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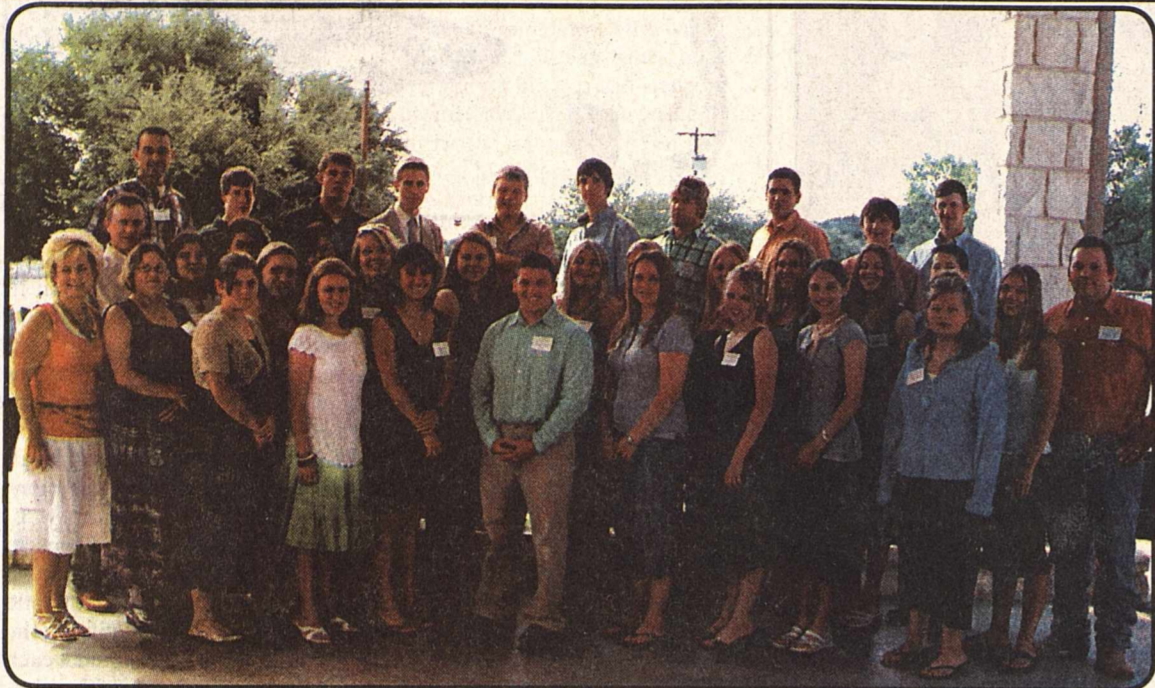
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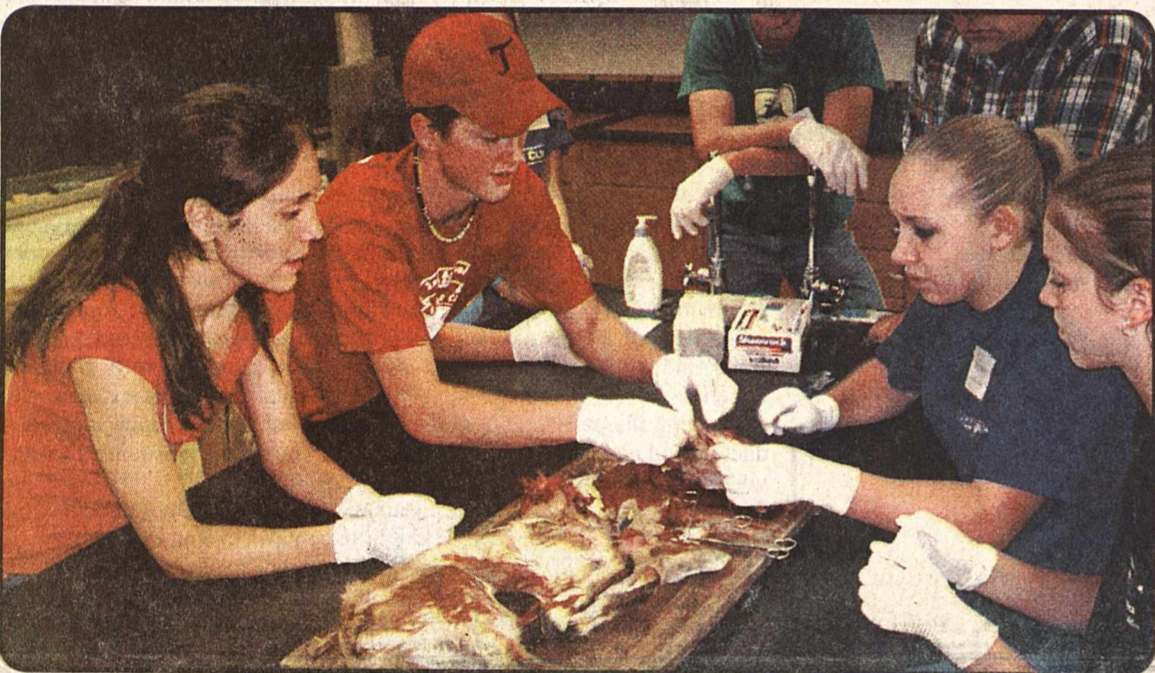
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Youth Veterinary Science Workshop



By Pascual Hernandez, County Extension Agent-Ag, Sutton County

Sonora again hosted the annual Youth Veterinary Science Workshop, June 25-29. The week exposed participants to the many opportunities within the field of veterinary medicine. These included veterinary practitioner (in small, large, or mixed practice), veterinary technician, veterinary assistant, researcher, biological/pharmaceutical work, regulatory medicine,

and more. Thirty participants from throughout the state of Texas took part in this year's workshop.

The workshop offered classroom study, lab work and field instruction. Instructors included Extension and Texas Animal Health Commission personnel and veterinary practitioners. Course topics ranged from zoology, the Beef Quality Assurance program, reproductive technology, parasitology, and anatomy to nutrition, first aid, beef

feedlot health management, large and small animal practice, wildlife health management, necropsy and horse medicine. The annual event is a youth career awareness educational effort by Texas Cooperative Extension agents in Sutton, Tom Green, Irion and Schleicher counties.

As always, a sincere "Thank You" to all the local supporters and sponsors who assist in offering this event.

Part 3 of Dr. Johnson's Guatemalan medical mission trip will be in next week's DRN.

Appraisal Review Board to Hear Protests

Submitted

Property owners in the Sutton County Appraisal District will have an opportunity to protest proposed appraisals of their property on local taxes. The district's appraisal review board will begin hearing taxpayer protests on July 10th and 12th, 2006.

After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property appraisals, local governments will use these appraisals to set 2006 tax rates.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district, and are appointed by the districts board of directors. Their responsibilities and qualifications are outlined in the Texas Property Tax Code.

Property owners may protest to the ARB any of the following appraisal office actions:

- the appraised or market value of the property;
- unequal appraisal of the taxpayer's property compared to similar property in the district;
- inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
- denial of a partial exemption, such as homestead exemption;
- denial of special appraisals, such as agricultural or timber productivity appraisals;
- determination that agricultural has had a change of use, and is subject to a rollback tax;
- identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located;
- determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property, or
- any other action of the appraisal office that adversely affects the owner.

Rex Ann Friess, chief appraiser for the district, outlined the steps a property owner must take to file a protest. First, the property owner must file a written notice of protest showing why the owner is protesting to the ARB. The taxpayer must have filed this notice by June 23. Property owners working offshore in the Gulf of Mexico or serving in the military out of the country on the protest deadline date, may file a protest before the delinquency date.

If a person leases property and, by contract, must pay the owner's property taxes, then the person leasing may protest the property's value to the ARB, if the property owner does not protest.

If the ARB sends a property owner a notice of any

other kind of change in the appraisal records, or if the chief appraiser issues a notice for a property omitted in the prior year, the property owner has 30 days from the mailing date to file a protest.

Official forms for the notice of protest were included with appraisal letters to property owners and also are available at the appraisal district office. A protest letter from the taxpayer is also acceptable, as long as it identifies the property owner and the property protested, and indicates dissatisfaction with some decision or action of the appraisal office.

Each protesting property owner may offer evidence or argument, either in person or by filing a sworn affidavit with the ARB. A property owner may appoint another person to present the protest by filing an Appointment of Agent form with the appraisal district. Property owners should know that the ARB has no authority over tax rates or spending and will not hear protests concerning these topics.

The ARB will schedule hearings as property owners file protest and mail them a notice of the time, date and place of their individual hearings at least 15 days before the hearing date. The 15 days start with the date postmarked on the notice. Property owners also will receive a copy of the Texas Comptroller of Public Account's pamphlet called Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayer's Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities, a copy of the ARB's hearing procedures, and notice that any evidence that the appraisal district will present at the hearing is available at the appraisal office.

Rex Ann Friess said that hearings will be held on July 10th and July 12th, at 8:00 a.m. and that the ARB expects to approve the final appraisal roll on July 12th. State law requires the ARB to review and approve appraisal records by July 20th, or when not more than 5 percent of the total property value in the district remains under protest.

Those protesting their appraisals should not contact ARB members outside the hearings. Each ARB member must sign an affidavit that he or she has had no contact about a protest with a property owner or the appraisal office staff before the hearing.

Severe Drought Expected To Continue

Compiled from NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SAN ANGELO TX

Drought conditions continue across West Central Texas. Widely scattered showers over the last few weeks have resulted in minimal relief. Mild temperatures during the last week of June were welcomed but were short lived. High temperatures are expected to climbed back to at least the mid 90s. From June 1 through June 28, the San Angelo Regional Airport received 0.30 of an inch of rain. The average rainfall in June is 2.52 inches. Year to date, San Angelo received 6.26 inches of precipitation which is 3.82 Inches below normal.

The U.S. Drought monitor, issued through the National Drought Mitigation Center on June 27, shows that severe drought conditions continue across most of the Northern Edwards Plateau and extreme western portions of the Concho Valley and Northwest Hill Country. Most of the remaining areas across the region are experiencing moderate drought conditions. Intermittent rain showers since late April have sustained a small portion of the Concho Valley and Heartland along the Colorado River basins. Although this area is quickly drying out, it is designated as experiencing abnormally dry conditions.

The western part of Sutton County is in the very severe to moderately severe range (600 - 700 KBDI) while ranchers in eastern Sutton County have received approximately 50% of the needed rainfall. Their index is in the (400 - 500 KBDI) range.

Fire danger impacts...

As of June 29, many counties across West Central Texas support county wide outdoor burn bans. The Texas forest service uses the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) as a system for relating current and recent weather conditions to potential or expected fire behavior. It is a numerical index calculated daily for each county. Each number is an estimate of the amount of precipitation, in hundredths of an inch, needed to bring the soil back to saturation. The index ranges from 0 to 800 with 0 representing a saturated soil and 800 a completely dry soil. As of June 28, The Keetch-Byram Drought Index shows that Sutton and Crockett fall within the 500 to 700 range. In this range, fires will readily burn in all directions exposing mineral soils in some locations. Larger fuels may burn or smolder for several days creating possible smoke and control problems. The KBDI for the remaining areas of West Central Texas falls within the 300 to 500 range. Note that fire danger can change quickly from day to day as winds and relative humidity vary. The Texas Forest Service advises to watch out for key weather thresholds of winds above 15 mph and relative humidity below 25 percent. When these thresholds are exceeded, expect the fire danger to be elevated.

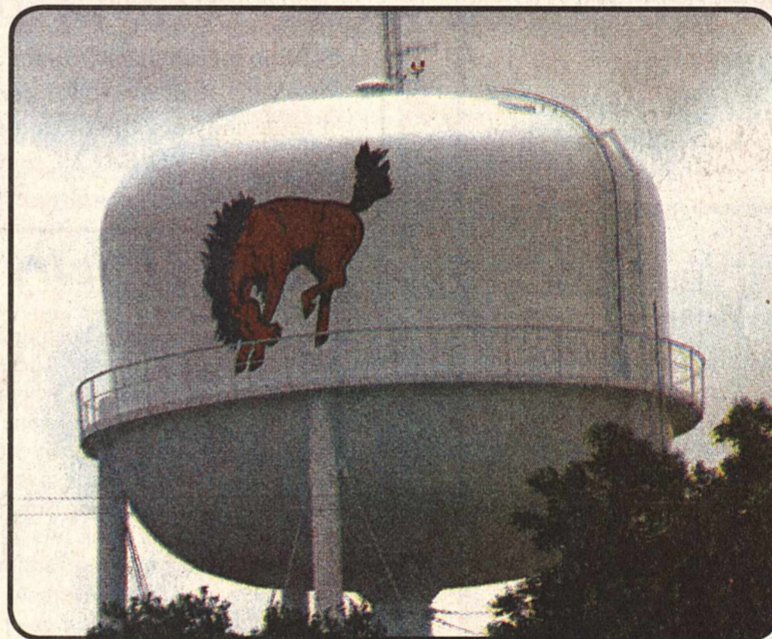
Agricultural impacts...

The climate prediction center analyzes the percent of available soil moisture as compared to normal. As of June 28, the available soil moisture ranges from 10 to 20 percent of normal across West Central Texas. The crop moisture index monitors short term moisture conditions across major crop producing regions. The index is not used for monitoring extended drought conditions. The crop moisture index issued by the Climate Prediction Center on June 24 indicates that short term conditions range from severely to excessively dry across the region. According to the Texas Crop Weather Report issued June 28 by the Texas A&M Agriculture Program, the following agricultural impacts were noted across West Central Texas. Isolated showers were reported in a few counties but not enough to help soil moisture. Producers are cutting and baling hay and culling livestock. Range and pastures in most counties are suffering although recent rains in a few areas have improved conditions and forages. Pecans are spotty and the crop prospects do not look good.

Outlook...

The Climate Prediction Center Outlook for July through September indicates that there is an increased chance for warmer than normal temperatures across Texas. The precipitation outlook for West Central Texas shows increased chances for below normal rain through September. The latest U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook for the period July through September shows that drought conditions are likely to persist across the region.

Editor's Note: I have done all I can do. I have left a load of goat feed in the back of my pickup for days. I bought an Angora goat, sheared him, and tied him in the open. I have killed and placed rattlesnakes on all of my fences. I have removed the ground from my old TV antenna and the surge protector. I have invited friends to an outdoor picnic. Nancy has hung my best suit on the line to dry. I had my car detailed and left it in a pasture with the windows rolled down. Not only did it not rain, several skunks obviously did not approve of the "new car" deodorant.



Sonora's Freshly Painted Water Tower

By Ray Glasscock

The people of Sonora are in debt to Mallory Rousselot and the Sonora Broncos Booster Club. When Mallory learned that the tower was due a repainting, she went to the Sonora City Council and gained approval to have the Bronco painted on the water tower at the booster club's expense.

The Bronco Booster Club raises money to support ALL Bronco sports. Its biggest fund raiser is the advertising in the football program sold at the home games. If you want to place an ad in this year's program please call Mallory at 387-2950.

U.S. Supreme Court Decision Affects Sutton County

By Nancy Glasscock

In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court upheld most of Texas' Republican-drafted 2003 Congressional redistricting plan last week. However in a ruling that may affect Sutton County voters, the court ruled that the sprawling 23rd District in Southwest Texas violates the Voting Rights Act because it diluted the voting power of Hispanic voters. Prior to the redistricting in 2003, Republican Congressman Henry Bonilla of San Antonio represented all of Sutton County. In the redistricting plan, Sutton County was split into two districts. The north, east and southeast parts of the county are in the 11th Congressional District. In 2004, the voters in this district elected a newcomer from Midland, Republican Mike Conaway to represent them in Washington. Bonilla continued to represent the southwestern and western parts of Sutton County.

After the high court's decision was released to the public, both Democrats and Republicans released statements to the press. The Democratic National Committee stated "despite the efforts of Tom DeLay, Governor Rick Perry, Republican legislative leaders and political appointees of the Bush Administration's Justice Department who all sought to trample on the voting rights of Texans, the Supreme Court recognized that this kind of partisan trickery is unlawful and cannot be used for partisan political gain. Today's decision clearly reaffirms the importance of re-authorizing the Voting Rights Act, because we now have clear evidence that Tom DeLay's scheme did, in fact, violate section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and undercut the voting rights of 100,000 American citizens, especially Hispanic voters."

Congressman Bonilla (R-TX) also released a statement last week. "Today's decision by the Supreme Court on the ongoing battle over redistricting in Texas was overall a major victory for the Republican Party. The Supreme Court ruled that while there was one technical correction needing to be made regarding the 23rd Congressional District, there was just cause for district lines to be redrawn to more accurately reflect the voting trends of the people of Texas. At this point, we now must wait for the decision of the lower court, which originally approved the current map."

The Devil's River News will keep all Sutton County residents apprised of any re-districting plans made that will affect either the 11th or 23rd Congressional Districts.

Stone Oaks Subdivision On East 2nd Street

Before Picture.
See The Devil's River News July 3, 2008 Issue For The After Picture.



Lighthouse Community Church

A place for returning Prodigals
and recovering Pharisees
Sunday Services
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
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1705 N. Crockett

Senior Center Activities

Fri. July 7 - Happy Birthday Maria Carrasco, thanks for all you do for us!
Mon. July 10 - Happy Birthday Amelia Ramos. Bingo!
Tue. July 11 - Exercise with video or walking
Wed. July 12 - Volunteer to deliver meals on wheels, call us at 387-5657 or come by the center.
Thur. July 13 - Work on puzzle!

Senior Center Menu

Fri. July 7 - Oven fried chicken breast with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, cornbread, gelatin parfait and milk.
Mon. July 10 - Barbequed beef on a bun, French Fries, raw carrots, Coleslaw, peaches with topping and milk.
Tue. July 11 - Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, beets, strawberry Banana mix bread pudding, roll and milk.
Wed. July 12 - Beef tips with gravy, white rice, roll, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, banana pudding and milk.
Thur. July 13 - Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, macaroni salad, 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)

Congratulations



Pictured are (L-R) Lion President Ann Carns and Claire Thorp

The San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club proudly presented their 2006 scholarship to Claire Leigh-Anne Thorp. Claire is a 2006 graduate of Navarro High School. She has been accepted into the College of Business at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She plans to be the first of three siblings to complete her college degree before the age of 25.

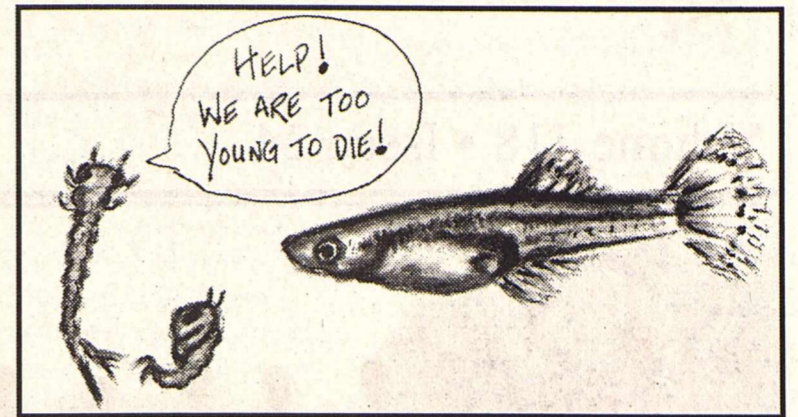
Claire has been active as a volunteer since she was in nursery school in Sonora, TX. Locally, Claire has been involved with St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Z Club, and Friends Lend Others Wings (FLOW) as a volunteer and student leader.

Claire is the daughter of Carole Womac Thorp of Geronimo and Steve and Kelly Thorp of Sonora, Texas.

Up On Eaton Hill

By Delyse Yeager

Ambush of the Gambusia



Tired of mosquitoes? We all are, but take heart, the battle rages on! Just as in all of life, even our answered prayers come equipped with built in challenges, and the recent rains are no exception. Personally, the mosquito (and Houston traffic) has been instrumental in teaching patience and I am proud to say I rarely engage any longer in self flagellation (especially about the ears and face) when attempting to obliterate an obnoxiously persistent "Skeeter." Small triumphs. Recent reports of the blood-sucking, ear-buzzing tyrants have likened them to miniature helicopters, endangering small children and family pets with the threat of being carried off by the monstrously large pests.

But, be encouraged dear citizen, Sonora has adopted a comprehensive mosquito control program and is waging the war on all possible fronts.

Last year, city employee Suzanne Whitworth underwent a worthwhile education in mosquito biology that included collecting and identifying the species in our area as well as learning how to most effectively combat each one. She has taken on the task with unwavering commitment and her tireless efforts should be acknowledged and appreciated. Here are a few facts, gleaned from Suzanne that we should all be aware of:

1) The key to effective control is an "Integrated Mosquito Management Plan".
2) Spraying kills only the mosquitoes that come in direct contact with the chemical; on average somewhere between 3% to 10%. Under ideal conditions (no wind, mild evening temperatures, numerous mosquitoes airborne, spraying where the swarm happens to be located) only a 30% kill rate is achieved.

3) One of the most common mosquitoes in Sonora prefers the good old discarded tire for its breeding ground and incubator. Eggs laid by this species will remain dormant in a dry tire until the season and conditions are right for the eggs to hatch, a rain event.

Obviously, effective management requires community effort and we can all do our part by maintaining our property free of old tires and stagnant water, and by treating the water that we do have. Source control is vital to effective mosquito management. Reducing available breeding areas and eradicating the pests before they reach the adult stage is much more productive and economical than spraying. If you notice mosquitoes around your home, search out the source; it usually is close by.

Mosquito larvae look like an exclamation point (!) and move about in the water by wiggling. Pupae look like little comas (.). Remove or treat any water sources you find and we will go a long way towards actual management. Insectile infanticide, with a smile.

Last summer, Suzanne and I hit the trails of Eaton Hill for a little mosquito pupa and larva identification education and Suzanne equipped me with state of the art briquettes to destroy the larva before they become a buzzing health and sanity hazard. This year, Sonora's one-woman-mosquito-warrior was onto a new weapon and this time its all-out biological warfare! The instrument of destruction? Gambusia - a mosquito larva eating minnow commonly known as the "mosquito fish".

Described as a voracious, omnivorous, opportunistic cannibal, gambusia survive well in stagnant water and enjoy munching mosquito larva. Experts differ in their recommendation for introducing gambusia into intact biological systems because they compete with existing species, but the little piranhas are perfect for closed system ponds such as we have on Eaton Hill and also for use in livestock or backyard ponds.

Gambusia basically look like minnows, and are only a voracious predator of organisms that can fit inside their tiny minnow-mouth. Suzanne actually located and identified gambusia in Sonora's waste water effluent, which is the water released after treatment. Incidentally, the waste water effluent environment is remarkably clean and beautiful. Last week, Suzanne, Jacqui Thomas, and I went on a little netting expedition, a catch and release fishing trip so to speak, and we now have gambusia in the watering ponds of Eaton Hill.

An interesting note, the fish have been used all over the world, and recently were recommended to the State of Louisiana to help deal with the thousands of stagnant swimming pools that are yet one more result of the devastating hurricanes. Anyone interested in obtaining gambusia can contact Suzanne Whitworth with the City of Sonora, or the Eaton Hill office at 387-2615. Hit the trails!

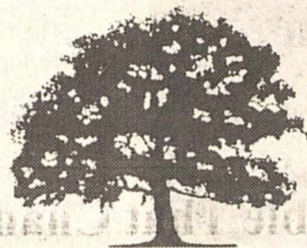
Airman Wade Graduates as Korean Linguist

In an impressive ceremony at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas on June 28, 2006, Airman 1st Class Vera J. (Jacki) Wade received her wings. She graduated as a member of class 060419, and is now an Airborne Korean Cryptology Specialist trainee.

As a new member of the Air Force intelligence team, A1C Wade will receive further training at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

Jacki is the daughter of Lori and Michael Neubert of Langdon, ND. and Pat and Linda Wade of Rockwall, TX.

She is also the daughter of JoAnn Heffernan of Eldorado, TX. and Fannie Wade of Sonora, TX.



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\$1,000 Poetry Prize Contest

The Bards of Burbank are hosting their annual free poetry competition and everyone is welcome. There are 50 prizes in all totaling almost \$5,000, with a grand prize of a whopping \$1,000.

"Even if you have written only one poem," says Poetry Director Dr. John Cusak, "you are welcome to enter. Indeed, if you have never entered a poetry contest before, this is your big chance. I promise you I will find exciting new talent among Sonora area poets"

The deadline for entering is July 22, 2006. Your poem may be written on any subject, using any style, and must be 21 lines or less. Send one poem to: Bards of Burbank, 2219 W. Olive Ave., #100, Burbank, California 91506. Or enter your poem online at: www.bardsofburbank.com

You may enclose a self addressed stamped envelope to receive a list of the winners.

THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED HOTEL IN THE WORLD

By Tumbleweed Smith



I lived in the northeast for about six months when I was just out of college. I didn't have a lot of money, but gas was cheap and I had a car, so I did a lot of driving on weekends.

One time I ventured up to Quebec City.

It felt like I was in France. The old part of Quebec has narrow cobblestone streets, little sidewalk cafes you just can't pass by, interesting stores, historic buildings with classical architecture and acres of parks. The Saint Lawrence River flows by the city.

On a hill overlooking the river is the Hotel Frontenac. It looks like a fairytale castle when you first see it. The sight is intriguing and makes

you want to see it up close, to walk in it and absorb the ambience.

When I was there for the first time I didn't even ask about the cost of a room. I knew I couldn't afford it. When I left the grounds of the hotel on my first visit, I knew I would return.

I carried the images of Quebec with me for nearly fifty years. I saw clearly the green grass, the colorful shops, the inviting restaurants, the couples holding hands, the beautiful flowers and of course the Chateau Frontenac.

We have been busy this year, thank goodness, with lots of speeches, video projects and various other activities. The other day my wife Susan said it was time for us to go to Quebec. So I made reservations at the Frontenac for a long weekend.

Quebec isn't the easiest city to get to. We had to fly to Montreal,

rent a car and drive for three hours to get to Quebec. But it was certainly worth any extra effort we made. The hotel dominates Old Quebec. Its location on a hill makes it visible for miles.

Ships passing by on the river have a fabulous view of the Chateau Frontenac. We had a corner room that gave us a view of the river and part of Old Quebec. Our room was ideal and the hotel was everything a luxurious hotel should be.

The concierge, Ann McKenna, is the very best and has an uncanny knowledge about Quebec. She did send us to some great restaurants where we dined on stag, buffalo, caribou, shells from the St. Lawrence (we dug the meat out with needles), sole with vanilla sauce, salads with lavender and orchids, seasoned with rosemary and tarragon. At the Frontenac I had the best meal: halibut with mango salsa.

We listened to jazz, swam, rode the funicular up and down the steep hillside, walked, shopped along the inviting streets and had coffee and chocolate at a sidewalk cafe while listening to a street musician play romantic tunes on his accordion.

Since the hotel is within walking distance to everything we needed, we didn't move our car until it was time to leave.

Chateau Frontenac, with 618 rooms, is part of the Fairmont group of hotels, which also has the resort hotel Chateau Lake Louise at Banff.

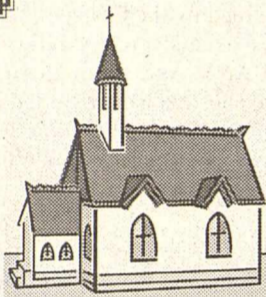
The Frontenac was built in 1893 by the Canada Pacific Railway, named for a flamboyant French Governor.

I will go back to Quebec. But I won't wait fifty years to do so.

Letter to the Editor

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ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Do you have anything on a shooting that happened when two people from Sonora ran off to Ozona to get married?
A. There have been a few of them. This is what was printed in the San Angelo Standard on January 16, 1897 and reprinted in our paper: The Tragedy in Ozona Saturday morning, a little after daylight, County Clerk H.S. Hudspeth was called upon by Geo. Traweck and Oscar Drennan to issue a marriage license which was to unite in marriage Mr. Oscar Drennan and Miss Lillie Heflin, of Sonora, and Mr. Traweck had come along to aid them in the matter as the parents and relatives of the bride violently objected to the proposed match; so the young couple eloped from a dance the night before in Sonora and came to Ozona with Geo. Traweck to secure license to wed.

The necessary oath being taken in regard to the bride's age and a note being produced from the father of the intended groom authorizing the issuing of the license, Mr. Hudspeth issued the matrimonial contract and a large crowd followed the groom to the residence of Justice Erwin, where the nuptial knot was tied by the justice of short order. In about a half an hour a buggy drove across the plaza and into C. L. Broome's livery stable from Sonora, in the buggy were two men with a Winchester apiece in each lap, and one of the men asked Claude Hudspeth, who was in the stable, if he had seen a couple come in a short time before that. Claude told him yes and the young fellow asked where they were. Claude said they were married and he was asked again where they were. Claude answered them that they looked a little too fresh with those Winchester and he couldn't tell them. They talked on for several minutes with Claude,

when one of them remarked that they had come after his sister and he was going to get her back before they left; but that they were in no hurry and would go and get their breakfast.

They started toward the Ozona Hotel. At this juncture, Geo. Traweck and Sam Murray came walking up from the Palace Saloon. Sam spoke to Claude and this attracted the attention of the young men with the shooting irons. The light-haired one, who was James Heflin, as was found out later, raised his gun and stepped toward Traweck as if to strike him with it and remarked: "You son of a bitch! Where is my sister?" Sam Murray grabbed the gun and prevented him from striking Traweck. In the scuffle the gun was wrenched from Sam's hands and Geo. Jerked his pistol. At this juncture a general stampede took place among the bystanders for the inside of the stable and the shooting commenced. Four shots were fired (some say only three) and Geo. Traweck ran into the little grain room, cocked his pistol, started out, took two steps and fell dead on the threshold, being shot through both arms and the body.

The young men, after the shooting, started up to Bob Erwin's residence where the bride and groom were. Claude Hudspeth and Sam Murray followed and overtook them and caught their guns. Several other citizens came up and assisted holding the guns and in a few seconds Sheriff Gurley and Deputy Chapman came and took them to jail. They were Wesley White and James Heflin. Justice Erwin held an inquest immediately after the shooting and rendered the decision in accordance with the above facts. Dave Goff, who was standing inside the Palace Saloon when the shooting came up, was shot in the leg by a stray ball, but luckily no bones were broken. Dave will be confined to his bed for several weeks.

Wesley White had his examining trail yesterday and today before Justice Erwin and at first deliberation was remanded to jail without bond. The Judge, however, reconsidered his ruling and set their bonds at \$2,000.

We at the society have found that not only did Lillie Heflin start her married life with violence and murder but it ended the same way. On March 21, 1918, while leading a posse that was chasing a Mexican American over what Drennan claimed was a "domestic dispute," Drennan was shot dead as he sat at a campfire. The Mexican was a crack shot and got what he considered "justice for the wrongs against him by Drennan." The posse picked up his body and hauled it to the house of the widow, they really didn't want to go after the Mexican and almost felt his actions were justified. The Sheriff forced a group of men to go with him to search but the trail was cold and no one was ever found.

Lillie Heflin Drennan remarried on December 21, 1921 to Oscar Merriman. There was no violence at this wedding and they both lived to a ripe old age.

Do you have anything on the killing of Sheriff McGee in 1894?

Canadian, Hemphill Co., Texas, Nov. 25 last Thursday, George Isaacs expressed from Kansas City to this place five packages of money, consigned to himself, purporting to contain \$25,000. The packages arrived here Friday night. Within ¼ of an hour after the train came in a band of robbers attempted to hold up the depot. They were stood off by Sheriff Tom McGee alone, who was mortally wounded in the fight. Sheriff McGee died of his wounds the next day. It is supposed the robbers escaped unhurt. Capt. Arrington started in pursuit of them next morning at daylight with a strong body of determined men and reinforcements have been continually following on his trail. Word has just reached

him that Captain Arrington has the robbers surrounded in the Antelope hills and reports of a desperate fight are momentarily expected.

A relief party containing surgeons has just started to the scene of action. The man Isaacs lives in the Chickasaw Nation and his two brothers live here. The packages of money have just been opened and found to contain \$100 in each package of \$1 and \$2 bills. Isaacs was immediately arrested and is now in jail. The robbers are four in number and are supposed to be pals of Isaacs. They were going in the direction of the Chickasaw Nation when last heard from. It is believed that the scheme was to rob the express company, which was frustrated by the action of Sheriff McGee. The robbers are heavily armed and well mounted. Four thousand dollars reward has been offered for their arrest. (Note there was not mention in later issues of "The Devil's River News" of how this situation was resolved.)

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, 307 Oak St., Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You can call our offices on Tues. & Thurs. from 9-12:30 and Sat. from 8-12. We still need help on the Ice House Museum. We have had no community service workers and can't do this alone. If you want it done folks you have to pitch in and help. Don't complain about it not being opened yet if you haven't volunteered to work at the building to get it and get it ready for finish work. An organization is only as strong as the people who get behind it and help it out. We have very limited fund and must do most of the work ourselves if we are going to ever see this museum open. So come one, call us at 387-5084 or 387-2855 and let us know when you can help work on the Old Ice House Museum.

Murphy's Computer Laws

Any given program, when running, is obsolete.

Any given program costs more and takes longer each time it is run.

If a program is useful, it will have to be changed.

If a program is useless, it will have to be documented.

Any given program will expand to fill all the available memory.

The value of a program is inversely proportional to the weight of its output.

Program complexity grows until it exceeds the capability of the programmer who must maintain it.

All Constants are Variables.

Thought Of The Day

Any suggestion, worth implementing, can be stated in a simple, declarative sentence which, once stated, is obvious.

Devotion To Saint Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, loved, preserved & glorified throughout the world now and forever. The sacred heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ for the help of your servant St. Jude in listening to my prayers. Say this prayer nine times for nine days. By the end of the eighth, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Jude for prayers answered.
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July 10

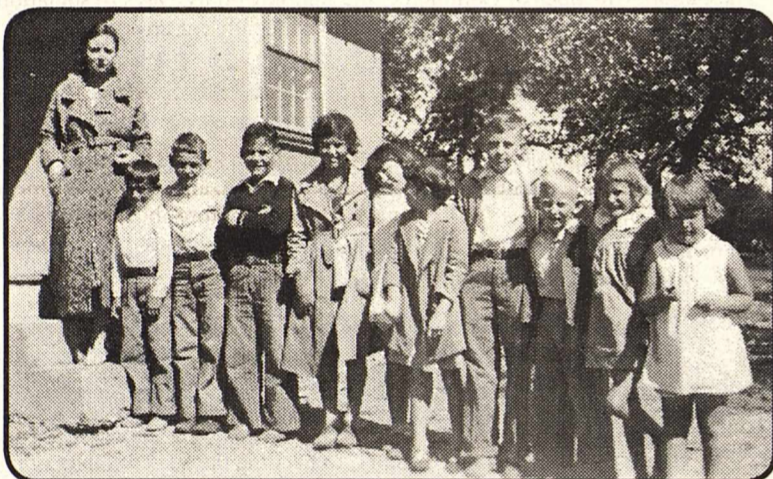
Brian Petty, Mark Warden

July 11

Clair Higdon, Ethan Morris, Bernice Samaniego, Madison Wolfe, Paul Stephens, Madeline Higdon, Hunter Webb

July 12

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Owensville School 1932
Jewel Martin-Teacher

Left to right: Myron Morris, Leon Morris, Bill Reily, Flurette Carmachial, Pat Reily, Nettie Reily, Bobby Kelley, R.C. Luchie, Hilda Mae Luchie, Snookie Reily



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Berries are Healthy and Versatile

by The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely

Just this week I've gotten some spectacular bargains on berries! Strawberries, blueberries, blackberries and raspberries are all in season and delicious right now. One of my favorite snacks is lemon or vanilla yogurt mixed with frozen blueberries. It's a wonderful treat! Berries aren't just tasty, they're amazingly healthy. Here are a few healthy facts about berries so you can incorporate them into your menus this week:

1) Blueberries (bilberries in Europe) are one of the healthiest foods you can eat. The dark blue color tells you they are phytochemically rich in antioxidants and studies are showing that these gems have more antioxidants than any other fruit or vegetable! Imagine that!

2) Raspberries are my most favorite fruit. Check this out—one cup of raspberries is only 50 calories—the carb count on the sugar is only 17 grams and—8 grams of fiber! So this is a great fruit for people watching their crabs...only 9 net grams of carbs per serving.

3) Strawberries (8 a day) have been found to help lower blood pressure (Nutrition and Health Research Center study), thereby making them a good heart healthy fruit choice. They're also high in ellagic acid, a phytochemical known for its cancer fighting properties. Strawberries may also help enhance memory and aid in rheumatoid arthritis.

Now that you know how healthy they are, here are some hints for using berries in your meals:

1) Slice strawberries, red onions and toss into your spinach salad. Add a splash of bottled poppy seed dressing and toss for a tasty salad.

2) Sprinkle blueberries or raspberries on cold cereal. Stir blueberries into oatmeal and sprinkle lightly with brown sugar (I use frozen blueberries in mine and it's wonderful).

3) Make smoothies out of them—use frozen ripe banana, milk and your choice of berries, blend away and you have a great afternoon pick me up or breakfast.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out her website). www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her new book Body Clutter. Copyright 2006; Leanne Ely Used by permission in this publication.

Stargazer

By Paul Derrick

The Wobble That Changes the Sky

When something develops a wobble it often means a problem. But in the case of Earth, its wobble is but one result of an event that has profoundly affected life on our planet. Some 4-5 billion years ago, when our solar system was in its formative stages, a Mars-sized planet likely collided with Earth, destroying the smaller planet and drastically altering our planet. Blasted-away debris from that colossal collision eventually coalesced and formed our Moon. And Earth, which presumably had been orbiting perpendicularly to its orbit, with its north and south poles straight up and down, was knocked a little wacky and left with a 23 1/2 degree tilt. (You've probably noticed the tilt on mounted Earth globes.) It is because of this tilt that we have seasons. As Earth makes its annual orbit around the Sun, the northern and southern hemispheres take turns tilting toward the Sun.

Now, with our Northern Hemisphere tilted Sunward, we are having hot, long summer days. But the Southern Hemisphere, being tilted away from the Sun, is having cold, long winter nights. The half-way points between these extremes are fall and spring with moderate temperatures and days and nights of equal length. So, what about the wobble? Think of Earth as a spinning top.

Not only does a top rapidly spin on its axis, but it also has a slower wobble that becomes more noticeable as the spin slows down. Earth, which rotates on its axis each day, also has a very gradual wobble that takes 25,800 years, and which astronomers call precession. Over a human lifetime, it is undetectable without precise measuring instruments. But over longer periods, precession becomes quite apparent in the night sky. In our era, the star Polaris is almost straight up from Earth's north pole, a nice, moderately bright North Star. In a few centuries, however, owing the wobble of precession, Polaris will no longer be above Earth's north pole and won't do for a North Star—at least not for another 25,000 or so years. Precession also affects what constellations are seen each season. For us, Scorpius tells us, it's summer, while Orion

dominates our winter night sky. In 12,900 years—half way through a precession wobble—this will be reversed. Our Northern Hemisphere ancestors, if any are still around, will see Orion in the summer and Scorpius in the winter—just as Southern Hemisphere Earthlings do right now.

Sky Calendar.

* July 3 Mon.: The Moon is at 1st quarter, and Earth reaches aphelion, the point in its elliptical orbit where it is farthest from the Sun.

* July 4 Tue. evening: The Moon is to the lower left of Virgo's Spica, then below Jupiter the next evening.

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

* July 10 Mon.: The full Moon of July is called the Thunder Moon, Hay Moon and Grain Moon. nbsp;nbsp;

* July 17 Mon.: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.

* July 20 Thu. morning: The crescent Moon is near Taurus' Pleiades star cluster at dawn.

* July 21 Fri. evening: Mars is near Leo's Regulus low in the west.

Naked-eye Planets: Evening: Mercury, Saturn and Mars are aligned diagonally low in the west with Mercury just above the horizon at dusk, Saturn to its upper left, and Mars to Saturn's upper left. (Mercury leaves the evening sky within a few days, and Saturn is gone by month's end.) Jupiter is the brightest object midway up in the south. Morning: Venus, rising 2 hours before the Sun, is the "morning star" low in the northeast.

Astro Milestones. July 20 is the 37th anniversary of the 1969 Apollo 11 lunar landing, when American astronauts Neal Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to land and walk on the moon. Stargazer appears every other week.

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

Chamber Roundup

By Greta Ramsdell

Preparations for Sutton County Days are in full swing and we hope you will join us on Friday and Saturday, August 11th and 12th at the Sutton County Park. The festival will open at 2:00 p.m. on Friday and along with children's rides, arts and crafts vendors and food booths, we will have a free fishing tank for the youngsters!

Texas Parks & Wildlife will be setting up a large tank and will provide fishing tackle to catch 1-4 pound hungry catfish just waiting to put a smile on your child's face.

On Saturday, August 12th the day will start off with the "Let's Celebrate Wild West Style" parade at 9:00 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m. the opening ceremony will be held at the Sutton County Park Complex. The Little Miss & Mr. Sutton County contest will begin at 10:30, followed by interviews of the Miss Sutton County contestants. The entry forms for that contest are in this week's paper or can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office at 205 Highway 277 North. More details on the day's entertainment and activities will be provided later in the month, and we hope you will mark your calendars to join the fun.

Of course Sutton County Days is held in conjunction with the Outlaw Pro Rodeo which is always a thrill.

Slack will begin on Thursday, August 10th and the action will continue on Friday with evening performances of the rodeo on both Friday and Saturday.

The Dee Ora Masonic Lodge scholarship fund raiser dinner will be held prior to the Saturday night performance and Miss Sutton County will be crowned at the rodeo that night. John Bendele and his band will be playing at the slab both nights so shine up your boots and get out your bling so you won't miss any of the excitement!

CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, July 10:

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

Thursday, July 13:

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

Saturday-Sunday, July 15-16:

American Meat Goat Assoc. Annual Conference
Goat Show & Sale, 3:00 p.m. @ Civic Center
Friday-Saturday, July 21-22:

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

Saturday, August 5th:

Mutton Bustin' & County Team Roping, 4:00 p.m.,
Sutton County Arena

Thursday-Saturday, August 10-12:

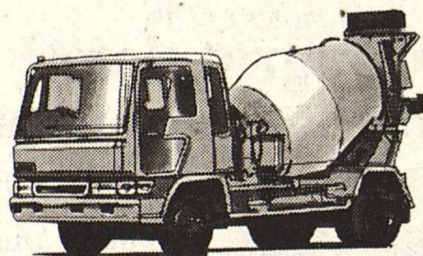
Outlaw Pro Rodeo, 8:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday; 7:30 p.m.
rodeo performances and 9:00 p.m. dance, Friday and Saturday.

Friday & Saturday, August 11-12:

Sutton County Days, 2:00 p.m. Friday
and 9:00 a.m. parade Saturday,
Sutton County Park

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Are Artificial Sweeteners Safe?



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

-To sweeten or not to sweeten-for those contemplating limiting their sugar intake, that is the real question.

Sugar is a favorite food. According to a federal study "Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals", the average American consumed about 20 teaspoons of sugar a day during the mid-1990s. About 60 percent of that sugar was from corn sweeteners (often found in sodas and other drinks) and 40 percent from table sugar and other sweeteners such as honey, said the Sugar Association.

Although loved, sugar isn't a good source of nutrients. That's why sugar is one of the first foods to be limited when dietary changes are made, said Texas Cooperative Extension experts.

Still, that sweet flavor is hard to give up. Sugar substitutes and artificial sweeteners can be alternatives to sugar, but that leads to the second question: Are they safe?

"Eating sweeteners is safe as long as you do not eat too much of them," said Dr. Mary Bielamowicz, Extension nutrition specialist.

"There are currently five low-calorie (non-nutritive) sweeteners approved for use in the U.S.," said Dr. Carol Rice, Extension health specialist. "Extensive scientific research has demonstrated the safety of these five sugar substitutes."

These sweeteners are:
- Acesulfame-K (often marketed as SweetOne, Sunette, Sweet and Safe, and Ace-K).
- Aspartame (NutraSweet, Equal).
- Neotame.
- Saccharin (Sweet 'N Low, Sugar Twin, Necta Sweet).
- Sucralose (Splenda).

Although three other low-calorie sweeteners, alitame, cyclamate

and steviol glycosides are available in other countries, they are not legal in the U.S.

"The only U.S.-approved sugar substitute that requires a label for safety is aspartame," Bielamowicz said. That's because this ingredient contains phenylalanine, an amino acid that is dangerous for individuals with phenylketonuria, or PKU, a rare - and hereditary - metabolic condition, she added.

"People with PKU know they have it since babies are tested for this shortly after birth," Rice said.

For everybody else, consuming sugar substitutes in reasonable amounts shouldn't be a problem, she said.

"Claims of adverse behavioral, neurological, carcinogenic, allergic and other adverse effects have been made against sugar substitutes, particularly aspartame," Bielamowicz said. "These claims are often highly circulated through e-mail and Internet sites, but they have not been supported by scientific research. In fact, numerous studies have been conducted that have found aspartame to be safe, and these claims to be unfounded."

However, some factors might limit a sugar substitute's usefulness in some situations, Rice said. Some sweeteners break down under high heat and cannot be used in cooking. Some are so much sweeter than ordinary sugar that they must be used in small amounts.

For more information about each sweetener's characteristics and uses, download a free copy of the April 2006 Health Hints Newsletter on sugar substitutes, said Janet Pollard, Extension associate for health. For a copy, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to "Health."

And don't forget, the experts advised, before making any dietary changes, seek the guidance of a medical professional and/or nutrition expert.

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Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County 2006 Entry Form & Rules

1. A \$5.00 Entry Fee is required upon entry from each contestant.
2. The contestants must have turned (3) years of age and must not have turned six (6) prior to August 12, 2006.
3. Parent or guardian must be present throughout the contest.
4. Contestants must be a resident of Sutton County or be eligible to attend Sonora Schools.
5. Completed pre-entry forms must be returned by **July 26, 2006 to The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office at 205 Hwy 277 N or mail to P.O. Box 1172 Sonora, TX 76950**
6. **There will be no late or last minute entries accepted, so that all contestants may be pictured in the Devil's River News the week of the contest.**
7. Bring a picture of the contestant to be put in the Devil's River News or email to sonco2@sonoratr.com
8. Contest begins at 10:15 am on Saturday August 12, 2006 at the main entertainment tent at the Sutton County Park.
9. If the contestant wishes to sing he or she **may not have recorded accompaniment**, but may play an instrument themselves.
10. All contestants should dress comfortably and appropriately for children their age.
11. All contestants are very much encouraged to participate in the Sutton County Days Parade.
12. **Entry forms will not be accepted without signatures.**

Detach Here

Little Miss and Little Mr. Sutton County Entry Form

Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Birth Date: _____

Favorite Food: _____

Favorite Toy: _____

Interests: _____

Girl or Boy (Circle One)
\$5.00 Entry Fee Included _____

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce, the Sutton County Days Association nor the County of Sutton will be held responsible for any accidents.

Parent or guardian's Signature: _____
Date: _____

To insure your child's safety, we request the parents' presence throughout the contest. _____ (Initial)

For further information contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880

The Declaration of Independence

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.
A DECLARATION
By the REPRESENTATIVES of
the
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA,
In GENERAL CONGRESS
assembled

When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation. We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness- That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former

Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only.

He has affected to render the Military independent of, and superior to the Civil Power. He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: For quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: For Cutting off our Trade with all Parts of the World:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People.

He is, at this Time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against

their Country, to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction, of all Ages, Sexes and Conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury. A Prince, whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People.

Nor have we been wanting in Attentions to our British Brethren. We have warned them from Time to Time of Attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common Kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of Mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

JOHN HANCOCK, President

Freshwater and Coastal Fishing Report

Courtesy of TPWD

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 83 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 cut baits.
O.H IVIE: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 18.76' low. Black bass are good on live bait, green pumpkin jigs and shad-colored soft jerkbaits near timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live baits and inline spinners. Smallmouth bass are good on chrome jerkbaits. Channel catfish are good on live baits. Amistad Water clear; 86 degrees. Black bass are good on white and tequila sunrise topwaters, jigs, crankbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait, shrimp, chicken livers, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch.
LAKE BUCHANAN: Water clear; 84 degrees; 11.70' low. Black bass to 8 pounds are fair to good on Carolina rigged watermelon Bush Pig creature baits, green pumpkin JDC grubs, and smoking green Devil's Tongues on drop shot rigs over rock piles and along bluff ledges very early in 12 - 20 feet. Striped bass are fair drifting live bait from Shaw Island to the dam with sporadic topwater action at daylight on 3in. Spoiler Shads, Rat-L-Traps, and white Snap Back jerkbaits on red Bait Jerker hooks. White bass are good under lights at night. Crappie are fair on minnows over brushpiles. Channel catfish are fair to good on liver, cheesebait, and drip bait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair to good on live bait.
MATAGORDA: Trout are fair to

good on the south shoreline on red shad and black/chartreuse Bass Assassins, Norton Sand Eels and Trout Killers. Redfish are fair to good in Oyster Lake and on Shell Island on live shrimp.
ROCKPORT: Trout are good on the outside of Traylor Island and on the Estes Flats on live croakers and plum Sand Eels, Bass Assassins, Trout Killers and Stanley Wedgetails. Redfish are good on cut-mullet around Mud Island and on the Estes Flats.
PORT ARANSAS: Trout are good around the North Jetty on croaker and pumpkinseed/chartreuse Bass Assassins, Trout Killers, Hogies and Norton Sand Eels. Offshore is good for red snapper, dorado, amberjack and kingfish.
CORPUS CHRISTI: Trout and redfish are good on live shrimp and croaker around the spoil banks and on the reefs in Nueces Bay. Redfish are good around the shell on live shrimp.
BAFFIN BAY: Trout are fair to good around the rocks and around Rocky Slough on red, limetreuse and plum Trout Killers, Sand Eels, Bass Assassins and croaker. Trout are fair to good on shrimp and croaker along the King Ranch shoreline and in the Land Cut.
PORT MANSFIELD: Trout, redfish and flounder are fair to good on live bait in the Intracoastal. Redfish are good on bone Top Dogs and She Dogs in West Bay. Trout are good on live shrimp on the grass humps and guts.
SOUTH PADRE: Trout and redfish are fair to good on plum and black Hogies, Sand Eels, Bass Assassins and live shrimp at Three Island. Trout and redfish are good while drifting the flats on morning glory Bass Assassins, Trout Killers, Hogies and Super Spook Jrs.

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Tee Time by Kel Thomas

Golf Tip of the Week: We all know about alignment. Our feet, hips and shoulders should be in line with one another. I'm going to throw in one more area to aid with alignment. Your eyes.

If your eyes aren't in line with the rest of the body, your entire set-up can be thrown off. Here is a quick drill. On the range, tee a ball and position a club in front of the ball and a club behind the ball, both facing down the target line. Take your address and hold a club in front of you so it matches the line of your eyes. If all the shafts are parallel to each other, your eyes are also in alignment.

Golf Course of the Week:
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The Schreiner Course in Kerrville is a medium length 18 hole par 70 layout. Water comes into play on 12 holes in the form of small creeks, drainages and lakes. Three sets of tees awaits you with yardages of 6453 yds, 6016 yds and 5184 yds. The course is well maintained and has large undulating greens. Fairways are generous with an occasional blind tee shot landing area. The course is not overly difficult, but does require some thought to shot selection. Especially approaches into the greens. The course is often crowded with both cart players and walking players. Green fees are very reasonable.

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Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary News

Submitted by Mary Jeans Sims

The Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary held their monthly meeting on June 28, 2006 from 12 - 1 p.m. at the Sonora Golf Club.

Lunch was provided by Hostess, Branda Gray. Members present: Cathy Baggett, Wanda Neville, Julia Hines, Shelley Hughes, Ann Kay, Candy Nelson, Joy Huntington, Mary Jean Sims, Ebbie Sutton, Jodie Finklea, Ethel Olson, Patti Prather and Branda Gray.

The LGA meeting began with a presentation from guest speaker, Kel Thomas, on conducting clinics on different aspects of the game of golf, one time per month for the next three months. Following a question and answer segment and a brief discussion, it was decided that the first clinic would be held on July 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. These clinics will be sponsored by the Ladies Golf Auxiliary and open to the youth, ladies and men of the area. Mr. Thomas will handle getting information to the Devil's River News and the Sonora Golf Club on the various dates and clinic information. Mr. Thomas also provided information on both private and group lessons.

The next LGA scheduled tournament is the 4 Lady Tournament on Saturday, July 22 with a 9 a.m. tee time, and is the Breast Cancer Awareness tournament. To sign up to play, please call the Sonora Golf Club at 387-3680.

The LGA will meet July 26 at 12 noon for lunch for their next business meeting. New members are always welcome.

TPWD Game Warden Field Notes

Submitted by the TPWD

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

It's some kind of animal, and someone killed it - On June 20, a Cherokee County game warden received information from his partner about a deer carcass that had been dumped on a county road. The game warden proceeded to contact a local county constable, who had the person in custody for illegal dumping of televisions and the deer carcass. The game warden interviewed the Jacksonville man, who said he found the deer on his property and just wanted it off his property. The game warden went to the subject's house and found where the deer had been cleaned and found quartered deer meat in the freezer. The subject told the game warden the meat was from a butchered cow. He later confessed that he did not shoot the deer but let his friend clean the deer at his house. The game warden and constable made contact with the friend. He confessed to shooting the deer, but said he thought the deer was a goat. Cases pending.

The toughest call a game warden gets -- As marine safety enforcement officers, game wardens respond to all Texas boating accident calls and numerous drownings and near-drownings. The most difficult of those cases to work are the ones involving children. In mid-June, central Texas game wardens responded to a call about a missing 8-year-old boy last seen on a sand bar in Lake Buchanan. Game wardens, LCRA rangers and area dive teams searched lake until dark with no success. The next day at daylight, the wardens were hampered by storms for a few hours then hit the water with drags. A Department of Public Safety helicopter was called in to assist due to shallow and clear water conditions. The young boy surfaced during the search and was recovered by game wardens Saturday afternoon.

Never was much good at math -- On June 16, Aransas County game wardens apprehended a commercial bait shrimp boat with 2,600 croaker over his legal limit of 1,500. When asked how many croakers he had, the captain stated that he had exactly 1,500. The game wardens asked him if he was sure, because they were about to count them. The captain allowed as how he might have a few over his limit. Cases pending.

Crowded waterways call for extra care -- On June 4, game wardens from Clay and Wichita Counties responded to a boating accident on Lake Arrowhead involving a 5-year-old boy who was swimming next to a boat while holding on to a ski rope. The rope, which was wrapped around the boy's leg, was caught

by another passing boat, causing partial amputation of the boy's leg just below the knee. The game wardens were within 1,000 yards of the accident and assisted the victim and his family off the lake and to the hospital within five minutes of the accident. The victim's prognosis for recovery was said to be good.

Lunker citation for poacher -- In early June a Coryell County game warden received information about a subject who, although under a license suspension for killing a 200-class white-tailed deer at night, had been participating in fishing tournaments. The subject had fished in a tournament on Lake Belton and won first place, and the game warden found that he was going to fish in another tournament June 11th and June 12th. The Coryell County game warden, along with a game warden from Bell County, both were in attendance at the 2 a.m. tournament weigh-in. The subject gave the wardens a written statement, and a Class A misdemeanor charge of fish while license suspended is pending.

Could be they had too much to drink -- Three game wardens stopped a boat on Lake LBJ early in the evening of June 9 and observed 38 empty beer cans in the boat and an extremely intoxicated operator. The subject could not figure out how to put on a suspender PFD and had it on backwards with the collar over his forehead. After assistance from the wardens, the suspect was taken to the bank where he performed poorly on the SFSTs and was transported to Llano County Jail. The passenger was arrested for public intoxication after he was observed to have difficulty just standing in the boat. The operator, the passenger, two dogs (apparently sober), boat, trailer and vehicle all ended up in jail or impound.

That had to be a sinking feeling -- On June 5, the Camp County sheriff contacted the local game warden and requested help in the recovery of a vehicle sunk in Lake Bob Sandlin. The proud owner of a 2006 F-150 Ford pickup had driven to his lake house to retrieve a battery charger. He got out of his truck and turned around in time to see the truck race down the hill and into the lake. The truck floated for a short time before it sank approximately 50 feet from shore in 15 feet of water. The game warden was asked to SCUBA dive and connect a chain to the bumper hitch. When the vehicle was pulled from the lake, it was discovered that gearshift was in reverse instead of park. The vehicle had only 5,000 miles on the odometer and a beautiful leather interior.

Sheer Terror

By Ray Glasscock

I will never forget the sheer terror that went through my entire body the time when ...

Our instructor was like a god to us. I had been in training for six weeks, and I was in the best shape of my life. I, and the others with me, had performed the trek flawlessly for six weeks. During the fifth week, our instructor had finally trusted us to make the trek on our own, down the corridor, around the bend, and onto the transport. Our instructor had the timing down to the minute. Each day, we were told when to leave the safety of our position and start the route. I had already learned the importance of the timing as I, once and only once, had not quite kept up the others. When the alarm had sounded, the big ones came out of the positions, and the chaos was terrifying.

Even though I could not tell what time it was, I began to get

nervous the day that the instructor was no where to be seen. We nervously wondered about what to do. One suggested that we leave as it seemed to be close to the alarm. Yet, we were all scared of what the instructor would do to us if we disobeyed. The command had been to wait for the instructor's release.

I could feel my heart racing and the adrenalin pumping into my system. Where was the instructor and what was I to do? The others looked at me for guidance. I cautiously peeked out and could see no one. But, what if they were out there waiting for us. We all knew the danger of leaving our position and being caught in the chaos.

When the alarm sounded, I took off running in a full panic leaving the others. I was at top speed when the big ones came pouring out of their positions blocking my way. I could see the surprised look on their faces as they had never seen me before and definitely had not seen me running among them. Several of them just laughed and pointed. Others actually tried to

trip me. Still others ran after me and screamed at me. It seemed like they were all screaming. I ran like a halfback darting in and out. A few got their hands on me, but my panic gave me extraordinary strength.

My lungs were burning and my legs ached when I got to the turn. I had never tried to run through the turn. I misjudged my speed and slammed into the side of the turn. The pain numbed my right arm, but I kept on running. The opening was just ahead. I burst out into the sunlight and sprinted for the transport. The door was closing as I sprinted the last twenty yards. Luckily, the driver saw me, opened the door, and I dove into the school bus.

...my first grade teacher, Mrs. Bridges, did not tell us when to start down the hall of the Sonora Elementary School to get the school bus.

Have you ever noticed your best golf shots happen while you are playing alone, and your worst shots come when playing in a group? Hmmm



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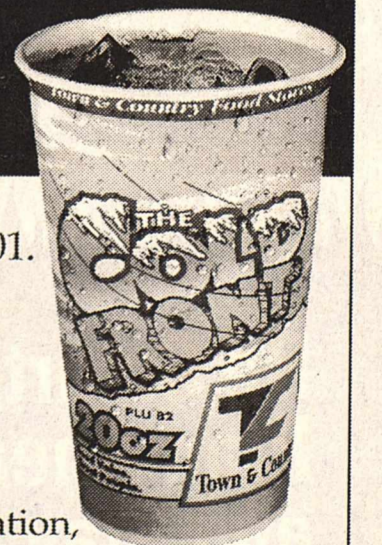
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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNOUNCES UPDATE ON GUIDELINES FOR HISTORICAL MARKER PROGRAM

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is finalizing policies, procedures and guidelines for the reorganization of its popular Texas Historical Marker Program. All information pertaining to the new marker program will soon be available on the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us. Applicants interested in applying for a marker should meet with their county historical commissions (CHCs) soon for assistance compiling research and documentation, and to learn about any county-specific procedures or reviews. CHCs are encouraged to familiarize themselves with basic research methods, including the use of primary and secondary sources, footnotes and any additional documentation that will better enable them to assist applicants in telling a complete history in their applications.

The THC will begin accepting applications under the new guidelines in November in anticipation of the deadline, Jan. 2, 2007. THC staff will begin conducting application workshops for the new marker program after Labor Day. CHCs and prospective applicants are encouraged to attend these workshops, which will be held in all regions of the state.

For more information, contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512/463-5853.

CELEBRATE BY VISITING THE INDEPENDENCE TRAIL REGION

AUSTIN, Texas — During the month of our nation's independence, embrace the spirit with a local flair by exploring the Texas Independence Trail Region. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) invites adventurers to immerse themselves in the volatile struggle Texas experienced to achieve independence. Included as a notable city is Goliad, where the first Declaration of Texas Independence was signed. It was named one of the top 10 true western towns of the year by True West magazine. Goliad is Texas' third oldest municipality and the site of numerous restoration projects including the Presidio la Bahia, a Spanish frontier fort that was restored in the 1960s. One project in which the THC played an instrumental role was the restoration of the Goliad County Courthouse. These combined efforts make Goliad one of the best-preserved Spanish colonial communities in the country.

Other cities included in the region include Cuero, Galveston, Houston, Seguin and San Antonio. For a complete listing of the cities included in the Texas Independent Trail Region and to learn more about the area's rich history, contact the THC at 866/276-6219 for a brochure, or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

1836 that ended Mexican rule over Texas, the museum seeks not only to honor those who fought, but also to re-emphasize the history of Texas and the Spanish Southwest.

The museum store and the award-winning presentation of "Texas Forever!! The Battle of San Jacinto" are currently open to the public. The observation floor of the monument, at 489 feet high, will be opened in August for visitors to experience an unforgettable view. Located near Houston in the Pasadena/Deer Park/La Porte area, the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Park allows visitors the opportunity to peruse the grounds, the marsh boardwalk and the Battleship TEXAS.

For more information about re-opening dates, call the museum at 281/479-2421 or visit their web site at www.sanjacinto-museum.org.

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS SPONSORS GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP IN JULY

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Association of Museums is hosting a fund raising and grant writing workshop July 17. Fund raising Basics: How to Research and Write Successful Grants will serve as a vital resource for museum fund raisers who are continuously confronted by the daunting task of seeking ample financial backing. This full-day workshop will address basic approaches to grant writing and will offer innovative options to guarantee a successful outcome. Allison Supancic is collection supervisor for the Funding Information Collection of the Hogg Foundation Library in Austin, and recently conducted a series of successful workshops for the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Supancic will lead participants through the process of researching foundation and corporate source grants.

Jack McKinney, director of the Dr. Pepper Museum in Waco, will address the mechanics of how to write convincing proposals, cultivate donors, approach foundations and corporations, and funding trends.

For additional information regarding the workshop call the Texas Association of Museums at 512/328-6812 or visit their web site at www.io.com/~tam/index.html.

For more information about THC programs and workshops, visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

SAN JACINTO MONUMENT OPENS TO THE PUBLIC IN JULY

LA PORTE, Texas — The San Jacinto Museum of History is pleased to announce that following a period of renovation, the staff has moved back into their offices in the monument in the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Park. The museum will be partially open to the public with a staggered schedule for the complete re-opening this month. Texas Historical Commission (THC) commissioner Sarita Hixon serves on the Board of Trustees for the museum, whose permanent gallery represents 400 years of Texas history.

The museum is operated by the San Jacinto Museum Association — a non-profit organization — in conjunction with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Commemorating the historic battle of July 21,

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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. 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 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@sonoratx.net.

Congress Lifts The Ban On Deep Sea Oil Exploration

By Ken Spain (202) 225-3605
House passes bipartisan bill that will lower gasoline prices and create more American jobs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Thursday, the House of Representatives passed the Deep Ocean Energy Resources (DOER) Act by a bipartisan vote of 232 to 187. This bill will open the door to more domestic drilling and provides numerous economic benefits. "Energy is the lifeline of every economy," said Conaway. "Producing more oil and natural gas domestically leads to more jobs, lower gas prices, and greater economic and national security. The U.S. has the means to drill in the deep waters out of view our coastline, and this is something that we need to be doing. This bill gives us greater access to domestic energy resources for our economy."

The DOER Act is designed to modernize a key aspect of the nation's energy policy by allowing more of our substantial energy resources to be produced in the deep seas on the outer-continental shelf (OCS). For the past 25 years, the federal government has had a ban on oil and gas drilling in most U.S. coastal waters. This legislation maintains a ban on drilling within 50 miles off the shoreline, and allows coastal states to make the decision to extend that up to 100 miles.

This gives these states a reasonable amount of control over their coasts, and opens the door to more drilling.

The environmental safety of offshore energy production facilities was tested when Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ripped through the heart of the Gulf of Mexico in 2005. Almost 3000 offshore platforms were in the direct path of the hurricanes. Production was shut down, platforms were evacuated and production restarted without any loss of life and without any spills.

Conaway went on to say, "When we import energy, we export jobs. This is commonsense legislation. We will be able to create thousands of new jobs here at home, as well as create more domestic energy for our economy at the same time."

Congressman Conaway also worked closely with the House Resources Committee to include provisions that provide funds from royalty receipts to support programs at colleges and universities that will train skilled workers in the oil and gas industries. Also included is an oil and gas industry education scholarship program that has a preference for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

Rig Report as of 06/30/06

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- New 1 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 9500' W H Karnes -c- #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 07/03/06 Assigned
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- 3 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8650' Simmons Ranch #102 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 06/24/06 7 Drlg Ahead
- New 4 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8570' Mayer -47- #12 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 07/03/06 Assigned
- 5 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8550' Edwin S Mayer Jr -g- #102 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 06/26/06 5 Drlg Ahead
- New 6 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8375' Mayer Ranch -s- #17-2 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 07/03/06 Assigned
- New 7 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8150' Cauthorn Ranch -134- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 704 07/03/06 Moving On
- 8 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7850' Genini #31-16 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 704 06/25/06 6 Drlg Ahead
- New 9 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7550' Sawyer -144- #15 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 07/04/06 Assigned
- New 10 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7500' Shurley -142- #25 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 06/28/06 3 Drlg Ahead
- New 11 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7450' Shurley -147- #24 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 07/04/06 Assigned
- New 12 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7100' Duke Wilson #34-14 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 107 07/03/06 Assigned
- 13 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7075' Duke Wilson #34-02 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 107 06/26/06 5 Drlg Ahead
- New 14 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7050' Canyon Ranch -115- #19s Dw Patterson Drilling/a 161 07/03/06 Assigned
- New 15 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7000' Kelly -124- #25 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 06/30/06 1 Drlg Ahead
- 16 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 6950' Canyon Ranch #1149s Dw Patterson Drilling/a 161 06/26/06 5 Drlg Ahead
- New 17 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 6250' Meckel #85 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 06/29/06 2 Drlg Ahead
- New 18 Devon Energy/okc 6000' Thomson Heirs #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 102 06/26/06 5 Drlg Ahead

Edwards

- New 1 Newfield 11500' Mayfield -a- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 471 06/30/06 1 Drlg Ahead
- New 2 Newfield 10000' Davis #1101 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 118 06/29/06 2 Drlg Ahead
- 3 Pxp Texas Inc 5000' Peterson -81- #1 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 24 05/08/06 54 Drlg Ahead

Terrell

- 1 Encore Operating Lp 14700' Banner Estate #48 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 05/14/06 48 Drlg Ahead
- 2 Oxy Permian/Houston 14500' Turk -a- #1a Dw Patterson Drilling/a 169 06/19/06 12 Drlg Ahead
- 3 Encana O & G/dallas 12200' Culbertson -17- #9 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 57 06/06/06 25 Drlg Ahead
- New 4 Bp America/Houston 11500' Banner Estate #43 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 06/30/06 1 Drlg Ahead
- New 5 Fasken Oil & Ranch 7500' Geaslin Nw -187- #67 Dw Lariat Services/ode 18 06/30/06 1 Drlg Ahead
- 6 Marshall & Winston 6500' Allison #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 109 06/20/06 11 Drlg Ahead
- New 7 Encore Operating Lp 6100' Banner Estate #51 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 07/01/06 Moving On

Crockett

- 1 Willo Oil & Gas Exp 15000' Arledge #408 Dw Grey Wolf Drilling/a 43 06/28/06 3 Drlg Ahead
- 2 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 10300' Hunt -24- #9 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 06/29/06 2 Drlg Ahead
- New 3 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 9850' Hunt -24- #8 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 07/04/06 Assigned
- 4 J. Cleo Thompson/Dal 9500' University 31-9e #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 42 06/16/06 15 Drlg Ahead
- 5 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey -a- #605 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 06/20/06 11 Drlg Ahead
- New 6 Approach Operating 9000' Bailey #150 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 06/23/06 8 Drlg Ahead
- New 7 Anadarko E & P 8500' Laura Hoover Estate -6a- #7 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 38 06/28/06 3 Drlg Ahead
- 8 Soc Oil Company Inc 6800' Stugard -45- #1 Dw Adobe Drilling Mustan 06/22/06 9 Drlg Ahead 1987
- 9 Oxy Permian/Houston 5600' South Cross Unit #238 Sledge Drilling 1 06/19/06 12 Drlg Ahead
- 10 Mlc Operating 5500' Onyx -b- #4 Dw Adobe Drilling Bronco 06/16/06 15 Drlg Ahead 4180'
- New 11 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Phillips -a- #7d Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 06/27/06 4 Drlg Ahead
- New 12 Telesis Operating 2500' Perner -42- #1 Hinz Drilling 1 06/21/06 10 Drlg Ahead
- New 13 Momentum Energy 1050' Chambers County #402 Ft Hope Drilling 1 07/01/06 Rigging Up

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- New 1 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8600' Edwin S Mayer Jr -e- #28 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 06/28/06 3 Drlg Ahead
- New 2 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8400' Edwin S Mayer Jr -r- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 07/03/06 Assigned
- New 3 Pogo Producing Co 6900' Keeney -77- Unit #3 Ft Heart Land Drilling 2 06/26/06 5 Drlg Ahead 1833'

Val Verde

- 1 Unit Petroleum/Hous 16700' Joy R Pusard State Unit #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/h 19 05/15/06 47 Drlg Ahead 15273'
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Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns

June 29, 2006

NCBA President Mike John invited to White House for Koizumi Visits: Cattlemen were prominently represented at today's White House welcoming ceremony for Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi. NCBA President and Missouri cattleman Mike John, along with his father, Russ John, and NCBA Chief Economist Gregg Doud were among the front row guests gathered to welcome the Prime Minister to the United States. Mike and Russ will be dining among Washington's political and diplomatic elite at tonight's White House State Dinner. At press time, we had no hint of what will be on the menu, but we hope it's U.S. beef!

Bush Optimistic on Japan Trade: During Prime Minister Koizumi's visit to the United States, discussions are turning to the issue of beef trade and Japan's continued ban on U.S. beef. The Governments of Japan and the United States announced June 21 an agreement that could lead to resumption of beef trade, but details remain sketchy and no time frame has been set. This uncertainty has prompted many in Congress to push for legislation imposing retaliatory measures on Japan if trade is not resumed expeditiously (see NCBA Members Support Bills Regarding Japan Trade below).

But President Bush appears optimistic about the situation. In a joint press briefing this afternoon, President Bush acknowledged the June 21 agreement. "I think the Japanese people are going to like the taste of U.S. beef," the President said. "As a matter of fact, I had a good slice of beef last night, and you told me you did, as well, and you look like you're feeling pretty good." "Very good," Koizumi replied.

NCBA Members Support Bills Regarding Japan Trade: NCBA member-directed policy calls for NCBA to support efforts in Congress to urge expeditious resumption of beef trade with Japan. Among these:

- S. 3548 championed by Senators Kent Conrad (D-N.D.) and Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) 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 bill was introduced June 21 and currently has 18 co-sponsors.

- 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. This measure was added to the Ag Appropriations Bill which passed out of Committee June 22. The bill now moves to the Senate floor for consideration.

- S. 3364, introduced by Senator Ben Nelson (D-Nebr.) bans the importation of Japanese beef into the U.S. until Japan opens its borders to U.S. beef. Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) has signed on in support.

- H.R. 5969, introduced by Rep. Jim Costa (D-Cal.) with four cosponsors, addresses the Japanese embargo on U.S. Beef by "prohib-

iting importation of Japanese beef into the United States."

Japanese Audit Teams Visit U.S. Plants: As outlined in the June 21 agreement between the Governments of Japan and the United States, Japanese audit teams are here in the United States for visits to processing plants eligible for exporting beef to Japan. These visits are scheduled to conclude July 21. Upon completion of these audits, Japanese officials have verbally agreed to resume beef trade.

Canada Lifts BSE Import Restrictions on U.S. Beef: The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced today, June 29, it will allow all classes of U.S. cattle for import, including those for breeding purposes born after 1999, based on prescribed certification requirements. Also, beef from cattle over 30 months of age will be eligible for importation under certain conditions. In its announcement today, CFIA says "Canada's new government is moving closer to re-integrating the North American cattle market in accordance with international standards."

NCBA has been very aggressive in meetings with Canadian officials on issues related to normalizing trade in North America. "This action by the Canadian government is based on sound science and takes all measures necessary to protect the herd health of both countries. That's what NCBA and our affiliates have wanted all along, but it has taken some long and difficult negotiations to get us to this point," says Jay Truitt, NCBA's vice president of government affairs. "Full access to Canadian buyers is important to many of our cattlemen."

Twenty-three countries still have an unjustified ban on U.S. beef. Those countries include Argentina, Australia, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei, China, Colombia, Ecuador, the French Pacific Islands, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Panama, Qatar, Romania, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

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Submitted by Ramona Nye
MAY PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,779 original drilling permits in May 2006 compared to 1,364 in May 2005. The May total included 1,491 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 61 to re-enter existing well bores, and 227 for re-completions. Permits issued in May 2006 included 296 oil, 403 gas, 1,034 oil and gas, 30 injection, zero service and 16 other permits.

APRIL CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary April 2006 crude oil production averaged 887,787 barrels daily, down from the 896,601 barrels daily average of April 2005. The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for April 2006 is 26,639,514 barrels, a decrease from 27,078,977 barrels reported during April 2005.

MAY OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In May 2006, operators reported 376 oil, 632 gas, 21 injection and three other completions compared to 254 oil, 331 gas, 17 injection and one other completion during May 2005. Total well completions for 2006 year to date are 5,422 up from 3,796 recorded during the same period in 2005. Operators reported 313 holes plugged and zero dry holes in May 2006 compared to 426 holes plugged and zero dry holes in May 2005.

APRIL NATURAL GAS

APRIL TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)

PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 413,147,107 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for April 2006, up from the April 2005 preliminary gas production total of 412,302,802 Mcf. Texas production in April 2006 came from 34,119 oil and 69,551 gas wells.

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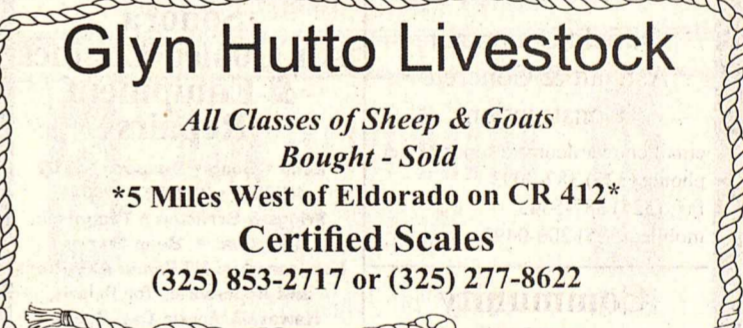
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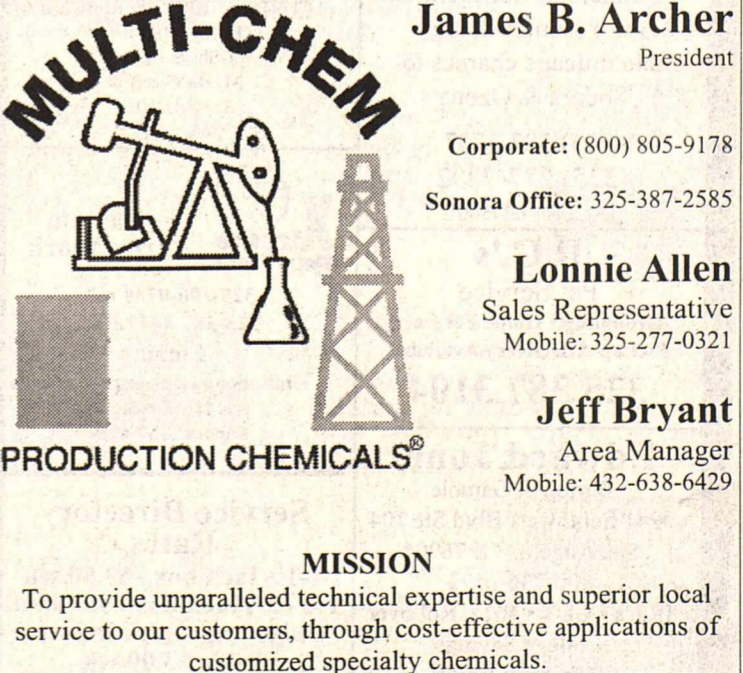
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Perry Announces \$255 Million to Help Rita Victims

ORANGE — Gov. Rick Perry today announced Texas is making \$255 million available to help victims of Hurricane Rita and low-income families across the state purchase a home of their own. The program is expected to assist 2,300 Texas families.

"This is the largest amount of home buyer funds ever released by the state. And more than 40 percent of it, or \$108 million, is coming here to help Southeast Texans recover from Hurricane Rita," Perry said.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) will make the funds available to provide low interest rate mortgages and mortgage credit certificates to qualifying families. Home buyers in Southeast Texas will be able to get loans with an interest rate under 6 percent, as well as grants to help cover the down payment. Those in the 22-county region of Southeast Texas impacted by Hurricane Rita don't need to be a first-time home buyer to benefit from the program.

"Owning a home has always been an essential part of the American dream. For families, homeownership is not merely a source of pride, it is often the first step on the path to prosperity. And for our communities, homeownership provides an important source of stability," Perry said. "Research studies show that when a majority of families own the home in which they live, you end up with safer neighborhoods, greater economic

opportunities and a stronger sense of community."

According to the US Census, 65.9 percent of all Texans own the home in which they live, which is higher than a few years ago, but a few points lower than the national average. Perry said making homeownership more affordable is "one of the best long-term investments government can make." The benefits of homeownership include increased math and reading scores for schoolchildren, and strengthened community bonds.

"This is a remarkable opportunity for anyone who has dreamed of owning a home but felt that finances put it beyond their reach. And for those who lost their dreams last year to Hurricane Rita, this is an opportunity for a new start on the road to a better tomorrow," Perry said. "I know there is a sense in Southeast Texas that Rita is the storm no one in Washington seems to remember. But Texas remembers. And in Texas, we take care of our own."

The funds we are announcing today are just part of our commitment. And the state will continue to see that commitment through until life is back to normal for every one of our friends and neighbors in Southeast Texas."

The program has 35 participating lenders operating more than 300 branch offices throughout the state. For program details and more information on how to qualify, visit the TDHCA website at www.tdhca.state.tx.us.

Department of Labor Awards \$4 Million for Faith-Based and Community Organizations

DALLAS- The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a \$74,364 grant to A[New Entry] Inc., Austin, Texas, to help hard-to-serve populations prepare for and succeed in employment opportunities. A total of \$4 million in grants to 55 faith-based and community organizations were funded through this competition.

"This administration appreciates the effectiveness of faith-based and community organizations in helping workers find jobs and build a brighter future for themselves and their families," said Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao. "The grassroots projects funded through this \$4 million initiative will reach out to those most in need by providing guidance and support in making use of employment services available through local One-Stop Career Centers."

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CONAWAY HEADS TO BORDER TO TAKE PERSONAL LOOK AT BORDER SECURITY

MIDLAND, TEXAS - Today, U.S. Representative Mike Conaway (R-TX) announced his upcoming trip to the Border Patrol's Marfa Sector to take a frontline look at border security and immigration issues. The trip will take place July 6th- July 8th.

"I am going to this isolated sector of the border for an in-depth review of how the current enforcement of our border is being accomplished," said Conaway. "I want to see and evaluate the day to day obstacles that these agents are facing so we may better equip them for interdiction of every illegal crossing. It is important as a member of Congress that I take a look at our border issue so that I

can ensure our border patrol agents have the means necessary to secure our country to the fullest."

During the visit, Conaway will take a vehicle tour and examine the daytime operations of the agents. Later that evening, he will observe nighttime maneuvers in other remote areas of the border. He will also take a helicopter tour of the Marfa Sector and border area, including Sierra Blanca and Big Bend National Park.

Stops are arranged along the tour for Conaway to personally visit with on-duty Border Patrol Agents and get their input of our border security issues.

Post Old Mill Trade Days

In addition to over 125 vendors with products such as antiques, furniture, collectibles, art, jewelry and clothing and a variety of food vendors, the July 7-9 event at Old Mill Trade Days in Post, TX. will feature a 3-day line up of musical entertainment.

Over 60 performers will take the stage at Trade Days beginning at 10 am Friday and continuing Saturday. These contestants are vying for the title of Post City Idol, a regional competition for vocalists of all ages.

"We're looking at our event as a continuation of the Independence Day holiday fun," explained Rosa Latimer, General Manager of Old Mill Trade Days. "There are lots of activities to choose from around

July 4, but our event on July 7-9 provides a great opportunity extend the fun another weekend."

Latimer continued. "We're encouraging energetic audience participation."

The Post City Idol event is co-sponsored by FOX 34 News and Coca Cola.

Old Mill Trade Days at the historic Postex Mills in Post is the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each month. Event hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission on Friday is \$1.00 for adults/free for Senior citizens and on Saturday and Sunday \$2.00 for adults. Children under 10 are always admitted free when accompanied by an adult and parking is free. Call 495-3529 for more information.

Internet Joke of the Week

Pat was sitting in an airplane when another fellow took a seat beside him. The new guy was an absolute wreck...pale, hands shaking, biting his nails and moaning in fear.

"Hey pal, what's the matter?" Pat asked. "Oh man... I've been transferred to Texas." The other guy answered, "there's crazy people in Texas & they have shootings, gangs, race riots, drugs, high crime rate..."

"Hold on" Pat interrupted, "I've lived in Texas all my life And it is not as bad as the media says. Find a nice home, go to work, mind your own business, enroll your kids in a good school and it's as safe as anywhere in the world."

The other passenger relaxed and stopped shaking for a moment and said, "Oh thank you. I've been worried to death, but if you live there and say it's OK, I'll take your word for it. What do you do for a living?"

"Me?," said Pat, "I'm a tail gunner on a bread truck in Laredo."

The Cost of Freedom

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

During this week exactly 230 years ago, delegates to the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence at the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia. Their action led directly to our war for independence and, some 11 hard years later, the U.S. Constitution and the United States of America.

The Declaration laid the foundation for the freedoms and liberties that have made the United States of America the great nation it is today. But independence, and those liberties, did not come easily. They were secured only after years of struggle, and with the assistance of several foreign powers.

These historical facts are particularly relevant during this July 4 week as the Congress debates conduct of our war against terrorism, and our support for the fledgling democracy of Iraq.

Since its founding, the U.S. has become the central beacon for liberty and democracy throughout the world. In the past few decades alone, U.S.-led efforts have freed hundreds of millions of people from the yoke of oppression, in Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa and elsewhere. We are justifiably proud of our efforts to bring hope to corners of the world where hope did not previously exist.

Since September, 2001, we have been fully engaged in a new kind of war, against terrorist guerrillas who want to destroy everything we stand for. Once again, this time under the leadership of President Bush, the U.S. is meeting the new challenge.

Terrorism breeds in an atmosphere where basic human rights are denied and political rights are suppressed. After the progress we've made recently, the Middle East is now the only area of the world virtually bereft of functioning democracy. (Israel is the sole exception.) There is no quick, short-term fix to this enduring problem.

President Bush has a far-sighted strategy to break the cycle of tyranny, despotism and human-rights

abuse in that region. Assisting Iraq in establishing itself as a model among the world of democracies is a key component. The strategy is working. Because of our initiative, signs of progress toward expanded human rights and democratic rule can already be seen across the entire Middle East and into Asia. There is no doubt we are winning. Our military cannot be bested. Iraqis have voted three times - in greater numbers than we vote in the U.S. - and are steadily planting democratic institutions and restoring order in their country. They are moving to reconcile dissident segments within the country, and to pave the way for our troops to leave.

The United States has never been enthusiastic about going to war. Democracies rarely are. The war on terror promises to be long and costly, and, four years into the struggle, our resolve is being tested. Do we have the national will to see this through?

We are now fighting back, and it's no coincidence that assaults on civilian targets have largely abated. Yet, in the Senate debate, I was struck by the short-term thinking of some Iraq policy opponents. In fact, some characterized their objectives not as protecting the U.S. from threat - but as creating a unified position within their political party. I asked aloud: "Can they be serious?"

I believe the sacrifices this country has made over the years in the cause of freedom are extremely unfortunate, but worth their cost. I believe not that war is tragic and must never be fought, but that war is tragic but must sometimes be fought for compelling reasons.

We in Texas continue to mourn Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, of Houston and the Rio Grande Valley, who was killed by terrorists on June 19 near Baghdad, as he served his country. I am grateful there are men and women like Pfc. Menchaca and other Texans who will place themselves in harm's way and risk making the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom.

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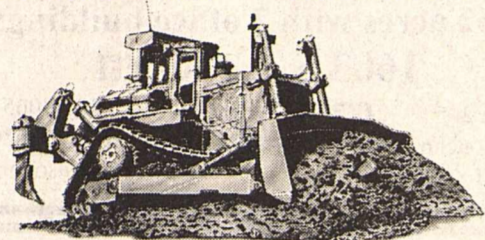
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He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sport activities, drives a ten year old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend, that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away. He listens to rock

and roll, hip-hop, rap, country, jazz or swing and 155mm howitzer. He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk. He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark. He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade and use either one effectively, if he must. He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional. He can march until he is told to stop, or stop until he is told to march. He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity. He is self-sufficient. He has two sets of fatigues: he washes one and wears

the other. He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry. He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never to clean his rifle. He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts. If you're thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food. He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low. He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they were his hands. He can save your life - or take it, because that is his job. He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay and still find ironic humor in it all. He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime. He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen

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F.Y.I.

1966 40th Class Reunion will be held in Las Vegas this July. If interested, contact Ray Glasscock at 387-9333 for details.

Sonora ISD Phone Number is now 387-6940. In the future, please use this number to contact all campuses/offices district wide.

4-H Playday Summer Series: The summer playdays will be held at the Sutton County Arena on July 11 and 18th. Entries will be taken from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Each playday will start at 6:00 p.m. Age divisions will be novice (9-12 years), junior (13-15 years), and senior (16-18 years) as of June 6. Boys and girls will ride together in each age division unless the number of entries warrants splitting them. Events are barrels, poles, and goat tying. There is a one time fee of \$35 per participant. Current Coggins will be required on all horses. Please have your Coggins results in hand when you enter. Without a current Coggins test, you CANNOT participate. For more information, call the Extension Office at 387-3101.

Al-Anon Meetings - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.

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 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 a 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.

St. Ann's Softball Tournament: July 22, 2006. For more information, call Tommy Van Winkle at 325-206-1824 or Joe San Miguel at 325-226-2745.

American Meat Goat Association Annual Conference and Goat Show & Sale, Saturday & Sunday, July 15-16: Saturday 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m., Sutton County Civic Center. 325/387-6100

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