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Sutton County Jr. Livestock Show

Angora Goat division

Class No. 1 Commercial Doe Kid Emily Earwood Keeli Taylor Laura Martin Keeli Taylor Laura Martin Yarixa Guerro

Jesus Guerro Class No. 2 Commercial Yearling

Keeli Taylor Keeli Taylor **Emily Earwood** Laura Martin

Class No. 3 Commercial Aged Doe

Laura Martin **Emily Earwood** Keeli Taylor Keeli Taylor **Emily Earwood**

Champion Commercial Angora Emily Earwood Comm Doe Kid Res. Champion Comm Angora, Keeli Taylor, Comm Yearling Doe

Class No. 4 Registered Buck Kid

Meredith Earwood Laura Martin **Emily Earwood** Laura Martin Kelsey Watkins Cash Jennings Hunter Jennings Cassie Krieg **Emily Earwood**

Class No. 5 Registered Yearling

John Duke Hudson Meredith Earwood Laura Martin **Emily Earwood** Meredith Earwood Cash Hunter Word Hudson **Emily Earwood** John Duke Hudson Word Hudson Hunter Jennings

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John Duke Hudson Class No. 6 Registered Aged Buck Meredith Earwood Laura Martin

Emily Earwood

Class No. 7 Registered Doe Kid

Word Hudson

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Class No. 9 Registered Aged Doe Meredith Earwood Laura Martin Meredith Earwood

Cassie Krieg **Emily Earwood** Laura Martin Kelsey Watkins

Champion Reg Angora Meredith Earwood Res Champion Reg Angora **Emily Earwood** Grand Champion Angora Meredith Earwood Res Champion Angora **Emily Earwood**

Market Swine Division

Class No. 1 Light Weight Kaija Valkonen Kaija Valkonen Erasmo Esquivel Julissa Esquivel

Class No. 2 Middle Weight Madeline Higdon Macie Friess Sidney Dermody

Class No. 2 Heavy Weight Colyer Dermody Sydney Dermody Adriana Faz

Champion Swine Madeline Higdon Class 2 Res. Champ Swine Colyer Dermody Class 3

Market Lamb Division

Finewool Lambs Class No. 1 Light Weight

> Chelsey Lou Campbell Chelsey Lou Campbell Chance Campbell Esteban Garcia Savannah Leonard **Edward Garcia** Bradie Cade Zachary Leonard Dustin Neff Janelle Vasquez Owen Friess

Finewool Lambs Class No. 2 Middle Weight Savannah Leonard Craig Leonard Craig Leonard Chance Campbell Owen Friess Bradie Cade Stella Ingham Stella Ingham Zachary Leonard Delilah Aguero

Andy Curtis

Finewool Lambs Class No. 3 Heavy Weight Steely Ingham Craig Leonard Zachary Leonard Justin Perez **Brandy Neff** Savannah Leonard Dustin Neff Steely Ingham Jesus Vasquez Brandy Neff

Champion FW Steely Ingham Res. Champion FW Chelsey Lou Campbell

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Winter Tightens Grip

by Kel Thomas

A strong winter storm rolled through Sonora early Saturday morning, lowering temperatures from the 60's on Friday to the 30's Saturday, Sunday and Monday, bringing scattered rain, drizzle and foggy conditions. Temperatures hovered just above freezing, preventing treacherous road conditions from developing along the I-10 corridor. At least until Tuesday morning.

A second wave of artic air blasted through the region early Tuesday, bringing freezing rain, sleet and by 10:00 a.m., snow began to fall. The National Weather Service expected 2-4 inches Tuesday, with an addition accumulation Tuesday night through

Wednesday. Seven inches in all ardous in all directions. was expected by the time the storm ended.

The inclimate weather prompted closure of I-10 through Sutton County due to very slick road conditions. The weather also forced the cancellation of classes at Sonora I.S.D. Tuesday, as well as Tuesday evening's scheduled basketball games with Brady. Thunderbird Transportation and the City Council meeting were also can-

Highway 277 north and south remained open through Tuesday morning, but motorist were urged to avoid travel unless absolutely necessary. Road conditions continued to be haz-

The National Weather Service forecasts continued cold and wet conditions through much of the week with high temperatures expected to be in the 30's Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a continuing chance of precipitation during the period. Sunday, temperatures are expected to rise into the 40's with a chance of rain. Warmer and dryer conditions are expected Monday with temperatures approaching

50 degrees. Until then, residents are urged to keep apprised of weather and road conditions, check on the elderly and make any necessary arrangements for the welfare of livestock and pets.



Main Street Winter Wonderland or Nightmare

Sutton County Transportation Committee Discuss Various Issues

By Max Howorth, Secretary

The Transportation Committee of Sonora and Sutton County held its rescheduled monthly meeting December 14, 2006 at 4:00 pm in the boardroom of The Bank and Trust.

With a quorum present, Chairman John Friess called the meeting to order with a prayer. Minutes of the November 2, 2006 meeting of the Committee were approved on a motion made by Brady Johnson and seconded by Lee Bloodworth.

Chairman Friess then began accomplishing the published agenda by calling on Lance Castro to continue a briefing of the Committee regarding the location of area gas wells, pipelines and facilities that might be problematic in designing a Reliever Route around Sonora. Lance pointed out a number of remarkable features on several maps and the Committee dialogued several possible routes, but reached no conclusions. It was agreed that the maps would be held ready by Lance for future use by the Committee.

Chairman Friess called on Cyndy Allen to brief the Committee on the differences in jurisdictional responsibilities of TxDOT, TCEO and the Texas Railroad Commission regarding classification and management of hazardous materials. Cyndy explained that, although there may be some overlap regarding certain products, like LPGs and waste products and the management of spill incidents, in most cases TxDOT is responsible for rulemaking regarding the transportation of hazardous materi-

Chairman Friess then called on Max Howorth to report on his research of traffic surveys performed by professional firms and statisticians. Max provided a one-page handout and discussed the activities and costs

involved in performing an Origin and Destination Study and a Travel Survey involving roadway interviews (copy of handout attached). As an alternative to the high cost of these services, Max suggested the possible inclusion of Sonora in an ongoing TxDOT border project performing an origin and destination study keyed to ports of entry. The Committee agreed that we should approach TxDOT about the possibility of Sonora being brought under that study. Chairman Friess solicited the help of Max Howorth, Jim Polonis and Milton Cavaness in discussing the subject with TxDOT shortly after the first of the new year.

John Friess reported on his findings regarding existing Tx-DOT traffic surveys. He distributed copies of the 2005 San Angelo District Traffic Map obtained at the Sonora engineer's

Discussions with Gary Enos in the San Angelo office, who supervises traffic surveys, revealed that the existing method uses a rubber air hose stretched across both lanes of the road. This method counts axles but integrates consecutive "hits" into one vehicle count when the time interval between "hits" is short. So, the counts are of total traffic and make no distinction between trucks and cars. John also pointed out some interesting features of the map, noting that about 3500 vehicles per day use US 277.

Chairman Friess asked Greta Ramsdell to bring the Committee up to date on her efforts to assess certain problems discussed at last meeting regarding school crossing safety. Greta handed out a one-page briefing note detailing some of the meetings and conversations she and Lance Castro have had with school principals and Superintendent Doug Bawcom. She

has requested a meeting with TxDOT San Angelo District Manager, Walter McCullough, for discussion and guidance and intends to gather more information and determine requirements before approaching the School Board. Chairman Friess assured Greta and Lance that, although they were on point regarding this issue, they had the full backing and support of the Transportation Committee.

John Tedford raised an issue about a number of long/wideloads that have interrupted traffic in Sonora during the past weeks. He suggested that we should be documenting these events as examples of hazardous situations and congestion that would be resolved by Sonora having a reliever route. All agreed with his assessment and Lee Bloodworth volunteered to contact the police chief and work out an arrangement to be on-hand and video future such occurrences.

Next Meeting Agenda: Greta Ramsdell will provide an update regarding School Crossing

John Friess will report on any additional traffic count details, e.g. historical data and truck counts, he is able to lo-

Max Howorth will report on any progress made with Tx-DOT regarding the inclusion of Sonora in the Border Traffic Survey Project.

Lee Bloodworth will report on the process of documenting traffic interruptions caused by specially permitted large/wide loads coming through Sonora.

Next scheduled meeting of the Committee is January 4,

With the agenda accomplished and no further discussion required, the meeting was adjourned.

Congratulations

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Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. Thursday - 7:00 a.m. Friday - 7:00 a.m. Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

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Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m. 1705 N. Crockett

Senior Center Activities

Fri. Jan. 19- Happy Birthday Nig Wall John Lopez, Sr. Mon. Jan. 22- Happy Birthday Vicenta Lopez Bingo.....

Tue. Jan. 23 - Happy Birthday Lucy Ramos & Gil Favila! Wed. Jan. 24 - Birthday Party at noon, join us for cake! Thur. Jan. 25- Happy Birthday Lupe Mendez &

Maggie Mesa - Volunteer

Senior Center Menu

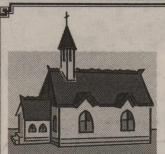
Fri. Jan. 19 -Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, sliced tomatoes, rolls, pineapple rings and milk. Mon. Jan. 22 -Meat with spaghetti sauce, noodles, zucchini, juice,

garlic bread, white cake wth caramel icing. Tue. Jan. 23 -Smothered steak with onions, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, orange juice and apple crisp.

Wed. Jan. 24 -Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, broccoli, crackers, tossed salad, fruit cup and milk. Thur. Jan. 25 -Chicken Fried Steak with gravy, oven fried French

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)

Fries, carrots, rolls, vanilla pudding with fruit and milk.



Sonora Church Directory

Primera Iglesisa Bautista 504 Santa Clara 387-2035

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

387-2616 Lighthouse **Community Church** 1705 N. Crockett

387-9100 **Pentecostal Calvary Temple United** 509 Amistad

387-5266

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

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

Church of Christ 304 N. Water 387-3190

First Baptist Church 111 E. Oak 387-2951

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

First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466

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Thank You Notes

We would like to express our gratitude for the phone calls, cards, words of comfort, food and most of all for the prayers made on Max's behalf.

A special thanks to Jerry Kemp, Julie Martin, Kate and Cash Jennings for their help in loading and hauling goats.

Also, a special thank you to the Sonora Church of Christ for the encouraging and uplifting cards.

Thank you, God bless and Happy New Year to all. Max and Judy Martin

The Duran Family would like to thank everyone for being with us at the time of the loss of our mother, for all the prayers, phone calls, food and flowers. Thank you Father Dino and servers. We appreciate it very much.

God Bless you...Mike, Odelia, Amanda, and Toni.

We would like to thank Burnham and Burnham Trucking for generously making available the use of the fork lift to assist with the accident on the Caverns Road Friday, January 12, 2007

Your assistance was very much appreciated. Sonora Volunteer Fire Department and Sutton County EMS.

Eldorado Nursing Home Chit Chat

Happy New Year

By Annie Arispe We have had a great year! Thanks to all Eldorado and Sonora folks helping us with fundraisers throughout the year. Also, thank you for all the wonderful gifts. These include: A CD player with radio, a portable DVD player, socks for both men and women, house shoes, hair products for men and women,

and DVDs. I would like to remind everyone about the Candlelight Memorial service on January 26, 2007 to be held in the nurs-

games and puzzles, blankets for

every resident, crafts, movies

ing home dining room. With the holidays over, many people feel a sense of letdown during the month of January. For some it can cause a little depression, or causes them to wonder "what now?" So please stop by to visit and have a cup of coffee with us.

Super Sensory Stimuli will be the focus for the new year. We are making sugar and spice cookies and snowflakes.

We have a celebration this month. Granvil and Corrine celebrated their 19th anniversary

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January 19 Thomas Hanson, Abb Smith, Keith Wallace,

John Lopez, Sr., Mario Hernandez, Randy Knight,

Alexis Guerra, Heather Lock, Kristy C. Sanchez,

Rogelio Cardona, Coach Hanson

January 20

Erin Payton, Cindy Feagin, Jesse Burris, Rusty Garner, Joshua

Frank Esquivel, Weedy Zorn

January 21

Savannah Savell, Sablan Robles, Tanner Cain,

Dan Hawkins, Roy Mesa

January 22

Alicia Dawn, Lance Castro, Michelle Krieg,

Tara Johnson, Carrie Herd, Callie Herd, Doris Hull,

Bianca Sepeda, Carla Garner, James Lee Leonard,

Allyssa Collins, Chantal Ramirez, Chastain Spiller

January 23 Frank Gabriel Esquivel, Willie B. Munoz, Susan Brown,

Straton Rushing, Katherine Sparks, Alonzo Perez,

Ronny Smith, Gileardo FAvila, Bradyn Lippie,

Amy Tidwell, Jake Ponsetti

January 24

Tecka Mobley, Louise Dermody, Edward Mata,

Claudia Dempsey, Stevie Hernandez, Travis Traylor,

Halle Samaniego, Meghan Hernandez, Joetta Friess,

Jonathan Martin

Birthday

on January 8th.

The January birthday parwill be held on January 20, 2007 in the nursing home dining

This month we are are also featuring a tea tasting party to celebrate National Hot Tea Month. Tea tasting has been shown to stimulate the memory. January is also the perfect time to serve hot oatmeal. Not only does it offer warmth and comfort on a cold day, but it is good

And what to do with those empty oatmeal boxes once you are finished eating? How about dropping them off at the Nursing Home. They are great craft

For a New Years Resolution, you could spend more time as a volunteer with the auxiliary at your local nursing home. We would love for you to join us.

We meet every first Thursday of the month. The next meeting is February 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the front lobby. You are welcome to join us.

The glow of one warm thought is to me worth more than money.



Matthew Torres

friends welcomed Texas Tech graduates into a new stage of their lives during the university's commencement ceremonies.

Matthew Torres was one of more than 2100 graduate and undergraduate students receiving diplomas from Texas Tech University on December 16, 2006 in the United Spirit Arena.

Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams spoke at Tech's Saturday undergraduate ceremonies. The Honorable Roger Williams expected big things from the graduates, stating, "You are the leaders of this generation. It is this class that will guide us

Thousands of family and into tomorrow." He continued by encouraging the students to make an impact on the world, make their voice heard and not forget about the importance of giving back.

Matthew earned a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sports Science. He graduated from Sonora High School in May of 2001. His parents are Ben and Josie Torres, and his grandparents are Manuel and Sally Mata.

Matthew is currently employed by the Frisco Independent School District in Frisco,

Back Home

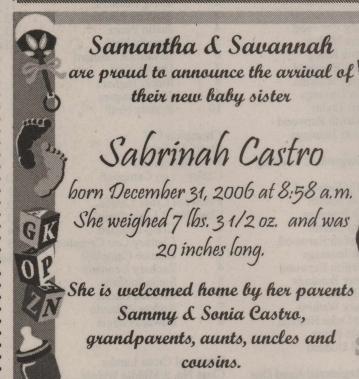
By Brother J

Last week I helped lead a group of students that are attending a Bible college and Seminary have very few material things. We stayed in local homes, ate with them and even slept on the floors. I helped plan the trip this way for several reasons. One is that many of the students feel called as missionaries to foreign lands and they get the opportunity to know the people of another culture and language. Another is to see how the people actually live. But the most important is that you make new friends and out of this develops new last-

ing loving relationships. Now that I am back home, I realize a little better how much God has blessed me. I have a roof over on a mission trip to a foreign my head, a wonderful family, country. The areas we went to extra food to eat and many other were mostly rural and the people things. In many other parts of the world things are not this way. So as I start this New Year I want to spend some time thanking God for all the wonderful blessing I have, (Philippians 4:19). I also want to commit or dedicate this year to and for Him, (Psalm 37:5&Proverbs 16:3). I also want to try and live in a way that honors Him. I don't know what all this entails but I want Him to lead and guide me, (Psalm 23). See you in Church next Sunday.

FELICITY'S FUND

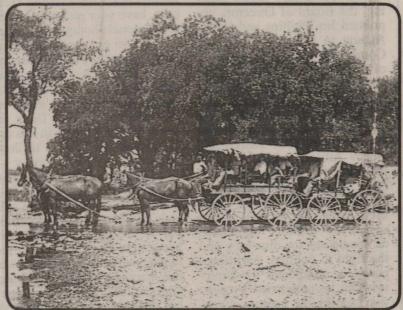
An educational fund has been established at First National Bank for Felicity, the nine month old daughter of Amanda Castilleja, the young lady who was involved in a fatal accident on her way to school in San Angelo. If you wish to make a donation, be sure to specify that the donation is for Felicity's Educational Fund. Your kindness will be appreciated.



Letter to the Editor

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ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary Sutton County Historical Society



Sonora stage and mail coach on a very busy day. Note the double, tandem carriages.

Q. We are looking for the lyrics to a song called "Take Your Gun and Go, John," can you help us?

A. "Take Your Gun and Go, John," was published in a book called "Our National War Songs," a collection of songs for piano or organ published by The S. Brainard's Sons Co., of New York and Chicago. Lura Sawyer donated a copy to the museum that was owned by Wesley R. Brown of Co. A 1st Battalion Main Infantry. We found online a copy of the sheet music for this song and it is inscribed to the Maine Volunteers. The sheet music was writ en by H. T. Merrill and published first by Root & Cady of Chicago. The following are all the verses we could find:

1. Don't stop a moment to think, John; our country calls, then go. Don't fear for me nor the children, John, I'll care for them, y au know! Leave the forn on the stalk, John; the fruit upon the tree, and all our little stores, John; yes, you leave them all to me.

2. I've heard my grandsire tell, John, he fought at Bunker Hill, he counted all his life and wealth, his country's off'ring still! Would I shame the brave old blood, John; that flowed on Monmouth plain? No! Take your gun and go, John; tho' I ne'er see you again

Texas Tech University Center at Junction **Open House Honoring Grant Hall**

Texas Tech University Center at Junction is hosting an open house honoring Dr. Grant Hall on his appointment as site director. The public is invited to the center on Tnursday, January 18 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Hall joined the department activities. of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work at Texas Tech University in 1990 and is now an associate professor of anthropology. He moved to the TTU Center at Junction in December, 2004, as academic director and he will continue in that role. As site director, he will be responsible for 446-2301 or www.junction.ttu. all operations at the Center.

TTU Center at Junction programs include a wide range of academic programs, a field research station, Outdoor School--a science enrichment program for fifth grade students, Red Raider Camp, and conference

One of his many areas of interest is Lower Pecos archeology and prehistoric rock art of the region. Hall teaches Lower Pecos Archeology (ANTH 4000/5343) during WinterSession and Summer Session I at Junction. For more information, call (325)

Grand Re-Opening of the Admiral Nimitz Museum

Fredericksburg will re-open as the Admiral Nimitz Museum on Sunday, February 25, 2007. Following a three million dollar renovation begun in 2004, the Nimitz Museum will be rededicated in Ceremonies beginning at 1 PM on the Museum's Front Portico, Main and Washington Streets, Fredericksburg. The Nimitz Museum is part of the National Museum of the Pacific War complex. The dedication ceremonies coincide with the 122nd anniversary of the birth of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz in Fredericksburg.

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The National Museum of the Pacific War, a Texas Historical Commission property operated by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation located in Fredericksburg, Texas, is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater battles of World War II. Located

The Old Nimitz Hotel in on a six-acre site, the Center includes the George Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Plaza of Presidents, Veterans' Walk of Honor and Memorial Wall, Japanese Garden of Peace, Pacific Combat Zone, and the Center for Pacific War Studies.

Originally named The Admiral Nimitz Museum and housed solely in the historic Nimitz Hotel, the Museum has grown into a dynamic, first-class experience that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and from all backgrounds, a great family educational experience. In addition to nearly 34,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space, the Museum boasts an impressive display of Allied and Japanese aircraft, tanks, guns and other large artifacts made famous during the Pacific War campaigns. An additional 40,000 squarefoot expansion is planned for the Museum's future. Groundbreaking is scheduled for this Spring.

Historical Society

3. The army's short of blankets, John, take this heavy pair, I spun and wove them when a girl, and work'd them with great care. A rose in every corner, John; and here's my name, you see! On the

cold ground they'll warmer feel, because they're made by me.

4. And, John, if God has willed it so we ne'er shall meet again, I'll do the best for the children, John, in sorrow, want or pain. On winter nights I'll teach them, John, all that I learned at school; to love our country, keep her laws and obey the Savior's rule.

5. And now good-bye to you, John; I cannot say Farewell! We'll hope and pray for the best John; his goodness none can tell, may His arm be round about you, John, to guard you night and day; be our beloved country's shield, till war shall pass away.

Chorus sung after each verse: Then take your gun and go, yes take your gun and go, for Ruth

can drive the oxen, John, and I can use the hoe.

We found online that H. T. Merrill served in the Civil War with the Maine Volunteers but no biography was listed for him. His first name was Hiram and in 1878 he wrote another song called "Grandfather's Chaise." We were unable to locate a date of birth or death.

The holidays are over and things are settling down. Our carpenter has started work on the Ice House Museum and we will soon be getting a new front door from Pella, and a window to replace one that doesn't match the exterior, and then have Powell Glass replace our broken windows. It has taken a long time but by doing most of the gutting on a volunteer basis we have saved a lot of money to pay carpenters, electricians and plumbers on rebuilding after gutting. We appreciate our donors patience and want them to know the money donated has been in CD's gathering interest. We will need more money to totally finish this building so if you want to donate there is still time to send in your donation to the society.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, 307 Oak St., Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net You may stop by the office at 307 Oak St. to use our archives or get some help with Ancestry.com on your genealogy questions. We have extensive files on early families in Sutton Co. Births, deaths, marriages, etc. from the old newspapers. We are open Tues, Thurs and Sat mornings or you can call us a 387-5084. Rentals can be made by stopping by the office on calling me at the same number, emergency rentals for funerals, etc. can be made by calling me at

Please pray for some more rain! Those few sprinkles and snow we had were nice, but the range is still dry

Gifts Galore & More **Everett's Pharmacy**

Bridal Registry

Stacey Leigh Patterson bride elect Cody Renfro Dupree Mrs. Jason Surber nee Shelley Wilde

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Stargazer

Night Sky Highlights for 2007

By Paul Derrick

Once more it's time to preview the coming year's night sky highlights.

Prominent Planets: Venus is the "evening star" through summer and becomes the "morning star" in early fall. Jupiter, now seen in the morning, will dominate the evening sky spring through late fall.

Saturn, in the evening sky through June, moves into the morning in early fall. Mars spends most of the year in the morning sky, moving into the evening by fall and reaching opposition (closest and brightest for this appearance) in latter December.

The best evening views of Mercury are early February and late May with the best morning views coming in July and early

Meteor Showers: This best meteor showers should be the Perseid in August and Geminid in December. Other showers of interest could be the Lyrid (April), Draconid and Orionid (October), Taurid and Leonid (November).

Eclipses: There will be a total lunar eclipse in March and in August, the latter being better positioned for viewing from Texas. Two partial solar eclipses won't be visible from the U.S.

Other: The crescent Moon and Venus frequently pair up to provide spectacular beauty as will occur the early evening of Jan. 20 and several more times throughout the year. And there will be other pairings, groupings and "close encounters" involving the Moon, the naked-eye planets, dazzling star clusters and some bright stars.

The morning of Nov. 3 the Moon occults (passes in front of) the star Regulus, hiding it for about an hour.

The Texas Star Party, the premier amateur astronomy event in the southwest, is May

13-20 in Ft. Davis, TX, a few miles from McDonald Observatory. See www.texasstarparty.

Sky Calendar.

* Jan. 15 Mon. morning: The crescent Moon passes less than two moonwidths to the right of Antares low in the southeast with bright Jupiter to their upper

* 16 Tue. morning: Just before dawn, an even thinner crescent Moon is just above the horizon with Mars rising to its lower left and Jupiter higher above.

* 18 Thu.: The Moon is new.

20 Sat. evening: A thin crescent Moon is above Venus low in the southwest at dark in what should be a beautiful

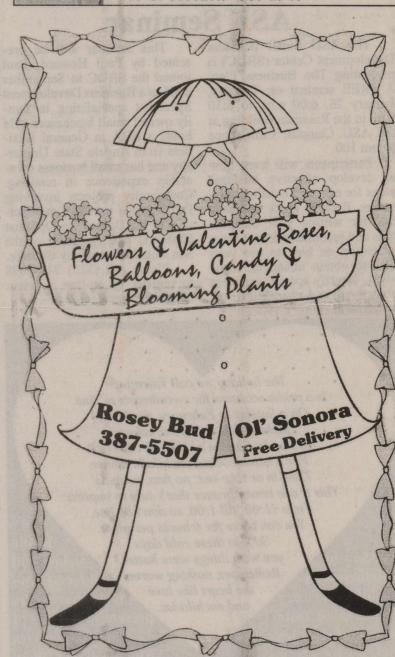
* 25 Thu.: The Moon is at 1st quarter.

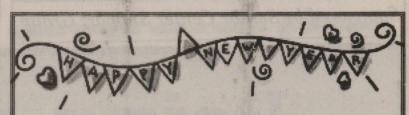
Feb. 2 Fri.: Candlemas or Groundhog Day, a cross-quarter day celebrating the middle of winter, and that evening the full Moon, called Wolf Moon, Snow Moon, and Hunger Moon, is below Saturn low in the east with fainter Regulus further below the Moon.

Naked-eye Planets: (The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation.) Evening stargazers can't miss 'evening star" Venus climbing higher each night. Saturn rises a little after Venus sets, and by month's end Mercury is visible low in the west at dusk. Morning stargazers see Mars low in the southeast at dawn, well below much brighter Jupiter, and Saturn high in the west.

Stargazer Anniversary. Stargazer begins its 18th year. Your continued readership is appreciated, as are your emails and

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





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CHAMBER CHATTER

Texas Pecos Trail Hosts Preserve America White House Initiative Workshop

torical Commission's (THC) Texas Heritage Trails Program (THTP) has received funding through the Preserve America White House initiative to develop a heritage tourism guidebook and workshop series. The workshop component consists of a three-series regional workshop program, Texas Heritage Trails Program: Helping Communities Reach Their Tourism Potential, focusing on site improvements for small museums and historic sites. Odessa will host the Pecos Trail's first workshop at 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Thursday, February 15 at the MCM Grande Hotel Fun Dome. Registration closes on January 29.

"Preserve America recognizes and designates communities that protect and celebrate their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs," said Larry Oaks, executive director of the THC. "We are very excited that the THC's was one of the first 45 recipients of grant funding through the Preserve America initiative."

Three workshops will be White House initiative, visit

Odessa, TX — The Texas His- held in each of the ten Texas Heritage Trail Regions totaling 30 workshops across the state. Preserve America communities will receive primary consideration as locations for the scheduled workshops. The workshops will cover collections care and management, interpretation of historic resources and exhibit design. All workshops will be in-depth, hands-on and address tourism readiness and heritage tourism components. The workshop fee is \$25 and registration is limited to 30 participants, and deadline for Scholarships ends January 22. The Texas Ĥeritage Trails Program is the THC's nationally recognized and awardwinning regional tourism initiative designed to help Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

For more information on the workshop, contact Keith Godwin, at Texas Pecos Trail, 325-387-2927, or pecostrails@sonoratx.net The website has all forms and applications at www.texaspecostrrail. com. For a complete listing Texas Heritage Trails Program of the first round of Preserve America workshops visit www. thc.state.tx.us. For more information on the Preserve America



Bailey Sykes, age 6, killed this 8 point Axis deer with his new .223 caliber rifle he received for Christmas. Bailey killed his trophy buck on the Sykes Ranch hunting with his dad, Shiloh.

Sutton County Hospital Board Meets

Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at LMH Memorial Hospital, 308 Hudspeth, Sonora, Texas. The following board members were present:

Lewis Allen, President, Preston Faris, Lance Castro, Lenora Pool and Virginia Epps. Also present: Keith Butler, CEO/Administrator; Ben Epps; Michelle Schaefer, Board Secretary.

Lewis Allen called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Lenora Pool moved to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2006 meeting with the correction to the date Dr. Wilson will open for business being 01/02/07. Preston Faris seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

There was no report from the Sutton County Appraisal

Lenora Pool reported on the Joint conference committee meeting. Michelle Schaefer reported on the QA meeting. (Exhibit A)

Lenora Pool moved, Preston seconded, to approve the quarterly Evaluation of Services, QTR 3. (Exhibit B) All voted in

Preston Faris moved to appoint William R Wilson, MD to the medical staff. (Exhibit C) Virginia Epps seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Keith Butler reported AR looks good but we are still working hard on self pay accounts.

The regular meeting of the He also reported that phase II of the computer installation will take place March 1, 2007. He was pleased to announce the Hudspeth Ranch Board had paid the contribution as they had pledged. Keith reminded the board of the difficulty of hiring qualified help because of housing shortages. He did report two students now attending school on a scholarship from the hospital with the guarantee of working after obtaining their degrees. The board agreed to allow Keith to search for possible real estate for the future needs of the hos-

> Michelle Schaefer reported temporary changes to the balance sheet for November 2006. Operating revenue has remained very steady. Expenses noted were equipment expense for nursing, travel/training for radiology, building maintenance, wellness center supplies, suite B of medical clinic and employee

> A contribution was received from the hospital auxiliary for the purchase of a blanket warmer and taxes for 2006 were beginning to be received. Preston Faris moved to ap-

> ary 2007. Lenora Pool seconded the motion and all voted in fa-

> prove the expenditure for Janu-

There were no visitor or board member comments.

Lenora Pool moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Preston Faris seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Lutrell will immediately notify the membership by mail, of the names of persons nominated as candidates for directors, and the right to petition. Additional names of candidates for Directors can be nominated by petition bearing the genuine signatures of at least 25% qualified members of the Chamber. Such petition shall be filed with the Nominating Committee within ten (10) days after notice has been given of the names of those nominated. The determination of the Nominating Committee as to the legality of the petition(s) shall be final. If no petition is filed within the designated period, the nominations shall be

closed and the nominated slate

of four (4) candidates shall be

declared elected by the Board of

Directors at their regular March

elected Board members shall be

seated at the regular April Board

meeting and shall be participat-

All newly

Board Meeting.

Submitted by Becky Covington

ing, the Board of Directors ap-

pointed Jim Phillips and Becky

Allison to head a Nominating

Committee of five members

of the Chamber, two (2) board

members and three (3) regular

members to select a slate of four

(4) candidates to serve three-year

terms, to replace John Jones,

JoAnn Jones, Jody Lutrell and

Becky Allison. Upon receipt

of the report of the Nominat-

ing Committee, President Jody

At the January Board meet-

ing members thereafter. Make plans on Friday, February 16 to take your special girl to the "Daddy Daughter Date Nite" starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Tickets can be purchased at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for \$7.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. The theme is "Have

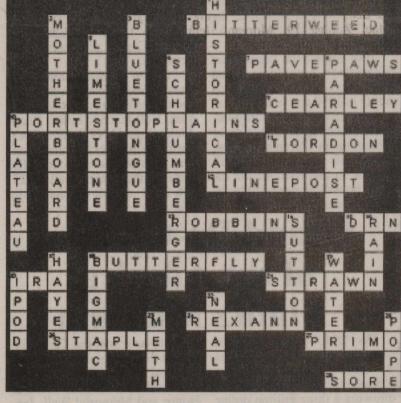
a Beary Happy Time." You'll

enjoy refreshments, purchase lovable bears for a lasting keepsake, have your picture taken by professional photographer (starting at 6:30 p.m.), and more, all in the splendor of the ballroom. The event is open to all young ladies grades Pre-K through 8th Grade, and an adult male escort of their choice. There are over 300 Sonora girls in this age group that would love to dress up and dance the night away.

Act now to save the Transportation Enhancements Program. State transportation officials have abruptly ceased fund ing to the Transportation Enhancement Program, which has long benefited Texas downtowns and heritage tourism programs aimed at rural Texas. The agency has denied funding to hundreds of projects and programs, including the Texas Heritage Trails Program of the Texas Historical Commission. For 15 years, hundreds of communities have utilized the enhancement program for downtown streetscape projects, visitor centers, historic preservation projects, and hike and bike trails. More than \$466 million has been distributed to 505 different enhancement projects since 1991. If you disagree with the Department of Transportation's decision to cut funding of the Transportation Enhancement Program, please contact the governor, legislators and transportation officials about your concerns.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to "Welcome" Mi Familia Restaurant, owned by Jose Raul Tovar, located at 605 Crockett Avenue, as the newest member to join the Chamber of Commerce. The business offers moderately priced, authentic Mexican food and Tex-Mex specialties that your whole family

Answers to last week's puzzle



ASU Seminar

The ASU Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is presenting The Business Plan, A FREE seminar on Tuesday, January 23, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Rassman Building at the ASU Campus, Conference

Participants will learn how to develop effective business plans for new and existing businesses. Receive quick and easy tips for writing your business plan and recommendations from an expert on how to use your plan to obtain financing, focus ideas, identify specific business objectives, and chart and manage growth.

enchiladas, rice,

This seminar will be presented by Paul Howard. Paul joined the SBDC in September 2005 as a Business Development Specialist specializing in family owned small businesses. He holds a BBA in General Business from Angelo State University and has small business ownership experience in retailing. Community projects involving Paul include previous membership in the Downtown Optimist Club and past President of the San Angelo Symphony Chorale.

Please call (325) 942-2098 to register or on-line at www. angelo.edu/services/sbdc

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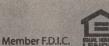
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The Sonora 8th grade girls basketball team pose proudly with the Consolation trophy from the Wall Tournament. Back row left to right: Coach Lilly, Joell McGuffin, Leandra Castanedaand Kallie Humphrey Middle row left to right: Cash McGee, Morgan Smith, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Ashley Perez and Serena Lee Allison Kneeling: Rose Karnes and Maci Zuniga

Middle School Basketball Results

Submitted

At the Wall tournament, the 8th grade girls played well the first half against Glenn Middle School Thursday night ending that half 22-22; unfortunately losing the game 28-38. Saturday they beat Lee Middle School 32-23 and Lincoln Middle School 40-24. Because of those two victories, we won the consola- defeated Lee 24-22. Scorers and Preston Perez had 2 points tion bracket. Points are as follows vs. Glenn:

Morgan Smith 14, Maci Zuniga 4, Leandra Castaneda 4, Rose Karnes 2, Kallie Humphrey 2, Joell McGuffin 2

vs. Lee:

Maci Zuniga 19, Morgan Smith 5, Chelsey Lou Campbell 4, Kallie Humphrey 2, Leandra

Castaneda 2 vs. Lincoln:

Maci Zuniga 15, Morgan Smith 12, Chelsey Lou Campbell 5, Kallie Humphrey 4, Leandra Castaneda 2, Joell Mc-

The 7th Grade Girls also travelled to the Wall Tournament January 11-13 resulting in bringing home the Consolation trophy. 3 points each, Milton Black and

In the first game, Sonora fell to Ricky Samaniego with 2 points Glen 41-30. Leading scorer was each. Hunter Jennings with 10 points, followed by Evelyn Solis with 8 points, Sarah Carrillo had 5 points, Sandra Hernandez had 3 points, Liz Chavarria and

Delilah Aguero scored 2

Hunter Jennings – 11, Sarah Carrillo - 6, Evelyn Solis - 5 and Liz Chavarria – 2.

In the final game, Sonora romped over Wall B, 41-4. Scoring in this game were: Hunter Jennings - 13, Sarah Carrillo - 11, Evelyn Solis - 7, Sandra Hernandez – 4, Emily Gonzales -3, Delilah Aguero - 2 and Liz Chavarria - 1.

In boys action, the Sonora Colts 7th grade A team narrowly lost to Comfort 33-31. Scoring for Sonora were: Word Hudson and Cadesman Pope with 8 points each, Kyle Patlan with 5 points, Matthew Young and Zachary Leonard contributing

The 7th grade B team fared better, defeating Comfort 18-6. The 8th grade boys team also fell to Comfort 45-25. Scoring for the Colts were: Colyer Dermody with 12 points, Fuji Sanchez had 5 points, Shane Patlan In the second game, Sonora with 4 points, William Otwell

In the Wall tournament, the 8th grade boys team lost the first game to Ballinger by the score to Llano for the Llano tournaof 44-31. Scoring were: Colyer ment

Dermody - 12 points, Shane Patlan – 4 points, Preston Perez – 2 points, Fuji Sanchez - 5 points and William Otwell – 2 points.

In the second game, the Colts fell to Wall 28-26. Scoring were: Shane Patlan - 10 points, Osbaldo Castaneda - 8 points, Fugi Sanchez - 6 points

and Colyer Dermody – 2 points.
On January 18, the girls travel to Mason and the boys host Mason.

On January 20, the teams travel

Sonora Colts Rackethall Schedule

Dasketball Schedule					
Opponent	Girls	Boys			
Mason	Away	Home			
Llano Tournament	@ L	lano			
Brady	Home	Away			
Blanco	Home	Away			
Comfort		Home			
	Opponent Mason Llano Tournament Brady Blanco	Opponent Girls Mason Away Llano Tournament @ L Brady Home Blanco Home			

Sonora Broncos **Basketball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Site	JV	Var
Jan 19	Brady*	Home	5:00	8:00
Jan 23	Blanco*	Home	5:00	8:00
Jan 26	Comfort*	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan 30	Junction*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 2	Mason*	Home	5:00	8:00
Feb 6	Brady*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 9	Blanco*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 13	Comfort*	Home	5:00	8:00
Feb 16	Junction*	Home	5:00	8:00

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Comfort and Junction The Lady Broncos hosted Lady Bronco teams hosted Junc-

Lady Broncos

Victorious Over

Comfort on January 9, 2007 in which the Lady Broncos came away victorious by a score of 47-28. The win brought the season record to 11-7 and 1-1 in district play.

Meghan Krieg led the scoring with 27 points. Kayla Fields added 7 points and Brandy Neff contributed with 6. Other scorers included Kimble Luna and Emily Earwood with 2 points each, Cassie Krieg, Kaci Chavarria and Savannah Leonard with 1 point each. Loren Isenhour also played.

Offensive player of the game went to Meghan Krieg.

Coach Kathy Marshall stated, "The girls shot better from the field and from the free throw

In JV action against Comfort, the Lady Broncos also came away with a tighter win, by the score of 38-34. The win gave the JV team a season record of 12-3 and a district record of 2-0.

The top scorer for the JV Lady Broncos was Amy Hernandez with 12 points. Other players contributing points were: Tanya Adams with 7 points, Sara Gillit with 6 points, Steeley Ingham had 5 points, Christela Perez with 4 points, Alyssa Favila, Yolanda Sanchez and Sharee Johnson each had 2 points.

Amy Hernandez was named Offensive Player of the Game and Christela Perez was named Defensive Player of the Game.

On January 12, 2007, both

In the Varsity game, the Lady Broncos once again came out on top by a score of 40-33. The win brought the district record to 2-1.

Meghan Krieg was again was team high scorer, pumping in 20 points. Cassie Krieg had 8, Savannah Leonard came away with 5, Jessie Snyder, Emily Earwood, Loren Isenhour each had 2 points and Kayla Fields had 1 point. Others playing were Brandy Neff and Kaci Chavarria.

The Offensive Player of the Game was Meghan Krieg, Defensive Player of the Game was Kayla Fields and the Player Making a difference was Cassie

The JV improved their district record to 3-0 with a win over Junction 31-18.

Steely Ingham had a team high 10 points to garner Offensive Player of the Game. Other Lady Broncos scoring were: Sara Gillit with 7, Amy Hernandez with 6, Tanya Adams had 4, Valerie Gonzales and Sharee Johnson with 2 points each.

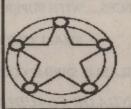
Defensive Players of the Game were Valerie Gonzales, Meredith Earwood and Alyssa Favila.

Next up for the Lady Broncos is home against Brady on Friday, January 19, 2007. Come out and support the

Lady Broncos.

Lady Broncos Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	JVG	VG
Jan 19	Brady*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 23	Blanco*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 26	Comfort*	Away	5:00	6:30
Jan 30	Junction*	Away	5:00	6:30
Feb 2	Mason*	Home	5:00	6:30
Feb 6	Brady*	Away	5:00	6:30



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Jessie Garza, Coach Jacob Ibarra, Asst. Coach Dub Latham, Isaac Fraire Jr., Joe Michael Campos, Jose Juan Garza, Justin Garmon, Kado Kinder, Nelson Black and Skylar Wood. Chaos

Sam Hughes, Coach James Jaeger, Asst. Coach Arturo Lopez, Diego Baez, Ethan Patlan, Garett Jaeger, Hunter Hughes, Jonathan Martinez and Juan Hernandez. Bad Boys

Tressa Esparza, Coach AJ Alvarado, Andres Acevedo, Daniel Coronado, James Freeman, Jared McGuffin, Julian Gallardo, Mauro Santana and Tanner Es-

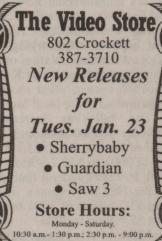
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Amy Sykes, Coach Alexa Sykes, Cipriana Tobias, Jesi Telles, Jillian Buitron, Julia Pope, Julissa Esquivel, Selena Trevino.



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Reinvigorating No Child **Left Behind**

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

One of the Bush Administration's landmark legislative achievements, the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), recently observed its fifth birthday. The law expires and must

be renewed by 2008.

No Child Left Behind is built on the most worthy premise imaginable—that every child in America deserves the opportunity to receive a quality education, in order to fulfill his God-given potential. There are no critics of the law's goal: standards, accountability and superior schools.

But the path to that goal is filled with disagreement. The law was controversial in 2001, and it's controversial now. Its final form was the result of numerous compromises. That's what happens when trying to impose a national solution on a part of government—our K-12 education system—that should be controlled at the local level.

The bill has increased markedly federal spending on K-12 education, from \$23.1 billion in 2001 to \$38.7 billion in 2006. In Texas, federal funding for the NCLB programs went from \$1.2 billion in 2001 to almost \$2 billion in 2006.

Much of this federal aid is allocated for specific programs, and is accompanied by detailed instructions on how it must be spent and onerous burdens on schools to justify their funding. Because there are numerous federal mandates that accom-

Pat

McCormick

Is No Longer

A Recluse

Smith

Pat

mick is the lady bullfighter

whose sensational ability in

the bull ring during the 1950's

and 60's grabbed headlines and

magazine covers all over the

US, Mexico, Spain and South

America. She was on the TV

Show, WHAT'S MY LINE and

appeared on THIS IS YOUR

LIFE as part of a tribute to

screen actor Gilbert Roland. A

book, LADY BULLFIGHTER,

was written about her career.

After her last bullfight in 1962,

Pat went into seclusion, seldom

work for a bullfighting magazine,

which folded within two months

after she was hired. She went

back to her home in Big Spring

for a while, then returned to Cal-

ifornia to study art and work as

a secretary and receptionist at an

art school. She rented a place at

Pebble Beach for several years,

living a quiet life, then moved to

living her quiet life had it not

been for a gun shop owner in Del

was about nine years old," says

Gary. "When she got gored in

Acuna they brought her to Del

Rio for treatment and recupera-

tion. One of the nurses was a

friend of my mother and she

brought Pat to our house one

day. My dad had some fighting

roosters and Pat and I went out

Rio named Gary Humphreys.

Pat would have continued

"It goes way back to when I

She went to California to

mentioning her fame.

Midland.

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pany this federal largesse, this 'free' money does come at a

In Florida, for instance, more than 40 percent of the state's education department staff is devoted to administration and oversight of federal aid dollars as they move from Washington to local school districts. Nationally, according to the Office of Management and Budget, state and local education employees logged 6.7 million additional hours of work on NCLB-related reporting requirements.

Texas provides a good example of some unintended results. Under the leadership of then-Governor George W. Bush, Texas became one of the first states to establish a standards-based system.

Unfortunately, the 2001 law is often unfairly applied to judge students in each state. While it requires all students to attain a minimum 'proficiency' level in math and reading by 2014, it unfairly penalizes states that aim higher. This creates a situation in which some states dilute their testing measures in order to meet proficiency requirements, while others, like Texas, set high standards and are then punished with poor proficiency

Of course, some public schools in Texas have recorded major improvements, and I'm confident that teachers, parents and administrators everywhere are doing their best to improve

and looked at them. That was

the only time I saw her until a

name in Del Rio. Gary says you

can walk out on the streets today

and find people who remember

her. He put a link to her on his

website (humphreysgunshop.

com) and all sorts of people are

emailing her now. How Gary fi-

nally made contact with her is a

reunion for my high school class,

the class of 1964. We went to La

Macarena, a restaurant in Acu-

na, because we were planning

to have part of our reunion over

there. I saw a picture of Patricia

McCormick on the wall and just

kind of got to wondering where

she might be. I spent the next six

months searching for her on the

internet and telephone. I must

have made 75 calls to every Pa-

tricia or Pat McCormick in the

US, Mexico and Spain. I just

asked them one question: 'did

you ever fight bulls?' I talked

to bullfighters all up and down

the border and finally made con-

tact with a bullfighting club in

Los Angeles and got Pat's phone

number and address in Pebble

Beach. I called her and the

they found a change of address:

Midland, Texas. I picked up the

phone and called her." Gary con-

vinced Pat to move to Del Rio

where she is making speeches,

giving autographs, serving as

the guest of honor at various

events and doing art shows. She

has been the subject of several

Big Spring is having a Pat Mc-

The Heritage Museum in

newspaper articles.

Cormick tribute in April.

I called the club back and

phone had been disconnected.

"In 2004 we were planning a

Pat became a household

couple of years ago."

story in itself.

on their achievements. But they might do even better if there were more attention paid to learning, and less time spent filling out government paper-

Education is a function that is best left mainly to parents, teachers and local school boards. As we reauthorize NCLB, we should pursue ideas to reinforce local control of innovation, even while ensuring accountability in the results.

With my colleague from South Carolina, Sen. Jim De-Mint, I've proposed legislation that would allow states to bypass much of the federal red tape and bureaucracy that's grown up around NCLB. Our bill is known as Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success (A-PLUS) Act of 2007.

Currently, most NCLB funding is earmarked for specific programs, and accompanied by elaborate federal red tape. Our idea would allow states to enter voluntarily into a charter agreement or contract with the U.S. Department of Education, to let state and local authorities identify their education needs and priorities.

Under the charter, a state will have the flexibility to consolidate federal education programs and funding, and redirect resources to reform initiatives developed at the state level.

These program results would be published, and accountability for improvement would remain in force.

We have purposefully provided great freedom and flexibility in this bill in an attempt to return education decisionmaking authority back to the states-where it belongs. Our plan is not radical.

President Bush included a state charter option in his original NCLB proposal to Congress, but this provision was unfortunately dropped in the 2001 compromise. This option should be included in the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind.

President Bush has long sought to eradicate the "soft bigotry of low expectations" in our nation's public school systems. He knows that we lift students up when we expect more from them, and give them more responsibility.

The federal government should adopt the same attitude toward local public schools. States should be given the opportunity to design educational programs that fit the needs of individual districts, parents and children. In education, one size does not fit all.

Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I'll understand.

-Native American Proverb

Accountability at the **United Nations**



Over 60 years ago, the United Nations was chartered to advance human rights, promote justice, rule of law, and freedom, and save future generations from suffering the scourge of war. It requires all member nations to share the costs. The U.N. has grown from its original 51 members to 192 today, and it remains a central forum for international cooperation and communication. The U.N. can also play a valuable role in peacekeeping

But in recent years the U.N. has become inefficient and disorganized and has been widely lampooned as an emblem of incompetence. Its missions have frequently been politicized and have had a high rate of failure. The organization has also not allocated and distributed aid fairly and properly. The U.N.'s disastrous Oil-for-Food program in Iraq was rife with fraud and corruption while providing support to Saddam Hussein's regime for years. The U.S. General Accountability Office estimates that Saddam and his henchmen pocketed over \$10 billion from this mismanaged program.

Now headquartered in New York City, the U.N.'s charter American sentiment prevalent

1945. In 2005, the United States provided 22 percent of the regular U.N. budget and 25 percent of the U.N. peacekeeping budget, making us the largest contributor. Despite our support for U.N. missions around the world, other members of the U.N. overwhelmingly vote against the United States' interests. Excluding consensus votes, members of the U.N. General Assembly vote in concert with America just 25 percent of the time. The level of support received by America from the general body is not much greater than that given by such rogue nations as Iran (nine percent)!

In 2005, the United States contributed 44 percent of the U.N.'s World Food Program budget, which feeds approximately 97 million people in 82 countries each year; 16 percent of the budget of the United Nations Children's Fund to feed, vaccinate, educate, and protect children in 157 countries; and 22 percent of the budget of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to protect the rights and well-being of nearly 21 million refugees, returnees, and stateless and internally displaced people in 116 countries.

United States leadership in the U.N. is essential to making the world more secure, democratic, and prosperous. The anti-

was drafted in San Francisco in at the U.N. should no longer be tolerated when we are so generous in our support.

Our former ambassador to the U.N., John Bolton worked tirelessly in pursuit of reforms necessary to modernize the organization. Sadly, his permanent appointment was torpedoed by political adversaries. Zalmay Khalilzad, a seasoned diplomat with decades of experience negotiating with foreign officials, s expected to succeed him. Mr. Khalilzad most recently served as our ambassador in Iraq, where he helped bring Iraqis to an agreement on a constitution. After our forces routed the Taliban, he was America's first ambassador to Afghanistan, where he earned praise for his work with tribal factions and leaders in the new Afghan government.

The U.N. is also under new leadership, as South Korea's Ban Ki-moon replaced Kofi Annan as Secretary-General on January 1. Mr. Annan served 10 ignominious years as Secretary-General, and his departure provides the organization with an opportunity to start anew. Secretary Ban is a Harvard graduate who has been described as trustworthy, a good listener, and a workaholic. I am hopeful that he will work with Ambassador Khalilzad to usher in an era of accountability at the U.N. and seek greater support for America's efforts to promote the ideals of liberty and justice.

State Capital Highlights

Challenge to unseat House Speaker Craddick dissipates

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - After the 80th regular session of the Texas Legislature convened on Jan. 9, House members spent a few hours debating their way to a decision on how the vote for speaker would be conducted. After the body finally decided that the vote would be a recorded vote, not by secret ballot, state Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, ended his quest to unseat incumbent Speaker Iom Craddick, R-Midland. Members voted from their desks, electronically. The tally was 121-27:

Craddick was elected to his third consecutive term as speaker. No Republican member vot-

ed against him.

Inaugural festivities planned Jan. 16 is inauguration day for Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

Plans include the swearingin ceremony on the south steps of the Capitol, a barbecue on the west grounds of the Capitol, a mid-day parade on Congress Avenue, and an evening blacktie ball at the Austin Convention Center.

In other business, the Texas House and Senate conducted a joint session Jan. 11 to canvass votes from the Nov. 7 election. House and Senate members served as tellers in the canvass and they affirmed Perry was the top vote-getter in the race for governor with 1,716,792 votes. Closest in the vote count was

Democrat Chris Bell of Houston, with 1,310,337 votes.

Dewhurst pulled the most votes in the race for lieutenant governor with 2,513,530. His closest rival was Democrat Maria Luisa Alvarado of San Antonio, with 1,617,490 votes.

Gov. names emergency

Gov. Perry on Jan. 12 made public two emergency items for the Legislature to work on this

"Legislation authorizing the reduction of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes."

 "Legislation providing that state appropriations made for the purpose of directly reducing local property taxes and state appropriations made for the purpose of returning state funds to the public do not count against the constitutional state spending limits and authorizing the Legislature to provide for the grant of public money for the purpose of returning state funds to the public." Combs issues revenue statement State Comptroller Susan Combs on Jan. 8 said the Texas Legislature will have \$14.3 billion in new money to spend in the 2008-2009 state budget.

Combs issued the required biennial revenue estimate, reporting to the Legislature and the governor that \$82.5 billion in general revenue is available for appropriation.

Combs said she anticipates \$77.5 billion in general revenue income during the next biennium, plus a \$7 billion ending balance for the current biennium.

Less \$2 billion in oil and gas production tax revenue that must be set aside in the Rainy Day Fund, the bottom line is \$82.5 billion that is available to

"That is approximately \$14.3 billion dollars more than the current \$68.2 billion budget," Combs said.

Abbott lists accomplish-

On Jan. 5, after taking the oath of office for his second four-year term, Attorney General Greg Abbott, listed four things

he's especially proud of:
• \$7 billion collected in child

• \$300 million awarded to or on behalf of crime victims; \$175 million recovered

in Medicaid fraud, waste and abuse;

500 child predators ar-

Flags lowered in Clayton's

By order of Gov. Perry, flags were flown at half-staff for the late Billy Clayton, former speaker of the Texas House, on Jan. 10, the day of his burial. Clayton served as speaker from 1975 to 1983.

Perry's Dec. 27 order to half-staff flags in memory of 38th U.S. President Gerald R. Ford remains in effect through Jan. 25. Ford died Dec. 26 at age

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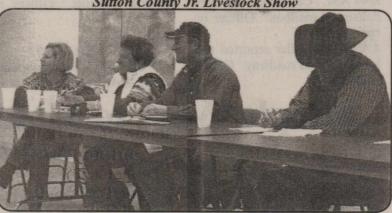
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Duke Energy Name Change To 'DCP Midstream'

DENVER - Duke Energy leading midstream companies in Field Services (DEFS) an- the U.S. nounced today its name will change to DCP Midstream, ef- as it is known today, was formed

named. "This is an exciting new chapter for us. We chose to align with the name of the master limited partnership, DCP Midstream Partners, which we created in December 2005 to underscore our shared strategy of growth and performance excellence," said Bill Easter, chairman of DEFS. "The name DCP Midstream also pays homage to ConocoPhillips and Duke Energy, our two parent companies, whose support has

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Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns

braska: The head of the U.S. Department of Homeland Secuannounced that federal aid has snow and ice across major porbeen made available to supplement state and local response efforts in the areas struck by record snowfalls. Declarations were At press time, an Arctic cold made for counties in Colorado, front is expected to bring extreme Kansas and Nebraska.

In a letter to President Bush last week, NCBA President and vada, Utah and Wyoming. Missouri cattleman Mike John requested federal assistance for ranchers suffering from impacts of recent snow and ice storms. "As a first step in providing assistance, we ask that all areas impacted by these storms immediately receive a Presidential Di- U.S. trade organizations, includsaster Declaration," John wrote. ing more than \$6.2 million for the FEMA assistance provides for U.S. Meat Export Federation. snow removal and "protection of

President Bush Declares life and property." NCBA is still Emergency Federal Aid for actively working with govern-Colorado, Kansas, and Ne- ment leaders to secure additional assistance for ag producers.

Weather Update: Over rity's Federal Emergency Man- the past month, winter storms agement Agency (FEMA) has dumped as much as three feet of tions of the High Plains trapping tens-of-thousands of cattle without food or relief from the cold. temperatures and threats of more snow and ice to Colorado, Ne-

2007 Beef Export Promotion Funding: Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced fiscal year 2007 allocations to promote U.S. agricultural products overseas on January 10. \$100 million will be given to 67

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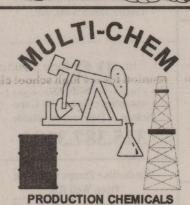
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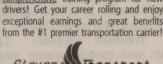


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sponded.

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assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded. 3:19 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehi-

cle. Officer responded. 6:20 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded. 7:15 PM: Caller reported a

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Simple Ways to Make a Better Presentation:

City Police Dispatcher

The Formula for Inspiration

By Jeanette Henderson

One of the most difficult parts of making a presentation is figuring out how to arrange it, and in particular, knowing how to start off effectively. Many schools of thought have been tried (begin with a joke, ask a question, talk about yourself, say something shocking, and the great old insulting standby, tell them what you're going to tell them, then tell them, then tell 'em what you just told them), with varying degrees of success (or more often,

There is an easier way, and one that will always be successful. That is to start by making an irrefutable statement with which every listener can agree, something that automatically elicits a "yes" from everyone, every time. Here are four surefire ways to do that:

1) The Historical Approach -Start at a point earlier enough in a common history so that both you and your listener can agree on it. "Four score and seven years ago..." brought everyone together to a time when they were all on the same page rather than at each other's throats, and the listener was compelled to ing corporate beginnings or the early days of a relationship, or the history of any subject on which you will be discussing. As long as it is part of a common history, it will be effective at compelling your listener to agree. Be careful that you avoid talking about your own personal history, as it doesn't provide the listener an opportunity to agree, and is exceedingly boorish. Recognize that the most boring person in the room is the one who

talks only about himself. 2) The Concerned Approach -Another effective way to open a presentation is to voice a common concern or need. "We're

refutable statement that creates Ivy League college.")

be compelled to say "yes." say, "yes, that's what it was like it ("Yes, what's-his-name said selves when they do. People then." You can do the same cit-that"), and second, when the only do things willingly when further agree that "Yes, that's the else's. way things are." Two "yeses" for the price of one!

Any one of these approaches, the desired "yes" from your listener. Once you have everyone on the same page, the time has come for you to turn that page over to the next part of your presentation, which is to introduce your new ideas.

Step Two of your presentation is where you move everyone forward from their previous understanding to a new understanding, one which will benefit

all worried about (fill in the them, make their lives easier, blank)," or "We'd all like to be more comfortable, more secure able to (fill in the blank)." Make and generally all around betsure it is something you know ter. It is critical that you work for a fact that your listener is on satisfying the needs of your concerned about, or would like listener first, rather than yourto have happen. Be very care-self ("Think about what a great ful never to make assumptions at Christmas you can have with the beginning of your presenta- a bigger sales bonus," "Your tion, because if you do, and the spouse will love going to the listener's respons is "No, I'm Bahamas when you earn an exnot" or "No, I don't," you've tra week off," "You'll feel so failed to get them to say "yes" fantastic knowing you're supand you've put up your own ob- porting such a great charitable stacle that you must now climb cause," or "You'll be so proud of yourself and your future will be 3) The Truth As We Know It so much brighter when you get - This type of opening is an ir- your grades up and get into an

agreement simply because it is, Too often a presenter concerns in fact, the truth as we know it. himself only with getting his "The cost of a college educa- own needs satisfied as a result of tion is higher than ever before," the communication ("I need you or "Those kids have grown so to make more sales, I need you much since the last time I saw to donate to this cause, I need them," are statements of obvious you to get your grades up so truth, easy to agree with, hard to you can earn a scholarship and reject. The listener will, again, I won't go broke sending you to college," all of which are legiti-4) A Quote - Starting with a mate reasons for a conversation, quote, especially one that sup- but not very incentivizing for ports your presentation, is an the listener). Instead you must ideal way to begin. First, the lis- seek ways to get the listener to tener must say "yes" when you want to do those things because use a quote and give credit for they see some benefit to themquote is an appropriate one to they understand it will satisfy the subject at hand, will have to their needs, not yours or anyone

Once you've finished describing to your listener all of the benefits he or she will receive appropriately applied, will elicit by changing their way of think-

ing to the way you want them to think, now is the time to wrap it up with your Third and final Step; a proposal of action. Tell that listener what it is he or she must now do in order to have these new needs satisfied ("Just go make two more sales calls a day," "Just write a check row for...", "Just study an e.tra l'our today, and each day for the rext six weeks," and so on). This is the proverbial contract that the listener must now sign in order to have those previously mentioned needs satisfied. When you do a good job making the result of their efforts enticing and rewarding for them, they will gladly go about doing it. Understand clearly that they must do what you have asked them to do before you have any chance, as presenter, of having your needs satisfied in the future. Your needs must necessarily come last, generally as a byproduct of the actions your listener takes. So the Formula for Inspiration is just three simple steps: 1) Start with an irrefutable statement with which the listener must agree, 2) Introduce your new ideas and how the listener will benefit from them, and 3) Tell them what they must do in order by your own clever design, will

to receive those benefits, which, also satisfy your needs as well. Apply this to every communication situation you encounter, and you will enjoy benefits beyond your wildest dreams!

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By Claude Robertson

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For additional information contact Patsy Hejl ('hayl) at 830-997-5413

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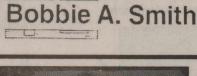
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