

# The Devil's River News

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## Vandals Strike Eaton Hill

Sonora police are investigating serious acts of vandalism occurring in the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary.

The vandalism occurred sometime over the weekend of February 3-4, 2007.

Destroyed were two concrete benches, valued at \$100.00 each, most of which came from individual donations.

Other damage included a smashed display case in the chicken coop used to house a variety of animal skulls; seven

trail markers pushed over, and several carved, interpretive panels located on the Poplar St. side "outlaw camp" were destroyed.

Eaton Hill spokesperson Delyse Jeager said, "This is very unfortunate, but not surprising. Nothing was done that can't be replaced. We ask those using the sanctuary to keep an eye open and report any suspicious activity to the Sonora police."

"We also ask anyone with information on who might have

committed this crime to come forward with information," Jeager added.

Many hours of volunteer and employee labor has been required to restore the damage already done on Eaton Hill.

The natural setting, wildlife, unique birding opportunities and native plant life are the true jewels in the crown of Eaton Hill. Manmade objects are there to enhance the experience.



Destroyed concrete bench on Eaton Hill.

Photo courtesy of Jacqui Thomas

## City to Begin Fire Hydrant Repairs

Submitted by Jim Polonis, City Manager

During the month of November 2006 the City of Sonora hired Clark Utility Service, a company that specializes in fire hydrant repairs and rehabilitation, to survey and evaluate the operability of the fire hydrants throughout the city. After the evaluation the fire hydrants were classified for repair as High Priority (24 hydrants), Medium Priority (31 hydrants) and Normal Maintenance (49 hydrants). The City has scheduled the High and Medium priority hydrants for repair.

Starting February 20, 2007 Clark Utility Service will be in Sonora to perform these repairs. It

will be necessary to turn off the water in the area where the fire hydrants are being serviced. The goal is to not have the water off no longer than two hours. However, we all know problems do and will crop up, and that will cause us to leave the water off for a longer period of time. Please be aware of this situation and be prepared to have a sufficient supply of water for at least four hours of use. Once this project is completed the City will have fire hydrants that will again perform their designed task quickly and efficiently.

## Meredith Earwood Wins Reserve Champion Buck and Doe

Submitted

At this year's San Antonio Stock Show, the Angora goat show was on Tuesday, February 5, 2007. This is one of the largest shows of the season, with exhibitors from all over the state participating. In the Open

division, Meredith Earwood won Reserve Champion Buck and Reserve Champion Doe. In the junior division, she also won Reserve Champion Doe. Meredith placed a total of 11 goats, winning two classes and many second, third, and fourth

places. Laura Martin won a second place with her aged doe. Kelsey Watkins won a fourth place with her yearling doe. Mark Holman also placed goats and Keeli Taylor participated and helped show the Sutton County goats in many classes.



Meredith Earwood displays her Reserve Champion Doe, while Michael Kissire, Sonora High School Ag. teacher displays the Reserve Champion banner for Meredith's Angora Buck. Between them is event judge Brad Spinwrath.

## Plane Crash Near Rocksprings Kills Two



Wreckage of fatal airplane crash outside Rocksprings.

Photo by Jay Adams  
By Carolyn Anderson  
of The Rocksprings Record and Texas Mohair Weekly

Two men lost their lives last Friday evening when the Cessna 310 Q twin engine, eight passenger airplane they were traveling in crashed and burned near the Edwards County Airport. Pilot Richard Jordan of Houston and passenger Joseph Walter of Spring, were almost to their destination when tragedy struck. Jordan, 33 years old, was bringing Walter, 45, a bulldozer operator, to the airport where he was to leave with another employee of landowner Jerry Hix of the Houston area. Walter was coming to the area to help build an airstrip on Hix's property which lies northeast of Rocksprings. The plane was owned by Richard Rivera, Jr. and Sr. of Drilling Structures International of Houston.

According to Edwards County Deputy Jay Adams, the two were arriving in dense fog about 5:30 p.m., Friday, February 9th when the mishap occurred. The plane crashed just east of the airport, across High-

way 55 South, in a pasture on the Wittenburg ranch. Adams said Kelly and Wes Wall of Rocksprings were traveling north toward town when they witnessed the crash. Wes said they could feel the heat of the explosion of the aircraft even though their vehicle was some 120 feet from the highway.

The employee of Hix that was waiting at the airport said the plane appeared from the east, traveled around the airport to the west side, then south and then was traveling north when it made a turn toward the highway.

Department of Public Safety, Edwards County EMS and Volunteer Fire Department along with Edwards County law enforcement officers arrived quickly on the scene of the accident.

Federal Aviation Agency and national Transportation Safety Board officials were alerted. Bill Bumps, FAA representative of San Antonio, and Craig Hatch, NTSB representative, arrived at the disaster location around noon Saturday. Their initial investiga-

tion was completed around noon on Sunday.

Edwards County Sheriff Don Letsinger said it appeared that the left wing of the craft hit the earth first, flipping it on its nose where both propellers were embedded in the ground. This part of the plane landed upside down of the fuselage. He also added that the victims suffered very serious head injuries and the plane apparently exploded in flames on impact with the earth.

"The burn area covers about a 60-70 feet swath of land," said Deputy Adams. He also related that Edwards County law enforcement maintained security of the area through the weekend.

After insurance adjusters arrived on Monday morning, a FAA recovery team began collecting the scattered parts and pieces of the plane to take back to the metro-plex area. An investigation will be conducted there, which could take up to nine months.

## Wool Judging Team Places Fifth



4-H Wool Judging team after San Antonio contest.

Left to right: Chelsey Lou Campbell, Zachary Leonard, Shana Ferris, team coach, Craig Leonard, Savannah Leonard and Emily Earwood

Submitted by Shana Ferris

On Saturday, February 10, 2007, Sutton County 4-H members participated in the San Antonio Livestock Show and Exposition Wool Judging Contest. There were 26 teams and 75 total individuals that competed in the contest. The contest duration was two hours and consists of four wool classes and a rail of twenty fleeces in which one

must determine each fleece's grade, length, and percentage yield.

Sutton County competed with two teams and came up very successful. The team consisting of Craig Leonard, Savannah Leonard, and Emily Earwood placed fifth overall with Craig Leonard being named 6th high individual. Additionally, Zachary Leonard, Chelsey Lou

Campbell, and Sterling Love placed 15th as a team. This contest is a very prestigious contest as the overall high individual is awarded a \$10,000 scholarship. Congratulations to all Sutton County judging teams on your efforts and achievements in San Antonio. Good luck in San Angelo and Houston!

## Rabies Outbreak

By Ray Glasscock

There are five people in Edwards county who will be undergoing rabies shots. A 55 year old man was bitten by a small raccoon. The man was trying to get the raccoon away from his dog. The other was a young female who was bitten by a family dog.

If a doctor decides that you

probably have been exposed to rabies, rabies shots should begin at once, preferably within 24 to 48 hours of exposure.

The first treatment provides immediate but temporary protection by injecting antibodies into the patient.

After the first treatment, CDC recommends that patients be given a rabies shot, which

starts the body producing its own antibodies. It takes some time for the body to produce the antibodies, but these antibodies provide longer-lasting protection.

The rabies vaccine was discovered by Louis Pasteur in 1885.

## 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

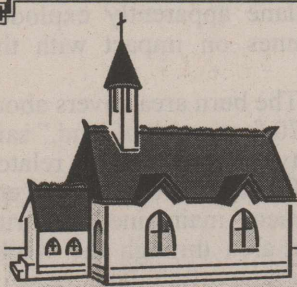
## Senior Center Activities

- Fri. Feb. 16 - Kooking with Kelly Nutrition Education at noon!
- Mon. Feb. 19 - Happy birthday Hensel Matthews! Presidents Day center closed!
- Tue. Feb. 20 - Join us for exercises or dancing! City Council at 4:00 p.m.
- Wed. Feb. 21 - Van to San Angelo, Medicals come first! Ash Wednesday
- Thur. Feb. 22 - Blood & Sugar checks with LM Hospital at 11 a.m.-?

## Senior Center Menu

- Fri. Feb. 16 - Spanish meatballs with rice, green beans, sliced tomatoes, rolls, pineapple rings and milk.
- Mon. Feb. 19 - Presidents Day Center will be closed. Sign up for holiday meals.
- Tue. Feb. 20 - BBQ chicken, beans, beets, pears with pineapple, rolls, chocolate chip cookies and milk.
- Wed. Feb. 21 - Salmon croquettes, Macaroni & Cheese, spinach, coleslaw, rolls, fruit cup and milk.
- Thur. Feb. 22 - Hamburger on a bun with onions, lettuce, tomatoes, baked french fries, whole baby carrots and peaches with topping.

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

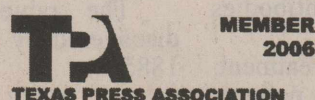
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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
After reading the story of Deputy Hernandez of Rock Springs, Texas, and hearing the interview with Sheriff Letsinger on Fox News Channel, I was just heartsick for him and his family.

I believe our law officers here in Sonora and elsewhere would agree that all of our law enforcement entities are short-handed because they aren't paid enough and the job is dangerous. Why would anyone want to be a law officer if criminals have more rights than law abiding citizens, illegal aliens have more rights than American citizens, and left wing judges are making laws instead of interpreting the law (If my memory serves me correctly, I believe this is the job of the state and federal legislative branch of government).

A member of our family is a border patrol agent. Every time a border patrol agent stops a vehicle, he never knows what to expect from the people inside. If these officers, as well as city, county, and state law enforcers, can't do their jobs without fear of reprisal, how will we protect our borders?

I am sad to say this isn't the America where I grew up. Our heroes were the people who went to their jobs everyday, putting their lives on the line for us, the soldier, the state trooper, the city cop, the fireman, the EMTs

and countless ordinary people doing extraordinary things to help their neighbors.

I truly believe the people of Sonora are some of the ordinary extraordinary people I mentioned above. I've seen so many of you come to the aid of people in need. After September 11, 2001 and Hurricane Katrina, I realized that you were on my list of some of the best people I've known in my lifetime.

I would encourage you to write to your congressmen and let them know we want our law enforcement to have the best means available to protect us and themselves. What we need is less bloviating baffle gab from our politicians and prosecutors and more common sense. (I realize that common sense and politician used in the same sentence is a contradiction in terms but I am forever optimistic).

I am giving my support to Deputy Hernandez and I hope you will too. A fund has been established to help him and his family, the address is as follows:

The Gilmer Hernandez Fund  
c/o People's State Bank  
P.O. Box 43  
Rock Springs, TX 78880

If anyone is interested in following this story, it is supposed to air Saturday, February 17th on America's Most Wanted.

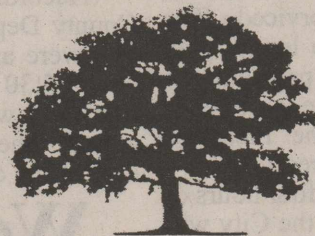
Sincerely,  
Julia Hines

## Cheddar Cheese

By Brother J

It has been around for a long time because King Henry 11 of England purchased over 10,000 lbs in 1170 AD. Its natural color is white but an extract from the Achiot tree is added to give it the yellow color. It varies in flavor from mild to sharp or extra sharp. I have had some that was so sharp that I could hardly eat it. Cheddar cheese reminds me of a problem that we all encounter time and time again in life. It is the problem of forgiving others. I came in from work the other evening tired and hungry. My wife asked me a question and my response was sharp. The next morning the first thing I did was apologize to her. The Bible

teaches us not to take every word so seriously, (Ecclesiastes 7:21). Second, it instructs us to forgive, (Matthew 5:7 & 6:12, 14, 15). Many times I find it hard or impossible to forgive and I have to call upon God to help me, (Philippians 4:13 & Galatians 5:22, 23). Do we just forgive once? No the Bible says time and time again, (Matthew 17:4 & 18:22). The Bible also teaches if we are unwilling to forgive others, God will not forgive us, (Mark 11:25). With Christ's help, we can become tenderhearted, merciful, forgiving and not hold grudges, (Romans 12:17, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13). See you in Church next Sunday.



## SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

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Please consider the Sutton County Health Foundation,  
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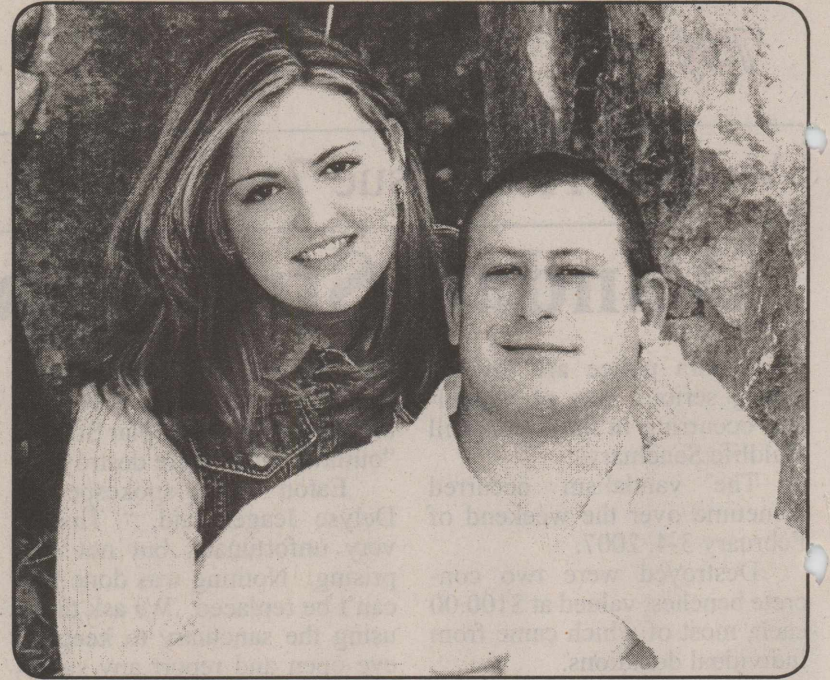
## Happy Birthday

- February 16**  
Jack Turney, Laura MacArthur, Elaine Roberson, Daniel Ward, Megan Barker, Karen Fincher, Juan Jimenez, Genaro Perez, Jerry Wallace, Jacquelynn Castillo, Johnny Arispe, Meghan Baker, Shea Holmes, Michael McReynolds
- February 17**  
Sara Daubney, Linda Patlan, John Clayton Childress, Lisa Seaton, Emily Gonzales, Doug Hudleston, Toni M. Vela, George Wallace, Debbie Buitron, April Castro
- February 18**  
Amanda Martin, Idalia Perez, Michael Creek, Sammy Mata, Taylor Lopez, Kent McAnally, Chance Dillard, Zadrion McGee, Edward Virgen, Annette Gamez, Belinda Perez
- February 19**  
Michael I. Solis, Antonil Luna, John valdez, Paul Ramsdell, Curtis E. Lipham, Corin Geske, Madison McGavock, Brianna Reyna
- February 20**  
Tyler Paganucci, Dustin Crittendon, Wilma Villanueva, Curly Faulks
- February 21**  
Jimmy Crowder, Nevada Payne, Melissa Duhon, Owne Freiss, Hector Michael Garrillo, Melissa Duhon
- February 22**  
Ben Ingham, Emilce Hernandez, Terri Slaugh, Kate Jennings, Lewis Baker, Jacque Baker

## Letter to the Editor

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## Engagement Announcement



Todd and Pam Munn of Sonora, TX and James and Tonya Vick of Bristow, OK proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Shannon Marie Vick to Ryan Lee Gill, son of Greg Kent of Eden, TX, Mike Gill of San Angelo, TX and Edna Gill of San Antonio, TX.

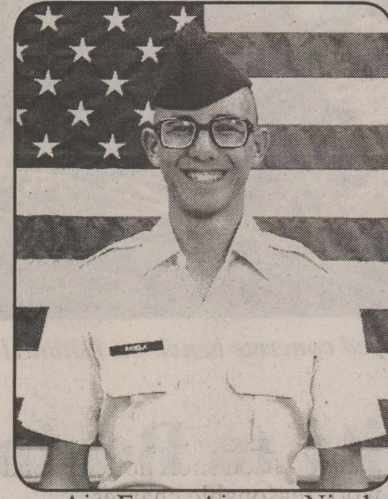
Shannon is a 2003 graduate of Sonora High School and is attending Angelo State University, majoring in psychology, and is currently working for the Concho Valley Home for Girls.

Ryan is a 2000 graduate of Lakeview High School and is currently working for Pruitt Tool Company.

The couple is residing in San Angelo, TX.

The wedding ceremony will take place in the Commissary Building at Fort Concho in San Angelo, TX on March 3, 2007. Pastor Don Longoria of the Lighthouse Community Church of Sonora, TX, will be officiating.

## Airman Favela Graduates from Basic Training



Air Force Airman Nicolas H. Favela has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

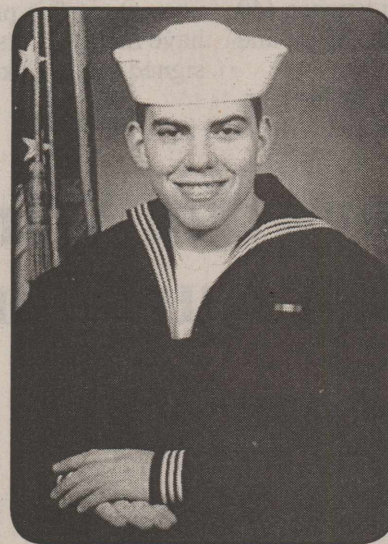
During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Favela is the son of Jamie and Debra Favela of E. Poplar St., Sonora, Texas.

He is a 2006 graduate of Sonora High School.

## Seaman Crawford Graduates from Basic Training



By Blaine Crawford

Jaaron Strait Crawford 18, a 2006 graduate of Eldorado High School, completed U.S. Navy Basic Training on January 12, 2007.

Jaaron, the son of former Sonora resident Blaine Crawford, and grandson of Odie Spring of Sonora, along with 613 other seaman recruits participated in graduation ceremonies

conducted at the Recruit Training Command located in Great Lakes, Illinois, on the southwest side of Lake Michigan.

Jaaron's Division No. 043 won the Olympics competition during boot camp. Each of the 614 graduates, representing eight divisions was awarded a medal for "enlisting in time of war".

Jaaron was also awarded two medals for marksmanship, having scored 234 out of a possible 240 points in the sharpshooter trials.

Jaaron is now stationed in Gulfport, Mississippi for additional training. He will be eventually deployed to either Iraq or Kuwait during the next year and a half.

In addition to his father, living in Eldorado and his mom living in South Carolina, Jaaron has numerous aunts and cousins living in the Sonora area, including: Francis Tackel, Rhonda Blackman, Michele and Darla Lipham and Maray Cearley.

## Eldorado Nursing Home Chit Chat

By Annie Arispe

Teddy Bears have been around a long time and through the years have gained a reputation of being loyal friends.

Some have even become quite famous; Yogi, Smokey the Bear, and the most distinguished bear of them all - Pooh Bear!

Most teddys are just regu-

lar old bears: Always ready to be huggable friends. Hugging a teddy bear can make almost anything better.

On Valentine's Day, a five foot Hug-A-Bear visited us and made itself available for hugs. We also raffled off a three foot teddy bear.

## Historical Society

### ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Q. I am trying to locate a marriage certificate for 1909 for Robert Clark, working at Davis Ranch in Sonora, and Jennie; can you help me?

A. The Devil's River News, January 1, 1910 Married at Goldthwaite on Friday, December 24, 1909, Miss Jennie Wrinkle to Mr. Robert Clark, Rev. Harrison officiating. The happy couple has arrived in Sonora and will make their home on the J. L. Davis Ranch. The groom is a young man of sterling worth and the son of Mrs. C. R. L. Crick.

Q. How did they get wool from Sonora to Kerrville?

A. The wool was hauled in what was called trail wagons. Approximately two to three million pounds would arrive in Kerrville each year from distant ranches. The trail wagon was the same as any other wagon, except that there are two or three heavy freight wagons coupled together and drawn by one team. A single team frequently hauled 10,000 pounds of wool and sometimes as high as 15,000 pounds. The teams were unusually small Texas horses or mules that weighed 800 to 1,000 pounds each and it is truly remarkable the way they hauled these enormous loads across the rough mountain country. Freighters were usually very experienced handlers of teams and wagons. You wouldn't trust your wool to untrained men.

Let's take a look at what the merchants were advertising in 1910: T. L. Benson Co. of Eldorado was selling a car of that had just arrived. Any size you want and price guaranteed to all. Liberal terms or discount for cash.

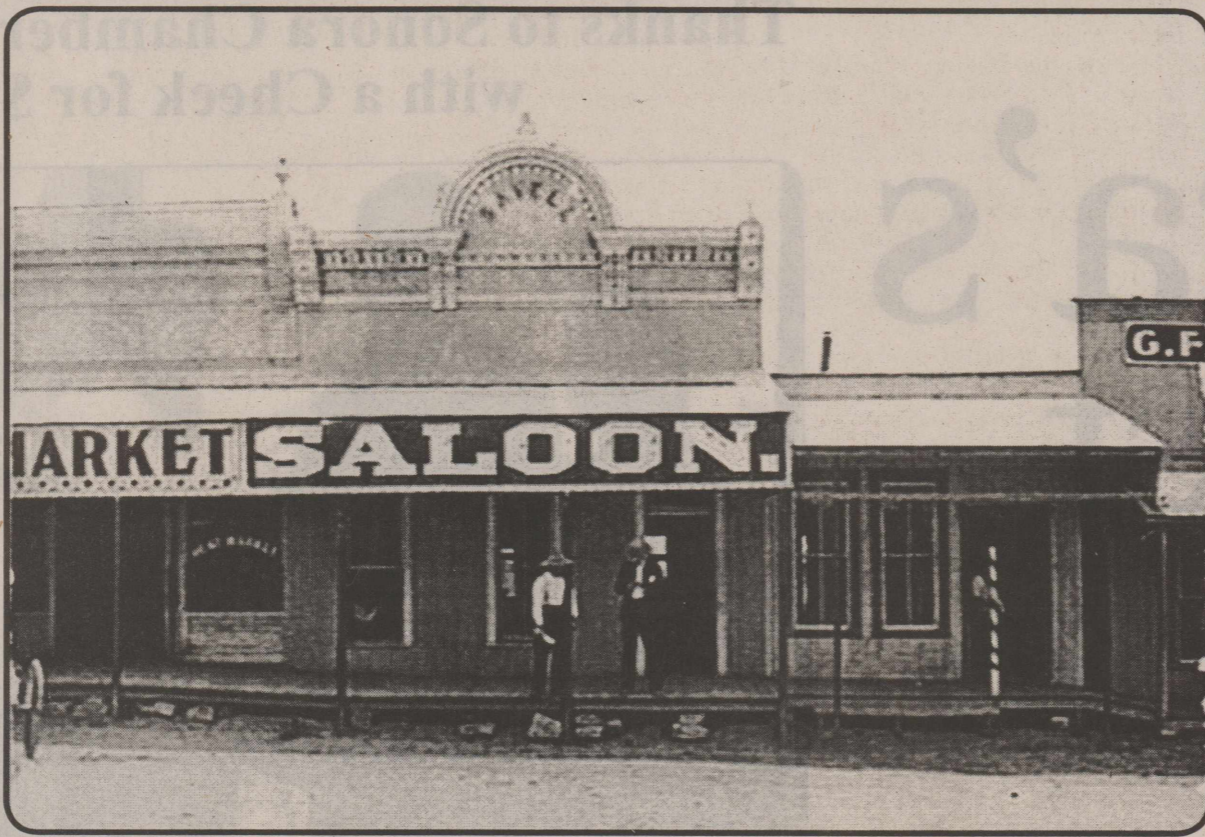
Chas. Schriener Banker and Commission Merchant (unincorporated), Kerrville.

The Favorite Saloon is not effected by the passage of the Pure Food Law. Our liquors are all GOOD. Some Special Brands for Family and Medicinal Purposes. ICE COLD BEER AND MINERAL WATERS ALWAYS ON HAND. Theo. Savell, Proprietor.

The Rock Front J. G. Barton, Proprietor, Cold Beer and Soft Drinks, Pure Wines and Liquors, Choice Cigars, Etc. Phone orders to 97 will receive prompt attention. Your trade courteously appreciated.

John Hurst, Experienced Well Driller, Quick, Reliable and Satisfactory Contracts to go down 1,000 feet or less, Sonora. Joe Berger Contractor and Builder, estimates furnished.

WOOD, WOOD, WOOD See J. C. Wilson for dry Cedar stove wood.



Theo Savell's Saloon and Market prior to 1902.

The Red Front Stable, Robert Anderson, Prop., Hay and grain your patronage solicited.

Employment Bureau, All kinds of labor contracted. Also Spanish Interpreting. Charges reasonable. Write, see or phone Trainer Bros., at The Bank Saloon.

Fred Berger, Boot and Shoe Maker, repairing neatly done. Charges reasonable. Sonora

Estes & Heflin Blacksmiths desire a share of your business. We will do good work and our charges will be reasonable. Horse Shoeing a Specialty.

Henry Sharp Windmill Erector and Repairer, All kinds of gasoline engines put up and repaired. Orders left at Merck's Blacksmith Shop will be attended to. Phone 41.

Kenneth Taliaferro, The Tailor new samples just received, leave your orders, cleaning and repairing. Shop located in the old Bank Building.

Sam Merck Blacksmith and Machinist. (The Old Potter Shop) All kinds of iron and wood work, boilers refueled, gasoline engine, windmill repairs done on short notice. Good work reasonable charges.

Sonora, Eldorado & San Angelo Mail, Express and Passenger Line, Craddock & Williams, Proprietors. Automobile or Stage Service. Automobile leaves Sonora daily, except Sunday, at 7 o'clock a.m., arrives at San Angelo the same evening. Leaves San Angelo at 7 o'clock a.m. and arrives in Sonora in the evening. Automobile Fare \$6 one way, Round Trip \$10.

Stage leaves Sonora Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock a.m. arriving in San Angelo that night. Leaves San

Angelo Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock a.m. arriving in Sonora that night. Stage Fare \$4.00, Round Trip, \$7.00.

Offices at Nathan's Drug Store, next to the bank.

The First National Bank, E. R. Jackson, President; W. L. Aldwell, Cashier; E. F. Vander Stucken, Vice President. Capital and Surplus \$99,000. We have never changed our motto: Give us your business and we will make you feel at home.

Nathan's Pharmacy, A. H. Nathan, Proprietor, Sonora, next door to the First National Bank. Honest treatment, pure drugs and appreciation for your patronage will be found at Nathans Pharmacy. Everything in cut glass, jewelry and watches. Watch our window.

Martin Commission Co., The Land and Livestock Commission Men, Sonora, Texas. Is offering for sale a number of ranches, and has on his list cows, stock cattle, steers of all ages, sheep and goats. In fact if you want to buy or sell anything in the "Paradise" give me a call or write me.

Bank Saloon, Trainer Bros, Props. Good wines, liquors and cigars. Budweiser Beer always on hand. Headquarters for everybody.

Build Now! Lumber at San Angelo at San Angelo prices or at Sonora with freight added for the wagons. From the yard in small quantities the cost of hauling is added. Let me figure on your bill.

B. F. Bellows, Lumber, Sonora.

J. A. Ward was selling some billy goats and W. E. Dunbar was selling 1600 head high bred, heavy shearing Angora

Goats. Thomas Bond was selling 150 French Merino Rams. T. D. Word was selling 50 Delain Bucks at his ranch 20 miles east of Sonora. Other advertisements were for:

Cornell & Wardlaw Attorneys-at-law, H. R. Wardlaw, M.D., Dr. L. F. Robichaux Dentist and The Corner Drug Store, Joe B. Blakeney, Proprietor.

We hope you are keeping an eye on the Sutton County Historical Society's new building, The Ice House Museum. Our carpenter has been working away on the exterior, restoring it to the way it looked in 1928, when it was built. Once he finishes interior framing we will be getting the windows put in and let our electrician start work. This has been a long project but we have saved a great deal of money by doing the gutting of the building ourselves. We can always use a little more money for this project.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to [schs@sonoratx.net](mailto:schs@sonoratx.net) or [mailto:schs@sonoratx.net](mailto:mailto:schs@sonoratx.net). Our offices are open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings and are located at 307 Oak St. Stop by and use our archives, [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com), or just visit the Miers Home Museum and view items we have on display in the office. You may call us these same mornings to arrange rentals at 387-5084.

Remember to pray for rain, while we deeply appreciate what the Lord has sent us, we could always use a little more.

### 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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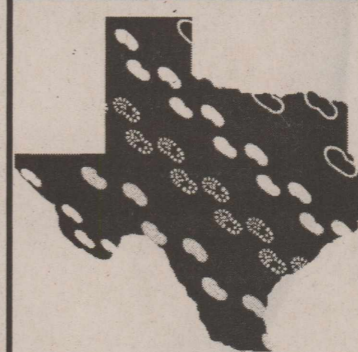


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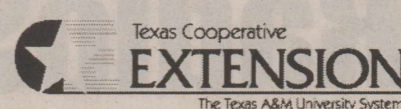
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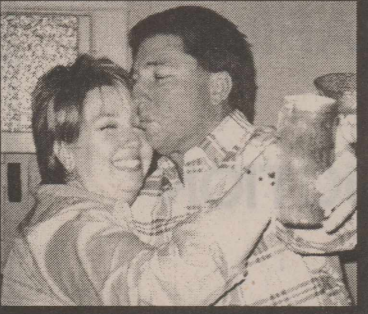
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### CHAMBER CHATTER

By Becky Covington

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Center operates with regular business hours of Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visitors are provided with city and county maps, local brochures, motel and restaurant listings, and any other information requested. Records are maintained of how many visitors, phone calls and e-mails we receive each month at the Welcome Center. The current records indicate that between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006 we had the following visitors and requests: Tourists visiting the Welcome Center: 815 (In-state 448, out of state 367) Phone calls & e-mails requesting information about: Caverns of Sonora - 203 Hunting & hunting lease information - 179 Motel accommodations/ restaurants - 201 Relocation - 64 Events - 645 General Information - 711 Website hits to Date: 16,460 Website hits total: 63,073 Mailed Requests: Brochure Requests: 6,078 Event Packets: 479 Hunting Lease Guides: 21 Relocation Packets: 142 Chamber & Visitor Centers: 3,360 **Directors:** The nomination committee of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce has recommended and do hereby submit the following individuals for election to the Board of Directors of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce: Gerry Ingham Eddie Arteaga

Mary Ann Pajestka Ryon West

If you wish, additional names of candidates for directors can be nominated by submitting a petition bearing at least 25% (48) of the qualified members of the Chamber. Any petitions that are submitted must be received at the Chamber office no later than February 19, 2007. If there are no petitions filed by February 19, 2007, the nominations shall be closed and the nomination slate of candidates shall be declared elected by the Board of Directors at the regular March board meeting. If a legal petition is submitted, the names of all candidates shall be arranged on a ballot in alphabetical order with instructions to vote for 4 candidates only and ballots will be sent to all qualified Chamber of Commerce members.

**Daddy Daughter Date Nite:**

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is proud to host its annual Daddy Daughter Date Night event. This evening is a perfect opportunity for fathers, or grandfathers, uncles, or any adult escort to take their special little girl out for a night she will never forget! Children grow up so fast - this is the perfect way to spend some quality time with your little girl. The event will be held on Friday, February 16, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Girls Pre-K - 8th grade will enjoy an evening of dancing and refreshments. The night will begin with a photograph of the couple, a disc jockey will spin music throughout the evening and your girl can leave the party with a special bear for \$2.00 each. Tickets can be purchased

at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for \$7.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door.

**Jake Hooker and the Outsiders:** The Chamber of Commerce will be selling advance dance tickets for \$10.00 per person or you can purchase them at the door for \$12.00. The dance will be held at the slab at the Sutton County Park or if inclement weather in the Civic Center on Saturday, March 31, 2007 in conjunction with the Vernon West Memorial Team Roping.

**NEW MEMBER:** We would like to welcome Weatherford International Ltd., located at 3269 S. Service Road as the newest member to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Art Velasquez is the District Manager and they specialize in controlled pressure drilling. Thank you, Weatherford International Ltd., for locating in Sonora and supporting our community.

**Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events**

**Daddy Daughter Date Nite**  
Sutton County Civic Center  
Tickets \$7.00, At door \$10.00  
7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.  
February 16, 2007

**Vernon West Memorial Invitational Team Roping**  
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## A Boat's More Fun If You've Got the Right One

By Luke Clausen

As a professional bass angler, I spend the months in between seasons preparing for the next year. I take an inventory of my tackle and tools, repairing some and replacing others. Though my season is about to kick off later this month, I realize that many of you are waiting on the return of warmer weather before you return to the water in search of fish.

Instead of sitting inside (where it's no doubt warm) and wishing you were fishing, now is a great time to think about what kind of fishing and how much of it you plan to do in the next year. If you find that you need new baits or rods and reels, now is a great time to go to your favorite tackle store and stock up. If you realize that you're in need of a new boat, don't feel like you need to rush out and pick one up today. Take advantage of the boat show season because there's sure to be one near your area where you can talk with experienced sales professionals who can give you guidance on what kind of boat best suits your needs.

When choosing what kind of boat you want to fish out of for the next year or the next 10, the first thing you need to identify is what do you plan to do with the boat? Are you an angler? Do you want to ski or take pleasure rides or do you need something that does it all? Some boats only do one - like my Ranger Z19, which is designed specifically for serious fishing. Some have multiple functions. Also, where do you plan to do these activities? My tournament schedule calls for fishing a lot of southern lakes with lots of trees and boat docks to maneuver around, so I went with the 19-foot Ranger. Anglers on the Great Lakes would be better served with a 21-footer. Also, do you plan to use your boat in fresh or saltwater? Most boat are not designed to do both and you can easily ruin a freshwater boat in saltwater.

Once you know where you're going and what you're doing, you need to know how many people are going with you. That helps you determine what size boat you need. Are you taking yourself and a friend or the whole family? Size also determines how much gear you can haul and what kind of conditions the boat is designed for. Once you know how big your boat will be, you can determine what kind of vehicle you need to haul it. Remember: the bigger the boat, the bigger the tow vehicle. Make sure you consult your vehicle's owner's manual for specific towing instructions.

One of the choices that many people struggle with is aluminum or fiberglass. In the past, aluminum boats have been cheaper, but with the rising cost of aluminum, these boats are every bit as expensive and sometimes even more so than a fiberglass boat. Also, an advantage of fiberglass over aluminum is the soundness of the construction. Because a fib-

erglass hull is one solid piece, you are less likely to experience problems that welded and riveted aluminum hulls have. Also, fiberglass is cheaper to repair and makes for a more stable platform, providing extra peace of mind. Plus, fiberglass boats are rated for more horsepower than aluminum boats of the same size, which is important to those people who like to go fast on the water.

A boat is a great investment in yourself and your family. I wouldn't trade anything for the times I spent on the water with my family as a child. We fished and skied and enjoyed each other's company away from the TV and the telephone and I feel that it had a great influence on the person that I became. If you want to have the same experiences with your family, now's the time to start investigating your options by going to a boat show and finding the boat that's right for you.

Ranger Boats Pro Staff member Luke Clausen is the 2006 Bassmaster Classic champion and the youngest angler in professional fishing history to eclipse the \$1 million career earnings mark.

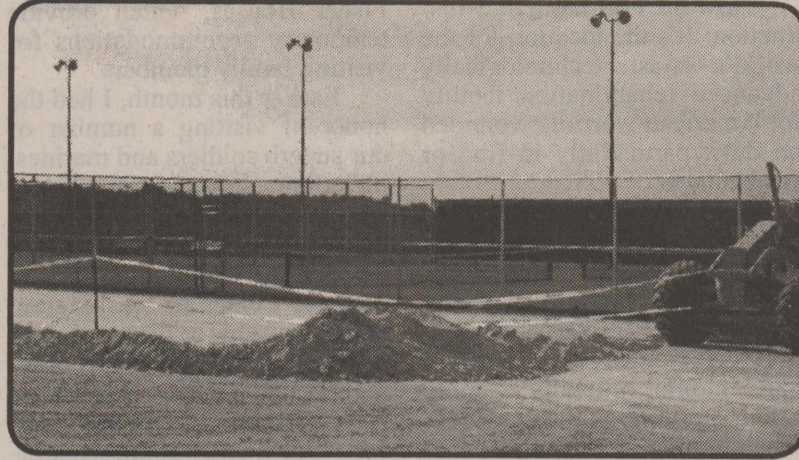
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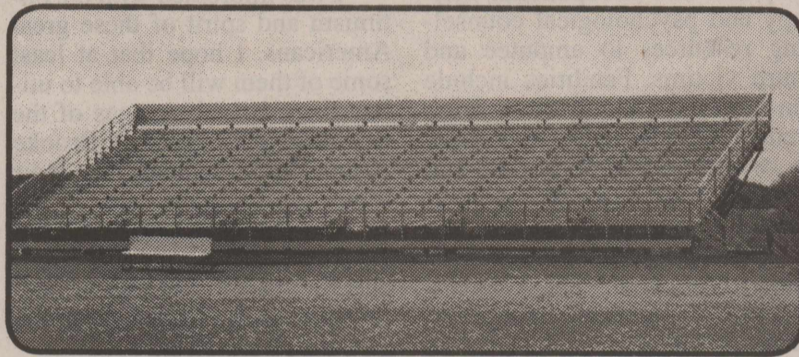


## Lady Broncos Send-Off

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Last week's Crossword answers

## 2007 Bronco Tennis Schedule

Date	Tournament
Feb. 16-17	Ozona (Jv-2/15)
Feb. 23-24	Eldorado
March 2-3	Regional Team Tennis (San Angelo)
March 9-10	State Team Tennis (Austin Area)
March 16-17	San Saba
March 23-24	Reagan Co. (Jv-3/20)*
March 29-31	Mason*
April 9-10	District (Mason)*
4/25, 26	Regional (Abilene)
5/7-8	State (Austin)
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**The Home of the Intrepid**

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn  
Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio is the most important military medical training and treatment facility in the world.

The Fort was built in 1875, but its roots date back to arrival of the first U.S. soldier in Texas in 1845. From 1910 until World War II, Fort Sam was the largest Army post in the continental U.S., and played a key role in the beginnings of military aviation.

Since the mid-1940s, Fort Sam has been the nucleus of U.S. Army medicine. The base spans 3,000 acres and employs more than 27,000 military and civilian personnel.

Now the Fort has a new distinction: It's the location for the world's most technologically advanced rehabilitation facility for American warriors wounded on duty, particularly in Iraq or Afghanistan.

These wounded men and women deserve the very best facilities, and the "Center for the Intrepid" certainly delivers. Last month, inspiring dedication ceremonies were held in San Antonio, officially opening a four-story, 65,000-square-foot rehabilitation facility adjacent to Brooke Army Medical Center.

It offers state-of-the-art physical and occupational therapy and psychological counseling resources to amputee and burn victims. Facilities include an indoor running track, a firing range, an Olympic-sized pool, a two-story climbing wall and other notable rehabilitation benefits.

Modern technology is evident throughout. The Center's "computer assisted rehabilitation environment," known as CAREN, is as advanced as any facility in the world. CAREN provides virtual landscapes that simulate everything from a city sidewalk to a peaceful lake. Rehabilitation patients use the unit to improve their gait and balancing skills.

The Center reflects our nation's gratitude for the bravery, patriotism and service offered by our troops.

Another positive aspect of this cutting-edge project is that

it was made possible through the generosity of individual citizens, rather than relying solely on the government.

Resources for the \$50 million facility came from the hearts and pockets of an estimated 600,000 Americans who donated anything from pennies to millions of dollars. The Center is the largest single private contribution to our nation's wounded military.

The fundraising campaign was led by philanthropist Arnold Fisher of New York and the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. In addition, the Center opened along with two new 21-bedroom Fisher Houses, which provide temporary accommodations for visiting family members.

Earlier this month, I had the honor of visiting a number of our superb soldiers and marines, including some from Texas, who were wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan and are undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. I was able to discuss career options and future plans with several patients and their families on the wards, and with men and women undergoing rehabilitation in the Physical and Occupational therapy clinics.

I was impressed with the optimism and spirit of these great Americans. I hope that at least some of them will be able to utilize the great advantages of the new Intrepid Center at Brooke Army Medical Center for their future rehabilitative care.

The Intrepid Center will be a great asset for our service members for years to come as we care for those on the front lines of the global war on terror.

It's heartening that so many individual Americans are eager to show their appreciation to those defending our freedom. Our nation has a solemn duty to provide for our troops, and the government can never do enough to demonstrate our gratitude for their sacrifice. But voluntary points of light made the Intrepid Center possible, and that spirit of shared mission makes our country even greater and stronger.

**Conaway Comments On Nancy Pelosi's Request For 'Air Force Three'**

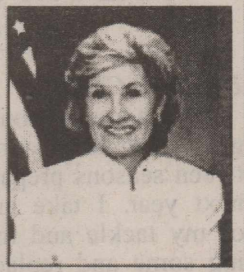
WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Mike Conaway (TX-11) issued the following statement in response to Speaker Pelosi's request for a plane that includes 42 business class seats, a fully enclosed stateroom, an entertainment center, and a crew of 16 to travel between Washington, D.C. and her home state of California.

"It doesn't take a CPA to understand the cost/benefit of the Speaker's request. The cost to operate the aircraft that she is request-

ing, a military version of the Boeing 757, is \$22,000 per hour, as opposed to the G-5 aircraft, used by former Speaker Hastert, which runs at about \$5,000 an hour. Her luxury jet would cost taxpayers \$1.6 million per month, nearly 1400 times the cost of traveling commercially. The safety of the Speaker of the House is a top priority; however Speaker Pelosi's request is an overreach, is fiscally irresponsible, and sets a bad example for her party to follow."

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**Mass Transit in Texas**

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Texas has a strong allure that has attracted people to our state since its earliest days. When David Crockett arrived from Tennessee in 1836 to fight in the Texas Revolution, he famously said, "I must say as to what I have seen of Texas it is the garden spot of the world. The best land and the best prospects for health I ever saw, and I do believe it is a fortune to any man to come here. There is a world of country here to settle."

This attraction has grown in recent years, as our population has increased by 8.6 million people since 1980 and experienced a growth rate of approximately 20 percent for each of the last two decades. Such rapid expansion presents our state with both challenges and opportunities. While new Texas residents boost our economy, the influx of people can also stress our infrastructure. This stress is most apparent on our roads and highways.

Highways may be the bread and butter of our transportation system, but simply building additional thoroughfares is not the sole solution to this problem. We must also commit to mass transportation, which is economic, efficient, environmentally friendly, and a key component of the multi-modal solution that our state requires. Good urban transportation also benefits rural areas, because higher traffic volume accelerates the deterioration of roadways and increases maintenance costs for all taxpayers.

One of my earliest legislative achievements in the Texas House of Representatives was writing our state's first mass transit bill, which led to the creation of mass transit in Houston and San Antonio. Dallas received authority for mass transit later, and its system has grown into one of the finest in the country.

During my time in the United States Senate, I have continued to support Texas mass transit. Last year, I worked with leaders from Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) to secure a \$700 million Full Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration. This agreement allows DART to begin a \$2.5 billion expansion that will lead to the extension of its rail system to 90 miles by 2013.

Houston's Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) is now pursuing its own grant agreement to best serve the resi-

dents of Harris County, and I am especially pleased that projects to expand METRO were included in President Bush's Fiscal Year 2008 budget. This recognition is an important step towards securing future federal funding.

While light rail is effective in densely populated urban areas, I believe that traditional railways can serve as additional transportation options throughout Texas if their performance improves. Since bus companies are willing to maintain terminals at train stations, railways facilitate statewide travel by connecting small towns to larger cities. I also support efforts to create new express trains between adjacent metropolitan areas, similar to the Trinity Railway Express (TRE), which links Fort Worth, Dallas, and DFW airport. In the future, I would like to see a commuter train built between Austin and San Antonio that would allow Texans who live between these cities to more easily commute to their places of business.

Another option for reducing highway congestion is creating toll roads. While I agree that toll roads can make a positive impact in areas where residents have approved them, I am strongly opposed to authorizing new tolls on existing roads previously built with taxpayer money. It is grossly unfair to force drivers to pay to drive on roads whose construction was funded with public tax dollars.

Building toll roads also presents a challenge regarding ownership of property. Many areas where new toll roads are projected to be built are on property owned by private citizens. The rights of these property owners must be protected and kept in mind by legislators at all levels of government when addressing the transportation needs of our state.

Texas has always been a forward-looking state that embraces innovation and offers limitless opportunity to its residents. Meeting our state's transportation needs requires collaboration, cooperation, and most importantly, an understanding that people will continue to come to our great state. David Crockett's description of our state still rings true, and to prepare for the inevitable arrival of additional residents, we must work together to make sure that the Texas of tomorrow remains as inviting as the Texas of yesterday and today.

**Sen. Hutchison Meets with Texas Agriculture Leaders**


WASHINGTON - Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, today met with representatives of the Southwest Council of Agribusiness to discuss the reauthorization of the Farm Bill and other issues of critical importance to Texas farmers and ranchers.

"Agriculture is integral to our Texas economy and our way of life," Sen. Hutchison said. "I am always pleased to meet with

leaders of the agricultural community to learn how we can help their industry continue to meet the nation's food and fiber needs."

The Southwest Council of Agribusiness is an alliance of agricultural organizations, financial institutions, and businesses located in the southwestern region of the U.S. who work together to further the goals of farmers and ranchers.

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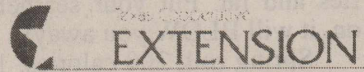
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# Seed Rangeland To Boost Forage



By Pascual Hernandez

The good moisture we've been blessed with this winter provides promise for spring growing conditions. Much better than this time last year. Ranchers wanting to improve rangeland condition may consider a seeding program during the next few weeks. Seeding forage-deficient ranges with desirable forage plants can make them productive again. Seeding is also necessary following root-planting for brush control.

Range seeding is usually done in late winter or early spring. Since seeding is expensive and the risk of failure is always present, careful attention must be given to a number of factors. To begin, evaluate the quantity and distribution of desirable plants currently present. If desirable plants make up less than 10 to 15 percent of the vegetation, seeding is probably necessary. Ranges can be improved by grazing management and brush and weed control if desirable plants are uniformly distributed and make up more than 10

to 15 percent of the vegetation. Seed only better sites to insure reasonable chances of success. Steep, potentially erosive sites should not be disturbed. Seeding range sites that receive runoff water usually provide good results.

Species and varieties of plants selected for seeding must be adapted to the area's soil, climate and topography. Also, plants selected should be easily established, palatable to animals, relatively productive, able to withstand invasion by undesirable plants, able to withstand moderate grazing and able to prevent erosion under moderate grazing.

As far as the seeding operation is concerned, plant into a well prepared seedbed. An ideal seedbed is firm below seeding depth and free from live plant competition. It has moderate amounts of mulch or plant residue on the soil surface. On rangeland, however, the ideal seedbed is a goal seldom attained because of expense and expected return. The two most common methods of seeding rangeland are broadcast and drill. Broadcasting places seed on the soil surface while drilling

puts seed into the soil. Drilling is the superior method of seeding where a drill can be used. However, broadcast seeding by aerial or ground application is often used because most drills are not sturdy enough for rough rangeland.

When to seed is important. Warm-season plants grow if seeded in late winter or early spring. A newly seeded area will need protection from grazing until seedlings are estab-

lished. With exceptionally good growing conditions, deferment through one growing season may be sufficient. During periods of harsh growing conditions, two or three years of deferment may be necessary to allow seedlings to establish. Seeding can rejuvenate poor ranges, but careful attention must be given to proper planning, use of correct plant material, seeding methods and good management.

## Farm Service Agency Schedules Public Meetings in Twelve Texas Counties

College Station- John T. Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) and members of his management team have scheduled public meetings in 12 Texas counties to solicit public comment on Texas FSA's proposed plan to close county offices in Texas.

According to Fuston, provisions outlined in The President's Management Agenda of 2002 as well as federal budget constraints have required FSA to re-evaluate the way the Agency conducts business in the 21st century; thereby necessitating closure or consolidation of FSA county offices throughout the U.S. and in Texas.

"Technology has forced government to reconsider how it does business and to take a hard look at how the private sector has improved delivery of goods and services through consolidations and mergers," said Fuston. "Improving how the agency implements program delivery through technological advancements require that we streamline and centralize delivery of services."

These public meetings will provide the only opportunity for public comment on FSA's plan to restructure the agency in Texas. All public comment will be taken into full consideration prior to development or implementation of a final restructuring plan.

Meeting dates and locations are:

**Wed. Feb. 21-** Goliad County, 1 p.m., County Extension Service, 118 Market St. Goliad.

**Thurs. Feb. 22-** Zapata Co. 9 a.m. Zapata Co. Library, 901 Kennedy St. Zapata.

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## TSGRA Meeting set for Sonora This Weekend

By Gary McGehee

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association will be Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at the 4-H Center, 1700 N. Crockett, Sonora, TX. Those needing reservations for Friday, Feb. 16th, may contact Comfort Inn, 311 N. Hwy. 277, Ph. 325 387-5800; Best Western Sonora Inn, 270 N. Hwy. 277, Ph. 325 387-9111; or Days Inn Devils River, 1312 N. Service Rd., (325) 387-3516.

For those coming in early, we will have a reception Friday evening, Feb. 16, at the home of Bob and Nancy Brockman, 302 Marigold, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Registration will begin Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the lobby of the 4-H Center. The business portion of the meeting will get under way at 9:30 a.m. and conclude with the noon

meal, which is included in the \$15.00 registration fee. Dr. Ed Smith, Director of the Texas Cooperative Extension Service, will be our keynote speaker at noon.

Our committee chairmen have planned interesting speakers to bring you up to date on matters of interest to you as producers. The TSGRA Auxiliary will be meeting at 10:00 a.m. Saturday in the conference room at the 4-H Center.

So we can have a better idea of how many people to plan for, please complete the pre-registration form and return it with your check to TSGRA, P. O. Box 2290, San Angelo, TX 76902 by Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007. Be sure and mark what you will be attending. (Remember to save the top part of the letter!) We will be looking forward to seeing you in Sonora on Feb. 16-17.

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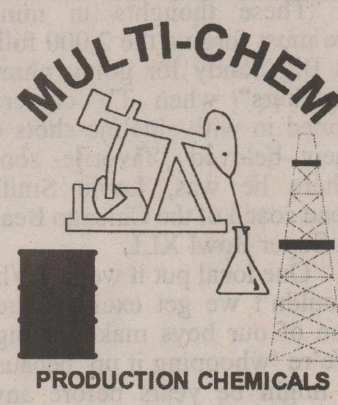
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New11 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 6750' Kelly -115- #23 Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 302 02/16/07 Moving On

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New 4 Approach Operating9000' J R Bailey -a- #505 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 02/04/07 6 Drlg Ahead

New 5 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8975' Clayton -2- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 02/06/07 4 Drlg Ahead

6 Chevron/midland 8500' J H Scheuber -b- #20 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 01/24/07 17 Drlg Ahead

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1 Chesapeake/okc 12000' Cude -36- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 169 02/02/07 8 Drlg Ahead

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## Texans, Tractors, And Cattle Invade The Capital March 2

### Protesters tell Lawmakers: "Don't Tag Texas!"

Horses, cattle, llamas and their owners will parade up the center of downtown Austin to the Capitol on Texas Independence Day. Farmers in their tractors will escort the marchers as they tell Texas legislators: Don't Tag Texas. Freedom-loving Texans plan this protest because of two issues that threaten their way of life: the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) and the Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC).

NAIS is a corporate-agriculture plan being pushed by the federal government. The Texas Animal Health Commission currently has authority to make it mandatory at any time. If it does, then anyone who owns even one livestock animal — even just a chicken or a horse — will have to register their premises with the government, individually identify each animal, and report movements to a database. This massive government program will have an immediate impact on rural Texas, and will ultimately raise the cost

of food for everyone.

TTC is a plan for a privately-owned toll road, including vehicle lanes, railroad tracks, utilities, and pipelines, to run from Mexico to Oklahoma. "It's about revenue, not transportation," says David Stall, Founder of Corridor Watch. "Over one million acres of Texas land will be destroyed for the sake of a private company's profits." Hank Gilbert, the 2006 Democratic candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner, says, "The TTC stands to be the largest land-grab and eminent domain project in the history of this country."

Although disparate on the surface, the issues of the NAIS and the TTC share many common themes: the threat to rural Texas, the use of Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFIDs) to track animals and people, the impact of large corporations on our government policymaking, and the loss of choices for every person.

"As goes Texas, so goes the rest of the country" is a common theme in national politics. Judith McGeary, founder of the Farm

and Ranch Freedom Alliance, says: "The NAIS and the TTC are national issues, with their hearts in Texas. We hope that the sight of a veritable Noah's Ark marching through-out Austin will re-connect Texas lawmakers to the people whose lives they are affecting, and bring the attention of the entire country to bear."

After the march up Congress Avenue, renown guitarist and freedom advocate Jimmie Vaughn will perform a song at the steps of the capitol.

Marchers will gather at the parking lot at 1st and Red River at 1:30 pm on Friday, March 2. They will walk and ride the 1½ miles up Congress Avenue to the Capitol. Animals and tractors will return to the parking lot, and the participants will be provided with shuttle service back to the Capitol. Speakers will start at 2:30 p.m. on the South steps of the Capitol. For more information, including speakers and logistics, go to <http://farmandranchfreedom.org/content/dont-tag-texas>, or <http://www.dont-tag-texas.com>, or call 866-687-6452.

## Retired Marine Corps Commandant to Keynote Nimitz Museum Ceremonies

### Grand Re-Opening of the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas on February 25

General Michael W. Hagee, the 33rd Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, is slated to deliver the keynote remarks at the Grand Re-Opening of the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas on Sunday, February 25, 2007. Hagee will return to his hometown to honor another Fredericksburg native, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, for whom the museum is named. Hagee retired in November 2006, after 42 years of service, the last four as the Corps' Commandant.

"I'm honored to be a part of the dedication ceremonies honoring not only Admiral Nimitz but all those who served with him in Pacific theater of the Second World War," said Hagee. "As a young boy growing up in Fredericksburg, I was always interested in the stories about Nimitz, and of course, the

"steamboat hotel" was a landmark," continued Hagee. Some 60 years after Nimitz left the Texas Hill Country for the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, Hagee followed. His own career began during the days of the Viet Nam conflict and concluded during the war in Iraq.

The Nimitz Museum, housed in the historic Nimitz Hotel Building, has been closed since 2004 for a three million dollar renovation. New exhibit areas on the first floor of the museum will be devoted to the early days of Fredericksburg and to Nimitz's life and career. Educational exhibits and offices will be on the second floor and the Admiral Nimitz Foundation Board Room will be on the third. The Grand Ballroom on the museum's first floor was restored to its original grandeur of the 1880s. Also included is a landscape and wayfinding project which adds additional outdoor seating, a gazebo and interpretive center, a garden setting and

a fountain area.

Historically, the old Nimitz Hotel was the social and cultural center of the Hill Country from the mid-1880s until its closure as a hotel in the early 1960s. In 1964 a group of Fredericksburg residents bought the building with the idea of turning it into a museum to honor their hometown hero, Chester Nimitz. The Fleet Admiral agreed to lend his name to the museum so long as the goal of the museum would be to honor all who served with him in the Pacific theater of World War II. The museum had its original dedication and grand opening on the anniversary of the Admiral's birth the year after his death, February 24, 1967.

Forty years after the original dedication, the museum will be re-dedicated and take its place as the corner stone of the National Museum of the Pacific War.

## Our Town Was So Small That...

### Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

It's a badge of courage that we of rural upbringing shine up and wear proudly.

Maybe we are shooting for the "loudest" of prizes, but many chests swell as we lay down challenges about the size of the towns where we grew up.

We dare others to suggest that their towns were smaller than ours....

Nothing else, the premise is a sure-fire conversation starter, often becoming fodder for stale jokes that still draw laughs, even when heard for umpteenth times.

You know, like the one about "our town was so small, they put up coming and going city limit signs on the same post." Or maybe "so far back in the sticks Saturday Night Live didn't arrive until the middle of the day Monday." Oh, there are others, like: "Our phone book just had one page, our jail was called "amoeba" because it had just one cell, cell, Main Street dead-ended in both directions, our zip code was a fraction," and...oh, that's enough!

Dr. James (Doc) Blakely, one of Texas' all-time great speakers, tells of a town's "big night of the month"—when the

Knights of Columbus and Masons have a joint meeting to swap secrets....

These thoughts in mind, we must forgive the 2,000 folks in Big Sandy for going plumb "bonkers" when TV cameras honed in with sideline shots of their beloved "favorite son." There he was, Lovie Smith, head coach of the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XLI.

One local put it well: "Why wouldn't we get excited when one of our boys makes it big? We're 'whooping it up' because it might be years before anyone else from Big Sandy takes a team to a world championship game."

Makes sense to me. So does Lovie's "remembering where he came from" stance. He wrote a letter to one of his years-ago teachers, greatly thrilling her. And he even remembered that she spells "Patti" with an "i."

Some 200 miles from Big Sandy is another East Texas hamlet where another man single-handedly put the town on the map. Back in the 50's, a boxer from Cut N' Shoot named Roy Harris brought celebrity to the town of some 200 people. It's grown by 7-8 people a year since then. Population is now around 900.

Yeah, ol' Roy was an East Texas slugger who challenged Floyd Patterson for the Heavy Weight Championship of the World. And he might nigh won.

Born in Cut N' Shoot, he's invested his life there. They named the post office for him, and he served as Montgomery County Clerk for 28 years. He earned a law degree and real estate license along the way....

Harris, now 70, contends that he "should have whupped him (Patterson)."

It was a magical time, back there in 1958, when a man caused the world to "take notice" of his little ol' home town. Visit there, and they still talk about him, working into the conversation how the community got its name. It seems that in the early years, they had one church house, and at least two denominations met there. One week, there was a disagreement about whose turn it was. A youngster, overhearing the argument, sensed that it was about to boil over. "I'm going to 'cut' around the corner, and 'shoot' through the bushes," he screamed, and the name stuck.

Before the title fight, I imagine there was some good ol' boy who spent days "whooping it up," warning that "it might be

years before anyone else from Cut N' Shoot makes it to a world championship bout...."

"Smallness" reminds me where I was on what may be the tiniest of calendar distinctions--Groundhog Day. I was in Lubbock, Texas, where the prairie dog park was covered by two inches of snow.

There were no signs of ground hogs.

The night before, I committed a speech for the Lubbock Knife and Fork Club. President Bob Murphy called the club to order. We were shivering, shaking snow from our shoes upon entry. "This global warming is freezing me to death," Murphy said....

My thoughts went back to growing-up years in Brown County, Texas.

We lived four miles from the closest store to buy gas, bread or milk. Nobody passed our house going to town.

And I graduated at a small school; we had 27 seniors. Everyone was voted "most likely to be" something. Hey, that's something I have in common with Coach Smith! At Big Sandy, he was elected "most likely to succeed," at Early, I was elected "most likely to remain left-handed...."

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### The Dinner Diva



### Take Out Confessional by The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely

Have you ever been in position of finding yourself with a couple of extra pounds on your frame that you can't figure out? How did it get there, anyway? This is especially valuable for those of us who have taken off a considerable amount of weight. I asked myself that question and came up empty-handed. So you know what I did?

I blamed everyone and everything else for the weight gain except myself. Since I got married right around the same time as we self-published Body Clutter, I blamed my new happy, marital state (eating more, enjoying a glass of wine several times a week with my sweet man). And while I was happy, I was also tired—I began getting about an hour's less sleep a night due to my new husband's sleep habits. I also had an issue getting my thyroid medication right, so I blamed my sluggish metabolism on my under medicated thyroid.

All of these are contributing factors, to be sure. But do you know what the real culprit was? My newly attained hankering for takeout Chinese once a week. Oh yes, I love this place and like I always tell my Menu-Mailer subscribers, the reason we only give you the menu for 6 days is because even God rested on the 7th day! And in my opinion, getting Chinese takeout was about as good as it gets. Talk about your easy button!

But I always thought Chinese food was relatively healthy. Better than pizza, I reasoned. But I just went by what I THOUGHT. I never really did the math. Till today.

Okay, now for the moment of truth. Can I have a drum roll please?? Here's what this "easy button" was costing me in calo-

ries and fat. Put your seatbelts on, it will BLOW you away!

Spring roll, 200 calories, 12 grams of fat (an occasional indulgence)

Low Mein, 240 calories, 11 grams of fat

Kung Pao Chicken, 720 calories, 45 grams of fat

Fried Rice, 450 calories, 14 grams of fat

The grand total ladies and gentlemen is 1610 calories, with 82 grams of fat!!

This is for ONE MEAL! No WONDER I've gained weight! I eat about 1600 calories daily—not for ONE STUPID MEAL!!

For now, I'm swearing off Chinese food, as much as I love it. Yes, I know you can have steamed Chinese vegetables, plain rice and all and it's really quite healthy, but that's not why I order Chinese food!

Sometimes we all need a reality check of what we are REALLY doing. Keeping a food journal of what you fix yourself and eat at home is all very good and fine, BUT the rub is what you're eating when you get takeout or go out (you want to talk about portion distortion? ALWAYS split your meal with someone or at least a to-go box—you don't NEED that much food, I promise!). This week, let's remember to write down EVERYTHING that crosses the thresholds of our lips. Doing this, will help us keep tabs of what's going to our hips! We also need to remember that INCLUDES food we eat in restaurants and takeout as well.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out her website. [www.SavingDinner.com](http://www.SavingDinner.com) or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her new book Body Clutter, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely Used by permission in this publication.

## Customer Appreciation



Stirrup Trouble, local downtown business, held a customer appreciation open house recently. Celebrating are left to right: Meaghan Curcie, Donna Garrett, Krysta Brooks, Lynn Wipff, Dana Duhon, Kim Lewis and Miss Sutton County Lexi Ortiz.

## Jo Ann Jones has been promoted to Assistant Branch Manager.

### Jo Ann Jones

Jo Ann has recently been promoted to Assistant Branch Manager. She has been employed with First National Bank of Sonora since 1978. Jo Ann is married to Herbert Jones and has one son, Duane, a daughter-in-law, Kim and two grand daughters, Kaitlyn and Kera.



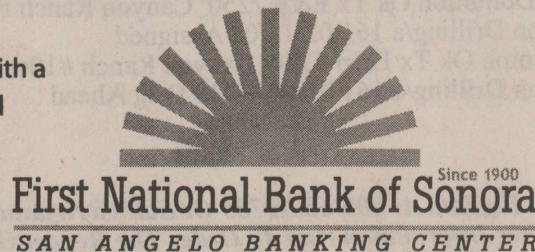
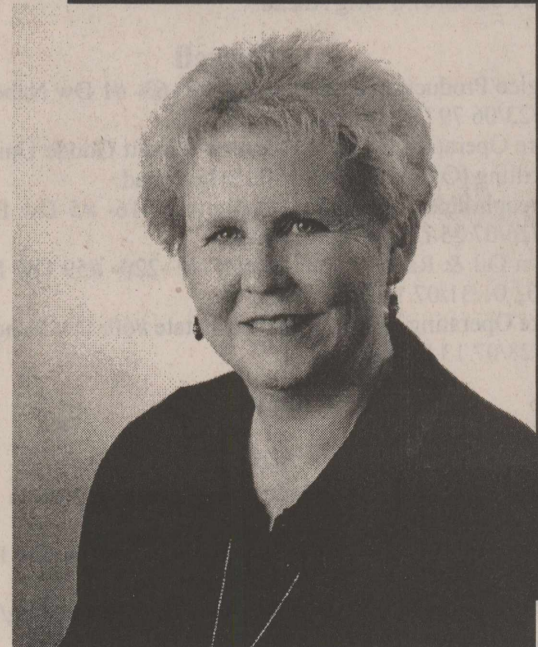
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## Kay Stewart has been promoted to Branch Manager.

### Kay Stewart

Kay has recently been promoted to Branch Manager, Sonora. She is a native West Texan with a ranching background and has been employed with First National Bank of Sonora since 2004. Kay is married to Eddie Stewart and has one daughter, Lana, and one son, Jake.



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### State Capital Highlights

#### Perry cites growing economy in State of State address

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 6 delivered the State of the State address to the state Legislature, exclaiming "Texas is perched at the forefront of a new era of prosperity."

Perry said the economy is growing, tax collections are on the rise, frivolous lawsuits are down and so are the costs of insurance for homeowners and doctors. He also said teacher pay and student achievement have improved.

The pluses aside, Perry said nearly 4 million Texans are living in poverty, so during the next four years his goal will be to spread opportunity to more Texans "who are willing to take personal responsibility for their lives."

Perry indicated, nevertheless, that poverty is not necessarily tied to a lack of personal responsibility, saying the rising cost of health care is "one of the greatest obstacles to personal prosperity."

"Of the 5 and one-half million uninsured Texans, 2 million are adults with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level," Perry said. "Most are working Texans whose jobs offer health-care benefits they

can't afford, or no benefits at all."

So, Perry announced the launch of "Healthier Texas," his program to redirect unspent federal health-care dollars to a pool that would serve Texans 200 percent below the federal poverty level.

Perry touched on other subjects, such as a Human papillomavirus vaccination program for girls entering sixth grade, his proposal to sell the state Lottery, and his plans to build coal-fueled power plants and a state-wide matrix of toll roads.

Perry also talked about border security, literacy, prisons, and a get-tough stance with the bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.

#### Some don't swallow HPV program

Dozens of members of the Texas Legislature have come out in opposition to the governor's Feb. 2 executive order requiring Human papillomavirus vaccinations for girls entering sixth grade.

Chief among the opposers was Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, who chairs the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. Nelson, said she would seek an attorney general opinion on the executive order, to see if it is legally binding.

On the other hand, Chris Bell, the Houston Democrat

who placed second to Perry in the race for governor, lauded the governor for "getting it right."

**Lottery sale price climbs higher**  
A couple of weeks ago, when Gov. Perry sent up a trial balloon on his idea to sell the Texas Lottery to a private company, he estimated the value at \$14 billion. Now the amount has been estimated as high as \$20 billion.

If sold, what would Texas do with the money? Perry said he would divide up the billions of dollars into educational and cancer research and health insurance endowments.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Cradick don't seem to have warmed to the idea of selling the Lottery. Selling it would require a constitutional amendment.

#### Bill targets crowing roosters

Rep. Ana E. Hernandez, D-Houston, filed House Bill 1225, legislation that would make it a public nuisance to allow the crowing of a rooster outdoors in a neighborhood if a reasonable person found the noise objectionable.

#### Hundreds protest coal plants

A crowd, reportedly in the hundreds, gathered at the Capitol Feb. 11 to protest the proposed construction of more than two dozen coal-fired power plants around the state.

## Sonora Industrial Approves Funds for Airport Improvements

By Ray Glasscock

During the February Sonora Industrial Development Corporation's board meeting, City Manager Jim Polonis presented information about a TX DOT 50/50 RAMPs grant to make improvements to the airport hangers, pilot and passengers' restrooms, lounge area and the airport manager's house. The TX DOT grant is for a total of \$11,000. The city's share of the grant is \$5,500. Polonis requested the SIDC's assistance to fulfill the city's part of the contract. SIDC President Max Howorth stated that the SIDC can grant up to \$10,000 for such projects according to the Economic Development Act. The directors voted to assist the city with up to \$10,000 in SIDC funds for the improvement project.



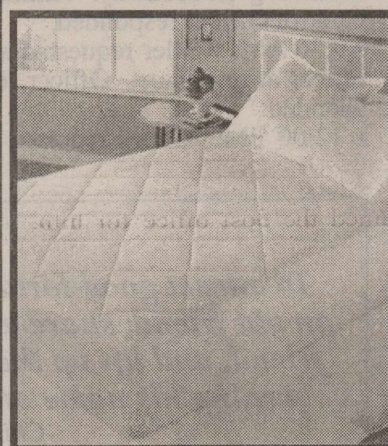
Screen shot of flight planning software

Earlier this year, the Airport Subcommittee of the Transportation Committee identified several things that needed improvement at the Sonora Airport. One of the easiest to do, that will provide immediate positive results, was the upgrading of the visitor center. The restrooms need to be updated, and a computer with an internet connection needs to be provided.

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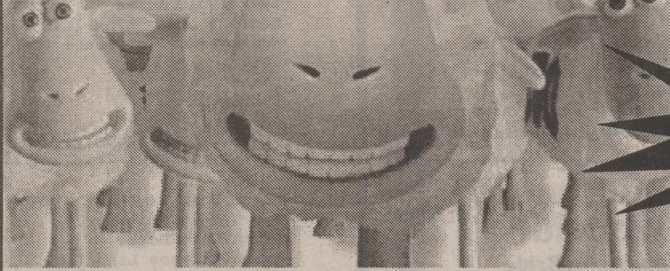
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Area Foundation. The application is available on the Foundation web site: saafound.org and is due March 1, 2007.

The second scholarship opportunity offered by the San Angelo A&M University Mother's Club is a one-year scholarship to Texas A&M upper class students (students having completed two full semesters) at Texas A&M University. The \$1000 scholarship, payable \$500 per semester beginning

with 2007 Fall semester, may go to any student from the area served by the San Angelo A&M University Mother's Club. The application for this scholarship is available through the San Angelo Mother's Club web site: sanangeloaggieemoms.org or you may contact: Judie Williams @ 325.378.8631. This completed application must be postmarked by April 15, 2007. Winners will be announced at the May Aggie Mom's meeting.

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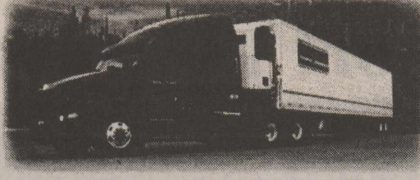
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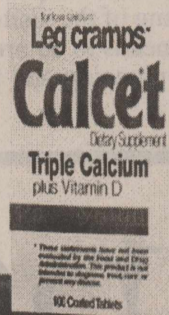
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**Arrest(s)**  
**February 5, 2007**  
• 8:00 PM: Harold Dean Rutland, 45, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication.  
**February 9, 2007**  
• 7:25 PM: Juan Margarito Cano, 31, from Menard, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County Warrant for Hunting White Deer at Night.  
• 7:25 PM: Benito Ramon Jr., 30, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County Warrant for Hunting White Deer at Night.

**Warrant(s):**  
**February 5, 2007**  
• 8:30 AM: Carmin Henry Jackson, 22, from Sonora, Texas was served with a Sonora Municipal Court warrant for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Paid fine to court.  
• 4:30 PM: Edgar Mejia, 18, from Sonora, Texas was served with two Sonora Municipal Court warrants for Minor in Possession of Alcohol & Disobeyed Stop Sign. Paid fine to court.

**February 6, 2007**  
• 5:10 PM: Aimee Teasley, 33, from Sonora, Texas was served with a Sonora Municipal Court warrant for Dog @ Large. Paid fine to court

**Incidents:**  
**February 5, 2007**  
• 8:10 AM: Caller reported dead cat on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.  
• 8:54 AM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.  
• 4:16 PM: Caller reported a cat in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.

**February 6, 2007**  
• 8:33 AM: Caller reported a cat in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.  
• 9:11 AM: Caller reported a loose dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.  
• 9:30 AM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.  
• 12:00 PM: Caller reported a

loose dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.  
• 5:25 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.  
• 11:45 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.

**February 7, 2007**  
• 10:10 AM: Caller reported a vehicle blocking drive way. Officer responded.  
• 4:21 PM: Caller reported a cat in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.  
• 7:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

**February 8, 2007**  
• 5:25 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
• 6:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
• 8:00 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.

**February 9, 2007**  
• 5:00 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.  
• 7:05 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.  
• 8:30 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.  
• 11:40 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.

**February 10, 2007**  
• 10:00 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
• 5:25 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.  
• 5:40 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.  
• 5:45 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

**February 11, 2007**  
• 6:30 AM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.  
• 10:00 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.



**Have Started Exercising at Least a Thousand Times!**

Submitted by: Kelly L Thorp, MS  
County Extension Agent- FCS  
Most people know they should increase their activity level by walking or aerobics classes. In fact, many of you probably made a New Years resolution this year to start on January 1 and have already given up.

Is there any hope?  
The answer is yes. Changing any habit requires several tries and a great deal of effort for most people.

Increasing your activity level can have a great impact on your health both now and later in life.

A recent article in the Archives of Internal Medicine reported on a study where 100 middle-aged women were encouraged to walk for exercise while another 100 were not encouraged to walk. Ten years later, women in the walking group had significantly less health problems than the non-walking group of women. The women in the walking group were walking seven miles more each week than those in the other group.

Only 2% of the walking group were diagnosed with heart disease, whereas almost 13% of the non-walkers had a diagnosis of heart disease. Walkers also had fewer hospitalizations, surgeries, and falls. Participating in the short-term walking program ten years earlier was the main difference between these two groups!

So, trying again is important. Studies have shown that walking with others and engaging in a program long enough to make walking a habit promotes success. If you would like to get started now, call your county Extension agent, Kelly Thorp, at 387-3101 or Sarah Teaff, Wellness Center Director, at 387-2521 and ask about Walk Across Texas. This is a fun, physical group activity program. All you need is a group of 8 friends, family members, or co-workers who want to keep track of the amount they walk for 8 weeks. You can encourage one another to keep going and see if your team can reach your destination first before other groups participating too. Walk Across Texas starts March 12th and will end on April 30th.

This year we have added a lunch and learn series that will meet once a week. If you want to learn more about living a healthy lifestyle, let us know. Classes will be held on Tuesdays at noon at the Wellness Center. If you want to receive instructions by mail, we can do that too.

Getting started is the hard part, but starting and keeping at it is much easier with the support of others!

**Sudoku**

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Answers on page 5

*To attract good fortune, spend a new coin on an old friend, share an old pleasure with a new friend, and lift up the heart of a true friend by writing his name on the wings of a dragon.*  
-Chinese Proverb

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
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Rule 37 Case No. 0250358  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 172232] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 2, Bk. , GC&P RR CO/SUELTEMEIER, W Survey, A-1897, JO NELL (CANYON D) and VINEGARONE (STRAWN) Fields, VAL VERDE County, being 22 miles SW direction from SONORA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: JO NELL (CANYON D)

Lease/Unit Name : RANCH, J. A. -L-  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 8  
Lease/Unit Acres : 4894.0  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 49.7  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 3426.0

Lease Lines : 49.7 F Int West L, 2680.1 F North L  
Survey Lines : 2680.1 F North L, 2629.5 F East L

FIELD: VINEGARONE (STRAWN)

Lease/Unit Name : RANCH, J. A. -L-  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 8  
Lease/Unit Acres : 4894.0  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 49.7  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 1688.1

Lease Lines : 49.7 F Int West L, 2680.1 F North L  
Survey Lines : 2680.1 F North L, 2629.5 F East L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

JO NELL (CANYON D) :  
GAS Special Rules 933/1200, 320.0 acres.  
GAS Optional Rules 933/1200, 160.0 acres.

VINEGARONE (STRAWN) :  
GAS Special Rules 660/1320, 320.0 acres.  
GAS Optional Rules 660/1320, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11800 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Christina Gustartis, at (832)4862463.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY Mar 13, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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"We are encouraging people to go outside and count birds for the first time this year," said Paul Green, Audubon's director of Citizen Science. "By submitting their counts online, birdwatchers can quickly see how the dots they put on the map form new patterns that tell new stories about the birds that share the world in which we live, including our own backyards and parks."

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 22642

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**Official Notice to Tenants of Intent to Sale**  
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**Employment Notice**

Sutton County is advertising for a full-time employee for the Tax A/C's office. Secretarial/bookkeeping experience, excellent computer skills and high school diploma or GED required. Applications can be picked up at the County Tax Office in the Courthouse Annex during normal business hours. Completed applications should be returned to the County Tax Office by February 23, 2007. Sutton County is an equal opportunity employer.

**Employment Notice**

Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for a part time clerk in the J.P. Office. Computer experience necessary. Applicants must have excellent clerical, phone communications and typing skills. Sutton County provides vacation/sick leave benefits. Applications may be obtained at the Justice of Peace office at the Sutton County Courthouse, 102 N Water, Sonora, TX 76950. Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Deadline to remit applications will be Monday, February 26, 2007, 5:00 p.m. Sutton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer

**Public Notice**

Sutton County is seeking bids for the fabrication and installation of wooden blinds to match historic at the Sutton County Courthouse in Sonora, Texas. There is no pre-bid conference for this work. Bid specifications can be obtained from Chris Hutson, Project Architect, Volz & Associates, Inc. at 1105 W. 42nd Street, Austin, Tx 78756, Phone (512) 475-0433. Sample blind is available for inspection at the County Judge's Office in the Sutton County Annex. Bids should be returned to the County Judge at 300 East Oak Street, Sonora, Tx, and will be opened and accepted or rejected at a regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners Court on March 12, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the Sutton County Annex.

**Public Notice**

**ORDINANCE NO. 576**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 573 DATED 9-19-06 TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 TO INCREASE EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 IN THE SUM OF SIXTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$61,950.00) AND REGULATING THE PAYMENT OF MONEY FROM THE CITY TREASURY, PUBLICATION, CONFLICT, VALIDITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
Passed and approved this the 23rd day of January, 2007.  
Approved:  
Gloria G. Lopez  
Mayor  
Attest:  
Patti Prather  
City Secretary  
Approved as to form and legality:  
Elizabeth W. Wallace  
City Attorney

**ORDINANCE NO. 577**  
AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2007 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBER - WARD 1 AND ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBER - WARD 2  
Issued this the 23rd day of January, 2007  
Gloria G. Lopez  
Mayor  
Attest:  
Patti Prather  
City Secretary

**ORDINANCE NO. 578**  
AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2007 PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF COUNCILMEMBER WARD 2 TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM DUE TO VACANCY.  
Passed and approved this the 23rd day of January, 2007 after one reading upon suspension of rule requiring two separate readings.  
Gloria G. Lopez  
Mayor  
Attest:Patti Prather  
City Secretary

**Employment**

The Health and Wellness Center needs part-time evening and weekend help. Come by The Health and Wellness Center to pick up an application or call Sarah at 387-2348 for more information.

**Help Wanted:** Full time and part time. Apply at Mr. D's, 216 Hwy. 277 N. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

**Local company seeks workers:** Will train. Must be 18 years or older, have a current TX drivers license and a clean driving record. Call 325-387-3154 for more information or stop by 307 E. Chestnut St. for application.

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora has made a submission to the US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Voting Section to make a required determination pursuant to submitted changes affecting voting: The changes are as follows: The conduct of a special election to fill an unexpired term in Ward 2 and the consolidation of polling places. A complete duplicate copy of the submission is available for public inspection at City Hall during regular business hours. Comments for the consideration of the Attorney General are invited.

**Employment**

**Compressor Mechanic,** Sheffield area, must own tools, fax resume 281-344-9709

**Hiring Commercial Drivers:** Current Class A CDL w/Haz Mat/Tanker. Want great pay and cash incentives? No 24-hour call. Established company looking to hire drivers. All applicants must pass drug/alcohol test. Please call Justin (432) 339-0540 or 800-523-5566 ext. 140.

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**EMT COORDINATOR WANTED:** Ozona is seeking a full-time EMS coordinator. Needs to be EMT certified. Applications may be picked up with Melissa Ybarra at the Crockett County Care Center business office. Job description is available with applications. No phone calls please. Crockett County

**Part-time help needed** to care for stroke patient in Roosevelt, needs daily therapy, experience preferred. Please call 325-392-3554; 325-446-3531.

Local company looking to hire a gas measurement tech. Prefer experience but will train person with computer knowledge. All inquiries confidential, send resume to P.O. Box 62841, San Angelo, 76906

**Caverns of Sonora hiring** weekday and weekend guides. Please apply in person. 325-387-3105

**Employment**

**Lariat Services, Inc.** is seeking an experienced Air Driller. Wage ranges between \$20.00 to \$24.00 an hour depending on experience. Will pay \$30.00 per diem and mileage reimbursement. Benefits include 401K Plan, Dental Plan and company paid Medical Insurance. Fax resume to 432-336-9339 or contact the Fort Stockton Office at 432-336-7821.

**Help Wanted: Opening for Pharmacy Technician.** Certified preferred, but will train the right applicant. Please come by Everett's Pharmacy, 417 Hwy. 277 North, to pick up application.

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New owners Bronco Mobile Home Estates, 1305 N. Crockett, across from arena. **Mobile Home lots for rent**, 1 month free. Permanent R.V.'s welcomed, 830-313-1060

**For Sale**

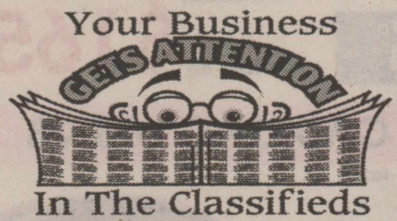
**House for sale in Eldorado,** manufactured home, 2180 sq. ft. on 4 lots. 3/2, 3 car carport, garage, metal fence, large kitchen, fireplace, metal storage building, 2 luminaries, located at 608 Nance, 325-853-2438

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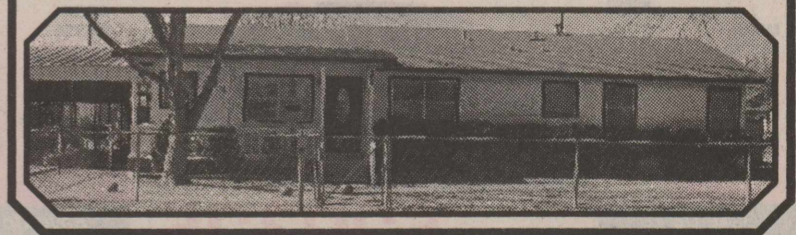
- This home in the Castle Hills Addition is 3 bedroom, 3 bath with a sun room, large covered patio and greenhouse. Large lot with beautiful shade trees in the front and back. **Price reduction - \$189,900 - \$180,000.**
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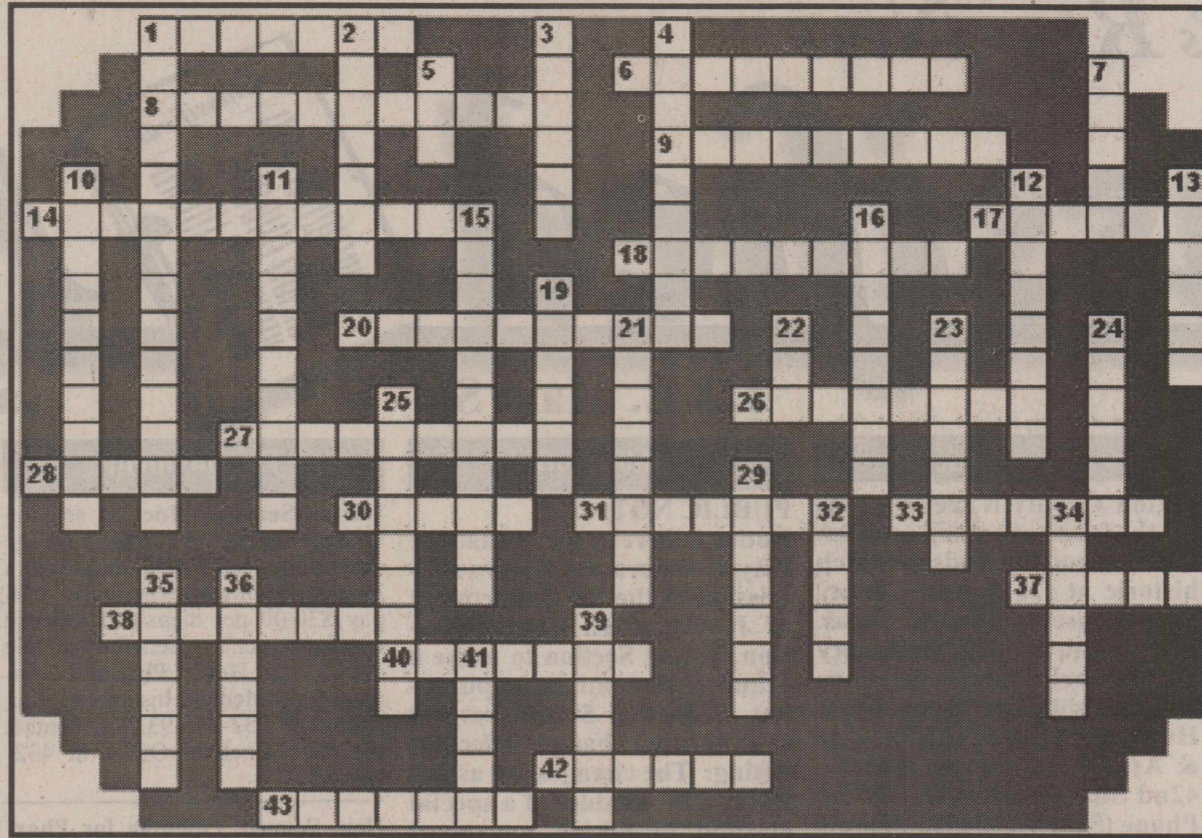
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  - Founded by Germans - now a San Antonio bedroom community
  - Site of "Boot Hill"
  - Eldorado's hilarious district
  - George Washington's house
  - Andrew Jackson's house
  - Hilton
  - "\_\_\_\_\_ high bridge"
  - Battle of the Bulge country
  - Disney World or home of the Magic
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Beach - June 6th
  - Most popular national park
  - Lake that covers abandoned ranches
  - California Route One
  - \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers. They were stationed at Fort Concho
- DOWN**
- Number 41's Library is here
  - St Louis \_\_\_\_\_ Arch
  - Site of a massacre
  - Land of 1000 lakes
  - Presidential library in Austin
  - The white cliffs of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Steel Capital of the South
  - Being destroyed by developers in Brazil
  - Famous for sand dunes
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Beach - Site of a US Open Championship
  - Mt Rushmore state
  - Monster's location in Scotland
  - Oregon's famous lake
  - Davy's county
  - Famous king who was found in a pyramid
  - Judge Roy Bean
  - Spain
  - Zebulon's famous climb
  - Who was born at Sinking Spring Farm
  - Reborn due to artists moving in
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**Al-Anon Meetings** - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.

**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.

**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.

**Reading Friends**, a Sonora book club, meets quarterly at St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall. Our next meeting is on Monday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. The book we will discuss is "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. If you would like to participate, you may call Lewis Allen at 387-3948 or just show up at the meeting.

**Women of Distinction Luncheon**, sponsored by Girls Scouts-El Camino Council will be held March 8, 2007 from 11:30-1:00 p.m. in the Celebration Hall of First United Methodist Church, 37 E. Beauregard in San Angelo. Tickets are \$50.00 and are available by calling the Girl Scout office at 655-8961.

**Enchilada Plates** will be available Ash Wednesday, February 21, 2007 following both mass services at St. Ann's Catholic Church Parish Hall. Plates are \$6.00 each to dine in or take out. For more information call Tommy Van-Winkle at 387-5267 or 206-1824. Sponsored by Team R.A.Z.P.A.

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