

# Happy Mother's Day from The Devil's River News

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## Dangerous Conditions Develop as Storms Pound the Area



The driver and passenger of this truck found themselves in a potentially fatal situation south of Sonora Monday.  
Photo courtesy of Nelda Tobias

By Kel Thomas

A series of storms moved over the Edwards Plateau Monday, bringing torrential rainfall, small hail, dangerous and frequent lightning and tornado activity in the Concho Valley.

Fueled by a slow moving low pressure system and a weak cold front moving southward through Texas, the region found itself under tornado watches and warnings, flash flood warnings and severe thunderstorm conditions.

In the early hours of Monday,

a bolt of lightning struck a tank battery approximately 12 miles east of Sonora. The lightning strike ignited the tanks, prompting a swift response by the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department to control the fire. By 11:00 a.m. the fire had been controlled.

In addition to the fire, a Niblett's Oilfield truck carrying a back-hoe was attempting to cross the draw on the Jones Ranch when a tree being pushed along by rising waters caused the truck to roll approximately

three times in the rushing water.

The two occupants of the truck were rescued from the torrent by two other Niblett's employees.

When the truck initially crossed the draw, the water was easily negotiated, but in a matter of a few minutes, run-off from heavy rains caused the draw to run with enough force to overturn the truck.

Rainfall totals for Sonora were in the 2 to 2½ inch range with unsubstantiated reports of between 4 and 6 inches in the

county.

Continued chances of stormy weather throughout the week, coupled with the already saturated soil profile could produce more run-off and the potential for flooding should heavy rains occur.

Ranchers in the area are all smiles with the moisture and the green condition of rangelands and know first-hand these conditions are an infrequent occurrence.

## SHS Industrial Technology Department Hears "Best in State" Nine Times



By Kel Thomas

"Best in State" are words not often heard, especially in a state as large as Texas. But, those words were in abundance as the Sonora High School Industrial Tech. Dept. travelled to Waco, May 3-5 for State I.T. competition.

Of the eighteen total projects entered, fifteen were awarded with 1st place and three were given 2nd place standing. Of the fifteen 1st place winners, nine of those were judged "Best in State".

A mesquite jewelry box by Dustin Duhon, a buffalo table by Kyla Turney, a cedar bar by Justin Northcott, a metal work bench by Kyla Turney, a Texas coffee table by Evan Rousselot, an oak night stand by Michael Stevens, and an oak gun cabinet by Jacob Spivey all walked away with top honors.

In addition, a team effort by Tony Torres and Hunter Lawson with a gooseneck livestock trailer, and the foursome of Dustin Duhon, Evan Rousselot, Evan Gullely and Justin North-

cott combined efforts to create a buffalo poker table which also received "Best in State".

Others receiving first place awards were: a bowl by Kyla Turney, an oak night stand by Amber West, a mesquite desk by Evan Gullely, an oak pantry by Juan Capuchina, a kitchen island by Zac Rodriguez, and an oak hope chest by Clinton Hudson.

Second place winners were: Josh Salazar with his cherry entertainment center, Jesus Limon with a Mexican Pine entertain-

ment center and Beau Dickens with a mesquite table.

Instructors for the SHS Industrial Technology Department are Cliff McMullan and Michael Kissire. They are extremely proud of the hard work and creativity of this year's class.

Sponsors for the trip to Waco were Rusty Baldwin and Heather Holt.

Their time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all!

## Stalcup Pleads Guilty in Wool Growers Fraud Case

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher of the  
Ozona Stockman

The former bookkeeper of Wool Growers Central Storage Co. has pled guilty for taking approximately \$200,000 from the company.

Tonya McGuire Stalcup pled guilty during a May 3 hearing to fraud, swindling and aiding and abetting, court documents stated. The hearing took place at the U.S. Federal Courthouse in Lubbock.

Sentencing for Stalcup is not expected to take place for about six weeks, said U.S. Attorney Roger L. McRoberts.

According to the plea agreement filed in federal court, Stalcup is facing a possible prison term of 20 years and a fine not exceed \$250,000, or a fine not more than twice the amount of the criminally derived property involved in the transaction.

There's also the possibility of an initial term of supervised release of three years, which follows a term of imprisonment, and restitution to the victims or community.

McRoberts said that restitution is more than a possibility as it happens in every case where there is a theft or embezzlement.

In the plea agreement, Stalcup agreed that the total loss amount is approximately \$200,000 and that she owes restitution.

Also according to the plea agreement, Stalcup waived her right to appeal, and agreed to submit a personal financial statement under oath and submit to interviews by the United States Attorney's Office regarding defendant's capacity to satisfy any fines or restitution.

Stalcup was released on bond after the hearing. Part of Stalcup's bond is to disclose pending case information to her employer if her employment grants her access to any form of financial transactions.

Stalcup was charged with misapplication of fiduciary property over \$200,000 in May 2006, along with former manager Donnie Laughlin, whose case is also pending in federal court.

According to court documents, Stalcup carried on sev-

eral schemes to defraud and to obtain money and property from Wool Growers. The transactions occurred from August 2001 to April 2006, and totaled approximately \$7,977.85. Stalcup was hired in 1998 to be the bookkeeper of Wool Growers.

Stalcup would place unauthorized orders for goods and products that she represented were to be placed in the inventory of Wool Growers, documents state.

Instead of the items being placed into inventory, Stalcup took the goods and products for her own use and fraudulently caused Wool Growers to pay for the goods, documents state. Some of the items Stalcup purchased were two saddles from Alamo Saddlery in Brackettville totaling \$1,093.82.

Other expenses include an alleged gastric bypass surgery that Stalcup had in 2005 at the Citizens Hospital in Victoria, Texas.

In an Internet blog posted on www.obesityhelp.com, Stalcup wrote in 2005 that she had scrounged up \$19,700 to have the surgery plus travel expenses.

Stalcup also used her position to write 218 unauthorized checks to pay herself on the Ozona and Sanderson Wool Growers accounts, which totaled approximately \$126,658.43. During that same period, Stalcup also stole cash from Wool Growers funds, the documents stated.

Wool Growers filed for bankruptcy in April 2006. A hearing on the bankruptcy reorganization plan was held May 3 in the U.S. Federal Courthouse in San Angelo.

The majority of creditors have filed to approve the plan, but a group called the Wardlaw Creditors filed an objection and voted against the plan.

The Wardlaw Creditors consist of Jack David Wardlaw, Jesse Lem Wardlaw and Wardlaw Brothers, which is composed of Jack David Wardlaw III, Mack Miers Wardlaw and William Chase Wardlaw, all of Sonora.

As of press time Monday, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert L. Jones had not issued an opinion, ruling on the plan.

## FNB Popcorn Sales Aid American Cancer Society



LaDonna Alaman (center) of the First National Bank presents the monthly popcorn proceeds check to Linda Fisher (l) and Noemi Samaniego (r). This month's proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.



## St. Ann Catholic Church

Father Miguel Dinio, Pastor

311 W. Plum  
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Monday - Wednesday & Friday 1-4  
Thursday - 10:30 - 12:30, 1:30 - 5:30  
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E-mail: stannsec@verizon.net  
Confessions: Sat. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**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.

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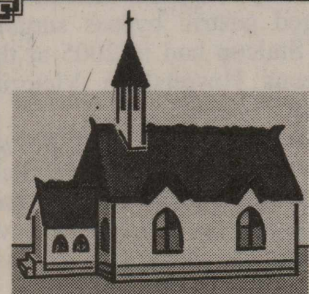
## Senior Center Activities

- Fri. May 11** - Honor our "Senior" Moms at noon!
- Mon. May 14** -Bingo!
- Tues. May 15** - CEAP Energy asst. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Wed. May 16** - Happy Birthday Nadine Eby & Juanita Gandar Van to San Angelo, Medicals come first, call 387-3941
- Thur. May 17** - Crafts - need ideas & volunteers!

## Senior Center Menu

- Fri. May 11** - Roast Beef with gravy, baked potato, brussel sprouts, brownie with nuts and milk.
- Mon. May 14** - Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, onion, tomato, oven French fries, carrot salad, apple and milk.
- Tues. May 15** - Polish Sausage, sweet potatoes, steamed cabbage, cornbread, cherry cobbler and milk.
- Wed. May 16** - BBQ Chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, wheat bread, apricot/banana mix and milk.
- Thur. May 17** - Chopped Steak with gravy and onions, parslid potatoes, bread, cooked carrots, cucumber/tomato salad, pudding and milk.

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)



## Sonora Church Directory

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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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## Obituaries

### Leonora Ann Deel



Leonora Ann Deel died peacefully in her sleep, Thursday, May 3, 2007 in San Angelo, Texas. She will be welcomed in heaven by her Lord, loving husband, family and friends.

Ann was born November 18, 1932 in Alba, Texas to A.J. and Jewel Brown. She attended high school in Midland and Big Spring, Texas. She married the love of her life, Don Deel, and raised three children.

Ann was a fun-loving woman, a stay-at-home mom, and she welcomed all who passed

### Frances Jane Johnson

Frances Jane Johnson passed away and went home to be with her Lord and personal Savior on Sunday, April 29, 2007 at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas.

She was born October 18, 1930 to Jack and Cordie Drennan in Sonora, Texas.

Fran graduated from Sonora High School at the age of 16 and went on to receive her degree from Jefferson Davis Nursing School in Houston, Texas.

She began her nursing career in Houston at Jefferson Davis Hospital, then moved on to Sharp Memorial Hospital and Palomar Hospital in San Diego, California and later to Highland Hospital in Lubbock. She touched many lives throughout her nursing career.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her two children, Doug Johnson and wife Liz of Tucson, Arizona and Kathy Gillit and husband Darrel of Everton, Arkansas; brothers, Jack Drennan and wife Sara of Odessa and Roland Drennan and wife Tomi Dell of Nevada, Texas; sisters Bobbie Smith of Sonora and Ruth Ford and husband John of Denver City, Texas.

She was blessed with five

### They're Special

I wish I could, but I cannot because she has gone home to be with the Lord. I would like to turn back the clock, and tell her I love her and spend a little time with her.

I would not let a Mother's Day pass by that I didn't get her flowers or a card, call, or take her out to dinner, or all of the above.

God created women special and unique, and we are commanded (told to) to give a special place of honor to our moth-

through her life. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband Don.

Ann is survived by her children: Donnie and wife Faye, of Sonora, Debbie and husband Dwayne Holder, of McAllen, and Danny Deel, of Port Arthur; grandchildren, Shane, Bethany, Michael, Chris, Brandon, and Melissa; and six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by brothers; Harvey Brown, of Arlington, John Brown, of Emery, TX; and one sister Doris Wright, of San Diego, CA.

"Strength and honor are her clothing...She looketh well to the ways of her household... Her children arise up and call her blessed..." Proverbs 33:25-28

A Memorial Service was held Sunday, May 6, 2007 at the First Baptist Church of Sonora. The family requests that memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo, Inc., P.O. Box 471, San Angelo, Texas 76902. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

grandchildren, Danny Johnson and wife Corie, Aaron Johnson, Zachary Johnson, Grace Johnson and McKenzie Gillit, her loving pet dog Molly, and many loving nieces, nephews and precious friends.

The family extends a special thanks to Dr. Rice, her favorite nurse Jonnie, and all the nurses and staff at Southwest Regional Medical Center and University Medical Center.

Graveside services were held Friday, May 4, 2007 at Sonora Cemetery with Bro. T. Wayne Price, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sonora, officiating.

*I'm no longer by your side, but there's no need to weep; I've left sweet recollections I'm hoping you will keep.*

*Eternal joy and memories stay in our hearts forever, Strengthening our special bond that parting cannot sever.*

*Now it's time to journey on so let your faith be strong, For I am in a better place... I'm home where I belong.*

*And if times of loneliness bring sorrow and dismay, Don't despair, for I am there...*

## Happy Birthday

- May 10  
Kimberly Gonzales, Alex "AJ" Gonzales, Isaac Quiroz, Marcos Morin, Shorty Hernandez, Sam Powers, John Brown, Trinity Zook
- May 11  
Jessica Zaragoza, Garrett Watkins, Mike McBride, Vicente Hernandez, Deeangelina McGee
- May 12  
Renee Casey, Martena Hernandez, Maria Castaneda
- May 13  
Caleb Ramos, Brittany Cano, Omar Angel Gonzalez, Garrett Smith, Azucena Garza, Drew Cox, Irma Gandar
- May 14  
Austin Wagoner, Eddie Sawyer, Chene Villanueva, Darlette Bloodworth, Larry Word, Megan Aho, Sam Romo, Rose Samaniego
- May 15  
Rigo Arispe, Faye Gamez, Linda Arrendondo, Monica Galfo
- May 16  
Alison Casal, Shane Patlan, Cody Slauch, Juanita Gandar, Kristian Leathers, Seth Matchus

### Letter to the Editor

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## Thank You Notes

Words cannot express the gratitude we have for the many people for their love, prayers, phone calls, visits, and the support during the illness and death of our Mother and "Nana". It is a blessing to be a part of a community where friends and family pull together to help each other when the going gets tough.

Thank you all for the flowers, cards, food, memorials, and especially for the time spent checking on her- whether it was a phone call, visit, or card. Please know how much we appreciate all the acts of kindness, no matter how big or small, shown to Mother ("NaNa") and us. She will be missed greatly by all of us who knew and loved her.

The Family of Ruth Gibbs

The family of Marcia Schwiening extends our heartfelt thanks for the tremendous outpouring of kindness and love during this difficult time.

Your hugs, cards, calls, flowers, food and many other thoughtful deeds have soothed our souls and helped us cope with our loss. Thank you also for the comforting prayers that have undoubtedly been the source of our strength and consolation.

Gary Schwiening

Greta, Paul, Darby and Delaney Ramsdell  
Tibba, James, Allyse and Tyler Edmondson

## Heart and Heritage

By Ruthie Bounds

Since the name of this column is supposed to be "Heart & Heritage", I try to come up with subject matter that is near and dear to my heart or a part of my heritage. I kind of figure that if it's a part of my heritage, it must be a part of many of the readers' heritages, also. This week I am writing about something that fits both criteria.

Once every ten years or so, this part of West Texas is blessed with a wonderful crop of algerita berries. The algerita plant also known as agarita, wild currant, and chapparal berry, grows wild all across the Hill Country and West Texas. It not only tolerates but thrives in the very alkaline caliche soil of the Edwards Plateau and beyond. Nearly every February and March the sweet scent of the tiny yellow blossoms can be detected in the air, but only about once a decade do you see an abundance of the sweet little red berries.

Algerita plants bloom earlier than many plants, so they often suffer from a frost or freeze before the onset of fruit. Even though we had such a cold Easter weekend this year, the moisture seems to have protected both the native plants and the orchard plants from the dreaded freeze that so often "nips our fruit in the bud". Sometime in the next couple of weeks, while driving down almost any highway or back road in this part of the world you will see these grayish green shrubs or bushes just covered with tiny red berries. Now, about these wonderfully sweet yet tart little red berries - they make the absolute best jelly you have ever tasted.

The natural sweetness and tartness are a match made in heaven for jellies. There's only one problem - making algerita berry jelly takes a lot of work, even for seasoned jelly makers. First of all, you have the daunting task of gathering the berries. Easy enough you think. Well, think again. The algerita bush is very much like a holly with sharp pointed leaves that must be dealt with before you can get any berries, since the berries are clustered near the stalk or main stem of the plant, and the leaves grow away from those same stems in little bunches of three with their spiny leaves just waiting to stick and prick your skin. Well, okay, so wear gloves and a heavy long sleeved shirt to protect your skin. The only problem is that the berries are

very tiny and, by the time you have gloves thick enough to protect you, you don't have enough dexterity to gently pick the little berries. Sometimes, however the plants will be so laden with berries that heavy gloves can be used to just strip the heavy stems or stalks of their wondrous fruit, but beware 'cause all the leaves on that stem will come off with the berries.

I can remember that we used to lay old sheets beneath the plants and beat them with a stick to knock the berries loose, and they would fall to the waiting sheet below. This is probably the easiest way to gather the berries, but you do end up with a lot of stems and leaves that must be manually removed before the berries can be used. That leads us to the next task of preparing the berries to be cooked. They must have all the little stems, leaves and any grass or weeds that may have ended on the sheet, removed. Then they must be washed gently to keep from crushing their outer skin.

Now it's time to make jelly, and it gets easier from here on. You will need the berries, of course, sugar, powdered fruit pectin (Sure-Jell), lemon juice, jelly jars or glasses and paraffin. First boil the berries in enough water to cover for about 30 minutes. Strain the juice without mashing the berries. Discard those hard earned berries, and measure the juice. Add a cup of sugar for each cup of juice a 1-3/4 ounce package of powdered pectin for every 6 cups of liquid, and a teaspoon of fresh lemon juice for each quart of liquid. Bring to a boil in a stainless steel pan for 20-30 minutes: until it make "jelly ripples" when you skim a spoon across the top. Remove from heat and skim off any foam. Fill sterilized hot jars to within 1/2 inch of the rim with the jelly. Cover with melted paraffin while the jelly is still warm. You can easily melt paraffin using a boiling bag in a pan of water on the stove, but never try to melt paraffin unless using a double boiler or the boiling bag. Remember, it is what candles are made from and is highly flammable.

The die hard fans of algerita berry jelly will tell you that all this work is worth it. I will let you be the judge of that, and from one algerita berry lover to another, I'll have to admit that the jury is still out on whether or not I think it is worth the effort.



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## Historical Society

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

Q. Who were the members of the Class of 1937?  
A. The Devil's River News, May 21, 1937 states there were eighteen in the 1937 class.

Listed as senior class and parents, are: Eugene Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Q. Adams; Louis Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis; Marion Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Elliott; Wilna Hamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hamer; Lillian Kring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kring; Robert Jackson, son of Mrs. Dan Murphy, Los Angeles, California and relative of Mrs. Tom Driskell; Emmalou Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Logan; Jo Ann Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Marion, Lloyd McGhee, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McGhee; Jo Nell Miers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miers; Joyce McGilvray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. McGilvray; Cesario Martinez, son of Juan and Mrs. Martinez; L. M. Roueche, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roueche; Wayland Stubblefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stubblefield; Emma Sessions, daughter of V. L. Sessions, Brady, and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jones; Wilton Stubblefield son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stubblefield; Reginald Trainer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Trainer; Richard Vehle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vehle.

Class Valedictorian, with a scholastic rank of 96.6, was Jo Nell Miers, and William Richard (Dickie) Vehle was only 1.8 points behind her as Salutatorian, with an average of 94.8.

The guest speaker was Dr. D. M. Wiggins, President of the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy, a branch of the University of Texas, at El Paso.

Other articles of interest include:

Miss Marie Watkins presented nine of her pupils in a National Playing Tournament in San Angelo that was sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers. Rankings were national, state and district honor rolls—according to the number of pieces played by the pupils, and good, high and highest—according to how well they played.

The pupils and scores listed were: Kathryn Ross, national, good; John Allen Ward, national, good; Geraldine Morrow, state, no rating; Margaret Pearl Smith, national, good; Peggy Reming, state, good; Sammie Jeanne Allison, national, good; Billy Shurley, national, good; Edith May Babcock, national, high; Doris Keene, national, high.

We always get a lot of questions asking us, "where did my relative live in Sonora?"

The following article is of interest because it states a deed was filed to transfer the Jim Chadwick residence in Sonora to

### El Nino Over, La Nina On The Way?

COLLEGE STATION - It seems that if an El Nino doesn't get you, a La Nina will.

Weather experts are already concerned that patterns are emerging for a La Nina event - where waters in the central Pacific Ocean are cooler than usual.

It is the opposite of an El Nino, where waters in that region are warmer than usual. But both events can affect weather not only in the United States but around the world, says John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University, who holds the title of Texas State Climatologist.

"We're just finishing an El Nino cycle," he explains.

"The El Nino that developed in late summer is one reason last year's hurricane season was milder than expected. El Nino usually brings plentiful rains during the winter, and this year was no exception, although the overall weather patterns were unusual for an El Nino year."

Nielsen-Gammon says that La Nina doesn't have much effect on summertime rainfall in Texas overall, but it can enhance hurricane activity.

"Some recent research I've seen suggests that the sorts of hurricanes that affect Texas are more common during La Nina periods than during a neutral or El Nino year," he adds.



SHS Class of 1937

Leonard Gibbs.

The Chadwick property was lots 1 and 2 of Block 19 and a block from the school athletic field on the street leading to the Sonora Wool & Mohair Co. Then it states that 10 lots in Block 33-A in the South Heights Addition were bought by A. B. Shoemaker from Mr. and Mrs. Ira Glasscock now of Reagan County.

This listing not only tells us property they owned but also where they moved. A helpful bit of information for researchers.

At the Elliott School, five pupils were given diplomas: Juanita Virgen, Raymond Virgen, John Sanches, Pedro Cervantes and Santos Cervantes.

At the same program, the award for being the best citizen was given to Enrique Cardona. Ernestina Gomez was given a medal for making the highest average for girls, 94.6. Arturo Esperza made the highest average for boys, 91.5. John Eaton presented these Lions Club medals to these pupils.

We have a very poor newspaper reproduction of the graduation class at the Sonora High School and no photo of the class at the Elliott School. If any of our readers have any pictures of these events we would love to scan them and print out good copies to be framed and exhibited in the new museum when it is completed.

Work on the new museum is going great guns.

As soon as the concrete work is finished, the electrician will be going to work on all the wiring and lighting system and plugs for showcases and special lighting on exhibits.

I think you will all love to be able to see your families represented in this museum, but to do this we need your help.

We need you to let us copy photos you have so that we can do a complete representation of the people of Sutton County. Please let me copy a few from

each family and have our museum reflect the full history of the county and its wonderful history of ranching, the fire department, and other entities in our county.

I need pictures of some of the sheriffs and deputies, for our files, including current officers. Please, we have a lot of the old sheriffs and deputies, but want you all represented. Same with the fire department personnel and police personnel, let's have lots of photos so we can regularly change exhibits and cover everyone.

To the oilfield and gas drilling companies and their related contractors, I saw all the wonderful things you put up at the Chamber of Commerce Dinner, could you share some of those photos and displays for the museum? Call me, I'd love to represent your company in the museum.

There is so much history in this county.

The Miers Home Museum is a period 1890's to early 1900's home exhibit, but the new museum will cover many more years of Sonora's history and many, many more old and new business enterprises. Please help us to preserve your records of history in our area. Thank you! I hope to hear from you soon.

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@sonorax.net. You may call us on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at 325-387-5084 or stop by the office at 307 Oak Street during those same hours to peruse the files, tour the Miers Home, rent the John & Mildred Caution Building/Old Depot or donate some time to help us with our work.

Rosie Jones, our president, is an amazing person to work with; her knowledge of local history boggles my mind. She

has lived it and knows so many of the old timers and wonderful stories of Sonora from when she was young and lived near the Old Rock School. She puts many hours into the society and is a real go-getter. She is living proof that age is not a limit to helping your community and doing good for others.

Our vice president, Marvin Shurley, is a great organizer and gets things done so quickly it amazes me. We so appreciate everything he does.

Our treasurer, JoAnn Hernandez, never ceases to amaze me with all the wonderful reports and accurate bookkeeping she can do. Our files are perfect and balance to the penny, and she keeps us up on everything so we stay budgeted. The society is lucky to have such great people, and I am blessed to be able to work with them.

I don't want to forget, it is thanks to all of you and your contributions that we exist and are able to do all we do for you.

Last but not least, *Thank You God for all the abundant and wonderful rain!* Sutton County looks like the green hills of Ireland right now, and I am sure everyone appreciates it, except our helpers who have to keep mowing the lawn. Our young men and women are great helpers and save us a lot of money mowing, weed whacking and putting in the new garden. We are looking for bulbs and plants, (NO LILLIES-I am deathly allergic to them), to put into the garden. If you are thinning yours, please share with us. Please, recycle instead of throwing out good flowers that could help beautify our grounds and save us some money for preserving history.

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| Emilly Butler    | Cody Perez        |
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| Starlyn Chadwick | Brandy Neff     | Lito Trevino     |
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| Jemifer Gonzales  | Alexie Ortiz     | Travis Valliant  |
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| Erica Hernandez   | Mackenzie Perez  | McKenzie Watkins |
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| Meghan Krieg      | Evan Rousselot   |                  |

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By Becky Covington

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Some view education as a race. But often with trials and curves in the road, not everyone makes it to the finish line. The road is not always an easy one and it takes endurance and dedication to see the victory flag waving at the end and know you

have finished the course. When you receive your diploma, it is because of the goals you have set and the commitment you've made to see them accomplished! It is with pride, that the Sonora Chamber of Commerce wants SHS Seniors to know that when you cross that finish line we also will be cheering you for a job well done and wish you continued success. Congratulations! Class of 2007.

**GRAND OPENING:** Come join us on Thursday, May 17 at 12:00 noon for a "Grand Opening" for Big "C" Automotive, located at 501 S. Crockett Avenue, for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Customers can enjoy a hot dog, drink, drawings for give aways, and register for a new boat. Also, on the following Saturday, May 19th, the Sonora Cheerleaders will be having a bake sale at Big "C" Automotive, so make sure you stop by and purchase some goodies from them. Please welcome new owners Cindy and Guy Colbath to our community and wish them great success in this establishment.

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### The Dinner Diva



**Picking Produce**  
by the Dinner Diva,  
Leanne Ely

A lot of the questions I get asked frequently have to do with fresh produce. Not just how to buy it, but how to store it and maximize the life of it. When you're trying to be mindful of your money and making sure everything gets used up, this is an important question. We've all been guilty of opening the produce drawer of our fridges to find a green slimy thing in a plastic bag that used to be a head of lettuce.

To battle the slime fest in your fridge, you need to know what to buy that you can store for a longer period of time, what to buy sparingly and what to look for.

The first thing you need to know is what to look for when purchasing produce. Obviously, the more unblemished and the fresher your produce, the longer it will last. Wilting, discolorations, spots and a dried-out end will signal to you that that particular produce selection is well past its prime and won't last long. You want heavy melons, hard apples and fresh smelling green vegetables. If it smells fresh, it is. If it doesn't, steer clear.

Potatoes, onions and garlic can all be stored for about a month. They need to be stored in a cool place (not the fridge), and not together (when stored together, they produce gasses that spoil both). In the refrigerated section, carrots and celery will last a good 2 weeks (take the tops off of carrots to extend their life; otherwise the end, the plant part of the carrot, will continue to grow and sap the root part; the part you eat, causing the carrot to wither and dry out). Different

fruits like oranges, grapefruits, lemons, limes, apples and some grapes can all be stored safely for 2 weeks, maybe even 3 weeks. Again, the trick is bringing home very fresh produce.

Broccoli and cauliflower will easily last the week in your fridge. The stuff that is tricky is the fresh greens—lettuces and spinach especially. These need to be used up within the week. The way to keep them from going bad is to plan on having the more perishable veggies for dinner as soon as you can after you purchase them. So you'll have a lovely big green salad for dinner the day after you've grocery shopped, a nice spinach salad a day later and by the time the end of the week comes 'round, you'll be down to carrots or scrounging the freezer for frozen green beans. That's okay—you haven't wasted a thing; you should be proud!

To maximize the life of your produce, make sure they are kept in the produce drawers of the refrigerator (there is better humidity in there than the rest of your fridge), get the air out of the bags they're in as best you can, and check the temperature of your drawers—they should be right at about 40 degrees.

And remember, don't refrigerate tomatoes—they will continue to ripen if they're left out and will taste better. Hard squashes such as butternut and acorn squash and sweet potatoes also don't need refrigeration, but will fair well in the pantry with your onions and potatoes.

Fresh produce can be both a healthy choice and a budget saver when bought in season (seasonal produce is cheaper) and in the right quantities. Just remember that a bargain isn't a bargain if it rots in your fridge!

### Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

"Out the School Windows" Student Art Show Exhibit  
The Bank and Trust  
April 12 - May 17

Relay for Life  
Saturday, May 19, 2007  
Sutton County Park  
1:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Graduation  
Friday, May 25, 2007

Memorial Day Observed  
May 28, 2007

West Texas Championship Cook-Off  
Saturday, June 2  
Sutton County Park

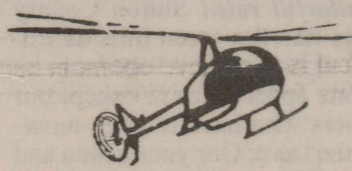
City of Sonora Clean-up  
Saturday, June 9

### Sudoku

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Answers on page 5

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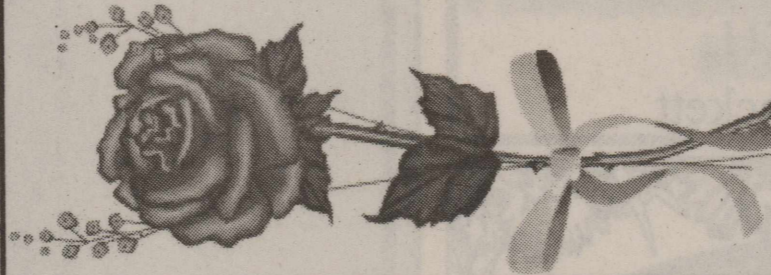
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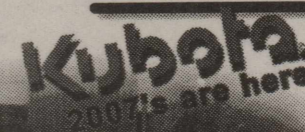
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## Lady Broncos Fall Short In Area Round



Meghan Krieg fires a pitch to the plate. More pictures on page 11. Photo by Ray Glasscock.

### By Tryon Fields

Last Friday, the Sonora Lady Broncos' season came to an abrupt end in the Area round of the state softball play-offs.

The Hawley Lady Bearcats were only one of five teams that have been able to defeat the Lady Broncos this season. It would take extra innings for Hawley to accomplish this task. In nine innings of play, Hawley defeated Sonora by a score of 2-1.

Hawley scored first in the bottom of the second inning.

A lead-off double by the pitcher, Pee Wee Burton, and a single by the center fielder, Phillips, scored the first run of the game.

For the next four innings, a pitchers' duel between Burton and Meghan Krieg, kept fans on the edge of their seats.

It would not be until the top of the seventh inning, with two outs, that the Lady Broncos would tie the ballgame.

A single by Azeneth Villanueva and an RBI pinch hit single by Steely Ingham tied the game 1-1.

Once again, the pitchers would take the showcase and send the ball game to the bottom of the ninth.

In the bottom of the ninth, a lead-off walk followed by two bunts, loaded the bases for the Lady Bearcats.

A slow-roller hit, to the right side of the infield by Kristen Atkins, scored Phillips and gave Hawley the win.

Senior pitcher, Meghan Krieg, had a stellar performance day on the mound.

Although picking up her fifth loss of the season, Krieg went the distance, facing thirty-five batters.

She gave up two runs off seven hits and one walk, while striking out fifteen of the Lady

### Bearcats.

The Lady Bronco defense made their presence known by continually keeping runners off the bases.

Plays by Meghan Krieg, Kayla Fields, Kimble Luna, Brandy Neff, Cassie Krieg, Heather Hughes and Jaimee Duran would prevent the Lady Bearcat base runners from advancing.

At the plate, good pitching by Hawley's Pee Wee Burton, kept the Lady Broncos off balance. Burton limited Sonora to one run off six hits and no walks.

The hard part in writing a "last" article is saying good-bye. It's even harder when you are as close to the players as I have been.

We all started with a dream, one that at present we feel we didn't achieve. But that's not true... these girls have achieved more this year than anyone ever imagined. With accomplishments against teams of Goliath size, our Davids have no reason to hang their heads. Lady Broncos, this community is very proud of you.

To the girls that will be back next year, we have faith in your ability to pursue this same dream.

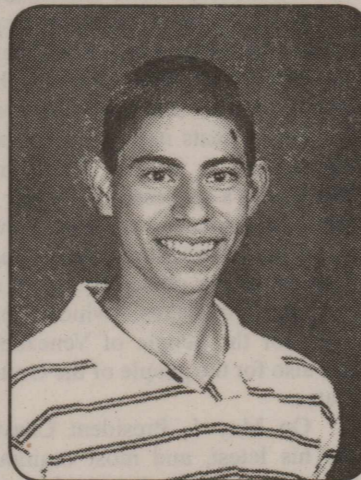
To the four ladies that are graduating, you still have dreams to achieve, and this community will be with you every step of the way.

To seniors Jaimee Duran, Kayla Fields, Meghan Krieg, and Brandy Neff: your inspiration, dedication, and leadership will be sorely missed. Good luck in whatever you choose to pursue. You've proven yourselves with us.....

Good Luck and God Bless

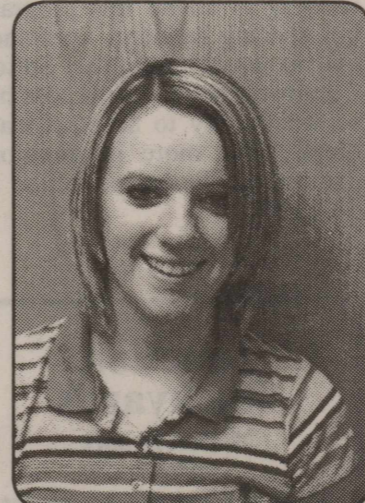
## Sonora High School Students of the Week

The Sonora High School students of the week for the week of May 7, 2007 are Angel Aguayo, Tyler Creek and Tanya Adams.

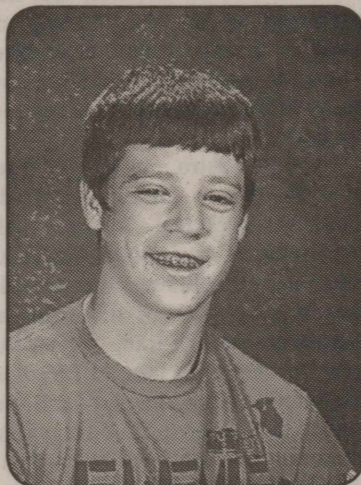


Angel Aguayo, son of Lupe and Juan Aguayo is a freshman at Sonora High School. He participates in varsity track (two mile and mile) and JV-White football. He also participates in band where he plays the Baritone. Aguayo stated that Art is his favorite class. Aguayo has lived here all his life and states that his favorite thing about Sonora High School is the small town atmosphere. After he graduates in 2010 he wants to attend college and become a mechanic.

man at Sonora High School, has lived here his entire life. He participates in varsity track (110 high hurdles, 300 hurdles, discus and shot put), varsity baseball, JV football, OAP and FFA. He also shows goats. Creek stated that his favorite thing about Sonora High School is its strong tradition in sports. His favorite class is Theater with Scroggins. For fun, he likes to hang out with his friends. After graduation, Creek wishes to attend a major university and become an engineer.



Tanya Adams, daughter of Tina Adams and Cody Badgett, is a sophomore at Sonora High School. She moved to Sonora her sixth grade year from Snyder. Her activities include JV basketball and Newspaper. For fun, Adams likes to hang out with her friends, ride bikes with Loren, Christy and Sharee and play basketball. Her favorite thing about Sonora High School is that she gets to be in most of the same classes as her friends. After graduation she plans on attending ASU and becoming a physical therapist.



Tyler Creek, eldest son of John and Sharon Creek, fresh-

## Gulf Shrimp Season To Close May 15

AUSTIN, Texas — The Gulf of Mexico commercial shrimp season for both state and federal waters will close 30 minutes after sunset on Tuesday, May 15, until an as-yet unspecified time in July.

The closing date is based on samples collected by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Coastal Fisheries division using trawl, bag seine and other information gathered from the shrimping industry.

Data regarding TPWD brown shrimp bag seine catch rates, mean lengths of shrimp in April 2007, percent of samples containing shrimp and periods of maximum nocturnal ebb tidal flow indicate a May 15 closing date is appropriate.

"The closure is designed to allow these small shrimp to grow to a larger, more valuable size before they are vulnerable

to harvest," said Larry McKinney, Ph.D., TPWD's Coastal Fisheries division director. "The goal is to achieve optimum benefits for the shrimping industry while providing proper management to protect the shrimp."

The Texas closure applies to Gulf waters from the coast out to 9 nautical miles. The National Marine Fisheries Service has announced that federal waters out to 200 nautical miles also will be closed to conform to the Texas closure.

While the statutory opening date for the Gulf season is July 15, the Coastal Fisheries division will be sampling shrimp populations to determine the optimum opening date for both the shrimp and the shrimpers. No announcement will be made concerning the re-opening until June data are collected.

## Sudoku Answers

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Submitted by **Pascual Hernandez**  
Texas Cooperative Extension will present a multi-county "Ranchers' Round-Up" workshop from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on May 22 at the Sutton County Civic Center. "Do-It-Yourself" will be the theme for this year's workshop.

There will be a number of hands-on demonstrations and activities at the workshop to help ranchers take care of their own operations. Ranchers are used to doing things for themselves, but

they sometimes require technical assistance and guidance on certain subjects. We'll have personnel from Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Department of Agriculture, and Texas Wildlife Management Service presenting at the workshop.

Presentations will address wildlife survey techniques, prescribed burn management and how to build a cost-effective skid sprayer for prescribed burns, calibration and pesticide drift management, predator control options and fecal sampling for parasites. Four Texas Department of Agriculture continuing

education units will be given for attendees with a pesticide applicator licenses.

The program is sponsored by Extensions in Sutton, Crockett and Schleicher counties, the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District.

Registration for the workshop is \$15 on or before May 18 and \$25 thereafter. Checks should be made payable to Sutton Ag Program Fund.

We're asking that anyone wishing to attend this program but needing handicap assistance get in touch with the Sutton County office as soon as possible so we can try to accommodate them. For more information, contact the Extension office at 387-3101.

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7 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 8350' Edwin S Hill-mayer Jr -s- #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 108 05/02/07 3 Drlg Ahead  
8 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7500' Jones Ranch #1552 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 05/06/07 W.o.o.  
9 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7200' Canyon Ranch #9217s Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 303 04/25/07 10 Drlg Ahead  
10 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7200' Canyon Ranch #91-8s Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 304 04/28/07 7 Drlg Ahead  
11 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 7200' Shurley -142- #30 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 05/01/07 4 Drlg Ahead  
12 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 6950' Canyon Ranch -105- #18s Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 305 04/29/07 6 Drlg Ahead  
New 13 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 6900' Canyon Ranch #2077s Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 303 05/08/07 Assigned  
New 14 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 6850' Canyon Ranch -105- #16s Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 305 05/09/07 Assigned

#### Crockett

New 1 Henry Petroleum 11000' Univ13 Connie3 #6 Dw Patterson Util/midlan 487 05/07/07 W.o.w.  
2 Dominion Ok Tx E&p 9650' Friend -25- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 04/29/07 6 Drlg Ahead  
3 Encore Operating Lp 9200' Helen Henderson West #19-1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 04/25/07 10 Drlg Ahead  
4 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8800' Mcmullan #10 Ft Heart Land Drilling 8 04/29/07 6 As Directd  
5 Pogo Producing Co 8500' University 14-1 #1 Dw O'Ryan Drilling Llc 4 04/27/07 8 Drlg Ahead 3275'  
New 6 Chevron/midland 8400' Scheuber Wilkins -ll- Unit -3-Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 05/08/07 Assigned  
7 Chevron/midland 8400' Scheuber Perry -ll- Unit -1-Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 04/24/07 11 Drlg Ahead  
New 8 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8400' Davidson #1723 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 38 04/29/07 6 Drlg Ahead  
New 9 Fiml Natural Res 5700' J M Baggett Jr #13e Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 04/30/07 5 Drlg Ahead

#### Schleicher

New 1 Approach Operating 9000' Rousselot #14-01 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 04/30/07 5 Drlg Ahead  
2 Unit Petroleum/tulsa 7600' Meador -34- #1 Ft Heart Land Drilling 5 04/18/07 17 Drlg Ahead 7600'

#### Terrell

1 Newfield 15000' Poulter #3701 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 118 04/19/07 16 Drlg Ahead  
2 Encore Operating Lp 12900' Brown Bassett Goode Unit #5 Hrdw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 02/28/07 66 Drlg Ahead  
3 Bp America Prod/mid 12500' Banner Estate #37 H Dw Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 04/14/07 21 Drlg Ahead  
4 Wtg Exploration 9900' Aunt Josie -c- #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 109 04/19/07 16 Drlg Ahead  
New 5 Fasken Oil & Ranch 7500' Brown Se -200- #71 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 102 05/02/07 3 Drlg Ahead

#### Val Verde

1 Conocophillips/odes 11800' J A Ranch -l- #5 Dw Patterson Util/lv 481 04/22/07 13 W.o.o. 2360'  
2 Purvis Operating 11000' Whitehead -46- #3 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 169 04/25/07 10 Drlg Ahead

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### Chavez: A Threat to Our National and Economic Security

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Fidel Castro's political inspiration, the philosopher Karl Marx, was right about very few things, but he was correct when he observed: "History repeats itself, first as tragedy, second as farce." It's a farce that Castro's successor as leader of the Latin American socialist movement, the Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez, seems poised to repeat all of Castro's mistakes - which is bad news for the people of Venezuela, and also for the people of the United States.

On May 1, President Chavez ran his latest, and most ominous, scheme out of the Castro playbook by nationalizing multi-billion dollar heavy oil fields in the Orinoco Belt. This energy-rich region southeast of Caracas has so much energy potential that some experts claim it could give the country more oil reserves than Saudi Arabia. By seizing the Orinoco Belt with armed soldiers, President Chavez is consolidating his political power within Venezuela, and increasing his ability to manipulate global oil markets.

The strongman rules an oil-rich nation that accounts for 14 percent of America's oil imports, and he's promised to use his "strong oil card" to "finish off the U.S. empire" - even if that means colluding with some of the most nefarious regimes on Earth.

Like Castro, who partnered with the Soviet Union during the Cold War, President Chavez is making common cause with America's enemies - including the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism, the government of Iran. Earlier this year, he met with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and revealed plans for a \$2 billion joint fund, part of which will be used as a "mechanism for liberation" against American allies.

President Chavez hopes that the profits from the Orinoco Belt will flood his coffers for other foreign adventures, but by asserting government control over this coveted region, he is actually killing the golden goose that feeds his socialist-inspired revolution.

President Chavez's national oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela, has already shown signs of stress from the dictator's constant political interference. Despite record oil prices that should be a boon for

the industry, the company has been forced to accumulate a rapid increase in debt to pay for a doubling of "social development" spending. Meanwhile, its spending on energy exploration and production badly trails its global peers.

In addition, the Orinoco Belt pronouncement has made Exxon, ConocoPhillips, and other energy companies extremely cautious about putting their employees and billions of dollars in assets under Venezuelan management, and for good reason. If those corporations decide to withhold their expertise and investment, it could further weaken the Chavez government's pursuit of socialist dreams and redistribution of wealth. "It seems like they are going to strangle themselves with their own rope," said a foreign oil analyst, who chose to be unidentified for fear of retaliation.

President Chavez's gross mismanagement of the economy should be no surprise to anyone who's followed the career of his Cuban mentor, Fidel Castro. In less than half-a-century, Castro has turned what was once the third-richest nation in Latin America to one of the poorest nations - a real life prison for 11 million people who rely on remittances

from abroad to avoid starvation and collapse.

If President Chavez continues to adopt the Castro economic model, the greatest victims will be the Venezuelan people, but make no mistake, the people of America will suffer consequences too. That's because the deterioration of Venezuela's oil industry could spark a surge in oil prices for American consumers. The cost of this price surge won't be cheap. According to some economists, every time oil prices rise by 10 percent, on average, 150,000 Americans lose their jobs.

So what should our response be?

This sobering scenario should recharge our efforts to adopt a comprehensive plan for American energy independence. Any realistic strategy should include more exploration for domestic energy supplies, such as oil and gas, and more research into alternative fuels, like solar and wind power.

We have the resources to achieve energy independence: the resources underneath our land and water, and the best resource of all, the ingenuity of our free, creative minds. Now, we just need the willpower to use it!

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Ewe & Lamb Pairs- 40-46 \$/hd

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Stocker Muttons -.50-.57

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Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies .75-.85 mutt. .80-1.11

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## City Police Dispatcher Report

### Arrest(s):

May 4, 2007

**May 4, 2007**  
 • Dean Dwight Newberry, 17, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County Warrant for Graffiti.

### Incidents:

**April 30, 2007**  
 • 7:15 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

**May 1, 2007**  
 • 2:25 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 4:30 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.  
 • 6:15 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.  
 • 6:25 PM: Caller reported suspicious persons. Officer responded.  
 • 9:55 PM: Caller reported a suspicious person. Officer responded.

**May 2, 2007**  
 • 10:45 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 11:30 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 5:35 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 8:50 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.  
 • 9:40 PM: Caller reported two reckless drivers. Officer responded.

**May 3, 2007**  
 • 8:25 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 9:45 AM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.  
 • 4:00 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.  
 • 6:05 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

• 7:05 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 12:35 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident at High School parking lot. Officer responded.  
 • 2:00 PM: Caller reported a possible burglary. Officer responded.  
 • 3:30 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident at Martin and Glasscock. Officer responded.  
 • 7:25 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

May 5, 2007

• 8:15 AM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.  
 • 8:30 AM: Caller reported a nuisance dog. Officer responded.  
 • 9:20 AM: Caller reported a dead deer on roadway. Officer responded.  
 • 10:05 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 12:35 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 3:05 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.  
 • 6:50 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.  
 • 9:35 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.  
 • 11:10 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.

May 6, 2007

• 9:35 AM: Caller requested an officer residence. Officer responded.  
 • 2:30 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

## National Nurses Week May 6-12, 2007

"Nurse of the Week" Ada Castilleja, A.S.N. Sonora, TX

It is a privilege and honor that the Permian Basin Area Health Education Center staff, nominates Ms. Ada Castilleja as "Nurse of the Week" during National Nurses Week May 6-12, 2007.

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

Ms. Castilleja graduated from Sonora High School, Sonora Texas then went on to earn her A.S.N. from Angelo State University, San Angelo Texas.

She worked as Staff Nurse/Director of Nursing at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital for 16 years and has served as part time Staff Nurse at various hospitals in Ozona, Eldorado and Eden, Texas since 1988.

Since 1990, Ms. Castilleja has been the school nurse for the Sonora ISD in Sonora, Texas and in 1994 became the Health Occupations Instructor for Sonora High School in Sonora.

Ms. Castilleja has been a dedicated board member on the Permian Basin Area Health Education Center's Advisory Board since 2005.

Nursing: A Profession and a Passion

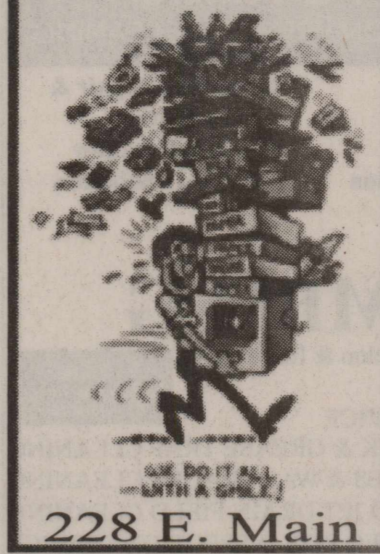
Often described as an art and a science, nursing is a profession that embraces dedicated people with varied interests, strengths and passions because of the many opportunities the profession offers. As nurses, they work in emergency rooms, school based clinics, and homeless shelters, to name a few. They have many roles - from staff nurse to educator to nurse practitioner and nurse researcher - and serve all of them with passion for the profession and with a strong commitment to patient safety.

Ms. Castilleja definitely has

a passion for her profession and a dedication that shows in her work and in her commitment to the communities she works with in rural West Texas.

As stated by Ms. Susan Bilano, Clinic Manager of Family Health Center of Ozona, "Ada has worked for and been a part of our community through her employment for many years here in Ozona. She has helped us out many, many times with staffing shortage situations, working many long hours without complaint. She has always been consistent in her nursing abilities and patient care. We at the Family Health Center of Ozona congratulate Ada on her nomination for Nurse of the week, during National Nurses week May 6th through May 12th."

## Sonora Office Supply



## F.Y.I.

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

**Help fight cancer-** The American Cancer Society wants to give everyone the opportunity to help fight the disease that claims so many lives. Purchase a luminary and help light the way to a cure! Proceeds for the luminary sales will benefit cancer research, service and education. For more information, please call Dorothy at 387-2521 ext. 114.

Sonora High School Class of 1997 is having a 10 year reunion during the 2007 Sutton County Days. Michele Cramer Spillman is in need of addresses, phone numbers or email addresses to contact classmates for the upcoming reunion. Michele may be emailed at [michelespillman@gardere.com](mailto:michelespillman@gardere.com) or after 6:00 p.m. at 214-515-5593.

The 2007 Relay for Life Festival will be held at the Sonora Bronco Baseball Field beginning at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 19th and ending at 1:00 a.m. Sunday, May 20th. If you are a Cancer Survivor please contact: Sue Lozano - 387-2521 ext. 140 or Noemi Samaniego - 387-2521 ext. 123.

The public will be brought face to face with those effected by Cancer in a photo show. If you have a photo you would like to submit of yourself or a loved one lost to or effected by Cancer, please contact: Jody Luttrell - 387-3588 ext. 7250 or Mariah Castro - 387-3861 or Katie - 387-3893

To benefit the Delia Galindo Trust fund, we are selling Coca-Cola products by the case (all varieties) for \$17.50 per case. Orders must be received by April 16th. FMI call Lisa at 206-0187 or Dawn at 387-2662.

A Softball Tournament benefiting Relay for Life will be held Saturday, May 19, 2007 at the Sutton County Softball Field. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. FMI call Lance Castro at 387-3588 ext. 7246 or Marrisaz Faz at 387-2041.

First National Bank Relay for Life team will hold a bake sale Friday, May 11 in the FNB Founders Room beginning at 8:00 a.m. 'til everthing is gone. FNB is also holding a raffle for a GPS unit. Tickets are \$1 each. Tickets are on sale at the bank.

The Sonora Middle School 6th grade will be hosting the 13th annual Culture Fair, Monday, May 14, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium and small gym. Please come by and enjoy food and costumes from around the world.

The I-10 Sluggers will hold a carwash and bake sale Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Laser Car Wash to benefit Relay for Life.

The Sonora Golf Club will hold its Golf Scholarship Tournament Saturday, May 12th. Tee time is 1:00 p.m. All proceeds go to scholarships for Sonora High School students that have participated in at least one year of golf for SHS. FMI, please call the Sonora Golf Club at 387-3680.

Attention Livestock Show Exhibitors - All Sutton County 4-H exhibitors who marketed animals at major stock shows can pick up checks at the Sutton County Extension Office. Call the office at 387-3101 with any questions.

If you have an opinion on whether or not you would like to see Sutton County Days festivities moved back to the courthouse square, contact your precinct's County Commissioner with your feedback. The next County Commissioners meeting will be Monday, May 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex building.

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### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C  
 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 17, 2007

Rule 37/38 Case No. 0251426  
 Status/Permit No. 656211

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLAHOMA TEXAS B&P, INC. [RRC Operator No. 222282] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE and DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirements of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 20, Bk. D, GC&SF RR CO / ADAMS, T B Survey, A-1639, SAWYER (CANYON) and SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH) and FANCETT (WOLFCAMP) Fields, SUTTON County, being 11 miles SW direction from SONORA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20  
 Lease/Unit Well No. : 8  
 Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0  
 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 379.0  
 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 831.0

Lease Lines : 1426.0 F N L, 2257.0 F E L  
 Survey Lines : 1426.0 F N L, 2257.0 F E L

FIELD: SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20  
 Lease/Unit Well No. : 8  
 Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0  
 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 379.0  
 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 831.0

Lease Lines : 1426.0 F N L, 2257.0 F E L  
 Survey Lines : 1426.0 F N L, 2257.0 F E L

FIELD: FANCETT (WOLFCAMP)

Lease/Unit Name : MAYER 20  
 Lease/Unit Well No. : 8  
 Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0  
 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 379.0  
 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 1710.0

Lease Lines : 1426.0 F N L, 2257.0 F E L  
 Survey Lines : 1426.0 F N L, 2257.0 F E L

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

SAWYER (CANYON) :

GAS Special Rules 500/1000, 320.0 acres.  
 GAS Optional Rules 500/1000, 40.0 acres.

SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH) :

Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

FANCETT (WOLFCAMP) :

GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8975 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (713) 7566000.

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 protestant 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) 463-6848.

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 May 29, 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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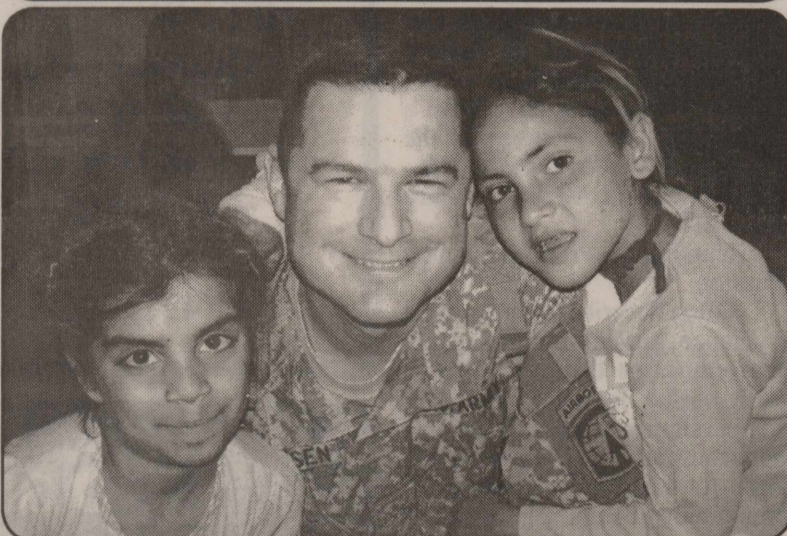
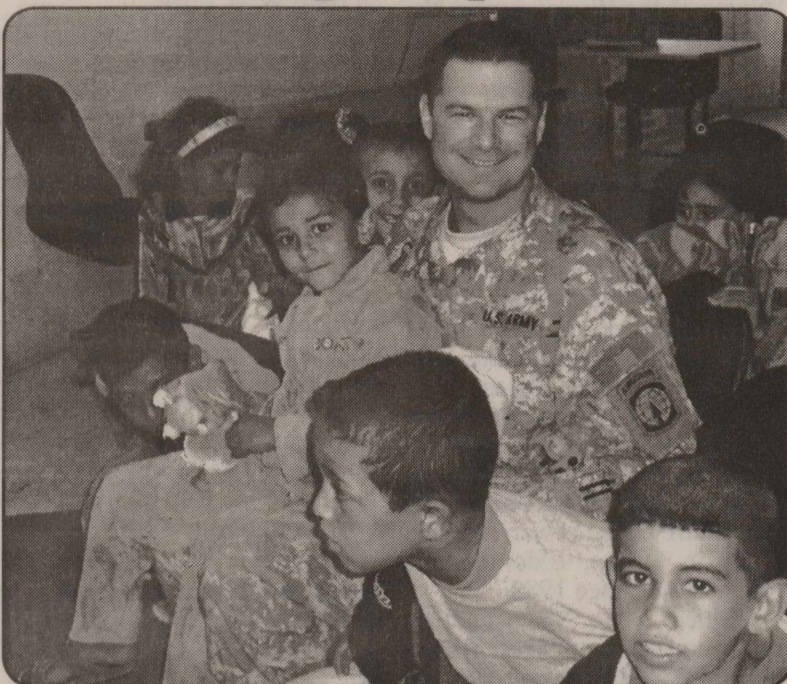
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# Good News from Iraq

The traditional print and broadcast media paint a negative picture of what goes on in our war against terror. We want to give you the other side of the story from soldiers and civilians who are actually over there.

## Please Help Iraqi Children



Major Sorenson with Iraqi children.

Most Iraqis see their newly found freedom as a blessing, but for terrorists it is their worst nightmare. Right now the people of Iraq are going through a difficult transition. They are in the process of moving from a totalitarian regime to a free society. Democracy in the Middle East can be very challenging as Iran and other terrorist friendly countries try to destroy success every day in Iraq.

We here at the Devil's River News support the progress that is being made in Iraq and ask for donations for Iraqi children.

"As for what the Iraqis need, they need everything. Anything you send I can guarantee will be used," said Major Sorenson, U.S. Civil Affairs Officer. "I can honestly say that the thousands of Iraqis I have met are very glad we are here. Nothing is wasted. If you send a pair of shoes, I can find a pair of feet to put in them."

Some other ideas are toys, clothing, school supplies, coloring books, and games for children of all ages (newborn to high school). Soccer is a favorite sport for most children in Iraq. Please use discretion when sending donations and do not send anything that looks too "American". Send plain colors and no logos. Terrorists do not respond kindly to the Iraqi children who embrace freedom. No perishable

items please.

Many Americans do not realize that the United States Military in Iraq is fighting the War on Terror on many fronts. Other than battle, there is an ongoing humanitarian effort every second of every day. America's Civil Affairs Unit provides food, clothing, medical care and much more for the local population. The Units also assist in building schools, hospitals, and help to establish needed utilities. They are making friends with thousands of Iraqi people and are helping spread peace in all corners of the country.

One Iraqi woman said it means a lot to her culture when Americans, as opposed to the U.S. government, show support of Iraq's liberation.

Show your support of free societies worldwide by reaching out to the children of Iraq and helping them rise above terrorism.

Donations can be dropped off at Lighthouse Church in Sonora, TX between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

All donations will be inspected and sanitized before they are sent to Iraq.

For questions please contact Megan at the Devil's River News 387-2507.

Thank You and God Bless the United States Military and the Iraqis.

## Iraqi Mother Aided by U.S. Soldier

By Pfc. Jason C. Adolphson

In Iraq, Indissaer Fadhil, a young mother of three, recently gave birth to a baby boy. The newborn, Hassan, is like any other baby aside from one major complication. The baby has a cleft lip and a cleft palate. His upper lip had no sides because they were compressed to the center. In addition, he had no roof inside his mouth to separate his mouth from his nasal cavity.

"I was astonished, and worried for my baby because he wouldn't stop crying and he was unable to eat," said Fadhil. "I contacted several doctors in the Baghdad area."

All of the doctors informed the new mother that an operation for Hassan had an extensive wait period. Furthermore, Hassan's condition required a series of four surgeries, and each operation would cost 400,000 Iraqi dinar (ID) - about \$1,000 USD.

"I was completely devastated because we have no money and my husband is disabled, at home, without work," said Fadhil. To her relief, a doctor referred her to the U.S.

Civil Military Operations Center (CMOC) and told her she could receive free assistance for her child.

During a routine humanitarian mission at CMOC, civilian affairs officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Military Police Brigade, Major Kristian Sorenson was made aware of Fadhil's desperation to get her son treated.

"In this environment with impoverished families, receiving poor prenatal care for birth defects are not entirely uncommon," said Sorenson. "Though, I've never seen a cleft lip/palate this severe and I was automatically drawn to help this family."

Sorenson took immediate action. "I made several phone calls to some 30 groups and organizations and they all led me to one place. It was an organization called Operation Smile, located in Jordan."

Operation Smile is an international, nonprofit organization that specializes in operating on children with cleft lips and cleft palates.

"I learned that in order to get Hassan treated quickly, the doctors at Operation Smile would have to accept his case right away, otherwise the next available opening would not be for another six months", said Sorenson. "I took several photos of Hassan and sent one in with each piece of information I sent to Operation Smile so they could put a face to the name."

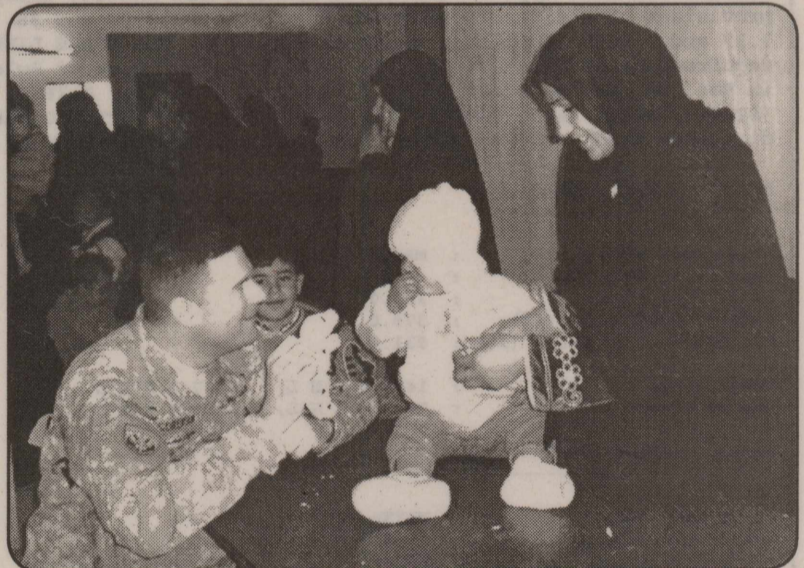
One of the doctors at Operation Smile informed Sorenson that Hassan's case was one of the most severe he had seen in his career. Sorenson's efforts, with the help of professional contacts, made Hassan eligible to be treated in a timely manner.

Meanwhile, Fadhil was required to glue plastic mouth pieces to Hassan's mouth in order for him to eat. Sorenson was able to supply a few mouth pieces and denture adhesive. Fadhil said that the mouth pieces had to be replaced every couple months. She eventually ran out of mouth pieces for her baby and had to make a dangerous commute to the doctor in downtown Baghdad in hopes of getting more.

"I had my children with me and we were nearly hit by the impact of a car bomb. Once I reached the hospital, I was informed by the doctor that the mouth piece would cost about 65,000 ID [\$50 USD] which I did not have. I was sent away empty handed."

On a mid-April day, before a date was confirmed for Hassan's surgery, the young mother's eyes filled with tears as she held her baby and voiced her distress.

"Now I have no choice but to feed him drop-by-drop out of an eye dropper. It's very time consuming and he's sick with a fever and diarrhea. Between tending to him and my other two boys [ages four and six], and going back and forth to doctors, I'm just tired. Fadhil said." She quickly wiped her tears away with a section of her weathered black robe and recovered with a smile. "I am very happy now because the surgery is soon underway."



Though outwardly unwealthy, as displayed by Fadhil's torn left stocking covering only her big toe, she explained her riches are through family togetherness and making means for survival.

"Recently, the Iraqi government returned our land that had been seized by Sadaam's Regime," said Fadhil. The land was returned to the family with a single room building the Iraqi military had built. The gutted structure has no electricity or plumbing, said Fadhil. "We put up two walls and now that big open space is our home, with three rooms!"

Fadhil's large brown eyes widened with excitement as she said her family is now able to grow most of their own food. "Things are good and so much of my thanks are because of Major Sorenson's help with Hassan's surgery."

Hassan was flown to Jordan, accompanied by his mother, to receive his first surgery April 20. Sorenson insists that everyone from the linguists to the doctors at CMOC got involved and nothing would have been possible without the service of many contributors.

The Soldier spoke of the bond he established with the Hasmid Fadhil family of Iraq.

"As a father myself, I sympathized with the family," said Sorenson. "I shared pictures of my family with them and told them stories about my children."

In these wartime circumstances, he said it felt good to see they recognized him not only as a Soldier, but as a person. "A lot of people will walk away from this war with scars," said Sorenson. "Hassan's scar will mean people loved him - many of whom he will not remember; but as he grows older, he will know it represents something special that happened in this world."

Hi Megan,  
April 20, 2007

I just wanted to send out an update on how things are going over here and give a sincere thanks for all your support. As you probably heard, our deployment has been extended by a few months. Of course this is a little disappointing for all of us eager to come home and see our families and friends again - but we understand our responsibilities and are taking it in stride.

I've also heard that some people back home are under the impression that this war is lost... this is NOT an opinion that is shared by the Soldiers in Iraq or by our Iraqi allies. A war is only lost when hope is lost, not when ratings are down. I see renewed hope in Iraq every day!

My team's mission to the Iraqi people has been a great success. We have plans to open two new clinics and support centers in our area of responsibility. These centers help to provide medical care and health education for these families. This increases their quality of life and independence.

I can not thank you enough for all your support and kindness. Every time I make a new Iraqi friend, I am sure to tell them of the hope, compassion, and generosity of the American people.

Of course I do not wish to mislead anyone into thinking that Iraq is 100% safe, for this is still a war zone. Your prayers are appreciated and they have been working. There are some bad people here, but their efforts are being thwarted by people like you who are helping us restore Peace and Hope to a country of limitless potential.

Your friend,  
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## State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

### Tax cut for seniors, disabled reaches governor

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry signed legislation reducing the amount of property tax that a school district may impose on the home residence of Texans who are over 65 or disabled.

The legislation, HB 5 by Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler, is a one-time tax cut that expires on Sept. 1, 2008.

HB 5 stipulates that the state will make up the revenue school districts will lose to the tax cut, estimated at \$15 billion. The money to make up the lost revenue would come from HB 1, the general appropriations bill, but HB 1 has not passed.

A conference committee of 10 lawmakers must work out a final version of HB 1 agreeable to both the House and Senate.

Conferees are Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa; Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown; Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City; Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham; and Sylvester Turner, D-Houston; and Sens. Steve Ogden, R-College Station; Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; John Whitmire, D-Houston; and Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands.

### May 12-20 Designated Texas Tourism Week

In Recognition of Travel and Tourism's Important Economic Impact

Austin, Texas (May 8, 2007) - In recognition of the Texas travel industry and its important contribution to the economy of Texas, Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed May 12-20, 2007, Texas Tourism Week.

Texas Tourism Week coincides with National Tourism Week in which cities, states and travel-related businesses celebrate the value and economic impact of tourism. This year's theme is "Tourism: America's Front Door."

"This theme says 'You are welcome here' and that taps into the spirit of Texas perfectly," said Julie Chase, Tourism Director, Office of the Governor, Eco-

### Jessica's Law goes to conference

The House and Senate did not agree on elements of HB 8, the Jessica's Law legislation championed by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and authored by Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston, five joint authors and 23 cosponsors. Dewhurst named conferees to meet with House members in a conference committee: Sens. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville; Kim Brimer, R-Arlington; Juan Chuy Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, and Florence Shapiro, R-Plano. House conferees are Reps. Riddle; Gattis; Aaron Pena, D-Edinburg; Jerry Madden, R-Richardson; and Joe Deshotel, D-Beaumont.

"This legislation is one of my highest priorities and I have full confidence that the conferees will craft a final bill that sends a strong message to child predators: Don't mess with kids in Texas," Dewhurst said.

Dewhurst wants tougher penalties for child predators, including the option of the death penalty or life in prison without parole for persons twice convicted of aggravated sexual assault against a child under 14.

### Combs offers limited tax amnesty

State Comptroller Susan Combs announced she is offering a 60-day tax amnesty to busi-

nesses with overdue state taxes and those that may be operating without required tax permits.

From June 15 through Aug. 15 taxpayers can come forward, file past-due tax reports and pay their taxes in full, and the comptroller will waive penalty and interest charges normally added to delinquent taxes, according to a news release from Combs' office.

The tax amnesty applies to taxes and tax reports originally due before April 1, 2007.

"We're calling the amnesty period 'Project Fresh Start' because taxpayers have a unique, limited-time opportunity to clear up unpaid, underreported or overdue taxes without fear of penalty or interest and get a fresh start with the state," Combs said.

The amnesty does not apply to assessments already identified by the comptroller, taxpayers currently under audit or review, and taxpayers the comptroller has already contacted about an audit or possible tax deficiency, Combs said.

### House passes 'Under God' bill

The House voted 124-5 to put the words "under God" in the pledge of allegiance to the state flag. HB 1034, authored by Rep. Riddle, would change the wording to "I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state

under God and indivisible." The current language is "I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible." The Senate has yet to consider the measure.

Before the bill came to a final vote, Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, asked Riddle if she would accept an amendment adding the words "and justice for all" to the bill, because if the intent was to mirror the U.S. pledge of allegiance, it would include those additional words. Riddle declined.

### Smoking debate to continue

The House spent hours in debate May 4 over HB 9, legislation to ban smoking in all workplaces and public places, authored by Rep. Myra Crownover, R-Denton. Debate was interrupted many times by points of order charging that parts of the official analysis of the bill were inaccurate. Further consideration was postponed to May 9. Casino gambling measure fails A bill to allow casino gambling on the federally recognized Tigwa and Alabama-Coushatta Indian reservations narrowly failed in a House vote on May 4.

The vote was a tie at 66-66. One more vote would have sent the measure, HB 10 by Rep. Norma Chavez, D-El Paso, to the Senate for consideration.

## Senators Hutchison and Cornyn Comment on DHS Outreach to Local Border Leaders

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn today released the following statement regarding letters sent to local officials in border communities by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS):

"We are pleased that DHS listened to our requests for local input on implementation of the Secure Fence Act. America's borders must be secured, and no one understands that better than the people who live along the border. That is why it is imperative to involve local leaders and to respect private property rights."

Sens. Hutchison and Cornyn

requested in a November 17, 2006 letter that DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff meet with border community leaders and visit the border region.

Secretary Chertoff met with local leaders and Sens. Hutchison and Cornyn in Washington on January 17. Secretary Chertoff and Sen. Cornyn also met with border mayors and county judges in Laredo on February 21.

Sens. Hutchison and Cornyn released a statement on May 2 calling on DHS to involve local leaders and property owners in decisions about the construction of border fencing.





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DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 17, 2007

Rule 37/38 Case No. 0251430  
Status/Permit No. 636519

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLAHOMA TEXAS E&P, INC. [RRC Operator No. 222282] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 20, Bk. D, GC&SF RR CO / ADAMS, T B Survey, A-1639, SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH) and SAWYER (CANYON) Fields, SUTTON County, being 11 miles SW direction from SONORA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH)

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| Lease/Unit Name            | : MAYER 20 |
| Lease/Unit Well No.        | : 7        |
| Lease/Unit Acres           | : 160.0    |
| Nearest Lease Line (ft)    | : 525.0    |
| Nearest Well on Lease (ft) | : 750.0    |

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As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) FAWCETT (WOLFPCAMP). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

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

SAWYER (STRAWN, NORTH) : Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

SAWYER (CANYON) :  
GAS Special Rules 500/1000, 320.0 acres.  
GAS Optional Rules 500/1000, 40.0 acres.

FAWCETT (WOLFPCAMP) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8975 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (713) 7566000.

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)463-6848.

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 **May 29, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

**THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION**

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| Lease/Unit Acres           | : 160.0    |
| Nearest Lease Line (ft)    | : 865.0    |
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FIELD: FAWCETT (WOLFPCAMP)

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| Lease/Unit Acres           | : 160.0    |
| Nearest Lease Line (ft)    | : 865.0    |
| Nearest Well on Lease (ft) | : 792.0    |

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| Lease Lines  | : 865.0 F S L, 1151.0 F E L  |
| Survey Lines | : 1731.0 F N L, 1151.0 F E L |

FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)

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| Lease/Unit Name            | : MAYER 20 |
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| Lease/Unit Acres           | : 160.0    |
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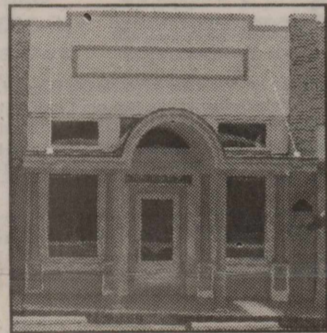
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email: bobc@sonoratax.net



### Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**  
The annual report of the Allison Educational Trust will be available at the address noted below, for inspection during regular business hours, by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after May 15, 2007.  
Allison Educational Trust  
c/o The First National Bank  
102 N. Main  
Sonora, Texas 76950  
The principal manager is:  
Michael V. Hale, Trustee

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John and Mildred Cauthorn Charitable Trust  
c/o Albert Elliott  
213 East Main  
Sonora, Texas 76950  
The principal manager is:  
Michael V. Hale, Trustee

### Public Notice

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department is accepting bids for a stationary-breathing air cylinder charge station. For a copy of specifications contact Chief Rick Cearley at 325-387-2428 leave a message if no answer. Sealed bids must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on May 16, 2007. Bids may be mailed to P.O. Box 801 Sonora, Texas 76950. Sealed bids will be opened at 5:30 P.M. on May 16, 2007 at the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department located at 508 Concho Avenue Sonora, TX 76950.

### Work Wanted

Private Duty Sitting, \$10 per hour, nights and weekends not a problem. References, call 387-2496

### Wanted

Sonora ISD is accepting the following bids for the Cafeteria: Bread, Tortillas (Flour) 6 & 7", Milk, Linen. The bids will be for the 2007-2008 school year. Bids are available at the school Administration Building, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950. Sealed bids are due at the above address by 3:00 PM, on Monday, June 4th, 2007. Please mark bid envelope "Food Service Products Bid." The district has the right to accept or reject any all bids.

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### 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.

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

The Glover Company is seeking qualified and experienced CDL applicants. For **Trans-VAC Drivers, Winch Truck Drivers, Swabbing Unit operators, and Swabbing Unit helpers.** We Provide: Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Paid Vacation, Uniforms and Christmas Bonus. Please apply in person to 2973 I-10 or phone at (325) 392-2561.

**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.

**Sonora Golf Club** needs someone to work part time in the pro shop. Come by and pick up an application. You must be 21.

**EXPERIENCED DRIVERS NEEDED!** Must have current Class A CDL and a good driving record. Experience driving transports, vacuum trucks, operation pump trucks & winch trucks. Monthly performance & safety bonuses. Health insurance, annual profit sharing, driver's days off schedule. Please apply in person at Niblett's Oilfield Service, Inc. Hwy 277 South, Eldorado. No phone calls please.

**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.

**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.

Starting at \$7.00 and up, hiring for all positions and maintenance. Please apply in person with Teresa James at Dairy Queen. Drug Free and Smoke Free Environment.

**C.N.A.'s Needed:** Crockett County Care Center in Ozona, TX is looking for good C.N.A.'s that are willing to earn top dollar in long term care coupled with paid employee health insurance, personal time off and mileage allowance. CCCC is fresh off a deficiency free survey and is looking to repeat the same in 2007. Interested? Please call direct (no long distance), 392-2671 or drop by 103 N. Ave. H and ask for Vicki or Benny. CCCC is an EOE.

**Dozer Operator Hiring** experienced heavy equipment operator for contract job between Rocksprings and Sonora. Call 512-466-4785

### Employment

**Schleicher County Nursing Home:** We need dependable, hard working, fulltime C.N.A.'S, to join our team. If you are not certified, we will pay for your certification through Howard College. Each position would work a minimum of three 12 hour shifts with every other weekend off. We pay weekend and night differentials, seven paid Holidays, Insurance, Vision, and Life Insurance provided for full time employees. Day care available 24 hrs/ 7 days a week. We pay incentive pay at 6 months and 12 months of continuous employment. You will receive longevity pay each 12 months of full time employment. Call us, and get on board with a winning team. Anita Jones or Sarah Huge @ 325-853-3026 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

**Carrier wanted!** San Angelo Standard times seeking someone to deliver newspapers to houses in Sonora. Makes approximately \$1,400 working morning hours. 1-800-588-1884 ext 8291.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce will be taking applications for a **Part-time Town Ambassador.** Applicants should possess people skills and the ability to effectively communicate to visitors about points of interest, local history, answer visitor questions, and assist and direct travelers to lodging, dining, gas stations and local shopping in Sutton County. Flexible hours; an average of 3 to 5 days per week, including Saturdays. Work shift: 3 hours per day. Positions will run May (Memorial Day) through September (Labor Day). Job site location will vary at different businesses in the community. To submit an application for this position contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, 205 Highway 277 North, Sonora, Texas. Applications will be taken through May 15, 2007.

**Employment Notice:** Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for part-time positions intended for **students.** The positions consist of maintenance for the Cemetery, Park, Courthouse, Library, and Road & Bridge Departments. Applications for the positions mentioned above may be obtained at the Auditors office and must be returned by May 18, 2007. Applicants applying for Library position, must obtain and return application from Library personnel. Sutton County is an equal opportunity employer.

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**CDL DRIVER NEEDED!** Service company needs motivated CDL drivers and forklift drivers. Must have clean driving record and at least 3 years verifiable experience. Offers competitive pay with overtime and health insurance. Drug free, dependable and serious persons fax qualifications to 325.387-3813 or call 325.387.5648. All inquiries are kept confidential.

**Hiring Immediately** all positions. Call and ask for Jessica or Maria at 387-9127 or stop by Taco Grill, 232 Hwy. 277 North.

### For Sale

**Home for sale by owner-** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, located on double lot, 925 sq. ft. of covered storage, many pecan trees. Must see to believe. 403 N. West St. Eldorado, TX. Please call 325-853-3036 or 325-277-3693.

**16x75 mobile home** for sale, 3 bedroom 2 bath, must sell, call 387-2041, leave message if no answer.

**2 Llano River Tracks,** 6 miles west of Junction. 9.5 acres - \$139,000, 18 acres - \$199,000. 325-446-6700

**For Sale:** 2001 Trail lite, Bumper hitch, Slide out, Travel Trailer. Heat, air and plumbing work. Great condition. Call 325-853-2191.

**Mobile Home For Sale:** 16x76, 3 bedroom 2 full baths, 2001 Solitaire. Call for more info. 387-5298 or 206-1926

**For Sale:** Solid maple dining room suite \$250; Like new Cardio-Glide \$125; New men's Justin boots 10 1/2 B \$80. Call 392-3377 after 5 p.m.

**Land Home Packages -** Zero down if you own your land EZ financing 1-800-934-9644, RBI #03190

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**Mobile Home for Sale:** Fiesta 1998 2 bedroom and 1 bath, living room and kitchen, 14x54. Portable Carport 20x40. Call 387-3187, all appliances included, electric.

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**Bronco Mobile Home Estates,** 1305 N. Crockett, Sonora, TX. 2nd month free on single and double wides. Call 830-313-1060

### Reward

**Reward** for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for break-in and theft at a ranch west of Sonora. Stolen items: Red Honda 300 four wheel drive 4-wheeler, Moultrie wildlife camera and a Parker 100 mag compound bow. Please call 337-824-6318.



**Looking for Part-Time Summer Help**  
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# Up On Eaton Hill

By Delyse Jeager

## Wondrous Wildflowers



Having written often of the myriad attributes of springtime on Eaton Hill, I'm at a bit of a loss for words to describe the phenomenal wildflower season we are currently enjoying on the hill. Oddly enough, "lush" best describes our typically arid landscape, and the magnificent host of flowers covering the hill has enchanted me once again. This spring, however, brings a new twist and a new way of experiencing the intricate delights of creation - i.e. digital images.



While photos can never reproduce the actual experience, nor capture the surroundings completely, they do offer another way of appreciating and experiencing nature.

Macro-photography opens up the hidden world that exists beyond the grasp of the naked eye and adds an element of treasure hunting to your hike.



Downloading photos of flowers and viewing them as a slideshow reveals a multitude of surprises: insects, pollen covered stamens, fragile pistils - the delicate reproductive system that gives birth to an extraordinary display of color.

Most of our bluebonnets may have ended up in the draw

this year, but up on Eaton Hill, the wildflower season is far from over.

Other signs of spring include busy black-chinned hummingbirds, bright orioles, dragonflies and butterflies. Hit the trails, take your time, take a close look, and take a few shots!

### Picnicin' the Hill

Prior to last Friday, picnics on Eaton Hill were enjoyed mostly from the laps of our visitors.

Thanks to Tom Clifton, District Supervisor of Sonic Drive-In, we proudly announce the addition of upgraded picnic facilities up on the hill.

You may have noticed that Sonic Drive-In is undergoing a facelift, and Mr. Clifton has generously donated the old, but still quite functional, picnic tables to Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary.

Visitors can now have a picnic or take a break at one of the three tables located at the flagpole.

For a more private setting, enjoy a fourth table tucked amidst the oak stand just south of Old Glory.

Thank you Tom Clifton and Sonic Drive-In, we greatly appreciate your contribution!

# District Champion Lady Broncos



Azeneth Villanueva crosses the plate for the Lady Broncos lone run against Hawley.

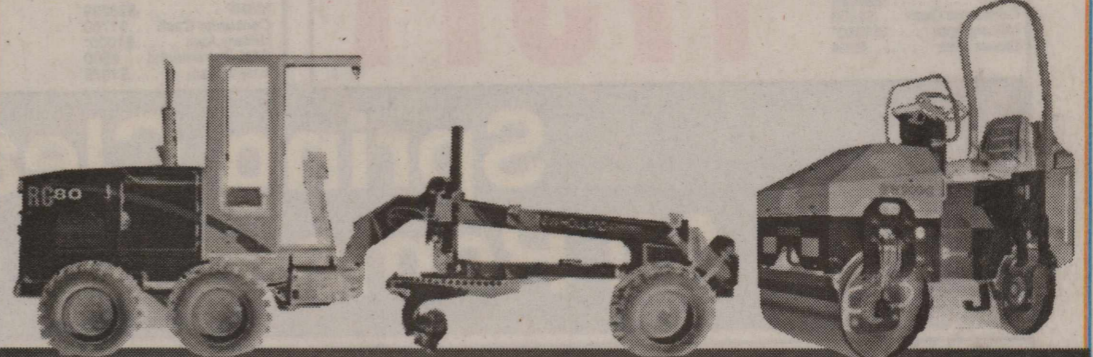


Jaimee Duran to first for the out. Photos courtesy of Ray Glasscock



Azeneth slides under a high throw to second base.

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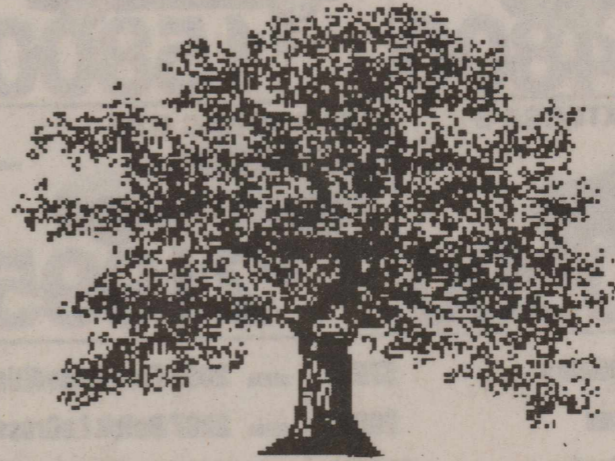
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