

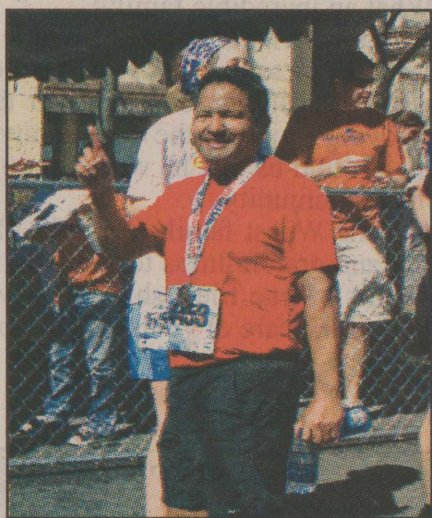
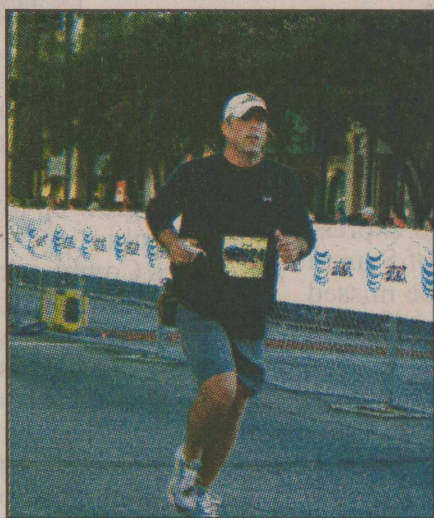
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Sonorans Race in Austin Marathon



Josh Burnham, Sam Taylor, Eddie Favila, Erika Campbell (pictures taken at the Austin Marathon), and Carol Pope (picture taken during an Iron Man Competition) raced in the AT&T Austin Marathon last Sunday on February 17th, 2008.

By Ben D. Taylor

Imagine running from Sonora to Eldorado, and doing it in the time it would take to watch "Finding Nemo" 3 times, and you can understand maybe 1/4 of what it means to run a marathon. The average human has a stride length of about a yard per stride, meaning that to run 26 miles you would have to take about 40,000 steps, and your heart would beat around 60,000 times in that period. Each time you take a step your feet are carrying the burden of your entire body's weight, meaning that if person that weighs 180 lbs takes 40,000 steps (26 miles), the total amount of weight each foot had to support in that time is 360,000 pounds. Taking all that into account the famous runner Steve Prefontaine probably made the most accurate description regarding long distance runners, "The only good race pace is suicide pace, and today looks like a good day to die."

This past Sunday on February 17th five Sonorans lined up with 13,000 other runners to compete in the AT&T Austin Marathon in Austin, Texas. Sam Taylor, Josh Burnham, and Erika Campbell ran in the half marathon (13.1 miles) and Sonora resident Carol Pope and Sonora High school Coach Eddie Favila competed in the full marathon (26.2 miles). Of all the runners, Josh Burnham placed the highest in both his age class and the overall field (he ran his race in 1 hour and 41 minutes), but all the runners were pleased with their times as they were improvements over previous races. Erika Campbell ran her race in 2 hours 3 minutes, Sam Taylor was two minutes off Erika's pace at 2 hours 5 minutes (an improvement over his race in Marathon, Texas), Carol Pope ran the full marathon in 4 hours 12 minutes, and Eddie Favila turned in a time of 5 hours 3 minutes (an improvement on his race in Dallas). The racers were treated with a sendoff from Governor Rick Perry and a fireworks display in downtown Austin as 30,000 spectators lined the streets to watch the race. Eddie Favila commented that "it was amazing to see how many folks came out to watch the run in Austin".

The modern marathon commemorates the run of the soldier Pheidippides from a battlefield at the site of the town of Marathon, Greece, to Athens in 490 B.C., bringing news of a Greek victory over the Persians. Legend has it that Pheidippides delivered the momentous message "Niki!" ("victory"), then died. This brings to question why in the world would people ever want to do the same thing that killed the first person who did it.

On Saturday, I went with Josh and Sam to pick up their race packets at the Expo Center in Austin and quickly discovered that runners are a completely different species. As I walked around the different booths selling running equipment, t-shirts, energy gels, and shoes I felt like a vegetarian at a steak convention (for the record I am not a runner). I began to worry that I was not the right person to write this article, as I knew nothing about the joy or desire to run. I spoke with each of the Sonora runners asking why they ran so that I could find some common ground, but each of their answers was different. Erika Campbell told me that, "running clears my head. It is the only time that my mind clears and I don't think of a single thing, it's peaceful", while Josh Burnham runs as a competitive outlet. Eddie Favila stated that running has had a positive impact on his coaching ability and health, "I hated going to work because my knees were hurting so bad. Now that I am running again and have lost the weight I am able to interact with the kids during practices. My dad had a heart transplant, and both of my parents have diabetes, I don't want to go through all of that." Carol Pope also cited running as a way to stay healthy, but she changed her answer when I commented that nobody runs 26 miles just for their health. "Running has always been in me. As a kid I played soccer, and I guess I have always run. The funny thing is now that I am looking into things that are just sick. I have done Iron Man competitions, and while people usually think that is pretty bad, I am now looking into Ultra Marathons (races where people run up to 100 miles over a period of days)". It was strange to me that these five people from different walks of life would all get together and run, but maybe that is the appeal of running. Running is the common ground, I think that Sam Taylor came the closest to finding a shared link with his fellow runners when he told me that, "I don't really know why I run, I mean I do feel better after a run, I like being healthy, it is a competitive outlet for me, and it does clear my mind; but its more than that. I guess I run because I can."

This was not my first attempt to understand the mind and compulsion of a runner as in October of last year I found myself at the starting line of my first (and last) 10K run in Marathon Texas. I had all the latest gear a runner could have, a camel pack, iPod with a sensor that monitored my pace, high energy gels, super absorbent wicking shirt, and high dollar shoes with arch support. I got about 2 miles down the road when my feet starting hurting slowing my pace to a shuffle, then finally to a walk. I was determined to finish the race so I continued limping down the road politely turning down the offers of help from fellow runners and aid workers monitoring the race. My determination faltered a bit when a guy in a wheelchair passed me (he was doing the full marathon), and then it crashed when speed walkers blew past me like I was standing still (you really learn humility when you are passed by speed walkers in pink wind pants). In my short experience as a runner I found that running is a lot like life. The preparation and the journey are the important parts. The finish line? Well it's just a line. As with most lines in life it does not mark the end; it simply marks the beginning of a new journey.

IRS Will Send Stimulus Payments Automatically Starting in May

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today advised taxpayers that in most cases they will not have to do anything extra this year to get the economic stimulus payments beginning in May.

"If you are eligible for a payment, all you have to do is file a 2007 tax return and the IRS will do the rest," said Acting IRS Commissioner Linda Stiff.

The IRS will use information on the 2007 tax return filed by the taxpayer to determine eligibility and calculate the amount of the stimulus payments.

The IRS will begin sending taxpayers their payments in early May after the current tax season concludes. Payments to more than 130 million taxpayers will continue over several weeks during the spring and summer. A payment schedule for taxpayers will be announced in the near future.

Stimulus payments will be direct deposited for taxpayers selecting that option when filing their 2007 tax returns. Taxpayers who have already filed with direct deposit won't need to do anything else to receive the stimulus payment. For taxpayers who haven't filed their 2007 returns yet, the IRS reminds them that direct deposit is the fastest way to get both regular refunds and stimulus payments.

Most taxpayers just need to file a 2007 tax return as usual. No other action, extra form or call is necessary. The agency's Web site, www.irs.gov, will be the best information source for all updates and taxpayer questions.

In most cases, the payment will equal the amount of tax liability on the tax return, with a maximum amount of \$600 for individuals (\$1,200 for taxpayers who file a joint return).

The law also allows for payments for select taxpayers who have no tax liability, such as low-income workers or those who receive Social Security benefits or veterans' disability compensation, pension or survivors' benefits received from the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2007. These taxpayers will be eligible to receive a payment of \$300 (\$600 on a joint return) if they had at least \$3,000 of qualifying income.

Qualifying income includes Social Security benefits, certain Railroad Retirement benefits, certain veterans' benefits and earned income, such as income from wages, salaries, tips and self-employment. While these people may not be normally required to file a tax return because they do not meet the filing requirement, the IRS emphasizes they must file a 2007 return in order to receive a payment.

Recipients of Social Security, certain Railroad Retirement and certain veterans' benefits should report their 2007 benefits on Line 14a of Form 1040A or Line 20a of Form 1040. Taxpayers who already have filed but failed to report these benefits can file an amended return by using Form 1040X. The IRS is working with the Social Security Administration and Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that recipients are aware of this issue.

"Some people receiving Social Security and veterans' benefits may not realize they will need to file a tax return to get the stimulus payment," Stiff said. "To reach these people, the IRS and Treasury will work closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Social Security Administration and key beneficiary groups on outreach efforts."

Eligible taxpayers who qualify for a payment will receive an additional \$300 for each child who qualifies for the child tax credit.

Payments to higher income taxpayers will be reduced by 5 percent of the amount of adjusted gross income above \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for those filing jointly.

Taxpayers must have valid Social Security Numbers to qualify for the stimulus payment. If married filing jointly, both taxpayers must have a valid Social Security Number. And, children must have valid Social Security Numbers to be eligible as qualifying children.

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Everything You Didn't Want to Know About Sonora and Probably Never Would Have Asked

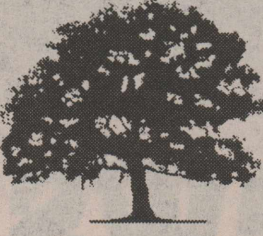
By Ben D. Taylor

As a community, it is difficult to determine what kinds of changes have happened over the years (as most changes happen over a long period and in small increments), and how they can impact us as a whole. Information like our demographic makeup, projected growth, cost of living, and environmental changes are important factors determining who we are as a community, and where we are going. As Will Rodgers once said, "Where you stand on an issue usually depends on where you sit."

Our town's population is estimated at 4,238 as of 2007, which is a 4.8% increase from 2000 (much of that population growth can be attributed to the increase in gas production). The median cost of a home in Sonora is \$101,300 (the median is a statistical estimate measuring the middle value, not to be confused with an average), but the average cost of living was 27.7% lower than the national average with an annual household income of \$42,084. On average the folks in Sonora are 37 with a 50-50 ratio of male vs female. The average household size is around 3 people; 31% of people living in Sonora are married with children (7% have children but are single) with 54% of the population of Hispanic decent, 45% Caucasian, and 2% African American. We are a spiritual community as 85% of the population have religious affiliations (the national average is 50%), with 43% being Catholic, 38% Protestant, and 19% classified as other. The voting base in Sonora is mostly republican (81% are registered Republican, and 19% Democrats) this is no surprise with Sonora being a rural town with a mostly agriculture/oilfield based economy.

Reports on violent crime indicate that we have the same crime rate as the rest of the nation on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being low and 10 being high) Sonora ranks a 3, however; this report does not take into account drug related crime (previous Devil's River News articles indicate that drugs account for the majority of crime in Sonora). The unemployment rate is 2.2% (approximately half of what is seen nationally) with a projected job growth of 38% over the next 10 years (this is 3 times higher than the national rate).

All these figures indicate that Sonora has grown, and will continue to grow over the next 10 years. Our demographic makeup and age ratio points to a younger population with a job market able to support the population growth.



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Senior Center Activities

Thur. Feb. 21- Blood/sugar Cks. W/Concho Valley Home Health Care @ noon!
 Sat. Feb. 22- Birthday party for Feb. Babies @ noon! Washington's B-Day!
 Mon. Feb. 25- Happy B-Day Angie Samaniego-staff *Bingo
 Tues. Feb. 26- Work on puzzles
 Wed. Feb. 27- Volunteer to deliver meals to our homebound Seniors call 387-5657

Senior Center Menu

Thur. Feb. 21- Roast beef w/gravy, mash potatoes, greenbeans, coleslaw, rolls, milk, and carrot cake
 Fri. Feb. 22- Fried catfish, hominy, broccoli, corn muffins, milk and bread pudding w/raisins
 Mon. Feb. 25- Beef stew/veggies, sweet peas, cornbread, milk and chocolate pudding
 Tues. Feb. 26- Oven pork chops w/gravy, zucchini/yellow squash medley wheat rolls, tossed salad, milk and cake
 Wed. Feb. 27 - Soft taco/w cheese, pinto beans, corn w/sweet peppers, flour tortilla, milk and mixed fruit w/mandrins

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



Sonora Church Directory

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 11E. Oak 387-3190
Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	St. John's Episcopal Church 404 E Poplar 387-2955
Pentecostal Calvary Temple United 509 Amistad 387-5266	First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466
St Ann's Catholic Church 229 W. Plum 387-2278	Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios 306 W 4th St 387-5713
Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's St 387-5658/387-5518	Hope Lutheran Church 417 E. 2nd. St 387-5366

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As the town of Sonora Changes and new people move in, many stories and legacies remain constant. On Saturday February 2, 2008, and era of greatness came to a close and legacies were left behind. My family contributed greatness to Sonora for many, many years. This greatness came in the forms of such things such as education, coaching, sports, nursing, worship, music and community involvement. Dad positively touched the lives of hundreds of students and parents in the Sonora ISD. Mom (deceased February 25, 2007) gave countless hours of nursing and "mothering" care to The Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and to the Sonora ISD. Their four children excelled in many aspects of the district and community: Mike, David, Randy and me. As a family, we would like to think that we added value and worth to the community. What an incredible family!

When one drives down our street, the empty Wuest house will probably bring tears to your eyes. My father has moved so that he can be closer to his sons and their families. Dad seems to be enjoying living in the community in which he was raised. He has told us that he wants to do some volunteer work for that community.

On behalf of the Wuest family, I would like to express our appreciation and gratefulness to the families of Sonora for the many years of true friendship! You will be missed but not forgotten. Take care of yourself and Sonora. Go Big Red!

Gary Wuest
 New Braunfels, Texas

Cards of Thanks

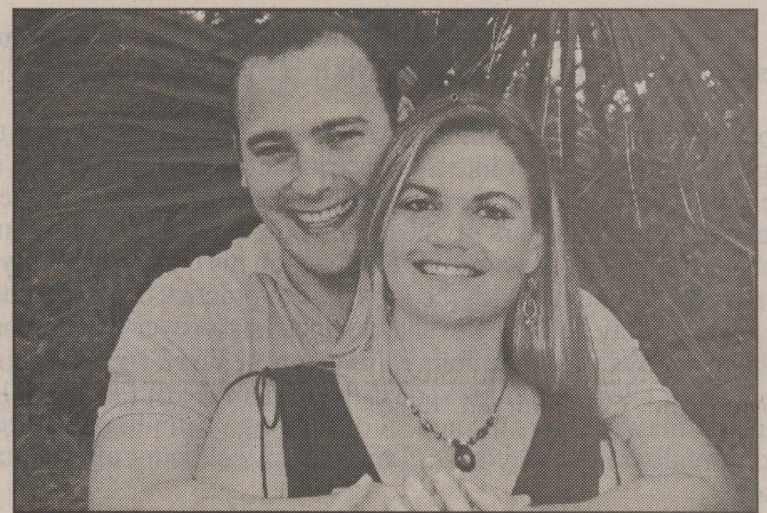
We'd like to thank everyone in our community for the support and help we had in making the Jimmy/Jerry Levario Scholarship fundraiser a huge success. Also, a big thanks to friends and family from Big Lake for their time and monetary donations.

Los Unidos Club

We would like to thank everyone for your calls, cards, flowers, food, and your expressions of sympathy. Your thoughtfulness made our loss easier to bare.

The Family of Sondra Strickland

Engagement



Johnny and Kathy Jones of Sonora, Texas along with Kent and Brenda Knebel of San Antonio, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Cindy Leigh Jones and Brent Allen Engelhardt. The wedding will be July 26, 2008 at the RIU Yucatan Resort in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

Miss Cindy Jones is a 2000 graduate of Sonora High School in Sonora, Texas and a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas with a Masters of Science in Civil Engineering with Specialization in Water Resources. Mr. Brent Engelhardt is a 2000 graduate of Tabb High School in Yorktown, Virginia and a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas with a Bachelors of Science in Computer Science Engineering. Cindy is employed by Half Associates, Inc. in Austin, Texas as a Water Resources engineer in training. She is currently working toward her Professional Engineering license. Brent is currently employed by Round Rock ISD in Round Rock, Texas as a Network Support Specialist.

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Obituaries

Sondra Lou Crawford Strickland



Sondra was born January 26, 1950 in Brady, TX. She passed from her life on earth and ascended into heaven on February 14, 2008 at her residence in San Angelo, TX, after losing a courageous battle against cancer.

Sondra grew up in Sonora, TX and graduated from Sonora High School in 1968. She worked at the West Texas Medical Associates Complex in San Angelo, where she was a loyal and dedicated employee for thirty-four years.

She loved spending time with family and friends, and was known for her enthusiasm and expertise on the dance floor. Dancing was one of her favorite pastimes.

She is survived by her daughters Kathlene Anelli, and husband Phillip of Belton, TX and Shellye Terrell, and husband Randy of San Angelo, TX. Her grandchildren are Jena Kay Nichols of Abilene, TX; Madelyn Anelli of Belton, TX; Shaylon Currey, Caleb Terrell, Coy Terrell, and Terry Terrell, all of San Angelo, TX.

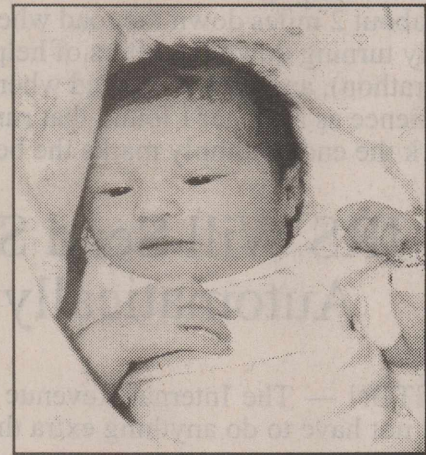
Sondra is also survived by her mother, Oda Crawford Spring of Sonora; her beloved companion and friend, Gary Williams of San Angelo; her twin sister, Rhonda Blackman and husband James of Sonora; sister Shirley West of San Angelo; sister, Fancis Tackel and husband Steve of Sonora; brother, Blaine Crawford of Eldorado; brother-in-law Louis Olenick and wife "T" of Rough Canyon; and a special family friend, Bob Day of San Angelo.

Left with many fond memories of their "Aunt Son" are eight nieces and five nephews, as well as numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. Her nieces are Maray Cearley, Darla Lipham, Michelle Lipham, Christi Lippman, and Rayonna Blackman, all of Sonora, Dara Nichlos of Abilene, Angela Ervin of Junction, and Lorna Olenick of Anchorage, Alaska. Her nephews are Kevin West of Sonora, Keith West of Ozona, Louis Olenick of San Marcos, Jesse Crawford of Bloomington, Indiana, and Jaaron Crawford of Aiken, S. Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her father, Doyle Crawford; her sister, Nova Olenick; and step-father, Walter Spring.

A memorial service was held at Johnson's Funeral Home chapel in San Angelo on February 16th at 10:00 a.m., then she was brought "home" to Sonora for graveside services at 3:00 p.m. Sondra was laid to rest beside her sister, Nova in the Sonora Cemetery. Sondra will be greatly missed, but will live on in our hearts forever. We know she is at peace and is free from her pain and suffering, and is now in a better place.

Hailey Marie Lashea Otwell



Our little angel went to be with the Lord on February 16, 2008. She was born on December 13, 2007. She is survived by her parents William Otwell and Dora Araujo, grandparents Alan and Lisa Otwell, Flora Araujo and Enrique Araujo, and great grandparents Nancy Jones of Brownwood Texas, Betty Bartholomew of Bangs, Texas, Paul Bartholomew of Coleman TX, Celia Salazar of Sonora Texas, and Ricardo and Ernestina Araujo of Del Rio, Texas; and her aunts Maria "Shorty" Araujo, Rosa Araujo, Shelby Williams, and uncles Doug Otwell and Jesse "JJ" Williams.

Services were held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Happy Birthday

February 21
 Jimmy Crowder, Nevada Payne, Owen Freiss, Hector Michael Garrilo,

February 22
 Ben Ingham, Emilce Hernandez, Terri Slaugh, Kate Jennings, Lewis Baker, Jacque Baker

February 23
 Katrina Ramos, Karen Hill

February 24
 Carlie Gandar, Chris Castro, Brad Legan, Elizabeth Zapata

February 25
 Abel Longoria, Velma Mata, Ralph Gonzales, Jr., Philip Bedwell, Gene Gibbens, Kari Bowers

February 26
 Jerry Northcott, Scott Farley, Joe Flores, Rosemary Perez, Justin Sims, Mike Sanchez, Trey Rushing, Emma Luna

February 27
 Tommy Whitehead, Israel Sanchez, Jack Smith, Jr., Yolanda Campos

Historical Society



Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Sykes on their wedding day, August 15, 1897 in Uvalde.

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Q. Do you have an article on the marriage of J. A. Sykes and Caroline Jones?

A. They were married August 15, 1897 in the Methodist Church in Uvalde. After their marriage they moved to Sutton County and engaged in ranching. Their children were Mrs. Jim Luckie, Mrs. Artie Joy, Mrs. G. T. Rode, Mrs. Beatrice Simon, Mrs. Ida Belle Simon, Jack Sykes and Wesley Sykes. I will try to scan a photo that was printed in The Devil's River News on their 50th wedding anniversary celebration held at their home in 1947 and run it with this article. It isn't the best photo and might be fuzzy, but it is the best we have on file.

Q. Who was Del Dunbar?

A. Del Dunbar was a guitar playing, singing cowboy who

was called a "drugstore cowboy" because he had a daily radio program for a San Antonio drug chain. He did some recordings for western movies, but I don't know which ones and tried to make a go of some of the songs he wrote. I couldn't find much more on him, sorry.

Q. Sam Chadwick was wounded in WWII; where is he buried?

A. The Devil's River News, Friday, September 26, 1947 - Funeral services for Sam Chadwick, 26, veteran of WWII who died Thursday afternoon in the William Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, were held Sunday afternoon in Greenfield, New Mexico. The Rev. R. T. Williamson of San Angelo officiated.

Chadwick had been a patient at the hospital almost continually since his return from the European Theatre of Operations in the spring of

1945. He had served in Africa and Italy and was a member of an armored division.

Chadwick is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chadwick of Dexter, New Mexico; four brothers, Nelson, Vaughn and Aubrey of Dexter, and Glenn Chadwick of Sonora; five sisters, Mrs. Velma Gauny of Greta, Jerry and Barbara of Dexter, Juanita Chadwick of Sonora, Mrs. Mack Yates, Jr., of San Saba; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Chadwick; maternal grandmother Mrs. Mary Luckie; three nephews, Sammy Gauny, Billy Sam Chadwick and Dan Yates; and one niece, Jan Yates.

In the same issue we found that Tommy Thorp and C. Clemens, on land across the street from the Thorp residence, broke ground last week for the new \$25,000 Sonora Laundry. They estimate the plant will be in operation in two or three months. Foxworth-Galbraith had the building contract.

You could watch Ignacio Perez compete with Paco de la Fuente in a bull fight at the Macarena Arena at Villa Acuna, Mexico Sunday, Oct 5 at 5 p.m. They would fight to the death, four ferocious bulls.

Miss Ruth Bratton of Del Rio became the bride of James T. Barton, son of Mrs. Robert Hallum of Sonora, in a ceremony performed at the Episcopal Chapel in Austin, August 29. Two cousins of the bride were the couple's attendants. The bride wore a brown traveling suit with accessories. They will make their home in Del Rio. Mrs. Barton is a member of the Del Rio schools faculty.

Taylor and Moore Stock Medicine Co. claimed they did expert stock drenching and gave prompt and dependable service and would get your stock back on the range in the shortest time possible. You could phone them at 102 or 58 in Sonora.

In a ceremony at the Baptist parsonage in Del Rio, September 8, Miss Dolores Fish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Fish of Junction, became the bride of Howard Eugene Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Q. Adams. The marriage

rites were read by the Rev. H. O. Morris.

The brides only attendant was Miss Clara Spratt and Herbert Andrews was best man.

The bride chose a light navy suit with navy accessories and a corsage of gardenias. Miss Spratt wore a light blue suit with white accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

Mrs. Adams is a graduate of Junction High School and was employed by Western Union as an instructor. Adams is a Sonora High School graduate and is associated with his father in the ranching business.

There is an advertisement here on *Good eatin' all the way when you travel Santa Fe*. You start off breakfast with garden-fresh strawberries, topped with cream and sugar, or with raspberries, blueberries, melons or other fruits in season. For dinner you could take your choice of such entrees as Filet of Red Snapper Amadine, Fried Chicken Southern Style, or Charcoal Broiled Filet Mignon. To insure freshness, milk, pies and cakes are picked up en route from Fred Harvey kitchens. Boy those old dining cars on the trains must have been wonderfully delicious to ride in.

New Online Tool Celebrates Loved Ones Lost to Cancer

AUSTIN, Texas—February 13, 2008--Commemorate a loved one, celebrate life, and share hope. The American Cancer Society has launched a new resource online.

Mosaic Of HopeSM is the American Cancer Society's innovative, online resource that enables individuals and families to create personal memorials to honor their loved ones lost to cancer. It serves as an inspiring tribute to your loved one winning the fight against cancer. By visiting www.cancer.org/mosaic, you can celebrate the memory of your loved one by sharing photographs, family stories, messages, and remembrances with others—across the country or around the world. You can also encourage family and friends to further the fight against cancer by making a memorial donation.

The American Cancer Society recognizes and understands that coping with the loss of a loved one takes time. The grieving process, the search for answers, and the need to remember are shared by family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

Each newly created mosaic joins other individual mosaics to form a larger mosaic of hope in support of a future where cancer is no longer a threatening disease. "It also enables friends and family to find comfort and a new sense of purpose by joining the fight against cancer and supporting the Society's mission to eliminate the disease," says Debbie Coppola, director of mass-market income initiatives for the American Cancer Society, High Plains Division.

Visit www.cancer.org/mosaic today to commemorate your loved one, celebrate life, and share hope—one mosaic at a time.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. For more information anytime, call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Sonora Chili Teams Compete In Bandera

By Lynn Wipff

For everyone who has been keeping track of the cook-off teams "Totally Wacked, Ronnie and Lynn Wipff" and "Tia Loca, Steve and Kelly Thorp", they traveled to Bandera, TX for the first cook-off of the year on February 9. Little did they know that they would be competing against the best chili cooks in the world. Among the 84 cooks, 7 held the Terlingua world championship title. Although "Totally Wacked" and "Tia Loca" did not place, they did make the final table. "Tia Loca" took home the showmanship award with a first place ranking, and "Totally Wacked" came in third. The next cook-off on both teams agenda's is on February 29th, and March 1st in San Angelo for the Republic of Texas Independence Celebration which will be held at the El Paseo de Santa Angela Pavillions and Grounds on Washington and Oaks streets. The teams would like to invite everyone out to come have a little fun and taste some great chili and BBQ, as the teams husbands will be competing in the BBQ competition. The teams would like to pass on their thanks for all the support. *Be watching for more stories to follow.*

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Milton Cavaness
County Commissioner

Precinct 3

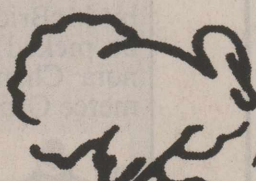
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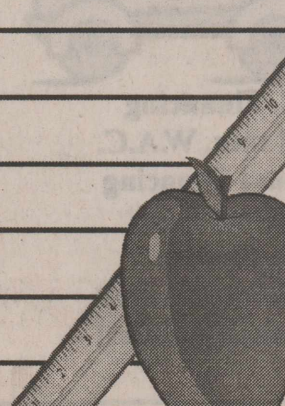
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Fishing Report

LBJ: Water stained; 60 degrees; 5.08' low. The lake has been 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 are unusable, and the channel is dangerous.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 51 degrees; 0.31' low. Black bass are fair on deep running crankbaits and worms off points. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows near the dam and over brush piles in 12 - 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 35 pounds are good on live shad and goldfish in 22 - 25 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

AMISTAD: Water clear; 56 degrees; 7.04' low. Black bass are good on jerkbaits, Revenge spinnerbaits, Lucky Craft DD-100's, and Yamamoto Senkos. Striped bass are good on slabs and small crankbaits. White bass are good on slabs and small crankbaits. Catfish are fair on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers in 40 - 100 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Mexican fishing licenses are required to fish Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican fishing license whether fishing or not. Mexican boat permits are no longer required.

Chamber Chatter

By Becky Covington

The nomination committee of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce has recommended and has submitted the following individuals for election to the Board of Directors of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce:

Bill Hodges
Jimmy Sims
Carla Smith
Kendra Vyvlecka

If you wish, additional names of candidates for directors can be nominated by submitting a petition bearing at least 25% (59) of the qualified members of the Chamber. Any petitions that are submitted must be received at the Chamber office no later than February 26, 2008. If there are no petitions filed by February 26, 2008, the nominations shall be closed and the nomination slate of candidates shall be declared elected by the Board of Directors at their regular March Board Meeting. If a legal petition is submitted, the names of all candidates shall be arranged on a ballot in alphabetical order with instructions to vote for 4 candidates only and ballots will be sent to all qualified Chamber of Commerce members.

Should you have any questions regarding the petition process, please call the Chamber office at 325/387-2880.

The Vernon West Memorial Roping Classic has been scheduled for Friday, March 28 through Sunday, March 30. On Friday at 11:30 a.m. the preliminary team roping will start, this roping is limited to 400 teams. On Friday, 6:00 p.m., the invitational calf roping will feature 40 ropers. On Saturday at 9:00 a.m. the ladies team roping will compete. On Saturday at 1:00 p.m. the invitational team roping will start with 100 entered teams plus eight shoot outs from the match roping featuring defending match champs Kelly Kothmann and Sterling Price and Olie Smith and Cliff Davis. Make plans to attend the dance on Saturday night featuring Jake Hooker and the Outsiders. Blind Nello will provide live music during Friday's performances. This year promises to be bigger and better!

Ranchers, make plans to bring your turkey hunters to town on March 15 for the Fiesta Guajalote sponsored by the Lions Club of Sonora. The fun filled event will take place at the Sonora Wool & Mohair Company, 210 W. College Street, starting at 7:30 p.m., with a meal for \$10.00 a person or you can purchase a table. There will be live entertainment, "Turkey Talking", and awards given to the largest and smallest turkeys.

Keep Sonora Beautiful is offering an opportunity to win a weekend get-away for 2 nights (up to 4 people) at the Best Western Pine Springs Inn in Ruidoso, a day at the races for 4 people at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino during the 2008 racing season, May 23 through September 1, 2008, All American Turf Club Admission for 4 people, lunch for 4 people in the All American Turf Club, racing programs & four tip sheets all to be given away on April 24, 2008 at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. Tickets can be purchased at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce or from any member of Keep Sonora Beautiful or Chamber member.

On behalf of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce we would like to thank Keith Godwin, Region Coordinator, for doing an excellent job during your tenure with the Texas Pecos Trails. We truly appreciate all things you did for us and you will be missed. Good luck with your new adventures and come back and visit us soon.

Pedernales Electric believes it is important to support the communities they serve and are proud to recognize Sonora Chamber of Commerce with a donation as part of the Light the Way program. MarLea Champman and Blake Corley presented a check and a certificate of thanks to the Chamber of Commerce at their regular meeting on February 14, 2008.

Remember to Pack for the Weather

Submitted

There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money and he wanted to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel hears his plea and appears to him.

"Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you."

The man implores the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules.

The man continues to pray that his wealth could follow him.

The angel reappears and informs the man that God has decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathers his largest suitcase and fills it with pure gold bars and places it beside his bed.

Soon afterward the man dies and shows up at the Gates of Heaven to greet St. Peter.

Seeing the suitcase St. Peter says,

"Hold on, you can't bring that in here!"

But, the man explains to St. Peter that he has permission and asks him to verify his story with the Lord. Sure enough, St. Peter checks and comes back saying,

"You're right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

St. Peter opens the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaims,

"You brought pavement?!!!"

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testimony for the Estate of Henry Earl Turk, Deceased, were issued on January 23, 2008, in Cause no. 1336, pending in the Country Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: Henry Earl Turk.

All persons having claims against the estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Elizabeth W. Wallace
Attorney at Law
105 SW Main Street
Sonora, Texas 76950

Dated the 13th day of February 2008

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

The last day to sign up for GED classes this spring will be Monday, February 25. Enrollment will begin again in the fall. FMI 387-3736

Keep Sonora Beautiful fundraiser weekend get away at Ruidoso NM. Stay at the Best Western in Pine Springs. A day at the races and \$80.00 fuel donated from Macks, plus a basket of goodies. Opportunities are \$5.00 each. See a board member or go to the chamber office to pick up a ticket. This will be given away at the annual chamber banquet April 24, 2008.

The Mother-Son pictures taken by Memories by McBride are ready to be picked up at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office.

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February 24-27, 2008

Brian Garnett
Nueces Canyon

Brian is originally from Nova Scotia, Canada and currently preaches for the Nueces Canyon Church of Christ in Campwood. Brian and Betty have raised four children and he is a graduate of Sunset International Bible Institute and has a Masters of Ministry Degree from the Theological University of America.

Sunday:
10:00 a.m. - The Person of the Holy Spirit
11:00 a.m. - A Spiritual World
5:30 p.m. - Holy Spirit and the Word

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Singing: We will begin singing requested songs around 6:15 p.m. each weekday evening.
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**Sonora Broncos Baseball
2008 Schedule**

Date	Place	Time
Feb. 21-23	Sonora	TBA
Feb. 25	Big Lake	JV-4:30, V-7:00
Feb. 29	Alpine	JV-4:30 DH

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**Brewer makes
Deans List at
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Alex Brewer (the grandson of Jack and Bill Moore) made the Deans List at Texas State University. He has been attending TSU for 3 semesters and is studying Business.

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**Sonora Broncos
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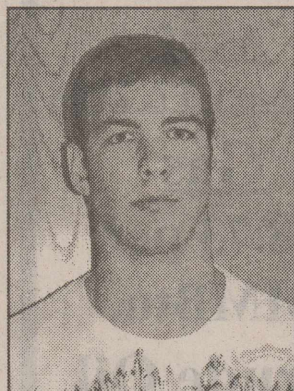
Date	Place
Mar. 1	Junction
Mar. 8	Crane
Mar. 14	Iraan
Mar. 21	Sonora
Mar. 27	Mason

Juitor High

Feb. 22	Sonora
Feb. 29	Ozona
Mar. 7	Junction



**SHS
Students of
the Week**



Michael Jenkins, a senior, is the grandson of Robert and Elizabeth Jenkins. He moved here from Winters, Tx at the end of his sophomore year. He likes playing sports and chilling with friends. He participates and is an active member on the football, and basketball teams. He feels the best thing about Sonora high school is the small town feeling. "I really like the community's interest and support in the athletics program. The people have always been there for us even during the bad times. This has helped me meet people throughout the town that I wouldn't have otherwise met." After graduation he plans on playing football for Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.



Rudy Charo, a junior, is the son of Toni and Rodolfo Charo. He has lived here in Sonora all his life. He likes playing guitar here and says his favorite classes in school are Health and Wood Shop. He helps out around the community by volunteering for his church building a youth center. After graduation Rudy plans to attend college at UT and become a mechanic or engineer.

What's Love?

By anonymous Sonora Middle School
Eighth Grade Girl
2008

What's love?

I wonder sometimes - WHAT IS LOVE?

I dream of you - is that love?

I think of you - is that it?

What can I think of it as?

Getting married and giving your friend and your

Partner everything you own and want to

Give to your best friend?

People think they know what love is,

But when you really think about it, you don't know.

LOVE is a very strong word to say to a person.

A crush is just a crush.

A boyfriend is just a friend that just holds your hand.

I still wonder what love is??

I think it is when you give your heart to somebody,

marry them,

And share your love with them...

Spending your life with them.

What more can I say...

What's Love?

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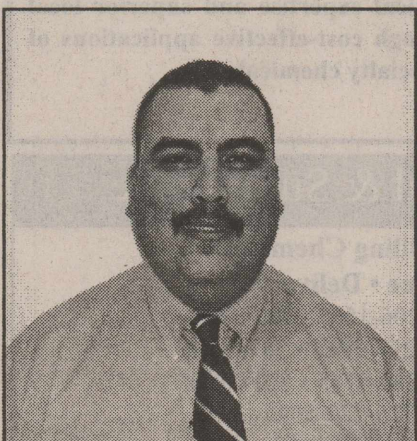
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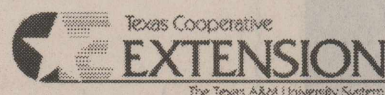
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Time To Prevent Summer Annual Weeds

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Summer annual weeds can be an eye-sore for all turfgrass sites. Weeds, in general, like to invade sites where turfgrass is weakened and where the overall density of the turf has been reduced. Therefore, maintaining a healthy, dense turf is the best approach for weed management. But, if you do have problems with these summer annual weeds, there are a number of products (pre-emergent herbicides) that can be used to control these pests.

Summer annuals like crabgrass, goosegrass, grassbur, and prostrate spurge germinate in the late winter/early spring season. They will survive into summer and then mature and die. These are plants that come back each year by seed. Control of these weeds can be accomplished, but one has to apply the correct pre-emergent herbicide at the proper time.

One of the big reasons for poor weed control with pre-emergent applications, is that individuals wait too late to make their treatments. Once the weed seed has germinated and the plant is growing, the majority of these pre-emergents will not control the

weeds. The pre-emergents need to be applied before the weed seed starts to germinate. There are two exceptions to this. These products have post-emergent activity as well as pre-emergent activity and can be applied after many of the winter weeds have already started to germinate and grow and still provide effective winter weed control. A second major reason for failure is not watering the herbicide in thoroughly. For these products to work, they need to be watered down into the top layer of the soil where most of the weed seed are germinating. Also, many of these herbicides are broken down by sunlight and if left on top of the turfgrass, they will lose some of their activity.

Pre-emergent herbicides are the most effective means for control of annual grassy weeds in turfgrasses. There is really not a good option for controlling grassy weeds with a post-emergent herbicide in the winter months. If the turfgrass is completely dormant, then you can use herbicides such as Glyphosate or Glufosinate - ammonium for winter grassy weed control. However, for most of

our winters, many of the turfgrasses being grown in home lawns and on sports fields and golf courses do not go completely dormant. Using one of these products when the turf is not completely dormant could cause severe injury to the turfgrasses.

In our part of the state, pre-emergence applications for summer annuals may be made in mid February to early March. Finally, please read the labels on all pesticides prior to application and calibrate your sprayer/spreader.

For a list of pre-emergent herbicides, call the Extension Office or visit our web site at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu> and click on the "Publications" tab, then "Landscape". The article is on winter weed control.

Texas Forest Service Cautions Welders of Fire Danger

One cause of recent wildfires in the area has been welding operations. Therefore the Texas Forest Service is asking that extreme caution be taken when welding and performing other spark-producing activities. A few simple precautions can help keep you and your neighbors safe:

When Welding:

- Remove dry vegetation from work area.
- Wet down entire work area.
- Keep water and a fire extinguisher handy.
- Post a fire watch. Assign someone to watch for sparks that may ignite dry vegetation.

General Fire Prevention Tips:

- 1) Avoid parking vehicles in tall, dry grass (this goes for farm equipment as well).
 - 2) Be sure tow chains don't drag on the ground.
 - 3) Watch out for sparks from rocks when bush-hogging or mowing.
 - 4) Clear area under electric fences and around heat sources.
 - 5) Establish fuel breaks (fire lanes) along fences and roadways.
 - 6) Be sure your 9-1-1 address is clearly visible from the road.
 - 7) Store flammable liquids properly.
 - 8) If you smoke, please use an ash tray.
 - 9) Use your BBQ grill over cement or dirt; be sure coals are out cold.
- Burn bans are in effect across the entire West Texas area; please do not do burning of any kind.

Call 9-1-1 if you see a fire.



Rig Report As of February 15, 2008

Crockett

- 1 Endeavor Energy Res 13000' Hudspeth -47- #1 Dw Big Dog Drilling 20 02/01/08 15 W.O.O. 9454'
- New 2 Exl Petroleum Lp 11500' Universitycheri #3501 Ft 3 Harrison Interests 10500' John W Henderson Iii -L- #70 Ft Heart Land Drilling 8 01/10/08 37 Drlg Ahead 8950'
- 4 Encore Operating Lp 9400' J L Henderson Jr -A- #9-20 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 01/23/08 24 Drlg Ahead
- New 5 Approach Operating 9000' University 42-14 #2 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 02/08/08 8 Drlg Ahead
- 6 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey Estate -B- #434 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 710 02/06/08 10 Drlg Ahead
- New 7 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8400' Scheuber -A- #12 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 38 02/15/08 1 Drlg Ahead
- 8 Eog Resources/Mid 6000' Shannon Hospital -B4- #1 Dw O'ryan Drilling Llc 4 02/07/08 9 Drlg Ahead 5410'
- New 9 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Baggett -B- #1-13b Dw Patterson Drilling/A 721 02/15/08 1 Drlg Ahead

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- 1 Highmount E&P Tx 10750' Thorp -19- #2 Ft Patterson Drilling/A 39 02/04/08 12 Drlg Ahead
- 2 Highmount E&P Tx 9250' Ward -114- #24 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 105 01/30/08 17 Drlg Ahead
- New 3 Highmount E&P Tx 9250' Duke Wilson #189-22 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 120 02/13/08 3 Drlg Ahead
- New 4 Highmount E&P Tx 8950' Duke Wilson -171- #27 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 303 02/14/08 2 Drlg Ahead
- New 5 Highmount E&P Tx 8600' Mayfield #46-25 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 302 02/08/08 8 Drlg Ahead
- New 6 Highmount E&P Tx 8600' Shurley Rr -1c- #7 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 304 02/12/08 4 Drlg Ahead
- New 7 Highmount E&P Tx 8250' Diebitsch -70- #15 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 301 02/11/08 5 Drlg Ahead
- 8 Highmount E&P Tx 7250' Canyon Ranch -207- #21s Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 305 02/05/08 11 Drlg Ahead
- New 9 Highmount E&P Tx 7250' Kelly -125- #30 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 40 02/11/08 5 Drlg Ahead

Terrell

- 1 Conocophillips/Odess 12700' Alex Mitchell -1- #11 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 214 12/20/07 58 Drlg Ahead
- 2 Encore Operating Lp 12600' Banner Estate #49 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 01/13/08 34 Drlg Ahead
- New 3 Newfield Exploration 12000' Poulter -27- #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 118 02/12/08 4 Drlg Ahead

Edwards

- 1 Chesapeake/Okc 14000' Wardlaw Brothers -1- #2 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 169 01/17/08 30 Drlg Ahead
- 2 Newfield Exploration 11500' Davis Et Al -77- #H3 St Dw Patterson Drilling/A 471 01/24/08 23 Recomplete
- 3 Stonegate Prod Co 5000' Peterson Gas Unit -1- #2 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 442 01/11/08 36 Drlg Ahead
- New 4 Diamondback Oper 3000' Jenkins #62-3 Ft Hope Drilling 1 02/16/08 Rigging Up

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- 1 Winn Exploration Co 14000' Leonard -32- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 294 12/24/07 54 Drlg Ahead

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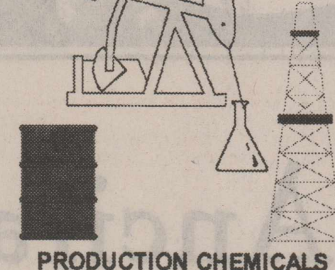
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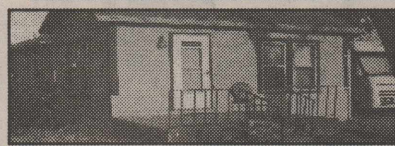
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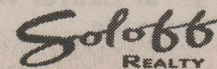
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Sutton County is requesting bids on employee health insurance for all full time employees of Sutton County. Additional information may be obtained from Bobby Zesch, Sutton County's registered agent for health insurance, who may be reached at 1-800-259-4291. Bids will be opened and considered in the regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court to be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2008, in the meeting room of the Courthouse Annex, Sonora, Texas.

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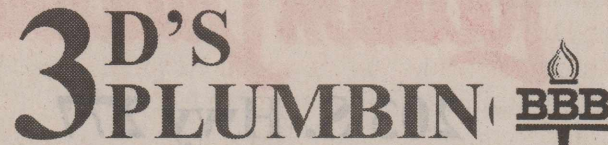
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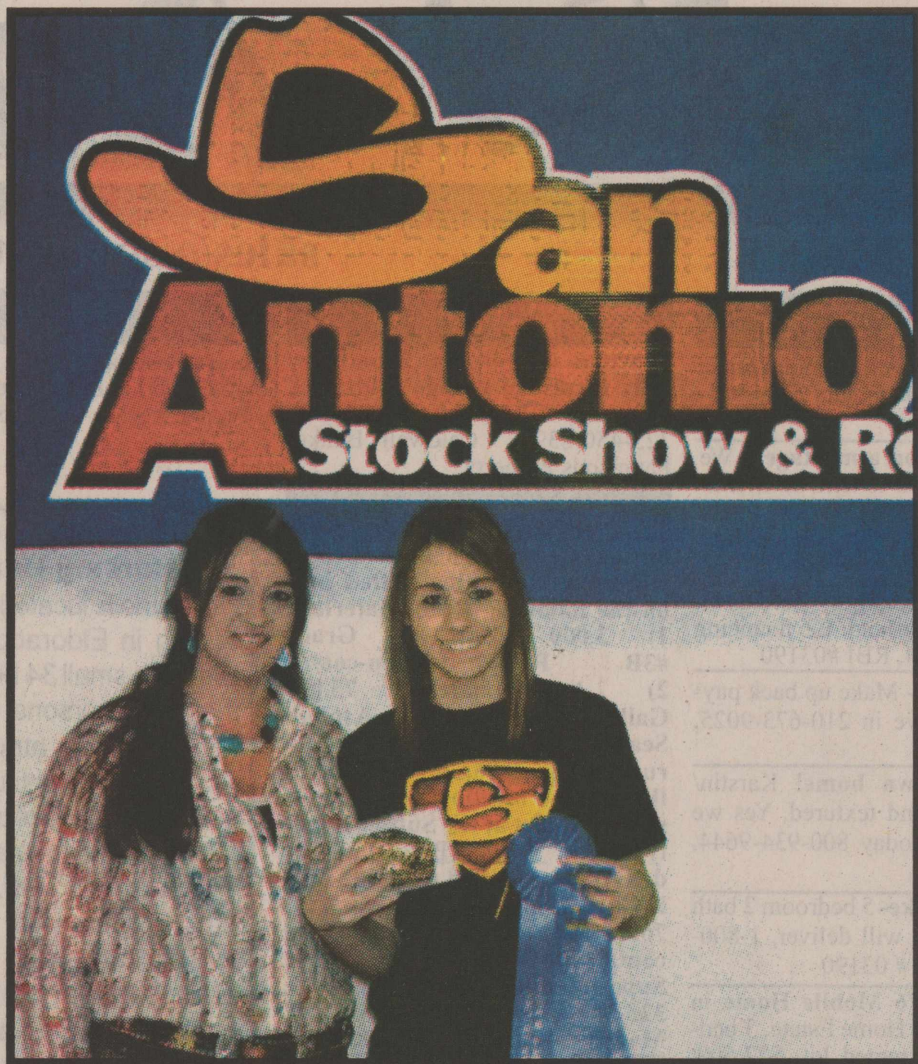
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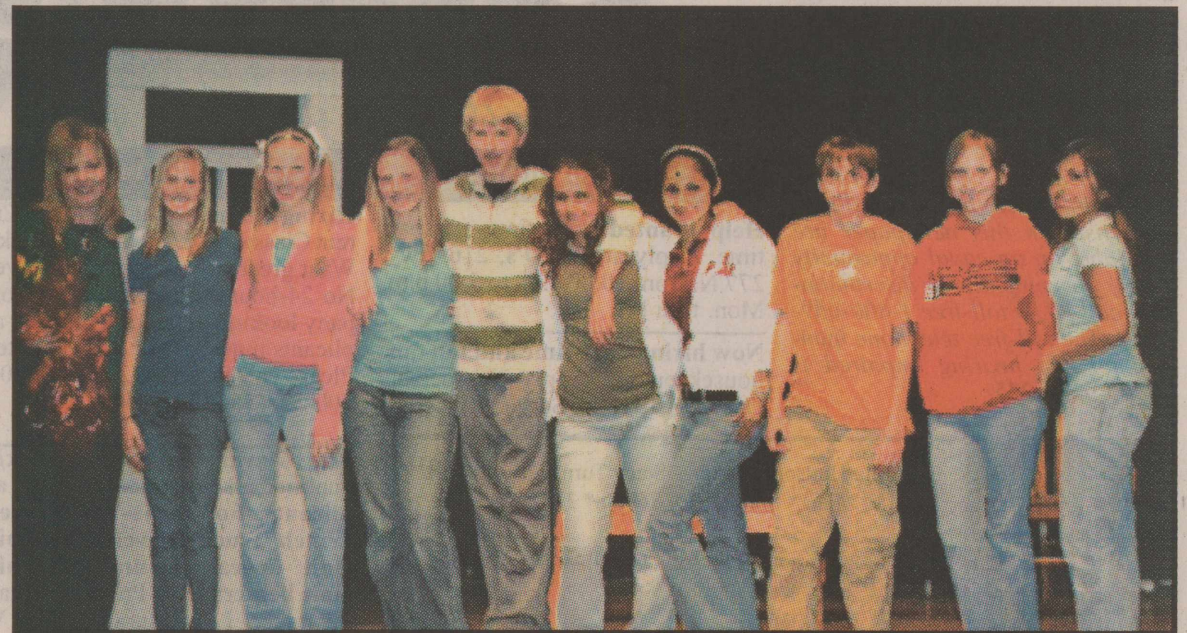


San Antonio Stockshow Results



Emily Earwood pictured with coach, Shawna Faris, won Overall High Individual in the wool judging competition at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

Sonora Jr. High Competed In One Act Play



Sonora Middle School offered drama as a new class this year. They also entered the Junior High One Act District Play Competition for the first time February 5, 2008. The drama class and the play are under the direction of Tamara Farley. The students performed Act Three, Scene Five by Terry Ortwein. The cast was made up of Zachary Leonard, Sidney Dermody, Abby Creek, Liz Chavarria, and Delilah Agüero. The following students were in the stage crew Damon Evans, Jasmin Daniels, Christian Kenny and Hunter Jennings. The understudies were Aliana Castro, Kelsey Favila, Paige Sykes, and Briana Young.



The following exhibitors placed in their prospective classes and were able to sell their animals at the San Antonio Stockshow and Rodeo. Listed from left to right: Siella Ingham, Stelly Ingham, Colton Moore, Gunter Pennington, and Bailey Joe Pennington.

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