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Traffic Tie-up Following Saturday Morning Wreck



On Saturday, June 16th at 8:55 a.m., the corner of Crockett Avenue and E. Main Street was the scene of an accident as a flatbed tractor truck wrapped around an electrical pole. No one was seriously injured. Gabriel Jerome Parrish was driving a truck owned by Lonestar Industrial Inc, of Midland, TX. Parrish was charged with failure to control speed and arrested for an outstanding warrant. The stoplight is being repaired by Tx-DOT, and the work is expected to last until sometime next week.
Photo by Kel Thomas

Jim Stephen-What a Lion!



Left to Right: Betty Stephen, Judge Jim Stephen, and Virgil Polocek. Municipal Judge Jim Stephen receives Texas Fellow Award for outstanding service from the Lions Club, section 2-A1. Stephen joined the Lions in 1984 and has worked countless hours for the community. He has served in numerous positions of the Sonora Lions Club including President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP, Chaplin, and Tail Twister.
Photo by Megan Aho

Devon Donates to Sonora Volunteer Fire Department



Matt Pettyjohn of Devon Energy Corp. (r) presents SVFD Chief Rick Cearley with a \$1000 donation check to the SVFD.
Photo by Kel Thomas

Another Border Patrol Agent Sent To Prison

By Dr. Jerome R. Corsi

Noe Aleman, a border patrol agent for 12 years in the El Paso sector of Texas, is headed to federal prison today, destined to join Border Patrol Agent Ignacio "Nacho" Ramos in solitary confinement at Yazoo City, Miss., both having been prosecuted by El Paso U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton. He surrendered to the U.S. Marshal's office at the U.S. District Court in El Paso Monday afternoon.

What was Aleman's crime? "I was prosecuted for trying to adopt the three daughters of my wife's sister after their father died in Mexico," Aleman said in a telephone interview. "My wife and I cannot have children, and we already have an adopted Samoan child from Hawaii, Noe Aleman III, now age 18."

But to read the statement from Sutton's office, Aleman is a dangerous criminal who defrauded the United States by smuggling aliens, providing false testimony to the adoption court, and lying to federal authorities about the girls' ages, whereabouts, and parentage.

"I'm just another victim in George Bush, Alberto Gonzales, and Johnny Sutton's war against Border Patrol agents," Aleman said in the telephone interview.

According to Aleman, Sutton's prosecutors repeatedly lied, suggesting that Aleman had a sexual relationship with the girls, aged 12, 13, and 15 when the adoption procedures began 3 years ago, and that his purposes were prurient, not fatherly.

"Federal investigators questioned these minor girls without a lawyer present," Aleman said. "We protested, but nothing we have said in this whole case has made any difference."

"Sutton's office decided my wife and I were criminals," Aleman pleaded. "Our only offense was that we wanted to adopt my wife's three nieces from Mexico and some forms were filled out incorrectly. How many illegal immigrants from Mexico bother to fill out any forms at all?"

Aleman argues that his problems with Sutton began when an incompetent immigration attorney made mistakes in listing the girls ages as 19, 20, and 21 in completing paperwork. Despite these mistakes, the attorney has refused to refund any of the \$40,000 the Alemans paid in legal fees.

To pay legal fees, the Alemans were forced to deplete their life savings to pay criminal defense lawyers. Now, with Noe headed to prison, the family is at risk of losing their home.

Federal agents arrested Aleman on the spot when he showed up at the immigration office to correct visa mistakes, again attributable to the same immigration lawyer who had messed up the adoption papers.

Once criminal proceedings against Aleman began, the children were deported back to Mexico. Noe and Isabelle have not seen the girls for 2 years.

Judge Cardone, the same judge that presided at the Ramos and Compean trial, sentenced Aleman to serve six months.

Aleman is headed to Yazoo City, Miss., a medium-security prison where Ramos is in solitary confinement.

At Yazoo City, Aleman's fellow felons will see him as a sexual pervert law enforcement agent who smuggled minor girls into the U.S. to satisfy his lascivious purposes.

Isabel Aleman has reason to

worry about her husband's security at Yazoo.

World Net Daily broke the story that Ramos had been beaten in Yazoo Prison when the warden there placed him in the general prison population.

In six months, when Aleman is released from Yazoo City, he will spend six more months in home confinement. Judge Cardone further ordered that Aleman be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing his prison term.

"The Department of Justice and Johnny Sutton prosecuted me, and violated every aspect of not only our civil rights but also basic human rights, for nothing more than a typo," Aleman says in a statement on his website.

Aleman maintains that, "I was charged with smuggling my own legally adopted nieces. At the trial, the prosecution twisted everything. Nothing we wanted to say was allowed to come out as we meant it."

No transcript is yet available of the Aleman trial, echoing another pattern of the Ramos-Compean trial where the transcript was not available for more than a year after the trial ended.

Aleman has charged that the government prosecutors in Sutton's office themselves made false statements as they did in the Ramos-Compean trial, another parallel with the Ramos-Compean trial.

There, prosecutor Deborah Kanof allowed the drug smuggler, Osvaldo Aldreata-Davila to claim he was a poor Mexican who only got involved in this

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Girls Hunter Safety Camp



This year's attendees and instructors for the Girls Hunter Safety Camp.
Photo by Megan Aho

From June 9th-12th, 2007, the Hunter Safety Camp for girls, sponsored by the McPherson's 4M Ranch and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept, was held at the McPherson Ranch, south of Sonora. "The good Lord blessed us with sixteen of the best, most polite and well-mannered girls," said McPherson.

The girls included Brooke Bowlin, Katie Bowlin, Laura Martinez, and Catherine Fernandez from Del-Rio; Aliana Castro, Kory Humphrey, and Marci Parks from Sonora; Karah Seamands, Twins-Rebecca and Chelsea Wessels from San Angelo; Samantha Davis from Wichita Falls; Taylor Creamer from Cornstock; Katie Adams from Big Lake; Meagan Thompson from Sabinal; Kelsey Kemp from Sulpher Springs; and Rhapsody Swyter (all six foot-two of her) from Eldorado.

The pocket knife for Outstanding Camper went to Katie Bowlin. The girls were instructed in Survival, First Aid, Game Care, and Hunting Ethics. They

were taught the safe handling and techniques of both firearms and archery. Each girl fired close to 100 rounds of ammunition including .22 caliber rifles, .20 gauge shotguns, muzzleloaders, along with a .38 special, .357 magnum, and the game warden's own .40 Smith & Wesson pistols. The wardens were amazed at the shooting ability of the girls.

The instructing was done by Game Wardens, Dan Waddell, Will Allison, Lance Lindley, Matt Adams, Doug Seamands, and Scott Davis. Doug McPherson, Marvin Shurley, Jim Stephens, Preston Love, and retired game warden Rodney Knight, also instructed. Mary Humphrey, TPWD Biologist, taught the wildlife management and identification programs.

I want to thank Sandy and Doug McPherson, who furnished their ranch, food, and a tee-shirt for each girl. They have done this for fifteen years. Thanks also to the wardens, who not only instructed, but

also washed dishes, stacked hay, and did anything that needed to be done; to the Border patrol of San Angelo and Car Quest of Sonora for their support; to my duck hunting partner, Marvin Shurley, who is always there if I need anything for the camp; to Mary Humphrey, who stayed with the girls and helped me in the kitchen; to Bryce, my grandson, who helped me load and unload everything; and finally, my wife, Kathy who bought groceries, made spaghetti sauce, boiled potatoes, and with help from Mammaw, my mother, made 190 cupcakes.

The whole camp was wonderful, but there was one special moment for me. One night around a campfire, as the girls were making s'mores, Warden Dan Waddell got out his guitar and started to play while the girls sang. When Dan started to play "Amazing Grace", one of the girls, Brook Bowlin, joined in. I have never heard anything so beautiful in my life. It was a great way to end camp.

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Monday - NO MASS
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Wednesday - 7:00 a.m.
Thursday - 7:00 a.m.
Friday - 7:00 a.m.
Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

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Senior Center Activities

Fri. June 22 - Birthday Party for June "Seniors" at noon!
Mon. June 25 - Bingo!
Tues. June 26 - Happy Birthday Bill Tittle!
Sugar-Blood Pressure checks with Intrepid
11:00 a.m. - ?
Wed. June 27 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Ed. at noon!
Thur. June 28 - Happy Birthday Alda Duran!

Senior Center Menu

Fri. June 22 - Beef & Cheese Enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit salad and milk.
Mon. June 25 - Hot Dogs with chili & cheese, potato chips, pineapple waldorf salad, brownie with nuts and milk.
Tues. June 26 - Hamburger Macaroni & Cheese, okra & tomatoes mix, turnip greens, cornbread, banana pudding and milk.
Wed. June 27 - Chicken Strips with gravy, potato wedges, zucchini squash with tomatoes, rolls, pears and milk.
Thur. June 28 - Meatballs & Spaghetti with sauce, French cut green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, cherry cobbler 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). New Summer Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay

Submitted by: Ann Kay
Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program are proud to say that the Chamber of Commerce will be planning Sutton County Days downtown this year. We will be helping with the old fashion bed races on Main Street. So, if you would like to dress in your PJ's and race down Main Street and win the honor of number one bed racer in town, just call the Chamber and sign up.

Now, you ask, how do you race a bed? Well, the bed has wheels on all four legs, and your team puts one person in the bed to be the bed rider, and the 4 other members of the team pushed the bed and race to the finish line. Doesn't that sound like fun?

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program have been working hard to find a pioneer family to honor this year at Sutton County Days in August.

What will you receive for this honor? We will buy you a steak dinner at the Mason Lodge Steak Dinner Promotion, and your family story and photos will be spot lighted at the Bank and Trust and First National Banks of Sonora. I invite you to watch the Devil's River News and KHOS Radio for the announcement in the near future.

We invite you to come to see us at the 105 Concho Street or call 325-387-2248. We also invite you to come down and visit the Museum.

Congratulations

2007 Texas A&M Graduates

COLLEGE STATION, TX on June 15, 2007, diplomas were awarded to 5,417 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies. Among those recognized were:

Koda Rae Armke
Senior Sonora
Bachelor of Science
Ag Leadership & Development
Robert Landon Brockman
Senior Sonora
Bachelor of Science
Agricultural Economics

Mark Cooper Wins Symphony Search

Mark Philip Cooper is the proud son of Philip and Jeannette Cooper. He was born in Sonora, Texas on February 21, 1980. He graduated from Sonora High School on May 28, 1999. He attended Angelo State University in the fall semester of 1999 to major in music. While there, he took private voice lessons from Dr. Eldon U. Black.

Throughout his tenure at Angelo State University, he was involved in many of the vocal and instrumental ensembles. He was also involved in several of the musicals (i.e. "The Desert

Song", "Pirates of Penzance", and "A Madrigal Dinner"). Mark is currently pursuing post-baccalaureate work in speech therapy. He resides in San Angelo, Texas, and feels blessed to a member of both The Heights Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church.

Mark performed "The Impossible Dream", from the Broadway hit musical The Man of La Mancha, for the Symphony Search auditions and won. He will sing this same selection with the orchestra at the Town & Concert July 3rd Pops Concert.

The Woman Who Left the Church

By Brother J

Her husband had lost his job and could not find work. A lady from a church came by and visited her. The young woman desperately wanted her to pray and ask God's help for her situation. Later, the lady from the church brought over some food and a few clothes for her children.

Every Sunday the church prayed about the young woman's situation. She and her husband and children started attending church. Shortly, her husband found a good job, but he had to travel. They were able to recover financially and were doing well. The young woman bought new clothes, and was spending money on her children for all types of things, and they were seen all over town in many different places.

A short while later, the young woman quit attending church. The lady who originally visited her and prayed for her went to visit her. She asked if something was wrong or if someone in the church offended her. She said, "No, I do not have time for church."

This happens all too frequently, and there is a danger in it, (Deuteronomy 8:10-14, Psalm 78:10&11&42). God loves us and is there waiting to help us, but He also wants us to be thankful and realize where our help came from, (Jeremiah 29:12&13). There is also a warning, God may not help the next time, (Psalm 50:22, Isaiah 17:10&11). See you in church next Sunday.

Happy Birthday

June 21
Morgan Smith, Callie Allison Moore, Justin Bentay

June 22
Virgil Burge, Brandon McGavock, Pam Munn

June 23
Milton Black III, Manuel Patlan,
Charlie Johnson, Bryan Reyes

June 24
Koda Armke, Hunter Hughes, DJ Luna,
Miguell Villanueva III, Greg Fierro, Donny Yocham, Jr.,
Mickey Sanchez, Madison Webb

June 25
Elida Guerra, Susana Gonzalez, Hayley Mata,
Laramie Hall, Keith Heiken

June 26
Julio Samaniego IV, Cayle Moss, Savell Shannon,
Jason Vitela II, Marc Hernandez, Thomas Bloodworth,
Farrah Virgen, Luis Hernandez, Leticia Garcia,
Tracy Fincher, Lilia Gallegos

June 27
Paul Faz, Gene Damian, Brady Vylvlecka, June Williams,
Bubba Cook, Devon Yearout

Letter to the Editor

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Obituary

James "Jimmy" Eppler

MASON - James "Jimmy" Eppler, of London, TX, passed away on Sunday, June 17, at the age of 66. Mr. Eppler was born on July 30, 1940 in Menard, TX to Elvin Eppler and Mamie Lou Baker Eppler. He was raised in Harper and Streeter and Odessa. He married Gail Anderson in Odessa in 1958 and their marriage was blessed with 3 children. Jimmy worked as a welder in Sonora and Ozona for many years. In 1976, he and Gail moved to London where he continued to work.

Jimmy was dedicated to his family and loved by everyone. He was a member of the London Baptist Church. In his spare time, he loved to read and in earlier years enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Mr. Eppler is survived by his wife Gail, his son Warren Eppler and wife Becky of London, a daughter Karyn Jean Fritz and husband Gerald of Barksdale, 3 brothers: Mack Eppler and wife

Sheri of Littleton, CO; Ken Eppler and wife Karen of Azle, TX; Jon Eppler and wife Jamie of Portland, TX and a sister, Janet Dixon and husband Chris, of Midland. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren: Casey Eppler and wife Jennifer, Christina Newman and husband David, Derringer Fritz, Sierra Fritz and 5 great-grandchildren: Jarryd Evans, Mason Eppler, Annie Eppler, Micaiah Newman and David Newman. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a son, George Brian Eppler, in 1983.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 20, at 3:00 p.m. in the Mason Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Thomas Jeffers officiating. Interment followed in the Coffey Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family on-line at www.masonfuneralhome.net.

Thank You

On behalf of my father and myself, I would like to express our appreciation for the kindness during our time of loss. The cards and flowers were a great comfort. Thank you also for all the food that was sent. Hospice was of great help during the last days, and one I would highly recommend them. This has been a hard time for the family, but it's good friends and family who will see us through.

Thanks again,
Homer Jolly
Jesse and Brenda Solis

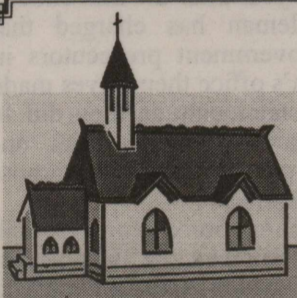
The family of D.H. "Curly" Faulks would like to thank the wonderful people of Sonora for their gifts of prayers, good thoughts, food, and beautiful flowers during our time of loss.

A special thanks to Dr. Pajestka, Diana Arteaga, and everyone in their office and at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

Middle School Meeting Set

Joe Young, Sonora Middle School Principal, would like to invite all middle school parents and any other interested community members to an overview of the 2007-2008 school year at Sonora Middle School.

The meeting will be held in the Sonora Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28th, 2007. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Young at the Middle School office at 387-6940 ext. 3200. Refreshments will be served.



Sonora Church Directory

Primera Iglesia Bautista 504 Santa Clara 387-2035	Church of Christ 304 N. Water 387-3190
The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616	First Baptist Church 111 E. Oak 387-2951
Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	St. John's Episcopal Church 404 E Poplar 387-2955
Pentecostal Calvary Temple United 509 Amistad 387-5266	First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466
St. Ann's Catholic Church 229 W. Plum 387-2278	Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713
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one drug incident because he needed money after his Mexican commercial driver's license expired preventing him from earning his living driving trucks.

This was despite proof, which developed prior to trial, that Davila was a repeat-offender, a professional drug smuggler who continued his illegal activity even after being protected with immunity by prosecutor Sutton.

Aleman's legally adopted daughters are today at an orphanage in Juarez, separated from their adopted parents and forbidden from returning to the United States for another 10 years.

"It's hard to see what's happened to me as justice," Aleman argued over the phone. "I spent 12 years of my life on the border trying to prevent criminals and illegal aliens from entering the United States, and now I find myself going to federal prison."

"What crime did I commit?" Aleman asks. "There are organized criminals out there who bring hundreds of women and children into the U.S. for sexual exploitation. I'm not one of the bad guys. I'm one of the good guys who just wanted to adopt three kids who were already part of our family."

"Ask the Historical Society" will return next week.

\$100,000.00 Awarded By Hill Country Chapter Of Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers'

The Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Auxiliary met their goal of giving \$100,000.00 in scholarships since 1989 by awarding \$15,250.00 in scholarships this year to deserving students. A scholarship and awards luncheon was held in honor of the recipients and some of those making it possible on June 9th at the Comfort High School Cafeteria. Food was provided by Easy Pickens, in Harper, and members. Everything was decorated beautifully for the festive affair. The group was entertained by Tom Pickens, cowboy poet and song writer. The Chapter plans to make this an annual event. Scholarships had been handed out at regular summer meetings in the past.

President Suzy Stewart asked Vice-president JoBeth Pickens to open in prayer. After a delicious meal and entertainment the Style Show Ticket Chairman, Frances Dendy, awarded a plaque to Diamond Donor, Peggy Landis Matli, who purchased a \$1000.00 table in memory of long-time member Laura Schmidt. Plaques were also given to Edmund Jenschke, Inc., of Kerrville and Junction National Bank, of Junction for being Grand Champion Donors of \$500.00 tables. When tables of this amount are purchased, the full amount is given in a scholarship. Reserve Champion Businesses and Individuals are those that purchase a whole

table of 10 for \$250.00. They are given recognitions in the style show program. Suzy Stewart then honored Scholarship Chairman, Charlotte Kneupper, with a framed certificate of appreciation from the organization for all her time and effort. Charlotte proceeded to announce the recipients. They are as follows: \$250.00 Scholarship winners: Jason Mangold- Bandera; Megan Miller - Fredericksburg; Ky Lyte McNett - Blanco; Chante Raeke - Bandera; Austin Reeh - Comfort; David Vaughn - Comfort.

\$750.00 Scholarship winners-Justin Foster - Bandera; **Craig Leonard - Sonora**; Elizabeth McMahon - Harper; Mark Mobley - Blanco; Mikki Murr - Junction; Logan Toone - Mason.

\$1000.00 College winners-Sarah Campbell - Pipe Creek; Kegan Crouch - Mason; Grant Giles - Comfort; Kimberly Haile - Sisterdale; Jana Jackson - Boerne; Cody Kneupper - Sisterdale; and \$1750.00 Graduate Student-Brandi Kneupper - Sisterdale. Kimberly Haile was presented her scholarship by Peggy Matli, who gave it to her in memory of Laura Schmidt.

In an election year, there is a congressional letter writing contest that has students write their congressman on a subject chosen by American Land Foundation dealing with prop-

erty rights. Hill Country Chapter of Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Aux. sponsors two scholarships to two Texas winners out of the national contest. This year's Letter Writing Contest Winners are: \$1000 rewarded to Melissa Gantes of Flower Mound, Texas and \$500.00 rewarded to Molly Morin of McKinney, Texas.

The money for the scholarships is raised at the Annual Fashion Show and All Texas Products Luncheon held each fall. This year's style show is Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at the Inn of the Hills.

Contact Frances Dendy for tables or individual tickets, 830-257-5942. There is also a raffle and a silent auction. We are always looking for more members. You need not own sheep and goats to belong, just have a goal of helping our youth pursue an education in agriculture. Our next meeting will be August 27th at the new Fredericksburg event center. The guest speaker will be Duery Menzies. Contact Suzy Stewart at 830-669-2204 for more information.

Trivia Question

Q: What Pittsburgh Pirate had exactly 3,000 career hits before losing his life in a plane crash?

Submit your answer to the Devil's River News at 387-2507 or by e-mail to: editor@sonoratr.com

The first person correctly answering the trivia question will receive 4 free tickets to the San Angelo Colts baseball game on June 23.

The second and third correct answers will receive 2 free tickets each for the same night.

Good Luck

\$1,000 Reward

for info leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who vandalized the Downtown Car Wash and Sonora Water Station

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◆ EVAN ALMIGHTY (Showing on two screens) (PG) 10:25pm 11:15am 1:25am 1:55pm 4:05pm	◆ OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (Showing on two screens) (PG13) 10:10am 10:50am 1:05pm 1:40pm 4:10pm
◆ FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG) 10:30pm 11:00am 11:30am 1:00pm 1:30pm 2:05pm 4:00pm 4:30pm 5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm 9:35pm 10:05pm 10:35pm	◆ PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG) 10:45am 2:30pm 6:25pm 10:00pm
◆ KNOCKED UP (R) 10:00am 12:55pm 3:55pm 7:15pm 10:20 pm	◆ SHREK THE THIRD (PG) 10:35am 1:10pm 3:35pm 6:20pm 9:00pm
◆ MR. BROOKS (R) 3:20pm 9:45 pm	◆ SPIDERMAN 3 (PG13) 11:55am 6:40pm
	◆ SURF'S UP (PG) 11:05am 1:20pm 4:15pm 7:25pm 9:55 pm

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Texas Legislature Funds Round 5 Of The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program

AUSTIN, Texas — Funding for Round V of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program is included in the appropriations bill passed in the recent legislative session. The 80th Texas Legislature included \$62 million in bond funding for the Texas Historical Commission's nationally recognized Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. Funding will be made available after a November bond election subject to approval by voters.

The much anticipated Round V funding will permit additional Texas counties to participate in the highly successful program that restores the grandeur and architectural integrity of these historic landmarks, while also upgrading their operational systems to meet modern requirements, making them both beautiful and functional.

Since its inception in 1999, the program has assisted in the full restoration of 35 county

courthouses with an additional 29 projects under construction or having finished a phase of work toward complete restoration. Established as a unique partnership, the state has contributed \$145 million and county governments have matched more than \$62 million to restore these Texas icons.

"The revitalization of these architectural treasures benefits both local and state economies," said THC Executive Director Larry Oaks. "The courthouse restoration activity has resulted in reinvigorated downtowns and an increase in construction and other related business. These communities become desirable destinations for heritage tourists. We are grateful to the Texas Legislature for their support of this important economic development program."

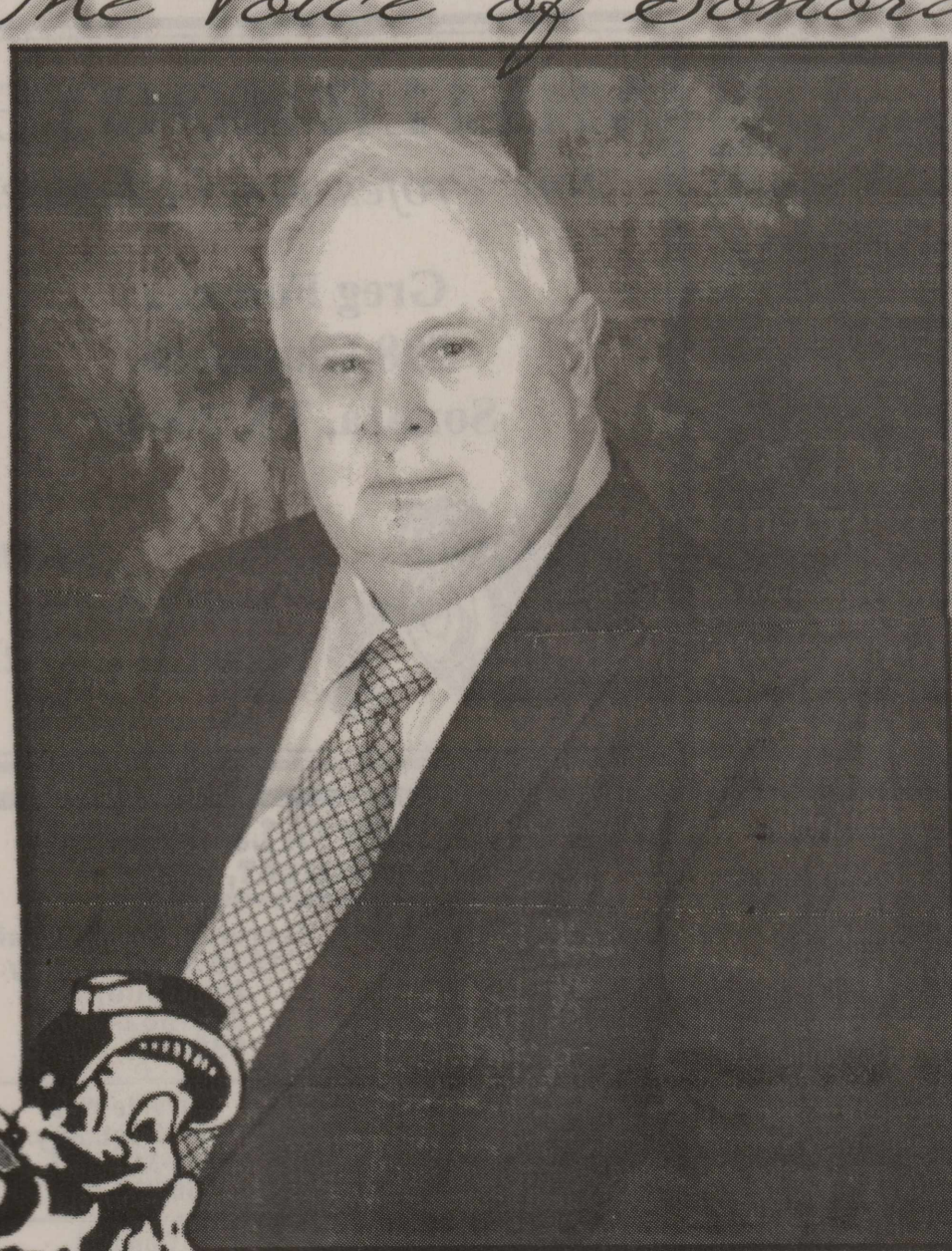
A timeline with specific dates for submission of applications, deadlines for construction plans and specifications as well as new master plans from coun-

ties not previously participating in the program will be posted in late July on the THC website at www.thc.state.tx.us. The final timeline will be established by THC commissioners at their quarterly meeting in July. The THC expects to begin accepting applications this fall.


Restored courthouses throughout the state will be assured of maintaining their renewed appearance through the Texas Courthouse Stewardship Program which provides training workshops, site visits and consultations with THC architects and other professionals. The program is made possible through a generous grant from the Texas Land Title Association.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

The Voice of Sonora



Albert Ward



REWARD



MISSING CAT
Lost Saturday, 6/2 on I-10 at mile post 411

Description: Grey/white tabby/Siamese mix with tan stripes on legs, blue eyes, long tail, female, neutered, electronically chipped. Cat has always been indoors so will be skittish at being outdoors.

REWARD OFFERED

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Sutton County Civic Center

One Person Scramble – 18 holes
July 7
Tee Time 9:00 a.m.
Sonora Golf Course

4 Lady Select Shot
July 21
Tee Time 9:00 a.m.
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4 Man Select Shot
August 4 & 5
9:00 a.m.
Sonora Golf Course

Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo
August 9-11
Sutton County Arena

Sutton County Days
August 11
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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August 15
Tee Time 9:00 a.m.
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Chamber Chatter

Chamber Planning For 2007 Sutton County Days
By Becky Covington

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that preparations are well underway for our Sutton County Days Festival! This event, scheduled for Saturday August 11th, downtown Sonora, draws approximately 3,000 people to Sonora each year. This annual tradition has been the largest event in town for more than 34 years, drawing families, businesses, friends, and community leaders from across Texas.

So far, the following highlights have been scheduled for Saturday:

- Crafters and exhibitors
- Food Booths
- Children's Entertainment
- 5K Run ~ Saturday 8 a.m.
- Pet Parade
- Bed Races
- Live Entertainment
- Art Show

This year's festival will return to the downtown area around the courthouse. The show will be on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. We will be opening the event on Friday starting with the parade at 5:00 p.m. from Concho Street then ending at the courthouse at which time there will be live entertainment along with the annual Steak Dinner Scholarship fundraiser by the Masonic Lodge. Arts and crafts and food vendors need to get their application into Donna as soon as possible to assure space availability. No electric-

ity or tents will be provided. If you set up a tent, NO STAKES are allowed; supports must be sandbagged, no exceptions. There will be absolutely no tearing down of booths prior to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. The rules will be the same as in previous years; that is no "Garage Sale" or "Flea Market" type exhibits.

Thank you so much to all of you green-thumbers out there. Erin Burnham, Mallory Roussett, John Wade, Jimmy Howorth, Jesus, Summer Hall and Susan Hall planted the stone planters with beautiful bougainvilleas- located in front of the downtown businesses- and cleaned and planted the Welcome to Sonora Planter Box on Highway 277. The Bank Vault Park downtown was planted by Susan Hall, and the Concho Street Bridge Planter Boxes were planted by Max and Jimmy Howorth, Landon and Taylor Velarde, Susan and Summer Hall, Sam Kent, and Sherry Dickens. There are many volunteers in Sonora, but some of these folks always step up to the plate to transform Sonora into a better place to live. If you are interested in being a part of Keep Sonora Beautiful please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at noon at the Chamber of Commerce office located at 205 Hwy. 277 North.

Landscape Of The Month



The Mercantile Building, owned by Mike and Debra Hobbs, was chosen by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce as the "Keep Sonora Beautiful Landscape of the Month" for June. The Mercantile building was constructed after a 1902 fire that destroyed the east side of Main Street, today it houses offices. Mike and Debra have selected stone planters and a variety of colorful plants that compliment the garden and attract the attention of visitors. Also, Mike and Debra would like to extend a special thank you to Susie Adams with S & J Plant Company and Cason Haby for helping with the planting.

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Rivers Of Bliss

Whether we realize it or not, we all need a piece of river to call our own.

By Larry D. Hodge

"The Brazos belonged to me that afternoon, all of it. It really did. The autumn-blue sky . . . the yellow-white air, the cedars and oaks green and gold and red, the rocks the size of buildings, the sun on my back, the steady, comfortable stroke of the paddling . . . It was mine." — from "Goodbye to a River", by John Graves.

John Graves was in his eighties before I had the good fortune to meet him and edit the Texas Parks & Wildlife Press edition of his book Texas Rivers.

At that time, I don't think I'd ever been in a boat, much less a canoe, and certainly I'd not floated the Brazos. Graves loved and wrote about so well. But the things he had to say — not just about the river but about life, and people, and history, and all manner of disparate yet interconnected subjects — shone a light into some previously dark corners of my mind.

And so, when I was preparing to write this article, the first thing I did was read through Goodbye to a River again.

And the second thing was to get on the river. Not just any part of the river, but the very part where Graves began his journey, at the picturesque, sandstone, multi-arched bridge across the Brazos where Texas 16 crosses it just below Possum Kingdom Dam, where signs now proclaim it to be the John Graves Scenic Riverway.

Hello to a river

"Usually, fall is the good time to go to the Brazos, and when you can choose, October is the best month. . . . Most autumns, the water is low from the long dry summer . . ."

Early October found me standing beside the Texas 16 bridge with TPWD fisheries biologists Mark Howell, Gerald Kurten and Dale Lyons, looking at a river so low that even a canoe would have to be dragged much of the time. Graves was right. The weather was perfect, but the river was low.

However, Howell had a plan, and so we put in below the mouth of Ioni (EYE-on-EYE) Creek, near the spot where Graves made his first night's camp and scribbled in his notebook, "The hard thing is to get slowed down." The thick, tough, oily green weeds and willow trees Graves described were still there. And so were fish, as my three companions soon demonstrated and I learned first-hand. Largemouth bass, white bass, channel catfish (yes, they will bite artificial lures) freshwater drum and sunfish all took our offerings, but most fun of all was the hard-fighting spotted bass. I dragged a plastic cicada-imitating lure through the swift water just below the last rapid, and one little bass after another smashed it as it reached the edge of the riffle.

Much of the time I spent with camera in hand watching the others fish. Twice I was rewarded when a flight of no fewer than 50 blue-winged teal buzzed Howell as he fished the rapids. Being here was definitely better than reading about it. And unlike Graves, I had no trouble slowing down and savoring the solitude.

The magic of rivers

"The aloneness of it was good. . . . Few people are willing to believe that a piece of country, hunted and fished and roamed over, felt and remembered, can be company enough. . . ."

Every single person I interviewed for this story said they love rivers for the same reasons. "What I like about [the Brazos] is the thing that may be in jeopardy after you write about it — there aren't many people out there," Kenny Whittenburg tells me.

"Relaxation," Natalie West says when describing why she likes canoeing on the Trinity and the Colorado. "Being outside, alone on the river, with the sounds of nature all around."

"The sense of being in the wilderness is quite an appeal," says Louis Aulbach about the Pecos.

Ed Lowe has paddled many

Texas rivers, and he particularly loves the Rio Grande, the Pecos and the Devils. "I love the fact they've been there thousands of years, and the surroundings are in many cases unchanged since the Comanches roamed up and down," he says. "It seems to me that people these days are so connected to cell phones and video games and computers, and we all have a need to connect back to the earth, and rivers let us get away from all that stuff and see what's out there."

Finding your own piece of river

There's no substitute for being on a river yourself. Fortunately, no Texan lives more than a few hours' drive from a stream that will float a kayak or canoe, and the state has no shortage of river angels willing to share information about the waters they love. Here are some recommendations to get you started, but finding your own piece of river — well, that's up to you, and that's a good thing.

Experienced Only Need Apply

A trio of West Texas Rivers — the Rio Grande, the Pecos and the Devils — offer the most solitude and some of the finest fishing. However, they are remote and can be dangerous. "There are parts of the Rio Grande a complete novice could do; others you should not attempt unless you are experienced and well-equipped," says Marc McCord, whose Web site <www.canoeman.com> offers reams of information.

"For me, the Pecos is the best fishing river in West Texas," says river guidebook author Louis Aulbach. "It has spectacular scenery, but when you are in the canyon, there are places you can't get to by land. Once you begin, you are committed."

The Devils River provides some of the best smallmouth bass fishing in Texas, but access is limited, and there are few places to camp unless you have landowner permission. "The river doubles in flow where Dolan Creek comes in," points out river guide Joey Lin. "There are Class III rapids on the Devils, and it's

very remote, so inexperienced paddlers need to be careful."

Rivers For The Rest Of Us

Fortunately, there are many paddler-friendly Texas rivers. Near the top of everyone's list is the San Marcos. "For a great river experience, I tell people to try the San Marcos," says McCord. "It's not that challenging for people who know what they're doing. It's the most reliable river in Texas in terms of flow, and it's drop-dead gorgeous." Lin points out that the San Marcos can be dangerous for novices — there are numerous small dams that are best portaged — but it has plenty of sunfish, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and Guadalupe bass. Summer angling can be awesome, with channel catfish biting topwater flies and bass chasing vibrating lures or grasshoppers.

The South Llano also has a reliable flow and runs through country without a lot of development. "This river has a lot of smallmouths," advises David Thomason, who guides fishing trips on Hill Country rivers. "Fishing is best in the stretch above South Llano River State Park. There are a lot of riffles and rapids and tailwater below rapids. Throw a pheasant-tail fly for Guadalupe bass, smallmouths and sunfish. With ultralight equipment, use a crawdad pattern. Small lures work best."

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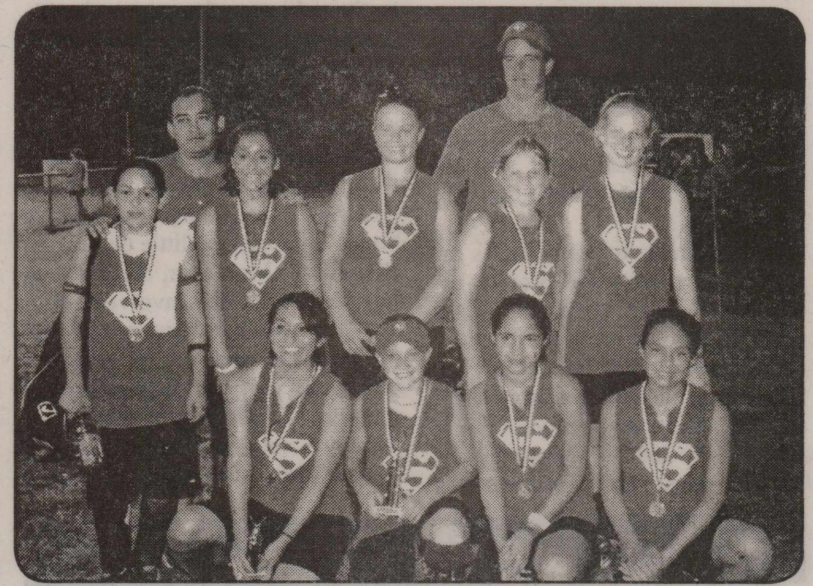
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Sonora Hot Chicks Take Third in Mason Tournament



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Kneeling: Evelyn Solis, Kylie Love, Kelsey Favila, and Jay Sanchez
Photo courtesy of Marrisza Faz

The Sonora Hot Chicks travelled to Mason to participate in the Mason softball tournament last week.

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Summer Heat Can Ruin Summer Fun

Submitted By: Kelly L Thorp, MS

County Extension Agent-FCS Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County

Legend has it that Texas only has two seasons - January and summer. This year might prove that since the thermometer will crack the 90 degree mark this week. If this trend continues, summer this year could be an old-fashioned scorcher.

While warmer weather is welcomed by sun-worshippers, wiser Texans know the summer heat is nothing to fool around with - or in. Summer heat can be dangerous. Each year hundreds of people in and out of the Lone Star State sicken because of heat-related conditions, and some of them die, said Dr. Carol A. Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist and a registered nurse.

Some of these heat-related conditions are:

- Heat cramps: Painful spasms and cramping of large muscles in the legs, arms or abdomen. These spasms are caused by too much exertion in the heat and not enough fluids (such as water or juice) taken in.
- Heat exhaustion: Feeling of tiredness, weakness and dizziness, accompanied by headache, nausea and sometimes vomiting. Heat exhaustion is also brought on by dehydration and too much physical activity in the heat. Victims' perspiration is heavy; skin feels moist.
- Heat stroke: Symptoms of this serious medical condition include feeling tired, weak and dizzy, as well as disorientation and/or deliriousness, and possibly unconsciousness. "Heat stroke is truly a medical emergency for which you would call 911," Rice said.

But the news is not all dark and gloomy, Rice said a few precautions and a little common sense can make these summer dangers a thing of the past.

First, she said, get plenty to drink - of the non-alcoholic variety. "Be sure you are adequately hydrated before you go into the heat, and make sure you have plenty of water with you," she said.

If you're planning to be out in the sun doing heavy, physical activity, Rice advised, "drink a couple of eight-ounce glasses of water, juice or sports drink about two hours before you go outside, and follow that up with another four to eight ounces of these liquids about 90 minutes later - or about 15 or 20 minutes before you go out into the sun. That will give your body time to accumulate necessary fluids," she said.

Beer may be considered the "national drink of Texas" in some circles, but Rice advised against using it as your beverage

of choice when trying to beat the heat. "Beer actually acts as a diuretic," she said, "and increases fluid loss - not a good thing when you're trying to protect yourself against heat-related illnesses."

Caffeinated drinks, such as colas and that other Texas favorite, iced tea, act much the same way. These drinks make you "lose more water than you need to," Rice said.

"Your best bet is to drink plain and simple water, and plenty of it. The good news is, not only is water the best drink for before, during and after heavy physical activity, it's probably the cheapest too," she said.

"Drink lots of cool water, even more than you think you need, when the weather is hot and humid," Rice said, "and remember, she added, "when the weather is humid, perspiration doesn't evaporate as quickly so the body cools down more slowly and heat-related conditions become more likely."

A good rule of thumb is to drink about one-and-a-half times what your body tells you it needs to prevent dehydration in the summer heat. "Drink at least a gallon of liquid a day - about 16 glasses - when the outside temperature is above 90 degrees and you are not in air-conditioned surroundings," she said.

Surprisingly enough, some places in Texas are still not air-conditioned. Rice's advice if you find yourself in one of those locations:

- Use a fan to keep air circulating.
- Open windows as wide as possible to create cross-ventilation.
- Open drapes or curtains on the shady side of the building and close them on the sunny side.

- Don't cook.
- Try to spend time in indoor environment, such as a shopping mall, senior center or public library.
- Take cool baths or showers as often as possible.

Some Texans feel the heat more than others and need to take special precautions.

"Older people are more likely to have problems with heat," Rice said, "because the body's temperature-regulating system is not quite as sensitive as it gets older, so they don't realize how hot they are becoming."

People with chronic illnesses, such as Parkinson's disease, diabetes, heart disease or high blood pressure, may be more heat-sensitive too.

Rice also advised:

- Don't increase salt intake. "It's very rare that an American will need extra salt," she said. "Most of us get too much."
- Wear light-colored, cotton clothing. "Most synthetic materials trap body heat and are not absorbent," Rice said. And wear a hat "to shade your head."
- Whenever possible, schedule outside activities during early morning or late evening when temperatures are cooler. "If you are required to work outside, take frequent breaks and drinks of cool water," Rice said. "Do not run or do other types of energetic exercise during the heat of the day."
- Drink the right beverage. "Avoid drinks with caffeine - they may cause muscle cramping," she said, and "eat plenty of fruits and vegetables to maintain adequate amounts of sodium, calcium and potassium."
- And "never, never, never take salt tablets," Rice said. Too much sodium is not good for the body and "most foods provide enough."

For more information about heat-related conditions and how to avoid them, contact a county Extension agent and ask for publication L-1858. Or visit the Web site: <http://agpublications.tamu.edu> and click on Extension Publications, then click on the link to Health. Source: Linda Anderson and Dr. Carol A. Rice-Extension Health Specialist

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Citizens and Civic Leaders of Sonora and Sutton County are encouraged to attend one of two economic development workshops to be held on Sunday June the 24th and Monday June the 25th at 2:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation is hosting the meeting in order to request feedback and guidance from our citizens and stakeholders about the upcoming Sonora economic development initiative. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to (phone) 979.216.0548 or via e-mail to kelleystewart@AdventGX.com.

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Watershed Structures Prevent Greater Flooding Damages

Keeping Sutton County Residents Safe in Flood Events

Sonora, TX - Most of time we don't think much about driving over a bridge or a low water crossing in our area, unless it has rained and the draws are running. Over the past few weeks we have been blessed with abundant rainfall that, in some cases, caused localized flooding. Draws south of Sonora ran bank to bank with floodwaters, causing several road closures.

Although the rain was needed, the excessive amount resulted in flooding that could have been much worse if not for the watershed flood control structures (dams and water channels) in Sutton County, according to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Tom Payton, NRCS District Conservationist in the Sutton County field office, surveyed the affects of the heavy rainfall. He saw first hand how the flood control structures and conservation practices upstream worked together to lessen the damage from the heavy rainfall.

"With big rain events like this we really see the benefit of flood control structures. They work together with conservation practices to prevent damage to infrastructure. When things like roads and bridges are spared from damages, then that translates to dollars saved," Payton said.

"Even though county roads were closed, and there were some damages, it could have been much worse if these flood control structures had not been here," Payton said.

NRCS, with assistance from the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District, has constructed flood control structures throughout Sutton County in the late 1950s through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act. These funds authorized NRCS to provide assistance with the planning and installation of flood control structures like small dams and grade stabilization structures, and in applying conservation practices like fencing, brush management, terraces and waterways.

The Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District sponsored the project and purchased the land rights in order to build the dams in the late in 1950s. NRCS provided nearly \$2.1 million to construct the 13 dams in the Dry Devils River and Lowrey Draw watersheds, which cover approximately 233

square miles, or 149,120 acres, in Sutton and Schleicher Counties.

Although the flood control structures may easily go unnoticed across the landscape, they have had a big impact on preventing flood damages. Several of these structures do not look like a typical dam, and many do not even hold water. But after a heavy rain event these structures spring into action. They capture rushing flood water and hold the water back, allowing it to be slowly released downstream. Slowing the water down and allowing it to be gradually released reduces damage to roads, rangeland, fences and other property.

Since Sonora was founded, the city and nearby areas have suffered damage and loss of life when rainfall events on one or both of the watersheds sent flood waters into town. Local flooding in 1936 displaced about 100 families, and a 3.5 inch rain in May of 1957 forced the evacuation of 22 homes. Devastating flood damages to Sonora and the surrounding area following that storm event prompted the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Sutton County Commissioners Court, City of Sonora, Eldorado Divide SWCD and Schleicher County Commissioners Court to seek technical and financial assistance for the USDA-NRCS to develop a water retention and drainage system that would provide safety for local citizens.

These 13 structures are located on agriculture land in the watershed operation and maintenance of each structure falls upon the local sponsoring agent. Each year the Sutton County Commissioners Court allocates funding to do any required maintenance. Inspections of the structures are done annually to see what work might need to be done.

For the past 60 years the USDA-NRCS has worked with sponsors across the state to construct nearly 2000 flood prevention structures. If you are interested in reading more about the watershed program in Texas or the nation, you can visit the USDA-NRCS website at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watersheds> or come by the USDA-NRCS office in Sonora at 301 Crocket or call the office in Sonora at (325) 387-2730 x 3.

Patriotic Extravaganza Planned by Local Lions Clubs for 4 of July Holiday

Lions Clubs in San Angelo Raise Funds for SightFirst II Campaign

The San Angelo Lions Clubs 4th of July event called "CELEBRATE FREEDOM" is developing into a very large event with fun and games for all.

It will be both a civic event and a fund raiser for SightFirst-II the Lions' worldwide project to conquer curable and preventable blindness wherever it exists.

The event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 3rd from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and on Wednesday the 4th of July from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Numerous civic organizations have already joined the program.

1. Shannon Hospital will have their Life Flight helicopter on site for viewing and tours.
2. The El Paseo's Old Town will be open for tours.
3. Station 618 will be open for tours.
4. Fort Concho will be open for tours, and we are working with the Buffalo Soldiers to have them do some demonstrations.
5. The Historic Orient - Santa Fe Railroad Depot will be open with numerous exhibits and model trains. They are also working with the Ferromex Railroad to have an engine parked at the Depot.
6. Many other civic and commercial organizations have expressed interest in having a booth or representation and we are working to firm up those requests.

This event has two main purposes. It will be both a civic event and a fund raiser. SightFirst-II provides glass-

es, medical and surgical optical services to those most in need. SightFirst-II is striving to raise over \$150 million dollars to meet their goals.

There will be no admission charge for attending "CELEBRATE FREEDOM". For more information please contact any Lions Club member or John Hancock at (325) 949-9409.

Winner of \$1,000 Shopping Spree



From left to right Kevan Flores, Willie Mungia (winner), and manager of Parker Lumber, Gus Mirelez. Photo by Megan Aho

Willie Mungia is the winner of the \$1,000 shopping spree from Parker Lumber. This past Saturday, he received a phone call telling him the good news. "I thought it was a prank," said Mungia. "I have never won anything before. This is exciting and a great father's day present."

The PBR Invades Rocksprings

Rocksprings, TX (June 20, 2007) - The Professional Bull Riders are bucking into Rocksprings, TX on July 6th and 7th, for a weekend filled with rank bulls, high scores and big wrecks. The Rocksprings Enterprise Tour Event will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly at the Edwards County Fairgrounds.

The Slick Rock Challenge will showcase some of the most promising rising stars of the PBR, riding alongside fan favorites and veterans, as all the competitors face-off against the most famous bucking bulls in the industry. PBR Finals Bulls from Diamond S Bucking Bulls of Weatherford, TX include Shanghai, Cat Daddy, Okeechobee Spots, Avalanche, Smash Hit, County Line, Stray Cat, Deputy Sheriff, Power House, Hot Stuff and Cruel Dude. Hebert Bucking Bulls and Lane Foltyn Bucking Bulls will also provide their best stock.

The U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company Challenger Tour, Enterprise Rent-A-Car Tour and the Discovery Tour offer upcom-

ing bull riders the opportunity to compete in PBR sanctioned events, while earning money to qualify for the PBR's elite Built Ford Tough World Finals presented by Wrangler.

More than 104 million viewers tune in to PBR each year. With over 500 hours of prime time programming annually, PBR ranks among the most prolific sports on air. The PBR's governing board of directors is comprised of renowned bull riders who have developed the event into a stand alone sport which is experiencing unprecedented growth and global popularity. PBR is headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado and has over 800 athletes competing in more than 250 PBR sanctioned competitions.

For more information about the Rocksprings PBR Event call Souli Shanklin at 830/683-3155, Betty Schnack at 830/683-3112 or Cotton Ploesser at 830/683-7657. Tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12.

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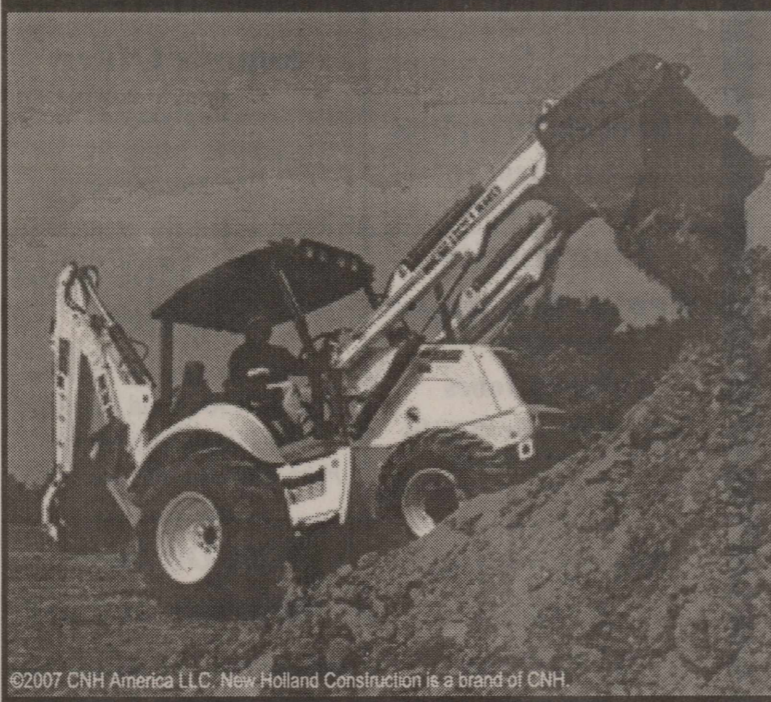


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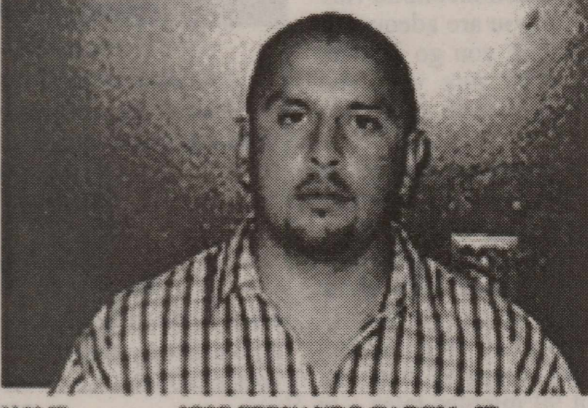
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New UK Commander tells Iraqis 'We will stand by you'



Commander of the 1st Mechanised Brigade, Brigadier James Bashall, right of picture, holds his first press conference with Brigadier Akeel, Commander 1 Brigade, 10 Division, Iraqi Army at Basrah International Airport. Photo by Cpl. Dan Harmer.

<http://www.mnf-iraq.com>
BASRAH — The new UK Brigade Commander in southern Iraq, Brigadier James Bashall, delivered a powerful message to the Iraqi people June 5 aimed at reassuring them that he has their best interests at heart.

Brigadier Bashall, of Tidworth-based 1st Mechanised Brigade, joined forces with Brigadier Akeel of the Iraqi Army 10th Division at a joint press conference, the first since his recent arrival in Basrah when he took over from Brigadier Tim Evans, Commander 19 Light Brigade.

1st Mechanised Brigade officially took control of the Brigade Headquarters on June 1st. With the exception of a few units, the Brigade is now fully operational in southern Iraq and an important component of Multinational Division South East (MND(SE)).

Brigadier Bashall was keen to reassure the local people that he intends to build on the excel-

lent work achieved by his predecessors in the 19th Light Brigade during the last six months.

His message was simple: he and the rest of the UK personnel in southern Iraq had the best interests of the Iraqi people at heart. He said that there would be no let up in operations against the terrorists criminals who continue to pose a threat to the people of Basra and the surrounding area.

"This is my third tour of duty here, and I would hope that I have learned many valuable lessons that will assist me during this tenure," he explained. "I intend to put my previous experience to good use."

The Brigadier went on to confirm 2007 as the year of transition and that Iraqi Security Forces were making significant movements in order to ensure the transition to Provincial Iraqi Control. He also said that the training and support of the Iraqi Security Forces is his top priority and that he will do everything

he can in order to assist them.

Iraqi Leaders Call for Unity

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MOSUL, Iraq — An Iraqi civilian tip led Iraqi Army Soldiers to a massive explosives cache southwest of Mosul June 15th.

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Iraqi Army Division, used the information provided by a local citizen to uncover more than 1,600 pounds of propellant and various artillery charges.

The cache found near Mosul marks the second significant successful operation against al-Qaeda operatives in as many days.

On June 14th, Coalition Forces in Kirkuk captured two al-Qaeda cell leaders and several associates. The intelligence used to launch that operation also came from a local tip.

"Iraqi citizens are making a choice to stand with their Iraqi Security Forces and the Coalition," said Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general, Task Force Lightning and Multinational Division-North. "We are seeing that many Iraqis are thoroughly disgusted with al-Qaeda and their violence. Many of these recent successful raids and discoveries are in a large part due to the greater amount of information and cooperation the Iraqi people are providing."

CF killed Sa'id Hamza during an operation targeting the al-Qaeda in Iraq network in Mosul on June 12th. Local tips were also a key to the success in that raid.

Sa'id Hamza was known to be the al-Qaeda in Iraq military emir of Mosul. Intelligence reports indicated he planned, coordinated and facilitated suicide bombings in the Mosul area.

he can in order to assist them.

"You will have heard many times that 2007 is the year of transition and there has been much talk of British troops withdrawing," he said. "This is simply not the case. The Prime Minister did announce a reduction in our force levels in Iraq but this is because the Iraqi Security Forces are growing both in confidence and capability."

"As the Iraqi Security Forces increasingly take the lead for security, the Multi National Force will adjust its force posture so that we can help with the crucial task of building Iraqi capacity while retaining the ability to intervene in support of the Iraqi forces should the situation demand it," Brigadier Bashall said.

"Your security is of great importance. The training of your Security Forces is my top priority and I have soldiers dedicated to this task. Your military, the Police Service and the Department of Border Enforcement

have achieved a great deal in the past year," he continued. "We must build on this and continue to enhance your security. Improvements to the security situation will encourage investment in Al Basrah and your economy to grow as a result."

Brigadier Bashall added that attacks against multi-national forces are an attack against the ordinary citizens of Iraq.

"Criminals and terrorists hamper our efforts to assist you as well as causing injuries and damage. Whilst my priority is to train and mentor your security forces, I will continue to defend my forces against militia attacks and target those who are responsible," he said. "I would be grateful if you could take away the message that my Brigade is here to offer you support and we will stand by you. There are many challenges ahead, but it is in all our interests that we succeed. Only you, the Iraqi people, will provide the lasting solution."

Coalition Forces Disrupt Secret Cell Terrorist Network

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Coalition Forces killed at least 20 terrorists, wounded six suspected terrorists and detained one suspected terrorist during operations targeting Secret Cells operating in Amarah and Majjar al-Kabir.

The individuals detained during the raid are believed to be members of the secret cell terrorist network known for facilitating the transport of weapons and explosively formed penetrators, or EFPs, from Iran to Iraq, as well as bringing militants from Iraq to Iran for terrorist training.

In coordination with the Government of Iraq, Coalition Forces conducted coordinated raids in the Maysan province of eastern Iraq. During the morning's operations, Coalition Forces came under heavy small-arms fire and rocket-propelled grenade attacks in both Amarah and Majjar al-Kabir. Using appropriate escalation of force measures, ground forces were forced to use close air support to

suppress the enemy fire. During the close air support, at least 20 terrorists were killed and six suspected terrorists were assessed to be wounded by the strafing. A vehicle being used by the terrorists as a fighting position was also destroyed by the close air support.

Intelligence reports indicate that both Amarah and Majjar al-Kabir are known safe havens and smuggling routes for Secret Cell terrorists who facilitate Iranian lethal aid. Reports further indicate that Iranian surrogates, or Iraqis that are liaisons for Iranian intelligence operatives into Iraq, use both Amarah and Majjar al-Kabir as safe haven locations.

"Terrorists learned this morning that there is no safe haven in Iraq," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, MNF-I spokesman. "Coalition Forces will seek out and find terrorists anywhere and everywhere in Iraq." <http://www.mnf-iraq.com>

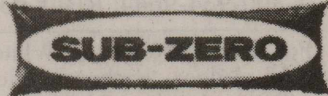
It has been brought to our attention, that this page doesn't show the death and destruction in Iraq. This is a non-partisan page that is intended to show the other side. If you would like to see the death and negative aspects of the war on terror, we suggest you open any other news publication, watch a news entity, such as ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, or even a Hollywood production.

We do not attempt to glorify the war effort because war is a horrific and violent struggle. We endeavor to present positive strides being made in this conflict on both the battlefield and in humanitarian efforts. The number of Operations Iraq Freedom and Enduring Freedom casualties as confirmed by U.S. Central Command 3890 soldiers after 7 years of war.

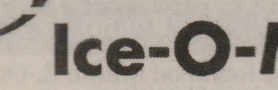
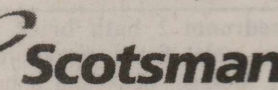
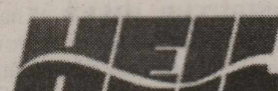
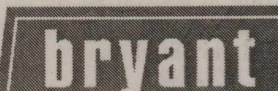
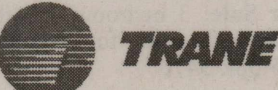
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In other divisions, Meredith Earwood was awarded Champion Commercial Wool; Emily Earwood took Grand Champion Mohair Fleece; Sawyer Ranch won Grand Champion Bag of Wool; The team of Colton Moore, Paul Faz, Sterling Love and alternate Meredith Earwood brought home a second place in the Senior Team Range judging competition. The Senior 4-H Wool judging team of Savannah Leonard, Colton Moore, Emily Earwood and alternate Meredith Earwood took a second place finish, as well.

Team coaches were: Shawna Faris, Michael Kissire and Pascual Hernandez.

Congratulations to all the participating teams.

Police Dispatcher Report

Arrest(s):
June 12, 2007
 • Wes Lee Smith, 22, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for three Sonora Municipal Court Warrants for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Expired Motor Vehicle Registration, and Possession of an alcoholic beverage in a Motor Vehicle.

June 13, 2007
 • Amaniel Capuchina, 23, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Assault.
 • Elizabeth Gina Jowers, 22, from Abilene, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication.

June 16, 2007
 • Gabriel Jermone Parrish, 31, from Midland, Texas was arrested for a Howard County Warrant for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Incident(s):
June 11, 2007
 • 10:00 AM: Caller requested animal control at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
 • 10:55 AM: Caller reported a snake at residence. Officer responded.
 • 2:03 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

June 12, 2007
 • 8:50 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

June 13, 2007
 • 5:10 PM: Caller reported an 18-wheeler blocking traffic. Of-

ficer responded.
 • 7:10 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 11:00 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
 • 11:30 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

June 14, 2007
 • 9:44 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
 • 1:08 PM: Caller reported an injured animal. Animal Control Officer responded.
 • 5:50 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.

June 15, 2007
 • 12:45 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 2:40 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officers responded.
 • 11:00 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

June 16, 2007
 • 8:55 AM: Caller reported a major traffic accident on Crockett and Main Street. Officer responded.
 • 8:00 PM: Caller reported a fight. Officer responded.
 • 9:00 PM: Caller reported a theft of service. Officer responded.
 • 11:20 PM: Caller reported vandalism on property. Officer responded.

June 17, 2007
 • 1:00 AM: Caller reported a fight. Deputy and Officer responded.

Golf Course Humor

*A hack golfer spends a day at a plush country club, playing golf and enjoying the luxury of a complimentary caddy. Being a hack golfer, he plays poorly all day. Round about the 18th hole, he spots a lake off to the left of the fairway. He looks at the caddy and says, "I've played so poorly all day, I think I'm going to go drown myself in that lake."
 The caddy looks back at him and says, "I don't think you could keep your head down that long."*

Up On Eaton Hill

By Delyse Jeager



BIO-terrifics in the Backyard

The unexpected sight of a flashing light in the summer night can transport most of us back to our childhood days.

Those of us that is, that grew up east of the Rocky Mountains where the marvelous, mystical lightning bug graces the night with its tiny pulsing lantern...of love. Yep, those fascinating, captivating glow bugs have a method behind their moonlit madness and surprisingly, it is not to delight a hoard of sweaty youngsters toting pickle jars! Sure enough, the flare of romance is in the air when a firefly beacon pierces the darkness.

Fireflies are actually beetles and belong to the group LAMPYRIDAE - get it - of which there are over 170 species in the US, and over 1900 worldwide. In some species only the males light up, but most often we see both males and females emitting a flirty flash.

Typically, the female perches on vegetation while the male attempts to entice a glowing response to his hopefully irresist-

ible iridescence. Should she reveal her location through an inviting flicker, he can simply "follow the light". Research indicates that females show preference to particular brilliance and duration patterns of the males, but each species is distinct from the others. Some devilishly deceptive girls will imitate the female response of another species in order to lure an unsuspecting boy over for dinner - her dinner of course. Aggressive mimicry it's called.

I can think of other applications for that terminology. And the little darlings are equipped with the endearing insect behavior of injecting prey with enzymes and then slurping out the semi-digested insides. Yogurt anyone?

All this is enough to drop most any jaw should you be discovering the intricacies of firefly life for the first time.

But wait, the true luminary is the fantastic tale of the tail light itself! Oh, this is fun. Light produced by a living organism through a chemical reaction is called bioluminescence, and is most common among deep sea creatures.

Recently, a red bioluminescence was discovered to be produced by a fish wired with his own private lighting system. All the other creatures lack the ability to see red light and this guy can both produce his own and see by it too. A bit like shooting deer off a feeder it seems.

Back to our bugs. The incredible process performed inside the abdomen of a firefly is relatively new to the laboratory. Component chemicals luciferin and luciferase are affected by oxygen and ATP to produce cold light. Nature's high efficiency

system of lighting produces negligible heat compared to a standard electric bulb which gives off 90% heat and 10% light. Ever wonder how those stadium sticks begin to glow when you burst the little capsule? Secret's out - there's oxigen in them that thangs.

All living cells contain ATP (adenosine triphosphate) at fairly constant levels; however, diseased cells differ from healthy tissue in ATP concentration. Reaction of the four components can be predicted, measured and used as a tool in identifying healthy versus unhealthy tissue.

Researchers have used this technique to detect cancer cells as well as in studies of heart disease, muscular dystrophy and bacterial contaminations. The firefly's chemicals have even been used in an effort to detect ATP in outer space! Astounding.

From child's play to molecular biology and cancer research, the mystical lanterns of the night enrich our lives in ways enormously disproportionate to their diminutive size. Hope you get to enjoy them with a new or renewed appreciation this summer. We've been seeing more than we remember ever before. Just a few years ago, the decline in fireflies was raising some concerns; however, we have been seeing more than we can remember ever experiencing before. They are sensitive to climate changes and definitely respond to moister seasons. Other insects are having a bumper showing this summer, so perhaps there is a yet to be discovered survival mechanism at work. Hit the trails and enjoy the fruits of a highly unusual west Texas summer season!

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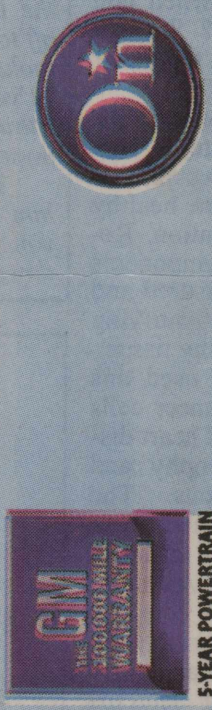
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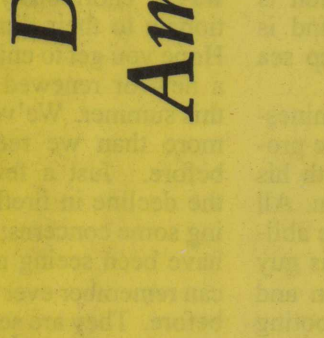
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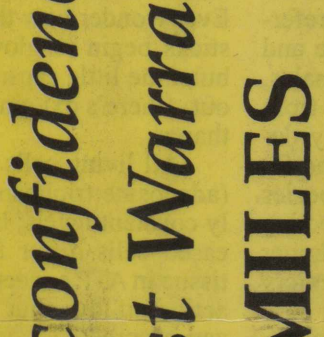
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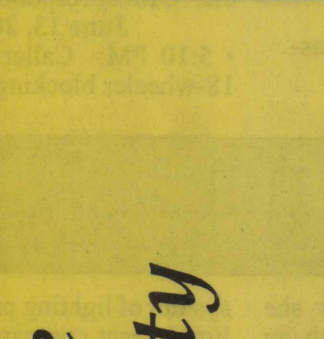
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