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## Transportation Committee Meeting

The Sonora Transportation Committee met in The Bank and Trust Lobby, Thursday, June 29th. Agenda items included: Report on Ports-to-Plains - First Annual Texas Transportation Forum by Max Howorth, and Hazardous Cargo Awareness by Cyndy Allen.

Max Howorth reported that during the Transportation Forum, Michael Reeves, President, Ports-to-Plains, informed the forum that eighty entities up and down the trade corridor contribute approximately \$480,000 to conduct media relations, investment and research on the Ports-to-Plains idea, and that support from Austin and Washington was increasing. Of the research programs contracted to universities, Texas Tech University will design a trucking survey to be sent to key logistics personnel in the trucking industry this fall. Reeves stated that TXDOT has begun the initial environmental planning on Highway 277 from Del Rio to San Angelo. TXDOT has created a proposal of Ports-to-Plains signage and costs that is due to go before the Texas legislature in January. Reeves also discussed the creation of regional groups (like Sonora) to discuss local problems of implementing Ports-to-Plains. Reeves stated the Texas Motor Transport Association

(TMTA) is also lining up behind the Ports-to-Plains idea and that TMTA will be a key financial and political partner in the project. On the downside, Reeves said that Larado and Denver were not on board with financial support; however, it was just a matter of a signature.

Howorth met with Pate Engineering personnel, who specialize in transportation financing for communities. The engineering firm offered to meet with Sonora committee members in August to discuss the different financial mechanisms available for this endeavor. Howorth also met with committee members from San Angelo, Del Rio and Eldorado, scheduling a meeting for July 26th to discuss the Ports-to-Plains project.

Cyndy Allen (HazMat Training Consultant) presented information concerning Hazardous Cargo and awareness thereof. Allen consulted with Reeves and local license and weights DPS officers concerning a database of 1-10 HAZMAT cargo. Reeves stated he was unaware of any such database. Allen informed the committee that through TXDOT there were records of all HAZMAT employers and transporters, and these could be identified through mandatory training records and licensing. Allen discussed the dif-

ferent classes of hazardous materials and the rules and regulations involved in their transportation.

Chairman Friess thanked the presenters and reported that he, along with several other community leaders, had recently met with State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran here in Sonora. Rep. Hilderbran answered questions about education, transportation, and Homeland Security. Pertaining to transportation, Rep. Hilderbran commented on the I-10 Trans Texas Corridor, currently planned to be a 1,200 foot right-of-way to provide separate lanes for cars and trucks, as well as rail, pipelines and utilities, and said that, in his opinion, there was no support in Austin for extending a Corridor of that magnitude west of I-35.

Chairman Friess said in planning the next meeting of the committee, the entire format would be focused on 'Alternative Means of Transportation Financing'. Max Howorth agreed to contact Pate Engineering, and arrange for some experts to come and talk with the Committee. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is August 3rd.

## Right Rear Blowout Causes Rollover



By Ray Glasscock

At 10:28 on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 about 10 miles south of Sonora, Caleb Malone was driving north on Highway 277 totally unaware of what was about to happen. When the right rear tire blew, he exited the road to the right. The sideward force caused the right rear tire to completely separate from the truck. The truck then rolled and ended upright on the left side of the road. Malone, who was wearing his seatbelt, appeared to be uninjured. Paramedics from the Sutton County EMS performed an on scene assessment before transporting him to the Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital for further tests.

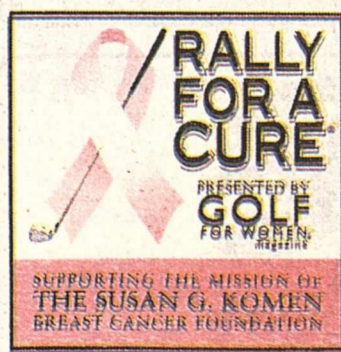
Sheriff Joe Fincher arrived at the scene shortly after the accident and started the investigation. As in the Location Builders' rollover accident a few weeks ago, no traffic ticket was issued in this accident.

Seat Belts  
Save Lives



Lisa Alviso and Rosa Sanchez present a check for \$150 for the Sutton County Senior Center to Juanita Mesa. The First National Bank donates the monthly proceeds from their popcorn sales to organizations in Sonora.

## Sonora Golf Auxiliary Supports Rally For A Cure®



Sonora Golf Auxiliary is taking part in Rally For A Cure® presented by Golf For Women magazine, a breast cancer awareness campaign that is the nation's largest grassroots women's golf program. In 2005, Rally For A Cure®, registered its one millionth participant in this important initiative. The local organizers of this event are Patti Prather, Su Scott and Anita Hudson.

A field of 48 players is expected for the Rally at Sonora Golf Club on July 22nd. As part of the Rally For A Cure® activities, a contest is held

at a designated par-3 Rally hole. Titleist® golf balls bearing the pink ribbon breast awareness symbol are awarded to every player who hits the green on the first swing, and a prize is given to the player whose shot lands nearest the hole. All players will receive important early detection information, an exclusive Rally pink ribbon golf pin, and are entitled to a one year subscription of Golf For Women magazine. In addition to Golf For Women and Titleist®, Adams Golf and Etonic Shoes continue as sponsors of the Rally program.

"We are proud to be a part of this vital, cause-oriented women's golf program. Together we are helping to get the critical life-saving message of early breast cancer detection out to golfers and the members of their communities," states Susan K. Reed, Editor and Chief, Golf For Women magazine. In 2006, every issue of the magazine will feature a page from Koman with important breast health information in addition to the September/October issue which dedicates editorial pages to the cause.

Since its inception in 1996, the mission of Rally For A Cure® has been to emphasize the importance of early detection in the successful treatment of breast cancer, and to support the mission of the Susan B. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease. According to the Koman Foundation, each year breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women ages 35-54, and the disease also accounts for more than 75% of all cancer deaths in women 55 years of age and older.

In 1996, its first year of operation, 356 clubs participated in the Rally program. In 2005, more than 3200 clubs, in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as Bermuda, Mexico, Canada, Egypt, and Germany, registered to host a Rally For A Cure® event. The Rally program provides a platform for volunteer ambassadors to raise significant funds for the Koman Foundation. Since 1996, the foundation received more than \$20 million from Rally events to support their mission.

## County Agents Learn to Burn

Submitted

Texas A&M Extension Agents from 27 counties gathered at the Sonora TAMU Experiment Station facilities, July 6-8, 2006 to better understand prescribe range burning protocols and techniques.

Experts from the EPPA (Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association) emphasized the importance of organization, chain of command and safety, during the classroom setting training.

Butch Taylor conducted a tour of the Experiment Station property, stressing the important contributions prescribed burning has on the health and productivity of rangeland.

Historically, the Sonora Experiment Station has undertaken a pro-active role using prescribed burns, as well as live fire trainings for ranchers and others interested in the benefits of prescribed burning, primarily for brush control.

The next scheduled burn training will be held at the Experiment Station, August 16-19, 2006. Landowners interested in prescribed range burning, are asked to contact the NRCS or a local TAMU Extension Agent.



Participants inspect a recent prescribed burn area



Ideal range conditions following a series of prescribed burns

## County Commissioners Split Vote to Increase Pay

Submitted By Nancy Glasscock

After some discussion, in a 2-1 vote with Belia Castenada abstaining, the county commissioners voted to approve Judge Carla Garner's recommendation for a seven percent increase in pay for department heads. Each department head will be receiving an approximate \$3,290 raise in salary. Prior to the motion made by Commissioner Villaneuva and seconded by Commissioner Cavaness, Commissioner John Wade distributed information he had gathered from several west Texas counties. Sutton County already has the highest salaries and now will increase them. Commissioner Wade commented, "I am concerned how the county will pay these salaries when Dominion stops drilling and is no longer doing business in the county." Judge Garner stated, the county has very little turnover since 'we' pay people good salaries. "This keeps re-training costs down. They are able to find and fix little problems before they become big problems requiring outside contractors. This saves the tax payer money." In other budgeting business, the commissioners voted to approve the County Clerk's request to add one part-time position to the office at \$6.50 an hour. Justice of the Peace Alvarez' request to convert one part-time position in her office to full time was denied by a unanimous vote.

The county-wide Burn Ban was extended another three months. If the entire county receives some soaking rains, the ban can lifted.

Just a little over two inches of rain since January has fallen on several parts of the county west of Sonora. Last weeks' fire on a Miers Road property northeast of the city is an indication that the vegetation is still very dry.

Judge Garner reviewed suggested increases in ambulance rates. At the present time, the county's rates are falling behind current Medicare reimbursements. Commissioner Cavaness made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Villaneuva to increase the rates. For example, the ambulance transport rate will go from \$325.00 to \$350.00.

Judge Garner reviewed a proposal that she and Sheriff Joe Fincher received from Guardian Security Service of Lubbock for a panic security system. The basic system is \$9,500 and includes a warranty and service policy. The company would also install repeaters to cover all county offices and the jail. The total cost to the county would be approximately \$12,000 for the turn key operation. Commissioner Wade asked how the system would be affected by power outages. Judge Garner stated the brochure indicated the system has a 48 hour battery backup. Commissioner Cavaness made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Wade to purchase the security system from Guardian Security Service of Lubbock.

During the department reports, Oscar Jimenez stated his department will complete paving county roads this week. The department

will begin paving city roads next Tuesday at 7 a.m. Sheriff Fincher reported the jail had a daily average of 16 inmates for the month of June. Commissioner Cavaness asked what the jail's capacity is. Fincher responded the jail can hold 20-21 inmates.

The commissioners received the annual audit report prepared by Wayne Beyer of Beyer & Co. of Pleasanton, TX. Mr. Beyer reported the county received an unqualified opinion which in auditor's language was the highest finding after he tested all areas. The county had a General Fund balance of \$2.2 million that increased \$213,349 last year. The county also has a ten month reserve in funds, which he commented was "truly extraordinary." He continued that "the county is very conservative and under spent the budget. Almost every department is under budget." He commented on four Audit Findings that should be corrected prior to the next audit in 2007. There was no record of receipts for hot checks. The county attorney needs a pre-printed receipt book. The county had no professional investment policy. This is a long standing requirement that the Government Accounting Board is now stressing should be tested. The sheriff's office Petty Cash fund was \$81.90 short. Mr. Beyer recommended that the sheriff's Petty Cash fund be balanced a minimum of once a day.

The next commissioners' meeting is scheduled for July 24th.

## A Guatemalan Adventure

Part 3  
By Dr. Greg Johnson

We were nearing the end of our visit. The four days of clinic were done. We were at a celebration party, eating turkey molle, when I was struck by a feeling of incompleteness. Most of the people we had seen were well dressed and in fairly good medical condition. Many adults had full dentures, and teenagers even carried cell phones.



The Faces of Guatemala

I asked Tim Taylor, our Chief advisor, if it was safe to go into a back country village. I had wanted to serve the poor.

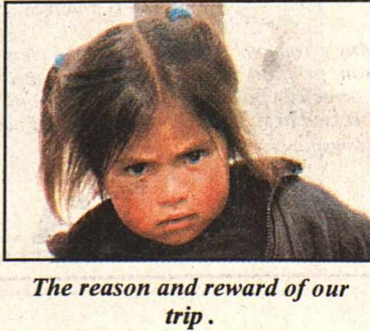
We formulated a plan, and loaded up a box of medication and eight of our group. We drove up the mountain from Huehuetenango, which is from 8,000 ft. in altitude, up to 11,000 ft. The views were impressive. When we reached a small viewing station, Victoria hollered out the window that a doctor was here for free medical care. Within minutes, we were again trying to maintain crowd control. It seemed 30 people came out of four small houses.

There was a chill in the high altitude, and we needed coats. I had found the reason that I journeyed to Guatemala. He was a one

year old boy, barefoot, with a snotty nose. His head covered from the sun with a white bandana. There were many little ones with 1st and 2nd degree burns from the piercing sun at 11,000 ft. Becky went around putting sunscreen on all that she could find. We told mothers about the dangers and recommended wide brim sombreros.

The remaining two days were packing, travel, and a half day shopping in Antigua. We ate lunch in a building built in 1549 on the colonial square. Our trip was complete. We felt satisfied and joyful that we touched the lives of a few in Guatemala.

Photos courtesy of Becky Johnson



The reason and reward of our trip.

## Lighthouse Community Church

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## Senior Center Activities

**Fri. July 14** - Birthday party for July!  
**Mon. July 17** - Bingo!  
**Tue. July 18** - Let's start art painting or drawing!  
Need volunteers to help out!  
**Wed. July 19** - Van to San Angelo, call Lilia 387-3941.  
Medicals come first.  
**Thur. July 20** - Happy Birthday Beatrice Arteaga!

## Senior Center Menu

**Fri. July 14** - Chicken fajitas, spanish rice, refried beans, fruit tortilla, tossed salad, Jell-O with fruit and milk.  
**Mon. July 17** - Chicken fried steak with gravy, buttered peas, spinach, cornbread, sunshine fruit cup and milk.  
**Tue. July 18** - King ranch chicken, broccoli, carrot, raisin salad, rolls, oatmeal cookie and milk.  
**Wed. July 19** - Liver with onions, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, pecan pie, and juice or milk.  
**Thur. July 20** - Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, tomato, onions, baby carrots, seafoam salad, grapes 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)



## Sonora Church Directory

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
504 Santa Clara  
387-2035

**Church of Christ**  
304 N. Water  
387-3190

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

**First Baptist Church**  
111 E. Oak  
387-2951

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hope Lutheran Church**  
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387-5366

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## Thank You Notes

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us with the recent loss of our father and grandfather, Wayford Tyler, throughout this trying time in our lives. Throughout the years you all have been there for him and us, and we will be eternally grateful. We thank you for your thoughts, prayers, love, support and all that you have done.

Wayford, Kassandra  
Wayne & Kristin

As I continue to recover from my recent surgery, I wish to thank all my friends and family for all their prayers, calls, food and flowers. A special thanks to Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital staff. We are so blessed to have an excellent facility in Sonora.

Elida Guerra

## To my fellow Galilean Carpenters:

Paul, Kathleen, Allison, Melissa and James Freeman; Ramon, Juanita and Victoria Estrada; Mary and Kory Humphrey, JoAnn Hernandez, Dora Mata, Andrew Barthelemy, Jana and Kamrie Martinez, Fred and Mary Perez, Peter Bradley, Ralph and Josie Gonzales, Sr. Ralph Gonzales, Jr. Manuel Parades, Eddie, Tammy, Alyssa and Kelsie Favila, Frank and Lidia Gallegos; Pascual and Liz Hernandez; Rafael, Lisa and Noe Alvizo; Victoria V. Garza, Mary Jean Sims, Manuel, Rachel and Jaimee Duran; Mike and Belia Fay, Noemi Samaniego, Pedro

Ramirez, The Acosta Family, Elfidia Martinez, Maria Carrasco, Elida Guerra, Sam David Hernandez, Margaret Samandiego, Eva Perez, Mario and Fina Hernandez, Claudia Perez, Kathy Hargrave and \*Team RASPA\*

Thank you for your skills and talents in constructing new life into St. Ann's Parish office. Together, we can accomplish great things! We will meet again Wednesday, July 12, 2006 and also all day Saturday, July 29th.

God Bless you,  
Tammy Favila



Preparing for new paint at St. Ann's



Doing things right at St. Ann's

Being well remembered  
is the  
sincerest form of flattery.



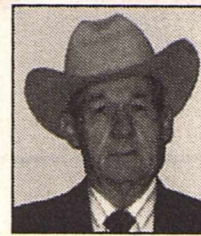
**Happy  
18th Birthday  
and Good Luck  
on your way to the  
US Air Force!**

## Kaylynn Perez

Kaylynn is the Daughter of Emilio and Araceli Perez, sister of Justin Perez, Granddaughter of Jose J. Perez and the late Petra Perez of Brackettville, TX. Gilberto Ramirez Jr and the late Francisca Ramirez of Del Rio, TX. Kaylynn will be leaving on July 18, 2006 for Law Enforcement basic training in San Antonio, TX.

## Obituary

### Wayford D. Tyler Sr.



Wayford D. Tyler, Sr., 77, went to be with our Lord July 7, 2006. He was born in Girard, Texas on July 11, 1928 to J.I. (Ike) Tyler and Weltie Spradling Tyler. He later married Rhea Patricia Glasscock on October of 1966.

He is survived by his two sons Wayford Jr. and Wayne Tyler of Sonora, his step-daughter Janet Milhauser, his brothers Winford Tyler of Fort Worth and W.M. Tyler of Plainview, one sister Ollie Francis

Hull of Matador and Grandchildren Kassandra Tyler, Leonard Thames and Pam Harbin.

He was preceded in death by his wife Pat Tyler, his parents, his brothers V.I. and John W. Tyler and his sisters Fanny May Hook and Lanelle Tyler.

He was active in the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Suez Shrine for many years. Wayford was a loving father, grandfather and friend to many. He was a sweet natured person whose presence will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

(For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son so that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.) John 3:16. Rejoice! For today I have gone to spend eternity in Heaven with Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. I have no more pain or sorrow. Rejoice! For I am in the company of all that I have loved and have gone before me.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the charity of your choice.

## Wedding Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Sims

Kassandra Helene Kreamer of Pilot Point, TX and Cameron James Sims of College Station, TX, formerly of Sonora, were married June 24, 2006, at the Gazebo of Paradise on the Hill, Aubrey, TX. Roger Marsh officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Kathy Kreamer of Aubrey. The groom is the son of Jimmy and Mary Jean Sims of Sonora.

Karrie Kreamer of Aubrey was her sister's maid of honor. Also attending the bride were sisters Karen Kreamer of Denton and Kandice Fults of Athens, Greece.

Justin Sims, of College Station, was his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Alan Nicholas and Pokey Samaniego of Lubbock and Byron Williams of College Station.

Ushers were the bride's brothers, Jimmy Kreamer of College Station and Jake Kreamer of Aubrey.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a white strapless satin a-line gown featuring a pleated garnet sash at the waist loosely tied in back. Her veil made of English net was one tiered and elbow length with a satin ribbon edge. She carried a bouquet of garnet and white roses with baby's breath and tied with a satin ribbon.

Following the ceremony, a dinner reception and dance were held on the grounds of Paradise on the Hill.

Special guests at the wedding included the bride's grandmothers Helen Kreamer of Pilot Point, Texas and Zelda Schubert of Chicago, Illinois; the bridegroom's grandmothers Edna Reinart and Billie Sims both of Hereford, Texas.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Pilot Point High School and received her bachelor of arts degree in English in 2005 from Texas A&M University. She is currently employed by Pilot Point ISD as an English teacher.

The groom is a 2001 graduate of Sonora High School, and a 2006 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in Electrical Engineering. He is an engineer with Black & Veatch of College Station.

The couple will make their home in College Station.

## DID YOU KNOW that.....

"when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness."



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# Heart and Heritage By Ruthie Bounds

## What Happened To ???

After making some preserves and jellies this past week, and listening to hear the distinct "clink" of the lids sealing down, I was reminded of all the sights, sounds, smells and things from the past. I know that reminiscing about these things with longing is definitely a sign of aging, but what the heck, I hope some of you will also be familiar with these memories. I can't help thinking of certain things with fondness and of course there are some things I hope to never see, smell or hear ever again.

These thoughts came bubbling up in my mind as I was listening for something that is music to my ears. That distinct "clink" of preserve jar lids sealing as they cool off after being removed from the canner. This is a sound I have heard all my life, and I began to wonder how many people of my generation, not to mention the younger generations, have never heard this sound that is so common to me. What ever happened to families canning their own food? The supermarkets and convenience stores provide a wide variety of canned and frozen foods, so most people don't bother. Not very many people grow their own food, they buy it, so there is no need for canning.

What ever happened to that "tiinnkk" that was commonly heard early every morning as the milk was squirted from the cow to metal bucket? Very few people keep milk cows, because, after all they have to be milked every day, and that could interfere with so many things we would rather be doing. Since I'm not much of a milk drinker, I certainly don't miss getting up a 4:30 in the morning to hear that "tiinnkk", much less smell that warm milk at that hour of the day.

What ever happened to the sound of a deck of cards being shuffled, instead of the blare of the television, or the sound of dominoes being shuffled instead of the boom, boom, boom of the boom boxes? Don't get me wrong I'm as addicted as anyone to technology. I like music as well as the next person and would find it extremely

hard to give up my laptop and high speed internet connection, though I'm not that fond of television, until something I really want to see is on the tube. I think I just miss the camaraderie and fellowship shared with the family while playing games instead of being glued to the TV.

What ever happened to that wonderful flapping noise that the clothes and linens made while drying in the breeze out on the clothes line? Again technology has made life so much easier with the ability to dry clothes in a dryer. I certainly don't miss the chore of "bringing in the clothes", but I do wonder how many kids today have ever slept on sheets that have that wonderful fresh scent that only clothes dried outside can have. There is nothing like it, and I still insist on the bed linens hanging out to dry instead of being put in the dryer. The sheer luxury of laying your head on a pillow that is cased in 100% cotton that was dried outside and freshly ironed is something that I hope everyone has a chance to experience.

What ever happened to Sunday dinners? That special meal that was prepared with so much love and ease to feed the entire family was a great tradition that I truly miss. I often wonder how my grandmother did it, without a microwave or many of the modern conveniences that we all take for granted. A wonderful meal was prepared with such ease, after church on Sundays, and on the table for the whole family by 1:00 on Sunday afternoons. To feed that many mouths, have the dining table set for the adults and the breakfast table set for the children, laden with scrumptious food all ready to be devoured within an hour after she returned from church. I know that all the women helped prepare these meals while the men sat on the porch and discussed the topics of the day, but I'm still amazed at how easy it all seemed to be to prepare and to clean up. Of course it may not have been all that easy, but to me it seemed that way.

There are so many smells that also bring back those nostalgic thoughts of a time that seemed simpler, but probably really wasn't. The

smell of fresh bread baking, or onions frying in bacon grease rate right up there with the smells of honeysuckle and old fashioned roses and lilacs blooming, are matched only by the smell of fresh cut hay, and the smell of the pastures after a rain. These are all things that I am still blessed enough to enjoy. Also, the rhythmic scraping of a biscuit cutter as it goes into the flour before cutting a biscuit or the gentle thump of the rolling pin as dough is rolled out on the bread board.

But the thing I miss the most, when I don't take advantage of the opportunity to partake in it, is the joy of peace and quiet. I do not envy those living in a city, where the hustle and bustle seems never ending. Do these people ever have any quiet time just to pray or reflect or plan? Maybe while stacked up in traffic during rush hour, they can turn the radio off and have that quiet time that I think every one of needs and deserves. I don't know how anyone could preserve their sanity without peace and quiet.

There are so many sights, sounds, smells, tastes and feelings that bring back memories, both the good and the not so good, that I could go on forever rambling on and on about all these. There are so many of these memories that come from being blessed enough to live in the country, such as: the sandpaper tongue of a baby calf, the wagging tail of a baby lamb, the rhythmic sound of the windmill pumping that precious water, the musky pungent smell of billy goats in the fall, the croaking of the frogs after the rain fills the draws, the smell of leather and horse sweat that fills the saddle room, and even the dreaded smell of smoke. Instead, I will just remind us all that it is important to take time to enjoy the small, seemingly insignificant, everyday things. I know that sounds like advice from the elderly, but who better to take advice from? Even though I am not that old, I have learned that it is important not just to stop and smell the roses, but to touch them, look closely at them and remember to be thankful for their existence as well as yours.



Faithful members of St. Ann's Catholic Church repair the roof on the Church's Office and trim the vines that were growing on the fence.




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- \* Entry into Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Aug. 11-12

Preliminaries will be held Saturday, Aug. 5th at 4:00 p.m. before the County Roping at the Sutton County Arena.

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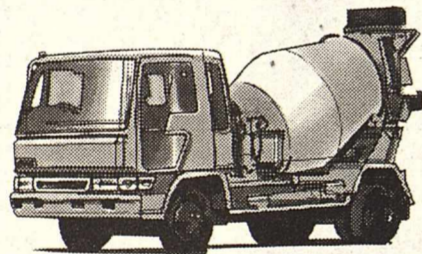
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## WORDS ON THE WALLS OF THE GEORGIA O'KEEFE MUSEUM

By Tumbleweed Smith



On my last visit to Santa Fe I made my usual stop at the Georgia O'Keefe Museum. It had an exhibition that highlighted some of the more than 1,000 new works. I've always been impressed with this artist who spent the years 1916 to 1918 in the Texas panhandle creating images of the Palo Duro Canyon. This time, though, I was fascinated with some of her quotations, which were printed on the walls of the museum: "Color is one of the great things in the world that makes life worth living."

"One paints what is around."  
"In front of my house there are low scrub bushes and cottonwood trees and, further out, a line of hills. And then I have this mountain. A flat top mountain that slopes off on each side. A blue mountain. And to the left you can see snow covered mountains, far, far away." "It's my mountain." "I once spent three and a half months flying around the world. I was surprised that there were so many desert areas with large river beds running through them. I made many drawings about one and a half inches square of the rivers seen from the air. At home I made larger charcoal drawings from the little pencil drawings."

"Where I was born and where and how I have lived is unimportant.

"It is what I have done with where I have been that should be of interest." "Singing has always seemed to me the most perfect means of expression...it is so spontaneous...since I cannot sing I paint." "Nothing is less real than realism...details are confusing. It is only by selection, by elimination, by emphasis, that we get at the real meaning of things."

"From experiences of one kind or another shapes and colors come to me very clearly."

"I paint what interests me and what I see."

"Women don't make good painters, they said. I had never thought of it that way. I just painted, that was all."

"It is easier for me to paint it than to write about it and I would so much rather people would look at it than read about it."

"My painting is what I have to give back to the world for what the world gives to me."  
"When I was at Mabel's house in Taos, there was an alfalfa field like a large green saucer. On one side of the field was a path lined with flowers...one day walking down the path I picked a large blackish red hollyhock and some bright dark blue larkspur that immediately went into a painting—and then another painting."

## TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION AUTHORS AWARDED

AUSTIN, Texas — James E. Bruseth and Toni S. Turner were recently awarded the 2006 Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Book Award in recognition of their work on From a Watery Grave: The Discovery and Excavation of La Salle's Shipwreck, La Belle. The SAA is an international organization dedicated to the research, interpretation and protection of the archaeological heritage of the Americas. The book, published by Texas A&M University Press, focuses on the dramatic efforts made to resurrect the ship that once belonged to famed French explorer Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle.

In 1995, 300 years after its demise in Matagorda Bay, the Belle was discovered by Texas Historical Commission (THC) archaeologists, who initiated a massive undertaking to excavate the lost ship. Cutting-edge technology and scientific innovations were used to extract and salvage more than one million artifacts from the shipwreck. Some of the recovered items included bronze cannons, muskets, trade beads, axes, rings, bells, dishes and medicines. All of these items would have served in La Salle's dream of establishing a 17th-century European colony in the New World.

Utilizing vibrant photographs and engaging descriptions, Bruseth and Turner emphasize the aura

of excitement that emerged as they pieced together both the ship and its tragic history. "From a Watery Grave represents a solid and lasting triumph of nautical archaeology," said Robert S. Weddle, author of The Wreck of the Belle, the Ruin of La Salle and winner of the 2001 T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award administered by the THC. "Truly an astounding analysis of the rarest finds."

Bruseth is the director of the archaeology division at the THC and served as the principal investigator of the Belle excavation. Turner is a freelance writer and development officer for the THC. She was instrumental in various aspects of the recovery of the shipwreck. The project led to the excavation of La Salle's colony at Fort St. Louis in the coastal region of Texas. Although the dig has temporarily stalled, many of the recovered items are now on display at a series of coastal museums, as part of the La Salle Odyssey.

The SAA Book Award honors recently published books that have or are expected to have a major impact on the direction and character of archaeological research. For more information regarding From a Watery Grave, and the Belle excavation, visit the THC web site at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) or the Texas A&M University Press web site at [www.tamu.edu/upress](http://www.tamu.edu/upress).

## Keep Texas Beautiful Unveils New Design for Specialty License Plate Updated Plate Includes "Don't Mess with Texas" logo

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Keep Texas Beautiful, a statewide environmental and community improvement organization, is proud to introduce its new specialty license plate. The redesigned plate features the Don't Mess with Texas® Logo imposed over a beautiful scenic highway with the words "Keep Texas Beautiful" along the bottom border.

The Keep Texas Beautiful specialty license plate, first introduced in 1998, funds projects that focus on beautification and litter prevention. There are currently 730 of the first edition plates issued, but Keep Texas Beautiful hopes to increase that number with the new and colorful eye catching design.

"When you purchase a Keep Texas Beautiful specialty license plate, you are not only helping support beautification programs, but you are letting everyone know that you are taking responsibility to make Texas the cleanest state in the nation and reminding them they should as well," Debbie Johnston, President of Keep Texas Beautiful, says.

Keep Texas Beautiful has worked closely with the Don't Mess with Texas litter

prevention campaign since the campaign's inception in 1986 and partners with the Department of Transportation for the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, the single largest one-day cleanup event in the state, each April. The release of the new license plate coincides with the 20th anniversary of the Don't Mess with Texas campaign.

For more information on the Keep Texas Beautiful specialty license plate and ordering instructions, visit [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org) or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

Keep Texas Beautiful, a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement nonprofit and affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its over 340 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups, and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to take individual responsibility for making Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation.

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## Chamber Roundup

By Greta Ramsdell

### CHAMBER MEMBERS

The Chamber of Commerce welcomes their newest member, Everett's Furniture & Emporium, located at 205 E. Main in downtown Sonora. The addition of this exciting store is especially welcome as we continue promoting our downtown area.

Everett's Furniture is owned by Jim Bob and Glynda Everett and Brad and Misty Everett. They also own a furniture store in San Saba so they are cognizant of the needs and lifestyles of small towns. The store offers Ashley and Lane furniture as well as two lines of rustic furniture featuring Texas stars and Western accents. They have a wide variety of bedroom, living room and dining room sets as well as accent pieces such as tables, pictures, candle holders and mirrors, Frigidaire and Amana appliances are in stock and include refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, washers and dryers, room air conditioners and even a keg-arator! Built-in ovens, cook-tops and vent-a-hoods are available for order, so many of your remodeling needs can be met right here in Sonora. Delivery in Sonora is free and within a 50-mile radius the fee is only \$20 with set-up and removal of old furniture and appliances available.

Many Kenneth Wyatt prints are featured in the store and a representative will be at the grand opening on Friday with a wide variety of prints. Other special items in the store include stainless steel grills, rustic benches for the patio, metal stands with galvanized buckets and holders, and beautiful pillows for that special touch on your furniture.

A special grand opening will be held on July 13th, 14th and 15th, with an exciting appearance by Cowboy Craig and his pet longhorn steer Oreo on Thursday. Photos can be made of the children (and adults!) sitting on Oreo, so plan to visit on Thursday to have your picture taken! A drawing will be made for a Frigidaire gas grill and the "Get Your Hands on a Ford" promotion is still ongoing. Drop your name in the registration boxes to have a chance at those fabulous prizes. The Chamber of Commerce will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, July 14th at noon, so come down for snacks and a chance to see all of the beautiful furniture and meet the employees of Everett's.

Everett's Furniture is open on Monday through Friday from 9:00 until 6:00 and on Saturday (yes on Saturday!) from 9:00 until 5:00. If you have any questions the new phone number is 325/387-3938, or stop by and meet the manager, Ricky Hyatt. Ask if you can hear a preview of the music he and his band, Fly by Night will be playing at Sutton County Days! Don't miss them on August 12th at 4:00 p.m.

### CHAMBER NEWS

The American Meat Goat Association Annual Conference and Goat Show & Sale kicks off at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15th at the Sutton County Civic Center. The activities continue through Sunday afternoon, so come out to view and purchase top-quality meat goats! We welcome the Association to Sonora and hope they have a great show.

## CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

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-Friday, August 10-11:

Outlaw Pro Rodeo Slack  
Thursday 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
and Friday 8:30 a.m.

Friday & Saturday, August 11-12:

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

Rodeo Performances - 7:30 p.m.

Dance, Friday and Saturday, 9:00 p.m.

## Happy Birthday

July 13

Sandra Zargoza, Rhonda Gulley, Netza Estrada,  
Baldo Castaneda, Jr.

July 14

Mattye Davenport, Cyndy Allen, Richard Hurt,  
Ramon Estrada, Jackilyn Sykes

July 15

Rudy Ramos, Rebecca Law

July 16

Kim Cole, Brenda Kearney, Jake Trainer

July 17

Libbye Davis, James Shaffer, Bo Covey, Jimmy Simms,  
Amanda Samaniego

July 18

Annalisa Perez, Whitney Perez, Ann Morriss,  
Barabara Earwood, Anita Hudson, Morgan Vyvlecka

July 19

Larry Finklea, Jason Arrendondo, Will Anderson,  
Starlyn Chadwick, Hector Ortiz, Jr., Ryan San Miguel,  
Elva Mata

# Congratulations to Meghan Kreig 2A All-State Pitcher



**Meghan Kreig**  
*Sonora Lady Bronco ace pitcher was honored this past week by being named to the All-State team.*

File photo

## Freshwater and Coastal Fishing Report

Courtesy of TPWD

**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 night-crawlers. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch.

**Buchanan:** Water clear; 84 degrees; 12.00' low. Black bass are fair to good on pumpkin JDC Skip-N-Pop topwaters and white Terminator custom tungsten spinnerbaits over flats along channel break lines in wood cover in 5 - 18 feet at first light, and later along bluff ledges in deeper creeks, and on green pumpkin JDC grubs and green pumpkin Scoundrel worms on jigheads. Striped bass are fair drifting live bait and trolling striper jigs from below Shaw Island to the dam in 30 feet, with topwater action at daylight on 3in. Spoiler Shads, Rat-L-Traps, and white Snap Back jerkbaits on red Bait Jerker Hooks. White bass are fair to good but small at night under lights. 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.

**Nasworthy:** Water lightly stained; 84 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 shad-colored crankbaits. Catfish are fair on cut baits.

**O.H.Ivie:** Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 18.65' low. Black bass are good on live bait, watermelon jigs and shad-colored soft jerkbaits near timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live baits and crankbaits. Small

mouth bass are good on chrome jerkbaits. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

**Matagorda Bay:** Trout are good on the south shoreline on red shad, morning glory and fire tiger Bass Assassins, Norton Sand Eels and Trout Killers. Redfish are fair to good on live shrimp over scattered shells.

**Rockport:** Trout are good on the outside of Traylor Island and on the Estes Flats on live croakers. Redfish are good on cut-mullet around Mud Island.

**Port Aransas:** Trout are good on the San Jose Island shoreline on croakers and plum Bass Assassins, Trout Killers and Norton Sand Eels. Redfish are fair to good on the East Flats on mullet and topwaters. Off-shore is good for wahoo, red snapper, dorado, amberjack and kingfish.

**Corpus Christi:** Trout and redfish are good on live shrimp and croakers around the causeway. Redfish are good around the shell on live shrimp. Trout and redfish are good at on the Portland shoreline on live shrimp and croakers

**Baffin Bay:** Trout are fair to good around the rocks, at the Land Cut and around Rocky Slough on Sand Eels, Trout Killers, Bass Assassins and bone She Dogs. Redfish are good at the Land Cut while drifting the grass on live shrimp under a popping cork

**Port Mansfield:** Trout and redfish are good while drifting West Bay on live shrimp and bone topwaters and soft plastics. Trout and flounder are good on live bait in the Intracoastal. Whiting, flounder and sheepshead are good on fresh dead bait at the jetty. Trout are fair to good on plastics near Bennie's Shack.

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A man and a friend are playing golf one day at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer. His friend says, "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man." The man then replies, "Yeah, well we were married 35 years."

### Tee Time by Kel Thomas

#### Tip of the Week: Understanding Grip Pressure

Incorrect grip pressure is one of the primary causes of poor golf shots. Too much pressure at the beginning of the swing or changing grip pressure at any time during the swing can produce errant, undesirable shots. Sam Snead said "Hold the club like you are holding a baby bird, just tight enough to keep him from flying away, but light enough not to hurt the bird." I like this one, hold a club straight in front of you (parallel to the ground) waist high. Remember how much grip pressure is required to hold the club in that position. Next, move the club so the clubhead is pointing straight up. Feel how much pressure that position requires. Next, split the difference. Move the club back down to a 45 degree angle. The grip pressure needed to hold the club at that position is all the pressure needed to swing effectively without creating tension in the forearms and shoulders, making for a more fluid and free flowing swing.

#### Course of the Week: River Crossing Golf Club

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### Paisano Baptist Encampment to Celebrate its 86th Consecutive Year

By Kelly Herzog  
Paisano Baptist Encampment

PAISANO BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT, July 5, 2006 - Paisano Baptist Encampment will be holding their 86th consecutive General Encampment, beginning Sunday evening, July 23rd, and continuing until Noon on Friday, July 28, 2006. Morning Worship Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. daily, and Evening Worship Service begins nightly at 8:00 p.m.. Supper is served at 6:00 p.m. with choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. Childcare is provided during services. We welcome you to join us.

Our Camp Pastors this year are Steve Wells and Milton Cunningham. Rev. Wells currently pastors South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, and will attend with his wife, Missy, and their three children. This will be their first visit. Dr. Cunningham and his wife, Barbara, will return to Paisano, as they have for the past several

years. Although, Dr. Cunningham "retired" in 1999, he is still very involved in activities at Baylor University, including acting as the coordinator of special projects. His sermons are always lively and applicable to daily living.

This year, Larry McGraw joins us again as our Bible Study leader. McGraw and his wife, Sandy, have attended for several years. McGraw's subject matter and teaching style are sure to be as entertaining as they are educational. A native of Wichita Falls, Texas, McGraw serves as Professor of Bible and Associate Dean of Logsdon School of Theology at Hardin-Simmons University.

Between services, there are several activities available for everyone throughout the day. These activities create strong muscles and deep friendships that last for generations. Paisano Baptist Encampment encourages family togetherness and spiritual renewal.

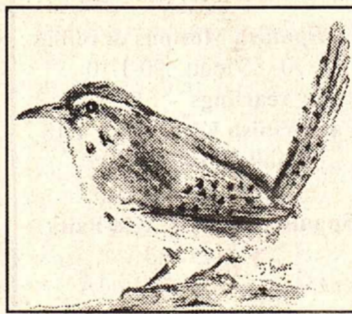
In addition to the General

Encampment, Paisano Baptist Encampment also hosts a variety of camps for our youth. Youth Camp, specifically for children who have completed the 6th-12th grade, was from June 12th through June 16th. Please contact Chris Stephenson at [cstephenson@pdbc.org](mailto:cstephenson@pdbc.org) for more information if you would enjoy attending this camp in the future. GA Camp was from June 22nd through June 25th and is for girls. Please contact Janay Pasqua at [Janay-Pasqua@msn.com](mailto:Janay-Pasqua@msn.com) for future information. RA Camp, held July 13th through 16th, is for boys from 3rd to 12th grades. For more information, please contact Lloyd Conner at 432-729-3108.

Paisano Baptist Encampment is located in Paisano Pass, between Alpine and Marfa, in far West Texas. For more information and contact information, please visit our website at [www.paisanoencampment.org](http://www.paisanoencampment.org).

### Up On Eaton Hill

By Delyse Jeager



One of the most audacious of our feathered neighbors happens to be the Bewick's Wren. Pronounced like the car - Buick, this little wren was named by James Audubon in honor of his friend Thomas Bewick; an English naturalist and skilled woodcarver/engraver who died in 1828, before the bird was documented in Louisiana.

The Bewick's Wren is a cavity nester and is known to take advantage of most anything including old shoes! We have observed the busy little birds attempting to build


inside the pocket of a pair of jeans hung out to dry on the railing of our back porch.

Three species of wrens are readily found in this area: the House Wren, the Cactus Wren and the Bewick's Wren. The Cactus Wren is easily distinguished from the other two by its much larger size and speckled breast. The House and Bewick's wrens are similar at a glance; however, House Wrens appear much more monochromatic in comparison to the Bewick's Wren. The Bewick's sports a tell-tale white stripe above the eye, white tips on the corner tail feathers, black and white barring along the outermost tail feathers, and brown and black mottling on the wing and tail. Like the House Wren, the Bewick's is a brownish gray above and lighter beneath. Both display the wrenish bill - long and slightly curved.

The Bewick's Wren dines mainly on insects and spiders which

it gleans from the underbrush and along the foliage of shrubs and trees. The Male's song is loud and lovely, consisting of up to 15 distinct melodies. Ornithologists have noted that the number and length of the Bewick's repertoire varies inexplicably from one region to the next.

Said to have "personality", the Bewick's Wren seems to radiate a gleeful energy, making them a favorite to observe. Less gleeful might be their occasional habit of raiding the nests of other birds - even other Bewick's. We all have a dark side I suppose. Certainly, the Bewick's Wren has found Eaton Hill a quite suitable habitat, for they are abundant up on the hill. Just listen for the loud-mouth song and watch for the sassy tail feathers held up behind the head, you'll know you've spotted a little Cadillac of the Wren Family, the beloved Bewick's. Hit the Trails!



## Vacation Bible School

Where: Lighthouse Community Church  
When: July 17 - July 21  
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# ILLEGAL DUMPING

By Becky Covington, Sonora Code Enforcement  
**What is illegal dumping?**

Illegal dumping is disposal of waste in an unpermitted area. It is also referred to as "open dumping," "fly dumping," and "midnight dumping" because materials are often dumped in open areas, from vehicles along roadsides, and late at night. Illegally dumped wastes are primarily materials that are dumped to avoid either disposal fees or the time and effort required for proper disposal. These materials typically include:

- Construction and demolition waste such as drywall, roofing shingles, lumber, bricks, concrete, and siding
- Abandoned automobiles, auto parts, and scrap tires
- Appliances or "white goods"
- Furniture
- Yard waste
- Household trash
- Medical waste

### Why is illegal dumping a problem?

The health risks associated with illegal dumping are significant. Areas used for illegal dumping may be easily accessible to people, especially children, who are vulnerable to the physical (protruding nails or sharp edges) and chemical (harmful fluids or dust) hazards posed by wastes. In addition, illegal dumping can impact proper drainage of runoff, making areas more susceptible to flooding when wastes block drainage. Runoff from dump sites containing chemicals may contaminate ground water and surface water used as resources of drinking water. Property damage is a threat because of dump sites that may catch fire, either by spontaneous combustions, or, more commonly,

by arson. Dumping tires is a public health nuisance because mosquitoes like to lay her eggs in tires, the mosquito eggs can survive inside a dry tire all winter, (for at least a year) waiting on water to hatch out. Trash impacts our environment, economy and quality of life and ruins the natural beauty of our city.

Illegal dumps are magnets for more waste, potentially including hazardous wastes such as asbestos, household chemicals and paints, automotive fluids, and commercial or industrial wastes.

### Why is it illegal to use someone else's dumpster?

Placing bags of trash, bundles of newspapers, and waste paints, etc. in another party's dumpster of solid waste receptacle without permission is service 'stolen' and a violation of unauthorized dumping. Often criminals use another persons dumpster to get rid of hazardous waste, medical waste, used oil, used lead-acid batteries, tires, and other waste paints and chemicals which constitute illegal disposal of hazardous waste.

### When calling do the following.

- Call (325)387-2558 to report an illegal dump site within the city.
- Identify the exact location of the illegal dumpsite including closest street.
- Describe what is at the dumpsite.
- Try to identify the person or company that did the illegal dumping.
- Do NOT dig through the site or confront people dumping\*\*\*

**PITCH IN TO KEEP SONORA TRASH-FREE REPORT IT!**

# Grand Jury Indictments

The following indictments have been processed in the District Court Of Sutton County, Texas 112th Judicial District.

### The State Of Texas Vs Tracy Lynn Harrison

Felony Charge: Count One Possession Of A Controlled Substance - THSC 481.115 State Jail Felony Did Then And There Knowingly Possess A Controlled Substance, Namely, Methamphetamine, In An Amount Of Less Than One Gram Count Two Possession Of Controlled Substance - THSC 481.116 Second Degree Felony Did Then And There Knowingly Possess A Controlled Substance, Namely, Amphetamine, In An Amount Of Four Grams Or More But Less Than 400 Grams

### The State Of Texas Vs Cordero Alexander Leyva

Felony Charge: Aggravated Assault With Deadly Weapon - Texas Penal Code 22.02 Second Degree Felony Did Then And There Intentionally, Knowingly Or Recklessly Cause Bodily Injury To Carmin Henry Jackson By Striking Him With A Bat, And The Defendant Did Then And There Use Or Exhibit A Deadly Weapon, To With A Baseball Bat.

### The State Of Texas Vs Hector Daniel Mata

Felony Charge: Burglary Of A Habitation - Texas Penal Code 30.02 Second Degree Felony Did Then And There Intentionally Or Knowingly Enter A Habitation, Without The Effective Consent Of Alex Rodriguez, The Owner Thereof, And Attempted To Commit Or Committed An Assault Against Alex Rodriguez

### The State Of Texas Vs Larry Lee Monroe

Felony Charge: Count One Possession Of A Controlled Substance - THSC 481.115 State Jail Felony Did Then And There Knowingly Possess A Controlled Substance, Namely, Methamphetamine, In An Amount Of Less Than One Gram Count Two

Possession Of A Controlled Substance In A Drug Free Zone THSC 481.115/481.134 (Enhanced) (Minimum 7 Years, Maximum Fine \$20,000.00)

Did Then And There Knowingly Possess A Controlled Substance, Namely, Methamphetamine, In An Amount Of One Gram Or More But Less Than Four Grams And It Is Further Presented In And To Said Court That The Defendant Committed The Above Offense Within 1,000 Feet Of, The Premises Owned By Sonora Independent School District, A School, To-Wit: Sonora High School Located At 1717 Tayloe, Sonora, Texas.

### The State Of Texas Vs Gary Wayne Welker

Felony Charge: Possession Of A Controlled Substance In A Drug Free Zone THSC 481.115/481.134 Third Degree Felony (Enhanced) Did Then And There Knowingly Possess A Controlled Substance, Namely, Methamphetamine, In An Amount Of Less Than One Gram And It Is Further Presented In And To Said Court That The Defendant Committed The Above Offense Within 1,000 Feet Of, The Premises Owned By Sonora Independent School District, A School, To-Wit: Sonora High School Located At 1717 Tayloe, Sonora, Texas.

### The State Of Texas Vs Yvonne Reyna

Felony Charge: Tampering With A Governmental Record Texas Penal Code 37.10 State Jail Felony Did Unlawfully Then And There, Knowingly And Intentionally, Present A Governmental Record, With Knowledge Of Its Falsity, To-Wit: Said Defendant Did Not List Her Earned Income From Employment.

### The State Of Texas Vs Denise Daniele Shannon

Felony Charge: Possession Of A Controlled Substance THSC 481.115 State Jail Felony Possess A Controlled Substance, Namely, Methamphetamine, In Amount Of Less Than One Gram.

### The State Of Texas Vs Thomas Edwin Sumner

Felony Charge: Possession Of A Controlled Substance THSC 481.115 State Jail Felony Possess A Controlled Substance, Namely, Methamphetamine, In Amount Of Less Than One Gram.

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### The State Of Texas Vs Ruben Chavez Mendez

Felony Charge: Count One Aggravated Assault Texas Penal Code 22.02 First Degree Felony (Enhanced) Count Two Injury To Elderly Texas Penal Code 22.04 First Degree Felony (Enhanced) (15-99 Years)

### The State Of Texas Vs Thomas Allen Wright, Jr.

Felony Charge: Felony Driving While Intoxicated Texas Penal Code § 49.04/49.09 On Or About April 14, 2006, Did Then And There Operate A Motor Vehicle In A Public Place While The Said Defendant Was Intoxicated By Not Having The Normal Use Of Mental Or Physical Faculties By Reason Of The Introduction Of Alcohol Into The Body; And It Is Further Presented In And To Said Court That, Prior To The Commission Of The Aforesaid Offense, On The 3rd Day Of May, 1993, In Cause Number Ccl-93-48 In The County Court At Law Of Guadalupe County, Texas, The Defendant Was Convicted Of An Offense Relating To The Operation Of A Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated; And On The 4th Day Of February, 2004, In Cause Number 03-07589-Cr In The 25th Judicial District Court Of Guadalupe County, Texas, The Defendant Was Convicted Of An Offense Related To The Operating Of A Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated;

### The State Of Texas Vs Luis Salinas

Felony Charge: Fraudulent Use Or Possession Of Identifying Information Texas Penal Code 32.51 State Jail Felony Did Then And There, With Intent To Defraud Another, And Without The Consent Of Victor Lara, Possess Identifying Information Of Victor Lara, To-Wit: Driver's License And Social Security Card.

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## Cigarettes Stolen From Liquor Store

Submitted By Kristin Johnson

On Friday morning at 4:47 a.m. the alarm went off at Mr. D's Liquor & Beer. The police arrived to find the store had been broken in to. The intruder had pushed out two panes from the front doors in an attempt to get in. When that was unsuccessful, they broke the front plate glass window where they gained entrance into the store and set off the alarm.

Unfortunately for the thief, the store has an alarm, video surveillance and no cash on hand. They managed to steal an estimated 10 cartons of cigarettes and some rolled coins. They kicked open the front door and fled the scene before the police could arrive. Linda Neff, manager, figured the amount of time they were in the store to be about two and a half minutes. Police have reviewed the surveillance tapes and collected evidence from the store and are still investigating the identity of the robbers. The owner, Lee Roy Valliant, commented... "I wish they would have come in when I was here. I would have had them help me stock the beer vault."

## This Land Is My Land

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Texas is growing and our housing market is strong. The value of housing is rising. New home construction is growing rapidly in many areas.

Encouraging home ownership has been a national priority for decades, for good reason: Nothing better symbolizes achievement of the American dream than owning your own home. It provides economic security, peace of mind and the assurance that you will be able to pass to your heirs something of value.

So imagine this: One day the long arm of the government reaches out and makes a grab for your home - not for a road or a fire station, but for a new shopping center or a manufacturing plant.

The reality of that danger was underscored by a U.S. Supreme Court decision handed down a year ago in the case of Kelo v. City of New London.

Disregarding the Constitution's specific protection of private property, the high court ruled that your home, business or family farm - any private property - may be seized by the government not just for public use, but for the benefit of another private entity, such as a real estate developer. The purpose of this could be to generate more tax revenue for government, or even to make the area look more attractive.

The City of New London, Conn. condemned the home of Susette Kelo and 114 other residential and commercial lots to carry out its economic development plan. The plan included a new hotel and conference center to help attract a drug manufacturing plant to the area. Homeowners protested, but the high court agreed with the city.

Our country was founded on a respect for private property. It's troubling to realize that right stands on such shaky ground.

A silver lining has already appeared. The decision sparked a new awareness about abuse of eminent domain - the government's ability to take private property without the owner's consent in particular cases. Kelo didn't create the abuse, but it certainly put a spotlight on it across the country, and since the case there's been a major outcry.

The critics have a strong legal argument. The Fifth Amendment makes clear that "private property" shall not "be taken for public use without just compensation." The same amendment provides protection against abusive eminent domain by only permitting the government to seize private property for "public use."

In my view, Kelo veered far off course, allowing property to be taken far outside the limits envisioned by our founding fathers. The Institute for Justice has identified more than 10,000 properties either seized or threatened with condemnation for purposes of private development in a recent five-year period. If anything, Kelo encouraged that practice.

But other parts of the government are taking action to bring balance to the practice of eminent domain.

The Texas Legislature last year approved a measure that protects property from being seized for purposes of economic development. The Texas Senate this summer is studying proposals for additional protection for private property owners.

President Bush last month signed an executive order prevent-

ing taking of private property by the federal government "merely for the purpose of advancing the economic interest of private parties to be given ownership or use of the property taken."

I've introduced a bill, The Protection of Homes, Small Businesses and Private Property Act (S. 1313) to ensure the power of eminent domain is used only for true public uses, as guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment. Under my proposed legislation, the government could not seize property simply for private economic development.

As we work to protect private property rights, I'm well aware we must be cautious. There is no question that, where appropriate, eminent domain can play a positive role in society, through true public use of property.

But no American, rich or poor, should have to live under the constant threat of a questionable taking of his property by the government. The protections of the Fifth Amendment represent some of the most fundamental principles conceived by our nation's Founders, and we must take all necessary actions to preserve them.

*Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.*

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# Oil & Agribusiness

## Grazing Crops Program Set July 21 in Reagan County

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BIG LAKE - Texas Cooperative Extension will conduct a multi-county "Grazing Crops Program" at 1 p.m. July 21 in the Reagan County 4-H Center in Big Lake.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (one each in the Integrated Pest Management, laws and regulations and general categories) will be available for those with a private pesticide applicators license.

Program speakers and their topics will be:  
-- "Crops Grown for Hay or Grazing," Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist, San Angelo;  
-- "Soil Fertility," Dr. Sam Feagley, state Extension soil specialist, College Station;  
-- "Update on Texas Department of Agriculture Laws and Regulations," Cory Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture, San Angelo; and  
-- "Nutritional Needs of Animals," Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Extension livestock specialist, Fort Stockton.

The program is being conducted by Extension offices in Reagan, Upton, Glasscock and Irion counties.

For more information call Benji Henderson, Extension agent in Reagan County at 325-884-2335.



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1 Willo Oil & Gas Exp 15000' Arledge #408 Dw Grey Wolf Drilling/A 43 06/28/06 10 Drlg Ahead  
2 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 10300' Hunt -24- #9 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 120 06/29/06 9 Drlg Ahead  
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5 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey Estate -B- #424 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 347 06/10/06 28 Drlg Ahead  
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9 Soc Oil Company Inc 6800' Stugard -45- #1 Dw Adobe Drilling Mustang 06/22/06 16 Drlg Ahead 4779'  
New 10 Oxy Permian/Houston 5600' South Cross Unit #241 Sledge Drilling 1 07/03/06 5 Drlg Ahead  
11 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Phillips -A- #7d Dw Patterson Drilling/A 721 06/27/06 11 Drlg Ahead  
12 Telesis Operating 2500' Perner -42- #1 Hinz Drilling 1 06/21/06 17 Drlg Ahead 565'  
13 Momentum Energy 1050' Chambers County #402 Ft Hope Drilling 1 07/01/06 7 Drlg Ahead 400'

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3 Pogo Producing Co 6900' Keeney -77- Unit #3 Ft Heart Land Drilling 2 06/26/06 12 Drlg Ahead 5886'

**Edwards**  
1 Newfield 11500' Mayfield -A- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 471 06/30/06 8 Drlg Ahead Exploration  
2 Newfield 10000' Davis #1101 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 118 06/29/06 9 Drlg Ahead Exploration  
3 Pxp Texas Inc 5000' Peterson -81- #1 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 24 05/08/06 61 Drlg Ahead

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1 Encore Operating Lp 14700' Banner Estate #48 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 05/14/06 55 Drlg Ahead  
2 Oxy Permian/Houston 14500' Turk -A- #1a Dw Patterson Drilling/A 169 06/19/06 19 Recomplete  
3 Encana O & G/Dallas 12200' Culbertson -17- #9 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 57 06/06/06 32 Drlg Ahead  
4 Bp America/Houston 11500' Banner Estate #43 H Dw Helmerich & Payne (A) 214 06/30/06 8 Drlg Ahead  
5 Fasken Oil & Ranch 7500' Geaslin Nw -187- #67 Dw Lariat Services/Ode 18 06/30/06 8 Run Casing 6460'  
6 Encore Operating Lp 6100' Banner Estate #51 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 07/01/06 7 Drlg Ahead

**Val Verde**  
1 Unit Petroleum/Hous 16700' Joy R Pussard State Unit #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/H 19 05/15/06 54 Drlg Ahead 16275'  
2 Conocophillips/Odes 11100' J A Ranch -L- #4 Dw Patterson Uti/Lv 481 06/26/06 12 Drlg Ahead 7450'  
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## Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale Set July 27

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SONORA - The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's annual Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale is set for July 27 at the Sonora Experiment Station.

The station is located 28 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Highway 55, between Sonora and Rocksprings.

The day's activities open at 10 a.m. with an informal viewing of the test animals and their records. Educational presentations start at 10:30 a.m., and continue at 1 p.m., after a noon lunch. The sale of performance-tested animals follows at 2 p.m.

The program's topics and speakers include:  
-- "Goat Nutrition Research at San Angelo," Dr. Travis Whitney, Experiment Station, San Angelo;  
-- "Current Research on Goats to Manage Cedar," Dr. Erika Campbell, Experiment Station, Sonora;  
-- "Mohair Market Update and Outlook," Zane Willard, Mohair Council of America, San Angelo;  
-- "Comments on Test Results," Dr. Chris Lupton and Dr. Dan Waldron Experiment Station, San Angelo, and  
-- "Presentation of Mohair Council of America Awards" and "Recognition of Certified Bucks."

The sale of performance tested animals will conclude the day's activities. Complete performance data and photos of the bucks in-fleece will be available on the Internet at <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/genetics/angoratest.htm>

For further information, contact Waldron or Dr. Frank Craddock at 325-653-4576 or the Sonora Experiment Station at 325-387-3168.

## Hill Country Chapter TSGRAA Summer Meeting

Submitted By: Brenda Seidensticker

The Summer Meeting of the Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Assoc. Auxiliary will be held on Monday July 17, at Green Acres off Tivydale Road. The guest speaker will be Max Hartman, Special Ranger for the Southwest Cattleraisers Association. If you would like to attend please call president, Suzy Stewart, at 830-669-2204.

Special guests will be the 2006 Scholarship recipients and their parents. \$11,000.00 was awarded this year to seniors that graduated, and Jr. and Sr. in college. This years winners are Kasey Nebgen and Jessica Eckhardt of Fredericksburg, Amy Draznin of Ingram, Candice Boyson of Bandera, Sarah Rode of Doss, Raymond Walston and Ross, Honea of Harper, Emilie Bibb and Tana Dockal of Mason, Thomas Wallace and Richard Wahrmond of Kerrville, Brandi Kneupper, Grant

## Summer Safety on the Roads

By Congressman Henry Bonilla

Summer is now fully upon us all and Texans are hitting the roads with their families and friends traveling the state and rediscovering why "everything is bigger in Texas." Whether you are driving out to Big Bend National Park to camp out under the stars or just driving the kids to soccer practice, arriving safely at your destination is priority number one. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), highway crashes cost society \$230.6 billion a year, which breaks down to about \$820 per person. There is good news, though. Last year, the National Highway Safety Administration (NHSA) reported that the ratio of injuries resulting from automobile accidents to the number of miles traveled was the lowest in the Interstate Highway System's 50 year history. What can we do prevent accidents, injuries, and fatalities on the road? Simple. Buckle up and slow down.

More and more Americans are realizing the importance of buckling up when on the road. However, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that, despite the highest safety belt-use rate ever recorded, 48 million Americans still fail to buckle up. The NHTSA found that the majority of those who do not use seat belts are mainly young and male and likely to live in rural areas and/or drive pickup trucks.

Teenagers are more likely to be seriously injured or killed in motor vehicle crashes than any other age group due to a lack of experience behind the wheel and a greater propensity for risk-taking behaviors such as speeding, talking on cell phones, drunk driving, and not buckling up. Teens are far less likely to use safety belts than adults. In 2003, a whopping 63% of 16 to 20 year-old automobile occupants were not wearing their seat belts in fatal crashes compared to 55% adults 21 or older.

NHTSA Deputy Administrator, Jacqueline Glassman, said "We could save thousands of lives every year if everyone buckled up." In the U.S., safety belt laws are determined on the state and local levels. Texas employs primary belt laws, which

## Brush Control Certification Offered

Submitted

Certification Training for Landowners, land managers and brush control contractors receiving Farm Bill Assistance on brush control from NRCS as part of the 2002 Farm Bill, are to be held at three locations within the Edwards Plateau/Hill Country regions.

Any land owner who will be doing brush management or any contractor who does brush management within Golden-Cheeked Warbler or Black-capped Vireo habitat as part of an EQUIP or other Farm Bill contract with NRCS, is required to take this training and become certified. It is NOT required that every brush management equipment operator become certified, except in the Leon River Restoration Project (Coryell and Hamilton counties). Everyone is welcome to attend and become certified, however.

Certification trainings will be conducted August 9, 2006 at the Boerne Community Center, located at 820 Adler Road in Boerne, August 15, 2006 in Glen Rose at the Somervell County Expo Center, located at 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd., and August 22, 2006 in Junction, at the Coke Stevenson Memorial Center, located at 440 U.S. Highway 83.

The Texas Department of Agriculture will provide the certification, and 5 pesticide applicator CEUs will be offered.

The certification trainings will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:15 p.m. To any of these training sessions, individuals must pre-register by contacting the county office in the location trainees wish to attend. The phone numbers are: Kendall County Extension office at (830) 249-9343, the Somervell County Extension office at (254)897-2809, or the Menard County Extension office at (325)296-4787.

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**July 4, 2006**  
• 9:34 PM: One male arrested for driving while intoxicated.

**Incidents:**  
**July 3, 2006**  
• 9:00 AM: Bank Escort.  
• 10:53 AM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded.  
**July 6, 2006**  
• 11:30 AM: Caller requested an officer for a welfare check. Officer responded.  
• 5:30 PM: Ambulance Escort.  
**July 4, 2006**  
• 10:20 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
• 8:50 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
• 10:00 PM: Report of fireworks at Stadium Trailer Park. Officer responded.  
• 10:20 PM: Report of fireworks at Adobe Apartments. Officer responded.  
**July 5, 2006**  
• 8:18 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
• 11:07 AM: Caller requested an officer at hospital. Officer responded.  
• 2:20 PM: Report of loud music. Officer responded.  
• 3:50 PM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded.  
• 7:30 PM: Burglary Alarm.  
**July 6, 2006**  
• 2:50 AM: Report of a family disturbance. Officer responded.  
• 8:16 AM: Caller reported dog on street. Animal Control Officer responded.  
• 10:33 AM: Caller reported a skunk in trap. Animal Control Officer responded.  
• 11:26 AM: Caller reported door was open to residence. Officer responded.  
• 11:50 AM: Report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.  
• 1:03 PM: Caller requested animal control at residence. Officer responded.  
• 1:26 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.  
• 1:57 PM: Caller requested animal trap to be picked up. Animal Control Officer responded.  
• 2:42 PM: Caller reported vandalism. Officer responded.  
• 10:25 PM: Wide load escort.  
• 11:27 PM: Wide load escort.  
• 11:35 PM: Report of a 911 hang up call. Officer responded.  
• 11:50 PM: Report of vandalism. Officer responded.  
**July 7, 2006**  
• 5:00 AM: Burglary Alarm.  
• 10:29 AM: Caller reported a lost lawn mower. Officer responded.  
• 1:00 PM: Subjects requested to speak to officer at Sheriff's Office. Officer responded.  
• 1:46 PM: Caller reported a dog on street. Animal Control Officer responded.  
• 6:25 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.  
• 7:40 PM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded.  
• 9:55 PM: Report of a possible drunk driver. Officer responded.

**July 8, 2006**  
• 1:55 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
• 5:30 PM: Report of a dirt bike rider on street. Officer responded.  
• 8:40 PM: Report of a disturbance. Officer responded.  
• 11:40 PM: Report of a possible gun shot. Officer responded.

**July 9, 2006**  
• 12:15 AM: Subject requested to speak to an officer at the Police Dept. Officer responded.  
• 1:05 AM: Report of a suspicious person. Officer responded.  
• 6:40 AM: Report of a disturbance. Officer responded.  
• 1:45 PM: Funeral Escort.  
• 11:10 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.

**Secretary Williams Rules on Ballot Names**

AUSTIN, TX -- Secretary of State Roger Williams today notified independent candidates, Richard "Kinky" Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn, on his final determination of how their names will appear on the November ballot. Secretary Williams ruled that both candidates' names will appear in accordance with the election code as it pertains to the form of name on the ballot.

"Your letter does not articulate any facts that would counter my interpretation that the use of 'Grandma,' in the context of Carole Keeton Strayhorn's name appearing on the ballot, is a slogan and as such is prohibited by the Texas Election Code," Williams stated in a letter to Ms. Strayhorn's attorney Roy Minton. "In compliance with the Texas Election Code, Carole Keeton Strayhorn's name will be certified for the November 2006 General Election Ballot as Carole Keeton Strayhorn."

The Secretary of State took into account several factors in making this ruling, including: Ms. Strayhorn has never appeared on the ballot under the name "Grandma"

Ms. Strayhorn's declaration of intent lists her name as Carole Keeton Strayhorn

Ms. Strayhorn's petitions list her candidate name as Carole Keeton Strayhorn

The only reference to "Grandma" in communication with the Secretary of State's office appears on Ms. Strayhorn's campaign literature

The term "Grandma" is not found on any of Ms. Strayhorn's official letterhead or communication with the Secretary of State

Williams also notified the campaign of Mr. Friedman that his name will appear on the ballot as Richard "Kinky" Friedman in accordance with Texas law.

"The Texas Legislature has designated me to serve as the Chief Election Officer of the State of Texas and, in that capacity, I am vested with the authority to obtain and maintain uniformity in the application, operation and interpretation of the Texas Election Code," stated Williams letter to Friedman's General Counsel Blake Rocap. "In compliance with Section 52.031 of the Texas Election Code, Mr. Friedman's name will be certified for the November 2006 General Election Ballot as Richard "Kinky" Friedman."

Williams also notified the campaign of Mr. Friedman that his name will appear on the ballot as Richard "Kinky" Friedman in accordance with Texas law.

"The Texas Legislature has designated me to serve as the Chief Election Officer of the State of Texas and, in that capacity, I am vested with the authority to obtain and maintain uniformity in the application, operation and interpretation of the Texas Election Code," stated Williams letter to Friedman's General Counsel Blake Rocap. "In compliance with Section 52.031 of the Texas Election Code, Mr. Friedman's name will be certified for the November 2006 General Election Ballot as Richard "Kinky" Friedman."

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**Bonilla Delivers Opening Statement at Border Hearing**  
Panel discusses 'Border Vulnerabilities and International Terrorism'

WASHINGTON, DC - Today in Laredo, Congressman Henry Bonilla delivered the opening statement at a hearing for the House International Relations Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation. Local witnesses that addressed the panel included new Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Laredo Sector Border Patrol Chief Reynaldo Garza, newly elected Laredo Mayor Raul Salinas, Webb County Sheriff Rick Flores, Zapata County Sheriff Sigifredo "Sigi" Gonzalez and Former Laredo Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores. The panel was comprised of Subcommittee Chairman Edward R. Royce (CA-40) and Representatives Ted Poe (TX-2), Kenny Marchant (TX-24), Steve King (IA-5), Silvestre Reyes (TX-16), Rubén Hinojosa (TX-15), and Charles Gonzalez (TX-20). Today's hearing was part two of a two-part series on 'Border Vulnerabilities and International Terrorism'.

"The considerable presence of numerous members of Congress as well as the attendance of our expert witnesses from our border communities is a strong testament to the seriousness of the crisis our nation is facing along its southern border," said Bonilla.

Co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus and Vice-Chair of the U.S./Mexico Caucus, Bonilla has been a leader for several years promoting stronger security along the Texas/Mexico border. Having more than 700 miles of Texas/Mexico border in his district, Bonilla regularly tours the border and meets with those who are working to protect it.

"A few years ago, the only people who worried about border security were those living on the border, but times have changed. The rest of our nation is now finally beginning to understand the magnitude of the problem we have faced for years," said Bonilla. "I thank Chairman Royce and my colleagues for coming to Laredo to get a first-hand perspective of the situation on the ground, and to hear first-hand accounts from the folks who are protecting our nation every day from brutal gangs, ruthless drug cartels, and terrorists from across the world". Last month, Congressman Bonilla introduced the Fairness in Immigration Litigation Act of 2006, which will close a loophole that allows thousands of illegal aliens to remain in our country every week. Currently, the Orantes injunction mandates that the U.S. Government afford all Salvadoran immigrants the benefit of full deportation proceedings and undermines the authority of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to apply expedited removal procedures. Gangs such as Mara Salvatrucha, otherwise known as MS-13, and members of drug cartels are now exploiting this loophole in our legal system to thwart our immigration laws and obtain release into our communities. This legislation would remove obstacles that prevent our government from effectively enforcing the immigration laws that Congress intended.

The Fairness in Immigration Litigation Reform Act, which has broad support from the Department of Homeland Security and the Bush Administration, would:

- Establish standards for courts to apply when issuing injunctions that impact the enforcement and administration of immigration laws;
- Set deadlines for the expiration of injunctions;
- For our expedited removal program, eliminate the jurisdiction of the district courts to issue injunctions; and for permanent injunctions already in place, allow the government to file a motion to terminate the injunction if that order interferes with the government's implementation of the expedited removal program.

"The threat is real and eminent. Hundreds of illegal aliens invade our border communities each day, while known terrorists, ruthless members of drug cartels, and free loaders from around the world now use the Southwest border as a revolving door," said Bonilla. "As long as our nation's borders remain porous and insecure, we have an increased chance of terrorism on our own soil. While many crossing the border are seeking work and a new life, many are also bringing violent crime and drugs into communities that are ill equipped to deal with these problems."

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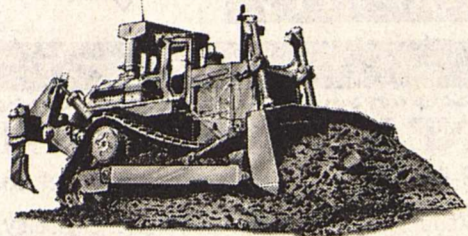
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## TAKING THE SPLASH OUT OF SUMMER

By Bobby Jenkins

On a hot Texas day, there's nothing more refreshing or exhilarating than plunging from a high dive into the neighborhood pool. But when was the last time you saw a diving board at a public pool? Because of our sue-happy society, or rather the fear of a lawsuit, diving boards have largely evaporated from public and most private pools. Litigation concerns also spurred changes to a Texas statute in 2004 that increased required clearances for diving boards, further driving them from municipal pools. Alas, one of the simple pleasures of summer is no more. For kids today, this means missing out on the thrill and anticipation that only a high diving board can provide. A splashless summer is one thing, but it seems no summer activity is safe from lawsuits. From putting on sunscreen, to taking a trip to the ballpark, to an outdoor picnic, summertime fun is ripe for litigation. Who knew so much danger lurked on these long, lazy days? Consider these summer suits:

100 degrees in the shade: A

class-action lawsuit was recently filed against sunscreen makers alleging that, while there are no negative medical effects associated with sunscreen use, advertising that encourages the use of sunscreens to protect against sun damage has unfairly lulled consumers into a false sense of security about sun damage. (Wall Street Journal, June 7)

A league of their own: A Florida father sued a youth baseball league because his son was erroneously told he'd made the league's all-star team. Because of the cost of the lawsuit, the future of the baseball league was threatened. (Liability Week, June 29, 1998)

Think pink: A psychologist who was denied a pink tote bag during a Mother's Day giveaway at a Los Angeles Angels' baseball game has sued the team, alleging that thousands of males and fans under 18 were "treated unequally" and entitled to \$4,000 each in damages. (Los Angeles Times, May 11)

School's out forever?: In suburban Milwaukee, a 17-year-old and his father sued a teacher, various school officials and the

school district, challenging summer homework assignments made as a prerequisite to an honors pre-calculus class. Smartly, the judge threw out the lawsuit stating, "Had the family done a bit more homework, they would have discovered that the people of our state granted to the Legislature...the power to establish school boards and the state superintendent and to confer upon them the powers and duties the Legislature saw fit." (Associated Press, March 9, 2005)

No fun allowed: Climbing, swinging and sliding was once a rite of passage all kids enjoyed during carefree summers. But thanks to the onslaught of frivolous personal injury lawsuits and fear of future litigation, once-common equipment such as metal slides, seesaws and merry-go-rounds are vanishing. In fact, cities and counties are adopting new "no-fun" safety rules like Broward County, Fla., which recently added a new rule on the playground: "No running." (KATU 2 News, May 8)

Fat, what fat?: In the latest example of personal responsibility being boiled in oil, personal injury lawyers have filed a class-action

lawsuit against KFC alleging that their fried chicken actually may be unhealthy. The suit is currently pending, but backyard picnics and barbecues everywhere may never be the same. (Associated Press, June 14)

The lawsuit-happy tactics of some affect all of us. Abusive and frivolous lawsuits cost time and money - even if cases are settled - and taint some of life's simplest pleasures.

It's time to say no to summertime lawsuit lotto.

*Bobby Jenkins of Austin is owner of ABC Pest and Lawn Service and a member of the Board of Directors of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (CALA) of Central Texas (www.tala.com), a nonprofit, nonpartisan grassroots watchdog organization dedicated to educating the public about the costs and consequences of lawsuit abuse and ensuring that our legal system is used for justice, not greed.*

### Sheriff's Office Dispatcher Report

July 3, 2006

12:47 PM - Subject reported lady waking down IH-10. Deputy notified.

4:38 PM - Subject reported vehicle accident, one vehicle, no injuries, just West of West

Rest area on IH-10. DPS notified.

5:31 PM - Subject request ambulance on Manor Street for transfer to hospital. EMS notified.

9:37 PM - Subject at J&V Trailer Park reported people with fireworks. Deputy notified.

9:52 PM - Off duty deputy reported drunk driver North on 277-N. Has almost hit other vehicles.

Deputy notified. Deputy in pursuit, vehicle will not stop. Schleicher County S.O. notified. Subject stopped approximately three miles S. of Eldorado. One arrest

July 5, 2006

9:29 AM - Subject reported possible drunk driver 6 miles S. on 277-S. Officers notified.

6:25 PM - Subject reported he was

attacked by other truck driver, but he has already left. Deputy notified.

July 7, 2006  
3:29 PM - Subject called on 911 and reported reckless driver in a 18 wheeler, westbound from the 382 MM of IH-10. DPS Ozona notified.

July 8, 2006  
4:17 PM - Game Warden reported sick fox at a ranch West of town, sick fox killed and disposed of.

July 9, 2006  
10:26 AM - Subject called on 911 reported cows out on R.R. 864, just past R.R. 2597. Rancher notified.  
8:18 PM - Subject reported vehicle broke down with family at the 472 MM of IH-10. Junction notified.

### F.Y.I.

4-H Playday Summer Series:

The summer playdays will be held at the Sutton County Arena on July 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.

Senior Center: Kaitlyn Gibbens will be dancing at the Center on Friday, July 14 at 12 noon.

SCRA Top of the Divide County Roping on Saturday, July 15 at Schleicher County Rodeo Arena. Open to surrounding counties. Books open at 7:30 a.m. rope at 9:00 a.m.

BENEFIT ROPING FOR JUSTIN WHITTEN on Sunday, July 16, 2006. Books open at 8:00 a.m. rope at 9:00 a.m. For more information contact Clint Jackson 325-853-3323 or 325-226-2895.

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

World Championship Goat Roping, Friday & Saturday, July 21-22: Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m., Sutton County Park Complex. 325/853-3053.

Kids Mutton Bustin' for ages 4-7 weighing 55 lbs or less. Entry fee \$10. Prelims Aug. 5th, 4:00 p.m. For more info. contact Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880 or Bridget Wardlaw 206-0952.

Sutton County Days and the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo will be held August 11-12 at the Sutton County Arena Complex.

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

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