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Employees at the Sonic Drive-In created this wintertime masterpiece during last week's winter weather onslaught. Others around town used the opportunity to express their artistic side by building the snowy, but temporary lawn decorations such as the one built by Dustin Holmes, Jade Bean and Shea Holmes.



Interstate 10 remained closed for approximately 48 hours. Schools and many businesses also closed due to the icy and snowy weather conditions.

Memories of Winters' Past

By Ray Glasscock

This has been the first real winter weather that I have seen since I moved back to Sonora in 2000. Until this year, it seems you could count on highs in the 50's all winter long.

I seem to remember much colder weather when I was growing up in the 1960's. (The older I get, the colder it was.) I remember helping my father break ice from the water troughs for days at a time. He would always carefully break the ice near the float to see if water would flow into the trough and also to keep me from breaking a plastic float. If the water would flow, then I would use a crow bar to break the ice and then toss it on the ground. Cows and sheep that normally wouldn't get near me would come and suck down the water while I was still breaking it.

If the water in the pipes was also frozen, a "fun job" became a miserable job. We had a water tank on wheels. My father and I would hook it to the pickup and park right next to a stock tank. We had a two inch diameter hose that was about six feet long. Dad would lower the hose completely under the freezing water, cap the end with his hand, and rapidly pull the end of the hose out of the water to start the siphon process. At the time, I didn't understand how it worked and was always amazed to see how fast the water would go through the hose. We would fill the tank and then go back to the water troughs.

Some of our troughs were designed properly. A few had vertical sides and some had sides that

were slightly slanted. We had to be extra careful with the ones with vertical sides and they were very susceptible to cracking. It was easier to break the ice on the ones with the sloping sides as the ice would actually rise when it expanded. We would carefully break the ice and throw it on the ground. Then we would fill the trough from the water trailer.

The cold weather also brought some fun times. One winter, it was so cold that the dirt tanks froze solid. J.T. Evans, a friend of mine, came to the ranch, and he and I carefully tested the strength of the ice by throwing large rocks onto the ice. When none of the rocks broke through, we decided that it would hold, and we had a good time "ice skating." The fun lasted until I slid near one of the rocks that we had thrown onto the ice. It had broken a very small hole in the ice that allowed water to seep into the ice. I slipped and the first thing to hit was my head.

We went back to try again that afternoon, but the weather had already warmed to above freezing. Against my warnings, J.T. went skating across the ice until he got to the middle where he fell through the ice. Luckily, the water was only three feet deep and he quickly made it back to dry ground.

According to the weather service, we can expect warmer weather until late Saturday when another cold front is expected. Weather models are predicting that it will not be as cold as the last one.

Women in Red at LMH Support Women's Heart Health



Submitted by Beverlee Williams

The women of Hudspeth Hospital, The Health and Wellness Center, and Sonora Medical Clinic support Heart Health in Women. Heart disease is the No. 1 Killer of women in America.

Spread the word and make a personal commitment to your heart health. February 2, 2007 is National Wear Red Day, contribute \$5 or more to the Ameri-

can Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement and wear red.

National Wear Red Day has its own dress code. Wear your favorite red blouse, a red dress, a fabulous red handbag—put on red lipstick, or sport a red tie and red socks. Go red in your own fashion to show your support for women and the fight against heart disease.

Your participation supports

vital education programs and research. To learn more about how you can help save lives—maybe even your own—visit www.goredforwomen.org or call Carmen Preston, RN, Director of Cardio-Pulmonary Rehab at LMHMH at 325-387-2521 Ext 235.

Mail donations to:
American Heart Association
149 North Willis #10
Abilene, Texas 79603

School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month and Sonora ISD is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge local trustees' unfailing commitment to our communities and schools.

"Serving on a local school board is no easy task, especially in today's climate of change and economic uncertainties. It's a huge responsibility, one which has an effect on virtually every aspect of our schools. In January, we encourage our community to help honor the contributions and dedication of our local

school board members. These locally elected officials, who work without pay, make decisions that influence and direct the education of our youth," said Superintendent Doug Bawcom.

"Our board is one of 1,036 district and county school boards across the state. These boards enable us to have local control of our public schools, meaning that decisions are made by local leaders who understand the community's unique culture, values and challenges," said Bawcom.

"Take a moment to thank our local school board members

for taking the time to share their vision and voice about the future of our children. We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities," he said.

The men and women serving Sonora ISD are: Tryon Fields, President; Dean Dermody, President Pro Tempore; Tammy Favila, Secretary; and Jesse Bustamante, Scott Jacoby, Barbara Jennings and Mallory Rousselot, members.



Sonora ISD School Board

standing left to right: Jesse Bustamante, Tryon Fields, Scott Jacoby and Dean Dermody
seated left to right: Tammy Favila, Barbara Jennings and Mallory Rousselot

Sonora ISD School Board Meets in Regular Session

Submitted

In the regular school board meeting held Monday, January 15, 2007, those present were: Tryon Fields, President, Jesse Bustamante, Dean Dermody, Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, Barbara Jennings, Mallory Rousselot, Doug Bawcom, Superintendent along with school officials: Raul Chavarria, Erik Craig and Cynthia Keel.

The meeting was called to order by President Tryon Fields who announced that a quorum was present and who listed the school officials in attendance. The invocation was given by Superintendent Doug Bawcom.

Tax Assessor/Collector Monthly Reports

The Superintendent reviewed the monthly report from the Tax Assessor and stated that as of December 31, 2006, approximately 17% of the current levy had been collected. He reminded the Board that January, however, was the large collection month.

Payment of Current Bills

The Superintendent and Board reviewed current bills in the amount of \$530,686.64.

The Superintendent stated that he would be presenting contract extension recommendations for administrators at the February meeting and that he would like to open the floor for discussion of salaries/salary schedules for administrators. Mr. Bawcom asked for direction from the Board regarding the manner in which they would like to proceed for the six administrative positions (Special Programs Director, three Campus Principals, Technology Director, and Athletic Director). He listed three options he had developed to address the issue as follows:

1. a pay scale for each of the six administrative positions based on the position itself and years of service;

2. a minimum and maximum salary for each position along with a yearly salary increment to be established by the Board but with the Superintendent in charge of coming up with the amount of increment per year per person and with the job evaluation in mind;

3. continuing the use of the current manner of a percentage or set figure.

The Board and Superintendent conducted a lengthy discussion, after which it was the consensus of the Board (6 to 1) to follow option 2. The Board directed the Superintendent to research the appropriate minimum and maximum salaries for each position, to use a \$0 to \$4000 increment, and to present the information to them so that they, hopefully, could take action at the February meeting.

Motion was made by Scott Jacoby as follows: to approve the Resolution and Joint Election.

Agreement as presented which: (1) changes the uniform election date from May to November beginning with the November 6, 2007 election; (2) extends current trustee terms by six months to conform with the new election date; (3) authorizes joint elections with Sutton County beginning with the November 6, 2007 election; and (4) authorizes the Superintendent to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements and submit changes to the US Department of Justice for preclearance. The motion was seconded by Jesse Bustamante and carried unanimously.

The Superintendent stated that January was School Board Appreciation Month and he Superintendent's expressed his appreciation to board members for the time and effort they expend working for the district. Mr. Bawcom distributed apprecia-

tion gifts of cutting board made by the Industrial Tech students and also presented certificates of appreciation to the Board.

Tammy Favila thanked all the faculty and staff members who sent Christmas cards and thank you cards to her; she thanked the Middle School Student Council for their gift of Christmas turkeys; and she thanked the Industrial Tech students for the cutting boards.

Mrs. Favila's remarks were seconded by the other board members.

President Fields read a number of thank you notes from staff members for the Christmas stipend they received. Also, he stated that he had been personally thanked by numerous staff members for the stipends. The Superintendent informed the Board that he had received a large number of emails from staff who wanted the Board to know how much they appreciated the stipends.

President Fields announced that the Board would take a short recess and then would enter closed session according to its rights under the provision of Texas Government Code to discuss the Superintendent's Contract. Mr. Fields stated that no action would take place in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:59 P.M. Motion was made by Jesse Bustamante, seconded by Mallory Rousselot, to change the Superintendent's contract from a two year contract to a three year contract. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M. after a motion by Scott Jacoby and a second by Dean Dermody.

St. Ann Catholic Church

Father Miguel Dinio, Pastor

311 W. Plum
P.O. Box 1397
Monday - Wednesday & Friday 1-4
Thursday - 10:30 - 12:30, 1:30 - 5:30
Phone: 325-387-2278
Fax: 325-387-2278
E-mail: stannsec@verizon.net
Confessions: Sat. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE!
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Monday - NO MASS
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m.
Thursday - 7:00 a.m.
Friday - 7:00 a.m.
Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Church

A place for returning Prodigals
and recovering Pharisees
Sunday Services
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.
1705 N. Crockett

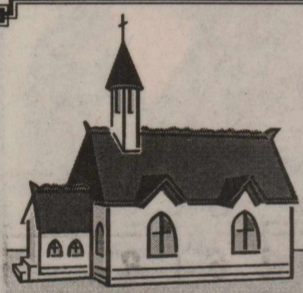
Senior Center Activities

- Fri. Jan. 26 - Happy Birthday Auturo Trevino, Rebecca Perez
- Mon. Jan. 29- Happy Birthday Nilda Hernandez
Bingo.....
- Tue. Jan. 30 - Happy Birthday Marguerite Barker & Virginia Ramirez
- Wed. Jan. 31 - Happy Birthday Jeanett Cooper & Luan King
- Thur. Feb. 1 - Crafts - Make Valentines for our Tree!

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. Jan. 26 -Roast beef w/gravy mash potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, rolls, carrot cake, milk.
- Mon. Jan. 29 -King ranch chicken steamed broccoli, roll carrot salad oatmeal cookie, milk.
- Tue. Jan. 30 -Meatloaf w/tomato sauce, mash potatoes, corn, roll, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, milk.
- Wed. Jan. 31 -Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, cornbread, pear halves w/cottage cheese, vanilla pudding.
- Thur. Feb. 1 -Oven fried chicken, potato salad, butter carrots, salad, rolls, lemon cake, 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

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| Primera Iglesia Bautista
504 Santa Clara
387-2035 | Church of Christ
304 N. Water
387-3190 |
| The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616 | First Baptist Church
111 E. Oak
387-2951 |
| Lighthouse Community Church
1705 N. Crockett
387-9100 | St. John's Episcopal Church
404 E Poplar
387-2955 |
| Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
509 Amistad
387-5266 | First United Methodist Church
201 N. Water
387-2466 |
| St. Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278 | Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713 |
| Jehovah's Witness
310 St. Ann's St.
387-5658/387-5518 | Hope Lutheran Church
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366 |

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387-2266

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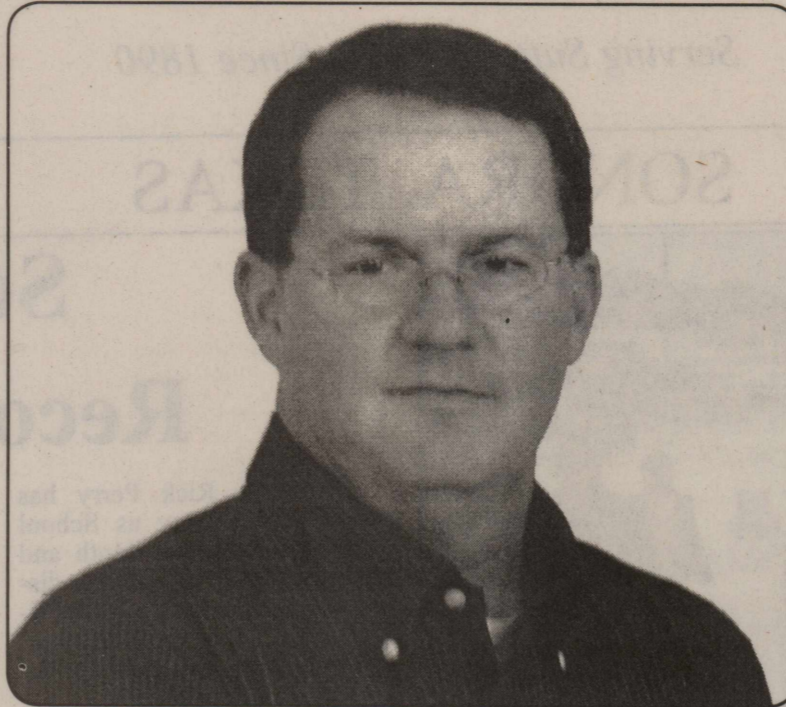
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Obituaries

Rodger Wayne Tyler



Rodger Wayne Tyler was born in Big Lake, Texas December 6, 1969 to Wayford Tyler, Sr. and Patricia Glasscock Tyler. He passed from this life on January 18, 2007 after a brief illness. Services were held Monday, January 22nd 1:30 PM at the Lighthouse Community Church in Sonora. Burial will be at Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Wayne attended Sonora schools and Sul Ross University. In October 1989, while at Sul Ross, he fulfilled a childhood dream and joined the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department. He served there until March of 1992 when he returned to Sonora to be near his mother as she battled cancer. He then made application and joined the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department where he served until his death. In December of 2006, he was voted Fireman of the Year by his fellow firefighters. Wayne was very proud of the confidence placed in him by his receiving this honored award and noted that he would "remember it forever". He currently held the office of Captain in the Sonora Department. Wayne wrote that the things he had enjoyed through his years of service with the department

were "serving the community, the Christmas in April Program, the Fire Prevention Programs for the little ones at the school, and parking cars at the home football games for the Broncos". Wayne held office in the Hill Country Fireman's Association, climbing the ranks from fourth vice president to first vice president, completing his term as president this past October.

Wayne was employed by the Sutton County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy/jailer. He will be greatly missed by his co-workers who he also considered his friends and mentors.

Survivors are brother, Wayford Tyler, Jr., niece, Kassandra Tyler, companion, Kristen Johnson, and numerous aunts, uncles, and friends.

Pallbearers were the Honor Guard from the San Angelo Police Department and the San Angelo Fire Department. Honorary Pallbearers were members of the Sutton County Sheriff's Department and Sonora Volunteer Fire Department. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Wayne to the Sonora Firefighter's Assn. or a charity of your choice.

Carmen P. Avila



Our beloved mother and grandmother, Carmen P. Avila, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at her residence.

She was born November 10, 1918 to Aurelio and Maria Pequeno in Marathon, Texas.

Carmen is survived by her five sons; Armando Avila and wife Socorro of Sonora, Prajediez Avila Jr. of San Jose, California, Ismael Avila and wife Ester of San Jose, California, Mario Avila and wife Peggy of Santa Cruz, California and Hector Avila of Coulter, California; three daughters, Ernestine Ortega and husband Carlos of Fort Worth, Irma Mata and husband Samuel of Sonora and Elizabeth Chavez and husband Jesus of Sonora.

She is also survived by thirty seven grandchildren, forty four great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Prajediez G. Avila and son Francisco Avila.

Funeral services were held at Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, January 19, 2007, with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. Pallbearers were her grandsons, Adrian Mata, Edward Mata, Sam Mata Jr., David Ortega, Carlos Ortega Jr. and Henry Mata.

Max Martin

Max Martin, 67, passed away Sunday, January 21, 2007 in Sonora.

Max was born on March 10, 1939 in Whitewright, Texas to Bill and Robbye Martin. He grew up in Anton, Texas, graduating from Anton High School and attended Texas Tech University. After leaving Tech, he began his career in the oil industry. He retired from Amoco Production Co. in 1981 and formed his own consulting and contract pumping company. Until his health failed he worked as a contract pumper with his partner, Jerry Kemp.

Max is survived by his wife, Judy of Sonora, his sons David Martin and wife Shauna of Sugar Land and Doug Martin and wife Cheri of Wimberley. He is also survived by a granddaughter, Laura Martin of Sonora and two grandsons Clay and Rhett martin of Wimberley, his mother-in-law, Euna Greenwood of

San Angelo, daughter-in-law, Julie Martin of Sonora, brother Frank Martin of Huntsville, sisters Nadine Goen of Lubbock, Joyce Lewis of Luberton and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held in Sonora Cemetery on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 with Dr. David Griffin of Lutie Watkins United Methodist Church of Llano and Rev. Ray Wells of the First United Methodist Church of Sonora.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Dr. Stephen Smith, Dr. Fazlur Rahman, Melanie and Kristen, Dr. Luis Duarte, Dr. James Studt, Roger, Robert and Kim for their extraordinary care and compassion. Also, a special thank you to Dr. Greg Johnson of Tyler and Dr. Whitney Keller of Austin.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehab or Methodist Childrens' Home, 1111 Herring St. Waco, TX 76708.

Thank You

I would like to extend a big thank you to all who helped "behind the scenes" with keeping everyone fed and happy during our recent Jr. Livestock Show. Team Razpa you did a wonderful job with the concessions. Marissa Faz and Maria Mesa you did a great job providing everyone with yummy treats. Hurray for Steve Thorp, Jerico Thorp, and Wayne Webb the meal was

delicious! Thanks for braving the cold weather and cooking for us! Terry and Carl Johnson and Joetta Friess thanks for helping me clean the kitchen afterwards. I appreciate each of you and all of your efforts in making our event so special.

Sincerely,
Kelly L Thorp
County Extension Agent-
FCS Sutton County

Eldorado Nursing Home Chit Chat

By Annie Arispe

Here we are in late January. I don't know about you or where you have lived, but where I come from, January and February can be brutal months. We had quite a bit of snow back home, but worse than that, are those gray days that sometimes would dip to near zero degrees. Those are the days when it is too cold to go out and play in the snow.

After two gray days in a row the residents will say, "Oh, if the sun would just shine." Weather certainly has an effect on the mood and health of us all.

We've also tried to celebrate winter with a "Winter Wonderland" bulletin board and a couple of winter puzzles.

Spencer Stimler's reminiscing story, "Roundtrip Sled Rides" is sure to spark pleasant

memories of winter activities. We have also made snowflakes which are hung throughout the nursing home and making these are great for fine motor skills.

January is officially recognized as Oatmeal Month. This year, I have asked for empty oatmeal containers and thanks to Mrs. Day, we have containers for all our residents.

The Fundraiser, the nursing home gift shop, will be opening soon for Valentine's Day. Candy, balloons, stuffed animals, goodie bags, plants and jewelry will be available for purchase. Also, you have to the end of the month to turn in your recipes for the cookbook.

Please stop by for a visit. We have hot coffee and cookies. We love visitors.

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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Honoring Texas History Is Nothing To Be Ashamed Of

By Jerry Patterson

Any attempt to judge our history by today's standards — out of the context from which it occurred — is at best problematic and at worst dishonest.

For example, consider the following quotes:

"So far from engaging in a war to perpetuate slavery, I am rejoiced that slavery is abolished."

"... there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality."

By today's standards, the person who made the first statement, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, would be considered enlightened. The person who made the second, President Abraham Lincoln, would be considered a white supremacist.

Many believe the War Between the States was solely about slavery and the Confederacy is synonymous with racism. That conclusion is faulty, because the premise is inaccurate.

If slavery were the sole or even the predominant issue in sparking the Civil War, the following statement by Lincoln is puzzling: "My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union and it is not either to save or destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing

any slaves I would do it."

If preserving slavery was the South's sole motive for waging war, why did Lee free his slaves before the war began? In 1856, he said slavery was; "... a moral and political evil in any country ..."

Why was Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation effective in 1863, rather than when the war started in 1861? And why did it free only the slaves in the Confederacy and not in Northern or border states?

If slavery was the only reason for the Civil War, how do you explain Texas Gov. Sam Houston's support for the Union and support for the institution of slavery? In light of the fact that 90 percent of Confederate soldiers owned no slaves, is it logical to assume they would have put their own lives at risk so that slave-owning Southern aristocrats could continue their privileged status?

There are few simple and concise answers to these questions. One answer, however, is that most Southerners' allegiance was to their sovereign states first and the Union second. They believed states freely joined the Union without coercion and were free to leave the Union at will. You could say they really believed in the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Con-

stitution, the "powers not delegated" clause. They believed the federal government should be responsible for the common defense, a postal service and little else. They viewed the Union Army as an invader, not an emancipator.

I am not attempting to trivialize slavery. It is a dark chapter in our history, North and South alike.

However, I am a proud Southerner and a proud descendent of Confederate soldiers. I honor their service because, to me, it represents the sacrifice of life and livelihood that Southerners made for a cause more important to them than their personal security and self-interest.

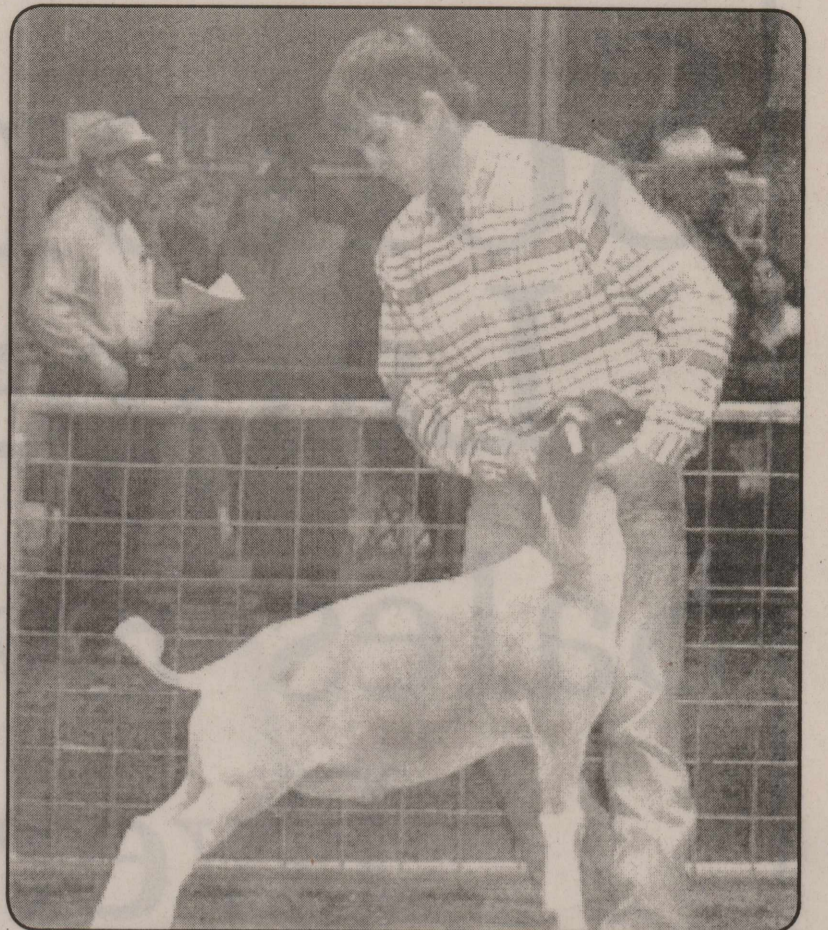
While I'm aware of the genocidal war conducted by my country against the American Indian, I'm still a proud American. And while I'm also aware of the atrocities that occurred at My Lai, I am proud of my service as a U.S. Marine in Vietnam.

If the Confederate flag represented slavery, then the U.S. flag must represent slavery even more so. Slavery existed for four years under the Stars and Bars and for almost 100 years under the Stars and Stripes. If the few hundred members of racist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan want to adopt the Confederate flag as their sym-

bol, over the objections of millions of Southerners, should we believe it has been corrupted for all time? Since the KKK has adopted the cross for its burnings, should churches across the country remove this symbol of Christian faith from all places of worship? Should we diminish the service of the Buffalo Soldiers (Black U.S. cavalry troopers of the late 1800s), since those soldiers were an integral part of a war that subjugated and enslaved a whole race of people, the American Plains Indians?

No. We should not surrender the Confederate flag or the cross to the racists, and we should not tear down the monuments. Retroactive cleansing of history is doomed to failure because it is, at heart, a lie. We should memorialize and commemorate all of our soldiers who served honorably — those who wore blue or gray or served as Buffalo Soldiers — whether or not we completely support their actions in today's enlightened world.

JERRY PATTERSON is the 27th Texas Land Commissioner and a member of Sons of Confederate Veterans. As a state senator, he sponsored legislation establishing the Juneteenth Commission for the purpose of funding a Juneteenth monument on the Capitol Grounds.



Colton Moore of Sonora places 1st at the Hill Country District Jr. Livestock Show in Kerrville. The goat was produced by Tommy Morris and purchased at the Morris Texas Trophy Wether Sale.

Thank You

I would like to thank The Bank and Trust, First National Bank and Tommy Morris for contributing to the successful sale of my goat at the the Hill Country District Jr. Livestock Show in Kerrville.

I also want to thank Mr. Morris for producing high quality show stock and for all his help with my projects throughout the years.

Your support is greatly appreciated.
Colton Moore

Donation Honors Texas' Confederate History

Save Texas History helps preserve, digitize historic documents for future generations

AUSTIN — Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, today accepted a \$250 donation from Descendants of Confederate Veterans for the Save Texas History Program. The donors are a Texas non-profit organization made up of male descendants of Confederate soldiers, sailors and government officials.

"I want to thank the Descendants of Confederate Veterans for their generous donation to an important effort," Patterson said. "Our history is what shapes who we are today. While some want to turn away from the past — removing Confederate plaques from the Capitol or statues from public view — I think it's important that we preserve all of our history."

A long-time history buff, Patterson earned a bachelor's degree in history at Texas A&M University. As a state senator, he sponsored legislation establishing the Juneteenth Commis-

sion for the purpose of funding a Juneteenth monument on the Capitol Grounds. Patterson has a portrait of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, as well as a portrait of a Buffalo Soldier, in his office.

The donation will be used to preserve and digitize documents in the archives of the Texas General Land Office. The archives of the Texas General Land Office contain more than 35 million documents dating back to Spanish rule, including the Confederate Scrip Voucher Files. These documents are the paper trail of Texas history, and provide historians intimate details on the people and places that made Texas what it is today.

"Now as the current stewards to whom this heritage and history are entrusted, we feel it is extremely important that our proud Texas heritage be preserved for our children and grandchildren and all the generations to follow," said Steve von

Roeder, president of the Capitol Chapter of the Descendants of Confederate Veterans. "We are honored to have this opportunity to assist Commissioner Patterson in his commitment to preserve these maps and documents and make them available to all Texans."

Members of the group wore Confederate uniforms for the donation, timed to remind Texans that Friday, January 19 is Confederate Heroes Day, which honors all Confederate veterans and marks Gen. Robert E. Lee's 200th birthday.

Patterson's great-grandfather, James Monroe Cole, was a Texan who fought for the Confederacy, serving in Company K, 12th Louisiana Infantry, Buford's Brigade, Army of Tennessee.

The Save Texas History Program is a unique campaign that brings together private and government efforts to preserve the 35 million maps and docu-

ments at the Texas General Land Office. The maps, land grants, surveys and field notes — the very documents that trace the creation of modern-day Texas, include Stephen F. Austin's original Spanish field notes, and records bearing the signatures of Alamo defenders Jim Bowie and William Barret Travis.

After items are conserved they are digitally preserved and made available to the public via the Internet. The Digital Preservation Project of the Save Texas History Program has been recognized by the Texas Historical Commission for its monumental effort to digitally preserve these historic treasures.

To search for maps, place orders for copies of maps, or make a monetary donation to the Save Texas History Program, visit www.savetexashistory.org or call the GLO toll-free at 1-800-998-4GLO.

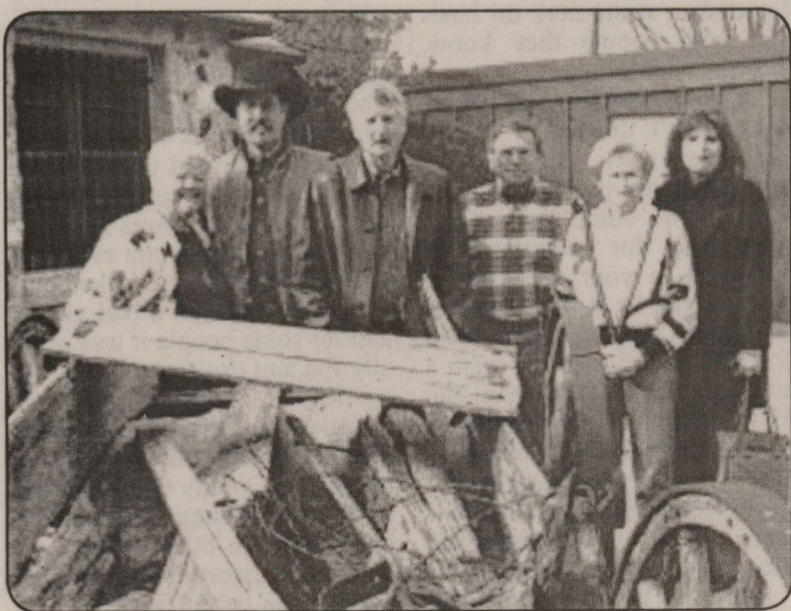
Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. It's fun. It's challenging. It's addictive! Solving time is typically from 10 to 30 minutes, depending on your skill and experience.

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Texas Pecos Trail Pursues Economic Development



Pecos Trail board members visit Hickman Museum in Big Lake: Mary Ann Kay, Jed Elrod, James Murr, Bill Oglesby, Ann Schneemann, and Shanon Biggerstaff (unavailable for photo were board members Debbie Vickers and Paula Walker)

Submitted by Keith Godwin

The historic riches of the Hickman Museum and the Reagan County Community Building were the area destinations visited by the Texas Pecos Trail members for their education program and bi-monthly board meeting on January 11. Big Lake civic leaders, represented by Mayor Jack Blakely, welcomed the Pecos Trail board of directors, members and various area officials representing much of the 22 counties of the Pecos Trail Region.

After an impressive and interesting tour of the Hickman by the head of the Historical Society, Ann Schneemann, a TPTR board director, the group of al-

most 50 individuals — some from as far away as Brackettville, Sanderson and Monahans — met at the Community Building for a networking lunch catered by M&M Catering and a board meeting immediately afterwards. TPTR board chair Shanon Biggerstaff, President of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the gathering, thanking Big Lake community leaders for hosting the hugely successful January event and congratulating members for taking a sincere interest in making the journey to "help their communities with growth opportunities and to share success stories with their peers."

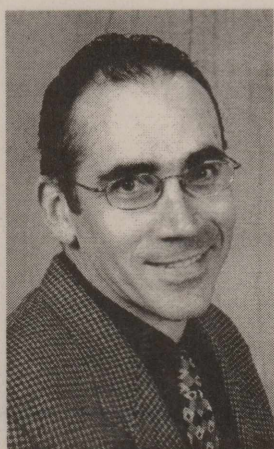
Among agenda items dis-

ussed were the intense lobbying efforts on behalf of the TPT to the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Historical Commission for continued funding of the award winning Heritage Trails Program, that has invested over \$400 million dollars into heritage tourism development in Texas; and to the state legislature for protection and funding of our State Parks. Building membership in this new west Texas non-profit foundation, fund raising projects, and making resources and grants information available to communities for heritage preservation projects, were also high on the list of new business discussed. Cooperative tourism marketing, educational workshops, and website promotions and support for partners were part of a report presented by the Region's new

Coordinator, Keith Godwin.

Ruth Engeldorf of the Sanderson Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Sherry Phillips of McCamey, Sonora Main Street Director — Mary Ann Kay, and Linda Gholson, President of the Pecos Chamber of Commerce, were just a few of the Region's stakeholders in attendance that support the Texas Pecos Trail and its promotion of rural economic development through heritage tourism. For more information on how you can become involved, or get assistance with building heritage tourism in your community, contact the region coordinator Keith Godwin at 325-387-2927, or visit the immensely resourceful website at www.texaspecostrail.com. The TPTR next meeting will be in Sanderson on Thursday, March 8.

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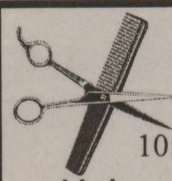
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The center is located just north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

John Begnaud, Extension horticulturist in Tom Green County, said the workshop will be presented by Jim Johnson, holder of the Benz Chair of Floral Design at Texas A&M University in College Station.

"Johnson is a world-renowned lecturer and instructor of floral design," Begnaud said. "He will be speaking on the use of unusual floral materials in flower arrangements."

The program will be underwritten and co-sponsored by Shirley Floral, The San Angelo Garden Club, Bouquets Unique Florist and Concho Valley Master Gardeners.

The meeting will be open to the public; tickets will be \$5 at the door.

For more information contact the Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6522.

Writing Seminar For Working Writers And Those Who Think They Might Want To Become Writers

If you have ever thought, "I should write a book," or if you are a writer who needs a boost of enthusiasm, the writing seminar that kicks off Menard's 4th annual celebration of Texas authors, February 8, 2007, at the Menard Public Library is for you. Award-winning author, Elaine Raco Chase, says "If you're a working writer with character problems, bring your character with you. If you're thinking about getting started writing, you will go home with a character or two."

Why learn about characters? According to Ms. Chase there are 70,000 new works of fiction published every year and only seven plots. "Why aren't there just seven books," she asks, then answers her own question.

"Characters, of course." Characters are the story. From Sherlock Holmes (who still gets hundreds of letters every day) to Scarlett and Rhett to Hannibal Lector and Nancy Drew and the Hardy boys, fictional charac-

ters and the stories they create have left permanent marks on a society that encompasses all age groups.

In the seminar, Chase discusses the six steps to creating a compelling character, shows how to create villains people love to hate and how settings can become the strongest character in a story.

"This will be a fun, no pressure seminar," Chase promises. "No one will be asked questions, singled out, or put on the spot."

Due to lack of space, admission is available to the first 40 people who call for reservations. The seminar takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be served as part of the \$25 donation fee.

For more information or to make reservations call Marjorie Russell at (325)396-4621

For information about participating authors and a list of books available during the event, contact Jane Vaughan: jrvo@worldnet.att.net

New Alzheimer's Association Support Group

Interactive support group encourages people with Alzheimer's and dementia to take control of their disease

San Angelo, Texas - To help people with Alzheimer's disease or dementia take control of their life and disease Alzheimer's disease, the Alzheimer's Association STAR Chapter is offering an early stage support group entitled "Early Stage Wellness Support Group" on February 15, 2007 in San Angelo, Texas.

"Since the progression of research, earlier diagnosis, and more effective treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, the Alzheimer's Association has turned its focus to include services to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. In keeping with this progression, the Alzheimer's Association STAR Chapter is excited to announce the formation of a new support group for individuals in the early stages of Alzheimer's or dementia, disease," said Janet Cross, Program Coordinator of the Alzheimer's Association Star Chapter. "This new support group will focus on providing information about the disease as well as innovative activities to assist the individuals with ways to remain independent as long as possible."

The support group will be six weeks in length. For more information on this support group or to pre-register, call Sharon McGinnis, LMSW, at 325-947-8776 or 325-944-2559. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

CHAMBER CHATTER

Good Manners With Customers

By Becky Covington

Good manners are more than being "nice," and they should be part of your fundamental business strategy. Everyone who makes up the company must always use their best manners which include behavior, attitude, and grooming. Remember that your customers are judging you and your employees from the first moment they enter your business and first impressions last.

Did you know that people look at your face first and your feet second? That is what the etiquette experts say, and they say that is why it is so important to be well-groomed from head to toe. That is also why your first reaction to a customer must be a smile and eye contact. You must focus your attention on the other customer, listen to them, and let them know that you are interested in what they are saying. Use your customer's name and thank them for doing business with you.

Communicate clearly and carefully. Carefully choose your words and how you say them. Be certain that you understand the customer and the customer understands you to avoid misunderstandings. Communicate intelligently and maturely. Always

try to put yourself in the customer's shoes and understand how they feel. Try to see things from the customer's perspective and let them know that you will do whatever is necessary to meet or exceed their expectation.

Customers appreciate it when you ask about their families and show an interest in their job and their interests. This makes them feel important, and they will like you for it. Use your sense of humor and positive attitude as an effective tool to lower barriers and gain people's trust. Remember, customers do business with people they know, like, and trust.

If your customer has a complaint, don't dismiss it lightly and assure them that you will do everything possible to address their complaint. Also, thank them for bringing their complaint to your attention so that you can fix it. If a customer is upset and loud, take them to a private office, offer them a beverage, and ask what you can do to address their complaint. If their complaint involves an employee, try to involve the employee in resolving the complaint and be sure the employee offers a genuine apology.

Wow!!! What a wonderful week. We haven't had a good snow in a while! Yes, it is a pain to drive in and when it melts it is messy but don't fight it. It brings a softness and beauty

to the land around you. It gets peaceful, and takes you back to your childhood memories. Parents stay home with their children and experience a special time, from baking cookies, popping some popcorn, making hot chocolate, curling up on the sofa and watching classical movies, a lot of quality time is spent together. When the temperature starts to warm a bit you build a snowman, make snow angels, have snowball fights, make some snow ice cream and just enjoyed living. The motels, restaurants, and convenient stores were full of travelers having to stay over and that was good for business. The snow storm held shoppers back for a few days but as soon as it warmed up everyone was out. The grocery store was packed with customers stocking up on supplies and you even had to wait in line to be checked out. So, the snow's not a bad visitor and for some people it was actually fun and exciting.

REMEMBER to get your tickets for the "Daddy Daughter Date Nite" for February 16 at the Sutton County Civic Center, open to all young ladies grade Pre-K through 8th Grade and an adult male escort of their choice. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Chamber of Commerce Office for \$7.00 or that night at the door for \$10.00. For more information please call 387-2880.

Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

Polar Bear Classic
Sonora Golf Course
12:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 27, 2007

Sonora Invitational Speech Meet
February 9-10, 2007

Daddy Daughter Date Nite
Sutton County Civic Center
February 16, 2007

7th and 8th Grade Girls Sweep the Llano Basketball Tournament



7th grade girls: Winners of the Llano Tournament
Left to right: Sandra Hernandez, Sky Jennings (watergirl), Liz Chavarria, Emily Gonzales, Sarah Castillo, Coach Larry Jennings, Hunter Jennings, Delilah Aguero, Evelyn Solis.



8th grade girls: Winners of the Llano Tournament
Back row, (L to R): Courtney James, Morgan Smith, Kallie Humphrey, Leandra Castaneda,
Middle row: Serena Lee Allison, Joell McGuffin, Rose Karnes,
Chelsey Lou Campbell, Morgan Vyvlecka, Coach Lilly
Front: Cash McGee, Maci Zuniga

By Kel Thomas

The 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams travelled to Llano for the Llano tournament on Saturday, January 20, 2007, where both teams earned first place trophies.

In the first game of the 7th grade division, Sonora defeated Mason 40-14.

High scorer was Hunter Jennings with 13 points followed by Evelyn Solis with 10, Liz Chavarria with 4, Sarah Carrillo and Delilah Aguero contributing 4 each, Sandra Hernandez with 3 and Emily Gonzales with 2 points.

In the championship game, Sonora came away with a 40-19 win over the host team, Llano.

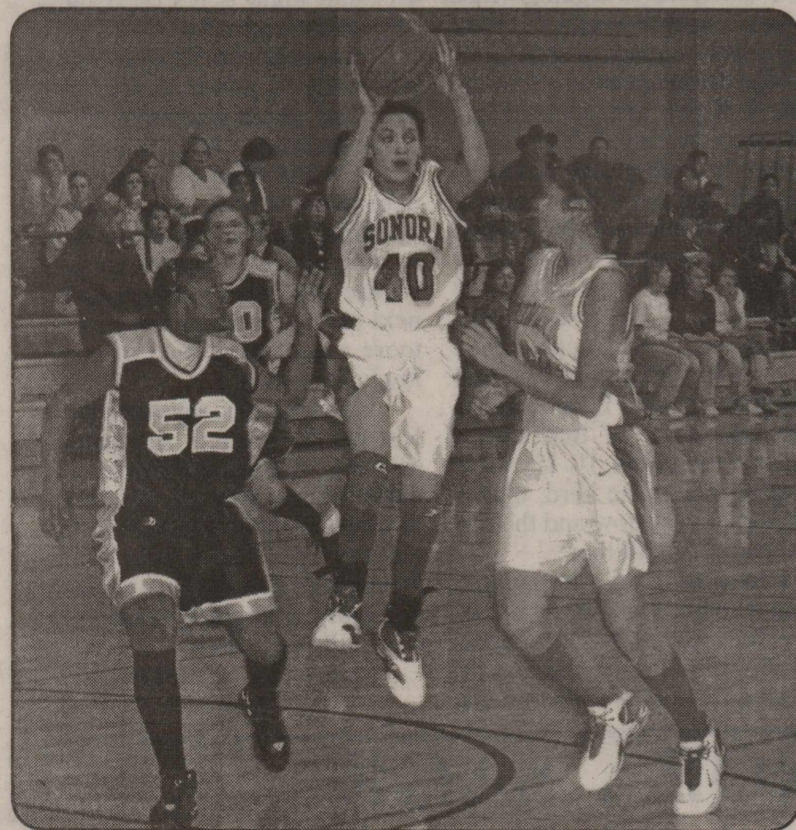
Jennings continued her offensive prowess by pumping in

14 points. Also scoring were Evelyn Solis with 8, Emily Gonzales and Sarah Carrillo scoring 6 points each, Liz Chavarria had 4 and Sandra Hernandez with 2 points.

In the 8th grade bracket, Sonora defeated Mason 28-21 in the first game.

With 15 points, Maci Zuniga led the scoring followed by Morgan Smith with 7, Leandra Castaneda, Kash McGee and Chelsey Lou Campbell with 2 points each.

Sonora went on to win over Llano in the title game 40-29. Morgan Smith led Sonora scorers with 17 points, Maci Zuniga contributed 14, Leandra Castaneda and Kash McGee each had 4 points and Serena Allison had 2 points.



JV Lady Broncos Lose to Brady

By Nancy Glasscock

Last Friday night, the JV Lady Broncos lost a close game to the JV Lady Bulldogs. Sonora started slowly and didn't score until the clock was down to 1:58 left in the first period. Mariah Dunn scored eight points in the second period to make score 15-13 in Brady's favor.

In the third period, Amy Hernandez scored eight points and brought the Lady Broncos to within one at 24-23. During the final three minutes, the Lady Broncos pulled away. The final score was 39-34 in Brady's favor.

Academic All-District Football

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| Kris Aguero | Edward Garcia |
| Evan Gulley | Marc Hernandez |
| Nick Pena | Travis Valliant |
| Jose Lugo | Zadrian McGee |
| Craig Leonard | Austin Castaneda |
| Cody Perez | J.T. Downing |
| Alonzo Pena | Juan Dominguez |
| Jose Casillas | Evan Rousselot |
| Jordan Isenhour | Colton Moore |
| Ricardo Rodriguez | |

Broncos Begin District Play

By Mark Rousselot

The Sonora Bronco basketball season began with a bang Friday, Jan. 12, with a thrilling come from behind win over the Junction Eagles by the score of 42-41. The Broncos did not lead the entire game until Travis Valliant scored the go-ahead basket with 3.4 seconds left in the 4th quarter. Junction attempted a last second shot but Evan Rousselot altered the shooter's shot and the ball fell short of the rim. The Broncos trailed by 8 at halftime, but as they have all year rallied with stellar defense to win their first district game. Craig Leonard led the Bronco scoring with 13 points. Evan Gulley and A.K. Williams pitched in with 10 apiece.

The following Tuesday night game against Mason was cancelled (as everything else was) due to the snow and icy conditions. On Friday, Jan. 19, the Broncos hosted the Brady Bulldogs, but came up short, 45-34. The Broncos could not find the bucket and found themselves

behind by 12 points at halftime. Again, the Broncos rallied to cut the Brady lead to 2 points but had to foul at the end of the game in hopes the Bulldogs would miss their free throws. It was not to be as Brady made 9 straight free throws to clinch the game. Leonard again led the Broncos in scoring with 13. Williams and Gulley had 8 and 6 points respectively.

The following day the Broncos traveled to Mason for their make-up game against the Punchers. The Broncos stamped their way to the lead in the first quarter, but the Punchers roped the Broncos in the end for a 58-46 win. The Broncos were led by Evan Rousselot's 17 points. The hardwood team is now 1-2 in district play. The Broncos travel to Comfort this Friday to face the Bobcats in the first ever match-up. Boxscore: Mason 12 14 13 19 - 58; Sonora 14 4 6 22 - 46 Scoring: Rousselot 17, Leonard 11, Williams 7, Gulley 5, Jenkins 2, Valliant 2, Acevedo 2



Craig Leonard goes up top.

Sonora Colts Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Girls	Boys
01/25	Brady	Home	Away
02/01	Blanco	Home	Away
02/05	Comfort	Home	
02/08	Comfort		Home

Sonora Broncos Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	JV	Var
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

Sonora Bronco Basketball Schedule

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Lady Broncos Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	JVG	VG
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

Lady Bronco Schedule

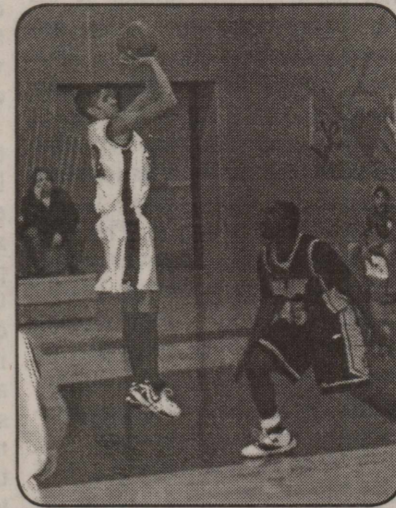
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7th Grade Boys Basketball Team Takes on Llano

By Anita Hudson

The 7th grade boys' basketball team traveled to Llano on Saturday, January 20th to play a round robin style tournament with Mason and Llano. All three teams finished with 1 win and 1 loss with the tie broken by a point differential scale and Mason being the winners.

In the first game, Sonora defeated Mason by a score of 22-19. Scoring for the colts were: Word Hudson-14, Dakota Daniels-3, Matt Young-2, Ryan SanMiguel-2, and Braxton Snyder-1. Sonora then fell to Llano by a score of 31-37 in the second game of the tournament. Scoring for the colts were: Word Hudson-12, Matt Young-8, Clayton Parks-5, Zachery Leonard-4, and Cadesman Pope-2. The Colt's next game will be on Thursday, January 25th in Brady.



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Securing Our Borders, Smartly

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

For two years, Congress has debated proposals to reform our broken immigration laws and secure our borders. Unfortunately, little progress has been made on a comprehensive solution to this problem, but we have taken some needed steps to better secure our borders.

Last year, Congress appropriated a substantial increase in funding for various measures, including additional technology and personnel. And one of the additional steps we took—authorizing a 700-mile fence at specific places along the U.S. border with Mexico—is now the topic of great debate. Some lawmakers have suggested it will not, and should not, be built, while others believe strongly that it should.

The fence, which received 80 Senate votes, has become a symbol in Washington. Some view the fencing law as a sign that Congress was finally starting to get serious about protecting the borders and restoring respect for the rule of law. Others see the fence as a barrier between two countries that should instead be building bridges—and that it is a 'solution' that will serve only to waste taxpayer money.

In mid-January, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and I invit-

ed several mayors from Texas border communities to meet in Washington with Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. The discussion topic was border security, and how best to achieve it. DHS is consulting with a variety of interested parties, including those along the border, to ensure that they are aware of the on-the-ground circumstances.

There was a strong consensus among the border leaders that securing the border is vital. There was also unanimity among the mayors that a 700-mile fence, built without consultation with state and local officials, consideration of viable alternatives and with its location dictated by Washington, would be counter-productive. The border mayors offered several suggestions on improving border security without incurring the cost and headaches over private property rights and environmental problems that would accompany the fence as proposed.

I thought the meeting was valuable in several ways. It reinforced my longstanding belief that Washington does not have a monopoly on wisdom, that people near to the problem often have insights on how to address and resolve it.

Conaway Expresses Discontent With Passage Of Damaging Energy Legislation

WASHINGTON - Today, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 6, the "Clean Energy Act of 2007". Congressman Conaway voted against this deeply flawed legislation, which contains tax increases and directly increases the cost of domestic energy production. Conaway offered two amendments to H.R. 6, which were not considered under the closed rule.

"In 1998 and 1999, the Clinton Administration entered into legally-binding contracts with energy companies," said Conaway. "This was an exchanged promise, and the United States Congress should set a proper example to the free-world that it recognizes the importance of a legally binding agreement. Instead we have a bill flawed in its mechanics that didn't even have the consideration of a committee. As one of my amendments to this rule stated, without formal committee consideration, it is in our best interest to allow the Departments of Energy and the Interior to determine if this legislation will have a negative impact. This bill is more about politics than it is about improving energy policy and our de-

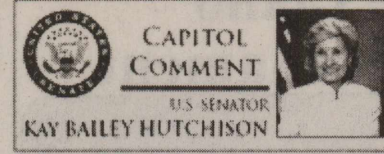
pendence on foreign oil."

Raising taxes on the oil and gas companies will decrease cash flow and thereby reduce the amount that companies are able to invest in exploration and production. This bill taxes the hard-working, risk-taking companies that provide our nation with crude oil and natural gas more harshly than other sectors. These companies are working to lower our dependence on foreign oil by reinvesting multiples of their profits into production. Domestic oil and natural gas producers routinely spend more than they earn in finding and producing energy supplies, and are lowering our dependence on foreign oil. This bill will increase our dependence on foreign oil and aggravate our long-term energy problems.

Conaway went on to say, "This bill does the exact opposite of what it says it will. It states that it will reduce our dependence on foreign oil; yet raising taxes on domestic energy producers will hamper domestic production and ultimately make the U.S. more reliant on foreign energy. This is just bad policy."

Texas' Great Outdoors

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison



This month President Bush signed into law the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act. Included in this legislation is a "Freedom to Fish" provision that I wrote to protect Texas anglers. Without my language, recreational anglers would have been penalized by restrictions intended to affect only commercial fishing. I support efforts to protect our environment in a sensible fashion and in a manner that does not deny Texans opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors.

An unmistakable part of our state's identity is its natural beauty. Texas possesses a diverse landscape that includes mountains, canyons, beaches and forests, and there are 80 state parks for Texans to explore and enjoy. Wildlife is also abundant, with nearly 300 species native to the Lone Star State.

Activities such as camping, hiking, hunting, and fishing offer a special time to appreciate nature and provide families with opportunities to enjoy Texas together. They encourage bonds and friendships. Furthermore, revenue from the management of hunting and fishing provides for many preservation efforts.

Since the 1930s, legal hunting has also funded the bulk of wildlife conservation efforts in Texas through the Wildlife Restoration Program. The federal taxes from the sale of sporting arms, ammunition, and archery equipment is appropriated to each state using a formula based on the state's total area and the number of licensed hunters in the state. Texas receives over \$8 million each year to support wildlife restoration in over 50 wildlife management areas covering more than 750,000 acres.

In other parts of the country, special-interest groups continue to take away the rights of hunters. Last fall, Michigan became the 38th state to ban dove hunting. Should a similar ban ever be proposed in Texas, I will be

the first to sign up in opposition. People who hunt and fish are already subject to stringent regulations, and passing unnecessary hunting bans would deny many Texans a cherished sport and significantly affect our state's economy. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the 1.2 million hunters in Texas who are at least 16 years old spend, on average, 14 days per year hunting and contribute \$1.5 billion annually to the Texas economy.

During my 13 years in the Senate, I have supported worthwhile preservation efforts in Texas such as the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge and secured funding to acquire threatened areas near the Big Thicket National Preserve. In Mission, I have worked to protect the natural heritage of the area by supporting conservation efforts in the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

By protecting the land, residents of the Rio Grande Valley also experience economic benefits. The World Birding Center, part of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge, is considered the richest birding area north of the Mexican border. Potential sightings of nearly 500 species of birds, birding festivals and other events have created a \$125 million annual ecotourism industry in the area. State-wide over three million wildlife watchers contribute \$1.3 billion to the Texas economy each year. Improving the local economy while preserving the habitat of endangered species is a winning combination, and I will do all I can to enhance these types of projects in the future.

As our population grows, protecting our great outdoors is intrinsically and economically valuable. Preserving our land and providing access to its treasures is a responsibility we owe future generations. I have worked for years to preserve Texas' natural habitat as well as to protect the rights of those who hunt and fish in Texas, and I will continue these efforts so others can appreciate and enjoy our land for years to come.

I Love Cowboy Logic!

All I Need To Know I Learned On The Cattle Range

By Ken Darby

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco. 2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day. 3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman...neither works. 4. Never miss a good chance to shut up. 5. Always drink upstream from the herd. 6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging. 7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket. 8. There are three kinds of men: - The ones who learn by reading. - The few who learn by observation. - The rest of them have to touch the electric fence to see if it's really on. 9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment. 10. If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

I love it! I love it! I don't know whether I am, in my mind, imposing the slow rounded cowboy drawl into the words as I read them or if it is only the

clear, down to earth logic that gets me.

However, one of the things I enjoy about cowboy humor, poetry and logic is it's clear message and simplicity.

Living in the West as I do I get many opportunities to see, hear and watch performances of Cowboy Poetry. What a treat.

Yet this style of humor has deep lessons for all of us. It keeps on telling us that regardless who we are, or who we think we are, we are still only as human as the next person and deserving of no more regard or respect than the lowliest of men.

Cowboy logic says keep your feet on the ground. Arrogance, self importance, and similar stupidity will usually get you more difficulties than favors. It is the old saying, "Those who place themselves first shall come last, and those who place themselves last shall come first."

I Love Cowboy Logic!

West Texas Medical Associates welcomes

Charles D. Harzke, M.D. Obstetrician/Gynecologist

West Texas Medical Associates is proud to announce Dr. Charles Harzke has joined Dr. Deborah Hajovsky in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Harzke and his family have relocated to San Angelo from El Paso. Dr. Harzke began seeing patients at WTMA on November 1st.

Dr. Harzke is a native Texan. He is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M in 1986 and graduated from medical school in 1991 from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Dr. Harzke completed his residency in El Paso specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. He was assistant professor in the Texas Tech OB/GYN Department in El Paso for six years and then began his private practice in El Paso.

Patient appointments may be scheduled with Dr. Harzke by calling 325-224-5431. His office is on the 2nd floor of the main WTMA building on Knickerbocker Rd.

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REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2006 TO DECEMBER 31, 2006

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
General	\$ 3,153,033.45	\$ 837,903.09		\$ 1,104,841.14		\$ 2,886,095.40
FMFC	\$ 181,881.46	\$ 110,503.12		\$ 171,837.75		\$ 120,546.83
Flood Control	\$ 12,043.69					\$ 12,043.69
Law Library	\$ 3,293.71	\$ 706.00		\$ 1,274.00		\$ 2,725.71
Lateral Road	\$ (18.55)	\$ 12,437.69				\$ 12,419.14
112th D A HOT CHECK	\$ 73.33	\$ 24.51				\$ 97.84
State Bond Fees	\$ 930.00	\$ 825.00		\$ 930.00		\$ 825.00
Employee Benefit Fund	\$ 191,058.61			\$ 15,588.00		\$ 175,470.61
Sutton County 911	\$ 6,780.40	\$ 1,748.67		\$ 1,879.03		\$ 6,650.04
Appellate Fund	\$ 380.66	\$ 170.00		\$ 450.66		\$ 100.00
Sheriff Seizure Fund	\$ 486,771.81	\$ 6,479.43		\$ 10,562.20		\$ 482,689.04
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 151,148.52	\$ 146,955.75		\$ 122,431.52		\$ 175,672.75
					TOTAL	\$ 3,875,336.05
CHECKING ACCOUNTS				General Int Nat'l	\$ 177,475.82	
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 175,672.75	FMFC	\$ 13,037.15	General Bank-Trust	\$ 1,887.82	
Appellate Fund	\$ 100.00	Sutton County 911	\$ 6,650.04	Sheriff Seizure	\$ 15,655.71	\$ 390,577.13
112th DA HOT CHECK FD	\$ 97.84					
Money Market Accounts	(General)	\$ 66,705.76	(FMFC Fund)	\$ 107,509.68		\$ 174,215.44
CD Accounts	(General)	\$ 2,843,510.15	(Seizure)	\$ 467,033.33		\$ 3,310,543.48
	(FMFC)					
					TOTAL	\$ 3,875,336.05

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

Chief execs outline priorities in inaugural speeches

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - It was a cold inaugural on Jan. 16: so cold and icy, in fact, the smaller-than-planned-for crowd moved inside the Capitol. Texans and the rest of the world enjoyed access to the inaugural ceremonies via live webcast for the first time ever. Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst were sworn in. Both men made speeches broad in scope: so broad, in fact, their words, to many ears, belied grander political ambitions. Perry regaled strong families as the backbone of society and outlined his agenda for his second full term as governor. He spoke of the need for tighter immigration control, a secure border with Mexico, safer neighborhoods, affordable health care, improvements in education, substantial and long-lasting proper-

ty tax relief, and budget reforms that would protect taxpayers.

He also echoed a theme that has a Washington, D.C.-ring to it: "Texas is better off when Republicans and Democrats work together because our potential is too vast to be spoiled by a politics leavened with partisanship," Perry said.

The Washington, D.C., Democrats let Perry know they have not forgotten his role in bringing about the unusual mid-term redistricting in 2004 that squeezed a few Democrats out of office. Dewhurst also delivered an expansive inaugural speech, with emphasis on his "Texas Children First" package of legislation.

The legislation, he said, is based on the premise that, "Safe and healthy children learn, they grow, and they go on to lead lives that strengthen our state and make us proud."

Dewhurst asked lawmakers to pass tougher laws dealing with child predators, put defibrillators in public schools and take illegal steroids out through mandatory, random drug testing.

Dewhurst assured the audience there would be a "Jessica's Law" in Texas, including an automatic 25-year sentence for first-time child molesters and a death sentence for those convicted a second time.

State unemployment rate drops

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.5 in December, the lowest in five years, the Texas Workforce Commission said in a report released Jan. 19.

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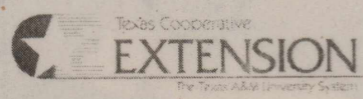
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Oil & Agribusiness

Carbon Monoxide Can Be Deadly in Winter



By Pascual Hernandez

Carbon monoxide is a silent and invisible killer that can strike down whole families while they sleep. It is a colorless, odorless gas, which kills nearly 300 people in the United States every year, according to statistics from the American Lung Association. It is the most dangerous form of indoor pollution because it can kill -- and kill quickly.

Carbon monoxide is produced when gas-, coal- or wood-burning appliances aren't working efficiently and/or aren't exhausted properly, which means exposure to the gas is particularly dangerous during the colder months when home heaters are turned on and fireplaces are fired up. Electric appliances, which don't burn fuel, do not produce carbon monoxide.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning mimic the

flu, but without the fever, and include headache, fatigue, dizziness, nausea and shortness of breath. This can lead both sufferers and their doctors to believe they have some kind of germ-caused illness, rather than carbon monoxide poisoning. Headaches or dizziness that seem to improve away from home for an extended period could also indicate carbon monoxide poisoning.

The CPSC advises anyone who thinks he or she is experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning to immediately get into fresh air. Open doors and windows to ventilate the house. Turn off any fuel-burning appliances and get outside. See a physician for a qualified diagnosis. Be sure to tell the doctor that carbon monoxide poisoning is suspected. Have the fuel-burning appliances checked by a professional before turning them back on. CPSC also recommends that to help prevent exposure to carbon monoxide danger, one should:

- Have furnaces professionally serviced every year. This

checkup should include making sure the burner and vent systems are working properly and the heat exchanger has no cracks.

- Inspect the area around the furnace to make sure enough air flow is getting to the burner to bring in fresh air. Furnaces should not be in tightly sealed spaces.

- Inspect the water heater and the furnace flue for internal obstructions or leaks around joints.

- Test a gas water heater while the burner is on by holding a lighted match under the draft hood. If the match flickers downward or goes out, the exhaust may have a backflow, which means the exhaust is coming into the house instead of outside. The match flame should burn upward toward the flue.

- Make sure dampers on fireplaces and wood stoves are open so all combustion gases -- including carbon monoxide -- flow outside anytime they are in operation.

- Never use a gas oven or stove for heat. When it starts

getting cold, people may turn on the oven and open the (oven) door to help heat the house. This can release carbon monoxide and other harmful combustion gases, such as sulphur dioxide, into the house.

- When installing or maintaining combustion equipment in the home such as heaters, water heaters, fireplaces or gas ovens and stoves -- follow directions and safety precautions carefully.

- Use carbon monoxide alarms on every floor and near sleeping areas. Sleeping people are more vulnerable to carbon monoxide because the concentration level may become deadly while they are sleeping. Choose carbon monoxide alarms that carry the CPSC and Underwriters Laboratories' seals of approval. These devices are for sale at hardware stores, discount stores -- nearly any place where smoke detectors can be found. For more information visit <http://fcs.tamu.edu/housing/housing.htm> and click on indoor air quality.

Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns

Cattlemen Continue to Assess Winter Storm Damage:

It is estimated that as many as 20,000 cattle have been lost due to winter ice and snow storms in Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Missouri according to estimates by cattle organizations in those states. "But that estimate doesn't include the additional hardships our fellow cattlemen and women are facing with feed, fencing, sickness, lost production and the costs of rebuilding their livelihoods," says Roxanne Johnson, Executive Director for the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF).

Since January 4, the NCF has been coordinating a disaster relief fund to provide aid for cattlemen hit by the recent winter storms.

Senators Push for Disaster Aid for Ag Producers:

Senator Kent Conrad (D-N.D.) introduced S. 284, the 2007 Emergency Farm Relief

Act on January 12. This bill contains provisions providing monetary assistance for producers struck by drought in 2005 and 2006, and would also provide payments for livestock losses as a result of the blizzards. The bill would provide \$4.4 billion in emergency funding to farmers and ranchers who have suffered weather-related crop production shortfalls, quality losses and damage to livestock feed supplies. It will also provide payments for the loss of livestock. Current cosponsors include: Senators Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.), Ken Salazar (D-Colo.), Ben Nelson (D-Neb.), John Thune (R-S.D.), Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Norm Coleman (R-Minn.), Max Baucus (D-Mont.), John Tester (D-Mont.), Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), Mary Landrieu (D-La.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Richard Durbin (D-Ill.), and Patty Murray (D-Wash.)

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- New 5 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 9300' Bloodworth -7- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 01/25/07 Assigned
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- New 7 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 9050' Duke Wilson -21- #16 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 704 01/20/07 Moving On
- New 8 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8950' Hudspeth -54- #10 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 01/19/07 1 Drlg Ahead
- New 9 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8950' Mayer -3c- #16 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 01/22/07 Assigned
- 10 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8950' Joe M Vanderstucken -b- #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 01/22/07 Assigned
- 11 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7800' J W Ward -118- #24 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 01/09/07 11 Drlg Ahead
- New 12 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7175' Rip Hill-ward -k48- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 01/22/07 Assigned
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- 22 Mextex Operating Co 3800' Wade -33- #6 Apollo Drilling 1 01/05/07 15 Drlg Ahead
- New 23 Dominion Ok Tx E&p Jones -118- #26 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 01/25/07 Assigned

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- New 1 Bp America Prod/mid 13200' Brown Bassett Pecos Unit #1 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 01/20/07 Rigging Up Horizontal
- 2 Fiml Natural Res 13000' Kenley #3183 Dw Grey Wolf Drilling/m 627 12/06/06 45 Drlg Ahead
- 3 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 9450' Joe Friend Estate #10-28 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 01/06/07 14 Drlg Ahead
- 4 Pogo Producing Co 9000' Conoco Powell -gms- Deep #11 Dw Capstar Drilling 9 01/01/07 19 Drlg Ahead 7712'
- New 5 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 9000' Perry -21- #20 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 109 01/21/07 Moving On
- New 6 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey -a- #718 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 01/19/07 1 Drlg Ahead
- New 7 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8850' University 56-22 #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 01/22/07 Assigned
- 8 Chevron/midland 8500' J H Scheuber -b- #19 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 01/15/07 5 Drlg Ahead
- New 9 Chevron/midland 8500' J H Scheuber -b- #20 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 01/24/07 Assigned
- New 10 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8500' Laura Hoover Estate -42c- #10 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 38 01/14/07 6 Drlg Ahead
- New 11 Fiml Natural Res 6200' Sudderth #1-14c Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 01/15/07 5 Drlg Ahead

Terrell

- 1 Energico Production 13900' Slaughter -63- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 420 11/19/06 62 Drlg Ahead
- 2 Conocophillips/odes 12500' Culbertson -16- #5 Dw Patterson Uti/lv 481 01/16/07 4 Drlg Ahead 1588'
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- New 4 Encore Operating Lp 6500' Banner #5 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 01/11/07 9 Drlg Ahead

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Bucks -.30-.50

Goats:

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Solid Mouth Angora

Stocker Nannies -.40-.50

Stocker Angora Muttons -.55-.65

Angora Kids - 1.15-1.25

Angora Kids Shorn

1.00-1.15

Weighing Angoras-Shorn

(Thin) .15-.25

Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat)

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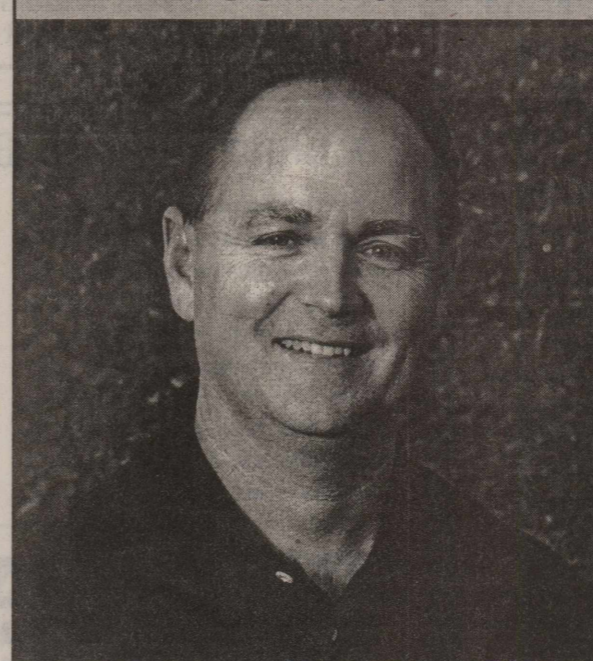
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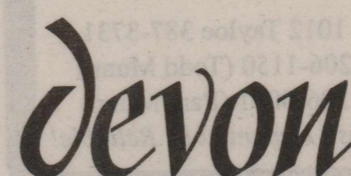
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Devon Ambassador David Purdy is a senior environmental, health and safety specialist in the Midland office. David has been with Devon for 25 years and says the best part of his job is "working out in the oilfield providing another set of eyes and ears to make sure everything is done safely." During his free time, he can be found coaching Little League Baseball, working with the youth at his church and volunteering for Christmas in Action projects. David and his wife, Lyn, are the parents of five children, Jason, Kara, Alex, David Jr. and Chris. His hobbies include history, politics and following the Houston Astros.

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Brace Yourself. Income Tax Time Is Coming.
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When it comes to getting ready to file your income tax return, remember what the Boy Scouts say: Be prepared.

That's the advice of Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist.

Make sure you have all your forms before you do anything else, she said. Have all your W-2 forms and 1099 forms from any employer or financial institution where you have interest-bearing accounts.

"W-2 and 1099s have to be in hand by Jan. 31," she said. "If you're itemizing, you need to keep track of your property tax and interest paid on your home. Don't file too soon - you might not have all your necessary paperwork yet."

To save themselves from a surprise, Cavanagh advised those who have mutual funds to check to see if they are going to owe taxes on those funds this year.

This tax season will bring some changes in what can be deducted and what can't, Cavanagh said.

As of Aug. 17, 2006, she said, only charitable contributions of clothing and household goods in very good condition are qualified as deductions. And receipts will be required when claiming any cash contributions made after that date. The Salvation Army's Web site at <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/> or the Internal Revenue Service's site at <http://www.irs.gov/> have more information.

Also this year, a credit for the Federal Telephone Excise Tax will be available on a one-

time basis, Cavanagh said. "People will be able to claim it whether they itemize or not or whether they file a tax return or not," she said. "If you don't need to file a return (for example, people who didn't have enough income in 2006) you can file for this on Form 1040-EZT and get the telephone excise tax credit."

This amount should be \$30-\$60 "depending on filing status and number of dependents," Cavanagh added. "It's a one-time credit for 2006 returns."

And then there's the Earned Income Credit, she said.

"People who meet the requirements for Earned Income Credit need to file whether or not they owe taxes in order to receive (this credit)." The IRS Web site can help in determining whether or not you meet those requirements, she added.

All these changes can be extremely confusing but the good news is: You're not in this alone, she said.

"Free tax preparation assistance is available in most communities for those with low-to middle incomes and the elderly," she said.

The two most common are the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program - frequently called VITA - and AARP's Tax Aide program, Cavanagh said.

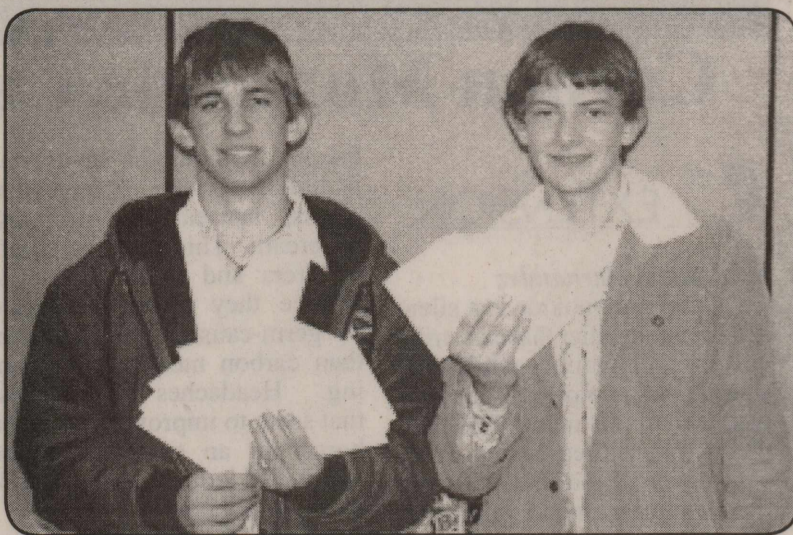
Although some volunteer income tax assistance preparation sites may have income limits, she said, "most AARP sites will prepare returns for anyone in the low- to middle-income range."

Information on these services is available on the AARP Web site at <http://www.aarp.org/> or the IRS Web site.

If you are using a tax-preparation service of any kind, Cavanagh advised taking a copy of last year's return and the Social Security cards of everyone you are claiming as dependents with you.

For more information on this and other financial topics, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Money. Source: Linda Anderson, lw-anderson@tamu.edu

Contact: Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, jacavanagh@ag.tamu.edu



Colton Moore and Bailey Joe Pennington pose with just a few of the thank you notes to be sent to service men and women serving in Iraq. As part of their community service project, Moore and Pennington purchased 75 cards to be distributed to 4-H and FFA members at the Livestock Show Awards ceremony. The cards conveyed thanks, support, thoughts and prayers for the members of the armed services for their safety while serving our country.

City Police Dispatcher Report

Arrest(s):
January 14, 2007

• 12:58 AM: Jorge Alberto Ortega, 25, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication and Disorderly Conduct.

January 19, 2007

• 11:30 PM: Hector Prieto, 29, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication and for a warrant from Guadalupe County for Driving While License is Suspended.

January 20, 2007

• 9:30 AM: Armando Nando Robles, 32, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Assault Causes Bodily Injury.
• 7:34 PM: Emmanuel Capuchina Gutierrez, 19, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Reckless Driving.

Incidents
January 15, 2007

• 7:00 AM: Caller reported a minor accident at the Shell Station. Officer responded.
• 2:00 PM: Caller reported two missing juveniles. Officer responded.
• 6:40 PM: Caller reported prank phone calls. Officer responded.
• 10:40 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

January 16, 2007

• 4:00 PM: Caller requested welfare check. Officer responded.
• 5:55 PM: Caller reported a minor accident. Officer responded.
• 6:05 PM: Caller reported a house fire. Officer responded.
• 10:20 PM: Caller reported reckless drivers. Officer responded.

January 17, 2007

• 11:07 AM: Caller reported a theft of service. Officer responded.
• 5:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

January 18, 2007

• 7:10 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 8:30 AM: Caller reported an injured deer in front of residence. Officer responded.

• 10:46 AM: Caller reported a minor accident at the Elementary school parking lot. Officer responded.

• 12:50 PM: Caller reported a minor accident at the T & C Village Market parking lot. Officer responded.

• 11:00 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.

• 11:40 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded

January 19, 2007

• 8:05 AM: Caller reported a theft of service. Officer responded.

• 8:45 AM: Caller reported a loose dog on the highway. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 9:29 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 12:43 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 2:32 PM: Caller reported a dead deer on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 4:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 9:40 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded

• 10:15 PM: Caller reported a fight. Officer responded.

• 11:30 PM: Caller reported a fight. Officer responded.

January 20, 2007

• 6:15 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.

• 6:50 PM: Caller requested welfare check. Officer responded.

• 9:10 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

January 21, 2007

• 1:35 AM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

• 1:45 AM: Caller reported vandalism on vehicles. Officer responded.

• 4:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded

• 4:35 PM: Caller reported subjects on 4-wheelers. Officer responded.

• 4:40 PM: Caller reported possible cruelty to animal. Officer responded.

• 8:20 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded

High School Speech Team Competes in Ozona

Sonora High School Speech and Academic teams competed in Ozona last week.

Those placing in the various events were: Stacy Sanchez, 1st place persuasive speaking, Travis Valliant, 2nd place in persuasive speaking, Yolanda Sanchez,

2nd place in ready writing, Kaci Chavarria, 3rd place in L.D. (Lincoln/Douglas) debate, Laura Martin, 5th place in ready writing and Marc Hernandez, 5th place in informative speaking.

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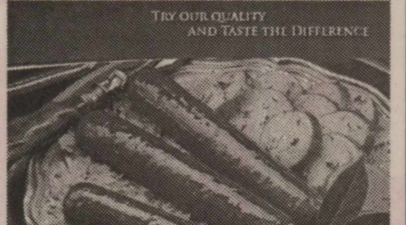
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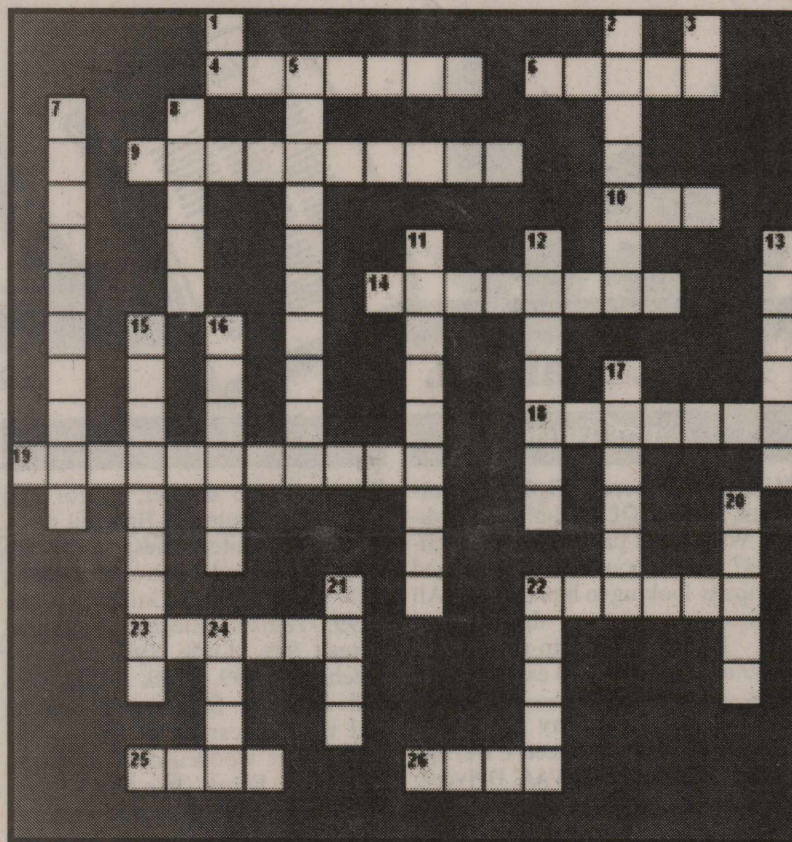
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- 4. Poor old wooden head
- 6. Voice of the Broncos
- 9. Oilfield occupation
- 10. An exact consonant
- 14. _____ partiple
- 18. A tomb that leaks oil
- 19. Searching the depths of the earth
- 22. A place for deer or low pressure and high volume
- 23. Most visited yearly by Sonorans
- 25. Need a fence built
- 26. Trade-e-o

Remember, most clues are from recent Devil's River News articles and other things of interest in Sonora, Texas.

DOWN

- 1. Freshman varsity starter
- 2. An advertising artist
- 3. Seldom correct before "and"
- 5. Freshly painted by booster club
- 7. Medication or burn
- 8. Highest points per game
- 11. Candy gram (think TV)
- 12. Popular columnist in the Devil
- 13. Popular pickup
- 15. Heal thyself
- 16. Popular mind exercise
- 17. Taught Spanish and his-

- tory
- 20. British general or local blasting expert
- 21. Intergration at Aggieland
- 22. No fries
- 24. Escape artist animal

F.Y.I.

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

Spring classes for ESL and GED began Thursday, January 4, 2007. These classes are offered free of charge on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. at the Vocational Building. For more information on ESL, call Delia Samaniego at 387-3029. For more information on GED, call Kathleen Freeman at 387-3736.

Renowned author and Bible teacher Beth Moore will speak to tens of thousands of women across North America in a live satellite simulcast based on her new book "Get Out of That Pit" on February 24, 2007. Lighthouse Community Church is hosting this live international simulcast event.

For additional information or ticketing, contact our office at (325) 387-9100.

Lynn Wipff, owner of "Tan Your Hide" would like for you to join her in celebrating one year in business with a customer appreciation day January 31, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. There will be finger foods, drinks and door prizes. Come and go as you please. "Tan Your Hide" is located at Stirrup Trouble Salon, 220 E. Main St.

The 8th Annual Polar Bear Classic sponsored by the Sonora High School Golf Team will be held Saturday, January 27, 2007 at the Sonora Golf Club. Tee time is 12:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$10.00. This will be a scramble format tournament with 18 holes of par 3 golf. Please sign-up early at the clubhouse or by calling 387-3680.

Families Helping Families - That's what foster parenting is all about. Abused and neglected children in Texas need your help. Become a foster parent. Call 325-657-7400 in San Angelo or the Texas Dept. of Family and Protective Services Foster Care and Adoption Inquiry Line at 1-800-233-4305.

A Weight Watchers Meeting will be held every Monday evening at the LMH Wellness Center meeting room. Weigh-in at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 387-BFIT or 387-2521.

Free Income Tax Preparation Feb. 10, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Memorial Building on the Courthouse Square in Eldorado. Sponsored by the AARP. Sonora taxpayers are welcome. Call Patsy at 853-2574 before Feb. 9 to make an appointment. All returns will be filed electronically that day.

On Tuesday, January 30, 2007, a member of Congressman Mike Conaway's (TX-11) staff will be in Sonora at the Sutton County Annex Building from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. to visit personally with constituents. This will allow you to share concerns, request help on a federal issue or to ask any questions you may have.

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