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2008 Fling Ding Was A Big Time



By Ben D. Taylor

There are some things that cannot be fully explained to the outside world, things that are unique to living in Sonora. Referring to San Angelo as simply Angelo, measuring distance not by miles but in hours, and the Fling Ding. I have tried to explain to people what the Fling Ding is, but something is always lost in translation (usually after I explain to them what a "wool house" is). It is something that must be experienced to be appreci-



ated, to quote an old Aggie saying, "From the outside in you can't understand it and from the inside out you can't explain it".

This year's Fling Ding patrons were entertained with music by "The Big Time", and while looking across the crowd in the Wool House I couldn't help but to consider how the Fling Ding has endured over the years.

The Fling Ding Club started in 1939 with 9 members (local legend claims that the first dance was held in the kitchen of one of the members). The Fling Ding was abandoned in the early days of World War II, but was revived in 1954. The fol-

lowing excerpt from a February 26th, 1954 edition *The Devil's River News* chronicles that rebirth. "The Fling Ding Club, inactive since the summer of 1941, gave its first dance since reorganization last Wednesday night at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company Warehouse. Refreshments were served at the Stockmen's Feed Company next door. Approximately 700 members and guests danced to the music of Blue Barron and his orchestra from 9 until 1 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fields were hosts at a cocktail party preceding the Fling Ding Club Dance Wednesday night. About one hundred guests at-

tended."

Membership has been limited to 135 members since the Fling Ding Club reinitiated, but participation has continued to grow over the years. This is a tradition that has its roots deep in Sonora's past.

Traditions have always been important to our society, holding constant for an ever changing world. The Fling Ding serves as a reunion of old friends and an older time where things seemed just a little less complicated.

West Texas Rock Art



Photos courtesy of Greg Williams of the Rock Art Foundation

Curly Tail Panther on the Devil's River and White Shaman on the Pecos River are both examples of the Lower Pecos Man style of paintings.

By Jacqui Thomas

Sutton County is home to many caves. Some have been explored, either formally (with surveys and the resulting maps) or informally. There have been caves that have yet to be located (no one knows how many of those there are). One is world-renown for its elegant calcite formations. Many more just barely qualify as caves.

What makes a cave a cave? Who decides if a hole is a cave? Ask members of the Texas Speleological Association, an internal organization of the National Speleological Society made up of Texas caving clubs and individual Texas cavers, and most will tell you if a feature goes back, in, or under fifteen feet or more it's a cave.

Rock shelters are caves that occur as a recessed indentation on the side of a rock formation. Often a shelter will be approached by a trail snaking its way up its cliff, as game and goats have long known them as places to hunker down in bad weather. Rock shelters in Sutton County, particularly along the Devil's River, were used extensively by what archaeologists and rock art specialists call, simply, Archaic people.

Archaic people who lived south of here three- to four-thousand-years ago are often called "Lower Pecos Man." These people left many signs of long-term use in their shelters. Perishable items such as woven mats, baskets, pouches and fire sticks have been found, as have permanent features such as fire pits, either for cooking or for warming, and burnt rocks.

In the recent past, people living in this area have dug extensively into shelters looking for the more flashy artifacts, such as arrowheads and other items that would look good on a shelf. One result of these hunts is the loss of information that would allow researchers to create a picture of what life was like for these people. There are two big reasons for this loss: First, there is little that can be learned from an item once it is removed from the other articles around it, much as tearing a few chapters from a good novel makes it hard to understand, and easy to misinterpret, the rest of the book. An excellent example of the other reason can be seen in the Fate Bell shelter at Seminole Canyon State Park where people searching for things to take home dug through floor mats woven from lechuguilla fibers, and pushed important but not easily recognizable items out of the way. Searchers covered the floor with deeply dug pits that probably did not yield any of the types of things they were planning to find, but destroyed a lot of what was there.

In spite of these losses, archaeologists have been able to piece together a broad picture of how these Archaic people lived. Carbon dating has been useful in giving an idea of when these people were roaming the area south and west of Sonora. One way the three- to four-thousand-year estimate was arrived at was by testing the fire residue on hearth stones, and by testing tiny samples of the paint used to draw on shelter walls. This paint was made by using rocks to grind colored pebbles into a dust that was then mixed with something greasy, sometimes animal fat, to make a paste. The paint was often applied with fingers or with brushes made from plants. Plant paint brushes, grinding stones, and lumps of paint have been found in shelters in the area.

The shelters, and the paintings of people and animals—pictographs—in those shelters, have been analyzed and discussed by archaeologists and rock art aficionados for many years. These folks agree that not all the shelters being used and painted were used as living spaces. Some have slanted floors that would have been impossible to use for any length of time. Some are extremely difficult to approach. People then, like people now, looked for comfort and convenience in their living spaces. There must have been some special reason to be uncomfortable.

Many of the pictographs of human-looking figures have wavy lines flying up from their heads. Some who study rock art have concluded that these particular paintings are symbols of shamans ("medicine men") sending their souls to search the spirit world. Some believe all the pictographs found in the uncomfortable places were spiritual in nature, painted by and/or depicting the shamans during their searches. Perhaps shamans sought information about locations of game, or where their group needed to go when the food ran out. Perhaps the paintings were part of a young person's coming of age ceremony—no one knows for sure. As one guide at Seminole Canyon used to say, "All we really know about these people is they wove floor mats out of lechuguilla and they liked to paint on the walls."

People continue to be fascinated by Archaic people and their paintings. We may never know for sure why the paintings exist or what they were for, and that's a very good reason to be fascinated.

The shelter paintings found in this area were not all made by the Lower Pecos Man and they are not all shamanistic. There are different styles of paintings, from different time periods. Paintings are separated into groups by colors used (or not used), time period, and style. Paintings in this area are grouped broadly as: Pecos River style (several colors used to depict people, recognizable animals, fantastic animals, and shamans), Red Linear style (figures made up mostly of red lines—many are stick-figures), Red Monochrome style (monochrome—"one color"—and that color is red), and Historic style (more recent paintings but still "old." Subjects include Europeans, mission churches, horses, and other relatively modern subjects).

All the paintings have one thing in common: They need to be protected. Many things can affect the paintings, and some of these can be prevented. Some paintings have been painted over or intentionally scraped. Some older paintings were covered by newer paintings; many of the newer paintings are of the Historic style. Some paintings have been smoke damaged when modern people built campfires in the shelters.

Goats seeking shelter press against the walls, and the oils in their coats are deposited onto the paintings. Some shelters have goat-height horizontal black bands running the useable length of the shelters, with the bands obliterating all paintings at that height. Other animal occupation has similar effects.

Climate change has played a part in the damage. This area has more moisture than in the distant past, and tiny organisms that need some humidity have found the organic paint to be a good food source. Growth of these organisms is particularly damaging to the paintings close to Lake Amistad, such as those in Seminole Canyon, as evaporation from the lake has significantly increased humidity.

Massive Winter Bird Count Just Weeks Away



Photo by James Hendrickson
A Cedar Waxwing has dinner on a frosty day.

Submitted

The 2008 Great Backyard Bird Count will take place across the U.S. and Canada on February 15th-18th. The four day event is sponsored by the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology and Audubon. The count is simple to participate in and offers parents and teachers an excellent opportunity to engage children in real science and nature. The Sonora area is underrepresented in the annual count and this year we would like to change that. The following press release provides all the information you need to participate. Locally, you may contact Delyse Jaeger or Jacqui Thomas of Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary and we will do all we can to help get you started in the 11th annual Great Backyard Bird Count!

Bird watchers across North America are poised to take a real-time snapshot of where the birds are during the 11th annual Great Backyard Bird Count, February 15-18. This year's event calls on birders to "Count for Fun, Count for the Future." Anyone can count birds wherever they are and enter their tallies online at www.birdcount.org. These reports contribute valuable information for science and conservation, spotlighting changes in bird population and distribution from year to year. The count is led by Audubon and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Participation is free and no registration is required.

Overall, bird watchers submitted a record-breaking 80,000 checklists during the four-day event in 2007—reporting 11 million birds and 613 species. Count results over the years show how species such as Eurasian Collared-Dove and Red-bellied Woodpecker are spreading into new areas. They also show declines in some species, such as the American Crow and Northern Pintails.

Taking part in the GBBC is easy. You don't even have to know a lot about birds and you can find helpful identification tips on the web site at www.birdcount.org. Participants watch birds for as little as 15 minutes on one or more days of the event, counting in their yards, city parks, nature centers, or wherever they like. They enter the highest number of each species seen at one time on the GBBC web site. Participants can explore maps and charts showing what others are reporting in their area or across the continent.

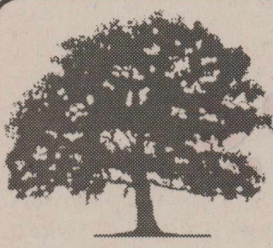
Visitors to the web site can also see winning photos from the 2007 photo contest and get inspired to send in their own digital images during the 2008 GBBC. Every photo submitted is considered for the contest.

In addition to digital photos, you can also shoot video of birds and bird watchers during the 2008 count. Upload your video to YouTube and tag it "Great Backyard Bird Count." Some of the best clips will be posted on the GBBC web site!

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a free event, sponsored in part by Wild Birds Unlimited. Everyone who participates will be entered in a drawing to win bird-related prizes. For more information, visit www.birdcount.org.

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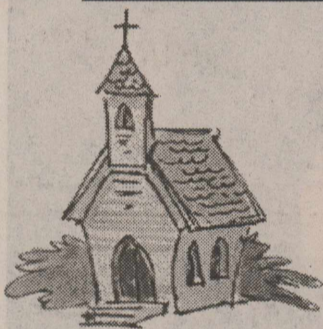
Senior Center Activities

- Thur. Feb. 7- Valentine crafts after lunch
- Fri. Feb. 8 - Happy B-Day Orasio Sanchez
- Sat. Feb. 9 - Happy B-Day Rosaura Lozano, JoAnn Palmer
- Mon. Feb. 11- Bingo after lunch!
- Tues. Feb. 12- Blood/Sugar checks at noon, Lincoln's B-Day
- Wed. Feb. 13- Happy B-Day Ben Castilleja, Sr.

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. Feb. 7 - Baked ham, sweet potato, green beans, roll, peanut butter cookie, milk
- Fri. Feb. 8 - Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, Mexican corn, tossed salad, crackers, fruit cup, milk
- Mon. Feb. 11 - King Ranch Chicken, steamed broccoli, tossed salad, roll, oatmeal cookie, milk
- Tues. Feb. 12 - Smothered Pork Chops, mashed potatoes, carrots, green salad, bread, cake, milk
- Wed. Feb. 13 - Baked Chicken, au gratin potatoes, Italian veggies, rolls, fresh orange, 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).



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Last Saturday morning about 11:00 o'clock, I went to the Exxon station and someone came up behind me and said, "Hello, Mr. Neal." I looked around and there was Gary Wuest. Then Mike and David came over and spoke, followed by Oliver and Mike's wife.

They were gassing up to head out to Fredericksburg. I watched the four vehicles pull onto I-10. It was a very emotional experience for me.

I began to recall some of the contributions Coach Wuest made to the community over the past 50 years. Coach Wuest was here and coached with Coach Lamb, Coach Turner, and Coach Sexton in the 50's. He coached and taught here until about 1986. Coach Wuest affected the life of many, many men in Sonora, both with his coaching and his teaching. He was a perfectionist and demanded excellent work from his shop students. He taught wood work and leather craft and was very good at both.

Coach Wuest and Annabell were instrumental in organizing the Lutheran Church in Sonora and were faithful workers and worshippers in it.

The Wuests reared three boys who all became educators, and Mike and David also coached.

This community owes a great debt of gratitude to the Oliver Wuest family, and we will miss seeing Coach Wuest around town.

Smith Neal

Card of Thanks

This year's Polar Bear Classic was a huge success. The Sonora Bronco Golf team raised \$4,585 thanks to the many participants and business donations. On behalf of the Bronco Golf team we would like to say thank you to everyone who made this year's Classic great. We would especially like to thank the following companies that gave donations.

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TPWD Fishing Report

AMISTAD: Water clear; 52-59 degrees; 7.31' low. Black bass are good on pumpkinseed crankbaits and spinnerbaits, and tequila sunrise soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on silver slabs and large redbins. White bass are good on silver slabs and small crankbaits. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

FALCON: Water stained; 56-60 degrees. Black bass are slow to fair on white and white/chartreuse spinnerbaits. Striped bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on frozen shrimp and cut bait. Yellow catfish are slow. Mexican fishing licenses and boat permits are required to fish in Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican Fishing License whether fishing or not.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 47 degrees; 0.31' low. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on juglines baited with cut shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water stained; 58 degrees; 5.08' low. The lake is being drawn down five feet to allow homeowners to clean up damage and debris from the flood of July 2007. It will be refilled beginning 25 Feb. Most boat ramps will be unusable, and the channel will be dangerous.

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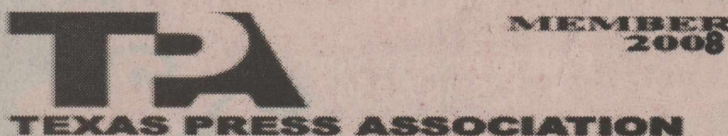
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Historical Society



ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Q. Do you have any information on Otto Schwiening?

A. The Historical Encyclopedia of Texas, Revised Edition, had the following article on Otto Schwiening, identified with the ranching outfit of Fred Schwiening and Sons in Kimble Co., Texas, is engaged in raising cattle, sheep and Angora goats on some 4,817 acres of land. The ranch is located about a mile west of Roosevelt. Mr. Schwiening was connected with ranching in early life. At the age of seventeen he joined the Navy, and alternated between this branch of national service and ranching, until health compelled him to abandon the former and devote his career to stock raising. He has traveled widely, and has visited twenty-three of the United States as well as Cuba, Mexico, and other countries.

Otto Schwiening was born in Junction, Kimble Co., Texas, on March 29, 1903, to Fred and Agnes Schwiening. His father was a rancher and freighted in the early days between Roosevelt and Menard, Comfort and Brady, Texas. He followed the freighting line until 1916, then moved to Kerrville to give the children an education. Otto Schwiening was educated in schools of Kerrville and Fredericksburg. He walked three miles back and forth to school in Roosevelt, doing this for six years. Between 1918 and 1920 he was a student in Fredericksburg, Texas. On December 9, 1920 he was a student in Fredericksburg, Texas. On December 8, 1922 he joined the Navy, serving until December 8, 1924.

He then became an employee of the California Edison Company, later returning to Fredericksburg, where he ranched for his uncle and for Roy Murr at Roosevelt. His health failing, he re-enlisted in the Marine

Corps on October 25, 1925, where he was stationed in Paris Island, South Carolina, and trained in boot camp. He served in many parts of the world, among them Cuba. He then was located in Cincinnati, Ohio, on mail guard duty. Because of ill health he then spent some time in the Naval Hospital at Washington, D.C. Later he returned to Texas, where he took up ranching again, and he has continued in that line ever since.

Mr. Schwiening married Miss Myrtle Renfro at Junction on August 13, 1936. Mrs. Schwiening is the daughter of R. F. (Bob) Renfro, a trader, rancher and farmer, and Addie Renfro. Mr. Schwiening enjoys traveling and pursues the reading of fiction and photography as pastimes. He belongs to the Woodmen of the World; the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association; and the Registered Breeders' Association. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

In "Peace In The Valley," a chronicle of Kimble County Cemeteries by Frederica Burt Wyatt under Junction City Cemetery, Section #3 page 63 and 64 we found Myrtle Renfro Schwiening born March 13, 1901 to August 6, 1981 and Otto Schwiening March 29, 1903 to March 12, 1985.

We know that his father Fred Schwiening Sr. died in Oct. of 1953 and was buried in Fredericksburg; his wife was Agnes Eichenloff; and that his parents were Fritz (Fred), and Sophia Schwiening. Fred was brother to Alfred Schwiening of Sonora, Mrs. Alma Brockman of Fredericksburg, Mrs. Sophie Thiers of Roosevelt and Mrs. Mary Long of San Antonio. He was a native of Kimble Co and ranched until 1942. He had married Agnes Eichenloff at Fredericksburg on June 13, 1901.

Otto had two brothers named William from Roosevelt and Fred from Ingram; and two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Lemoine of

Laredo and Mrs. Joe Gentry of San Antonio. Which makes them related to a large share of the families in Sutton County.

Q. How many children did Alfred George Schwiening and Margaret Callie Allison have?

A. I have 7 in my records: Mary Alma born October 3, 1911 in Sonora and was married 3 times, Neil Wilson, Otis ? and Jan Ralph Jones. She died June 7, 1976 in Iowa.

Harold Alfred was born Dec 28, 1913 in Sonora and married Elise Kimble Martin on August 25, 1933 in Junction. He died January 19, 1975.

Curt Allison was born July 6, 1916 in Wentworth and married Frieda Wilna Hamer on July 21, 1937. He died November 16, 1992. She lives at Camp Allison.

Alfred George Jr. was born November 19, 1919 and married Sara Katherine Artuberry and died in San Angelo on December 12, 1988.

Margaret Louise married several times, a Green, Barker, Cain and Kring, she died January 25, 1995.

George Sutton was born March 3, 1926 and married Anita Lee Storms on April 17, 1944 in San Angelo. He died December 7, 1985.

Kathleen will kill me if I put her birth date. She married Noah Joseph "Hut" Moore III in Loving, New Mexico on August 25 year unknown and is living in Sutton County.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call us at 325-387-5084 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings or just stop by the offices at 307 Oak Street and peruse the files or use our computer with Ancestry.com.

The U.S. Tax System Explained Through A Bar Tab

Suppose that every day, ten men go out for beer and the bill for all ten comes to \$100.

If they paid their bill the way we pay our taxes, it would go something like this:

The first four men (the poorest) would pay nothing.

The fifth would pay \$1. The sixth would pay \$3. The seventh would pay \$7. The eighth would pay \$12. The ninth would pay \$18. The tenth man (the richest) would pay \$59. So, that's what they decided to do.

The ten men drank in the bar every day and seemed quite happy with the arrangement, until one day, the owner threw them a curve. 'Since you are all such good customers,' he said, 'I'm going to reduce the cost of your daily beers by \$20. Drinks for the ten now cost just \$80.'

The group still wanted to pay their bill the way we pay our taxes so the first four men were unaffected. They would still drink for free. But what about the other six men - the paying customers? How could they divide the \$20 windfall so that everyone would get his 'fair share?' They realized that \$20 divided by six is \$3.33. But if they subtracted that from everybody's share, then the fifth man and the sixth man would each end up being paid to drink his beer.

So, the bar owner suggested that it would be fair to reduce each man's bill by roughly the same amount, and he proceeded to work out the amounts each should pay.

And so:
The fifth man, like the first four, now paid nothing (100% savings). The sixth now paid \$2 instead of \$3 (33% savings). The seventh now pay \$5 instead of \$7 (28% savings). The eighth now paid \$9 instead of \$12 (25% savings). The ninth now paid \$14 instead of \$18 (22% savings). The tenth now paid \$49 instead of \$59 (16% savings).

Each of the six was better off than before and the first four continued to drink for free, but once outside the restaurant, the men began to compare their savings. "I

only got a dollar out of the \$20," declared the sixth man. He pointed to the tenth man, "but he got \$10!" "Yeah, that's right," exclaimed the fifth man. "I only saved a dollar, too. It's unfair that he got TEN times more than I!"

"That's true!!" shouted the seventh man. "Why should he get \$10 back when I got only two? The wealthy get all the breaks!"

"Wait a minute," yelled the first four men in unison. "We didn't get anything at all. The system exploits the poor!"

The nine men surrounded the tenth and beat him up.

The next night the tenth man didn't show up for drinks, so the nine sat down and had beers without him. But when it came time to pay the bill, they discovered something

very important....they didn't have enough money between all of them for even half of the bill!

And that, boys and girls, journalists and college professors, is how our tax system works.

The people who pay the highest taxes get the most benefit from a tax reduction. Tax them too much, attack them for being wealthy, and they just may not show up anymore. In fact, they might start drinking overseas where the atmosphere is somewhat friendlier.

David R. Kamerschen, Ph.D.
Professor of Economics

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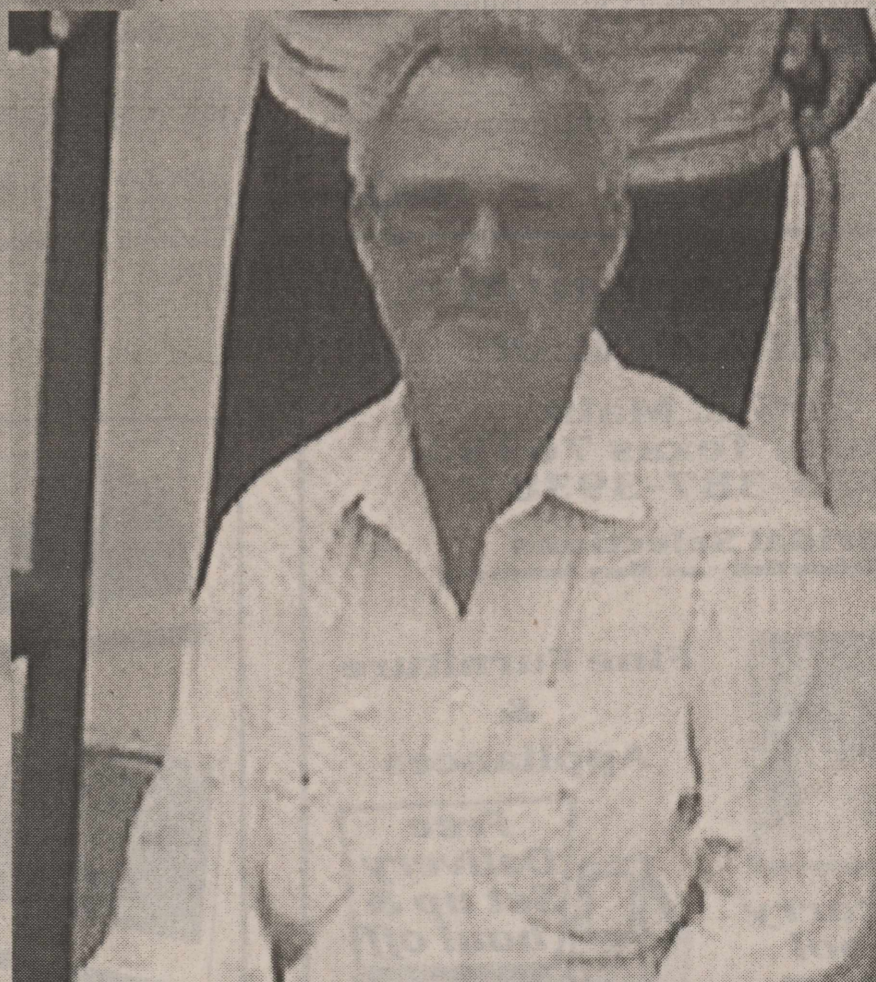
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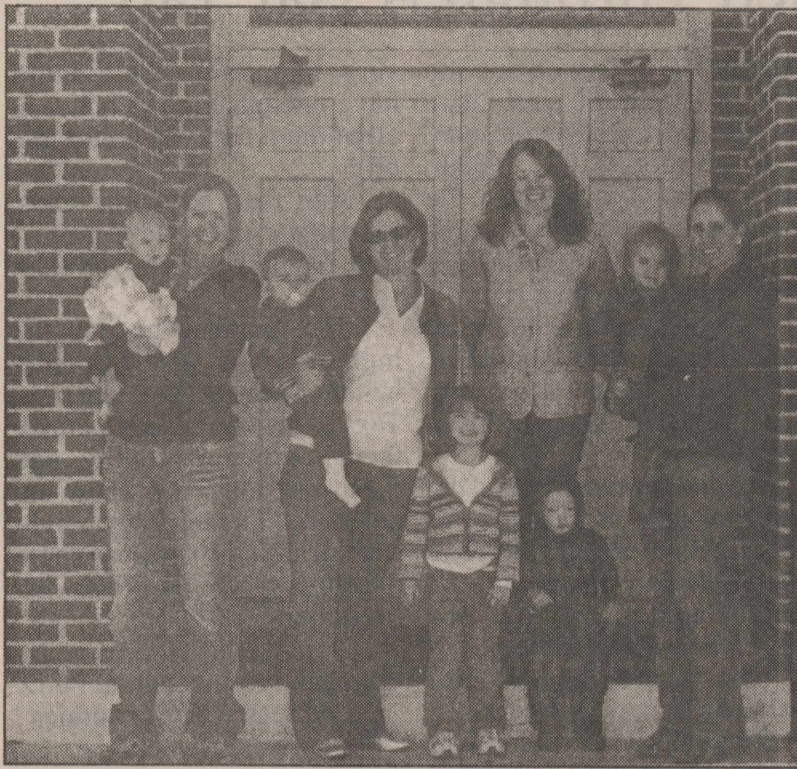
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Mommy's Day Out



By Stacy Fisher

Wouldn't it be nice to get your hair cut, check the mail, or run to the grocery store without dragging your kids along for the ride? We have something that will free up a few hours a week for you and provide quality entertainment for your kids, a non-profit Mommy's Day Out.

After months of preparation we are ready to offer this exciting opportunity to any mother and their child(ren) that would like to participate with us one day a week. It doesn't matter if you work or stay at home with the kids just as long as you meet the guidelines required to participate in the program. For the safety of each child, each mom participating will have to undergo a background check that will determine your eligibility.

Mommy's Day Out will be offered one day a week from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Fridays during the school year and possibly Wednesdays during the summer, for children 4 months to 5 years old. The First United Methodist Church has been kind enough to allow us to use their classroom facilities for our program each week.

In order to ensure this program is non-profit and keep the fee to a minimal \$5.00 per week per child, we need the help of each mom that wishes to participate. At least 2 moms per week will be in charge providing the child care, activities, and healthy snacks for the children. A quarterly schedule will be provided so that each mom can plan accordingly to meet the needs of the program.

The weekly fee will go to help with the expenses of arts and crafts, snacks, parties, or items we see necessary to keep our program moving forward. We aim to keep this program a low cost benefit to any mom that wishes to participate with their child(ren).

We will have a meeting on February 11, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall to discuss the program in more detail. If you decide to participate you will need a copy of your child(ren) shot records, a completed Mommy's Day Out package that will be made available at the meeting and a \$25 enrollment fee per child. We ask that you complete the package at the meeting in order for the background checks to be processed so that we can meet the deadline for our first Mommy's Day Out on March 14th, 2008.

If you have any questions prior to our first meeting please feel free to e-mail rdr@sonoratx.net.

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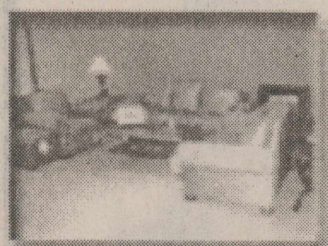
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New Programs at the Sutton County Library

Sutton County Library is pleased to announce a new after-school service for students in the 4th-12th grades-Live Homework Help. Live Homework Help is an exciting online tutoring service featuring expert tutors from across the country. Students connect to tutors for one-to-one homework help sessions in an online classroom. The service, available 7 days a week from 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. is free for all students. (Library hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.). Simply go to http://www.abilenetx.com/apl/big_country.html and click on the tutor icon. Enter Sutton for the user name.

The Library is also pleased to introduce the Learning Express Library; a comprehensive, interactive online learning platform of practice tests and tutorial course series designed to help patrons-students and adult learners succeed on the academic of licensing tests they must pass. You'll get immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and an individualized analysis

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For more information please call Sutton County Library at 325-387-2111 or stop by 306 E. Mulberry and we will be happy to assist you.

ORDINANCE NO. 593

An Ordinance amending Chapter 46 Floods, Code of Ordinances, City of Sonora, Texas, by amending Article II. Flood Damage Prevention

Presented and given first reading on the 17th day of December, 2007, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas; and given second reading, passed and approved on the 15th day of January, 2008, by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas.

Gloria Lopez, Mayor

ATTEST:
Patti Prather, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:
Elizabeth W. Wallace, City
Attorney

Police Blotter

Incidents:
January 28, 2008

- 10:14 AM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
- 4:19 PM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 4:55 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

January 29, 2008

- 8:20 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 8:39 AM: Caller reported a stray animal. Animal Control Officer responded.

January 30, 2008

- 8:40 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 2:33 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

January 31, 2008

- 8:17 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 8:23 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 10:41 AM: Caller reported two dogs on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 11:28 AM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

February 1, 2008

- 11:45 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

February 2, 2008

- 7:50 AM: Caller reported an assault. Officer responded.
- 10:10 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.

February 3, 2008

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F.Y.I.

The Sutton County Commissioners Court has enacted a Burn Ban and a Fireworks Ban, prohibiting all outdoor burning and all fireworks until further notice.

Interested in Emergency Medical Medicine? Sutton County EMS and BSA are looking for youths between 14 and 20 years of age to participate in a local Emergency Medical Exploring Post. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults in a certain career. For more information, please contact: Roberta Tanguma 325-277-7189

Sonora middle school UIL academic awards assembly 5th grade - 8th grade will be held Thursday February 7th at 2p.m. in the elementary auditorium.

The Board of Directors of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will hold its regular monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12 at 301 S. Crockett Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

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Sonora Middle School Students Watched the Harlem Globetrotters



Sixty Sonora Middle School students traveled to San Angelo on January 29th to see the Harlem Globetrotters.

Middle School Sponsors Valentines Dance

The Sonora Middle School Student Council is sponsoring "An Enchanted Night Valentine's Dance" on Thursday, February 7, 2008 from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Each year the outstanding students in 8th grade are nominated by the teachers for the "Sweetest Hearts". The student body votes on their favorite to select the "Sweetest Heart" of the year. This year's young ladies are: Delilah Aguero, daughter of Rachel & Richard Aguero; Adriana Buitron, daughter of Mary & Jose Buitron; Aliana Castro, daughter of Dwayne Castro & Lorena Castro; Liz Chavarria, daughter of Jami & Raul Chavarria; Sandra Hernandez, daughter of Hilda & Henry Mata; Hunter Jennings, daughter of Kate & Larry Jennings; Logan Luttrell, daughter of Mary Beth & Jody Luttrell; and Arlette Ortiz, daughter of Juanita & Hector Ortiz. The young men nominated this year are: Erik Hernandez, son of Juana & Luis Hernandez; Robert Hernandez, son of Maria & Jesus Hernandez; Word Hudson, son of Anita & Keith Hudson; Zachary Leonard, son of Carol & Gary Leonard; Clayton Parks, son of Cathy & Marty Parks; Cadesman Pope, son of Carol & Cades Pope; Bryce Smith, son of Betsy & Ronnie Smith; Ricky Samaniego, son of Monica & Ricky Samaniego; and Matthew Young, son of Robin & Joe Young. The Sweetest Heart Couple will be crowned at approximately 9:00 pm. All parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Has A New Look



Photo by Maray Cearley
Sonora Firefighters in new wildland gear. From left: Patrick Campbell, Jeffrey Luna, Charlie Alewine, Alta Alewine, Mike Sanchez and Jerry Lopez.

For many years, firefighters on Sonora's grassfire trucks worked in jeans, T-shirts or long-sleeved cotton shirts, billed caps, and sturdy boots. That changed recently when the department received gear specific to wildland fires. The most obvious piece of the new protective gear is bright yellow coveralls made of Nomex®, a fire-resistant fabric. Nomex® fibers, although not fireproof, are specially formulated to thicken with extreme heat, so clothing made from these fibers affords extra protection from burns.

Heavy leather fire-resistant gloves, yellow helmets similar to construction hardhats but with chin straps, and goggles complete the new look. The gear has been most welcome as Sutton and surrounding counties have been plagued recently by grass fires, exacerbated by low humidity, high winds, and no rain.

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Landscape of the Month: Wayne Sawyer Builders has been selected for business "Landscape of the Month" by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Wayne has been in the building business for 28 years and in Sonora for 18 years. He has been an integral part of beautifying Sonora, whether it is constructing home additions, remodeling projects or building a new house. In 2004 David Carroway painted the stampede of wild horses that is truly a "work of art" and enhances the exterior of his business. Congratulations and thank you for taking part to keep Sonora beautiful and improve the community environment.

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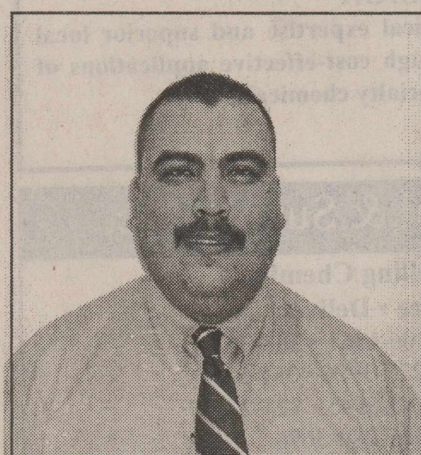
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Excerpt from a Cat's Diary

Day 751: My captors continue to torment me with bizarre dangling objects. They eat lavish meals in my presence while I am forced to subsist on dry cereal. The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of eventual escape -- that, and the satisfaction I get from occasionally ruining some piece of their furniture. I fear I may be going insane. Yesterday, I ate a houseplant. Tomorrow I may eat another.

Oil & Agribusiness

Storing Colostrum For Orphan Goats

by Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agrilife
Extension Agent

Every year at kidding time, and orphaned kid goats occur in nearly every flock. These orphans result from does that die after giving birth or does that fail to have enough milk for the number of kids produced. This occurs often in flocks with does that have a high incidence of triplets and quadruplets. All newborns need to receive colostrum soon after birth as it is a source of antibodies and nutrients. Periodically storing high quality colostrum is a good management practice. Though it may not be feasible for large herds, smaller herds can benefit.

Storing colostrum ensures that it is available the next time a newborn needs it. The two most common means of storing colostrum are refrigeration and freezing. Colostrum can be refrigerated for only about 1 week before quality declines. If you refrigerate colostrum, be sure that the refrigerator is cold (33-35°F) to reduce the onset of bacterial growth. If the colostrum begins to show signs of souring, the quality of the colostrum is reduced. The immunoglobulin molecules in colostrum that convey passive immunity will be degraded by the bacteria, reducing the amount of immunity that the colostrum can provide. Thus, it is important that colostrum be stored in the refrigerator for only a short time.

Freezing colostrum in storage bags (-5°F) is an excellent method of storing. It may be frozen for up to a year without significant decomposition. Use two bags to minimize the chance of leaking, and lay them flat in the freezer. By laying the bags flat, the rate of thawing can be increased, thereby reducing the delay between birth and feeding. Freeze colostrum in single feeding sizes (8 ounces) as this amount can be rapidly frozen and thawed.

The best method for thawing is at room temperature, but this probably will take too long. The main concern regarding thawing frozen colostrum is to thaw the ice without degrading the immune proteins. This is best done with warm (not hot) water (< 120°F) and allowing to thaw. Alternately, colostrum can be thawed in a microwave oven, but it is important to microwave the colostrum for short periods on low power and pour off the thawed liquid periodically to

minimize heating.

Feed colostrum at body temperature. A newborn kid should receive 3 ounces per pound of body weight during the first 18 hours of life to build up sufficient antibody levels and nutrients.

Extra kids should be grafted to another doe whenever possible. The goal is for does to raise the extra kids if they have the available milk. If you have three kids in any combination of adopted or natural,

leave the two closest in size with the doe and remove the odd one, whether it is the largest or smallest. With multiple births, the weakest kid usually is selected for artificial rearing on milk replacer because it is less capable of competing at the udder. Make the decision to remove the kid from the doe as soon as possible after birth. This eases the training period and enhances survival. Kids not grafted to another doe can be raised on milk replacer.

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Dist/Div: San Angelo Contract 6175-25-001 for SPOT REPAIR in SUTTON County, etc will be received on February 28, 2008 until 1:00 p.m. and Opened on February 28, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$119,191.60.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractors list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 26030 State Office

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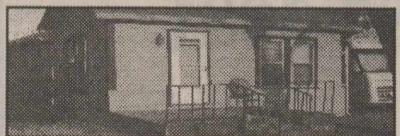
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310 Glasscock Ave.	\$72,000	
206 Menard	\$69,500	Contract Pending
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101 Sawyer Ct.	\$122,500	
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502 S. Crockett (3 Houses)	\$139,900	
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The Sutton County Extension Office is seeking a full time secretary. Duties will also include overseeing civic center rentals. Applications may be picked up at the Sutton County Extension Office located at 1700 N. Crockett. Equal Opportunity Employment.

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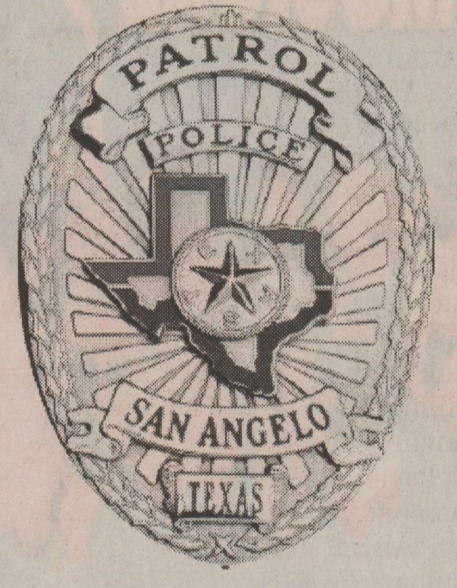
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Sonora Residents Present Their Granddaughter at the 75th Bachelors of Austin Presentation Ball



Margaret Ann Cardwell granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Finklea of Sonora Texas was presented by The Bachelor's of Austin at their annual Ball at the Omni Hotel.

By Ben D. Taylor

When most of us hear the word debutante we picture the old south (or in terms that our movie driven culture would understand "Gone With The Wind") where women of marrying age were presented to society. While the tradition of the debutante is kept alive in Austin with the 75th Anniversary of the Bachelor's of Austin Presentation Ball, the women participating in this event are anything but your stereotypical Southern Belle. Margaret (Margo) Ann Cardwell is a junior at Georgetown University majoring in Science, Technology and Business, and is currently studying abroad at the Universidad Complutense in Madrid.

The word debutante is derived from the French word, "debuter", which means "to lead off". Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Finklea were proud to stand with Margo at the Presentation Ball as she "leads off" with her studies and her life. It's good to know that there is a part of our modern society where being a gentleman and a lady still hold some importance.

This New Year, Save Your Money!

By Arkadi Kuhlmann

How about a New Year's Resolution to end 2008 with hundreds - or maybe even thousands - of extra dollars in the bank?

If saving money sounds about as difficult as losing 25 pounds by swimsuit season, think again. It's actually as simple as promising that this year, you will find a bank that helps you save money.

Here's what you need to do: First, stop using credit cards. Use debit cards instead. Credit card companies want you to go into debt. Ever notice how they hand out so many gifts and rewards? It's so profitable to get you into debt that they're actually willing to bribe you to spend. It's pure gravy when you don't pay your balance in full or miss a minimum payment.

Unsurprisingly, credit card companies are good at getting people to spend beyond their means. In 1996, the average U.S. household had \$5,875 in credit card debt. By 2006, that figure had climbed to nearly \$10,000.

With debit cards, you're spending your own money. So you can't be lured into debt.

Next, you should avoid fees and earn interest on all your money. Most people use banks that pay virtually no interest on deposits and have a slew of hidden charges and complex fees.

Take overdraft fees. It is estimated that banks make a whopping \$17.5 billion annually through these charges.

The reason this is so profitable is twofold. First, the average overdraft fee has climbed to \$29. And second, banks apply it liberally.

Say you start your Saturday morning with \$1,143 in your account -- and then send \$900 to your landlord, \$50 to your electric company, \$150 to your cable and internet provider, and \$10 to your favorite charity.

Each recipient deposits the checks four days later. Unfortunately, that same day, your nephew cashes the \$250 you gave him for his wedding six months ago. By the time he returned from his honeymoon, you'd forgotten about it.

Because most banks process daily transactions from the largest to the smallest dollar amount, you're looking at four separate overdraft fees.

So if your bank charges the industry average, that's \$136 in penalties.

A similar fleecing happens at the ATM. When your bank charges you to use another bank's cash machine, you get socked with two separate fees -- one at the ATM and one on your statement. So instead of just paying what you see on the screen, you're actually paying double that amount -- to access to your own money!

When this double charge is factored in, the average ATM fee is \$2.91. On a \$50 withdrawal, that's a 5.8% charge.

Banking customers shouldn't have to navigate a minefield to avoid hidden fees.

So find a bank that offers a free overdraft line of credit with a competitive interest rate instead of charging overdraft fees. That way, whenever your checking account goes negative, you automatically borrow the cash you need at a reasonable cost rather than a lump sum fee. The "overdraft" simply shows up as a charge on your credit card, and there's no penalty fee.

Banks also shouldn't charge you to use another bank's

ATM.

Finally, find a bank that pays high interest on all your money. These days, there's no reason to do business with a bank where you'll lose money over time. According to Bankrate.com, the average savings bank pays less than half a percent of interest - well under the rate of inflation. The annual percentage yield on the average checking account is even worse. A number of direct banks are now offering savings and checking accounts that pay three percent or more.

Millions of Americans use big banks because they assume that if a bank is well-known and popular, it must be offering its customers a good deal. But this clearly isn't the case.

Making this mistake could be costing you a fortune. In 2008, fixing this mistake could save you thousands.

Arkadi Kuhlmann is president and CEO of ING Direct.

Public Notice of Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment

Aviso Publico De Probar El Equipo Para Tabular Automaticamente

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Democratic and Republican primaries held on March 4, 2008 will be tested on February 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Annex to ascertain that it will accurately count the vote's cast for all offices.

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en las Elecciones Primarias de los partidos Democratico and Republicano que se llevara acabo el 4 de marzo de 2008 se probara el 13 de Febrero 2008 at las 2:00 p.m. en el edificio Anexo del condado de Sutton para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puesto oficiales.

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