the man. The party took the prisoner just behind the hills of the San Antonio Road, just out of sight of the town, and half a mile from the edge of the town. They halted there and built a fire.

While the fire was getting lighted, they commenced to torture the Mexican with their knives. They cut off his ears, stuck their knives through his hands and split them out. They likewise split out his feet, cut off various members of his body, gouged his eyes out and finally picked him up and threw him into the fire. When he was thrown into the fire, he kicked and scrambled about until he got out. They then picked him up and threw him back into the fire and kept him on fire 'til he was dead. Besides those engaged in the burning and torturing of the Mexican, there were a number of spectators among whom was the girl herself and her mother.

Also a number of Mexicans watched, one of whom was named Jose Maria Guajardo. They stood off at a distance afraid to get any closer.

The above particulars were related to Jesse Sumpter by some of the soldiers who took part in the burning. I thought, as did the Mexicans, when I saw the soldiers going off on foot with the prisoner, that he was going to be hanged.

Not wishing to witness even a lynching, I would not accompany the crowd. I had no idea the prisoner would be tortured to death. The next day Wood and Bob Owens went to Piedras Negras to buy

some supplies. Wood bought his and immediately returned. Owens remained in Piedras Negras, and while there and in his cups, of which he was very fond, he boasted of the part he had taken in the killing.

When he pointed to the blood which was still on his boots, this infuriated the Mexicans who got after him and chased him. I heard some shots and looked across the river in the direction from which they came and saw Owens running down the bank of the river, jump into the water and start to swim across. The Mexicans ran up to the edge of the water and emptied their pistols at him but apparently missed. About this time there was a skiff crossing the stream going toward Mexico with an oarsman and a woman. Owens made directly toward the skiff and caught hold of the side when he reached it, as though he were going to get into it.

The Mexican rowing the skiff put down one of his oars very leisurely, got up and took the other oar, raised it aloft and brought it down with a crash on Owens' head. Owens immediately sank under the water and nothing more was seen of him until about nine days after, when he rose to the top of the water at the same place apparently where he had gone down.

As soon as he came to the top, it seemed that every skiff man made for him. The body was dragged out on the bank on the other side. The news of the recovery of Owens' body spread so rapidly that within a few minutes it seemed that all the inhabitants of Piedras Negras had gathered there to look at it. Then everybody left and the body was left there alone.

Owen's brother, seeing that the body was left there alone, supposed that they were going to leave it or throw it into the river. He sent over and asked permission to bring the body to his side and received the reply, "Come and take the dog away." He sent men over who got the body and brought it to this side. He put it in a coffin and took it away, but where it was buried I do not know.

Robert Jackson Owens 1835-1864.

Robert was eighteen when his family migrated to Texas from Florida and twenty-one upon arriving at Encino (later named Uvalde) He married Priscilla Gos-

sett, age 16, Feb. 14, 1856. He and his wife lived in the Fort Inge, Uvalde and Coleman Co. area for the next 8 years. They had 5 children, William Milton, Mary Jane, Arena Priscilla, Robert Jackson and Albert Jackson Lee Owens.

Robert served in the Texas military in 1862-63. Private Robert Owens was discharged from Capt. John H. Dix Co. "H" Texas Frontier Regiment for pay from 9 Aug 1862 to 4 Feb 1863 at a rate of \$12 a day. Paid 40 cents per day for his horse, \$1 per month for use of arms, and \$60 for travel from Camp Dix to Uvalde (2 day trip then) and subsistence of \$1.50 for travel. He was originally issued clothing in the amount of \$31.54. Total pay on discharge was \$154.57 from Capt. W. W. Reynolds the Quartermaster.

He did join the posse chasing the Mexican and was ambushed at Piedras Negras and while attempting to get back across the Rio Grande was either shot or hit in the head by Mexicans and drowned.

His widow eventually remarried to John Alfred Sykes. His son Robert Jackson Jr. and Albert J. L. Owens moved with their step-father to what would eventually become Sutton Co. and took up ranching.

Send your questions to "Ask the Historical Society P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to "mailto:schs@sonorax.net"

You may call our offices at 307 Oak St. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9 and 12:30 or Saturday mornings from 8-12 telephone 325-387-5084. We need some volunteers to help us at the old ice house. Call if you can help. Remember it won't become our new huge museum until some of you help us finish up gutting the old building and getting it ready for electricians, carpenters and window men to work on the rest.

Only 33 Days Until
Two-a-Days Start!
Go
Broncos

Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program is looking for a outstanding Pioneer Family to honor this year at Sutton County Days. You may enter your favorite pioneer family by calling Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street office at 325-387-2248 or mail us some information about the family to P.O. Box 233- Sonora, Texas 76950. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Board of Directors will choose the family and the award will be given at the Steak Dinner during Sutton County Days. We will also ask the outstanding family for some photos and stories about the "Good Old Days" to display at the First National Bank of Sonora and Bank & Trust of Sonora.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program was recognized by the National Main Street Program at the Conference in New Orleans this month. We have been an outstanding Main Street Program for the last seven years. It is always good to go to National Main Street Conference every once in awhile so you can share the ideas that have worked for your program and learn about programs that you may use in your community. At the National Main Street Conference, we learned about Heritage Tourism. New Orleans is rich with heritage tourism and we represented our Texas Community with a friendly taste of West Texas and shared a story or two about the wonders of West Texas.

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A Memorial Service will be held
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Chamber Roundup

CHAMBER NEWS

By Greta Ramsdell

The upcoming Independence Day holiday has prompted me to do some research on the Fourth of July traditions, and one thing I did not remember from my U.S. history classes was that the 4th could have easily been the 2nd or the 8th of July. With all the happenings during the formulation of the Declaration of Independence, Congress voted for independence from Great Britain on July 2nd, released an edited, unsigned copy on July 4th, read the Declaration publicly on July 8th, and finally signed the document on August 2nd.

John Adams wrote a moving letter to his wife Abigail on July 3rd, which said:

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

Let us not forget this important day in history, as so many have fought to maintain our freedom and liberty. If organized festivities are not held, we can still gather with our families and carry on Adams' directive to celebrate this day, and remember the sacrifices of our ancestors.

The U.S. Census Bureau's

"Facts for Features" provides a few interesting tidbits on July 4th history and celebrations, including the following:

- In July 1776, 2.5 million people lived in the colonies. On this July 4th, our population will be closing in on 300 million.

- 150 million hot dogs will probably be consumed by Americans during the 4th of July holiday.

- There is a 25% chance the hot dogs made of pork, originate in Iowa.

- Chances are best that beef hot dogs, burgers and steaks will come from the great Lone Star State, which accounts for over one-sixth of the nation's total beef production.

- More than 68 million Americans said they took part in a barbeque during the past year, many of which were held in conjunction with the 4th of July.

- The United States imported \$211 million in fireworks in 2005, \$201.9 million of which came from China.

- The U.S. imported \$5.5 of American flags in 2005, \$5 million of which came from China.

- U.S. flags worth \$993,000 were exported in 2005, with Mexico purchasing more than one half of the flags.

If you would like more details on the "Facts for Features" article, go to www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions.

Have a fun filled, patriotic Fourth of July celebration and don't forget the reason we are celebrating!

Help Prevent Highway Hazards: Get Enough Sleep Before Getting Behind the Wheel.



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

Drinking and driving can be a lethal combination. But so can driving while drowsy, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert. Drowsiness is one of the most dangerous distractions drivers can experience, said Bev Kellner, who is with Extensions Passenger Safety Program.

A recent study by Virginia Tech Transportation Institute and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found 80 percent of crashes to be caused by distracted or drowsy driving, she said. A drowsy driver accounted for over 20 percent of the crashes and near-crashes. The new study also found that tired drivers are four to six times more likely to be involved in a crash or near-crash than are drivers who are not tired, Kellner said. Time of day matters too. The afternoon hours between 1-5 p.m. and the early morning between midnight-6 a.m. seem to be the most dangerous time for drowsy driving, she said. While drowsing and driving don't mix for drivers of any age, young men seem to be the most likely to be afflicted, Kellner said. Males ages 16 to 24 have a higher crash rate from all types of crashes. This age group is also more likely to be sleep-deprived due to combining busy schedules as students, and workers along with active social lives. She said. It is also true that teenagers and young adults actually need more

sleep than older people. But for drivers of any age, research shows that getting less than six hours of sleep can be risky.

The National Safety Council listed symptoms of drowsy driving: eyes closing or going out of focus; excessive yawning; irritability or impatience; wandering thoughts; inability to remember driving the last few miles; and drifting between lanes or onto the road's shoulder. If any of these symptoms show up, the safety council advised getting off the road into a safe, well-lit area and taking a nap. To prevent drowsy driving in the first place, the safety council said:

- Begin the trip early in the day and don't drive between midnight and 6 a.m. if possible.
- Stop every 100 miles or about every two hours and get out of the car and walk around.
- Share driving responsibilities, especially on long trips.

Drowsiness is a serious distraction for drivers but not the only one for a societal trend of multi-tasking while driving and a general lack of attention to the road. Using a cell phone, outside distractions, eating, sickness, modern vehicle gadgets, and even adjusting the radio or CD player are other dangerous driving distractions.

According to a 2003 study by Great Britain's Transport Research Laboratory talking on either a hand-held cell phone or a hands-free setup creates a driver about as attentive as one who's at the legal limit of alcohol consumption.

The average driver makes 400 observations and 40 decisions every 2 miles they drive. One of the best preventive measures you can take is to always wear your safety belt. For your safety and the safety of others who share the road, always make driving your number one priority when you are behind the wheel. Stay awake, stay alert - stay alive!

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Heather Bohac
Texas Pecos Trail Regional Coordinator

Heather Bohac was born in Austin, Texas and graduated from Texas State University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology with a minor in Ethnic Studies.

Heather shared her background and qualifications with us: For the past ten years I have been working at various jobs throughout the country and the state of Texas. I have been a Docent for the Galveston Historical Foundation, a Veterinarian's Assistant and a Senior Grant Secretary for the Center for Archaeological Studies. While in college, I was a student assistant for 6 professors. My favorite career was working last summer in Denali National Park, Alaska. I spent most of my days visiting with tourists and showing them the wonderful attractions in Denali. My weekends were spent hiking in the park. In my short time in Alaska I hiked up a mountain, took a plane ride to see Mt. McKinley, saw tons of wildlife, visited a trapping cabin, drove a jeep through the back country, played on four wheelers and got chased by a Dahl Sheep. My hobbies include: fishing, hiking, camping, and kayaking.

I am very excited about my new career as the Texas Pecos Trail Regional Coordinator. It is an honor and a privilege to work with the Texas Historical Commission and the wonderful people of Texas. I feel strongly that the Heritage Trail Program will not only increase revenue for West Texas but also help to build long lasting relationships within the regions. Texas Pecos Trail Region Board Meets in Sonora.

COLLEGE STATION - Diplomas were awarded to 5,398 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies. Among those recognized were:
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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

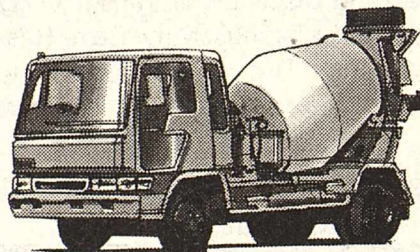
Saturday-Sunday, July 15-16:

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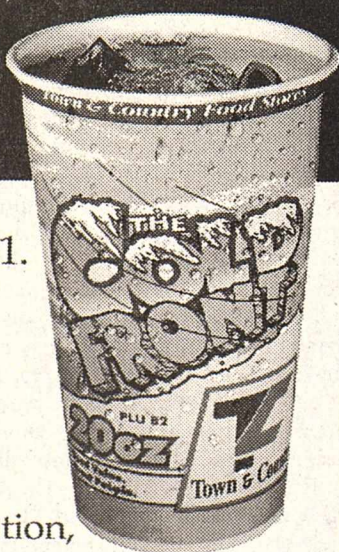
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Freshwater and Coastal Fishing Report

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AMISTAD: Water clear; 85 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 nightcrawlers in 5 - 10 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 83 degrees; 11.10' low. Black bass are fair on Carolina rigged watermelon Bush Pig creature baits, green pumpkin JDC grubs, and smokin' green Devil's Tongues on drop shot rigs over rock piles and along bluff ledges at first light in 12 - 20 feet. Striped bass are fair drifting live bait on 3" Spoiler Shads, Rat-L-Traps, and white Snap Back jerkbaits on red Bait Jerker Hooks from Shaw Island to the dam with sporadic topwater action at daylight. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows over brushpiles. Channel catfish are good on liver, cheesebait, and drip bait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 82 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 bait.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; 18.84' low. Black bass are good on live bait, black/blue jigs and shad-colored soft jerkbaits near timber and humps. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live baits. Smallmouth bass are good on topwater lures and crankbaits.

Channel catfish are good on live baits.

MATAGORDA: Trout are fair to good on the deeper shell pads on live shrimp, croakers and plum, fire tiger and morning glory Bass Assassins, Trout Killers and Sand Eels. Trout are fair to good over the grass beds on soft plastics and topwaters.

ROCKPORT: Trout are good around Mud Island and the reefs of Copano Bay on red shad plastics, croakers and live shrimp. Redfish are good on mullet and topwaters on the Estes Flats and on Long Reef.

PORT ARANSAS: Trout are fair to good on the North Jetty on live shrimp, mullet and Rat-L-Traps. Trout and redfish are good in the surf on live shrimp, croakers, piggy perch, mullet and topwaters. Offshore is good for snapper, kingfish, amberjack, dorado and wahoo.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Trout and redfish are good on live shrimp, croakers and piggy perch around the Causeway. Trout are good in the surf on She Dogs, Super Spooks, Bass Assassins, Sand Eels, croaker and live shrimp.

BAFFIN BAY: Trout, redfish and flounder are good in the Land Cut on live shrimp, croakers, Sand Eels and Bass Assassins. Trout are good on croakers, piggies and soft plastics at Emmords Hole and around the rocks.

If your favorite fishing location is not listed here, let us know at the Devil's River News, and we will do our best to add it to the report.



Mrs. Baker's Summer School class visits the Devil's River News Thursday, June 22, 2006.

Left to right are: Mayra Capuchina, Joanna deLuna, Janet Baez, Isela Rivas, Armando Perez, and Isaiah Lira.

The students were given a tour of the newspaper offices and were shown the day to day operations of a weekly, hometown newspaper.

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Angelo State Dean's List Released for 2006 Spring Semester

The Dean's List for the 2006 Spring Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees, along with their majors, include the following from the Sonora area:

Allison Arlene Benson, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Mark P. Cooper, music; Caleb J. Gullely, kinesiology/teacher certification; Stephanie Nicole Hard, criminal justice and psychology; Ervey Enriquez Hernandez, Spanish/secondary certification; Connie R. Isenhour, business; Leandra R. Perez, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Thomas W. Schenkel, animal science; and Lanna Joy Smith, psychology.



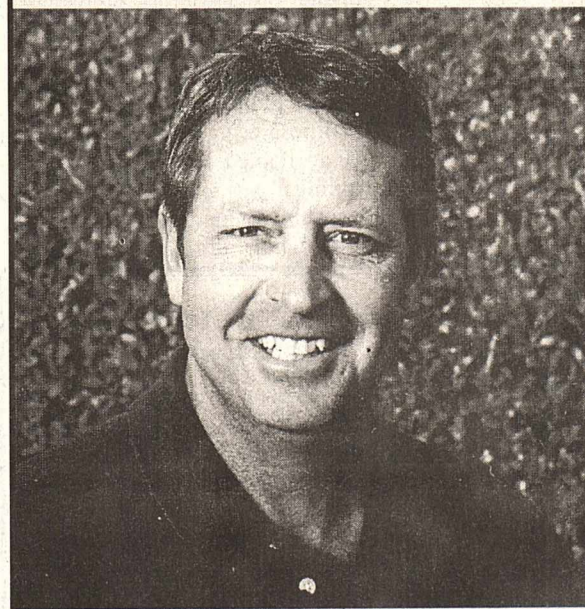
Sonora All-Star Minors Baseball Team takes 2nd place in the Mason Tournament

Back row: Coaches Johnny Esparza and Sam Hughes
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Anthony Longoria signs on the dotted line to run track for ASU. Witnessing the signature are: Betty and Joe Longoria and Coach Eddie Favila

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Nature Conservancy of Texas to Host Open Preserve Day

Public invited to fish, hike, watch wildlife

The Nature Conservancy of Texas will hold an Open Preserve Day at Independence Creek Preserve from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Saturday, July 15, 2006.** The event is free and open to the public, although advanced registration is required. Independence Creek Preserve is located 22 miles south of Sheffield on Highway 349.

Visitors may participate in swimming, catch-and-release fishing, hiking, creek hiking, birding and other activities at their leisure.

Visitors should bring their own food and drinks for the day and plan to take their trash home with them. Good-quality hiking boots will be needed for hiking. Visitors also should bring towels and swimwear, fishing gear (No Live Bait, only Artificial Lures), binoculars, sunscreen, a hat and plenty of water to drink. Restrooms are available at the pavilion. Alcoholic beverages, firearms, stereos and TVs are prohibited. For safety reasons, children must be supervised by their parents or other designated adults. **No pets of any kind will be permitted.**

Attendees should keep in mind that the Independence Creek Preserve is a wildlife sanctuary and that snakes, skunks and other wild animals may be present. Native American or other historic artifacts may be examined and appreciated but may not be removed. Vehicles must remain on roads unless otherwise directed by preserve staff.

To register and get directions, call Lisa Wrinkle at (432) 345-6773 or e-mail her at lwrinkle@tnc.org.

The Nature Conservancy is an international, nonprofit organization that preserves plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. To date, the Conservancy and its nearly 1 million members have been responsible for the protection of more than 15 million acres in the United States and have helped protect more than 117 million acres in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific. In the Lone Star State, The Nature Conservancy of Texas owns 35 nature preserves and conservation projects and assists private landowners to conserve their land through more than 70 voluntary land-preservation agreements. The Nature Conservancy of Texas protects 250,000 acres of wild lands and, with partners, has conserved close to a million acres for wildlife habitat across the state. Visit The Nature Conservancy of Texas on the Web at nature.org/texas.



Urban Renewal Comes to Concho Street

By Ray Glasscock

Back in the dark ages before video games, there were several places to meet with your friends and play pool. For high school kids, we went to pool hall on main street. A game of pool was \$0.10 and a game of snookers was \$0.25. For citizens of age, the Backdoor Pool Hall offered pool and cool adult beverages.

Orlando Reina and Terry Martin have been hired by Leroy Valliant to tear down the old pool hall. Leroy* also plans to tear down the old motel and level the lot. "I may offer the land for sale or build to suit tenant. Or I may build something myself."

Currently, Leroy and his friends meet at the old motel every Monday night around 7:30 and play old country music. "Everyone is invited to listen. We take requests, but seldom play them." Leroy also stated that they do not play gangsta' rap.

*"Mr. Valliant was my father. I am Leroy."



Orlando Reina and Terry Martin Tearing Down the Backdoor Pool Hall

Heart and Heritage

By Ruthie Bounds

More Than Barbeque & Picnics

The Fourth of July is our Independence Day, not just a day for backyard barbeques, fireworks, parades and picnics. As with so many of our holidays, we have somehow lost, or at the very least put out of our minds, the true meaning and significance of this day. It is high time that we remind ourselves of the true meaning and importance of Independence Day, and pass that knowledge on to our children.

On July 4, 1776, some 230 years ago the Declaration of Independence was ratified by the Continental Congress. This did not happen overnight and was not written on the spur of the moment. The Continental Congress was formed in 1774 when each of the thirteen original colonies sent delegates to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to discuss their untenable relationship with England's King George III. The colonials and their delegates were very unhappy with the King of England and his oppression and mistreatment of the colonies and the colonial people. The phrase "taxation without representation" was heard at every town meeting, church gathering, local tavern, and dining table. The colonies had no representatives in the Parliament of England, but were heavily taxed for all the wonderful products they produced and the products they purchased.

For two years the Continental Congress officially tried to work out their problems with England without declaring war or inciting violence. However, in June of 1776 the Congress came to realize that their hard work at diplomacy had failed, and a committee was formed to compose a formal declaration of independence from England. Headed by Thomas Jefferson, the committee included Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Philip Livingston, and Roger Sherman. They appointed Thomas Jefferson to write the document that would declare the colonies were no longer to be colonies of England, knowing full well that it would mean war. The first draft of this document was presented to the Continental Congress on June 28, 1776, and after several revisions it was ratified on July 4, 1776, with 9 colonies voting for ratification, 2 - Pennsylvania & South Carolina voting against, 1 - Delaware undecided, and 1 - New York abstaining.

To make the declaration official the President of the Continental Congress, John Hancock, signed the document. It is said that he signed with a flourish and in large handwriting so that King George III could read his name without the use of his eye glasses. Though the signing of the Declaration of Independence was not completed until August, it was accepted that July the Fourth would be the acknowledged date to celebrate the birthday of The United States of America. The first celebration actually was held the very next year during the height of the Revolutionary War. By the early 1800's it had become a tradition to celebrate America's Birthday with picnics, parades, and fireworks.

It wasn't until seven years later on February 4, 1783 that England finally declared an end to the hostilities in America, and the Congress officially declares an end to the Revolutionary War on April 11, 1776 in Philadelphia. Though the eloquently written Declaration of Independence signified the official beginning of the Revolutionary War, the famous "shot heard round the world" fired in Concord, Massachusetts and Paul Revere's ride both actually took place in 1775 while the Continental Congress was hard at work to find a diplomatic resolution to their differences with England.

Please take the time to read the Declaration of Independence and relish the eloquence and intelligence with which it was written. As I have written many times before - "Freedom is not Free", millions of men and women have served The United States of America from that time until now, so that we can live our lives with liberty and in the pursuit of happiness. If we just think about that for a moment, maybe we won't take it for granted and maybe we will learn to appreciate all that we have.

The Devil's River News
extends to all our readers,
Best Wishes for a Happy and
Safe 4th of July holiday.

July 4 Holiday Brings More Traffic Enforcement

Texas Highway Patrol troopers will be out in force during the days leading up to the July 4th holiday. Troopers will be looking for people who are driving drunk, speeding or not properly secured in safety belts. During the July 4th weekend last year, DPS troopers arrested 1,128 drivers for driving while intoxicated.

"We'll be out aggressively looking for people who are DWI. If you're driving drunk, we will arrest you, for your safety and the safety of other Texans out on the roads," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr, director of the DPS.

Texas is one of several states participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)—a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. All available troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways targeting speeders, drunk drivers and seat belt violators during the Fourth of

July holiday weekend. "Stay sober, slow down and make sure everyone in your vehicle is properly secured," Col. Davis said.

- Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers during the extended holiday weekend:
- Do not drink and drive; rather, find a designated driver.
 - Have everyone in the vehicle properly secured, either with a safety belt or in the appropriate car seat or booster.
 - Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed limit.
 - Save your phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to place or answer mobile calls.
 - Be polite and courteous while driving—do not practice road rage behavior.
 - For long trips, have the car checked to make sure it is road-worthy.

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Submitted by Greta Ramsdell

The 15th Annual American Meat Goat Association's conference, show and premium breeding stock sale will be held in Sonora, Texas, "The Heart of the Stockman's Paradise", on July 15th and 16th, 2006. The event is to be held at the Sutton County Civic Center, with the show and annual membership meeting to be held on Saturday, July 15th and the speaker's program and live goat auction on Sunday, July 16th.

All livestock producers interested in learning more about the fastest growing industry in animal agriculture are invited to attend. Goat check-in will be 8 am - 2 p.m. on Saturday. Only A.M.G.A. members may consign goats. Membership

registration will be available on site. The show is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. on the 15th with the annual A.M.G.A. membership meeting and election of directors at 7 p.m.

AMERICAN MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION'S 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SHOW AND PREMIUM BREEDING STOCK SALE

on that same day. On Sunday the speakers program starts at 9 am, featuring Dr. Richard Browning, Jr. with the Institute of Agricultural

and Environmental Research at Tennessee State University and Dr. Frank Pinkerton, a retired Extension Specialist, followed by the premium breeding stock sale starting

at 2 p.m.. Buyers must have registered prior to bidding on an animal. A delicious goat burger lunch will be provided by the A.M.G.A. on

Sunday between the speaker program and the goat sale.

The American Meat Goat Association, for those unfamiliar with it, is a non-profit organization which was formed in 1992 to promote the United States meat goat industry and aid its development. Whether you are looking for more information on the meat goat industry or just want the opportunity to buy pre-sifted, quality breeding stock, come join us for the two day program on July 15th and 16th at the Sutton County Civic Center located in Sonora, Texas. For more information please contact the American Meat Goat Association at 325-387-6100 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. or e-mail amga@sonoratax.net.

4-H Lamb and Goat Challenge

By Pascual Hernandez
Sutton County Extension Agent

Have you ever sought involvement in an activity that was fun, challenging, and provided learning experiences? Here's your chance! Though school just ended, now is a good time to be thinking about 4-H. Let's dedicate some time to introducing you to the Texas 4-H program. 4-H has much to offer. Possibilities include photography, poetry, comedy, drama, dance, outdoor education, clothing & textiles, shooting sports, horticulture, entomology, and MUCH more! Youth must be at least in the third grade. Today, however, we'll discuss the livestock project. Sutton County has traditionally been sheep & goat country, so we will devote our discussion there.

First lets start with the question, "Why a lamb or goat project?" Well, the main objective is the same as any other 4-H project: acquire leadership skills and sense of duty; induce qualities such as commitment, determination, and patience; practice sportsmanship; and basically develop youth into responsible adults. However, record-keeping, time management and communication skills can also be acquired through participation. Furthermore, the lamb or goat project can help educate kids and parents in the subjects of nutrition, health, marketing, economics, genetics and numerous other scientific topics.

4-H market lambs/goats make an

ideal animal project. Some strong advantages include: low initial cost, it can be a short term project (3 to 5 months), it is usually very safe for young children and little equipment is needed. Moreover, these activities promote family involvement.

It is also important to be aware of the large numbers of opportunities the 4-H sheep/goat project presents. In addition to showing at jackpots, county or major shows, 4-H'ers can participate in record book competitions, public speaking, illustrated talks, method demonstrations, wool judging, and can develop breeding projects. The 4-H sheep/goat project, because of this flexibility, has much to offer.

Don't know much about animal husbandry? Not to worry...youth will receive help along the way. The County Extension Agent will help you find and select your lamb or goat and makes project visits to evaluate progress and make suggestions. Project leaders also provide management tips and information. Additionally, clinics are held regularly to provide help and information on feeding, training, grooming, showmanship, etc.

Lambs and goats can be purchased between June and late September. Validation takes place sometime in October. This means that animals are identified to prove ownership, and no more will be accepted to show after the validation date. Want more details? Contact Sutton County Extension Agent Pascual Hernandez at 387-3101.

June 22, 2006

The Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns (CCC) is a weekly report from

Washington, D.C., giving an up-to-date summary of top policy initiatives concerning the cattle industry;

Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns

direct from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

Senate Pressures Japan to Lift Beef Ban: Cattlemen are supporting legislation (S. 3548) championed by Senators Kent Conrad (D-N.D.) and Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) that would require the U.S. Treasury to impose tariffs on Japanese exports if Japan does not re-open its market to U.S. beef by August 31, 2006. The legislation was introduced June 21 and currently has 16 Senate cosponsors.

In separate action, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed a "Sense of the Senate Resolution" calling for sanctions on Japanese products if Japan has not resumed imports of U.S. beef by the enactment of the agriculture appropriations bill. With the support of Senators Conrad Burns (R-Mont.), Sam Brownback (R-Kan.), Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), Larry Craig (R-Idaho), Tim Johnson (D-S.D.), Christopher Bond (R-Mo.) and Pete Domenici (R-N.M.), the measure passed the Committee unanimously by voice vote.

NCBA's Executive Committee voted unanimously June 14 to support such Congressional action if Japan fails to resume beef trade expeditiously. "Although sanctions are not the preferred method to resolve these issues, some within the Japanese government favor protectionist standards over science-based standards for international trade," says NCBA President and Missouri cattleman Mike John. "Our preference is free, fair and reliable trade based on sound science, but at this point they have left us with no other

viable option."

Japan Commits to Resuming Trade, but No Time Frame Set: The Government of Japan announced it will resume trade of certain U.S. beef products under an agreement reached during a video conference June 20-21. Although media reports are saying U.S. beef could be moving to Japan as early as late July, the official announcement does not mention a time frame.

Japanese audit teams are scheduled to arrive in the United States this weekend for visits to processing plants approved for exporting to Japan. These visits are scheduled to conclude July 21. Upon completion of these audits, Japanese officials have verbally agreed to expeditiously resume beef trade, but it will take a lot more than verbal agreements to satisfy U.S. cattlemen.

"After years of empty promises and continued delays, U.S. beef producers remain skeptical," says NCBA CEO Terry Stokes. "As we proceed with implementing steps toward trade resumption, we will continue to insist on science-based standards." Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi is scheduled to visit the United States for meetings with President Bush next week.

Ag Appropriations: The Senate Appropriations Committee passed the Fiscal Year 2007 Department of Agriculture Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill June 22. This package contains language regarding beef trade with Japan (see Senate Pressures Japan to Lift Beef Ban above) and disaster assistance for agriculture operations (see Drought and Disaster Relief below). The package now moves to the full Senate for approval.

Drought and Disaster Relief: NCBA is working to get much-needed assistance for ranchers in drought-afflicted areas of the country as well as for ranchers suffering from other natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods and wildfires. In today's mark-up of the Agriculture Appropriations Bill, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved an amendment offered by Senators Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) and Conrad Burns (R-Mont.) which earmarks \$3.9 billion for agriculture disaster assistance. The bill provides for crop losses, the Livestock Compensation Program, funds to offset rising energy costs, and additional funding for the Emergency Conservation Program and the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. The package now moves to the full Senate for approval.

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

New 2 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8960' Whitehead -1- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 39 06/26/06

New 3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8900' Whitehead -1- #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 39 06/20/06

New 4 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8650' Simmons Ranch #102 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 122 06/28/06

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

New 6 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8550' Edwin S Mayer Jr -G- #102 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 108 06/29/06 Assigned

7 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8300' Shannon -52- #18 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 108 06/17/06 7 Drlg Ahead

8 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7850' Genini #31-16 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 704 06/26/06 Assigned

9 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7800' Shurley -141- #23 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 107 06/18/06 6 Drlg Ahead

New 10 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7500' Shurley -148- #10 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 40 06/26/06 Assigned

11 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7500' Mack Cauthorn -130- #10 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 161 06/19/06 5 Drlg Ahead

New 12 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7350' J W Ward -118- #20 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 115 06/28/06 Assigned

New 13 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7075' Duke Wilson #34-02 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 107 06/28/06 Assigned

New 14 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7050' Deberry-Berger Unit #18 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 105 06/27/06 Assigned

15 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7050' Canyon Ranch #2082s Dw Patterson Drilling/A 120 06/11/06 13 Drlg Ahead

16 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7000' J W Ward -118- #18 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 115 06/19/06 5 Drlg Ahead

New 17 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6950' Canyon Ranch #1149s Dw Patterson Drilling/A 161 06/28/06 Assigned

18 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6850' Shurley -123- #25 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 40 06/18/06 6 Drlg Ahead

New 19 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6300' Steen #94 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 105 06/18/06 6 Drlg Ahead

Edwards

1 Newfield 11000' Earwood Gas Unit -1- #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 471 06/14/06 10 Drlg Ahead

New 2 Newfield 10000' Davis #902 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 118 06/19/06 5 Drlg Ahead

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

4 Pxp Texas Inc 5000' Peterson -81- #1 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 24 05/08/06 47 Drlg Ahead

Terrell

1 Encore Operating Lp 14700' Banner Estate #48 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 05/14/06 41 Drlg Ahead

New 2 Oxy Permian/Houston 14500' Turk -A- #1a Dw Patterson Drilling/A 169 06/19/06 5 Drlg Ahead

3 Bp America Prod/Mid 12200' Banner Estate #34 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 04/22/06 63 Drlg Ahead

4 Encana O & G/Dallas 12200' Culbertson -17- #9 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 57 06/06/06 18 Drlg Ahead

New 5 Fasken Oil & Ranch 7500' Monroe Sw -188- #23 Dw Lariat Services/Ode 18 06/18/06 6 Drlg Ahead 4382'

New 6 Marshall & Winston 6500' Allison #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 109 06/20/06 4 Drlg Ahead

7 Encore Operating Lp 6300' Goode Estate -B- Unit #9 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 06/09/06 15 Drlg Ahead

Crockett

New 1 Willo Oil & Gas Exp 15000' Arledge #408 Dw Grey Wolf Drilling/A 43 06/28/06 Moving

2 Exl Petroleum Lp 11000' University Sarah #2601 Tk Lariat Services/Ode 22 05/22/06 33 At T.D.

3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9750' Hunt -24- #9 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 120 06/26/06 Assigned

New 4 J. Cleo Thompson/Dal 9500' University 31-9e #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 42 06/16/06 8 Drlg Ahead

5 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey Estate -B- #424 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 06/10/06 14 Drlg Ahead

New 6 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey -A- #605 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 06/26/06 Assigned

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

New 8 Anadarko E & P 8500' Laura Hoover Estate -6a- #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 38 06/21/06 3 Drlg Ahead

New 9 Soc Oil Company Inc 6800' Stugard -45- #1 Dw Adobe Drilling Mustan 06/22/06 2 Drlg Ahead

New 10 Oxy Permian/Houston 5600' South Cross Unit #238 Sledge Drilling 1 06/19/06 5 Drlg Ahead

11 Mlc Operating 5500' Onyx -B- #4 Dw Adobe Drilling Bronco 06/16/06 8 Drlg Ahead

Schleicher

New 1 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8600' Edwin S Mayer Jr -E- #27 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 742 06/22/06


2 Pogo Producing Co 6900' West -78- Unit #3 Ft Heart Land Drilling 2 06/11/06

Val Verde

1 Unit Petroleum/Hous 16700' Joy R Pusard State Unit #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/H 19 05/15/06 40 Drlg Ahead 15250'

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Sheep & Goats Market Report
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#1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs. 1.00-1.07

#1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs. .95-1.00

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

Fat Ewes - .30-.35

Thin Ewes - .20-.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 - .45-.50

Stocker Angora Muttons - .55-.65

Angora Kids - 1.40-1.50

Angora Kids Shorn 1.10-1.15

Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Thin) .35-.40

Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat) Nannies - .45-.55

Stocker Spanish Nannies .85-1.10

Fat Spanish Nannies .50-.57

Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies .70-.85 mutt. .90-1.10

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Sheriff's Dispatcher Log

June 19, 2006
 8:15 A.M. - Subject called 911 reference to a bobcat that may be rabid. Message left for game warden.
 1:25 P.M. - Jailer requested EMS in the jail. Man having seizure. EMS notified. Subject treated and released from hospital.
June 21, 2006
 1:52 P.M. - Subject called on 911 reference hitch hiker appears sick. Deputy notified.
 3:05 P.M. - Subject called reference pickup losing tire and is in middle of highway of Loop 467. Deputy notified.
 3:39 P.M. - Subject called reference wreck at 277-N and Crockett at red light. Officer notified.
 3:42 P.M. - Officer requested EMS at wreck on 277-N and Crockett. EMS notified.
 6:15 P.M. - Subject requested deputy at ranch on Glasscock Road, locked keys in pickup. Deputy notified.
June 22, 2006
 12:04 A.M. - Subject called on 911 reference reckless driver eastbound at the 383 MM of IH-10. DPS notified.
 9:10 A.M. - Officer with San Angelo Police Department requested to speak with a deputy. Deputy notified.
 9:14 A.M. - Subject with drilling company called reference sick coon on the Steen Lease. Deputy notified.
 10:35 P.M. - Subject with local company called and reported a driver had rolled a pickup on R.R. 1989. EMS and DPS notified.
 12:14 P.M. - Hospital requested EMS for transfer to Community. EMS notified.
 12:15 P.M. - DPS trooper requested K-9 for search. Deputy notified.
June 23, 2006
 2:51 A.M. - Subject called on 911 reported subject in rest area appeared drunk and almost hit another vehicle when he pulled out. Deputy notified.
 5:09 P.M. - Subject called on 911 reported family disturbance on Mesquite Street. Officers notified. One arrest.
 5:18 P.M. - Subject called and reported vehicle accident about three miles North on 277-N. No injuries. DPS notified.
 9:25 P.M. - Motorist called on 911 reported tire on truck on fire at 417.5 MM of IH-10. Deputy notified.
 10:48 P.M. - Subject called on 911 reported subject having difficulty breathing at J & V Trailer Park. EMS and officer notified.

June 24, 2006
 11:12 A.M. - Subject called from local convenience store reported a cow out on 277-S near Loina Alta. Val Verde County notified.
 11:50 A.M. - Subject called and reported mountain lion off 277-S. Game Warden notified.
 12:57 P.M. - Subject called on 911 and reported accident on IH-10 near exit to Sonora. Officers notified.
 12:58 P.M. - Subject called on 911 and reported accident at 401 MM of IH-10. Officers already enroute.
 1:34 P.M. - Subject called and reported a transformer is smoking and popping past high school on Bond Road. WTU notified at SVFD request.
June 25, 2006
 12:40 P.M. - Subject called on 911 and reported fight in the 100 block W. Poplar. Officers notified.
 9:12 A.M. - Subject called on 911 reported cow in roadway at 377 MM of IH-10. Call transferred to Crockett County.
 10:12 A.M. - Subject called from Duke Energy, bobcat in yard growling and chased employee back in building. Deputy notified.
 10:43 A.M. - Subject reported goats out on highway near B&K Trucking. Goats put up and message left for owner.
 1:44 P.M. - Subject called and reported large semi just ran vehicle off roadway on 277-S, and it pulled into water station. Deputy notified.
 2:04 P.M. - Subject called on 911 reported newer model Lincoln ran them off road on 277-N and R.R.2129. Call transferred to Schleicher County.
 4:23 P.M. - Subject called on 911 and reported possible fire near 405 MM of IH-10. Fire chief notified.
 5:02 P.M. - Subject called on 911 and reported one vehicle rollover at the 429 MM of IH-10. No injuries. DPS notified.
 5:13 P.M. - Subject called on 911 and reported vehicle ran off roadway and rolled down Slope at the 431-432 MM of IH-10. Man standing on side of roadway. DPS notified.
 6:09 P.M. - Subject called on 911 and reported two vehicle accident at the 381 MM of IH-10. Need ambulance. EMS and DPS notified.
June 26, 2006
 11:22 A.M. - Subject at Sheriff's Office to visit inmate. Advised to come back during regular visiting time.
 1:40 P.M. - Subject from Crane at Sheriff's Office to visit with inmate. Jail notified.
 9:03 P.M. - Subject called in and reported vehicle on IH-10 just before Caverns Exit has pulled over on eastbound side, has wires hanging down that are on fire. Deputy notified.
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Flylady & The Dinner Diva



Salads Made Easy by the Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely

Now is the time for all good cooks to take FULL advantage of amazing produce! You know how good for you all those wonderful, phytochemically, nutritionally rich veggies are for your health. Well, most everything is at its peak right now.

If you're a little intimidated by such a big assortment, let's start with the easy button. You don't need to know anything when you press the easy button—you just know it's going to be easy! The easy button in my book is the already bagged, ready to go stuff sitting in the refrigerated section of the produce department, just waiting to be grabbed and taken home.

All that is required is from you is to obtain the bag (eyeball it first to make sure it looks good, then check for expiration dates), pay your money (yeah, this stuff isn't the cheapest way to go, but think of it this way—potato chips cost \$2.49 a pound and provide nothing nutritionally) and go home and use it. There are usually recipes on the bag and I've got some ideas here, too, on how to use these convenient veggies.

With this stuff, it's easy to go recipe-less and build beautiful, nutritious salads to suit just about everyone's palate. Just grab a bag and follow these great tips for quick and easy meals and side dishes.

*Make a slaw. You can go traditional and empty a bag of ready-to-go slaw into your salad bowl, add 1/2 cup of low-fat mayo, a teaspoon of honey, a splash of cider vinegar and you're ready to roll.

*Make ethnic slaw. For fun, use a bag of broccoli slaw instead and add 1/2 cup low-fat mayo, a splash of rice wine vinegar, a shot of sesame oil and garnish with a little chopped cilantro and honey roasted peanuts and you're good to go.

*Chips and dip. Those great, big

carrot chips are a whole lot better for you than the potato kind! Open up a bag and serve with your favorite low-fat dip instead and you'll save yourself a whole bag of calories!

*Stir it up. For a quick and easy vegetarian stir fry meal, chop some green onions and press a little garlic and put it in a wok, already heated with a little oil. Add your bag of stir fry, a dash of soy sauce, some ginger and bean sprouts and you have a good meal. Put in on brown rice and you have a great meal!

*Tofu tagalong. There's tofu in the produce department! Maybe you'd like a few chunks of tofu in your stir fry? Go ahead—don't be timid. Tofu can be fun.

*Carrot slaw. Much better than the kind your school cafeteria served. Mix a bag of shredded carrots with 1/2 cup low-fat mayo, a handful of raisins and a generous pinch of chopped walnuts. Delicious!

*My favorite salad. In a large bowl, toss together from different bags, whatever you have on hand (and I use a handful of the basic greens per person to make mine): field greens, baby spinach, shredded broccoli, shredded cabbages, etc. (smaller portions of the shredded stuff). Add thinly sliced green onion, a sprinkling of pine nuts, a generous portion of sun-dried tomato feta cheese crumbles, and toss together with a simple dressing of one pressed garlic clove, two parts rice wine vinegar to one part olive oil. Toss well and let sit for just a minute for flavors to meld (but not too long otherwise your salad will be soggy). And there you go—easy salads using your easy button. Enjoy!

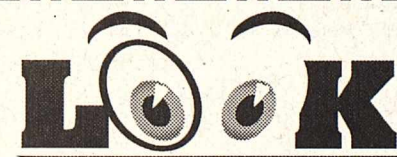
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What Is Natural Gas and History of Use

1. What Is Natural Gas and History of Use

Natural gas is generally considered a nonrenewable fossil fuel. (There are some renewable sources of natural gas; we'll discuss these later.) Natural gas is called a fossil fuel because most scientists believe that natural gas was formed from the remains of tiny sea animals and plants that died 200-400 million years ago.

When these tiny sea animals and plants died, they sank to the bottom of the oceans where they were buried by layers of sand and silt. Over the years, the layers of sand and silt became thousands of feet thick, subjecting the energy-rich plant and animal remains to enormous pressure. Most scientists believe that the pressure, combined with the heat of the earth, changed this organic mixture into petroleum and natural gas. Eventually, concentrations of natural gas became trapped in the rock layers much like a wet household sponge traps water.

Raw natural gas is a mixture of different gases. Its main ingredient is methane, a natural compound that is formed whenever plant and animal matter decays. By itself, methane is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. As a safety measure, natural gas companies add a chemical odorant (it smells like rotten eggs) so escaping gas can be detected. Natural gas should not be confused with gasoline, which is made from petroleum.

History of Natural Gas

The ancient peoples of Greece, Persia, and India discovered natural gas many centuries ago. The people were mystified by the burning springs created when natural gas seeping from cracks in the ground was ignited by lightning. They sometimes built temples around these eternal flames so they could worship the fire.

About 2,500 years ago, the Chinese recognized that natural gas could be put to work. The Chinese piped the gas from shallow wells and burned it under large pans to evaporate sea water for salt.

Natural gas was first used in America to illuminate the streets of Baltimore in 1816. Soon after, in 1821, William Hart dug the first successful American natural gas well in Fredonia, New York. His well was 27 feet deep, quite shallow

compared to today's wells. The Fredonia Gas Light Company opened its doors in 1858 as the nation's first natural gas company. By 1900, natural gas had been discovered in 17 states. In the past 40 years, the use of natural gas has grown dramatically. Today, natural gas accounts for about a quarter of the energy we use.

2. Producing Natural Gas

Natural gas can be hard to find since it can be trapped in porous rocks deep underground. Scientists use many methods to find natural gas deposits. They may look at surface rocks to find clues about underground formations. They may set off small explosions or drop heavy weights on the surface and record the sound waves as they bounce back from the rock layers underground. They also may measure the gravitational pull of rock masses deep within the earth.

If test results are promising, the scientists may recommend drilling to find the natural gas deposits. Natural gas wells average 6,000 feet deep and can cost more than \$75 per foot to drill, so it's important to choose sites carefully. On average, 27 out of every 100 exploratory wells produce gas. The others come up "dry." (The odds are better for developmental wells—wells drilled on known gas fields. On average, 80 out of every 100 developmental wells yield gas.) Natural gas can be found in pockets by itself or in petroleum deposits.

After natural gas comes out of the ground, it goes to a processing plant where it is cleaned of impurities and separated into its various components. Approximately 90 percent of natural gas is composed of methane, but it also contains small amounts of other gases such as propane and butane.

Natural gas may also come from several other sources. One source is the gas found in coalbeds. Until recently, coalbed gas was just considered a safety hazard to miners, but now it is a valuable source of natural gas.

Another source of natural gas is the gas produced in landfills. Landfill gas is considered a renewable source of natural gas since it comes from decaying garbage. The gas from coalbeds and landfills accounts for three percent of the total gas supply today, yet their contribution could double by the year

2010.

Today natural gas is produced in 32 states, though just three states—Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma—produce 61 percent of the country's natural gas. Altogether, the United States produces nearly 22 percent of the world's natural gas each year. In 1994 the United States imported 12 percent of its natural gas from other countries—mostly from Mexico and Canada.

Transporting and Storing Natural Gas

How does natural gas get to you, the consumer? Usually by pipeline. More than one million miles of underground pipelines link natural gas fields to major cities across the United States. Natural gas is sometimes transported thousands of miles by pipeline to its final destination. A machine called a compressor increases the pressure of the gas, forcing the gas to move along the pipelines. Compressor stations, which are spaced about 50 to 100 miles apart, move the gas along the pipelines at about 15 miles per hour.

Some gas moved along this subterranean highway is temporarily stored in huge underground reservoirs. The underground reservoirs are typically filled in the summer so there will be enough natural gas during the winter heating season.

Eventually, the gas reaches the "city gate" of a local gas utility. Here, the pressure is reduced and an odorant is added so leaking gas can be detected. Local gas companies use smaller pipes to carry gas the last few miles to homes and businesses. A gas meter measures the volume of gas a consumer uses.

3. Who Uses Natural Gas and How Much?

Just about everyone in the United States uses natural gas. Natural gas ranks number three in energy use, right after petroleum and coal. Twenty-three percent of the energy we use in the United States comes from natural gas.

Industry is the biggest consumer of natural gas, using it mainly to manufacture goods. Industry also uses natural gas as an ingredient in fertilizer, photographic film, ink, glue, paint, plastics, laundry detergent, and insect repellents. Synthetic rubber and man-made fibers like nylon also could not be made without the chemicals derived from natural gas.

Residences are people's homes. Residences are the second biggest users of natural gas. Six in ten homes use natural gas for heating. Many homes also use gas water heaters, stoves, and clothes dryers.

Like residences, commercial use of natural gas is mostly for heating. Commercial use includes stores, offices, schools, churches, and hospitals.

Natural gas is also used to make electricity. Just as the heat energy in coal is used to make electricity, so can the heat energy in natural gas. Many people in the energy industry believe natural gas will play a bigger role in electricity production as the demand for electricity increases in the future. Why? Because natural gas power plants are cheaper and cleaner than coal plants. Natural gas plants produce electricity about 20 percent more efficiently than new coal plants, and they produce it with far fewer air-polluting emissions.

To a lesser degree, natural gas is making inroads as a transportation fuel. Natural gas can be used in any vehicle with a regular internal combustion engine, although the vehicle must be outfitted with a special carburetor and fuel tank. Natural gas is cleaner burning than gasoline, costs less, and has a higher octane (power boosting) rating. Today more than 30,000 cars, trucks, and buses run on natural gas in the United States.

Natural Gas Reserves

People in the energy industry use two special terms when they talk about how much natural gas there is—resources and reserves. Natural gas resources include all the deposits of gas that are still in the ground waiting to be tapped.

Natural gas reserves are only those gas deposits that scientists know, or strongly believe, can be recovered given today's prices and drilling technology. In other words, when scientists estimate the amount of known gas reserves, they do not include gas deposits that may be discovered in the future or gas deposits that are not economical to produce given today's prices. (You can think of reserves this way: if it cost you \$10 to manufacture a box of yoyos that you could sell for \$8, would you make the yoyos? Of course not! You would lose \$2 on every box.)

The United States has large re-

serves of natural gas. Most reserves are in the Gulf of Mexico and in the following states: Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Wyoming, Kansas, and Alaska. If we continue to use natural gas at the same rate as we use it today, the United States has about a 50-year supply of natural gas, though another 200 years of additional gas supplies could be produced if people are willing to pay more for the gas they use.

New Ways to Use and Produce Natural Gas

Because natural gas is cleaner than coal or petroleum, scientists are researching new ways to use and produce it.

Fuel Cells

Many scientists are interested in using natural gas to generate electricity. Engineers have already developed ways to use coal/petroleum and natural gas together to generate electricity, but a device called a fuel cell can use natural gas alone. A fuel cell is similar to a battery. It uses a chemical process rather than combustion (burning) to convert the energy of a fuel into electricity. The chemical process is much more energy-efficient than combustion and it emits no air pollutants. Unfortunately, the technology to generate electricity from fuel cells must be improved if it is to be commercially successful.

Biomass

Scientists are also researching new ways to obtain natural (methane) gas from biomass—a fuel source derived from plant and animal wastes. Methane gas is naturally produced whenever organic matter decays. Today we can drill shallow wells into landfills to recover the methane gas. Landfills are already required to collect methane gas as a safety measure. Typically, landfills collect the gas and burn it to get rid of it. But the gas can be put to work. Last year over four billion cubic feet of landfill methane gas was used for heating and electricity production.

There are other ways to convert biomass into natural gas. One method converts aquatic plants, such as sea kelp, into methane gas. In the future, huge kelp farms could also produce renewable gas energy.

Liquid Natural Gas

Another successful development has been the conversion of natural gas into a liquid state. In its liquid state, natural gas is called

LNG, or liquid natural gas.

LNG is made by cooling natural gas to a temperature of minus 260 degrees F. At that temperature, natural gas becomes a liquid and its volume is reduced 615 times. (A car reduced 615 times would fit on your thumbnail.) Liquid natural gas is easier to store than the gaseous form since it takes up much less space. LNG is also easier to transport. People can put LNG in special tanks and transport it on trucks or ships. Today more than 100 LNG storage facilities are operating in the United States.

4. Natural Gas Prices and the Environment

Since 1985, natural gas prices have been set by the market. The federal government sets the price of transportation for natural gas that crosses state lines. State public utility commissions will continue to regulate natural gas utility companies—just as they regulate electric utilities.

These commissions regulate how much utilities may charge their customers, and they monitor the utilities' policies.

So how much does it cost to heat your home with natural gas? Compared to other energy sources, natural gas is a good buy. Heating your home with natural gas is cheaper than any other major heating source. It is more than four times less expensive than electricity when you use resistance heat. It is 25 percent less expensive than electricity when you use a heat pump.

Natural Gas and the Environment

All the fossil fuels coal, petroleum, and natural gas release pollutants into the atmosphere when burned to provide the energy we need. The list of pollutants they release reads like a chemical cornucopia—carbon monoxides, reactive hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides, and solid particulates (ash or soot).

The good news is that natural gas is the most environmentally friendly fossil fuel. It is cleaner burning than coal or petroleum because it contains less carbon than its fossil fuel cousins. Natural gas also has less sulfur and nitrogen compounds, and it emits less ash particulates into the air when it is burned than coal or petroleum fuels.



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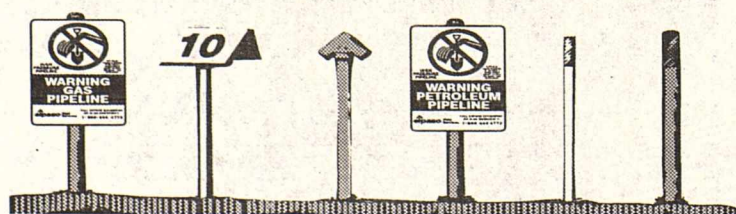
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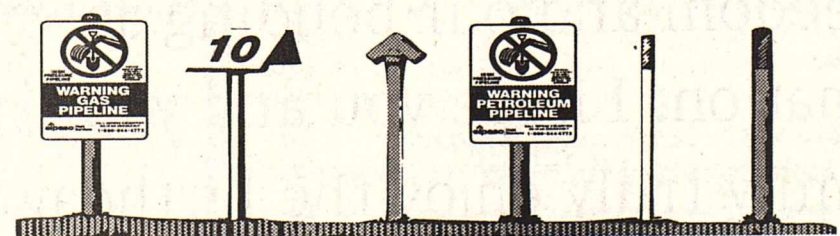
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Border Security Operation Reduced Crime, Shut Down Smugglers Five-County, Multi-Agency Effort to Become a Model for Other Border Counties

DEL RIO – Gov. Rick Perry today received an after-action briefing from state and local law enforcement officers on Operation Del Rio, a multi-agency border security operation to target international criminal enterprises and reduce crime and violence in a five-county region along the Texas-Mexico border. In Val Verde County, which was the focus of the law enforcement effort, there was a 76% reduction in major crime when compared to the same 30-day period last year.

"I have been briefed by representatives of law enforcement on the success of this operation, and I am encouraged by the tremendous results they have achieved. This initiative significantly reduced all types of crime, led to dozens of arrests, and effectively shut down the activities of international crime syndicates across a five-county region," Perry said. "This effort has proven the principle that an increase in patrols leads to a decrease in every kind of crime. It has protected our border and our communities. And it has provided a model for future operations that will be conducted in every county along the Texas-Mexico border."

The operation brought together the sheriffs from Kinney, Maverick, Val Verde, Zavala and Dimmit counties, the police departments of Del Rio and Eagle Pass, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Department of Public Safety, the Texas National Guard, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Civil Air Patrol, and the Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

State assets involved in the operation include:

- A team of DPS Highway Patrol troopers with communications support personnel,
- A DPS SWAT team, as well as criminal intelligence and narcotics investigators,
- 3 DPS helicopters and crew members providing 24-hour support,
- 2 Texas Task Force-1 boat with crews,
- A team of Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens and 12 boats,
- 3 TPWD Ground Units with all-terrain vehicles, and
- A mobile communications unit.

"As the presence of law enforcement surged, common criminals stayed off the streets, fewer Texans made emergency phone calls to local sheriffs, and drug smugglers shut down their operations because the risk of being caught was too great," Perry said. "The international drug cartels and human smuggling rings will not know when or where these operations will occur, what types of activities they will involve, or how long they will last. The message we are sending to criminals who exploit our border is that the cost of doing business in Texas is going up substantially."

The effort was conducted as part of Operation Rio Grande, Perry's comprehensive border security initiative that coordinates local, state and federal assets. Planning began a full six weeks before the operation was launched, and intelligence to support the operation was coordinated through the state Border Security Operations Center. Perry said the operation would be a model for future joint law enforcement efforts in other border counties.

"Combined with the border security efforts we have previously announced, including continued state funding for border sheriffs through Operation Linebacker, our virtual border watch program, and the \$100 million I will seek from the legislature to sustain these efforts, Texas is not waiting for Washington to act. We will continue to do all we can to make our border stronger and our nation safer," Perry said.

The Conaway Chronicle

Submitted by the office of Congressman Mike Conaway

Last week, my bill, the Fuel Consumption Education Act was marked up in the Energy & Commerce Committee. The bill creates an education campaign aimed at lowering the rising demand of gasoline in the short term.

The campaign will create Public Service Announcements to inform drivers of how they can cut down on fuel consumption. The problem of high gas prices will require both long-term and short-term solutions, and this campaign is one way we can tackle the problem in the near future. The Fuel Consumption Education Act will provide information to U.S. drivers about IMMEDIATE measures that each of us may take to conserve fuel. It will reach a wide audience and include television, print, and internet advertising. It is expected to be voted on by the entire house in a few weeks.

Japanese audit teams will arrive in the U.S. this week to conduct inspections of U.S. beef processing plants. Upon completion of the audits, Japan has agreed to immediately resume beef trade with the United States. This is a step in the right direction; however our work is far from over. I applaud the work of US negotiators thus far, but we must continue to work with Japan until U.S. beef is once again fully accepted into the Japanese market. It is of the utmost importance that Japan recognizes the U.S. food safety inspection system as a single, successful system and act accordingly in resuming trade. I foresee a non-disruptive trade relationship with Japan in the near future, and we will continue to work diligently until that is achieved.

On Thursday, the House passed the Permanent Estate Tax Relief

of 2006, which would permanently reduce the Estate Tax, often referred to as the 'Death Tax'. While I would prefer a full repeal of the Death Tax, this bill is a good first step toward lowering the excessive tax burden that Americans face in life and in death. Taxing death is not good public policy. Too many small businesses and family farms have gone out of business due to the fearful, overstretched hand of the federal government. Americans are taxed in every aspect of their lives and it is past time to draw the line. This new legislation will increase the exemption amount to \$5 million per person and would reduce the rate of tax on estates up to \$25 million to the much lower capital gains tax rate. The compromise bill became necessary after the Senate failed to garner enough votes to bring a full repeal of the Death Tax to a vote.

We also passed Line Item Veto legislation, which will put us on the road to fiscal responsibility. For too long, our federal government has been writing checks that our grandchildren will not be able to cash. Passing the Line-Item Veto will be a positive tool to control wasteful spending and discourage inefficient and unnecessary additions to the federal budget. This bill is a different version of the Line-Item Veto bill that Congress passed in 1996. In 1998, the Supreme Court declared the law unconstitutional because it allowed the President to single-handedly change laws passed by Congress. This new legislation is believed to be constitutionally sound because Congress would retain the final say on relevant legislation.

Gov. Perry Announces Plans to Widen U.S. 96, Eliminate Evacuation Bottleneck

BEAUMONT – Gov. Rick Perry today announced plans to widen the last two-lane section of U.S. 96 between Port Arthur and Jasper, which he said would "improve the quality of life in Southeast Texas, reduce commute times, increase travel safety and make hurricane evacuations more efficient and orderly."

When finished in 2008, travel times for Texans evacuating Jefferson, Orange, Hardin and Jasper counties will be reduced when the four and a half mile-long bottleneck is eliminated.

"Last fall, after Hurricane Rita made landfall and wreaked havoc all across Southeast and East Texas, I visited with several local officials about critical needs for future catastrophes. Local leaders told me we need to widen US 96 to safely evacuate our populations that live along and near the coast," Perry said. "Today I am proud to say we heard the people of Southeast Texas, and we are acting."

Perry and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have fast-tracked the project due to its importance. TxDOT plans to award the contract in July; the project should start in September.

"We are not only widening U.S. 96 to improve travel times in Jasper County, we are dividing the highway to make it safer and prevent head-on collisions," Perry said. "This is a great day for Southeast Texas. No state in the nation is laying as much asphalt as Texas, as we build critically needed capacity from El Paso to Beaumont so Texans spend fewer time stuck in traffic and more time with their friends and loved ones."

U.S. Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta recently came to Texas and called the state's method for financing new transportation construction a model for the nation.

"Instead of waiting on Washington to give us the funding we need or raising the gas tax, we are leveraging the resources of the private sector to build roads faster and sooner, allowing Texans the choice of driving roads funded by tax dollars, or new ones funded by tolls," Perry said. "We will continue to build a brighter future by aggressively pursuing transportation projects that cut commute times, enhance safety and create jobs."

Perry was joined at the announcement by Jasper County Judge Joe Folk.

If You've Seen Rain You May Still See Fire

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – Texas has experienced widespread rainfall in the past two weeks; however, most of the coverage was spotty as best, and some areas of the state are still critically dry. Texas Forest Service is urging everyone to take care during the July 4th holiday.

"While some areas have seen enough rain to begin greening up the grasses again, there is a good portion of the state that hasn't seen a drop," said Tom Spencer, wildfire risk assessment coordinator with Texas Forest Service.

Because of the continued dry weather and hot temperatures, some counties have issued fireworks restrictions. Texas Forest Service recommends that people in all parts of the state should practice good fireworks safety. With the state experiencing such dry conditions, something as small as a spark from fireworks could start a major fire.

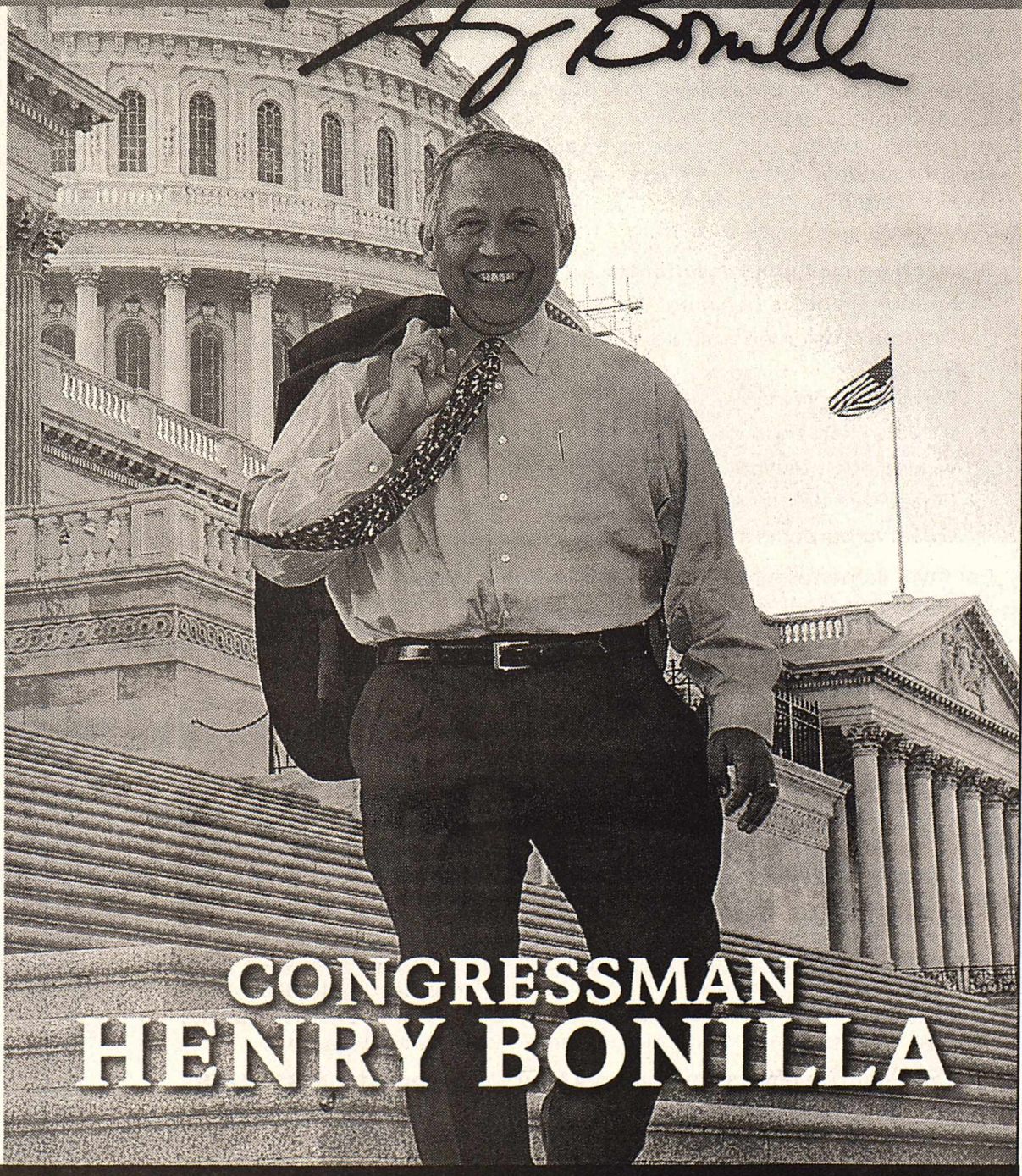
Compliance with any restrictions on fireworks use or outdoor burning should be followed so that possibly disastrous fires can be avoided. Texas Forest Service asks that everyone help make this holiday season safer and more enjoyable by practicing good fireworks safety.

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ORDINANCE NO. 568 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 98-229 OF THE CITY OF SONORA, TX CODE OF ORDINANCES; ADDING CHAPTER 99 ENTITLED "GREASE INTERCEPTORS AND WASTE DISPOSAL," REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GREASE INTERCEPTORS BY GREASE GENERATORS AND APPROPRIATE MAINTENANCE TO PREVENT SEWER BLOCKAGE AND OVERFLOW, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Passed and approved this the 20th day of June, 2006. Approved: Gloria G. Lopez Mayor

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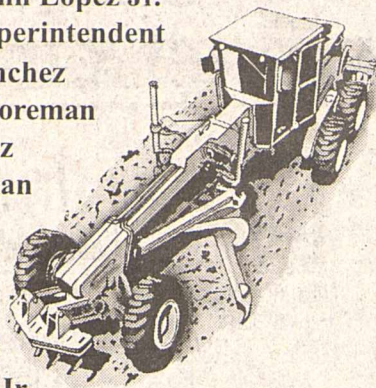
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The 2006 Texas Reading Club, "Reading: The Sport of Champions!" provides opportunities for children of all ages to enjoy reading. It started on Wednesday June 7, 2006 with a special program about Summer Prevention at the Sutton County Public Library. This free program is sponsored by the Sonora Woman's Club and co-sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

The Junction Chamber of Commerce is having a fireworks display, and we would like to invite surrounding counties and communities to come and enjoy the festivities. There will be food vendors, a bouncy house for the kids and a DJ. The fun will begin at 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 3rd. The fireworks show will start at 9:00p.m.

The Eldorado Game Association will be hosting its annual Game Dinner on Nov. 4, 2006, starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Schleicher County Civic Center, 1 mile south of Eldorado on US 277. There will be over \$25,000 in prizes, including gift certificates from Academy, a Pot Belly blind, and a AUSA Utility Vehicle. BBQ brisket and chili plates are \$5 each and tickets for the drawings are \$1. Tickets for the drawing are available at Angelo Bolt, West Texas Game Feeders, and Angelo Pellets. Tickets will also be available the day of the Game Dinner. For more information, call (325)650-9559 or (325)650-6614.

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